

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	-	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
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
Joseph Catanese	-	Director of Constituent Services
Jared Barker	-	Director of Legislative Services
Walter Szymanski	-	Budget Director
Jack Cambest	-	Council Solicitor

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag after me and remain standing for silent prayer or reflection.

(Pledge of Allegiance Recited.)

(Moment of Silent Prayer or Reflection.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. 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?

MS. KIRK: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Present.

MR. BARKER: 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 DEFAZIO: Here. 9455-16.

MR. BARKER: That's a proclamation thanking the American Heart Association and Go Red for Women and naming the month of February as American Heart Month in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Members Kirk, Baker, DeFazio, DeMarco, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Klein, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Ranalli-Russell and Walton.

MS. KIRK: I've asked the other women on Council to come down and join me. So we're here to recognize the

Go Women --- Go Red for Women in honor of the American Heart Association month of February. I lost both of my parents to heart disease, so it's very important to me. And as a nurse, for those of you who know I'm a nurse, I see a lot of people and the consequences of this terrible disease. And we're very grateful for organizations like this that raise funds and help educate and have an awareness of people so people can lead healthier lives. So that said, I'd like to read the proclamation.

WHEREAS, in the United States cardiovascular disease including heart disease, stroke and high blood pressure is responsible for one out of every three deaths. It is the number one killer of American women and men. It is the leading cause of serious illness and disability.

AND WHEREAS, during American Heart Month, let us recommit to improving our own heart health, continuing the fight against this deadly disease for ourselves and for our families.

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association along with the Organization's Go Red for Women movement has impacted the lives of thousands of men, women and children in the Pittsburgh area by supporting cardiovascular research, professional and community education and advocacy efforts.

WHEREAS, in celebration of the 13th anniversary of the National Wear Red Day on Friday, February 5th, 2016, women across America will wear the color red to signify the fight against the number one health threat to women.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council does hereby proclaim the month of February as American Heart Month in Allegheny County. And we thank the American Heart Association and the Go Red for Women in its continued efforts to fight this epidemic and build a brighter future for the families of Allegheny County.

This is sponsored by myself, the other women on the Council, Sue Means and Denise, and all the members of Council.

And that said, we have a member of the Go Red movement, Alyssa DeLuca, who's the Director. We'd like to give you the proclamation. If you'd like to say a few words?

MS. DELUCA: I'd be happy to.

MS. KIRK: Now that the microphone is on, I don't know if you guys would like to say something first?

MS. MEANS: No.

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: No.

MS. DELUCA: Okay. Thank you so much. Thank you. Thank you, everyone for sponsoring this proclamation for us. The Go Red for Women movement was started about 13 years ago by the American Heart Association as a grass roots effort to educate women that heart disease is our number one killer. Heart disease will kill one in three women which is more than all forms of cancer combined, including breast cancer.

So we spend a lot of our time and effort in trying to educate women that they really need to be in tune with their bodies and pay attention to the signs and symptoms of a heart attack which actually do differ a little bit from a man's. A lot of times the symptoms of a heart attack in women can mimic a flu, so as women we tend to put off, put off, put off because the kids have a soccer game, and I have six projects due at work, and my husband needs dinner, and we have all these things to do.

So we encourage all women to schedule a well woman visit at least once a year to learn your blood pressure and cholesterol. Know your numbers and be able to advocate on behalf of your heart health. And we ask all the men that have women in their lives that they love to make sure that the women are doing this and taking care of themselves.

So thank you so much. We're really happy to have this, and we really appreciate it. Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9456-16.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation congratulating The Honorable Robert C. Gallo upon the occasion of his retirement after 26 years of dedicated service to Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Members Kress, DeFazio, DeMarco, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Kirk, Klein, Macey, Martoni, Means and Palmiere.

MR. KRESS: This is a great honor. I'd like to call the Judge Gallo and Judge Manning up. And also, if the family would like to come up and stand, too? Nice large family. Let me guess, you're Catholic; right?

I have to say this is a great honor. And Judge Gallo, I mean, he is just, I have to say, an incredible Jurist, an incredible person in and out of the courtroom. And I look at what the former Supreme Court Justice Louis

Brandeis had to say. He says we desire respect for the law, we must make the law respectful. And Judge Gallo epitomizes that because his behavior in the courtroom itself has given respect to the law itself. He's one of the most fair Jurists in this County. I mean, he's always treated everybody in his courtroom with respect, defendants, attorneys. And I'll have to --- personally, I have to say I'm going to miss you being in ARD. I mean, I'm going to miss those speeches. Because again, you know, what people have to realize about the criminal justice system, too, not everybody who goes in the criminal justice system is a bad person. I know some people think that, but there's people that make mistakes. And what our system is trying to do is make these people better people, and I think he's been part of that. I think he understands how people interact and the mistakes they make, especially with the ARD program. If anybody knows about it, it's for first-time offenders. And we're giving these people a second chance.

And I think his speeches, I think --- really, you know, I think they struck a nerve or a chord with people who sat there. I know they did with me, even though I wasn't ever a defendant there. I represented people there. And I think that's what we have to get --- is about giving people a second chance. And again, I can't say enough good things about you. And now I want to read this proclamation and bear with me. There's a lot of information here.

BUT WHEREAS, throughout the history of Allegheny County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, talented officials who possess great knowledge and determination, exhibit exemplary leadership in elected positions and contribute invaluable to our communities, our country and our world.

AND WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert C. Gallo, son of Italian immigrants and the youngest of five children, became the first person in his family to pursue a college degree. Prior to earning a Bachelor's degree in 1968 from the University of Dayton, Judge Gallo worked in the steel mill in his hometown of the Borough of Sharpsburg until the mill closed. He married his beloved, late wife, Violet, and the couple had two sons, Robert C. Gallo, II and Charles C. Gallo, who both became attorneys.

AND WHEREAS, Judge Gallo was appointed as a regional director for the Allegheny County Office of

Economic Opportunity, served six terms as a Sharpsburg Borough Councilman. He later went to work for an attorney while studying for the bar examination which he passed on his first attempt. Judge Gallo became the last person in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to pass the bar exam without attending law school.

