

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 (absent)
James Ellenbogen	-	District 12
Denise Ranalli-Russell	-	District 13

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IN ATTENDANCE:

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

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: The meeting will come to order. Will everybody please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and remain standing for silent prayer or reflection. After me ---. But remember one thing, we want to remember in our prayers what happened in the tragedy in Orlando. After me with the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance recited.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Roll call. I'm sorry, silent prayer, first.

(Moment of silent prayer or reflection.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Now, 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?

(No Response.)

MR. BARKER: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Here.

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. Okay. Proclamations and Certificates. 9688-16.

MR. BARKER: Proclamation honoring United States Marine Corps Staff Sergeant Joe Wadlow for being named

Veteran of the Year by the Veterans Leadership Program of Western Pennsylvania. Sponsored by Council Members Kress, DeFazio, DeMarco and Martoni.

MR. FINNERTY: Would you add me to that as well, sir.

MR. MACEY: Add myself as well, please.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Same here.

MR. BAKER: (Indicating).

MR. KRESS: Thank you very much. They say everybody has a story to tell. And that saying was never truer than the person I'm going to introduce. He attended St. Sebastian School. And while attending St. Sebastian School across the street, on McKnight Road, a pizza place opened in 1980 by the name of Monte Cello's Pizza where a lot of my friends used to go. And they still do. It was a place where many sport teams, after the games had ended, we would go over there. And eventually Monte Cello's, they moved from their location on McKnight Road to their location on Babcock Boulevard. And I drive by there every day, and I've been eating Monte Cello's pizza since around 1980. But I never knew the story of Joe Wadlow who started Monte Cello's pizza with two partners and is currently its co-owner. Not until I attended the Veterans Leadership Program on May 26th, 2016, where Joe Wadlow was named the Veteran of the Year did I know his story. And there Mr. Wadlow gave a moving speech about his service in Vietnam and especially during the Tet Offensive and also reuniting with a deceased comrade's daughter after many years.

However, his story just doesn't end there. He has helped a tremendous amount of people as a small business owner, whether through creating jobs or fundraising. And that is why Mr. Wadlow is here today, to honor him and to tell his story. And I have some other Councilmen up here, too, who may want to say something before I read the Proclamation. Yeah.

MR. BAKER: Councilman Kress mentioned the North Hills, and we're just so proud that Mr. Wadlow is from District 1 and for the business that he has and just the amazing sacrifice that he's made here in our community. So we're so very proud of him and congratulations on being the VLP Veteran of the Year.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I've known Joe for a long time, but I didn't know the full story. I know him from his Monte Cello's Restaurant. That's how I know Joe. But

now I know the whole story, Joe, so congratulations. Appreciate it.

MR. DEMARCO: I just want to say as a veteran on Council and a fellow Marine, that I want to congratulate you. Hurrah. Semper Fi, my friend, for being recognized by the Veterans Leadership Program as the Veteran of the Year.

MR. KRESS: Okay. Now, let me read this Proclamation. It's going to take a little bit of time and then we're going to have Mr. Wadlow up here. But again, we're dealing with a very exceptional person.

WHEREAS, the Veteran of the Year award is presented by the Veterans Leadership Program of Western Pennsylvania to a veteran whose military record is marked with exemplary performance and has continued to support the United States military and veterans as a civilian. The VLPWPA has named United States Marine Corps Staff Sergeant, combat veteran, Joe Wadlow Veteran of the Year for his patriotism, generosity and selflessness he has shown to his fellow veterans.

AND WHEREAS in 2007, Mr. Wadlow, a member of Mike Company, Third Battalion, First Marines, 1966 to 1969 founded the Fallen Marine Memorial Motorcycle Run to raise money for scholarships to assist families of Marines killed or disabled in action. He also created the Wall that Moves, a tribute motorcycle honoring 2006 fallen members of Mike Company. Since 2009, the bike has been on display at Rolling Thunder Run, the world's largest single-day motorcycle event, held in Washington, D.C.

AND WHEREAS, Mr. Wadlow opened his first Monte Cello's Italian Restaurant in 1980 with two partners. The venture has expanded to include six restaurants in the Pittsburgh area. The success of his business has allowed him to give back to his community in many ways. He donates food and time to the Muscular Dystrophy Association and summer camp, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Pennies from Heaven annual fundraiser, Vietnam Veterans picnic, the Vietnam Veterans POW/MIA vigil, Remembering the Brave events, North Hills Community Outreach, Ross Township kids fishing tournament, the March of Dimes Walk for Babies and the Epilepsy Foundation of Western/Central Pennsylvania just to name a few.

WHEREAS, Mr. Wadlow has raised funds for countless charities, he was inducted into the North Hills High School Sports Hall of Fame for support of its

athletic programs. He has helped to distribute 325 bicycles to local children in need. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Wounded Heroes Hunting Camp and was personally involved in erecting the North Shore Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegheny County Council does hereby honor Marine Staff Sergeant Joe Wadlow for being named Veteran of the Year by the Veterans Leadership Program of Western Pennsylvania. And we commend him for his contributions to the community and for his continued commitment to honoring the sacrifices of our fallen Marines, supporting those who have worn American uniform and the families who stand alongside them.

So thank you very much, Mr. Wadlow.

(Applause.)

MR. WADLOW: I was hoping to keep this short because I know they wanted to keep it short because of all the other things going on tonight. But I could just take a few minutes to tell you the story that I guess touched everybody enough at the event last month to get a standing ovation. And it wasn't for me, it was for the story. I may not be able to get through this story without getting a little emotional.

But in 1968, January 31st, 1968 it was the beginning of the infamous Tet Offensive in Vietnam. And within 15 minutes that morning I lost nine of my Marines. One of them had a three-year old daughter at the time and I didn't know he had that daughter because he didn't talk about it. He was having some family issues and he actually left to join the Marines to get away from the situation back in Los Angeles.

About four years ago, I got a phone call from a girl who was friends of Anthony Maldonado's in high school. And she said she located Anthony's daughter. She was 47 years old, lived in Los Angeles and wanted to meet somebody who knew her father because she never met anybody who knew her father. She had no contact with his family.

So in 2013 I flew out to San Diego and I met Irma Maldonado, the 47-year old daughter, only child of Anthony Maldonado. And we met and we spent hours together talking about her father. I asked her if she had she ever been to the Wall to touch her father's name, and she said no. I said, well, I go there every year for Rolling Thunder with my motorcycle, and I would like to fly you

out there, if you would. And she said I would love to. Put her on the plane, flew her to D.C. She stayed with us at my friend's house in Virginia. And I said to her --- the day before Memorial Day in 2014, I said, how would you like to jump on the back of the motorcycle, we'll drive up to the Wall and visit your dad? Well, we went up there and we touched her dad's name together. The first time she ever had any contact with her father's name. She left him a note. She cried. We hugged. It was a very moving and emotional event, and something I'll never forget. And I thought I'd share that with you.

