

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

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

Allegheny County Courthouse  
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IN ATTENDANCE:

Jared Barker - Director of Legislative Services  
Samuel Dalfonzo, Esq. - Allegheny County Council  
Solicitor  
Ken Varhola - Chief of Staff  
Sarah Roka - Budget Assistant

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

After me ---.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

(Silent prayer or reflection.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Roll call?

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?

MR. CATENA: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?

(No response.)

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?

MS. PRIZIO: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Here.

MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. BARKER: We have 14 members present.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Proclamations and certificates 10609-18.

MR. BARKER: A Proclamation congratulating Mr. Art Hazen for being named the 2018 Big Brother of the Year. Sponsored by Councilman Baker.

MR. BAKER: Mr. President, if it's okay, can we move to Councilwoman Prizio's and then --- Art's just not here quite yet.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, let me know when they are, okay.

MR. BAKER: Okay. Sounds good.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10610-18.

MR. BARKER: A Proclamation congratulating Ms. Nancy Griffith for being named the 2018 Big Sister of the Year. Sponsored by Council Member Prizio.

MS. PRIZIO: Thank you so much for coming. Allegheny County is fortunate to have a number of teachers, community volunteers and individuals who support the mentoring movement and work selflessly to improve our children's odds for success in overcoming adversity.

Each year, Big Brothers and Big Sisters selects a deserving Big Sister who exemplifies the best of one-to-one mentoring; and

WHEREAS, Big Brothers and Big Sisters has selected Mrs. Nancy Griffith as the 2018 Big Sister of the Year. Mrs. Griffith is a retired nurse from Aspenwall and has served as big sister to little sister Cameron for six years.

WHEREAS, she --- they have enjoyed a variety of fun and worthwhile experiences while creating a lifetime of memories.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Allegheny Council Member Anita Prizio, do hereby congratulate Mrs. Nancy Griffith for being named the 2018 Big Sister of the Year. And we commend her for her continued dedication towards serving as a positive role model, supporting vulnerable children and helping them succeed. Thank you very much for your service. We appreciate it.

(Applause.)

MS. GRIFFITH: I just want to say thank you. This has been a very unexpected and a very lovely honor. And my little sister and I have been together, like they said, for six years. And as well as her having a lot of new experiences, it's been a great experience for me. And I think this kid is just destined to do really, really well. She has a mother who is spectacular, but I've also helped her experience new things around the city and a lot of things that otherwise she probably never would have had the opportunity to try.

So I just want to say for the program in general, it's amazed me the amount of people that are involved in this and the time that they give to help out so many kids. That has just been an unbelievable eye opener for me. So I just want to say it's a tremendous organization and we've seen just unbelievable, wonderfully good success stories come from it. Thank you.

MS. PRIZIO: Thank you. Thank you so much.  
(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: All right. So we'll ask Ms. Nancy to stay up here as well, and here's your proclamation, Ms. Nancy. So this is a big deal. So out of 1,512 volunteers here in Pittsburgh and Greater Pittsburgh --- that's Allegheny, Washington and Greene --- Nancy Griffith and Art Hazen were named the Top Big of the year for the Pittsburgh program. And then they went to the state level and they got selected as the Big Brother of the Year in Pennsylvania for Art and the Big Sister of the Year in Pennsylvania for Nancy.

So that's a big deal. That's a big, big deal. So we'll be going to Harrisburg at the end of May. They'll be honored there. They'll be honored at the State Capitol on the steps of the Rotunda. They'll be honored at our state association meeting.

Then they both get the chance potentially to be the National Big of the Year. So that's where --- the next step potentially. So out of the 50 states in the country, they both have the potential now to be the Bigs of the Year in all of America, which is really, really cool.

So our fingers are cross that hopefully one or both of one get to do that. I've known both of these tremendous people for a long time. I've known Ms. Nancy for about six years and Art for the better part of a decade, and they're both wonderful human beings. They give so much to their --- to their Littles and to the organization as a whole.

Ms. Nancy and I have played sports together. Ms. Nancy and I have been in a fashion show together. Art is --- she's the --- she's on our Big Recruitment Board, so we spend a lot of our weekend time together. I think this is like our third or fourth day in a row together. And Art has been on our Board of Directors, served as our Bowl for Kids' Sake Chairman, been involved with his little brother Floyd for a decade now.