AND WHEREAS, from 1974 to 1989, Judge Gallo worked in his private practice specializing in employment law until November of 1989, when he was elected to serve as an Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas judge. Since his election in 1989, Judge Gallo has presided over thousands of cases in criminal and civil courts, treating all the parties who have appeared before him with fairness and respect. Judge Gallo is affectionately known as the People's Judge, which is a testament to his excellent judicial temperament.

AND WHEREAS, Judge Gallo's professional and civic contributions are many and varied, having served as chairman of the Allegheny County League of Municipalities, chairman of the Allegheny County Boroughs Association, as a member of the Allegheny County Bar Association, Trial Lawyers Association and Italian Sons and Daughters of America, just to name a few.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council, on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County hereby congratulates The Honorable Robert C. Gallo on the occasion of his retirement after 26 years of dedicated service to Allegheny County. We recognize him for his judicial leadership and excellence and wish to him health and happiness in all his future endeavors.

So thank you very much, Judge Gallo. But before that, I'd like to call Judge Manning up to say a couple of words.

(Applause.)

JUDGE MANNING: President DeFazio, Councilman Kress and Honorable members of Council, thank you very much.

I think it was 1974, I'm walking down the hallway right down here on the third floor, and this fellow hails me from the other end of the hallway. He says, Jeffrey, Jeffrey, I have to talk to you. See, an elderly man was found dead at North Park Lake. He had probably --- he had apparently been beaten to death. And the only thing found there other than his body and his clothing was this shoe. And it turned out the shoe, after

a lot of investigation --- probably the first CSI case in Allegheny County --- because of fiber identification, this shoe matched the shoe worn by another individual named Audovonni (phonetic) Petrilli. And Bobby came up to me and he said, Jeffrey, I represent Audovonni Petrilli. I looked at him and I said, good luck. Okay. With that, he represented him very ably. Mr. Petrilli was 74 years old, was convicted of voluntary manslaughter, but he didn't go to jail. He didn't go to prison. Bobby did that all on his own. It was his first case.

Bobby and I both were elected to Common Pleas Court in 1989, and he's been my colleague and my friend ever since. And he truly is the People's Judge. And I'm also proud to say that my colleagues --- and there are 43 of us on the Common Pleas Court --- ten senior judges and 46 MDJs all wish him well, wish he could continue on with us. However, age requirements make that --- make that impossible. But we have asked that County Council designate Courtroom Number 21 in the City County Building on the eighth floor --- actually room 821, as The Honorable Robert C. Gallo Courtroom. So thank you all very much.

(Applause.)

JUDGE GALLO: Honestly, I'm a little taken aback by this. I don't have any prepared remarks. But when I think about it all, I never would have expected to be here. And I had a --- well, let me tell you about my life. I had a charmed life when you consider everything. I was a --- I started out --- President DeFazio will know this --- in a local union, the 1244. Bill Hart was the director. Do you remember that or are you too young for that?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No. I know Bill Hart. I was a baby, but I remember Bill.

JUDGE GALLO: Yeah. Everywhere I go I'm the oldest person. I'm the one that's getting old, too. I'm getting old. When he talks about Audovonni Petrilli, he was 74, I thought he was an old man. They'd never put him in jail. Now, I'm 78, and I think I'm 50. So the world has changed. But I had a very charmed life. And like I say, I worked in the steel mill. It wasn't a steel mill. It was a pipe mill, actually, a fabricating place, and it closed. And I was 25 years old and didn't have anywhere to go. And a fellow --- you have to have a lot of luck in life, and you have to have people helping you. People say

I did it on my own. Nobody does it on their own. And I was standing on a corner in Sharpsburg in front of Blooming's (phonetic) Bar, and a fellow came up to me. He was the former football coach of North Catholic. It was Joe Fortino. I owe him a lot. I think about him all the time. He said to me, Bobby, what are you going to do with your life? Now, I'm 24. I was going to be 25. I says, you know, Joe, nonchalantly, you know, I said, I think I want to go to college. See, I wasn't married. I had no responsibilities. I could do anything I wanted. And he said --- I said I got an application for the University of Dayton. And I says I think I'm going to go there, and send this application in. He said, oh, no, you're not. He said, I'm going to take you there. And he went down there with me. It was the first day. It had to be 19 --- I know the --- 1961. It was opening day of the Pirates, and he never missed a Pirate day for 13 years, but he took me down to Dayton. Went in there. We went into the Dean of Admissions in the University of Dayton. He talked to the Dean and accepted me that very day. And then he threatened me on the way home saying if you screw up, he says, I'm going to beat the hell out of you. And I didn't screw up. And I was just very fortunate. Along the way, people help you. Everybody --- I had so much help, I can't believe it.

And as far as being fair in the courtroom, listen, I came from nothing. We had nothing in my family. Worked in the steel mill. And in the last 13 years, I only --- the people who were before me, they weren't criminals. They were like you and me, and like the kids that I was raised with. When they came in before me, I gave everybody --- mostly everybody a break, reduced --- tried to help people. Because when I looked out there I said that's me out there 50 years ago, 60 years ago. And the thing is that's the reason why I gave most people breaks is that they never --- you know, they're just average persons, don't know what to do. And when you tag them and you find them guilty on these summary offenses, that sticks with them. They can't get a job, and it's very difficult. That was my motive. That's because of my upbringing and the way I looked at things.

I don't want to talk all night, so what I'm going to do, I'm going to introduce my family who's ---. I have a great family. My wife passed on. A lot of you knew my wife. She was very active in the community and

the County. And however, I have a nice, good friend here, Donna Murtha. And she's my friend. And I have my oldest son, Bob and this is his daughter, Sienna, and his other daughter, Emerson, and his son, Trey. Then I have my son, Bob (sic), and I have my daughter-in-law, Amy. Did I miss anybody? No.

I want to thank Jeffrey for doing all this for me. We started together. And let me just tell you this. I got to tell you this. Jeffrey isn't a tough as he --- that he's supposed to be. What the heck. He got killers that kill babies and that, and he's sends them to jail for life. But I'll tell you, he's as fair a judge as anybody. And he has a good heart. The only thing is the cases he has are all murderers and killers. I have the average person like you and me. That's all I got. I gave him a break. Well, that's like giving me a break.

