

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

John P. DeFazio	-	President, Council-At-Large
Nicholas Futules	-	Vice President, District 7
Samuel DeMarco, III	-	Council-At-Large
Thomas Baker	-	District 1
Cindy Kirk	-	District 2
Edward Kress	-	District 3
Michael J. Finnerty	-	District 4
Sue Means	-	District 5
John F. Palmiere	-	District 6
Dr. Charles J. Martoni	-	District 8
Robert J. Macey	-	District 9 (Via Telephone)
DeWitt Walton	-	District 10
Paul Klein	-	District 11
James Ellenbogen	-	District 12
Denise Ranalli-Russell	-	District 13

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IN ATTENDANCE:

William McKain	-	Allegheny County Manager
Jared Barker	-	Director of Legislative Services
Joseph Catanese	-	Director of Constituent Services
Walter Szymanski	-	Budget Director
Jack Cambest	-	County Council Solicitor

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: The meeting will come to order. Will you all raise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and remain standing for silent prayer or reflection? After me ---.

(Pledge of Allegiance recited.)

(Moment of silence.)

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

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

(No Response.)

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

(No response.)

MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?

MR. BARKER: I believe that was Mr. Macey. You're here?

MR. MACEY: Correct.

MR. BARKER: Thank you. Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeFazio, President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. BARKER: We have 14 members present.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9875 --- where's Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Finnerty is right here.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Is that the one you want ---?

MR. FINNERTY: The second one.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: The second one. We'll start off with 9876. The other group, I don't think, is all here yet. 9876-16.

MR. BARKER: Proclamation declaring Friday, November 11th, 2016 to be The Federation of War Veterans Societies, Incorporated Day in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Members Finnerty, Baker, DeFazio, DeMarco, Ellenbogen, Futules, Kirk, Klein, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Ranalli-Russell and Walton.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. Anthony Filardi, would you join me up here? He's the adjutant treasurer of the Federation of War Veterans Society of Allegheny County. And would you bring the rest of your group up?

MR. FILARDI: Yes. Commander Bill Cruikshank. I have our Chaplain, Paul Platek. We have our past Commander, Dick Silk. And our Sergeant-at-Arms, Bart Stack.

MR. FINNERTY: All right. I see you got a big sergeant-at-arms there.

MR. FILARDI: Yes.

MR. FINNERTY: It's always our pleasure as Council, and my pleasure as the person to speak, to honor the veterans in the Veterans Parade. We really appreciate everything you did for us through your war experiences, et cetera. And keep our county safe so we can enjoy this life.

So without further ado, I'm going to read the Proclamation and then we'll let Anthony say a few words. And anyone that wants to say a few words.

MR. FINNERTY: This is a proclamation from Allegheny County Council.

WHEREAS, the Federation of War Veterans Society, Inc. was formed in 1919. Its purpose was to partner annually with Allegheny County to provide a Veterans Day Parade in downtown Pittsburgh; and

WHEREAS, the Federation of War Veterans Society has organized and presented the Veteran's Day Parade in Allegheny County for 97 years; and

WHEREAS, the organization educates Allegheny County residents to properly recognize and care for our veterans. Through the parade, the group raises awareness of all veterans in our state; and

WHEREAS, more than 1.2 million Pennsylvanians are veterans comprising 14 percent of the State's population, a great percentage of those veterans reside in Allegheny County and attend the commemorative parade.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council, on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, hereby commends the Federation of War Veterans Society, Inc., for consistently conducting and organizing the Veterans Day Parade and for raising awareness of our veterans. For the organization's effort, we hereby declare Friday, November the 11th, 2016, as the Veterans of War --- I'm sorry, the Federation of War Veterans Society, Inc. Day in Allegheny County. Sponsored by myself and all of members of Allegheny County Council. We thank you for everything you do.

(Applause.)

MR. FINNERTY: Okay, Anthony.

MR. FILARDI: Okay. Thank you, Mike. And I want to thank the President, John DeFazio, and all the Council members for sponsoring this proclamation for the Veterans Day Parade. Without the support of the Council and Allegheny County, it would be impossible to put this parade on --- and of course, the City of Pittsburgh. So the partners are all there and we're glad to have them.

Now, as Mike said or as the proclamation said, the parade is Friday, November the 11th, which is the day after tomorrow. And the weather is supposed to be better than today, I hope. I hope. But anyway, it --- the staging area is going to be at 10th on Liberty Avenue, at 10th Street. And the staging area goes all the way back to 26th Street. We have four divisions in the parade. We have 18 bands, high school bands. And we have quite a few military units, mostly National Guard, and a lot of vehicles that we never used to have before, but unfortunately, we have to have them now due to the aging of the veterans' population.