But that's just part of what I think is the reason I'm here. Some of the things I do, I don't care to really publish or have anybody know about it, but my friends went behind my back and compiled all this information which led to this award from the VLT. One of the things I said in my acceptance speech was that you don't really have to have a big wallet, you just need a big heart. So give back as much as you can. Thank you. (Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9702-16.

MR. BARKER: Certificates of Achievement congratulating the members of the One More Period, OMP, Wrestling Club upon the completion of an outstanding 2016 season. Sponsored by Council Members DeFazio, Kress and Martoni.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Would Coach Mike and Coach Joe come up here, and also all the OMP wrestlers? Before I read the Proclamation, I want to say one thing about Joe and Mike. They didn't want me to write up a lot of things. They've won national titles, state, but they didn't want to put it into words here. But these kids are lucky. First of all, they're good. But they have good coaches and they got good parents to work with these kids. I don't know if I should read the --- before I read the Proclamation --- well, I better --- I'll read it. I'll read it.

Allegheny County Council is pleased to present this Certificate of Achievement in recognition of the outstanding record of OMP Wrestling Club since 2010. Coach Montalbano and Coach Mile Heinl have coached over 25 Pennsylvania junior wrestling state champions, 150 Pennsylvania wrestling champ medalists, 12 national champions and numerous state runners-up. Through their leadership the team has set a positive example for

excellence for all of Allegheny County, continuing evidence that this is the County of Champions. This achievement has conferred honor on the County and its accomplishments in which the entire community can be proud. Sponsored by Members John DeFazio, myself and Ed Kress.

Say a couple of more things, and then we'll get to the kids. Joe is a math teacher at Seneca Valley, and Mike Heinl, he's a detective at Shaler Police Department. And like I said, both of them have won a lot of awards which they don't want me to mention. They said do it for the kids. So I'm going to start. But there's one person --- there's one person that's not here today. He wanted to be here. He not only won local championship, state championships, the national championships, he went to Russia last year and beat everyone. And he's now in the Ukraine; right? So he couldn't be here. And really, the certificate, I'll give this to him. They're all basically the same. These kids, you can't pick one over the other or anything, but I'll read one. And this is going to be for everybody. But I'm going to tell you what they did.

Allegheny County is pleased to present you with this Certificate of Achievement in recognition of your outstanding athletic ability which was showcased throughout your exceptional season with the OMP, One More Period, Wrestling Club. We commend your excellence, determination and resolve that led you to your success and the success of your team. You and your team have set a positive example of excellence for all of Allegheny County, continuing evidence that this is a County of Champions. This achievement has conferred honor on the County and accomplishments in which the entire community can be proud.

Now, where's Ed? Get over here, Ed. You're my helper over here.

MR. KRESS: Oh, am I your helper? Okay. I was wondering why I was standing here.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, you've got to read it.

MR. KRESS: Oh, what am I going to read here?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No, no. You ---.

MR. KRESS: I'm not reading? Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: What I'm going to do I'll read the names off ---

MR. KRESS: Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: --- and you can present it to them.

MR. KRESS: Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: When I read your name, step forward so everybody can see who you are. So the first name --- here, do it this way. You give the award. We're the Keystone Cops. Antonio Amelio.

(Applause.)

MR. KRESS: Congratulations.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Hold on. Wait a minute. Wait a minute. One more thing we got to do with the kids. Antonio Amelio is a 2016 Pennsylvania Junior Wrestling State champ. 2016 Ohio Tournament Champions, eighth place. The place there you go --- eighth place you go --- eighth place. He made it eighth place. In 2016 Southwest Regional Junior High, fifth place. Five times Pennsylvania junior wrestling state qualifier; three times Ohio tournament champion, place winner; 2016 seventh grade student Lions Club and he has a GPA of 4.0. Okay.

Next we have Jason Geyer.

(Applause.)

MR. KRESS: Congratulations.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Jason Geyer won the 2015 King of the Mountain, eighth place; 2016 Ohio Tournament of Champions, third place; three times Pennsylvania youth state qualifier. And he has a 4.24 GPA.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Next we have Drew Vlasnik, 2015 Tournament of Champions, seventh place; 2016 Florida National Middle School, sixth place; 2016 Pennsylvania Junior High state qualifier. And he has a 4.0.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, wait a minute, I got some more on him.

MR. KRESS: Okay. Keep going.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 2016 Southwest Regional Junior High, fourth place; 2015 Ohio State tournament champion, sixth place. He had academic honor roll. So that's it. Dylan Chappell. Does he got his?

(Applause.)

MR. KRESS: Congratulations.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 2016 Southwest Junior High Tournament Champion; 2016 Junior High state place winner, fourth place; 2015 Ohio Tournament of Champions, first



place; four-time Ohio Tournament of Champions; four times Pennsylvania Youth State place winner. He has a 4.0 GPA.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Tyler Chappell. Where's Tyler?

MR. KRESS: He's right here (indicating).

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 2014 Pennsylvania Junior state runner-up; 2014 Tulsa National runner-up; three times Ohio Tournament of Champions place winner; two times Pennsylvania youth state qualifier; 3.8 GPA.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Santino Sloboda. Okay, Santino.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 2016 Pennsylvania Junior state place winner, eighth place; 2016 MAWA National place winner, seventh place; 2015 Pennsylvania Junior state place winner, eight place. That's Santino. Okay, Santino.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Next is Caden Leighty. 2016 MAWA regional qualifier; --- we have more on him. What happened to him? Is there more here? Okay.

Nick, and here's where I pronounce the name bad the first time. I'll try it. Here's the father --- son. Mark Montalbano; 2016 NHSC High School, fourth place, nationals; 2015 Southwest Regional junior high, fourth place; 2015 Flow National Middle School, fourth place; 2014 Super 32 Middle School, fifth place; three time Ohio Tournament of Champions place winner; three time Pennsylvania Youth state qualifier; GPA 4.16.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Louis Newell. Where's Louis?

MR. KRESS: He's right here.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 2016 PIAA high school runner-up; 2016 WPIAL champion; 2016 Section 3 champion; 2016 NHC, I mean, SCA high school, nationals, sixth place; first place in Ohio Tournament of Champions; 2015 PIAA high school state, eighth place finish; 2015 WPIAL, third place; 2014 Southwest Regional Junior high champion; two times Pennsylvania youth state place winner and he has a 3.7 GPA.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Eli Schweiger.

MR. KRESS: Congratulations.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 2016 Pennsylvania junior high place winner, sixth place; 2016 Southwest Regional junior high, fourth place; 2015 Ohio Tournament of Champions, sixth place; academic honor roll.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Dylan Chappell.

MR. KRESS: No, no, no. You're going here (indicating). You did these.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'm sorry.

