

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
Paul Zavarella	-	District 8
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 to the Flag and remain standing for silent prayer or reflection?

After me ---.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

(Silent prayer or reflection.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We'll have the 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: Present.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Ms. Means?

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Oh, yes, I'm here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?

MS. PRIZIO: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Zavarella?

MR. ZAVARELLA: Here.

MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. BARKER: All 15 members are present at this time.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 11256-19.

MR. BARKER: A Proclamation congratulating the 2019 graduates of the Allegheny County --- Fire Volunteer Education, Service and Training Scholarship Program. Sponsored by Council Members Palmosina, Futules, Macey and all other members of Council.

MR. MACEY: It's certainly an honor and a privilege to be here, and as a fellow firefighter, I have the privilege with the Chairman of the Safety Committee, Bob Palmosina, to introduce our --- one of our graduates.

In 2008, Nick Futules came to me and said, hey, you're a firefighter. What do you think about giving a free college education to our young firefighters? What that does is it hopefully increases the --- the amount of firefighters we have, also gives young people an opportunity to learn about firefighting, and also gives them a chance to learn a trade or some other curriculum that would be appropriate for what their lifetime goals are.

And so we --- we moved forward with that. And Mr. Onorato at the time took hold of it and managed to, with Council's approval, turn it into a law. And today we're very blessed to have some people here that are a part of the program, including Matt Brown, Chief of Emergency Services. And I don't know if --- Tanner --- Tanner Bock, is he here? Tanner? Okay. Kaitlyn Wichelmann and Liz Strenkowski from Boyce Campus of the Community College. So we're going to get into the official part of this.

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is more --- is to more than 200 volunteer fire companies, and;

WHEREAS, in Allegheny County volunteer firefighters protect over 910,000 people and save the taxpayers --- save the taxpayers over \$60 million.

WHEREAS, to endure the safety and wellbeing of our communities, in 2008, the Allegheny County Fire Volunteer Education Service and Training Scholarship Program, known as FireVEST, was established through a partnership between the Allegheny County Fire Academy and the Community College of Allegheny County, and CCAC Allegheny County Workforce Alliance.

WHEREAS, 200 FireVEST scholarships covering tuition, fees and books are offered every year, 150 for new recruits in exchange for five years of volunteering --- you have to volunteer for five years, and for 50

existing volunteer firefighters in exchange for an additional five years of service in Allegheny County, and;

WHEREAS, FireVEST scholarship recipients have majors in programs such as fire science administration, criminal justice, criminology, business management, nursing and more, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, Allegheny County Council Members Robert Palmosina, Nicholas Futules, Bob Macey and all members of Council do hereby congratulate the following 2019 FireVEST graduates. Tanner Bock from Rennerdale Volunteer Fire Company, Station 126. Joseph Figueroa-Rivera, Monroeville Volunteer Fire Company Number 1, Station 192. Alexander Green, Rennerdale Volunteer Fire Department, Station 126. Tyler Hilliard, Bauerstown Volunteer Fire Department, Station 259. Mark Loya, Hilltop Hose Company Number 3, Station 168. David Moore, Reserve Volunteer Fire Department, Station 317. Jacob Poznik, Aspinwall Volunteer Fire Department, Station 192 --- excuse me, 102. Sean Ronick, Broughton Fire Department, Station 270. Shelby Snyir --- nice kid, I know him --- Citizens Hose Volunteer Fire Company Number 1, Station 161 at Glassport. Harrison Tinney, Bower Hill Volunteer Fire Department, Station 225. Daniel Vaughn, Point Breeze Volunteer Fire Company Number 4, Station 224. And Kaitlyn Wichelmann, Volunteer Fire Company Number 3 in West Mifflin, Station 295. We commend you all for your dedication, service and sacrifice in order to protect the lives and property of the citizens of Allegheny County. You're up.

(Applause.)

MR. MACEY: And Volunteer Fire Company Number --- Number 3, I'm a life member there. And I've had the pleasure to know her mom, dad and brother, but she's been there since she was 14 years old as a junior firefighter. We don't call them firemen anymore. They're firefighters. And --- and she's just been a --- she's been an --- an inspiration to all of us because she stuck to it, you know. It wasn't something that she decided, well, maybe I'll do it for a while and maybe --- maybe I'll just let it go. But she's there, we can depend on her and --- just like she depended on us. So none of the other graduates are here, but Katie is here, and Katie, if you'd like to say a few words?