But the parade will begin at 10:30 a.m., and it will proceed directly down Liberty Avenue, straight down to Commonwealth Place near the Point State Park. The reviewing stand, which is supplied by the County, the Showmobile, thank you for that, and it's located at the apex of Liberty and Penn Avenue, which is right down from the T Station there on that side there, if you're familiar with that area.

So hopefully --- you're all invited to come to the parade. We have a spot for you if you want to march. No vehicles, so sorry about that, but --- in the position that we're in at that particular point. So hopefully, again, with --- hopefully, we'll have good weather.

Now, Habitat for Humanity is going to have a special service prior to the parade at 9:30 a.m. at the beginning of the parade on 10th on Liberty. And they're going to have some kind of program there --- which I don't know what the particulars of the program is. But anyway, I was just contacted a few days ago about this and hopefully that goes over well.

So thank you again. And we need a lot of spectators. So anybody else want to say something? Commander?

MR. CRUIKSHANK: I'd like to thank you all for inviting us here this evening. As you know, during the Second World War, there were 16.1 million men and women who served. You know, they're passing away. Probably the youngest one today probably is 88 years old. I'd like to --- what I try to do and I wish most people would do any more, if you see a person with a hat on that says World War II, go up and shake his hand, because you know, within the next ten years, they're not going to be around here. And if it wasn't for them, none of us would be sitting in here tonight.

MS. MEANS: That's right.

MR. CRUIKSHANK: And we wouldn't have made a pledge to the flag. So remember them.

And like I said, we owe them a lot, especially --- and there's a young lady here today. She's 96 years old. She served. And I want to thank you for your service.

(Applause.)

MR. CRUIKSHANK: And once again, thank you very much.

(Applause.)

MS. PARSONS: I haven't been called a young lady for a long, long time. But I don't know whether I was supposed to take questions or give a speech? Stephanie just said would I come and here I am. And I just wanted to say I don't know why everybody thinks we need to be thanked. We were so thankful to be able to do something other than sit back and watch all the men go off to the service.

MR. FINNERTY: We're thankful you did what you did.

MS. PARSONS: And I was lucky enough to be in charge of the Enigma machine and the WAVES in the decoding section in Washington, D.C. And it was a great experience, and I loved it and I just can't believe that everybody doesn't know about it. I've talked about it all over the County. But if anybody has any questions about the Enigma I'll be happy to answer them.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just want to say you're awesome.

MS. PARSONS: Pardon?

MR. FINNERTY: You're awesome.

MS. PARSONS: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. FILARDI: We're kind of like combining the Federation with the women.

MS. PARSONS: Yes.

MR. FILARDI: And so where are the other ladies? How about bringing them up?

MS. PARSONS: Ila is back there.

MR. FILARDI: All right. Bring her up.

MS. PARSONS: Beverly Kreger is there. They were both in the WAVE group, too. Beverly was in the Army. I was in the ---. We were asked to a reception at Governor Wolf's in the spring.

MS. MEANS: It's a separate thing. They want it altogether.

MS. PARSONS: That was very exciting. I had never been in a mansion before.

MS. MEANS: Well, they will. Telling them to ---.

MR. FINNERTY: Why don't we do this? Why don't we get our picture taken with this Proclamation? Susan will come down and do that proclamation. You stick around and we'll get our picture taken again.

MR. FILARDI: All right.

MS. PARSONS: All right.

MR. FILARDI: Sounds good to me.

MS. MEANS: We worked it out ahead of time.

MR. FINNERTY: We're getting ahead of ourselves.

MS. PARSONS: Oh, okay. So where do I go this time?

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Next we have 9875-16.

MR. BARKER: Proclamation recognizing and celebrating the women veterans who selflessly served our country during World War II. Sponsored by Council Members Means, Kirk, Ranalli-Russell, Baker DeFazio, DeMarco, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Klein, Kress, Martoni and Palmiere.

MS. MEANS: I am so excited today to give this Proclamation to women served in World War II. It's just an honor to have them here today. And we have with us today, Ila Cole, who was a World War II WAVE; Beverly Kreger, did I say that right?

MS. KREGER: Yes.

MS. MEANS: --- Bev Kreger, who was a World War II WAC, and also Julia Parsons, who was a World War II WAVE, as well. And there's some other people we're going to recognize today, but they couldn't make it. Mrs. Frances Pollack (phonetic) said I'm old, honey, when Stephanie called. She said, I'm old and not coming down to the County. She's 96.

But it's just amazing that when the war was declared we have --- the men left and so the women volunteered to work in the factories so we have a representative. Well, that was --- Frances would come. She was representing Molly (sic) the Riveter to recognize the part that women came and worked in the industry. And then we had these wonderful women who volunteered for our military service so that they could do jobs that --- I'm going to read about each one in a minute here, but just thank you.

And also, they're here again serving their country one more time, representing these different branches of the government, so thank you. They're really accepting this award on behalf of all the women who have --- who served. So let me read a little bit and then you'll each get a --- after I read the proclamation, I'll give you each a chance to talk if you would like.