So I just want to thank you for honoring me. I don't think I deserve it. I had a long run here. I started in 1968 down here in this County with Staisey and Foerster and I was very fortunate. I went through the raindrops and I made it all the way up until I ran for judge in 1989. So thank you. I feel it's a great honor to be here. And I believe all of you do an excellent job. So thank you very much.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9457-16, and the rest will be read into the record.

MR. BARKER: 9457-16 is a proclamation naming February 1 through the 29th, 2016 as Career and Technical Educational Month in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Members Kress, Baker, DeFazio, DeMarco, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Kirk, Klein, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Ranalli-Russell and Walton.

9458-16. Certificates of Achievement to be presented to the 2015-2016 Upper St. Clair High School Girls' Soccer Team for winning the 2015 PIAA Class AAA Girls' Soccer Championship, and for earning the Army National Guard national ranking trophy as part of the 11th annual MaxPreps Tour of Champions. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

9459-16. Certificates of Recognition awarded to the 2015 Allegheny County Bureau of Police retirees and thanking them for their many years of service to Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Members Ellenbogen, Baker,

DeFazio, DeMarco, Finnerty, Futules, Kirk, Klein, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Ranalli-Russell and Walton.

9460-16. Certificates of Recognition awarded to the Allegheny County Bureau of Police 2015 Patrol Officer of the Year and 2015 Detective of the Year awardees and Patrol Officer and Detective Commendations issued in 2015. Sponsored by Council Members Ellenbogen, Baker, DeFazio, DeMarco, Finnerty, Futules, Kirk, Klein, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Ranalli-Russell and Walton.

9461-16. Proclamations recognizing National Commander Dale Barnett and Department Commander E. Michael Stelacio for being honored by the Springdale American Legion, Post 764. Sponsored by Council Member Futules.

9462-16. Proclamation congratulating Penn Hills Cinemas upon the occasion of its 50th anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Futules.

9463-16. Proclamation congratulating the Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department upon the occasion of its 100th anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

9464-16. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Mihir A. Gite of Boy Scout Troop 4 upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

9465-16. Proclamation naming the month of February as Black History Month in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Members Walton, Baker, DeFazio, DeMarco, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Kirk, Klein, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere and Ranalli-Russell.

9466-16. Certificate of Achievement awarded to the 2015-2016 Bishop Canevin High School Girls' Volleyball Team for winning the 2015 PIAA and WPIAL Class A Girls' Volleyball Championship. Sponsored by Council Member Ellenbogen.

9467-16 is a Certificate of Achievement awarded to the 2015-2016 Vincentian Academy Girls' Cross-Country Championship for winning the 2015 WPIAL Class A Girls' Cross-Country Championship. Sponsored by Council Member Kirk.

9468-16. Certificate of Achievement awarded to the 2015-2016 Ellis School Girls' Field Hockey Team for winning the 2015 WPIAL Class A Girls' Field Hockey Championship. Sponsored by Council Member Klein.

9469-16. Certificate of Achievement awarded to the 2015-2016 Clairton High School Football Team for

winning the 2015 WPIAL Class A Football Championship.
Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere

9470-16 is a Certificate of Achievement awarded to the 2015-2016 Baldwin High School Girls' Volleyball Team for winning the 2015 WPIAL Class AAA Girls' Volleyball Championship. Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

And 9471-16 is a proclamation congratulating the Community College of Allegheny County upon the occasion of its 50th anniversary. Sponsored by Council Members Macey, Martoni, Baker, DeFazio, DeMarco, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Kirk, Klein, Kress, Means, Palmiere, Ranalli-Russell and Walton.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Public Comment on Agenda Items. Number one here is Aaron Booz.

MR. BOOZ: Aaron Booz, 3181 Bel Air Drive, Whitehall. I'm here on --- I'm here today on behalf of Protect Our Parks. I'll be brief, and what I have to say is very positive. As you know, Protect Our Parks has disagreed with the County Executive and with the majority on Council about the idea of leasing parklands for shale gas fracking. And we also objected to the specific process that was used prior to signing the lease with Range Resources, that dealing with Deer Lakes Park.

We continue to think that that process use was not a good precedent for other parks. And for these reasons when we first saw the legislation on Council's agenda some weeks ago, we were concerned. However, at the February 3rd meeting of the Committee on Public Works, we were reassured by both the Council and the Executive Branch that this delegation of the Council's authority was only for routine projects for small amounts of money and for time sensitive agreements that were not a good use of Council's time. So we understand that these agreements would not include parks or drilling or long-term uses.

And so I'm here today to tell you that we appreciate the committee and their chair, Mr. Macey, as well as the Council's attention to clarifying these questions.

In the run-up to the lease to Deer Lakes, we feel that some trust was lost with this Council. But to us, your clarity in this matter represents the Council beginning to rebuild that trust. So we would be concerned if the new authority were ever be misused by the Public Works Department in the future. But given what we've been

told, we don't expect that. I will continue to follow your work. We look forward to continued transparency with you in the future. Thanks very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Myval Johnson. Going once. Oh, is she here? Okay.

MS. JOHNSON: Good evening. My name is Myval Johnson. I live at North Aiken Commons. And first of all, I would like to thank the County Councilwoman, Ms. Russell, for putting forth the motion to reinstate the 89 Garfield Commons on the weekend. And I am asking for the rest of the Council to support our Councilwoman Russell's motion.

We are asking you to help us because we asked --- maybe the Council itself can help get funding because it is certainly needed and would be greatly appreciated. It is desperately needed for many reasons, but time will only permit me a few. There are, in the neighborhood, --- we need this on the weekend for people that work, people that want to go to church on the weekends, and there are people that have jobs that want to --- that can't get home. They have to walk up that hill. I was at a meeting, and I told them about the walk. I took it in my 60s. I'm no longer in my 60s. And had I not had a bottle of nitroglycerin with me, I wouldn't have made it up that hill.