Come on, you can do it.

MS. WICHELMANN: Yeah. Thank you, everybody. I love the program. I think it's a great --- definitely something that worked for me. I went to Kent State first semester before I went to CCAC, and I definitely think CCAC was the better option for me, so ---.

MS. KIRK: What did you major in?

MS. WICHELMANN: Architectural drafting and design.

(Applause.)

MR. MACEY: We also have Dr. Strenkowski here.

DR. STRENKOWSKI: I just wanted to thank ---.

MR. MACEY: From CCAC, by the way.

DR. STRENKOWSKI: Yes. I just want to thank everyone on the Council for supporting this program for so many years. For many of you who may not be familiar, because Katie was surprised, too, we have now graduated over 200 volunteer firefighters through the CCAC FireVEST scholarship. Okay. I'm sorry?

MS. KIRK: How many years?

(Applause.)

DR. STRENKOWSKI: The program has been in --- what, Bob, about '08?

MR. MACEY: 2008.

DR. STRENKOWSKI: 2008. Yeah, 2008. And we have many students who are currently enrolled. We open our application period and will make the decision for the next term in the middle of November. We traditionally have between 25 and 35 applicants. It doesn't matter what your major is. You can major in anything, just it's the service back to the fire department, which is what we're encouraging. Okay. So thank you very much for your support, and we do appreciate it at Community College of Allegheny County. We are really the driving force, okay, of Workforce, and what's going on in Allegheny County in terms of preparing young people for the future. You name it, we have it, skilled trades, architecture. Okay. Debbie works with the Workforce Development Program, okay, and obviously in tandem with the credit side of the house, and she really knows everything about the Workforce Development in Allegheny County. So on behalf of CCAC, we thank you for your support. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. MACEY: Thank you. I'd also like to call Chief Brown to the podium, please.

(Applause.)

CHIEF BROWN: Thank you. Just to --- just to add to the great comments --- again, a big thank you to Council for their continued support of this program. The partnership that we have with CCAC, the Allegheny County Fire Training Academy under the Department of Emergency Services, and again, your support really makes this possible.

I'm a 38-year life member of a volunteer fire department in Allegheny County, Munhall. So again, it's --- it's close to my heart as well to know how much of a positive move it is. It is just a --- a triple benefit. It's a benefit to the firefighter. It's a benefit to CCAC. It's a benefit to the fire department. So it's a program we really, really want to make sure that we always keep our support behind as we support all the volunteer departments that are out there. So again, thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Chief. A couple anecdotal things. I had a chief from Homeville Fire Hall --- fire hall come to me and say, you know, my daughter is trying to be in the nursing program in CCAC, but she doesn't test very well. And I say --- he says is there anything you can do for me? Well, I made a couple phone calls. You know how it is. We try to help people. That's our job. I play politics. We try to help people. And so to make a long story short, she was accepted into the nursing program, and by God, she graduated from CCAC with honors. So she didn't do well in high school, but she did well in Community College. She just reached her --- her plateau. Yep.

And another thing, this isn't just for young adults. If you're an older individual, that could be what, 30, 40? And --- and if you're looking --- and if you're looking to change careers because you've lost a employment somewhere or they shut a mill down --- that was me --- you can learn a trade. So it isn't just academics. It's academics in addition to learning a trade, a craft, so you --- you can become gainfully employed. And my God, we really need more craftsmen in Allegheny County. Thank you. Nick, would you like to say something?

(Applause.)

MR. FUTULES: I'll be quick. I think it's --- this is such a great program, and I realize that it begins in high school. Allegheny County should promote this through the high schools because when the young men and

women are thinking about graduation, they have a direction. And this gives them some direction and another opportunity other than in universities. And this program will continue if we continue to promote that on that level, because there are a lot of young people that they fall through the cracks and maybe not go to college or --- or even community college. But this is a great opportunity for them to get involved in their community and get an education at the same time. Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 11265-19.

MR. BARKER: A Proclamation recognizing St. Clair Hospital's endeavor in addressing the opioid crisis. Sponsored by Council Members Means and Catena.