So Ila Cole served from May 1945 until November 1947 as a World War II Navy WAVE, which was created after Congress passed a law that allowed Navy to accept women in the reserves during the wartime. Ila began as a yeoman and was transferred to the naval air station at Moffett Field in San Francisco, California, where she was trained at --- assist an airplane transport and earned the rank of Specialist 5. Ila made what was a 14-hour flight from San

Francisco to Hawaii to ships --- to ship supplies and transport family members or injured soldiers along with nurses and medical personnel. So that's Ila (indicating).

We'll hold our applause for everybody.

Beverly Kruger (sic). Beverly was the first woman from Meadville, Pennsylvania to serve in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, WAC, which in 1943 became officially known as the Women's Army Corps. Beverly left Pennsylvania on November 4th, 1942 for Fort Custer training center in Michigan. Then trained to be --- to the U. S. Army Post Office in England sorting and distributing mail destined for European Theater of operations by military unit number. After serving three years in the WACs, Beverly returned home in November of 1945.

Julia Parsons served three years in the World War II Navy WAVE. She studied cryptology at the Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School at Smith College, and then was ordered to Washington, D.C. for a top-secret duty. She joined the section, Shark, whose job was to decode the German U-boat message traffic sent via the Enigma machine. The intelligence Julia and her fellow allied cryptologists gleaned from this source was a substantial aid to the allied war effort. Boy, I really stumbled on that one.

So Frances wasn't able to be here. Frances was the representative of Rosie the Riveter representing all the women who worked in the factories and steel mills during World War II. Before the war no women were employed in the production areas of the steel plants. Francis worked for J.N.L. Steel Corps at their Second Avenue steel mill until the end of the war. She was primarily responsible for moving large pieces of sheet metal. And Frances also worked at the Dravo shipyard on Neville Island. Frances and those women answered their nation's call and joined the workforce to fill the demand for labor during war time.

And then we have Frances (sic) "Shutsy" Reynolds. Shutsy served as a World War II WASP, the first female pilot to fly for the United States military, who ultimately were denied military status by Congress and were sent home before the war was over when their work was done. The WASP members flew almost every type of military aircraft, including the B-26 and B-29 bombers. They ferried new planes long distances from factories to military bases, tested newly overhauled planes, towed



targets for live anti-aircraft artillery practice and transported cargo. The WASPs were not entitled to benefits nor received a military burial until 1977 when Congress granted them veteran's status.

I'm going to go ahead and read this. Oh, and I'm joined tonight --- I'm so rattled. I'm here by Denise Russell and she's joining me, Councilwoman Russell, in honoring our women.

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Thank you.

MS. MEANS: So did you want to say anything before I read the Proclamation?

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: No. You can read.

MS. MEANS: WHEREAS, Allegheny County salutes and remembers the many American female veterans who have courageously and honorably served in the military on behalf of our nation.

WHEREAS, women have formally been a part of the United States Armed Forces since the inception of the Army Nurse Corps in 1901. They have proudly served alongside and supported our nation's military since the American Revolution.

WHEREAS, women achieved full military status during World War II and tens of thousands served with distinction as the members of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, WACs, Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Service, WAVES, and the Women Air Force Service Pilots, the WASPs; and

WHEREAS, the poster of Rosie the Riveter was produced by Westinghouse, was part of a national campaign in the United States to enlist women into the workforce. Rosie became one of the successful recruitment tools in American history and the most iconic image of working women in World War II era. More than six million female workers helped build planes, bombs and tanks and other weapons that would eventually win World War II; and

WHEREAS, in peacetime and in a time of peril and in a variety of demanding roles, women service members have demonstrated great skill and sacrifice and devotion to freedom.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, does thereby salute and thank the World War II women veterans and the generations of American service women and their families who have proudly served our great country and the Commonwealth and the nation doing their

part to protect our land, people, freedoms and legacy. Sponsored this day by Council Members Sue Means, Cindy Kirk, Denise Ranalli-Russell and all the members of this Council.

(Applause.)

MS. MEANS: Do you want to share a few words and then we'll get our picture taken?

MS. KREGER: I'll just tell you my two favorite stories.

MS. MEANS. Okay. Step forward.

MS. KREGER: I'm in a pub in England. And a young soldier comes up and taps me on the shoulder and says, you're from Meadville; aren't you? Already in England and ---. And he did --- I mean, he lived next door to a friend of mine. And then the other thing is I was in Paris on VE Day. I got there to help with the celebration. And come VJ Day, no celebration whatever.

(Applause.)

MS. COLE: I don't really have anything to say. I just enjoyed my service immensely. I had nothing bad to say about it. So that's about it.

(Applause.)

MS. MEANS: How about you, Julia?

MS. PARSONS: I don't have anything.

MS. MEANS: All right. Let's go get our pictures taken.