MR. KRESS: That's the reason why I'm here, John.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, that's right. You got to do that. Next is Chanz Shearer.

MR. KRESS: Congratulations.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Four times state champion in Grecco Roman Wrestling; three times state champ in free-style; placed third, fifth and sixth at the nationals in Grecco Roman; place third, fourth and sixth at the nationals in free-style. He got second place in the Northeastern Regional Tournament in free-style. He is a four time placer at the folk style that's like high school type wrestling, coming in third, fifth and seventh. He had the only --- he was the only kid on the Shaler Area Middle School wrestling team to make it to states.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Michael Lawrence. Is Michael Lawrence here?

MR. KRESS: Here, Mike. Congratulations.

MR. LAWRENCE: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Michael Lawrence, 2016 area seven, he took first place; 2016 Pennsylvania junior wrestling, took fifth place.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Levi Connel.

MR. KRESS: Congratulations.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Fourth place at states; first at the western area wrestling association; earned a bronze medal at the Atlantic Coast Duals in Wildwood, New Jersey; first place in area seven champ.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Brandon Krul. Is Brandon Krul here? Here he is.

MR. KRESS: Congratulations.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Three times Pennsylvania state medalist; Ohio Tournament of Champions, medalist; FLOW national champion. All right.

(Applause.)

Coming down near the end, folks. Al Corrado, I'm sorry, A.J. Corrado.

(Applause.)

MR. KRESS: Congratulations.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 2016 Pennsylvania junior state runner-up; 2016 Area Seven champion; 2016 Southwest Regional junior high, sixth place; 2015 PAWF state champion, fourth place; 2015 MAWA regional champ.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Patrick Cutchember.

MR. KRESS: Congratulations.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Two time --- he's a two time Pennsylvania junior wrestling state champ; four time Pennsylvania junior state place winner. And that's Patrick, okay.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Next we have Christian, is that Sequete? Christian Sequete.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 2016 Section Three champion; 2016 Most wins, most pins, best win/loss percentage and outstanding wrestler award for Butler High School as a sophomore; Pennsylvania Youth state wrestling place winner.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Next we have Meathead. Oh, you won't know him. I didn't know him either, but his real name is Nick Gorman.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: And I only --- I used to always say, well, who's Meathead here? 2016 Pennsylvania Junior wrestling state place winner, sixth place; 2016 Area Seven champion, three time Pennsylvania wrestling state qualifier; two times Pennsylvania junior wrestling state place winner.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Brendon Morgan. 2016 Pennsylvania junior wrestling state champ.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. This next one is my grandson, seven-years old. He won the 2016 Area Seven champ. He won the 2016 Ohio Tournament of Champions. He's won first place at freestyle wrestling in the State of Pennsylvania.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. I have it here. We got one more. Is Bryce up here, his brother? Who's his brother? He's five years old. He's at every practice. And he tries to coach the kids, tells them to grab his leg, push his head down, do this, do that. And he's like a coach at five years old so we made him --- he's like an official mascot at the Etna Wrestling Club.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: So okay. I just want to say people don't realize how good this wrestling club is. You got a lot of good kids that won a lot of awards. And they're noted all over the country. Thank you very much. Appreciate it, you guys.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Good coaches. Good coaches, good wrestlers, good parents.

Oh, we got to take a picture somehow. Come on.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9690-16.

MR. BARKER: 9690-16 and the remainder to be read into the record.

9690-16. Certificates of Achievement awarded to the Chartiers Valley High School Baseball Team for winning the 2015-2016 WPIAL Class AAA Baseball Championship. Sponsored by Council Member Finnerty and Council Member Means.

9691-16. Certificates of Achievement awarded to the Sewickley Academy Boys' Tennis Team for winning the 2015-2016 PIAA and WPIAL Class AA Boys' Team Tennis Championship. Sponsored by Council Member Kirk.

9692-16. Certificates of Achievement awarded to the North Allegheny Senior High School Boys' Lacrosse Team for winning the 2015-2016 WPIAL Division 1 Boys Lacrosse Championship. Sponsored by Council Member Kirk.

9693-16. Certificates of Achievement awarded to the North Allegheny Senior High School Boys' Track Team

for winning the 2015-2016 WPIAL Class AAA Boys' Team Track Championship. Sponsored by Council Member Kirk.

9694-16. Certificates of Achievement awarded to the Fox Chapel High School Boys' Tennis Team for winning the 2015-2016 WPIAL Class AAA Boys' Team Tennis Championship. Sponsored by Council Member Kress.

9695-16. Certificates of Achievement awarded to the Mt. Lebanon High School Girls' Lacrosse Team for winning the 2015-2016 WPIAL Division 1 Girls' Lacrosse Championship. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

9699-16. Proclamation congratulating the 2016 Mooseheart Community Spirit Award winners. Sponsored by Council Member Kress.

9700-16. Certificate of Recognition presented to Mr. and Mrs. Edward and Suzanne Lawrence upon the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

9701-16. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Baldwin Township upon the occasion of their 2016 Community Meet and Greet Day on June 18th, 2016. Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: At this time we'll have our Chief Executive Quarterly Address.

(Applause.)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. President and Members of Council. It's good to be with you again. Since the last time I was here, we've had some news and some things that have been very, very positive for the region.

Let me talk about the most current one that you guys have had an awful lot to do with, your body. And that is the Moody's rating agency upgraded the County's bond rating last week. This is the fourth rating, fourth upgrade we have had in little over four years. I went to Chairman Finnerty and the Budget Committee and also your approval recently of the refinancing. We're going to see significant savings to the County's bottom line in doing that.

I also really want to thank the County Manager and Director Sirko what they have done. And all the department heads have done a really good job of coming up with innovative ways to find savings, find efficiencies and also find new revenues. There's one I want to point out. I want to thank Councilman Ellenbogen one that he brought to our attention, and I know Director McGeever was

able to go to Judge, President Judge Manning, and talk about a fee structure that was way under what other counties have been charging. And we think that adjustment will probably raise about \$3 million in the next year's budget, not this year, but it'll take effect next year.

So these are the kinds of things I think all working together we can continue to do and continue to find savings for the taxpayers. The fact that we're going to get our bond upgraded, we'll be able to borrow at just a little bit less of an interest rate because our rating will be improved.

Along those lines, the biggest news, I think, that came out of the last couple of weeks was the Shell announcement that they are definitely moving forward with the Petro-chemical, quote, unquote, Cracker Plant. I don't think there's been a bigger project in this region in decades. In fact, I know there hasn't. When we think about the \$7 billion worth of investment that they're going to make in our region and then there the spinoff companies that will come from that ---. Part of that was what this body did a couple of years ago when we leased out the airport drilling rights to CONSOL. They will be able to use some of that, some of that gas there. But really, it's going to put us in an enviable position, but a challenging position of literally not having enough workers.