MS. MEANS: Well, I'm happy tonight to be joined by Dr. Alan Yeasted, Senior Vice-President of St. Clair Hospital and Chief Medical Officer Emeritus, and Mr. Joe Smith, Senior Vice-President of Dollar Bank and the Chair of the St. Clair Community Benefits Clinic.

So the reason why these gentlemen are --- and by the way, I want to tell you, Dr. Yeasted, former Chief Medical Officer of St. Clair Hospital, he has his own practice and he still visits patients at home. Who does that? Who does that? So he --- he's worth his weight in gold. So what happened last week is I went to my Southwest Nurses Association meeting and they were having a talk on Narcan. And I thought I would go and learn how to administer Narcan. I went before, but I thought, you know, let's go again, and I found out that you could go online, watch a video and get a certification, and then you could actually get a prescription and go and get your Narcan, so that you are ready if anyone needs your help.

So then when I was there, what else I learned about was St. Clair Hospital has this wonderful, wonderful program and I'm going to, you know, give them --- recognize them, but it --- it's so far reaching and so wonderful, and even though it's only been in existence since, when?

DR. YEASTED: January.

MS. MEANS: January. That's what --- but I just was totally amazed. So this is what they've done. They've partnered with Gateway Rehab, so if someone shows up in the ER and they have overdosed, and then they actually have someone in the ER that's an addiction

recovery specialist, so someone who is actually an addict there to talk to them --- there to talk them into going to rehab. So the hospital is so far reaching. They thought of this great program because they don't want to just treat someone in crisis. They want that person to be able to turn their life around. So now I will read --- I think I probably talked enough. But again, I mean, Dr. Yeasted is very humble, but I think this was his brainchild.

So the Office of Allegheny County Council, a Proclamation recognizing St. Clair Hospital - Gateway Rehab's Addiction Response Program;

WHEREAS, every day more than 130 people in the United States die from opioid overdose. Many more struggle with an opioid use disorder or other substance use disorder. And sadly, misconceptions surrounding these serious disorders have contributed to the harmful stigmas that prevent individuals from seeking evidence based treatment.

AND WHEREAS, the St. Clair Hospital Gateway Rehab Addiction Response Program located in Mt. Lebanon is dedicated to saving lives, decreasing the stigma associated with the disorder, facilitating an individual's ability to enter recovery programs and raising awareness about the opioid epidemic.

WHEREAS, in partnership with local emergency medical services, the St. Clair Hospital Gateway Rehab Addiction Response Program has provided Narcan and training to first responders (sic) --- first responders, police, fire and community agencies across southern Allegheny County.

WHEREAS, funded through the Community Benefit Comm --- the Community Benefit Committee of the hospital, St. Clair Hospital training has resulted in 626 doses of Narcan supplied to 19 public safety agencies between July 2017 and June of 2018. During that time, 100 doses were used by police and fire with a 800 percent --- I'm sorry, 800 percent --- 80 percent survival rate.

AND WHEREAS, in order to further support individuals with an opioid use disorder or other substance use disorder, St. Clair Hospital and Gateway Rehab have partnered to provide individuals admitted to St. Clair Hospital Gateway Rehab Addiction Response Program an opportunity for a warm handoff to easily transition into a recovery program. Between January 2018 and June 2019, the Recovery Program saw and treated 155 patients.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, Allegheny County Council Members Sue Means and Pat Catena, do hereby recognize and commend the St. Clair Hospital Gateway Rehab Addiction Response Program for their determination in expanding access to treatment services for opioid use disorder. I commend them for their partnership with local EMS and recovery programs in order to raise awareness about this disease and support the development of prevention and treatment programs across Allegheny County.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereto cause the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed, this the 26th day, October of 2019.

(Applause.)

DR. YEASTED: Well, first of all, I want to thank Councilwoman Means for the Proclamation and also for the --- all the work that the Allegheny County Health Department has done to combat the opioid problem in our community.

Initially, when we set the program up, we worked with Karen Hacker to get the ideas on how to --- what was needed in the County and how we could do this. We've had a lot of great partners throughout this including, of course, our Board of Directors. And Mr. Smith is here. He chairs the Community Benefit Committee. They're the ones that funded the program. The hospital administration and board have been very supportive of everything we tried to do to try to improve the health of the people in the South Hills of the --- of Allegheny County.