(Pictures taken.)

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. 9877-16.

MR. BARKER: Proclamation congratulating Prime Stage Theatre on its 20 years of service to the residents of the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Ranalli-Russell.

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: All right. I am doing a proclamation congratulating Prime Stage Theatre upon the occasion of their 20th anniversary. And I thank them for bring literacy and the arts into our County and our City. This is John Fries and he is a Board Member. And this is Caitlin Skaff, and she is an assistant operations director for the Prime Stage Theatre. And I'm going to read their Proclamation.

WHEREAS, on Saturday, November 5th, 2016 at the New Hazlett Theater Center for Performing Arts on Pittsburgh North Side, Prime Stage Theatre will be

celebrating 20 years of bringing literature to life on stage with the performance of their season opener; and To Kill A Mockingbird based on the novel by Harper Lee.

WHEREAS, Prime Stage Theatre has been one of the region's leading theater companies to address literacy for adolescents, educators and families since its founding in 1996 by Dr. Wayne Brinda and his wife, Connie; and

WHEREAS, Prime Stage Theatre's distinctive literacy and action program, resource guides, teacher workshops and mentor programs make theater accessible to middle school and high school educators, students and their families. Through theater, students connect literature to their lives into the large community in which they live; and

WHEREAS, for 20 years, Prime Stage Theatre has entertained, inspired and enriched countless individuals through theatrical productions and educational programs and encourage young audiences to become lifelong patrons of the arts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegheny County Council does hereby commend and congratulate Prime Stage Theatre on its 20 years of service to the residents of the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. And we look forward to all that Prime Stage Theatre will accomplish in the years to come. Sponsored by myself and Council, too. So this is for you.

(Applause.)

MS. SKAFF: I just want to say on behalf of Wayne and Connie Brinda, the founders of Prime Stage Theatre, all of the Prime Stage Theatre staff, production team, artists who have worked with us over the past 20 years, that we are grateful --- we are proud to be celebrating our 20th season, and we are very grateful for the support of the Council members and the County, all of the patrons who have visited us over the last 20 years, all of the students that we have reached through our education programs. And we look forward to another 20 years of bringing literature to life on stage and literacy and education programs to our County students.

And if anybody is interested in seeing To Kill A Mockingbird, we have one more weekend to go, November 11th, 12th and 13th at the New Hazlett Theater on the North Side. And we will be finishing the rest of our season with 1984 in March and

The Perks of Being a Wallflower in May. So we hope to see you all at the theatre.

(Applause.)

MR. FRIES: Thank you, Caitlin. What she didn't mention is To Kill A Mockingbird was based on a book by an author named Harper Lee. And it was made into a movie in 1962 starring Gregory Peck and Mary Badham, and as you may know, Robert Duvall, in his first real role. Mary Badham, who played young Scout is going to be at the theater this weekend. We're presenting an evening with Scout. She's going to be over there on Saturday. There's a reception around midday, and if anyone is interested, please, you know, let us know. Send us an e-mail. She will be meeting people, signing books. She's going to view the play. And then afterwards, she's going to give a talk to the audience about literacy and about Prime Stage's role in fostering literacy in the Pittsburgh and western Pennsylvania area. So we look forward to that. And I just want to say we're just very honored by this proclamation and humbled by it. Thank you very much. Lifelong resident of Allegheny County here, and it's a real honor to be here tonight. Thank you so much.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. 9878-16.

MR. BARKER: Proclamation declaring Saturday, October 22nd, 2016 to be Pitt Make a Difference Day in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

MR. BAKER: I think we're going to add Councilwoman Means on to that one as well.

If we could have Misti and Dan come on up. And it's time to go back to college a little bit. We're going to talk about Pitt here, H2P. And we're glad to have you guys here. Dan, I think, is going to be a little late for class tonight, but we're glad you decided and were able to stay with us. I will say these are put on Comcast on Demand so we have an alibi for why --- for your professor, why you're late for class tonight, to spend a little time with County Council. But got to be with --- we got to be a friend with Misti for these last 11, 12 years. And she makes an incredible difference in all that she does through her directors as --- the Office of Pitt Services does an amazing job. This movement itself got 4,000 volunteers involved this year, close to 4,000, which is really, really incredible. 4,000 college students making

a difference doing something positive. There's a lot of stereotypes, a lot of perceptions out there about college students. And these are the young leaders that make an incredible, incredible impact in our community with over 20,000 hours of community service through Pitt Make a Difference Day.

So really an incredible celebration. October 22nd was the event. Misti and I got to do an event together a couple of weeks ago for Read for the Record Day, which was really inspiring. And got to get --- be there early in the morning with Misti and the crew and got to fire up the students as they were going out to read to the students all over our region. So Misti and Dan, thank you for all you're doing. I know Councilwoman Means has a fun story to share about Pitt Make a Difference Day and your experience with them as well.