The Allegheny Conference was talked about over the next ten years with all the folks who were eligible for retirement that if we kept every single kid who graduated from one of our area high schools and they stayed here, meaning every one of them, none of them moved away which we know is not the case, we would still be 10,000 workers per year short. So we're going to be attracting, have to attract, an awful lot of people and an awful lot of talent. We're also going to have to make sure we have the skills, that we educate our young people as they come up through the education system, whatever they're going to be doing, that they need to have the skills to provide those jobs.

This is a problem that a lot of other communities around the country would love to have. And we didn't have it for the longest time. We didn't have enough jobs and people had to move away. Now, we've got a chance where people can move here. And I think that's a great accomplishment that all of us working together over

the last few years can take a lot of pride in. Along those lines --- and I appreciate your supporting this, the Learn and Earn Program that we're going to have again this summer, summer jobs for people ages 14 to 21. And these are jobs across the spectrum. They'll be in industry at corporations, in finance and IT, in the energy sector, partnering with the City of Pittsburgh. We will be putting 700 people to work. The City will be putting 1,300 people to work with 2,000 of our young people who will be able to have an internship this summer where they'll learn a trade, learn the work that they'll be able to do, learn the skills about showing up on time and working collaboratively with others.

And then the companies themselves will be able to do a little of an interview process, I guess, is probably the best way to say it, to see if these young people are people that they would like to keep on when they do graduate from school.

So again, I think we're making the plans to try to find the workers of the future. Certainly, our community college and all the colleges and universities in the area, and our trade schools are building trades. There's just a lot of opportunities. And it's a great --- again, it's a great challenge to have, and we're glad that we have this.

I also wanted to talk about another award that we got. We were invited to go to the Stepping Up Summit in Washington, DC. And that is a summit that talked about how our jail collaborative works to get people out of the criminal justice system, lower recidivism rates, get people trained so that they can get jobs. And I think because of the reputation that Director Cherna, Mark Cherna, has we were recognized. And we're one of the few counties in the nation who were invited to this prestigious summit in Washington, DC a couple of months ago. Also Orlando Harper, our warden, was also part of that, part of that group.

And it's really something that --- again, as there's a change going on nationally in how many people we incarcerate and really what's the best way to deal with some of the issues that we're dealing with, that we know the lock 'em up and throw away the key mentality seems to be changing. But it's changing in ways that hopefully we can get people coming out of the criminal justice system to be productive members of society.

Also I wanted to announce a couple of new directors, and I think you met one of them tonight. Our new Superintendent of Police, Coleman McDonough, is with us here today. And Director Brown, Matt Brown, is here as well, the new interim person. I just want to recognize them for the good work that they're doing. I appreciate the fact that the very first thing Superintendent McDonough did was go to the graduation of our new trainees at the police academy. I know Councilman DeMarco was there as well. I appreciate his attendance there. As these young people who are trained in the criminal justice system go out throughout our community and provide police protection, and I think it's something --- again, we're glad that we have folks of that --- of that caliber that are joining our --- joining our team.

I want to talk about a couple of federal grants that we recently got that were recently announced. Both of them were from the federal government from the Housing and Urban Development, HUD. The first one was a \$3.4 million grant to deal with lead and lead paint in some of our older facilities and some of our older homes to be able to test young people to try to stop the incursion of lead poisoning. I appreciate Director Hurley and Pat Earley, the Economic Development Department, took the lead on that and was able to get the grant.

We also got a \$3.6 million grant through HUD again dealing with homeless folks, particularly some of our veterans. And I appreciate it --- again Director Cherna and his work in moving forward to allow us to get that. So that's bringing money in here that we're able to put to good use to provide help for folks that need that help.

I also want to single out our Facilities Department and Director Nolfi. We recently got the Zero Waste awards, Allegheny County. Over the last year we have been able to take our waste, and now 60 percent of it is no longer going to landfills. It's going and being recycled and being reused. And I think everybody working together, our directors, our department heads, all the employees in the county at all of our facilities really have pitched in on this. And I think it's something --- again when we talk about environmental impact of how a large government and how a large entity can deal with things, I think we should be very proud of the work that



those folks are doing, saving money, but also saving the environment as well.

We also were recently been awarded an R.K. Mellon grant for \$1.5 million over two years to encourage and continue the Live Well Program that the Health Department is doing. Again, Director Hacker and her team and I know more and more communities are coming on with the Live Well Program. And I know a number of you have been at many of the ceremonies that the municipalities have had and the school districts that have come on board. We've now expanded it to the restaurants. And the restaurants are also improving their menus and improving the way they make their food, et cetera, to try to encourage us to again, be healthier and healthier as we can. I appreciate R.K. Mellon's award in giving us that. And our partnership with the Foundation Community and what the Foundation Community does throughout this region cannot be overlooked.

And really, we can't thank them enough for all the great things that they're able to do that we don't have to go to the taxpayers and ask for.

I also want to single out our medical examiner and our crime lab. I first want to thank the State. We got the \$3 million to fund the crime lab that we had talked about over the last couple of years which is going to be helpful as we were the only county that was actually paying for a crime lab that others were getting from State government. But also the ATF has honored us and purchased a one of a kind system to identify shooters and ballistics. It is the most advanced ballistics ID system that there is. We were awarded that and granted that. And we have a woman in our employ, Nancy Love. She's only the second woman in the world to have been certified using this equipment. So again, that's something that Allegheny County can be very, very proud of. So you know, there's a lot of good things that are happening.

We'll talk a little bit about our parks because I know as we get into the summer season there are a lot more people going out into our parks. There's been a lot of good things that have been happening there. We have a new trail app that people can go to and find out what kind of condition the trail is in, how long the trail is, where it is located, how much of an elevation, et cetera, a lot of details.

Probably most of you don't know --- I did not know this. In our parks we have 180 miles of trails. That's just in our county parks, not the other trails you see along the riverfront. So people are able to get onto that app and find out where they are, where they need to go, all those kind of good things.

We're also opening up the ten outdoor exercise stations around our County parks. There's going to be one in every single park. And there's going to be a couple in North Park, a couple in South Park and a couple in Deer Lakes Park that will have these exercise stations. They are tremendous. I know they've opened one in South Park along Corrigan Drive so it allows people to really do more robust exercising as they're out there with these machines. They're waterproof. They're weatherproof. And it is a great partnership. We appreciate the regional Asset District helping us fund these exercise stations.

We have begun the South Park and Hartwood summer concert series that kicks off. We have 14 free performances that will occur at South Park and 12 free performances that will occur at North Park. And that's always been a very popular endeavor throughout the summer, and we're glad to keep those going again this summer as well.

