

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

John P. Defazio	-	President
Nicholas Futules	-	Vice President, District 7
Samuel DeMarco, III	-	Council-At-Large
Thomas Baker	-	District 1
Cindy Kirk	-	District 2
Anita Prizio	-	District 3
Patrick Catena	-	District 4
Sue Means	-	District 5
John F. Palmiere	-	District 6
Robert J. Macey	-	District 9
Dewitt Walton	-	District 10
Paul Klein	-	District 11
Robert Palmosina	-	District 12
Denise Ranalli-Russell	-	District 13

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IN ATTENDANCE:

Jared Barker - Director of Legislative Services  
Jack Cambest - Allegheny County Council Solicitor  
Ken Varhola - Chief of Staff  
Sarah Roka - Budget Assistant

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: The meeting will come to order. Will you all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance of to the Flag and remain standing. Representative Paul Klein has a few words to say, so let's follow me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I ---.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Klein?

MR. KLEIN: It's quite --- point of privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, go ahead.

MR. KLEIN: All of us who still, in many respects in --- in this city and in this County in --- are in something of a recovery mode in light of what happened a little more than two weeks ago at the Tree of Life synagogue in Squirrel Hill.

I live in that neighborhood and I live two blocks from the synagogue. And in fact, although my family is very diverse, my wife is Catholic, I am Jewish, and I was bar mitzvahed at that synagogue in 1967 and then confirmed there in Sunday school about three years later. So this is very, very close to home, but I would say this evening that the outpouring of support from people across the city, across the county and beyond was --- was astonishing, overwhelming and really been truly gratifying.

There was a huge vigil at the corner of Forbes and Murray Avenue, kind of, you know, the heart of Squirrel Hill. There was a vigil at the Sixth Presbyterian Church, the church that Fred Rogers used to preach at fairly often, an overflow gathering at Soldiers and Sailors, and apparently there will be a gathering at Point State Park on Friday at noon.

So all of that is --- is so much appreciated by the community, and I guess we're finding our way back, but it's hard to figure out how to find your way back from something like this. And you always run the risk of just kind of normalizing it, but I hope that we'll be able to take from this something to carry on and move forward and try to address in some way some of these ills that really do have us in their grip.

I'd like to acknowledge --- there are so many people to thank, but I'd like to acknowledge people at the County level and then I'd like to, one more time, just announce the names of the people who --- who died that day

in the synagogue. But the Allegheny County Police truly provided services and continue to do so that were so compassionate, so courageous and so tireless, and I can't say enough about the efforts of the Allegheny County Police, and of course, obviously the Pittsburgh Police. We live about three blocks from the police station in our community.

The Allegheny County emergency services, once again, they were on the job around the clock, and you couldn't help but be impressed by the effort that went into all that they did. The medical examiner's office, Dr. Williams, was --- was present and on the job as well as throughout. Amie Downs, our director of communications here in Allegheny County, did the kind of work, the quality of work that she always steps up and does to keep us in touch, to keep us connected.

Marc Cherna, our director of the human services here in Allegheny County, well, I mean, he is someone who is a reliable go-to person who certainly has, you know, carried the torch again and again with so many challenges that that department faces, and --- and has done so in a way that is really admirable. And then, Dr. Hacker, Dr. Karen Hacker, is the director of the Allegheny County Health Department. She, too, and her Health Department were available on call and always a presence throughout this really difficult time. So many thanks to all of them.

The individuals who died that day are --- I would say that of those 11, one I knew, but you know, it's --- you know, as my wife often says, we live in a village, so everybody is connected in some way. But I'd just like to remember them one more time and hope that we will continue to remember them as we go forward so that we don't forget what happened on that day.

Joyce Fienberg, 75, of Oakland; Richard Gottfried, 65, of Ross; Rose Mallinger, 97 years old of Squirrel Hill, who --- whose son I know very, very well, and they took very good care of her to get her to 97. Jerry Rabinowitz, 66, of Edgewood; two brothers died that day, Cecil Rosenthal, 59, of Squirrel Hill and David Rosenthal, 54, also of Squirrel Hill. And then there were the Simons, a married couple who lived in Wilkinsburg. Bernice Simon was 84 and Sylvan Simon was 86 years old. Daniel Stein, 71, of Squirrel Hill; Melvin Wax, 87, of Squirrel Hill and Irving Younger, 69, of Mount Washington.