MS. MEANS: Just real quick. I wanted to thank Pitt Make a Difference Day because for two years they have participated in the Friends of South Park's Clean-up Day. And this year, 25 students came on October 22nd and worked from, let's see, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the pouring rain. It was very cold and there was a bad wind. But they braved the weather to help build a fence at the Oliver Miller Homestead. And then some of the students also laid mulch. So thank you very much for contributing to make our park a --- I can't say anything --- a better, prettier place. Thank you.

MR. BAKER: Thank you. With that, we'll read the proclamation and we'll turn it over to Misti and Dan to say a few words about your experiences with Pitt Make a Difference Day.

WHEREAS, the University of Pittsburgh, Office of Pitt Services, hosted the region's largest service on Saturday, October 22nd, called Pitt Make a Difference Day, engaging students with an opportunity to show their school spirit and serve their community; and

WHEREAS, Pitt Make a Difference Day is the University of Pittsburgh's Chapter of the National Make a Difference Day, the most encompassing day of service in the United States. Inaugurated by USA Weekend Magazine, Make a Difference Day takes place nationally on the fourth Saturday in October; and

WHEREAS, Pitt Make a Difference Day has been connecting the University of Pittsburgh students to the Greater Pittsburgh area through community service since

2008 by giving back to the community in which they live and learn; and

WHEREAS, this year more than 3,850 student volunteers provided approximately 20,000 hours of service to 100 community service sites like the Park, the South Park that Sue was just --- Councilwoman Means was just mentioning in the Greater Pittsburgh area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegheny County Council does hereby commend the University of Pittsburgh student volunteers for enhancing the quality of life in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. And we hereby declare that Saturday, October 22nd, 2016 to Pitt Make a Difference Day in Allegheny County sponsored by myself and Councilwoman Means and all of Council.

Congratulations, Misti and Dan.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: Is it a six o'clock class?

MR. LAMPMANN: It is a six o'clock class. But I do have someone talking to the professor for me so I should be okay.

MR. BAKER: It's a good excuse.

MR. LAMPMANN: Yeah. I'd just like to say thank you. Thank you so much for allowing us to come here today. I really appreciate it. This is actually the first time I was ever in this room, the second time I've ever been the building, which is really interesting for me as a student. It's incredibly humbling to be in this room today. I really just wanted to say thank you so much. Last year I had the pleasure of being the vice-chair for this. This year I was able to be the coordinator. And I can't say enough of how much direction Misti has given me to be able to implement all these things.

We actually went up 200 students from last year. We improved with people that came out. And so all those hours, all that time, giving back to the community. All the students I was able to speak to and able to talk with really had a great time in Allegheny County. And everyone is so dedicated to this area, just like you all. I just really appreciate you recognizing us today and --- yeah, thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: That was good. All right. We'll grab a picture and congratulations again.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9879-16 and the rest will be read into the record.

MR. BARKER: 9879-16. Proclamation declaring Thursday, October 27th, 2016 to be Jumpstart Pittsburgh Read for the Record Day in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

9880-16. Proclamation declaring Saturday, October 30th, 2016 to be North Hills Monster Dash 5K and Spooky Stroll Day in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

9881-16. A Certificate of Achievement awarded to Antonio R. Casadei of Boy Scout Troop 23 for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council Member Ellenbogen.

9882-16. Proclamation congratulating the Ingomar Garden Club upon the occasion of its 70th anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Kirk and Kress.

9883-16. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Ms. Patricia Shuker for her advocacy in support of Act 16 of 2016. Sponsored by Council Member Kress.

9884-16. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Daniel S. Halapin of Boy Scout Troop 653 for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council Member Kress.

9885-16. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Richard S. Beacom, III of Boy Scout Troop 653 for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council Member Kress.

9886-16. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Benjamin R. Stewart of Boy Scout Troop 653 for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council Member Kress.

9887-16. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Stephen J. Wilson of Boy Scout Troop 653 for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council Member Kress.

9888-16. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Jacob R. Hebda of Boy Scout Troop 99 for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

9889-16. Proclamations honoring the 50 Distinguished Alumni to have graduated during the Community College of Allegheny County's first 50 years. Sponsored by Council Member Martoni.

9890-16. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Charles Meyers of Boy Scout Troop 4 for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

9891-16. Proclamation commending the Southwestern Pennsylvania Registered Nurses Club for

holding its 24th annual Veterans Day Service, and recognizing the members that served in the U.S. Military Forces or U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps. Sponsored by Council Members Means, Kirk, Ranalli-Russell, Baker, DeFazio, DeMarco, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Klein, Kress, Martoni and Palmiere.

