

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
Tom Baker	-	District 1
Cindy Kirk	-	District 2
Anita Prizio	-	District 3
Patrick Catena	-	District 4
Sue Means	-	District 5
John F. Palmiere	-	District 6
Paul Zavarella	-	District 8
Robert J. Macey	-	District 9
DeWitt Walton	-	District 10
Paul Klein	-	District 11
Robert Palmosina	-	District 12
Denise Ranalli-Russell	-	District 13

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IN ATTENDANCE:

Jared Barker - Director of Legislative Services  
Jack Cambest - Allegheny County Council Solicitor  
Ken Varhola - Chief of Staff  
Sarah Roka - Budget Assistant

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

After me ---.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

(Silent prayer or reflection.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 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: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Pamosina?

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: Mr. Zavarella?

MR. ZAVARELLA: Here.

MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. BARKER: All 15 members are present.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We'll have now our 2020 Comprehensive Fiscal Plan and Budget Address by our Chief Executive.

(Applause.)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. I'm delighted to come

before you tonight to tell you that for the 18th time in the last 19 years we're going to be proposing a balanced --- an operating budget which will have no increase in the tax millage and will be balanced again as we've done many times. The budget itself will be \$959 million we're going to propose to you tonight, which is about a 2.9 percent increase over last year's budget. I'm proud of the fact that over those 19 years we've been bringing a lot of stability to people and predictability that if they invest in property in Allegheny County, whether it's residential property or commercial property, that we're going to hold the line on property tax.

And when you think about the fact that there's not even an inflation adjustment that is made to that because there has not been a reassessment now in the last eight years, actually, when in term of real dollars, it's actually a little bit of a decrease every year when it comes to your purchasing power. But in doing all that, we're going to continue to invest in things that are --- that are important to the folks in the community and the constituents that we serve.

How are we able to do this? How is the County Manager and his team --- and by the way, before I go on, I do want to praise the County Manager and Director Mary Soroka, the budget team and all of our directors who work all year long to make sure that they're looking for efficiencies, they're looking for economies of scale to put the --- to still provide the services that the constituents that we represent deserve. So I really want to praise them for the great work that they continue to do.

We also have had a lot of new construction this year because of the investment that's happening in Allegheny County, over \$1 billion of new construction, which also helps hold the line on the millage rate for the rest of the folks in Allegheny County. We're going to be doing some --- a little bit of changes this year that we're going to be requesting for you. One of those changes is we're going to expand the MBE WBE Department and actually change the name of it, change it to --- the name is going to be the Equity and Inclusion Department, to expand the resources that that department has to be able to not just provide the applications and the certification for the MBE WBE businesses, but also to help them with outreach and to help more equity and more

inclusion throughout the community. We know that, you know, on a macro level Allegheny County has been doing pretty well over the last few years economically, but not everybody has shared in the fruits of the labor that has happened. And we want to make sure that there is more equity and more inclusion for all of the citizens in the region.

We're also going to be proposing to you tonight to move one item out of administrative services. Administrative services has had DCS, Department of Computer Services, under it. We're going to request that we change the name and move it as its own department to become Department of Information and Technology. We know how --- Information Technology. We know how information and the technology has changed and will continue to change over the next few years. We think it's really important that this be its own department where the director will be answering directly to the County Manager. So that's one of the requests that you will be seeing tonight so that the apps that we do, the website applications that we do, working with all of the various directors and all the technology that we have is everything it can be. And I think it deserves to have that clout that being a department on its own, standalone department, will have.

If you remember a few years ago both Facilities and Parks were under Public Works. We separated those over a period of time, and I think you've seen the importance of how the Facilities Department has really ramped up as that department focuses strictly on our facilities. The same with the Parks Department, how when it became its own department, we've seen increases and improvements in some of our parks, not just the physical structure but also the projects and the programs that we run.

We're going to continue to invest in our public works, because you know how important that is. Last year we had asked you to put some more money into slope stabilization, as well as some of the landslide issues that we've dealt with. We want to continue that this year. I also want to thank our Directors and the task force that we formed with Director Shanley and Director Brown to be able to form the committee that they did in doing the slope and the landslide task force that has come about. So I appreciate the work that has happened there.

Also, one of things that we announced just a little while ago was Project Reset, an expungement program which we allow --- help, not allow. But help people that are eligible to have their record expunged to be able to kind of navigate through a very difficult bureaucratic process that is there. That has been very successful just in the last couple months, and we want to keep doing that along those lines.