So we're really proud of both of them. It is --- I know we're here at the County Council. It's their day in the City of Pittsburgh, too, which is pretty fun. And especially for our young leaders that are here, our college leaders that we'll get to know a little bit later in the meeting. I think this is what you aspire to be, to be the Big of the Year, to just be a Big, be a mentor to somebody and make a difference in their life.

So real quickly, I know there's some overlap proclamation wise but we'll do Art's Proclamation.

WHEREAS, Big Brothers and Big Sisters has selected Mr. Art Hazen as the 2018 Big Brother of the Year.

WHEREAS, Mr. Hazen, a financial planner for Moon Township has served as Big Brother to Little Brother Floyd for 10 years.

I will say this. The pictures that we have in our office, he is the most recent picture that's not --- or the oldest picture that's not a Polaroid. So yeah, there's a couple people that have been involved a little bit longer. He's the first non-Polaroid picture, though, from back in the '08 era.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Allegheny County Council Member Tom Baker, do hereby congratulate Mr. Art Hazen for being named the 2018 Big Brother of the Year. We commend him for his continued dedication towards serving as a positive role model supporting vulnerable children and helping them succeed.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, unto caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 24th day of April, 2018. Congratulations, Art. You're a great human being so congratulations on being Big of the Year in PA.

(Applause.)

MR. HAZEN: Thank you, Tom and thank you, Council. We certainly appreciate this --- this opportunity. Congratulations to Ms. Nancy, Big Sister of the Year.

This organization does wonderful things for children. As Tom mentioned, 1,512 kids served right here in our hometown over the course of the last year, and that number continues to grow year after year. This staff at Big Brothers and Big Sisters, this agency is a wonderful agency doing wonderful things and I've seen it from the front lines. And we just want to continue our success, so thank you again and we'll see you soon.

MR. BAKER: Thanks, Art.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: And I do want to just give a quick shout out to a member of our staff for the last decade. She lives in the best County Council District, number one. Erin O'Brien, who has been with us --- sorry, a little biased --- but Erin does a great job.

She's been with us for the better part of a decade and she is the Match Support Specialist for Nancy and Cameron so she's here as a proud colleague. And we're just really thrilled, and hope --- now, we go to the national level, and hopefully, you know, Ms. Nancy or Art will bring home the title to Pittsburgh and we'll celebrate that, too. So we'll grab a quick group photo. And college students, what --- are you going to join me when you graduate from college? Thank you, very good job. Okay. Come on. Come on.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10611-18, and the rest of the proclamations will be read into the record.

MR. BARKER: 10611-18. Certificates of Recognition awarded to the volunteers of the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Southwestern Veterans' Center. Sponsored by Council Member DeMarco.

10612-18. Certificate of Recognition presented to Mrs. Mildred Hughes upon the momentous occasion of her 100th birthday. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

And 10615-18, a Proclamation honoring the Sprout Fund for its 17 years of dedicated nurturing and inspiring the people of the Pittsburgh region. Sponsored by Council Members Walton and Means.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We don't have any public comment?

MR. BARKER: Correct.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Approval of minutes, 10608-18.

MR. BARKER: Motion to approve the minutes of the March 20th, 2018 regular meeting of Council.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Is there a second?

MR. DEMARCO: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?

Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10601-18.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Jason Fincke to serve as a member of the Council of Friends organization for South Park for a term to expire on May 11th, 2020. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Ms. Means, do you want to say something?

MS. MEANS: Yeah. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for --- President, for recognizing. Jason Fincke works really hard and he's a very valuable member of the Friends at South Park, so I move to have his appointment approved.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?

Representative DeWitt?

MR. WALTON: I think Jason Fincke is an incredibly talented and compassionate and caring individual, and he will represent South --- the Friends of South Park in an incredibly great way. So I support that. I support that approval.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing no more remarks, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.  
10602-18.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of David J. Buchewicz to serve as a member of the Council of Friends organization for South Park for a term to expire on May 25th, 2020. Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. Dave has been a member of the organization since its inception and it's --- I'm really pleased to be able to move for approval of his reappointment today for Friends.

MS. MEANS: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.  
10603-18.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Butch Adams to serve as a member of the Council of Friends organization for South Park for a term to expire on May 25th, 2020. Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Butch also has been a member of the Friends group since its inception, and again, I'm more than happy to recommend him and move for approval.