And I just very recently heard that there were 22 people in the synagogue on that day, so it was not a very large gathering. And so what we saw was that essentially half of the people who were in there were killed. So thank you for standing for them and for keeping them in your thoughts and thank you for the outpouring of support that so many have provided. So thank you again. And I guess we might observe a moment of silence like we --- like we always do.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. You can have a moment of silence for silent prayer or reflection, just a few moments.

(Silent prayer or reflection.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. We'll have roll call.

MR. BARKER:	Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Catena?
MR. CATENA:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. DeMarco?
MR. DEMARCO:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	Ms. Kirk?
MS. KIRK:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Klein?
MR. KLEIN:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Martoni?
(No response.)	
MR. BARKER:	Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Pamosina?
MR. PALMOSINA:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	Ms. Prizio?
MS. PRIZIO:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	Ms. Ranalli-Russell?
(No response).	
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	President Defazio?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO:	Here.

MR. BARKER: We have 13 members present at the moment.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

We're going to go with proclamations and certificates, we're going to go with 10844-18.

MR. BARKER: A Proclamation celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church. Sponsored by Council Member Walton.

MR. WALTON: I'm somewhat --- thought we were --- we were second in the queue, but nonetheless, it is with a significant amount of pride that I'm here to talk about an institution in the Hill District that serves all of the city of Pittsburgh and many surrounding communities for so many great services and commitment to change and opportunity and hope. Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church has played a huge role in many people's lives and some of the pastors, since I arrived in Pittsburgh 23 years ago, have been --- I've been fortunate to be able to call them friend, mentor, confidant and resource.

The Reverend Johnnie Monroe, standing in front of Grace Presbyterian Church, taught me the difference between being religious and faithful. Reverend Ron Peters, who happens to be my neighbor, has been an incredible ally, and Pastor Walton gives wise council on a regular basis. So they make such a difference in the community through their after school program, through their ASTEP and --- and their track programs and their feeding folks in the community and just a wealth of services. So it's a real privilege for me to be here. So I'm going to get with this --- get on with the Proclamation.

WHEREAS, Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church located in the Hill District in the City of Pittsburgh, stands as a pillar for the local community providing service ministries and spiritual guidance to generations of individuals and families and;

WHEREAS, Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church organized on January 12th, 1868, is the oldest African-American Presbyterian Church in Allegheny County and;

WHEREAS, in May 1868, the Reverend Henry Highland Garnet, a professor and abolitionist became the first pastor of the newly organized church and served there for two years. He was preceded by some of the brightest minds in religion, and particularly in the

Presbyterian religion, such as Reverend Henry --- Harry Tolliver, Reverend Sam --- Dr. Samuel George, the Reverend Dr. Johnnie Monroe and the Reverend Ron Peters.

WHEREAS, dedicated to servicing the community, Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church sponsors a variety of programs to assist and provide services to those in need throughout the community. The following are some of the programs implemented by the church and its congregation to those seeking assistance; ASTEP or --- or After School Tutorial Enrichment Program, a Boy Scout troop, a basketball team, FRESH, a program that uses friendship to reach and equip children to serve and honor God, multiple Bible study programs, multi-cultural book club in collaboration with West Ministry United Presbyterian Church in Upper St. Clair, pulpit exchanges with numerous churches in shared worship place with JUDAH of the JUDAH Fellowship, an alternative church for the LBGTQIA plus community and;

WHEREAS, Allegheny County Council is proud to recognize Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church for celebrating its 150th anniversary on Saturday, November 17th, at the Edgewood Country Club. The church, along with its current pastor the Reverend Gavin B.J. Walton is instrumental in serving the residents of this County through education, spiritual guidance, social service, nurturing, outreach and worship.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Allegheny County Councilman DeWitt Walton do hereby honor and congratulate Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church upon the occasion of its 150th anniversary, and we wish the church, its administration and its followers the best in all future endeavors.

(Applause.)