We also recently cut the ribbon on the chimney swifts structures that you approved. The partnership with our Parks Foundation, with the Audubon Society, these things really --- they look wonderful. I was out for the first ribbon cutting out in North Park a couple of weeks ago. These chimney swifts now will be able to host in our --- nest in our parks. And they will do a great job in taking out some of the insects. So the mosquitoes should be down a little bit because these chimney swifts, that's what they feast on, so ---.

And also at North Park we just opened --- cut the ribbon on the spray park by the pool. It gives one more area for the kids, for families to be able to use in addition to the swimming pool itself.

Talk a little bit about our airport. The airport gets a lot of attention and a lot of work in the media. We are glad, and as I mentioned before, we had hit a couple of years ago a low of 37 cities that we were flying to directly. Years ago when we had a hub, it was a little over a 100, but we're now back up to 56. The announcement we made a couple of weeks ago with One Jet

adding Cincinnati, Louisville, along with Milwaukee and Indianapolis and Hartford. And they've committed five more by the end of the year, so at the very least we'll be over 60, 61 by the end of the year. And we continue to add more service for the leisure traveler, for the vacation traveler, but probably more importantly for this community to make them even more competitive. And obviously, the Shell Cracker Plant will add to that as well as we see a lot more activity moving in that area.

Our Frontier airline, the second of three low-cost carriers, are going to be starting in the next couple of weeks with five new cities for Atlanta, Chicago, Denver, Las Vegas and Orlando. So we continue to see more diversity of flying of airlines at the airport and we see the use continue to go up.

We'll talk real quickly about the Port Authority. You saw the Fair Policy that's going to take effect at the end of the year in which folks from Zone 2 to Zone 1 is going to be eliminated. So folks from the far end of the County will be paying the same \$2.50 fare that the folks in the closer-in Zone 1 area. We think that'll absolutely increase ridership. It will also probably decrease where people drive in and maybe park right across the line and park in certain neighborhoods. So I think they won't have the incentive to do that anymore. Glad to know, Mr. Ellenbogen, how you were concerned about this, that the Beechview work on the lines continues ahead of schedule. They're working very diligently. That seems to be going very smoothly.

One other thing I do want to note, and I know all of you get calls and all of you get a lot of pressure because of the cuts that were made years ago, service that was cut in certain areas. And Act 89, the State act with transportation does not allow for new routes, but they allow for maybe the adjustment of current routes. So a lot of you have come to us and said, you know, you're getting pressure from your constituents to bring back a couple of routes, and we've listened to that. But I want to just caution you that a couple of the routes that we brought back --- notably, the Baldwin route and the O'Hara RIDC route, we're not seeing the usage. In fact, our cost per ride is over triple what it is for our normal service when you don't have that kind of usage. So we'll continue to work with folks and we'll continue to hear, but a lot of times, again, you'll hear these kind of complaints and

then the service is put on, but we need to have it used. Because the system has to be efficient, it has to keep costs down. And we'll continue to work with everybody along those lines.

So that's what I had for my prepared statements. But I know you may have some questions about things that are going on in your Districts or other areas of concern, so Mr. President, I'll open it up to any ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Anyone have a question, raise their hand? Nick Futules, Representative Futules?

MR. FUTULES: You forgot to mention the Penguins winning the Stanley Cup.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Did that happen last week? Was there something going on there?

MR. FUTULES: Yeah. And also the U.S. Open and what it meant to this region financially.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: You're absolutely right, Councilman. The Penguins run was very --- not only very exciting for those of us in Pittsburgh, but the amount of hotel rooms, the amount of meals, the amount of economic impact that that provided was tremendous. And you're right. The U.S. Open, is it at Plum Country Club that they have that at?

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah, that is Plum. That's Plum.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: I hear from you all the time. In Oakmont and also in Plum, two of our great communities, yeah, and I --- you know, let me say one other thing about both of those events. With the Penguins, I was really proud of the fact that it was a great celebration that we had on that Sunday night when they won the Cup. But it was also very safe. It was a great enthusiastic celebration responsibly done. Our law enforcement both at the City --- and our County police were there with the horses as well, the mounted police. But people really were very, very well behaved over that. And I think also, you know, when you bring that many people to Oakmont for the golf tournament, our usage of Hartwood as a satellite park, parking place where people could be shuttled, the reports that I got were very, very positive. So I think the folks in this region can be very proud of the fact that we had those celebrations and then obviously, the parade when we had estimates of 400,000 people in the sun, hot sun. It was a beautiful celebration. Everybody seemed to have a good time and really celebrate in a very responsible manner. But you're

right, Councilman, the economic impact was tremendous.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other questions?  
Representative Kress.

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. Chief Executive.  
Thank you very much for coming. You made a statement.  
Judge Manning, you worked with Judge Manning, increased  
the fees. What type of fees were we talking about?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Do you want to help  
me with that, Jim? It's on properties when they get ---.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: The lien fees ---

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Lien fees.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: --- in Allegheny County are  
much ---

MR. FINNERTY: Right.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: --- astronomically cheaper than  
they are anywhere in the State. I brought the list to the  
Chief Executive and his staff. And it surely --- and it  
surely showed that other entities in other parts of the  
state were actually filing their liens here because that's  
how cheap it was. And I felt, along with the Chief, that  
we were losing a lot of money, which they said they said  
it amounted to \$3 million by modestly raising those fees.  
Let the attorneys get them from their clients, so to  
speak.

MR. KRESS: Okay. That sounds good. Then also  
in our parks, that we have an RFP that was issued for the  
water tower, I think, on June 17th. And again, I just  
wanted to mention that. I think that's just a good idea.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: By the way, I love  
the pictures. Whoever took the pictures up there showing  
the different views, I think it was a really good ---. I  
don't think a lot of folks realize how beautiful that  
vista is once you get up that high and how many things you  
can see. So yeah, we're going to do an RFP and hopefully  
folks will respond.

MR. KRESS: Well, I think, too, that once we do  
get it open, there's so much potential there to raise  
money. I mean, to rent out that tower for different  
events, I think we can actually --- it can actually become  
a potential moneymaker for the County, too, because it's  
right there next to the lodge. You can rent it out with  
the lodge, I mean, ---. I mean, even when we were up  
there, we had the open house for the tower, there was  
somebody who wanted to come up there and take pictures,  
was willing to pay money for it. I mean, Andy Baechle was

there for that, so ---. Andy could have actually made some money for us, but he didn't want to offer us enough so --- but eventually, you know, we'll be making money off of that tower.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: I'm sure Andy will be coming with the suggestions as our Directors do, which is great.

MR. KRESS: In regards to the Cracker Plant, though, do you foresee any plants being built in Allegheny County in the future? Do we have the land available to build these?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, I think what you're going to see is an awful lot of more economic activity at our airport property as well. We own 9,000 acres there. We've only developed probably a little over 2,000 acres. So there's more activity that can be done there. I think you're going to see a lot more manufacturing that'll come out of that, particularly, obviously, plastic manufacturing because that's what --- thing Cracker can provide. I think it's --- whether the plant is on one side of the line or the other, though, it's going to provide a lot of jobs and a lot of economic impact to this region.