9892-16. Certificate of Recognition presented to Mr. and Mrs. William and Janet Narr upon the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

9893-16. Certificate of Recognition presented to Keener Hardware upon the occasion of its 77th anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

9894-16. Proclamation congratulating Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court Senior Judge, The Honorable Rochelle S. Friedman upon the occasion of her retirement. Sponsored by Council Member DeFazio.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Public Comment on Agenda Items.

MR. BARKER: We do not have any.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Approval of Minutes, 9895-16.

MR. BARKER: Motion to approve the minutes of September 13th, 2016 regular meeting of Allegheny County Council.

MR. WALTON: So moved.

DR. MARTONI: Second.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. 9896-16.

MR. BARKER: Motion to approve the minutes of the September 27th, 2016 regular meeting of Allegheny County Council.

MR. WALTON: So moved.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Is there a second?

MR. DEMARCO: Second.

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

(Ayes Respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. 9897-16.



MR. BARKER: Motion to approve the minutes of the October 5th, 2016 regular meeting of Allegheny Council meeting.

MR. WALTON: So moved.

MR. DEMARCO: Second.

MS. MEANS: Second.

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

(Ayes Respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Presentation of Appointments, 9904-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Jesse A. Torisky, Esquire, to serve as a member of the Accountability, Conduct and Ethics Commission for a term to begin January 11th, 2017 and expire on January 11th, 2022. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to the Appointment Review Committee. 9905-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of William F. Ward, Esquire, former Judge of the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas, to serve as a member of the Accountability, Conduct and Ethics Commission for a term to expire on December 3rd, 2017. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Make a motion to ---. No, that goes to ---

MR. FINNERTY: Goes to the Appointment ---

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: --- the Appointment Review Committee.

MR. FINNERTY: --- Appointment Review.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We're going down to Committee on Appointment Review, Second Reading. 9855-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Wayde Fargotstein to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Property Assessment Appeals and Review Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2016. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. On November 2nd, the Committee on Appointment Review met and they made an affirmative recommendation for the appointment of Wayde Fargotstein to the Allegheny County Property Assessment Appeals and Revenue Board. And I'd like to make a motion to approve.

DR. MARTONI: Second.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

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

(Ayes Respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. 9857-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Dr. Kotayya Kondaveeti to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Board of Health for a term to expire on January 13th, 2020. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. On November 2nd, 2016 the Committee on Appointment Review met and they approved the reappointment of Dr. Kondaveeti. And I'd like to make a motion to approve.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

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

(Ayes Respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Committee on Budget and Finance, Second Reading. 9846-16.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing the tax levy upon all real property subject to taxation within the limits of Allegheny County. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. It was moved from Committee with a positive recommendation. I make a motion to accept.

MR. FUTULES: Second.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?

MR. FINNERTY: I do have a ---

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. FINNERTY: --- remark to make. The levy is --- for the general fund is 3.9457 mils or you could say .39457 per 100 value. The debt service is .7843 mils or .07843 per 100 value. This will raise, for the general fund, \$359,134,717. And for the Debt Service, it will raise \$72,337,992. Our general fund is \$880,300,000 so you can see that that's just part of our general fund. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We had a motion and it's properly seconded; correct?

MR. BARKER: Correct.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Let's take the roll call.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

(No Response.)

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Yes.

MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes, 14; nays 0 with on member absent. The motion passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9676-16.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, nonprofit corporation, to use property within the County's South Park Youth Football, a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation, to use property within the County's South Park as a concession stand for youth sports fundraising. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. We met last week, and this met with an affirmative recommendation by the committee, and I move for approval.

MR. KLEIN: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, we'll take the roll.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Yes.

MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes, 14; no's, 0. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9710-16.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authoring White Oak Animal Safe Haven, No Kill Animal Shelter, Incorporated, to continue to use County-owned real property located at 2295 Lincoln Way in the County's White Oak Park. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. We met last week and the committee decided to recommend this with an affirmative recommendation. And I move for approval

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I have a question.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Is this located where they have that rabbit thing that they used to have in White Oak where they used to keep those real fancy rabbits? They had a ---.

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah, they did. Yeah.

MR. PALMIERE: It's in the same ---.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: It's in the same building?

MR. PALMIERE: Same building, yeah.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Okay. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing no more, we'll take the roll call.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Yes.

MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes, 14; no's 0. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9756-16.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the Council of the County of Allegheny pursuant to Section 505-49C(8)(d) of the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances approving an increase in asbestos abatement permit application fees previously approved by the Allegheny County Health Department's Board of Health. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Would that be Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. We met last week on this particular issue and we --- the committee decided to pass this with an affirmative recommendation, and I move for approval.

DR. MARTONI: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, take the roll.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Yes.

MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes, 14; no's 0. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Liaison Reports.

MR. FINNERTY: I have one.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Go ahead.