REVEREND WALTON: Just one comment. Thank you very much to Council and to Councilman Walton, and may Grace's longevity of 150 years be a testament to the grace and work of God in the city of Pittsburgh that will never end, even in very difficult times like we're experiencing. So thank you very much and God bless.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. 10843-18.

MR. BARKER: Before proceeding, please let the record reflect that Ms. Ranalli-Russell is now present.

10843-18. A Proclamation congratulating Mr. Joe

Welch for winning the National History Teacher of the Year Award. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

MR. BAKER: All right. It's a fun fact that I don't know that everyone knows, but that right here in Allegheny County we have the National History Teacher of the Year. That's Joe Welch. If you could join in, let's give it up for Joe Welch.

(Applause).

MR. BAKER: Congratulations. And he's wearing the North Hills colors, very good. So back when I was on the School Board before this wonderful experience of being on County Council, I used to joke with our head of communications, Amanda Hartle, that two --- if two or three weeks went by and Joe Welch didn't win an award of start a new program, it was like, where is the Joe Welch update on the social media for --- for North Hills. But he's a great teacher. He's the voice of North Hills, too. He does basketball, football, all kinds of good stuff so really involved in our community in a variety of ways and I'm really proud of him.

He is actually the youngest ever History Teacher of the Year in America which is pretty cool so we're very --- we're very proud. So Joe, I'm going to read the Proclamation and if you want to share with us after how you become Teacher of the Year that would --- we would love to know.

WHEREAS, Mr. Welch currently teaches 8th grade history and has spent his entire 12 year teaching career doing so, his dedication to his students and ensuring that they feel history, not just memorize it, is unparalleled and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Welch was originally nominated for Pennsylvania History Teacher of the Year by two of his co-worker's at North Hills Middle School, who knew his passion for history and dynamic teaching skills deserved recognition. In August, he was announced as a top 10 finalist by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. Did I get that right, or ---? Okay. Good. Okay. All right.

WHEREAS, in September 2018, Mr. Welch won the National History Teacher of the Year award and he is the youngest person ever to do so. Mr. Welch was chosen by a panel of teachers, administrators and scholars from across the nation for his achievements in American History education. Mr. Welch was honored at a ceremony at the

Yale Club in New York, which just sounds very fancy and fun. I saw the pictures, they were very nice, on October 10th, where he was presented with a plaque and a \$10,000 prize.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, County Council Member Tom Baker, do hereby recognize and congratulate Mr. Joe Welch for winning the National History Teacher of the Year award and I commend him for his dedication to bringing history alive and more relatable to students. History Teacher of the Year, Joe Welch.

(Applause.)

MR. WELCH: First off, thank you for having me here tonight and for this Proclamation. Councilman Baker has always been a very ardent supporter of North Hills School District, not only during his time as a School Board member, but throughout his time here as a Councilman here at --- for Allegheny County.

I don't know if I have any advice about being Teacher of the Year, but I will say my students will certainly admit it's not --- they're not my jokes during class. They often fall flat so --- no, but thank you very much for having me here for this Proclamation. It's very much appreciated. Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10845-18.

MR. BARKER: A Proclamation recognizing the 40 talented young professionals who participated in the 40 Under 40 Program based on their passion, commitment, visibility, diversity and overall impact on the region. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

MR. BAKER: All right. Thanks, Mr. President. If I could have the 40 Under 40 honorees that are with us here tonight, come on up and will have Brian Magee join us as well, who is the CEO and Executive Director of PUMP. 40 Under 40 is a wonderful annual event. It was last Thursday night. We celebrated, we had fun. We had just an amazing room of leaders here in our region.

As many of you probably know, 40 under 40 are the top young professionals in Pittsburgh. They --- I mean, every year, Brian, I would say, it's like 300 or so people that get nominated for 40 under 40. Joe Welch, this could be a good thing to add to your bucket list of things to go for, but it's a wonderful --- it's a

wonderful event. PUMP teams up with Pittsburgh Magazine so they're featured in the magazine which is really, really nice, and it's always a diverse group, it's always an innovative group, it's always an energetic group.