Just to go back to the equity and inclusion part of it, I also want to thank Councilman Dewitt Walton. It was part of his suggestion and his work in doing that. Also, Gail Moss, who chairs that committee, was very instrumental in helping us kind of navigate what we think will be an important process as we move forward through that, so we hope you give that every due consideration as we move through that process. We're going to continue to invest in our parks. I know I've heard from many of you, and you've heard from many of your constituents to see the improvement in our parks and our quality of life. We've had more people using our parks. We continue to see higher attendance at all of the facilities that we have, and we want that to continue because we view those parks as quite a jewel and quite --- assets that we have here in the County. So that's pretty much it.

I was going to open it up --- well, let me just really quick. The capital budget, we're going to talk about \$100 million capital budget with 61 projects that we're going to be doing including the roof of the City-County building, as well as doing the third and final sister bridge that used to be called the Sixth, Seventh and Ninth Street Bridges. But the Clemente, Warhol and Rachael Carson Bridge, that will be in the budget tonight as well, as well as many of the road repair systems that we've been doing the last couple of years, as you know. We've been doing a lot of catch up over years of kind of deferred maintenance with our roads. And over the last three or four years we've really caught up, and we're going to continue to make sure we stay ahead of the curve on that.

So with that I'll open it up to any questions you might have.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: DeWitt Walton?  
Representative?

MR. WALTON: Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. Fitzgerald, I want to --- I want to start by clearly --- I want to make two points. Clearly, you have been very collaborate in addressing concerns that we've been --- we've discussed over the past several years regarding equity and inclusion. It is critical that we use all the tools that are at our disposal to advance the issue of equity in every phase of the business that we do here at the County. We've talked about the purchasing. We've talked about development and --- as well as creating a greater entrepreneurial opportunity. And you've been responsive, and I'm really excited to see where we move with the restructured department.

Secondly, as Chair of Economic Development and Housing, we've been able to have some really meaningful kinds of conversations, and I want to give you congratulations for the latest LERTA that we've passed. For the first time since my tenure here on Council, we've shifted the way LERTAs are done for a specific process.

As you well know, we went from traditional LERTAs to one that was predicated on how quickly that facility, that building, came to full occupancy or close to occupancy and reducing the LERTA as the building grew in terms of occupancy. I think that's a really insightful way to look at providing opportunities and inducements for developers to come here and expand in a more rapid manner the revenue that is being generated by the County. And it is those kinds of multiple approaches that we take that we have --- that we can take to development and increase revenues for the County and create greater opportunities in other arenas. And I want to thank you.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you. Thank you, Councilman.

Yeah, it was an innovative way. I want to thank Director Chimka, Lance Chimka, the Economic Development Director, that in certain neighborhoods right now we don't have to give out the tax breaks that we did just a number of years ago. As I like to say, the pump has been primed economically, and the market will take off and be able to fill those buildings. But they still want to build on spec. Developers still would like to build the buildings so that when they have an opportunity to have a tenant move in, that they won't lose that opportunity to some other aspect. So if we can provide a little bit of imaginative ways to get the development moving without

giving away too much of a tax break, I think it's one of those middle grounds we can use.

There are some areas of the County that still, quite frankly, need some of that incentive if we're going to get people to build there, and we want to stay open to those opportunities. But as you mentioned, some of these places that we've seen great growth, the market can take off.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other ---?

Seeing none --- oh, wait a minute.

Representative Baker?

MR. BAKER: Thanks, Mr. President.

I would --- I would just mention that in a day where we've all been taken aback in a good way, bad way about social media and Republicans and Democrats and independents being friends, as you've probably all seen on the internet today. I just wanted to say that I appreciate the County Executive for working together with both parties within County Council here in making sure that every year he meets with the Democrats in different subsets, and he meets with Republicans as a caucus to talk about the budget, talk things through, so that when we come to this meeting tonight with all of you it's not a surprise. We are in the loop of kind of what is going on, and I think that's very much appreciated in a world that can sometimes be polarizing. The fact that actually people get along and work together, that's a nice thing that happens within County government. And I think I can speak for my fellow Republicans that we --- that we appreciate you for that.

And I just wanted to say congratulations to the team, to Jerry and to the Manager --- to Jerry Tyskiewicz and as the Chair of the Elections Board, which certainly when I woke up on January 1st and my --- did my goalsetting for the year, Chair of the Elections Board was not on my list of things that I thought I would --- didn't think I'd be on the Board. Didn't think I'd be Chair of the Board. It was a --- it was --- it was quite a process. But I wanted to say congrats to the administration, to Manager McKain and to everyone that I got to work with through the process.