Representative Finnerty first.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. The Western PA Operating Engineers Joint Apprenticeship and Training Program is going to be underway. You can fill out an application between December 5 and December 18 by going to the Apprentice --- their office, which is at 457 Christopher Road, New Alexandria, PA, 15670. And the telephone number to call is 724-668-2244. And the gentleman's name --- it's the administrative manager, and its Steven D. Columbo (sic). Thank you. Am I right?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. WALTON: Columbus.

MR. FINNERTY: Columbus, I'm sorry.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative ---

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: --- Sam ---. Representative ---.

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President. This Friday, November 11th, is Veterans Day. And I wanted to share with the Council and all the other folks here some of the activities taking place in the County. Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall is going to be open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Veterans Day with free admission to the public. So if your kids are off from school, you're looking for something to do, it's a great opportunity to go out there and learn more about the veterans who served that were from this area.

On December 4th, 2016 at Soldiers and Sailors they're going to have a patriotic holiday concert at 3:00 p.m. The Brass Roots Ensemble in Residence and other guests will perform.

Elsewhere in the County, the annual Veterans Day Parade downtown starts at 10:00 a.m. on Friday at Liberty Avenue and 10th Street, then continues on Liberty Avenue to the Point. The reviewing stand will be at Stanwix Street near Gateway Center.

Other events that are taking place, Mt. Lebanon has their Veterans Voice of Mt. Lebanon at 7:00 p.m.,

Wednesday, at Mellon Auditorium, 11 Castle Shannon Boulevard.

Steel Valley Veterans Day program is at 8:45 a.m., Thursday, at the high school auditorium in Munhall. That's open to the public. And Vietnam veteran and Purple Heart recipient Thomas Albert will be honored. Band and choral groups will perform.

And last, at Duquesne University uptown, the 18th annual veterans breakfast from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. on Friday in the student union ballroom. Tickets are \$35, which can be purchased through the Veterans Leadership Program at vlpwpa.org. And they're going to have --- the keynote speaker is going to be a woman, Carol Borden, of Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs. And that's a charity, Mr. President, that I'm involved with. We raise funds for the purchase of service dogs to provide for veterans that have PTSD and TBI, traumatic brain injuries, as they look to try to put themselves back into society and help themselves out. So I heartily recommend folks, as Veterans Day is coming up, going out and attending one of these events.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you.

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you.

MR. WALTON: Mr. Chairman?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We'll start with Sue, with Representative Sue Means.

MS. MEANS: Yes. I just wanted to add two other events. At 9:30 on the 11th, 9:30 in the morning, the Upper St. Clair Township will celebrate their Veterans Day event. And then at noon on the 11th, on Corrigan Drive in South Park, the Southwestern Nurses Association will celebrate their memorial event for the Veterans Day. And thank you. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Representative Walton?

MR. WALTON: Mr. President, I'd like to thank County Executive along with Mayor Peduto, who both of them recently, in the last ten days, the last two weeks, signed a resolution offered by President Obama offering second chances to men and women who have run afoul of the law, and to specifically give them opportunities to return to the workforce and being contributing citizens in our society. It goes a long way to begin to repair some of the damage and challenges that face a host of folks in our society who have problems finding family-sustaining



employment. I think it's an incredible step and incredible leadership by the County Executive. And I laud him for his work and for his commitment, and his demonstration of commitment to being a representative for all the residents of Allegheny County.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other? Seeing --- oh, Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd be remiss --- I just wanted to mention, congratulations to the EQT people. They did their ten miler. It's become an annual affair. And unfortunately, I was --- all that work I did to run the darn thing, and I got sick and couldn't do it. So I commend them for --- they do a wonderful job. And the interesting thing about that race is most of the time we run the half marathon or marathon course backwards, going just the opposite of the way, you know, you would run the marathon. It makes it very interesting. And just what's nice about it, you can't remember what's bad and where you're going to --- you know, where you're going to kill yourself and --- to get it done. So it's a wonderful affair. I just wanted to acknowledge that. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Go ahead, Representative DeMarco.

MR. DEMARCO: Mr. President, one more thing here. This Saturday, at Settlers Cabin Park, that will be the second Allegheny 9 race. It's part of the Allegheny 9 series, which is a series of races that we're holding in our parks. It'll take place at Settlers Cabin. Kickoff is at 9:00 a.m. Registration, we'll begin gathering around 8:00 to 8:30. So if folks are interested in that, we would love to see them there. They have over 100 races signed up right now. I think Councilman ---

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. DEMARCO: --- Baker is going to be firing off the starting gun which we better hope has blanks.

MR. PALMIERE: Oh, my God.

MR. DEMARCO: County Executive Rich Fitzgerald will be there as well. And the Montour High School drum line will be on hand to entertain the runners.

MR. BAKER: Which will be great.