So my wife and I are both lucky to have been involved with PUMP since I moved back, since she moved here. We served for eight years together, not together, four years and four years separate on the Board of PUMP and Erin Baker was actually the Chair of the Selection Committee that brought this man to Pittsburgh and he's done an amazing job as the CEO of PUMP. So we're really proud of Brian as well.

With that, I'm going to read the Proclamation then we'll get to know the honorees a little bit.

WHEREAS, each year Pittsburgh magazine and PUMP sponsor the 40 under 40 program with the goal of recognizing 40 people under the age of 40 who are committed to shaping our region and making it a better place for everyone to live, work and play;

WHEREAS, since 1998, the awards program has recognized over 700 artists, entrepreneurs, doctors, educators, nonprofit executives, public figures, business leaders, behind the scenes contributors and more. The 40 under 40 honorees are diverse, passionate and committed difference makers that are dedicated to transforming our region through their professional and community contributions;

WHEREAS, the 200 --- or the 2018 honorees selected from a pool of 240 were chosen by an independent panel of judges comprised of former winners, business professionals and civic leaders. Last week at the Rivers Casino ballroom, the 40 awardees were honored for their professional and community achievements.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, County Council Member Tom Baker do hereby recognize and congratulate all of the 40 under 40 winners. We congratulate each 40 under 40 honoree, and thank you for your commitment to effecting positive change in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. So congratulations to the 40 under 40 winners.

(Applause.)

Mr. BAKER: And I know Brian Magee is here, so I'm going to give Brian the --- the Proclamation for the full group and sorry if I get anyone's name wrong in advance. Is it Lejla Sehic?

MS. SEHIC: Close, Lejia.

MR. BAKER: Okay. So congratulations.

MS. SEHIC: Thank you.

MR. BAKER: Great job. And we got --- oh, Alyssa Lyon. Yeah, I know Alyssa. Yeah, were friends on Facebook. Congratulations. All right. Excellent. Amber Epps, congratulations. We can all clap, yeah. It's a good --- good group of people. Kyshira Moffet and I know Kyshira.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: Congratulations. She used to work with my wife. Sarah Hansen, congratulations, Sarah.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: Sloane, I don't think is here, no Sloane? All right. Martell Covington.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: Brianne Mitchell.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: Congratulations. Dan LaVallee. Is that how you say his name? I feel like I know him. How does he actually say it? Okay. And Lindsay Powell is not here, right. Okay. So we --- we have Proclamations here for everyone but I think we might have some folks here that are not --- that your Proclamations are in here. Who --- who else is with is who didn't get --- I got to write it down, okay. So we'll get yours out here. Anyone else, Everyone else, we got? Okay. Brian, do you want to say anything about 40 under 40 or? Yeah, I'll find Jennifer's while you're saying a word or two. Hey, Brian, congratulations.

MR. MAGEE: Thanks, Councilman Baker and thanks, Council. This is always a great pleasure to come before you once a year to do one last kind of thank you to all of you for truly being sort of the best and brightest, transforming our city before our very eyes and region, so thank you to all of you. By my count, I'm not the best math wizard, but this was the 20th anniversary of 40 under 40 so 20 times 40, this makes it 800 amazing people in the City of Pittsburgh and region that this program has honored. So thank you. It's because of them.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10846-18, and the rest will be read into the record.

MR. BARKER: 10846-18. A Proclamation congratulating the 2nd Annual Community Impact Awardees. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

10847-18. Certificates of Recognition presented to the 2018 Three Rivers Champions Honorees. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

10848-18. A Proclamation congratulating the South Hills Cancer Caring Center as it's celebrates its 30th anniversary. Sponsored by Council Members Means and Palmiere.

10849-18. A Proclamation declaring November 13th, 2018 to be Kindness Day in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

10850-18. A Certificate of Recognition presented to Mr. and Mrs. Louis and Marsha Schempp upon the momentous occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

10851-18. A Proclamation declaring October 27th, 2018 to be Plant Five for Life day in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

10852-18. A Certificate of Achievement presented to Thomas John Rechterik of Boy Scout Troop 338 in recognition of meeting the necessary requirements to advance to the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

10853-18. A Certificate of Achievement presented to Marshall Marts of Boy Scout Troop 85 in recognition of meeting the necessary requirements to advance to the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

10854-18. A Certificate of Achievement presented to Caleb Novosedliak of Boy Scout Troop 85 in recognition of meeting the necessary requirements to advance to the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

And 10855-18. A Proclamation recognizing the 4-H program for helping young people learn leadership skills and revolutionize how youth connect to learning experiences outside the classroom. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Public comment?