Those 6,000 workers that they're going to need to build that plant, that doesn't count all the engineering companies, the architectural companies, the environmental companies. Most of them are probably going to be located right here in downtown Pittsburgh. The law firms, you know, all those different folks. So I think the economic growth is just going to be tremendous.

And I'll be honest with you, our trades, who has been ramping up, even waiting, thinking this was going to happen, probably are not going to be able to provide all those workers. They're going to be --- their halls are going to be empty with all their folks working. So again, that's a good problem to have. But it's going to be a challenge over the next five to six years as they build that plant all the things that are going to be needed.

MR. KRESS: No, that's a good thing. I just want to say, too, about the local jobs. I mean, I think there are still a lot of people that needs jobs in this region. I mean, what I've been seeing, too, like people in their 50s --- in their 40s, 50s and 60s, they have trouble finding jobs. And the problem we have, though, is that they submit their résumé they may have like a period

of time where they haven't worked, and there might be issues where they got laid off and they had trouble finding a job or they might have been sick. And the problem is like some of these employers, from what I'm hearing, aren't even looking at the résumés. They get the résumé and they throw it in the trash because they have a gap. And the one lady told me, like the one lady had breast cancer and so she's got a gap in her résumé of a year or two. So she sends it to an employer and they don't even look at it. So I'm just saying there are some issues where local people here need jobs.

But also, too, what I've been finding also is people are underemployed. I have people in Shaler Township that are only making \$8 or \$10 an hour and they're looking for better employment. So I'm hoping with all these different opportunities that are arising with the Cracker Plant that these people will hopefully be able to get better paying jobs. So that's what we're looking for.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Let me just say this. Right now before I came in here, I checked the website, the unfilled jobs, and there's right now 30,000 jobs that are open right now in this region. So if you have the skills --- and maybe they don't match up for whatever reason, but they need 30,000 people to fill the unfilled jobs that are here right now. And that doesn't count what I said before --- of all the retirements that are going to happen. So the opportunities right now are as good really as it's been in many, many years. And you're right. When the Cracker starts really opening up and there's more --- they're working out there. I mean, I don't know if you've been out there, but there are people clearing that land and laying the infrastructure and all those types of things. It'll ramp up. It'll accelerate even more. So hopefully our training facilities, whether it be our community college, Beaver County Community College, our great universities, and our high schools and our school districts hopefully are getting kids and people ready to fill those jobs.

MR. KRESS: No, I mean, I just wanted to point that out. I mean, I think there's still a lot of people in this area who really need jobs. And I feel like there's a lot of underemployment, too. And also I think as you get older it's just harder to find employment. So I mean, I don't know if we can maybe nudge these people to

try to hire some of our local people. That's all. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. Rich, we were going to refinance some bonds. Have we done it?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: I think we're in the process of doing that. That's why we went ---.

MR. FINNERTY: So our bond rating is going to help us?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: The bond rating is going to help us. That's absolutely ---. And I think you guys approved that.

MR. FINNERTY: We approved that.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Yes, just a little while ago. So maybe the County Manager --- do you want to talk about the timing of all that and how that's going to work?

MR. MCKAIN: We actually --- Mary Soroka, the Budget Director, has been meeting with our professionals to do the pricing and then go to market. We should be reporting back to you in the month of July or whenever you come back after recess to see how it went. But we're still in that range of savings that we talked about.

MR. FINNERTY: Uh-huh (yes).

MR. MCKAIN: But we'll come back to you with the final results and tell you how we layered that in. One of the positives from that discussion was unlike perhaps years ago we would have had to take in those savings up front, but because of our financial position and the good work that we've all done, we've been able to layer those savings in. So we go into the market very soon and we'll report the results back to you.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you very much.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: And I also --- again, you've been able to do with your budget the last couple of years, really holding the line, has been great. And when we went up and made the presentation to Moody's and Standard and Poor's, you know, we had Director Soroka, Director Hurley, the County Manager, my Chief of Staff and myself. And they were very impressed with what they've seen, and the progress we've been able to make over the last couple of years with things like fund balance, not using one-time revenue sources, the pension plan and our plans going forward, plus the economic vitality that's



happening in the region. They put that in their report as one of the reasons they upgraded us.

MR. FINNERTY: I'd just like to welcome Matt Brown and Coleman McDonough to the County. We appreciate your service. Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No more comments? Thank you very much.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. President. Have a good evening, guys.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Public Comment on Agenda Items, we have none?

MR. BARKER: We do not have any, correct.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9703-16.

MR. BARKER: Motion to approve the minutes of the May 10th, 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. Presentation of Appointments. 9704-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Jane Clougherty to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to Appointment Review. 9705-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Sally Cimini to serve as a member of the Personnel Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to the Appointment Review Committee. 9706-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Cara Ciminillo to serve as a member of the Children and Youth Family Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to the Appointment Review Committee. 9707-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Floreda Taylor to serve as a member 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 to the Appointment Review Committee. Unfinished Business. Committee on Appointment Review, Second Reading, 9616-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Daniel K. Bricmont, Esquire to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress.

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. Bricmont appeared before the Committee on Appointment Review on June 8th, 2016. At that time the Committee made an affirmative recommendation for his reappointment. I'd like to make a motion to approve.

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. 9618-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Steve Hvozdoovich to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress.

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. Steve Hvozdoovich appeared before the Committee on Appointment Review Committee on June 8th, 2016. At that time the Committee made an affirmative recommendation for his reappointment. I'd like to make a motion to approve.

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. 9619-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Mark Jeffrey to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress.

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. On June 8th Mark Jeffrey appeared before the Committee on Appointment Review. At that time they made an affirmative

recommendation for his reappointment. 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 Economic Development and Housing, Second Reading. 9667-16.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny authorizing the County to enter into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with various municipalities and school districts within the County for the purpose of joining in the formation and establishment of a public body, corporate and politic, to be known as the Tri-COG Land Bank. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Walton.

MR. WALTON: Thank you, Mr. President. The Committee on Economic Development has held a series of meetings, first on June 9th, 2016 and again on June 16th, 2016. And in that second meeting, if I remember correctly, we had members --- Committee Member DeMarco, Finnerty, Kress and Council Member Means along with myself present. And we discussed this issue extensively and it was unanimously passed out of committee. And I move for adoption.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?  
Representative DeMarco.

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President, for recognizing me. I agree with Chairman Walton on that and we did take a look at this. I would urge anyone that has questions about the land banking to do extensive research about it. It is a complicated subject. And you can find whatever you want if you go out there on Google and things of that nature. But I'm very satisfied after asking questions at our committee meeting and talking to the folks in the administration, the Director of Economic Development Committee, that we've put the appropriate safeguards in place. And that the County has the appropriate documentation, that this is a good decision for us to move forward to give the folks in these communities the tools that they need to try to address blight in their communities. And that's why I am fully in favor of this.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing no more comments ---. Wait a minute. Representative Kress, then Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: All right.