Gateway Rehab also --- I don't want to --- they aren't here to represent themselves. I'll represent them also. They've been a wonderful partner for us. It's not just to get business to Gateway. They have referred people to Greenbriar and a lot of other places. When we get --- if we can get anyone into any program, any Suboxone program, to give them medication to prevent the --- the opioid use disorder that they have and help them maintain normal lives and be good family members. So it's --- it's been a --- very much of a team effort. We've had a great committee at the hospital, and I just want to thank everyone that's been involved in this. I'll call Mr. Smith to say a few words also.

MR. SMITH: Thanks, Alan. I've been on the St. Clair Hospital Board for 20 years now, and for the last six years we've had the Community Benefits Committee. And what we do is we kind of listen to our healthcare

providers, the experts, and we've done a lot of programs, outreach for underweight babies, but this Narcan one really struck home. And when we started using it and started seeing how often it was being used by the first responders, Alan and the doctors in the hospital said what do we do with these people when they come to the hospital? And that really was the idea behind the Gateway Program, and it's really taken off. But it's that continuum of care that we're trying to provide and help these people to get off the addiction and get their lives back together. But it's a real fight and it's a great job that our wonderful team at St. Clair does and all the first responders because it's a --- it's a big network that we're --- that's feeding the hospital for that. But thank you so much, Councilwoman Means, and thank you very much, Council, for this award.

(Applause.)

MS. MEANS: Well, I attended the last Board of Health meeting and they told us that opioid overdoses are down 40 percent from last year. So that is everyone working together. So we're turning the tide. Thank you. Come on. Get up here for pictures.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 11257-19, and the rest will be read into the record.

MR. BARKER: 11257-19, Certificates of Recognition recognizing the 2019 Three Rivers Champions Honorees. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

11258-19, Certificates of Recognition presented to the South Hills Area Council of Governments Critical Incident Response Team and first responders for their heroic acts displayed during the Tree of Life Synagogue mass shooting. Sponsored by Council Members Means, Catena, Baker, Palmiere and Palmosina.

11259-19, a Certificate of Recognition presented to Mrs. Josephine Spalla upon the momentous occasion of her 100th birthday. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

11260-19, a Proclamation congratulating Group against Smog and Pollution upon the occasion of its 50th anniversary. That's sponsored by Council Member Prizio.

11261-19, a Proclamation congratulating North Area Environmental Council upon the occasion of its 50th anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Kirk.

11262-19, a Proclamation congratulating People Concerned for the Unborn Child upon the occasion of its 50th anniversary. Sponsored by Council Members Means, Catena and DeMarco.

11263-19, a Proclamation declaring Thursday, October 24th, 2019 to be United States Navy Day in Allegheny County in honor of the United States Navy Band Commodores. Sponsored by Council Member DeMarco.

And 11264-19, a Proclamation honoring the life, memory and legacy of Cynthia J. "Cindy" Buckley. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No public comment?

MR. BARKER: We have not.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No public comment. Approval of minutes, 11247-19.

MR. BARKER: A motion to approve the minutes of the August 20th, 2019 regular meeting of Council.

MR. DEMARCO: Motion to approve.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, all those favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Okay. 11248-19.

MR. BARKER: A motion to approve the minutes of the August 27th, 2019 regular meeting of Council.

MR. FUTULES: So moved.

MR. DEMARCO: Second.

MS. KIRK: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. 11249-19.

MR. BARKER: A motion to approve the minutes of the September 10th, 2019 regular meeting of Council.

MR. PALMOSINA: So moved.

MS. KIRK: So moved.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Someone second?

MR. PALMOSINA: Second.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
11250-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Paul D'Alesandro to the Allegheny County Housing Authority Board for a term ending December 31st, 2024. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 11251-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Matt Smith to the Allegheny County Airport Authority Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2024. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 11252-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Lance Chimka to the Allegheny County Airport Authority Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2024. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 11253-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Senator Wayne Fontana to the Sports and Exhibition Authority Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2024. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 11254-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Senator Wayne Fontana to the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County Board for a term to expire on May 23rd, 2023. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 11255-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Margaret McCormick Barron to the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County Board for a term to expire on May 23rd, 2024. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 11231-19

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2019, Submission Number 06-19. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Klein, do you want to ---?