MR. BARKER: We have none on agenda topics.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Approval of minutes?

MR. BARKER: Also none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10856-18.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Dr. David Young Miller to serve as a member of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission for a term effective through December 31st, 2022. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 10857-18.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Allegheny County Council Member Bob Macey to serve as a member of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission for a term effective through December 31st, 2022. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 10858-18.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Yvonne Holt Edwards to serve as a member of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a term effective from January 1st, 2019 through December 31st, 2022. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 10859-18.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Victoria E. Lahey to serve as a member of the Drug and Alcohol Planning Council for a term to expire on December 31st, 2020. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. Liaison reports? Representative Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. --- whoops. Thank you, Mr. President and Members of Council. Whether you're Republican, Democrat or whatever persuasion, I just want to say that this was a remarkable outpouring of people who were concerned about their country, their local government and their state government. And I think it's just great that people took the time in this mid-term election to go out and vote and get their voices heard. I think we all need to work together. I don't care whether you're a Republican, Democrat --- I don't care if you're a Communist. We have an agenda and that is helping others in doing the next right thing. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Cindy, go ahead?

MS. KIRK: I just want to tag onto what Councilman Macey said, however, I would like to just briefly look at all the issues we had at the polls

yesterday with --- we had --- I know in my area we had 65, 70 percent voting turnout. That really showed, when we don't have those personnel seats met at the Election Board and you only have one person bringing people in, it led to long lines and people leaving. I saw many people leaving yesterday because they're not used to 35, 45 minute waits. We also had machines going down and machines were getting fixed, others were going down. I think every poll I was at had a poll down.

We had one poll where we were using paper ballots for a while. And I would like to see, Willy, the --- like a report of all the places we had problems that were reported. I know the Chief Executive was going around and stopped at many of these polls I got feedback on, and people said we were going to call him today because he said, let me know if you have any more problems.

So there going to call --- at least one said she was definitely calling. So I would like to just follow up on that because it is exciting that everyone voted but we have to be prepared to --- to handle them. And part of it was just not having enough people filling all the seats because we give them pennies and we expect them to be there 13, 14 hours a day for a day and --- and it's hard to get people, but that's a problem and the machines were a problem. And the paper ballots, I don't even know what happened there. So I'd just like to --- be curious how many polls actually had machines down that day, if you would. Thanks.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you.

MR. WALTON: Mr. ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeWitt?

MR. WALTON: I --- I just have a quick question that I'd like Willy to come to our next meeting and --- and share with us. The County, through its Department of Public Works, has over 400 miles of road that it takes care of, and that it has an annual goal of about --- I think Willy has shared with me that they try to do about 40 a year. And for the last --- in the past several years, they've done 55 and 60 miles a year as a result of just improved operation and purchasing equipment.

And I was in a discussion with --- about County services this morning and --- and when I shared that the County had so much roads that they paved on an annual basis and I said I'd ask Willy today to --- to share with

us, as early as can be, about how much we got paved this year because they do such a hell of a job in Public Works that they are to be commended and the County is to be commended about the services that we actually deliver. So you know at your earliest convenience, sir. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other comments? Seeing none --- oh, Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President and Members of Council. I would be remiss if I didn't want to give a shout-out to Steve Shanley and his crew. We finally got McNeilly Road open, the tunnel and that --- that's --- thank goodness. That's been a --- that's been a real problem trying to get around over there for months and they've done a nice job and it really looks nice and it's --- it's helping to get that traffic through. So I just wanted to make --- make sure that Steve gets a --- an accolade for that. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

Thank you. Representative Baker?