We are asking because of --- there are so many things that we need to do that we can no longer do because we don't have the weekend bus. Some of the things that need to be done is all these --- they have all these --- the people can't go on the weekends. We can't catch any sales. We can't get to hospital visits. We can't have Sunday sales. And for safety purposes, there is no way no woman or man needs to be caught at the bottom of that hill, Black Street, because if you don't get the 89 on the weekend, there's hookers. And if you got hookers at the bottom of that hill, you got other crimes. You're going to be assaulted. Something is going to happen to you at the bottom of that hill if you have to walk up there at night on the weekends. We need the bus. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Donna Terry.

MS. TERRY: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Donna Terry, and I live at 1009 Wheeler Street. That's in Homewood. But I'm a caregiver for my mother that lives in North Aikens Commons. She's 91-years old. So on behalf of her, I would like to try to get the bus

back up. And first of all, I would like to thank Mrs. Denise Russell for putting forth the motion to reinstate the 89 for the weekend. And please, Councilmen and Councilwomen, help support that also.

I have a little story that --- I'm going to take you on a bus ride. I work. I'm also a private duty caregiver. I get off sometimes 10:30, 11:00 o'clock at night. I have to get off at Penn and Highland. I've got to walk down East Liberty Boulevard. I make a left turn on East Liberty Boulevard. You hear a lot of sounds in the bushes, abandoned houses, people walking towards you. You don't know if they're friends or family or enemies.

Once I get to Negley, I have to walk up that long hill, and it's a hill. And you go past empty lots, trees, bushes, people walking out of the apartments, people walking out of houses. You don't know if they're friends or family. Once you get to the top of the hill, you say thank God I made it. I'm here. But what I'm saying, it's really not safe for a man, woman or child to walk the streets of Garfield without that bus. We do need that bus back up there because some of the residents in the building feel that they are prisoners. They cannot get to church on Sundays or grocery shopping. And walking up the hill with three or four bags is no joke.

So please help us get that bus back. And I thank you very much for having me speak this evening. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Kevin Martin? Kevin Martin? Okay. Annie McGowan?

MS. MCGOWAN: Good afternoon. My name is Annie McGowan. I'm a resident of Garfield Commons. I would like to thank Councilwoman Russell for putting forth a motion --- the urgency for the Port Authority to bring back bus service of 89 bus. I'm asking the Council to please support the motion. In our community, 400 requests we put in.

I live with my mother in a handicapped area. She is 89 years old. It is hard for us to get someone to come and take us to church. You see, we are churchgoing people. And it's hard for us to get there and get back. We have things going on in our church that we would love to go to, but we can't because the 89 bus does not run on weekends. So we have to stay home.

And also, it is also hard for the other residents to move about up there. We're just stuck up

there, you know, on weekends. We would love to go shopping, also. And we need that bus. We need it. And we hope that you would just help us to get that bus started back up there on the weekends. We would greatly appreciate it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Now, going to the Approval of Minutes. 9476-16.

MR. BARKER: I believe we have a couple other commenters.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry. What do we got here? Molly Nichols.

MS. NICHOLS: Thanks so much. Good evening. My name is Molly Nichols. I'm with Pittsburghers for Public Transit. As many of you know, we're an organization of public transit riders, workers and residents that defend and expand public transit in our region.

And we appreciate the ways that County Council members have supported public transit over the years, including advocating for their constituents to get the bus service they need. And today, we encourage you all to support the motion being put forward by Councilwoman Denise Ranalli-Russell asking for weekend bus service on the 89 to be reinstated in Garfield.

You've heard from a few residents about the challenges they face, and that represents a much larger group of folks that have really been struggling since 2011 when this bus was cut. I'm sure most of you are familiar with Garfield Commons, the area we're talking about, where right now the bus that comes up there every Monday through Friday, 400 people ride that bus every day. And many of them are transit dependent, meaning they have no other access to a vehicle, and this bus takes them down the hill to Penn Avenue so they can access what's along Penn including the new Aldi grocery store, or they can get the 88 which takes them other places. Or it goes down Black toward Negley and East Liberty. So it connects them to not just East Liberty and Garfield, but other buses that would connect them to other parts of the city.

But as these residents have indicated on the weekend people are stuck. They're stranded up on the hill. 400 people have submitted request for this service. There's been a pretty robust campaign. A lot of people have jobs on the weekend that they have difficulty getting to, church events, seeing friends and family, grandkids who want to see their grandparents. So we really hope

that you all can support this motion as also a way to highlight this issue in our region overall. And we encourage you also to put forward similar motions for constituents in your area that might also need service.

Port Authority does have a new system in place for collecting and evaluating the service requests. They are right now in the process of determining which requests can be granted according to the three criteria; efficiency, which is just how much it would cost for the bus to run, effectiveness, how effective the route is, and equity, so the needs in the community, how many people in that community show a need for that service.

And we hope that many of these requests can be fulfilled, but we also know the Port Authority doesn't currently have the funding to meet the transit needs of all the residents in our county. So we do see that this as an occasion to think more about how we can secure more funding, either by reallocating current sources of revenue or raising new funds. For example, major corporations and institutions don't currently contribute very much to our transit system, and we think that could change. And last year we pushed for a portion of the additional Drink Tax revenue that's beyond the state match to be put toward Port Authority's operating costs to provide service to transit deserts. We think this allocation is worth looking at again.

So again, we encourage you to support the motion to reinstate bus service on the weekend in Garfield. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Aggie Brose.

MS. BROSE: Good evening. I'm Aggie Brose. I'm Deputy Director of the Bloomfield Garfield Corporation. I'm here tonight representing all the residents in our incorporated territory. And I could echo all the comments that have been made so far about restoring the services of the 89 bus in Garfield. And they have been --- as Molly stated, since 2011, they have not had service up there. And when we say Garfield Hill, I don't know how many of you are familiar with Garfield. I know you are, Jim. But the bottom line is it's a hill. You can't go to Morningside. It's a hill. You can't go to Penn Avenue, it's a hill. You can't go to Lawrenceville, for gosh sakes, because it's really a hill. So on the weekend you are stuck on the top of the hill. And we have a percentage of seniors up there, and they can't get out.

So I'm just going to ask you to think for a minute. I'm sure you're all blessed with having a car. Okay? Now, you don't have a car.

MR. FUTULES: I have a car.

MS. BROSE: No, but I'm saying, now you don't have a car.

MR. FUTULES: Okay.