MR. KLEIN: Thank you, Mr. President. At its meeting on the 16th of October, the Committee on Budget and Finance considered a resolution that would amend the 2019 Grants and Special Accounts Budget to allow for the acceptance of just over \$1.5 million in new funding from the Pennsylvania Department of State to assist in the purchase of new voting machines. It is before the full Council at this time with an affirmative recommendation from the Committee. At this time I'd ask for a motion to approve.

MR. MACEY: Second the motion.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, we'll have a roll call.

MR. BARKER: On the motion to approve.

	Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Catena?
MR. CATENA:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. DeMarco?
MR. DEMARCO:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Ms. Kirk?
MS. KIRK:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Klein?
MR. KLEIN:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Pالموسينا?
MR. PALMOSINA:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Ms. Prizio?
MS. PRIZIO:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Ms. Ranalli-Russell?
MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Zavarella?
MR. ZAVARELLA:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	President DeFazio?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Ayes 15, nos 0. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 11232-19.

MR. BARKER: A motion of the Council of Allegheny County urging the voters of Allegheny County to thoroughly consider the impacts of and vote upon a referendum question amending Article 1 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth to incorporate a victim's Bill of Rights, colloquially known as Marsy's Law. Sponsored by Council Members DeMarco and Macey.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Futules.

MR. FUTULES: Yes. The government reform meet --- met last week, and we had discussed the Marsy's Law and we made a small amendment to the ordinance. And I don't specifically have it in front of me, the amendment itself, the amended version.

MR. BARKER: The amended version is the version that's in the packet.

MR. FUTULES: It's in the packet?

MR. BARKER: The currently existing one.

MR. FUTULES: Okay.

MR. BARKER: Correct.

MR. FUTULES: If the Members have read it, then I make a Motion to approve it.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, all those in --- well, roll call vote. Let's have a roll call vote.

MR. BARKER: Okay. On the motion to approve.

Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?

MR. CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?
MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?
MS. PRIZIO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?
MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON: No.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Zavarella?
MR. ZAVARELLA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ayes 14, nos 1. The motion passes.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 11229-19.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, renaming the North Dakota Shelter and surrounding area in the County's North Park, Eagles' Nest Shelter and Grove. Sponsored by Council Member Kirk.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President, and Members of Council. Councilwoman Kirk, I --- I commend you. This is a wonderful idea. And we had no --- we had no problem at all getting this up here for approval. And --- and just to explain a little bit further, Mr. Baechle, you're --- would you come up and --- and go through some of the details for us, please?

This is for --- information for members that weren't there, you know, originally at the committee meeting. So this way we get some good information here for you.

I tried to save you from getting up here, Mr. McKain, but I see you had to get up anyhow.

MR. MCKAIN: That's all right.

MR. BAECHLE: What do you --- you want to know about the Grove?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. BAECHLE: So we've had --- we've had a pair of eagles build a nest in a dead tree last year, and we were watching to see if they nested. We saw some nesting activity, but no eggs hatched. So this year they seem to be in the same neighborhood. We've seen them with sticks in their mouth building the nest again. We had the Shelter, North Dakota, set aside for educational purposes years ago, so we don't rent it out. It's right by the

wetland. So it's an appropriate use of --- of the shelter.

MR. MCKAIN: And also, Council Member Kirk brought this to our attention. She hears a lot from the constituents and the people that visit that area of the park who love taking pictures and seeing the scenery. So I'm sure she probably wants to comment on some of the people that approached her and why she is supporting this.

MS. KIRK: Yes. Probably almost a year ago this --- the group, the Bald Eagles of North Park, they have a Facebook. They're very active. They're down there every day starting about 6:00 a.m. They have their cameras, they have their telescopes. They've been doing education. They let little kids come up and take pictures, and if you want to see some beautiful photos, go to the Facebook Bald Eagles of North Park. And you can see them. They're huge. They're beautiful. If you follow them, they'll say okay. They --- they named them after Rachel Carson, Mr. Carson and Mrs. Carson, and --- because it's right by the Carson Trail. It's right below the trail. And they'll say, oh, Mr. Carson was fishing at Marshall Lake from 12 noon to 4:45. Their lives have been totally documented. And it's the first documented eagles in a county park that we can find anywhere. So they thought it would be fitting because this has been going on a couple of summers now they've been watching them, that we mark this event that the eagles are there. And they have assured me there will be eagle eggs this year because apparently an eagle, the last year, had black feathers on top and that means you're under five, is what the one man was telling me. So now he doesn't have it, he's over five. So he was able to be a daddy eagle, whatever that is, whatever that's called, but so they were cautiously optimistic we will get eggs this year. And you know, they're --- they're --- like I said, they're monitoring this. We are planning an event on Monday the 11th. I don't know, Andy --- on Monday at 11:00 we're going to have an event. County Executive Rich Fitzgerald will be there, and hopefully the new sign will be done. They're going to get permission to start it like right after we vote. Amy Downs is all over that. And they're --- and all these people, they have like 2,500 people in their Facebook and different people who are at work and planning on going to see the switching of the sign. So it's a pretty exciting event out that way. And