MR. BAKER: Thanks, Mr. President. I just wanted to mention a couple of things. The event tomorrow night, the Community Impact Awards, I know a lot of us know Mark Mustio. He's actually --- he's the State representative. He's one of the folks being honored tomorrow night, along with some of the folks that Sam and I actually honored over the summer with the district one difference makers. So great people at that event.

A really fun thing, if any --- if anyone on Council ever wants to join me, there's a Life Span Senior Center in North Fayette, Sam DeMarco's been to this with me. They still remember him as the guy that kind of messed up the bingo numbers. But I go every couple months and call out bingo numbers, and it's a great way to meet the seniors there and talk to them about what's going on, help them with issues that are related to the County. It's really wonderful, so if anybody ever wants to join me for one of those. Cindy has joined me for district one office hours at the library, too. I think that's a great resource that we can all tap into.

I just want to say, I thought what Councilman Klein said earlier was beautiful. As a young man, I grew up in Greenfield, Squirrel Hill, went to the JCC every day, played JCC sports. It's been amazing just how everyone has come together, and literally when --- the worst thing that's ever happened to me, my dad passed away

when I was 12 and he was my age exactly, 39. It was really the Jewish community that stepped up and took care of me, got me into the JCC through scholarships. Somehow I got into the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame, I have no idea because I'm not Jewish, but they've always just been unbelievably wonderful to me. And this has been a time for all of us to --- to be there for them and with them.

So I will say I felt good seeing the County Executive on --- on television, taking care of things, getting things done. I saw Sam DeMarco, Paul Klein leading from our perspective, as well as County Council. I really did appreciate that County Council was included and that Sam and Paul were up there during the --- all the meetings and the announcements. So I just wanted to say to the County manager and everyone involved, thank you. Thank you just for supporting our friends and neighbors.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go --- Cindy, go ahead?

MS. KIRK: Oh, I just want to tag onto that one that not only did we have people die, but we had several people who were very seriously injured, people from the synagogue and also some of the city cops, and they were hurt pretty bad. And it was pretty shaky for a day or two and there --- some of them will never be able to return to their jobs, and I was surprised to learn that there was no good fund set up for the city cops to handle these kind of things. Now, they're going to start that. Like I just assumed they got shot, they took care of you and they went through and there really wasn't a lot of monies there.

So this is where I call attention to that and they feel a fund is in the process of being started to help --- help the people who ran in as --- as the guy was running out, that surprised them. They were running in and that's how we --- they suffered some serious --- serious injuries also. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead, Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President. I guess these folks have --- my colleagues have already mentioned many of the events that took place on that terrible Saturday two weeks ago. But I want the folks to know here how lucky you are to live in Allegheny County, and in this region where we have such superlative, such --- such tremendous professionals, you know, from Coleman McDonough, the Superintendent of Police, you know, Scott Schubert, the Chief of the Pittsburgh Police. I mean,

Rich Fitzgerald exhibited tremendous leadership. You know, I was there at the emergency services center. I saw what was going on, you know, Chief Matt Brown. I mean, Amie Downs, Willy McKain. All of our folks, Wendell Hissrich from --- from the city. Also from our Federal partners, Scott Brady, the US attorney, special agent in charge Jones.

And I don't know if folks know this, but here locally we're blessed and that our Federal partners, our County partners, our city partners, they train together. They do this on a regular basis and when I was having some conversations with Special Agent Jones and with US Attorney Brady they were --- tell me that when agents come from other areas, they come from New York or LA or they come --- they're amazed at how we work together because in other areas, there are turf battles, folks don't do this.

So I mean, I think you --- I think you --- unfortunately, there have been too many tragedies throughout this country and you've had the opportunity to sit there and see these press conferences and news things on the television in the past, but I think if you watched and you saw what took place a couple weeks ago with our folks, you can walk away assured that professionals are handling this and they're doing the best --- very best job that they can. I'm very proud of each and every one of them. And you know as --- as Councilwoman Kirk talked about here, Chief Schubert shared with me how proud he was when he showed up on the scene to see his officers running into the synagogue, running into bullets and bullet fire, you know.