MS. BROSE: But you want to go shopping on the weekend. You want to get to your job and get home safely. You want to go to social events that the City and Allegheny County run. You want to just go grocery shopping down at the new Aldi's. Think of the many things on the weekend that you get in your car and go to. And we have a population out there that can't get out on the weekend. And we're very appreciative that Ms. Ranalli-Russell submitted this motion, 9478-16, this evening on our behalf. Thank you. And we want to ask you respectively to take a serious look at her motion, to join her on this motion and to allow the bus to run again on the weekends up there. Thank you.

I'm sorry. We brought copies of them. Wes, can you give our President copies of the ---?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Give it to ---.

MR. FUTULES: Staff.

MS. BROSE: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9476-16.

MR. BARKER: Motion to approve the minutes of the January 19th, 2016 regular meeting of Council.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

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.
9448-16.

MR. BARKER: Do you want to take that with
9449-16?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. BARKER: Those are both approving the reappointments of the Reverend Dr. Darryl T. Canady and Alice Paylor-Dais to serve as a members of the Allegheny County Juvenile Detention Board of Advisors for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go Appointment Review. Let's see, we're down to, what, 9450-16.

MR. BARKER: Correct. And the remainder of these you'd want to be taken together as well?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Andrea Horton-Mericli and the reappointments of Dr. Oladoyin Desalu, Regina Jones, Cynthia Moore and Laura Zinski to serve as members of the Community Services Advisory Council for terms to expire on December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to the Appointment Review Committee. Unfinished Business. 9359-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Mary Ann Eisenreich to serve as a member of the Community College of Allegheny County Board of Trustees for a term to expire on December 31st, 2021.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Ed?

MR. KRESS: Okay. Thank you, Mr. President. Mary Ann Eisenreich appeared before the Committee on Appointment Review on February 10th, 2016. The Committee affirmatively recommended her reappointment. Do I have a motion to approve?

MR. MACEY: Second.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none --- oh, let's have a vote on that. On 9359-16.

MR. FINNERTY: Voice vote?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. It was motioned. It was seconded.

MR. BARKER: Correct.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. 9364-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Jackie Dixon to serve as a member of the Allegheny Regional Asset District Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2019.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. Jackie Dixon appeared before the Committee on Appointment Review on February 10th, 2016. The Committee affirmatively

approved her reappointment. Do I have a motion to approve?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
9428-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Jennifer M. Liptak to serve as a member of the Retirement Board of Allegheny County for a term to expire on December 31st, 2019.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. Jennifer M. Liptak appeared before the Committee on Appointment Review on February 10th, 2016. The Committee affirmatively recommended her reappointment. 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.
9429-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Joseph Serrao to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Property Assessment Appeals and Review Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. Joseph Serrao appeared before the Committee on Appointment Review on February 10th, 2016. The Committee affirmatively approved his reappointment. I'd like to make a motion to approve.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? None. Okay. That passes.
9430-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of the Honorable Terri Klein to serve as a member of the

Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. The Honorable Terri Klein appeared before the Committee on Appointment Review on February 10th, 2016. The Committee affirmatively recommended her appointment. I'd like to make a motion to approve.

MS. KIRK: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
9431-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Pastor Earlene Coleman to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2017.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. The Pastor Earlene Coleman came before the Committee of Appointment Review on February 10th, 2016. The Committee affirmatively recommended her appointment.

MR. MACEY: I move for approval.

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.
9432-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Dina Clark to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Juvenile Detention Board of Advisors for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. Dina Clark appeared before the Committee on Appointment Review on February 10th, 2016. The Committee affirmatively recommended her reappointment. Do I have a motion to confirm?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. FUTULES: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
9434-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Maria Silva to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Juvenile Detention Board of Advisors for a term to expire December 31st, 2018.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. Maria Silva appeared before the Committee on Appointment Review on February 11th, 2016. The Committee made an affirmative recommendation for her reappointment. Do I have a motion to approve?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: There's a second. Under remarks? Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
9435-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Maria Silva to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. Maria Silva appeared before the Committee on Appointment Review on February 11th, 2016. The Committee made an affirmative recommendation for appointment. Do I have a motion to approve?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. KLEIN: Motion to approve.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Motion to approve and second. Under remarks? Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
9436-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Daryl Jackson to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. Daryl Jackson appeared before the Committee on Appointment

Review on February 11th, 2016. The Committee affirmatively recommended Mr. Jackson's reappointment. Do I have a motion to approve?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes. Motion.

MS. KIRK: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay?

MR. KLEIN: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Second. All those in favor signify by saying --- oh, wait a minute. Any remarks? Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
9437-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Lynda Marnoni to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes. Lynda Marnoni appeared before the Committee on Appointment Review on February 11th, 2016. The Committee affirmatively recommended her reappointment. I'd like to make a motion to approve.

MS. KIRK: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
9438-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Kathleen Testoni to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Oh, you make a motion. Oh, you ---.

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. Kathleen Testoni appeared before the Committee of Appointment Review on February 11th, 2016. The Committee affirmatively recommended her reappointment. I'd like to make a motion to approve.

MS. KIRK: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
9439-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Barbara Wolvovitz to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. Barbara Wolvovitz appeared before the Committee on Appointment Review on February 11th, 2016. The Committee affirmatively recommended her reappointment. I'd like to make a motion to approve.

MS. KIRK: Second.

MS. Ranalli-Russell: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
9440-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Abbie E. Scanio nee Garrighan to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Drug and Alcohol Planning Council for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. Abbie E. Scanio appeared before the Committee on Appointment Review on February 11th, 2016. The Committee made an affirmative recommendation for her reappointment. Do I have a motion to approve?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Did you make ---?

MR. KRESS: Oh, excuse me. I make a motion to approve.

MS. KIRK: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
9392-16.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance authorizing the Department of Public Works to take certain actions on behalf of the County Council with respect to the issuance of highway occupancy permits, the grant of certain licenses, rights of entry and easements and the amicable acquisition of certain real estate affecting County public work projects and other matters for calendar years 2016 and 2017. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?

MR. MACEY: No, by me.

MR. KRESS: Macey.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, I'm sorry. We're under New ---. Public Works. All right.