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. We're moving on to 9898-16.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the County's Administrative Code to increase the annual salary of the Allegheny County Chief Executive effective January 1st, 2020, and to provide for an annual revision of the Chief Executive's salary in succeeding years based upon certain criteria, as authorized by Article III, Section 7(d) of the Home Rule Charter of Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Finnerty.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We're going to put that in Government Reform. Representative Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. I'd like to just mention that the Government Reform Commission has recommended this. In 2000, the Chief Executive's compensation was tied to the Governor's salary, and it was 68 percent of the Governor's salary in the year 2000. It's never been changed. So at that time it was \$90,000. If we would adjust it in 2016 to 68 percent of the Governor's salary, the compensation would be \$129,760 or 760. Sorry. So but also when we do this, it's not taking effect until 2020. So the adjustment will be made for 2020, the Governor's salary. I have no idea what it will be then. And I just want to make sure everybody understands what we're doing --- right now, the Chief Executive makes \$90,000. He doesn't even make, I believe, the top 20 salary positions in Allegheny County. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9900-16.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Authorizing Acceptance of a 1982 Mack Pumper Truck for the Allegheny County Fire Academy. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to Public Safety. Want to say anything? Representative Ellenbogen, do you want to make a statement or no?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: No. I'm good.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. Good. 9901-16.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance approving the sale of approximately nine acres of County property located on McIntyre Road in Ross Township, Pennsylvania, 15237, identified as a portion of Lot & Block No. 612-S-64 known as the Ross-Kane Medical Center for the sale price of \$1,250,000 to Regional Development Partners, LP, a Pennsylvania Limited Partnership. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That's going into --- it could go either way, but Economic Development, I could put it in, or Health and Safety. Is there any ---?

MR. FINNERTY: You're the President.

MR. WALTON: Economic Development.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We'll put it in Economic Development. All right. 9902-16.

MR. BARKER: 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, 2017 and ending December 31st, 2017. Sponsored by Council Members Finnerty, DeMarco, Macey, Martoni and Means.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to Budget and Finance. Go ahead, Representative ---. Yeah.

MR. FINNERTY: In relation to that?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. FINNERTY: I just wanted to make sure that everybody understands exactly what we're doing here. Our grant budget totals \$890,795,909. That's the grants. The special accounts is \$111,714,611. The Agency Fund balance is \$4 million. So you can see that this group of --- this group of different funds and budget is actually more than our operating budget. And this is mainly pass through money that comes from the State and Federal. It --- we have to put in some matching funds and we --- I think we put in about \$7 million match and get all this back. So this is something that our Health and Human Services uses to take care of the people that need it the most. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. New Business Motions. Any New Business motions? Notification of Contracts, 9903-16.

MR. BARKER: Communication summarizing approved executive actions from October 1st through October 31st, 2016.

MR. FINNERTY: Receive and file.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Move to receive and file.

MR. FUTULES: Receive and file?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We did. Do we hear a second?

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

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

(Ayes Respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.  
Public Comment. Do we have one person here?

MR. BARKER: Correct.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Edward Vitunic.

MR. VITUNIC: I'm Edward Vitunic, and coincidentally, I'm a veteran, sort of. I'd like to --- before I start, I'd like to express my support for the World War II veterans. I couldn't be a part of that effort because I was born in '44 so ---. But nevertheless, I support your efforts. I'm a retired Air Force pilot.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you for your service.

MR. VITUNIC: You're welcome.

MS. MEANS: Yes. Thank you.

MR. VITUNIC: I'm here to talk about the 16th Street Bridge. And this is not going to take long. I have a picture which I'd like to pass through.

MR. FINNERTY: We have it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We have it.

MR. VITUNIC: Okay. This is a beautiful bridge. I have a building on the North Shore right next to the --- before the 16th Street Bridge. It was the former St. Wenceslas Church. And like I said, this is a beautiful bridge. It's a very long bridge. And it's a national historic landmark. It was built in 1923. But unfortunately, the bridge is not only a bridge, it's also sort of a monument. It has these two towers on each end, stone towers with a large ornament on top. And it's rather magnificent. But it's also sort of an eyesore because the bridge, over the years, has absorbed the soot in the air in Pittsburgh for the last 90 years. And it's starting to look pretty bad.

So I'd like to suggest that we clean these towers. They're rather small, simple. It shouldn't cost too much. We have a good company. I talked to Graziano about this and they said we could do this. And I talked to the History and Landmarks people. They support this. They're going to send me a letter, and so I'd like to ask the Council to look into cleaning these towers. It's pretty cut and dry. I think once every 100 years we can afford to do this. And that's about it in a nutshell. Any questions?

MR. FINNERTY: No.

MR. VITUNIC: No?

MR. FINNERTY: I agree with you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you.

MR. VITUNIC: Okay. Thank you for your time.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Someone want to make a  
motion to adjourn?

MR. FINNERTY: So moved.

DR. MARTONI: Second.

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

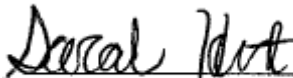
(Ayes Respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:09 A.M.

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