That takes a --- that takes a special individual. That takes people that care about other people. That's not something --- well, they're paid to do. No amount of money can make you put your life on the line like that. I mean, that --- that's something that --- that you're born with, that you have within you that you care so much about other people that you're willing to lay your life down on the line for them. So you know, I just want to recognize all of those folks and thank everybody that was involved. And again, we're fortunate to live here in Allegheny County in these times with these professionals and these people in charge. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing no more, we'll go to 10837-18.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing use of real property in the County's Settlers Cabin Park to install and maintain a passive treatment system and to stabilize the streambank at Pinkerton Run stream in collaboration with the Allegheny County Parks Foundation. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Parks. 10838-18.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting an Operating Budget pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 and Article VII, Section 4 of the Home Rule Charter, by setting forth appropriations to pay the expenses and conducting the public business of Allegheny County and for meeting debt charges for the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 2019 and ending December 31st, 2019. Sponsored by Council Member Klein.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance. 10839-18.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting a Capital Budget pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 and Article VII, Section 4 of the Home Rule Charter by setting forth appropriations to pay the expenses for capital expenditures during the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 2019 and ending December 31st, 2019. Sponsored by Council Member Klein.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance. 10840-18.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting the Grants Budget, Special Accounts Budget and Agency Fund Budget, by setting forth appropriations to pay said expenses during the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 2019 and ending December 31st, 2019. Sponsored by Council Member Klein.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance. 10841-18.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny approving certain Inter-Departmental Transfers in the Operating Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 2018 and ending December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance. Notification of Contracts?

MR. BARKER: We have none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Public comment on general items?

MR. BARKER: We have two.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Would you read them?

MR. BARKER: First up is Jaime Friedl.

MS. FRIEDL: Hi, my name is Jaime Friedl. This is actually the first time I've spoken in public in over a year. Thank you for allowing me time to speak with you today. My only child, Mary Claire, unexpectedly and tragically died December 2nd, 2017. Mary was a vibrant, kind, loving, friend to everyone, a 10-year-old with a sparkling personality.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Could you speak up just a little more?

MS. FRIEDL: Yes, sorry. Over the last year, I've done a great deal of grieving, crying, panicking and trying to figure out a new path in life. I started a nonprofit called the Mary Claire Foundation for my daughter that stemmed from a movement called the Mary Christmas Project. It's been brought to my attention that there is no real awareness focusing on just child loss. People seem to think that finding out what each child's cause of death is is what they should be remembered for, instead of the fact that they were a child taken from this world much too soon while their parents and families are left here shattered.

I want to bring light to this, and I'm hoping for your support to somehow creating a nationwide child loss awareness day. Whether or not you are aware, you do have a friend in your social circle that has lost a child. I'm sure you're thinking of someone specifically as I speak. Once you're told your child died, every cell in your body changes. You experience emotions and a pain that you never knew existed, one that leaves a permanent, dark and empty void in your life.

I've been working with another mother, Adrienne Guerke, who also is an angel mom to her daughter named Norah. Norah was six months old. We've been discussing the possibility of bringing an awareness to this heartbreak. We'd like to ask for your help to declare December 2nd as a day for this nation to be mindful of any

parent that has lost a child regardless of the child's age. November and December are extremely difficult months for parents who are no longer able to hug, love and cherish their angel children because of all the holidays in these months.

I chose December 2nd because that is the day my daughter was declared brain dead, and it would bring me great comfort knowing that this Country --- the people in this Country are being mindful and being made aware of child loss. Sorry. And being mindful to any parent who has lost a child, basically turning a night --- a nightmare day for myself into something much greater, more beautiful and special to try to balance out the terribleness associated with it.

I started a petition this past Thursday asking for our community to help me raise awareness, and it's been signed by 3,300 people. I also reached out to Mr. Turzai, and he offered to help me by having me or having his attorneys draft a resolution to be presented to the legislatures and invited me to come to Harrisburg to speak with them about it. I feel it is important for you all, my County's Council to stand beside me and my passion for making December 2nd child loss awareness day.

Thank you so much all for lending me --- thank you all so much for lending me a few minutes of your extremely valuable time. I truly appreciate you all, and I hope that you consider helping me making this a much greater thing than in my community, and I just wanted to show you, this is my daughter so ---. That's all.