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President and Members of Council. The Public Works Department, Public Works Committee, met on February the 3rd. And after this particular bill was clearly vetted, it was the opinion of the Committee to send it to a full Council with affirmative recommendation. Therefore, I make a motion to approve 9392-16.

MR. KLEIN: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?
Representative Means.

MS. MEANS: Yes. I was very appreciative today that we received from the County Manager a report of projects that have been worked on, and projects that have --- will be worked on under --- in 2016 and 2017. I don't remember receiving a report like this in the past, so I'm very appreciative of it. But I do have concerns about this legislation because it doesn't have --- we don't have a regular reporting period on projects. And for instance, when there's a major road project, I get a notice just like the paper does. I don't know ahead of time what road projects are going to be completed. And according to the Home Rule Charter, Article 4, Section 2(k), County Council shall have, but not be limited to the following powers and duties by ordinances, lease, convey, vacate, abandon and permit the use of County land or other buildings --- or I'm sorry, buildings or other real and personal property. So I feel that it's a little broad and vague, and I would feel so much better if we did have a regular reporting period.

People can say that this bill has been in existence, that there's never been an overreach, but without a reporting period, a regular reporting period, I don't really --- I'm not really convinced that there hasn't been an overreach. But maybe there --- maybe everything is fine. But I just feel that it's my --- our responsibility as members of County Council with oversight of land that we should be more informed on what projects are being undertaken and planned. So I will be a no. And thank you for allowing me to speak.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other remarks?
Representative Baker?

MR. BAKER: Actually, I just have a little --- and I'm not sure if this is a question for the County Manager or more of just a statement to share.

We talked a little bit about it before the meeting. But the idea behind what comes to Council, what doesn't come to Council, sometimes --- obviously, we really appreciate when it does come to Council. Movie projects come to Council so that we can talk about it so we can vet it. There's other times --- and I know we talked about this last year, but when things like Picklesburgh or Slide the City come up, maybe sometimes it doesn't come to Council.

So I think in discussion we were just thinking if there was maybe a set policy of what comes, what doesn't come, and the County Manager and the Public Works Committee might already have this in mind. And if you do, then that's great. But we just wanted you to know if there was some clarification on what --- how it's decided what comes and what doesn't come.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Macey and then we'll come back ---.

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President. Yeah, we've discussed that. We have some concerns. For instance, when the bike lane went across Roberto Clemente Bridge. We also have, you know, talked about transparency. We believe that everything has been quite transparent. And I think --- I met with John Detwiler and --- from a watch group. And I also heard what Mr. Booz had to say. And we're satisfying the watch group, and I think we have clear line of discussion with the Administration. And coming through the Chair of Public Works, I'm more than glad to disseminate any information that comes to us.

You know, it's really important that the Administration has the latitude to move on certain minuscule items such as rights of way and certain easements. And the problem we have, if we have to bring all these little things back to the Council, we're talking about deadlines, deadlines that may effect the overall funding, as well as any grants that may come our way, as well as construction periods.

So I appreciate what Councilwoman Means has said, and we'll certainly stay on it and make sure that any information that's required or requested will

certainly be shared with the rest of the Council. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Ellenbogen and then ---.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Mike, you can go first.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead, Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. This is a three section ordinance --- or I think it's an ordinance. Yes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. FINNERTY: And in each section, the last sentence is going to say notwithstanding the foregoing, County Council shall have the right to rescind or revoke any action taken under the authority granted herein.

So what you're looking at is if there's something that is not correct according to you, any Council person, then they can put something up to rescind it or revoke it. So we're covered in relation to that. And I've been here for a while, not as long as John or Chuck, but I've been here for a while, and we've been able to work very well under this. And anything that --- you know, was a big project has always been brought to Council and we've vetted it. But these small little easements and so on that people have to deal with, they have to negotiate contracts, and if they're going to have to come back to us every time, a small, little piece of land has to be moved because of a bridge project or something, our projects are really going to grind to a very, very quick halt. And I think it's important that since --- we've been doing this since, I guess, around 2000 or 2001 and we've been very --- it's been very satisfactory to us. I think we should pass this. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I kind of don't know where to start here. But for the public's knowledge, I know a little bit about this. I was the Chief Inspector of Public Works for the City of Pittsburgh. And I was the Chief of Operations for Allegheny County Special Services and Maintenance, also.

You got to --- you have two things going on here at the same time. One is the major projects that Mike talked about. Those projects come to Council. We know about them. Mr. McKain discusses them. We know what's going on there. But the can of worms that you're opening

up here, you have no idea the aggravation and what you're dealing with.

Let me give you a for instance. When I was with the City, we wanted to clean out the creek on Sawmill Run because the homes were being flooded. Every single home and business along --- and I know because --- is the one that had to go their house. It took me months to get permission for every single person to let us put our machines through that creek over their property. Now, according to what some Council people think, every single time that we would get someone's permission, they would have to --- Mr. McKain would have to bring that back to Council.

If you look at things like easements, easements have a process; zoning, public works, planning. They all go through a process. So according to --- if you stop this bill, now they have an easement that they need on a project that's already approved. For instance, you know, we have this multi-million dollar project going on. And you have a business. And now they need to --- what they call a curb cut, where it's just an invisible cut to go onto their property. Not a big deal. But according to if you block this, now Mr. McKain has to come back with it --- to come back to planning. Then when it goes to zoning he has to come back here again and ask us. Then when it goes to Public Works, he has to come back and ask us again. You're dealing with hundreds of issues here that really basic stuff. It's almost like, you know, giving a surgeon permission to operate on you and now you got to come back and ask permission to clean up the tools and everything when he's done.

These projects are approved. We know about them. This is basically clean-up work in which --- and those kinds of things. And I mean, you just have no idea of the kind of aggravation, not to mention the expense. I'll give you an example right now. Right now, in my district, there's a big haggle with contractors replacing the Port Authority lines on Broadway Avenue and Beechview. \$5,000 a day are at stake on that completion of that project. So if you have instances like that in parts in the project. So here's Mr. McKain, he's dealing with a project that could be a thousand of dollars a day deal that has to be done, but he has to come back and ask us, well, do you think it would be okay if we used the machines this time of day or if we used this curb cut?