we even let people from the South Hills come on over to see them.

MR. PALMIERE: Well, thank you. That's very magnanimous of you.

MS. KIRK: f you want --- if you want to cross the river, come on over.

MR. PALMIERE: I have to cross three rivers.

MS. KIRK: So like I said, it's an exciting thing, and it was really neat because this bubbled up from the people. You know, they're the ones who have wanted this for a while. But you know, there's criteria. We wanted to make sure they came back. It wasn't just a flash in the pan or anything. And it is very exciting. If you've never seen an eagle in real life, it's worth it. It's really worth it. The pictures are amazing, but in real life, it's --- it's incredible.

So if you're free Monday, 11:00 a.m., we can't guarantee eagles will be there, but the nest --- you'll be able to see the nest, and then --- that's just huge. That's something. So come on by. Thank you.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you. Move for approval, Mr. President.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, let's have a roll call.

MR. BARKER: On the motion to approve.

Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?

MR. CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?
MS. PRIZIO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?
MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Zavarella?
MR. ZAVARELLA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ayes 15, nos 0. The bill passes.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 11230-19.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing use of property in the County's Boyce Park for implementation of a meadow in conjunction with the Allegheny County Parks Foundation. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President.

Gentlemen, will you elaborate on this for us also, please?

MR. BAECHLE: Sure. The meadow project includes partnering with Allegheny County Department of Parks to design and implement a meadow/woodland restoration of a former strip mine site. This site is a highly visible six-acre slope along Pierson Run Road. This site experienced a mine fire in 2001 and was stabilized via DEP efforts. The current conditions of the site include a few surviving reclamation trees scattered throughout the slopes and tall grass and invasive species, i.e. honeysuckle, multiflora rose, things we don't want.

So the proposed planning would include a meadow mix like the Boyce Park Indian Hill, a wet meadow seed mix for the wet drainage area and native trees to transition to the existing mature woodland to the south end of the site. The new plantings would increase the ecological value of the area and create high quality wildlife habitat. The design includes a series of mowed paths for park users to walk and experience the new space.

MR. MCKAIN: The only other thing I wanted to add was some of the resources that were available. Mr. Baechle said that it was in collaboration with the Parks Foundation who gave \$1,000, but in-kind services from the County with our laborers, our rangers. Again, there's also --- with the resources, we are going to buy tree,

shrubs, trail mix, meadow and seed mix, and we also had a very generous donation by a private citizen of \$10,500 in honor of his --- of his late wife. And I know at the Council meeting, Councilmen Zavarella, that's his park and he walks it a lot. And I'm sure he wants to talk about the project.

MR. ZAVARELLA: I do. It's an --- if it's anywhere close to what they did on Indian Hills, you look at the bottom now it's beautiful. It would be a great asset to the park. And I would for the record simply like to recognize the donor who made a generous \$10,000 donation because I don't think we could have done that without his generosity.

MR. MCKAIN: And Councilman, I have asked if they --- if he wants to remain anonymous or not, and I'll have the answer for you.

MR. ZAVARELLA: Okay. Thank you.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President, move for ---.

MR. ZAVARELLA: According to his wishes.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President, move for approval.

MS. MEANS: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, let's have the roll call vote.

MR. BARKER: On the motion to approve.

Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?

MR. CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?

MS. PRIZIO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?
MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Zavarella?
MR. ZAVARELLA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ayes 15, nos 0. The bill passes.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Liaison Report.

Representative Baker.