MS. KIRK: I'll sponsor that.

MR. BAKER: I would be happy to sponsor it. I mean, I feel like we might all rush to sponsor but sure, yeah, absolutely. Let's --- let's get together on December 2nd and whatever you're having, whatever you're doing I'm sure a lot of us would love to be there --- to share with you.

MS. FRIEDL: I really appreciate ---.

MS. KIRK: When's the next --- we'd have to do it at the end of November?

MR. BAKER: Yeah.

MR. DEMARCO: November 20th is the next meeting.

MS. KIRK: But we will definitely, definitely do it.

MS. FRIEDL: Okay.

MS. KIRK: I remember your daughter --- was that the one we collected the toys for?

MS. FRIEDL: The Beanie Boo Drive, yeah.

MS. KIRK: I remember that.

MR. BAKER: Yeah.

MS. KIRK: I remember that last year.

MS. FRIEDL: We live in Franklin Park, yes.

MS. KIRK: Yeah, yeah.

MS. FRIEDL: It was very sudden and unexpected.

MS. KIRK: We would all be so honored to help with that.

MR. BAKER: Absolutely, yeah.

MS. FRIEDL: I appreciate it.

MR. BAKER: We'll all be there, yeah, for sure.

MS. FRIEDL: Thank you.

MS. KIRK: If you'd please leave your number and --- oh, we have your number.

MS. FRIEDL: Yes.

MS. KIRK: We'll contact you and we'll make this happen.

MS. FRIEDL: Okay. Thank you so much.

MR. BAKER: All right. Thanks, Jaime.

MS. KIRK: Thank you, thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Next?

MR. BARKER: Next up is Cynthia Latsko.

MS. LATSKO: Good evening, everybody. I'm Cynthia Latsko from South Park, and I'm sure you all recognize me. I've been here a few times now, but tonight I'm here on a really happy moment. I'm here to thank you all on behalf of myself and the people that worked with us, the Council, the Councilman-At-Large Sam DeMarco, Sue Means, John Palmiere, and especially Willy McKain for withdrawing the application for the maintenance facility in South Park.

You really can't imagine how happy we are and how this affected our community. You know, the decision came --- you know, you're talking about the tragedy and I --- I think this was really timely for Mr. McKain to be compassionate. You know, everyone's hurting and everyone is feeling the effects of the tragedy in Squirrel Hill. I lost a friend, a groomsman in my wedding, a friend of my husband's and it's been a rough couple last few weeks for me, but I think, you know the show of compassion and --- and the ability to listen. Mr. McKain was extremely respectful and interested and obviously, by his decision,

you know, he chose to show his compassion and rethink the choice and the location for the facility --- the maintenance facility on the corner of Brownsville and McCorkle Road.

You can't imagine, you know. I had set up a Facebook page and a website and in just a few short days, I had over a thousand followers on my Facebook page. I've had 600 some views, at least the last time I looked. It's probably more now on my website. And you know, when I posted the letter --- this letter right here about the withdrawal, I got --- and actually, my phone is blowing up. So you know, people are making comments on how happy they are that the government listened, you know. This wasn't just me, this was everybody. We were just representing and thank you all so much.

I know my time is up, but we who have --- you know, we would like to offer to Willy McKain and you, you know while you're working and continuing on this project. We would --- if we can help in any way, we would love to, you know, be a resource. Thank you all again, and you know, God bless you all. It's a happy day for South Park.

MR. BAKER: Yeah, it is.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you.

MR. BAKER: Much different than last time.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

Does someone want to make a motion to adjourn?

MR. MACEY: Make a motion to adjourn, please.

MR. DEMARCO: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed?

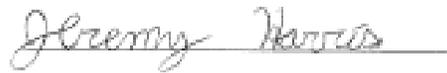
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: The ayes have it. Meeting adjourned.

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 5:50 P.M.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify, as the stenographic reporter, that the foregoing proceedings were taken stenographically by me, and thereafter reduced to typewriting by me or under my direction; and that this transcript is a true and accurate record to the best of my ability.

Dated the 12th day of December, 2018

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Jeremy Harris,

Court Reporter