This kind of legislation blocking, it could cost the County thousand and thousand of dollars on top of all that.

I'm just telling you from my own experience, so I appreciate everybody listening. Thank you.

MR. KLEIN: Can I say something?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Representative Klein?

MR. KLEIN: I'd like to echo actually what Mr. Finnerty said. As the legislative arm of Council, we are delegating our authority to Public Works as we would to other departments as well. But that doesn't mean that we're relinquishing our oversight responsibilities in giving Public Works or any department the blank check. And I have every confidence that we'll be able to work with Mr. McKain. He appeared at our committee meeting, Public Works Committee meeting, and I have every reason to believe that if there are concerns that we do have that they will be addressed. So I think we should go ahead with this.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other remarks? Representative Means? Well, go ahead.

MS. MEANS: I just ---. Thank you for recognizing me again. I just wanted to comment because this sentence was brought up that when we say notwithstanding the foregoing, County Council shall have the right to rescind or revoke any action taken under the authority granted therein, that according to the U.S. Constitution and state law, once we enter a contract, we cannot rescind or get out of the contract. Once we're in, we're in. And that's the law. Although we could rescind this right of the County to do things, I understand that. But once we're already in that contract agreement, we're bound. So thank you. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Wait. Representative Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just have a brief comment. Never has this Council had the ability to approve contracts.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: That's number one. So if we're not approving the contract, basically, we have to accept that they're doing their due diligence also. So you know, meddling in some of this really has to do with a responsibility we don't have anyway. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty and Kress.

MR. FINNERTY: I was just going to echo the same thing. We don't have the power to do contracts. That's with the Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?

MR. KRESS: Well, what I'd just like to say is I'd like to see some clarification on when they come to Council. That's the only thing. I don't exactly know. I know they come here for the movies. They come here for different things. And what I'm looking for is more clarification is when they come to Council for the land use. That's all I'm looking for. I think it's a good bill. I think we need to give the Administration flexibility in --- to do their jobs. Because this --- again, this is a part-time council. However, my concern is just, you know, what are the rules when it comes to approving land use for the Council. That's my comment. So thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other comments? Go ahead, Representative Ellenbogen.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just have one final point. You know, I keep hearing about us having responsibility for land use. The contracts and the projects already give responsibility to the County Manager and the Administration for that. We're not talking about land use. The land use has already been approved. It comes through Economic Development. It comes through Planning. It comes through Public Works. The land use is approved. What we're talking about here is the little things that need to be done so that the project that's already approved can be done. Things like curb cuts, things like right of egress, you know, those type of things. So I mean, I think what's happened here is the two issues are being mixed here, and they really don't belong to be mixed. Those projects, we vote on them. They just need the ability to have their hands free to do the kind of cleanup kinds of things that just take time to do it. For instance, some of the things I mentioned. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing no more comments, Representative Macey, did you make the motion for this?

MR. MACEY: I certainly did. Motion to approve.

MR. BAKER: I second it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Let's take a vote by ---.

MR. BARKER: Roll call?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER: Aye.
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?
MS. KIRK: 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: No.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?
MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON: Aye.
MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ayes, 14; nays, 1. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Liaison Reports. Anyone have a liaison report?

MS. MEANS: I do, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MS. MEANS: Yes. I just wanted to inform the public that on March the 3rd and the 4th, Representative Dan Miller at the Beth El Congregation Synagogue in Mt. Lebanon will host the 3rd Annual Children and Youth in Disability and Mental Health Summit. It will be two very informative days which includes many topic interests for parents, students and professionals. Also on the 3rd from 11:00 to 3:00 is Support Service Resource Fair. So they

have state, county, local agencies and service providers and advocacy and support groups to help children, youth, and of course, parents with mental health and disabilities. And on the 4th, this year they've added, on Friday, an employment and transition fair to help people get jobs. So thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other reports? Seeing none, we'll move on to New Business, Ordinances and Resolutions. 9472-16.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for the designation of Courtroom 21, located at Room 821 of the City-County Building, a the Honorable Robert C. Gallo Courtroom. Sponsored by Council Member Finnerty.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go into Public Works Committee. 9477-16.

MR. FINNERTY: John?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: What?

MR. FINNERTY: Could I briefly say something?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. FINNERTY: I would like other people co-sponsor that if ---.

MR. BARKER: Somebody else?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. MACEY: You have me, buddy.

MR. FINNERTY: Yes. Thank you.

MR. MACEY: Absolutely.

MR. BARKER: Maybe the easier way is to ask if anyone does not want to co-sponsor? So all members of Council?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you very much. Appreciate that.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Did I give you 9477-16?

MR. BARKER: Yes, you did. An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to amend and supplement Article 1 of Chapter 475 of the Code of Allegheny County entitled Hotel Room Rental Tax, to clarify the imposition, collection and remittance of Hotel Tax on short-term rentals of accommodations. Sponsored by the Treasurer Weinstein.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go into Budget and Finance Committee. 9473-16.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2016, Submission Number 01-16. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go into Budget and Finance Committee. 9474-16.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny approving a project benefiting Point Park University to be financed by the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority by the issuance of the Authority's tax-exempt and/or taxable revenue obligations to be issued in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of \$14,000,000, provided that the taxing power of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, shall not be obligated in any way with respect to the obligations, and determining that the purpose of the financing will be to benefit the health and welfare of the citizens of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go into Economic Development Committee. Yeah.

MR. FINNERTY: Can I speak for a second? I don't know if this is proper or not, but 9477-16, it's sponsored by the Treasurer. I'd like to co-sponsor that if I can.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Same here.

MR. PALMIERE: 9477, I'll go on it.

MR. BARKER: I currently have Mr. Finnerty, Mr. Ellenbogen and Mr. Palmiere, Mr. Macey, Mr. DeFazio, Dr. Martoni and Mr. Futules.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We're down to New Business motions. 9478-16.

MR. BARKER: Motion of the Council of Allegheny County urging the Port Authority of Allegheny County to reinstate at least some weekend service on the 89-Garfield Commons bus route in order to adequately address the service needs of the population of the Garfield area of the City of Pittsburgh. Sponsored by Council Member Ranalli-Russell.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Ranalli --- Denise.