MR. BAKER: All right. Thanks, Mr. DeFazio. Just full disclosure, we had a Board of Elections meeting at 3:30 today. Council Member De --- Council President DeFazio, Judge Hens-Greco and I were all in attendance. The meeting went well. We had lots of questions for how everything is all set up for the election in November. And things seem to be going very smoothly, but it was a --- it was a good meeting with the team. Our --- our final meeting, I believe, as an Interim Board will be November 25th, and then we will turn it over to the regular Board of Elections. But it's been an excellent year working together with that team.

One big breaking news --- and I think the first text I got this morning was from the County Manager just letting --- remind --- as a reminder, there was a good article about it. But the Children's Fund Report is in all of your mailboxes, so please make sure to get it out, check it out. Council Member Dewitt Walton and I were the two appointees to the Commission that studied this for the last few months, and we got to work with a great group of community leaders on the report, so please make sure to give it a look. We had a meeting last week with the County Manger, the Chief of Staff and also the Chief Executive to talk through some of these things, and to present the report to the administration.

Quick updates. In District 1, Moon Township, Councilman DeMarco and I got to be part of a really good event today with ServiceLink that is going to be a --- they have 300 new jobs and a new expansion effort right in Moon Township on Cherrington. And that was --- that was great to be part of. Tomorrow, again, more --- more new jobs coming to District 1. We're going to have a

groundbreaking for --- for Amazon in Findlay Township at 10:30, so that will be really fantastic.

Councilman Catena and I co-chaired the Botanic Gardens' legislative breakfast. All of our legislative friends from both parties were there, including --- including the County Executive and some of our senators and --- and state reps.

Dewitt Walton and I were at the classic events --- event on Friday --- Saturday night. We were two of the speakers there. That went really well.

And I want to say I know we all --- a lot of us get the chance to do this, but I had two back to back last week, got to speak to every ninth grader in North Hills School District on Wednesday, and then got to speak to all 99 sixth graders on Friday. It was so much fun. I will say --- and that was in conjunction --- Councilman DeMarco, I used to be on the Visit Pittsburgh Board. He's on it now. That was in conjunction with an event, a series that Visit Pittsburgh does about getting kids to love Pittsburgh which is --- is, I think, a good initiative of Visit Pittsburgh. You did one of those too; didn't you?

MR. CATENA: Yeah, I did.

MR. BAKER: Yeah. It's a good --- it's a good series. But I will say their favorite team was the Penguins out of the three --- certainly lots of serious stuff, too, but lots --- lots of good things going on. And we --- and we'll be in the studio on Tuesday recording episode number 15 of Get Involved Moon Township. Have lots of great community leaders coming from Tobacco Free Allegheny, Cystic Fibra - Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. If you haven't seen that, huge news for that community yesterday. Please make sure to check that out. Three Rivers Adoption Council, Robert Morris and PCTV21.

All right. I don't think --- and I will give it back to the President then to turn it over to Councilman Walton, I guess. President DeFazio, back to you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MR. BAKER: Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Walton.

MR. WALTON: I have a --- I want to make some comments, but I want to ask our fellow Council Members a question first. Which is traditionally longer, Councilman Baker's Liaison Report or his Proclamations?

MR. BAKER: It's comparable. Comparable. It's a tie.

MR. WALTON: But ---.

MR. BAKER: They say it's a tie.

MR. WALTON: But I do want to say that there's a bunch of stuff going on and it's really --- I'm really pleased. And --- and Tom decided to leave me a piece. He and I this morning were at State Representative Wheatley inspirative --- Aspire Program. About 175 high schools from across Representative Wheatley's legislative district were there, attentive and really great young men and women, and looking to demonstrate their leadership and what can be and --- and how they can achieve.

MR. BAKER: It was a good speech.

MR. WALTON: Thank you. But the piece that I want to spend just a second talking about is the Allegheny County Children's Fund Report. That document represents a ton of work, a ton of work and a ton of effort. And I urge you all to spend a half hour and allow and --- and look at it at some detail. If we're --- if Allegheny County is going to achieve all the things that it was --- that it can, we have to invest in a more comprehensive way in early childhood education and Pre-K and afterschool programs. Patrick Dowd and a group of men and women across Allegheny County sponsored a piece that failed last fall. This is an opportunity to take another look at it and to do similar things without the tax increase that was associated with it. It is clear that early childhood education, Pre-K, afterschool, really makes a difference, and to invest \$20 million from a variety of sources gives us an opportunity to really transform a ton of lives. And ultimately, it will result in savings for the County if we don't do it.