MR. KRESS: Well, I'll defer to Councilman Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Go ahead.

MR. KRESS: All right. Thank you. No, just as an attorney who's seen a lot of problems with properties that have been abandoned, I think this is a good thing. I mean, the biggest problem you have is --- I mean, what I've seen is that people, maybe they abandon the home. They think they've filed a bankruptcy and they think the bank is going to take the property over and they don't. Or you may have a person who's deceased and the property becomes abandoned and nobody wants to handle the estate. So we issues going on in a lot of the smaller municipalities. They've had issues in West Mifflin, Coraopolis, even in Shaler, throughout the City of Pittsburgh. And the problem is that some of the smaller municipalities don't have the wherewithal financially to handle some of these dilapidated properties, go forward with a sheriff's sale or a tax sale to clean the liens. So I think that the land bank itself will be a great thing especially for some of the smaller municipalities in my area. I know Etna and Millville would like to join. It's up the Shaler Area School District to make a decision on that. I think we have a meeting coming up soon. I think they're going to vote on it in July. But I give my wholehearted support behind this, and I hope the Shaler Area School District supports it also. So thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you very much. I'd like to just recognize Councilman DeMarco because he did a lot of research on this when we were having our meetings and I think that's important that ---. We all understand there's other land banks in the United States besides ours, in New Orleans and so on, and the different problems they had. And I think you brought that out. And I think that's very important. I'd also really like to compliment our economic development department which has really done a tremendous job, brought a lot of people together to come up with this document, which is --- I think it's a very good document and has different situations in it where we are protected as Allegheny County. And I compliment, I guess, Pat, Cassandra, Pat Earley, we have Jack here, and

I don't see Bob anywhere out there, but Bob Hurley, who is the director. Thank you very much for all the work you did. Thanks.

MR. WALTON: Mr. Chairman?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. WALTON: Mr. President, I'd like to echo Member Finnerty's comments. But he left out a significant member of the team, Maureen, as well. And I'd also like to say in closing that there are as many land banks and pieces of legislation across the country as one can imagine. And that this was thoroughly vetted. There's years of work that has gone into this effort. And I think that there --- it's a quality document and it bodes well for all residents of Allegheny County. And when you look at it in terms of opt-in provisions and so that --- it's about transparency, it's about integrity and it does real cost containment in terms of County expenditures while providing a real opportunity for growth. And I hope that the members of the land bank move forward with as much diligence and integrity in moving that piece forward as they have done to this point. And I thank them for their work.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Macey had a question.

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President and Members of Council. I certainly want to thank the Steel Valley COG, the Twin Rivers COG and the Turtlecreek Valley COG who worked diligently and had many, many meetings and informational programs throughout the Mon Valley and the Steel Valley. One of the things that I'm very proud of and --- I think that the Steel Valley COG and the Twin Rivers COG morphing into the Steel Rivers COG has, I think, been an asset to those communities of modest means in the Mon Valley and the Steel Valley area.

I want to recognize Ann Lewis who is in the audience who ushered and did a lot of work to inform the various elected officials in those communities so they had a better understanding of what land banking is.

And also, the fact that this isn't done just by one organization. It's done with school districts. It's done by other taxing authorities. And thank goodness that the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development saw a wonderful program here and how it's going to help some of these communities get back on their feet. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Let's see here. Give us a roll call.

MR. BARKER: On the motion to approve Bill 9667-16.

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?  
MS. KIRK: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?  
(No response.)  
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 with one member absent. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Liaison Reports.  
Representative Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Well, we already talked about the Pens and the U.S. Open, but I want to tell everyone that something good came out of the U.S. Open that --- the leftover food was donated to the Duquesne Food Bank. And they provided enough food for about 20,000 meals after the Open. And I'm glad that they were able to do that for the region. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead, Representative Means.

MS. MEANS: I just want to congratulate the Community of Bridgeville on a very successful community day that happened this past Saturday and remind everyone that Mt. Lebanon's Community Day will be on the 4th of July. And Happy 4th of July to everyone.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Representative Ellen --- wait a minute. Who has a question? Go ahead.

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: I just wanted to mention that on July 2nd Lawrenceville will have their annual 4th of July celebration. And they have been doing that for 72 years now with all kinds of things for the kids and family. And I urge you to go and check that out, too. It's from 11:00 a.m. 'til 10:00 p.m. with Zambelli fireworks. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Walton and then I'll get you. Go ahead.

MR. WALTON: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to say on July 2nd the Borough of Wilkinsburg is hosting a community festival in Hunter Park that will begin at noon and run till 7:00 o'clock. And is going to celebrate the resurgence of the Borough of Wilkinsburg. So I'd encourage everyone that possibly can attend to participate and do so. Thank you, sir.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. I just wanted to mention the 4th of July, the Brentwood Parade. It's the largest parade in Allegheny County. We'll be up there and it proves to be a very exciting day. It's also the first Halloween for all the kids up there because you don't dare be in that parade and don't give them candy. I can guarantee you that. I got a trunk load of candy and stuff, and I'm looking forward to our colleagues coming up and joining us. It's a festive time and I'm looking forward to it. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Ellenbogen.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Mr. President, with your indulgence, can I ask the clerk to pass these out for me, please? Thank you, sir. On Sunday, I was watching the news with my little granddaughter and I saw something that really disturbed me. What appeared to be a very young animal, deer, whitetail deer, terrified out of its wits on the news. What next sounded to me what I would say double

ought buckshot and an officer leaving the loading dock at the Post Gazette with what appeared to me to be a 12-gauge shotgun. Now, before I, you know, say what I'm going to say, I listened to the Game Commission. I listened to what the zoo --- the zoo said that, you know, we're not equipped to handle something like that. We don't want to bring any animals in that may be contagious or whatever to any of the animals in the zoo. The police and everyone said that they could not tranquilize the animal and there was also the fear that if they did tranquilize the animal that he could have ran and potentially caused some kind of damage or whatnot.

First of all, what the zoo said, I would be more afraid of what bug could be in one of those boxes that they bring over from Africa and India than I would be of a white-tail deer that's downtown. Considering the millions of dollars --- and you know, if anybody wants to know the exact amount, Mr. Szymanski was nice enough to look it up for me the amount of money that comes as a result of County to them. That's an unacceptable answer to me.

If you look at the picture and I listened to what the police had to say, that it could have ran. In your possession is a picture or an aerial view of the loading dock and the area of where this deer was. You'll notice that simply blocking the entrance if the deer would have ran anywhere from the loading dock, there was nowhere for it to go because there's not an animal that I know of that could jump those walls and that fence. The parking lot is completely contained except for that. So that answer to me is unacceptable. It's unacceptable to me on a --- you know, we're talking about a Sunday here. I mean, we're not talking about a lot of traffic and the deer could have not gotten out.