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I, along with Senator Wayne Fontana, Aggie Brose and Molly Nichols from Pittsburghers for Public

Transportation, and along with the residents that are there this evening, you can see why they definitely need a means of transportation and get to the things that they need to do.

MR. FINNERTY: Excuse me.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Oh, I'm sorry. Senator Fontana has composed a letter that we are going to sign to Ms. McClain at Port Authority in hopes of restoring this bus service to make their lives a little easier. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Do you want to make ---?

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: I would like motion to vote this evening, if possible.

MR. FINNERTY: I'll second that.

MR. KLEIN: Interest in co-sponsors?

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I think we're all ---.

MR. KLEIN: Oh, okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Under remarks? People all raise their hand if they want to be a part of this.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen, Mr. Finnerty, Mr. Futules.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? I think we'll start with Mr. Ellenbogen over there.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Well, I would be willing to say that I probably know more about that hill than anybody in this room as Ms. Brose would attest to as I walked that hill twice a day for four years when I went to Peabody. That being said, actually, I have to commend Ms. Brose. After all these years, she has been absolutely instrumental in rebuilding and bringing Garfield back to where it should be. And I think that this bus service is just part of the process in Ms. Brose's vision, because I can remember a time when a lot of folks gave up on Garfield, but anybody that knows Aggie knows there's no such word as quitting.

And that being said, I support this wholeheartedly and have enough sense, and I'm still afraid of her after all these years. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Moving up the --- anybody else have their hand up? Representative Futules, and we're coming up.

MR. FUTULES: I just wanted to make sure that everybody knows that I support the Port Authority, and transportation in Allegheny County and across this country is so important. And Aggie had mentioned, you know, take away your car. You know, you talk about people that use the Port Authority. They take the bus because they have to. The only people I know that take the Port Authority bus is if they come to work in the City, and they don't want to pay for parking. But if you talk about the people's lives that depend on bus to get to and from the doctor, church, work, anything, it's very important. In about 2011, I sat up here and advocated not to cut the bus routes for the Port Authority. If you type in Futules blue in the face, you'll see that I embarrassed myself that evening by wearing --- especially Finnerty --- by wearing a blue mask and saying I won't quit until I'm blue in the face. And I meant it at the time. I still do. And I want this to go out to the Port Authority and to the State who supports us and funds us. Because people that need transportation, they're helpless without it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Klein and then we're coming down this way.

MR. KLEIN: I'd just like to say that in many respects Garfield is looking like the Comeback Kid after many, many decades. And I wholeheartedly support every effort that we can advance to make sure that you get the transportation support that you need on the weekends.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Means?

MS. MEANS: I don't think I have a copy of the motion, you know, in hand. I'd like to see a copy of the motion. And you know, I am probably in favor of this, but I would like ---. Well, first of all, I don't know, are we voting on to waive the second reading and have it tonight? I don't know ---. A motion? We don't have to do that? Okay.

The other point is I would prefer it went to a committee and we found out exactly how much it costs, but it's like I understand people need transportation. I'm not necessarily against it. I just would like to have more information. So thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Next. Representative Palmiere.

MS. MEANS: Don't we have to call for a motion?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We already have a motion and second. We're up to remarks.

MS. MEANS: I would like to have the physical copy of the motion. I didn't see it in my packet

DR. MARTONI: It's already on our agenda.

MS. MEANS: Well, it might be on the agenda, but it's not ---. Anyway, ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. Having gone through situations in a bus desert over in Baldwin for years, I want to tell you I called that part of the Port Authority, and I called the people over there time and time again. We had meeting upon meeting, and we were persistent and we finally did succeed in getting --- you know, we don't have the routes back, but we have an extension of current routes. And I grew up in the City. I grew up in Bloomfield. I'm well aware of what you're talking about with those hills in Garfield. I moved an aunt there one time, I'll never forget, on Kincaid Street. Oh, my God. That was one of --- that was --- or I'm sorry, on Rosetta, which is even higher. So I sympathize with all of you, and I will throw my whole support as much as I can behind all of this. So you can also in time obtain the busing you need. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Wait a minute. I'll get back to you. Representative DeWitt Walton.

MR. WALTON: Thank you, Mr. President. In an earlier Appointment Review meeting, a Representative that was coming to us for reappointment to the Port Authority talked about the importance of the Port Authority continuing their regular review to determine where routes could be reinstated, expanded. And one of the --- as part of the discussion, we clearly talked about the need to mitigate some of the damage that had been occurred, that had occurred in earlier years with route reductions and the challenges that the Port Authority has.

Clearly, Garfield is one of the communities that needs that kind of consideration and appropriate review to restore some of those services. The community in which I live, residents have some of those similar challenges. So I share the concerns of those residents and truly say let's figure out ways to fix it and to minimize some of the prior damage and the challenges that have been created by the Port Authority. So I support this effort.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President. One of the things we have to remember, that it's really not within our purview to tell Allegheny County Port Authority what to do. We can encourage them. We can give them ideas. We can also provide funding like we have through the Drink Tax. But to get back for us to find out what the costs are, I'm perfectly comfortable with the answers that's given to me --- has been given to me by the Port Authority. And just to reiterate what Councilman DeWalt has said, we --- they're constantly looking at it and trying to bring the routes back. The funding is there, but you just don't jump right into it. You have to analyze --- and I'm perfectly comfortable with their analytical look at it. I don't want to be the poster child for Port Authority, but you know, we've got some route reductions in the Mon Valley. And certainly, if we are ever going to prosper, we're going to need more routes in the Mon Valley. That's for sure. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Let's take a voice, try a voice vote. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? Okay. It passes. Notification of Contracts. 9475-16.

MR. BARKER: Communication summarizing approved Executive Actions from January 1st, 2016 through January 31st, 2016.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Does anybody want to make a motion on this?

MR. FINNERTY: I did.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, did you say it? Second?

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All those in favor signify ---- any comment? All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Public Comment on General Items. We have one speaker. Is Lester Ludwig here? Nope. He's not here. Does somebody want to make a motion to adjourn?

MR. FUTULES: I move to adjourn.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:23 P.M.

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