Currently, I don't know how many of us are aware of the expenditures at the Shuman Center and the associated costs at ACJ. But if we want to reduce Corrections cost and be able to put that money into other places that are desperately needed in the County, we need to think about early intervention and providing real educational growth and nurturing opportunities as early and as comprehensively as possible.

So I appreciate the work that they've done, that the group did, and the look that was taken. And so at some point in time, we're going to have to figure out a

way to kick some County money into it, not all, but some. And I'm ready for the conversation. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Sue Means?

MS. MEANS: Thank you, Mr. President, for recognizing me. On Thursday night, I was able to attend the South Hills Area Council of Government Ceremony where they honored 24 first responders from the Tree of Life. So SHACOG has a Critical Incident Response Team, and they were --- they were employed and they went down to the Tree of Life. It was a very emotional ceremony, and it was a --- it was a wonderful opportunity to thank people and to thank the police. And there were 21 policemen and three paramedics who responded on October 27th. And it was just so very moving to thank them, to think about the police and how in a moment's notice they will put their lives in harm's way to protect us, and how they had to see things that no one should have to see. But it was a --- it was --- I think one of the highlights for me was to see the camaraderie between all the different policemen because they represent multiple different municipalities, but it's like a brotherhood.

And I also wanted to mention that October 27th is the anniversary of the tragic shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue and I want the people to know that --- you know, people at Squirrel Hill and --- and everyone in Pittsburgh, that we're praying for them, we're thinking about them. We're praying for the first responders because, like I said, they --- they need healing. They saw something terrible.

I also wanted to point out that on Saturday SHACOG sponsored a controlled burn. So it was my first chance to be invited to see 32 firemen training on how to house a fire out and how --- so they had a place in Bethel Park, so they would put a room on fire and then put it out, then put another room on fire and then put that out. And it was just --- again, these individuals were amazing. I met a 65-year-old man who retired from Bettis as a mechanical engineer three years ago, and he became a firemen. Who does that? I mean, these are wonderful people that, again, they run towards danger to protect us and our property, and they are just amazing wonderful people. So thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Any other --- yes, Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. A couple things I wanted to highlight. Number one, the trustees of Allegheny County, I sit on that Board, and I just wanted you to know the FireVEST Program, we have really supported that from day one, and we've talked about how to improve it. There are so many good things, positive things, happening over at the Allegheny County Campus and I'm --- I'm proud to say to you that we are now one college. There are no individual campuses anymore. There's not four logos. We have one logo. We are the Wildcats, and things are moving. Now, that doesn't sound like it's that important, but believe me we have met --- we had to fight tooth and nail to get some of this stuff done because some of the old guard didn't want to change. You know how they get, they're entrenched in their ways. So I'm really proud of the fact that we've gotten behind Dr. Bullock, and saw --- and are seeing to it that all of these good, positive things are happening.

The other thing I wanted to mention, too --- and I'll let you know when this dedication is going to be. We're almost complete --- completed with the first mini hospital in Brentwood, the Allegheny Health Network that's come along. It's amazing how fast it's going up. I'll let you know when that is, and we're really proud of the fact that we'll be one of the first ones with that type of procedure, you know, available to the people immediately. I think it's 15, 17 beds included. I'll get more information for you, but I wanted to let you know. If you're on 51 sometime and you take a look at it, it's fully worth --- it's really a beautiful building turning out there, so I just wanted to mention those things. And again, Mr. President, thanks --- thank you very much for allowing me to speak.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other Liaison Report? Seeing none, we'll move all the way down to --- do we have public comment? No public comment?

MR. BARKER: We had one individual sign up, but she called and let us know she was not coming, and I don't see her in the audience.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Someone want to make a Motion to ---?

MR. WALTON: Motion to adjourn.

MR. FUTULES: Second.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

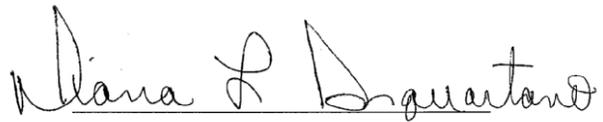
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
Meeting adjourned.

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 5:53 P.M.

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