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Second.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.  
10604-18.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Janet Craig to serve as a member of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2020. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Appointment Review Committee. 10605-18.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Anthony Saveikis to serve as a member of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2020 sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 10565-18.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of DeWitt Walton to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Vacant Property Review Committee for a term to expire on December 31st, 2019. Sponsored by Council Member DeFazio.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Who wants to make a motion?

MS. MEANS: I think it's Sam DeMarco.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, I'm sorry. Go ahead, Sam.

MR. DEMARCO: Sure. Go ahead, Sam. Thank you, Mr. President. On April 18th, the Committee on Appointment Review met and affirmatively recommended the reappointment of Councilman DeWitt Walton to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Vacant Property Review Committee. I'd like to make a motion.

MR. CATENA: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10566-18.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of William F. Ward, Esquire to serve as a member of the



Accountability, Conduct and Ethics Commission for a term to expire on December 31st, 2023. Sponsored by Council Member DeMarco.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Mr. President, thank you. On April 18th, the Committee for Appointment Review met and affirmatively recommended the reappointment of William F. Ward to serve as a member of the Accountability, Conduct and Ethics Commission. I'd like to make a motion.

MS. MEANS: Second.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.  
10568-18.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Cynthia D. Shapira to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Airport Authority Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2020. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President. On April 18th, the Committee for Appointment Review met and approved or affirmatively recommended the reappointment of Cynthia D. Shapira to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Airport Authority Board. I'd like to make a motion.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.  
10570-18.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Stephanie Turman to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Industrial Development Authority, the Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority, the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority and the Allegheny County Residential Finance Authority for a term effective through December 31st, 2022. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President. On April 18th, the Committee for Appointment Review met and affirmatively recommended the reappointment of Stephanie

Turman to serve as a member of those various authorities. I'd like to make a motion.

MS. MEANS: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Under Liaison Reports, Representative Baker?

MR. BAKER: Thanks, Mr. President. I just first wanted to welcome our student government leaders that are here. Danielle Wicklund from Robert Morris University is the President of the Pittsburgh Student Government Council, and she has a couple of her colleagues and friends with her. We'll doing a Q and A afterwards so that they can learn a little bit about the local government.

I will promise you that it is not always this quick, that the meetings are not always this quick, but I'm glad that you could be here tonight to learn a little bit more about how County Council works. And all my colleagues are, of course, very welcome to join us afterwards for the Q and A. There will be snacks, there will be questions, there will be learning. It should be a great time. So we're glad to have the --- have you with us here tonight.

A couple other quick District 1 updates. We had a really nice coffee with your elected officials event in Ben Avon at Anchor & Anvil. Councilman Catena are very good mutual friends. Representative Anita Kulik and I did that event together. It was a real big success with a good turnout. Went right from there to Aleppo Earth day, and there was a fantastic set of folks that were at Aleppo Earth day.

So Great Gala was this last weekend. Congratulations to the city theatre for an excellent Gala which was --- which was terrific. And then Councilwoman Kirk and I had a real nice time on Saturday night at the Northland Garden Gala at Northland Library in McCandless, which was great.

Last night we had a terrific joint government meeting and event. The county manager was there, Willie McKain, the County Executive, in Coraopolis and --- and it might be the best practice of best practices. I think the chance for our county leaders to be able to get into a room with the local mayor or the local council members and

just talk about what's going on, how can we help, how can we collaborate, how can we work together? I --- just driving away last night, Manager McKain, I was so proud of the collaborative efforts that were going on between the county and Coraopolis.

And I got probably about four or five messages from them in the last 24 hours saying how happy they were that the --- that the administration came out to meet with them and it was really great. So that's it, Mr. President. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Catena?

MR. CATENA: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd just like to take the time to say yesterday, in my son's actual school, Carnegie Elementary School, there was an unfortunate incident. I mean, you never know what's going to happen on a day-to-day basis with, unfortunately, with the violence that's occurring everywhere. But it --- it hit really close to home yesterday when the call came in with a male with a rifle trying to get into the --- trying to get into the school.

And the school obviously had to go on lockdown. And the response from the teachers to the staff to the administration of Carlynton School District, obviously, all of the first responders, the Carnegie Police Department, the Collier Police Department, the Heidelberg Police Department, the Scott Police Department, the County Sheriff's, the on-scene presence that was there was truly incredible and they were able to secure the school and --- without incident.