Now, I worked my way through college as a zookeeper in the Pittsburgh Zoo so I'm more than knowledgeable about animals. This whole thing to me was unacceptable. This deer was --- it didn't even have its horns yet. Now, a lot of people might say, well, you know, we listen to those reports and they say, well, it's a deer and this and that. No.

So let me say this. You know, the deer's gone. I think that --- you know, don't tell me it's raining when you're running the hose on the back of my head because all these answers that I got here were nothing but bull. And I'd be more than willing to discuss it with anyone. You



know, the mayor is a reasonable guy. I'm wondering why he doesn't ask where were the animal control people? There's no excuse to my mind for not tranquilizing this young animal, which anybody that know anything about white-tail deer --- and a lot of my friends who are avid hunters will tell you that a city deer is nothing like a deer that lives in the wild. They're used to being around people. They probably could have even calmed it if they just calmed the situation.

Is that going to do anything for the deer? No. it's gone. So here's what concerns me. Maybe next week somebody's Great Dane gets out or somebody's pet. So what are they going to do? Are they going to shoot it, knowing nothing about it? It is completely unacceptable to me that nowhere in this County could nobody have any kind of tranquilizing element. You know, I've been around police and I've been around --- I carry a badge myself and I've been around animals all my life. And to me, this is completely unacceptable. So I would ask the clerk that during the Committee meeting, that as Public Safety Chair, that I'm going to have concerning the police presence and Wilmerding's request for us to help them, that you add this to that meeting. Because I want to discuss this at length and I'd like input from other Council people. Because like I said, you know, today it was a deer, but what happens when it's another situation? Or when there's children around? Who knows? All I'm saying is that somebody in this County, if not the City, should have the ability to tranquilize an animal without making a rash judgment.

Now, I'm not going to criticize the police officers because from what I heard they couldn't get any help, and that was the alternative that they took. But I'm going to say that something needs to be done here. Maybe we can avoid somebody's pet being killed or whatnot.

So I appreciate everybody listening and hopefully we'll hear more about this during the meeting. Thank you, Mr. President and Members of Council.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. I have a variety of things to talk about. June 23rd, from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m., Soldiers and Sailors are having an event. It's called Swing into the Summer. And it's a jazz type event and it's free. It's free, but they're also saying that they'd

like a donation. So if you can't afford it, don't worry about it. But if you can afford it, they'd like a \$10 donation.

This weekend Collier Township dedicated a basketball court to T.J. McConnell, who was a great basketball player at Chartiers Valley High School. And he also plays for the Philadelphia pro team, if you know pro basketball. They didn't do too well this year, but he's still playing in the pros which is something. And he's a point guard.

We have --- Crafton Celebrates will start at the end of June, the 30th, and go through the 4th of July. They have a parade at 6:30 on the 30th and that starts their day of celebration.

There's so many --- I represent 16 municipalities and just about everyone has something, a Community Day or something, on the 4th of July. I live in Scott Township and Scott Township has a Community Day on the 4th, so I just wanted to mention that.

And also, while I'm at it, our --- we are participating in the 93rd National Marbles Tournament and it's --- they're going to start that, I believe, this Thursday and we have four people in that. The Mibsters, they're called. They're down there. And we've managed in Allegheny County to bring home a trophy just about every year --- in fact, more than one trophy. So let's hope they can do that again.

I'd also like to mention that our Parks Department has something called the Hometown Hoops mini camps there going on June 27th and 28th --- is at Meyers Ridge Park. That's in McKees Rocks. That's one of my areas. And July 7th and 8th at Hayes Manor basketball court in McKees Rocks also. But they're also at --- in McKeesport, Wilkinsburg, Braddock, Clairton, Wilmerding, let's see, Sharpsburg, Rankin, East Pittsburgh, Verona and Homestead. So that is on our website if you would want to look it up to see when they're having the mini hoops camp in your area. That's all I can think of at the moment. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco.

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you for recognizing me, Mr. President. If you heard Councilman Kress speak earlier, he talked about many of the folks that he's spoken to that needed jobs. And we heard the Chief Executive talk about how on the website there are over 30,000 jobs available

If we can only match those particular jobs with people with the skills. Well, next Tuesday at Duquesne University, 2016 Hiring Pittsburgh Career Expo and Operation Hire a Veteran, a job fair, is going to take place. Again, it'll be Tuesday, June 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Now, this Hiring Fair is open to all, but there are special opportunities available for veterans. It's a great setting. There's easy parking. And you know, vets first, to be there from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. So I urge any of folks, any of the Allegheny County constituents who are looking for employment or looking to better their employment or any of our recently discharged veterans or folks who graduated recently from the colleges to consider attending this Hiring Pittsburgh Career Expo and Operation Hire a Veteran, a Vet, to try to get their first leg up here and a great future here in Allegheny County. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Seeing no more, we will now move on to New Business, Ordinances and Resolutions. 9708-16.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the grant of a temporary license to The Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta, Inc. for the purpose of staging a craft and food vendor market on the Roberto Clemente Bridge, 6th Street Bridge, as part of The Three Rivers Regatta Motor Boat and River Festival between Friday, August 5th, 2016 and Monday, August 8th, 2016. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go into Public Works Committee. 9709-16.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the grant of a temporary license agreement to Riverlife, in conjunction with Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership, for the purpose of creating a light display on the Rachel Carson Bridge, 9th Street Bridge, in conjunction with the City of Pittsburgh's Bicentennial Celebration known as "Pittsburgh 200" beginning October 1st, 2016. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go into Public Works Committee. 9710-16.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing White Oak Animal Safe Haven, No Kill Animal Shelter, Inc. 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: That'll go into the Parks Committee. 9711-16.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny authorizing the County to enter into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with Wilmerding Borough under which the County will provide basic police and law enforcement services to the Borough. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go into the Public Safety Committee. Yeah, Public Safety Committee. 9712-16.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution ratifying certain year-end transfers pursuant to Section 805.03 of the Administrative Code. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go into Budget and Finance Committee. 9712-16.

MR. BARKER: I'm sorry, 9713?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No 9712-16.

MR. BARKER: That was the year-end transfer. We just completed that one.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: What it has here is a Resolution ratifying certain ---.

MR. FINNERTY: He did that one. Go to the next one.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9713-16.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2016, Submission #06-16. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go into Budget and Finance. New Business, Motions? Notification of Contracts, none?

MR. BARKER: We have none.

MR. MACEY: Make a motion to adjourn.

MR. KRESS: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: There's a second. All those in favor signify by saying aye.  
(Ayes respond.)

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:36 p.m.

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