And they were able to take --- it was a juvenile they were able to take into custody, and it turned out that it was a BB gun. But I was just amazed at how professional and how well executed everything was and how all of the law enforcement agencies in Carlynton School District came together to keep all of our children safe. So a big thank you to each and every one of those people that took part in yesterday. So thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Who else had their hand up? Go ahead, Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President. I was just going to --- again, many of the folks may know about this, but last Thursday out at the airport, the Airport Authority CEO, Christina Cassotis, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Carnegie Mellon University. So very exciting times here in Allegheny County. We've talked

about the airport project as it is, but any time you can get a world renowned university together with a world renowned airport --- we were Airport of the Year in 2017 --- come together in partnership, collaboration, to try to spur innovation, it affirms for the people of Allegheny County that they're living in the right place at the right time. And it's sort of a beacon to the rest of the world that Pittsburgh is the place they want to be.

So hopefully Amazon was paying attention to what was taking place out there. Part of this is going to be we're going to provide space for students and faculty to come out and work at the airport to try to take and create innovative technologies related to air travel and things of the future.

So I'm very excited about the partnership, and this is the type of thing that we need to be doing as a county body, working with our universities, our foundations and private enterprise to move this region forward. So it was great that I was able to attend there and I want to thank the County Executive and his team for that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other liaison reports? Okay. Representative Cindy Kirk?

MS. KIRK: I just want to take a quick moment to thank the County Manager's office, William McKain, for making the parking area a very safe --- much safer area now than it was just a week or two ago. So thank you. It's noticed.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. Yeah. Thank you. That was very nice. You know, the last time I was down there I felt like I was in quicksand and I was starting to disappear down there. Thank you very much for that.

Mr. President and Members of Council, I just wanted to mention a couple things. I had a group down here from Brentwood a few years ago, the Drop the Puck Campaign, where these young men and women play that deck hockey, and they raised another \$71,000 for cancer victims.

And Brentwood, every year they select so many people from the --- from Brentwood that are in trouble with that terrible disease and they --- they help with the expense and so on. It's over \$400,000 they've raised in the last several years. And I went up the other --- I

went up Saturday a week ago to see it. I want to tell you they --- they actually change lines like the --- like the regular hockey. I mean, it's unbelievable what I witnessed there, and I just wanted to commend that group. They just did a wonderful job and they're helping a lot of people.

And the other thing I wanted to mention I was --- also, I had the pleasure of going to see the spring play at Baldwin-Whitehall and they did a wonderful job. In the past couple of years, they've won the Gene Kelly Award for the best musical. And I'll tell you, this one that they had this year I think --- I can't see them missing again. It was just absolutely wonderful. And I wanted to congratulate all of the people involved there.

And at South Park, too, I got a chance to go over to South Park and see their --- their play also and they did a great job. And I --- I wanted to just give those people a shout out because they deserve it. I had no idea how hard it is to put these plays on and so on until I got involved a little bit. Those young men and women really, really pour their hearts out and I just wanted --- just thought they deserved some recognition. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing no more liaison reports, we'll go to 10607-18.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, authorizing the incurrence of non-electoral debt by the issuance of one or more series or subseries of general obligation bonds, Series C-77, or by such other names designated by the County, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$114,425,000. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Budget/Finance. 10608-18.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2018, Submission number 03-18. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That would be ---.

MR. MACEY: Received and filed.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Pardon me? What'd you say?

MR. BARKER: I believe that was Mr. Macey. I didn't catch what he said, though.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, go ahead.

MR. MACEY: Received and filed, please.

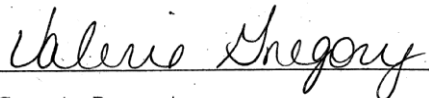
MS. MEANS: Received and filed.  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Well, that was going to Budget and Finance. He's talking about the next one.  
MR. BARKER: Right. Actually, we have no notifications of contracts at this time, so ---.  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.  
MR. BARKER: We're good.  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, he wants it received and filed. All right. New Business? Notification of Contracts?  
MR. BARKER: None.  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: None. Public Comment, none?  
MR. BARKER: Also none.  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Does someone want to make a motion to adjourn?  
MR. WALTON: Motion to adjourn.  
MR. CATENA: Second.  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All those in favor signify by saying aye.  
(Chorus of ayes.)  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.  
Thank you very much.

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 5:26 P.M.

CERTIFICATE

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

Dated the 19th day of May 2018

  
Court Reporter

Valerie Gregory