It was never going to be perfect, but I think working together, we came to a good final result that I think will really serve the County well. And in 2020, we don't have to worry that Allegheny County will be that

county on TV that our people --- that people are talking about that can't get the --- at least I hope, David White, that that's not --- that that's not the case. But I just want to say congrats to the administration, the colleagues that you work with on just working together with --- with me and the rest, President DeFazio, Councilman Palmosina, when he was on the Board with us and Judge Hens-Greco. It was a good process. It wasn't perfect, but I think we got the job done in an efficient and effective way. So I just want to say thanks.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you, Councilman. And as we move forward, we will see a lot of work that needs to be done over the next year. There's going to be a big learning curve any time you put a new system in place, particularly in a presidential year that we're going to be --- occurring. So there's going to be a lot of training. There's going to be a lot of outreach, not just to the members of the Council, but out into the community at large. And I think the administration --- I think the elections department did a really good job of going around the County, putting all the machines out there, all the different options that were out there so that people really could have a lot of input into what went on. And I think your work, along with your colleagues on the Board, did a yeoman's job in trying to, again, come up with a very difficult process in which you're never going to please everybody. So congratulations on the work you did.

MR. BAKER: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yeah. I just wanted to say, Executive Fitzgerald, I want to congratulate you on being able to come before us today. And again, to repeat what you said earlier to the folks who may have not heard it, but 18 years out of the last 19 without a tax increase. While the County real estate taxes aren't typically the largest bills that any of our taxpayers have, that's still something that I think, you know, is exemplary, is something that very few other municipalities with copies can stay the same. It's a testament to the hard work done by the County Manager, the Chief of Staff, the budget --- and the folks on County Council to ensure that we're able to do this.

My question is, I don't want folks out there in Allegheny County to think that is just a, you know, usual



occurrence. It isn't usual. It's the hard work of a lot of folks.

Is there anything out there that you would want to put out on their radar screen for the future that we need to be certain about moving forward such as ---?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Sure. I think --- look, any time we --- a lot of the funding that we have, --- in essence, when you put the operating and grants and special accounts budget, we're talking about a spending of about \$2.3 billion that this County will do. Much of that, as you know, comes from the State and Federal Government. We're dependent on a lot of what happens in Washington and in Harrisburg. So things like transportation, mass transit, major infrastructure projects, they come from, you know, in essence, the funding that transportation generates, which in large part the gas tax, which is collected by the State and the Federal Government.

As things like Act 89 and Act 44 come to an end, sunset in the next few years, the legislature's going to have to reauthorize or come up with plans to continue to provide money for mass transit and roads, bridges, et cetera. So these are things, I think, we're all going to have to work together on and in a bipartisan way. It just can't be one party one way or the other. We have to work together and see what makes sense for the economic growth and the quality of life that we all want to see. And those things are things we'll have to --- we'll have to work on together.

I will also tell you, you know, that in trying to make sure that we have that stable property tax, it is a challenge. And again, Jennifer Liptak and Willie McKain and Director Soroka and all the department heads who come together and figure out ways to continue to do that, is important. And the work that you guys do and you will be doing as you get this budget presented tonight and then you go through your hearings, Chairman Klein and his team will be, you know, bringing folks in. And, you know, you kick the tires, and you go back and forth on what makes sense on where we need to go. But I think --- I think we've, you know, seen the bond increase. We've seen the fact that we've increased our fund balance to a stable amount, and we're able to provide, you know, the services that I think folks want. But it's those partnerships that we've got to continue to work, make sure again, our

friends in Harrisburg, our friends in Washington as well as the private sector, our friends at the universities, our foundations, the labor community, et cetera, --- everybody working together is, I think, making this place move in a positive direction. So thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing no more hands, we want to thank you ---.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, let me --- I want to ask to present this and put this on the agenda ---

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Okay.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: --- tonight. I'll give this to the clerk. Thank you very much, and we have these, and we'll be giving these out as well. Appreciate the work you do, and I'll look forward to getting a good, balanced budget in the next few months. So thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. 11233-19.

MR. BARKER: Actually, before proceeding with the proclamations, would you like me to read the titles to the four bills the Executive just submitted so they can be referred to committee?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Just refer it.

MR. BARKER: Okay. You want to refer all four to Budget and Finance, I would assume?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. BARKER: Okay. Bill 11233-19. A Proclamation declaring October 2019 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and commending the efforts of the Glimmer of Hope, National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project Foundation, Inc. and Susan G. Komen Greater Pennsylvania, and we encourage all citizens to join in activities that will increase awareness of what Americans can do to prevent and control breast cancer.

Sponsored by Councilmember Kirk and all other members of Council.

MS. KIRK: Hi. Could I ask the folks who are here for breast cancer --- there they are. So here we are in October again, and it's breast cancer awareness. Some of us really focus for a month --- or some folks who focus year round. And why awareness is so important, two reasons. One, it encourages women who maybe put off getting a mammogram or don't think it's worth it. I'm just going to die or whatever. They can see other good

information otherwise, and they will go have the test and be treated or be happy, either way.

And number two, it also encourages people to donate, because without money we can't have all the research. And I think it was in the regular news this week about some of the new meds that are out helping breast cancer victims.

So that said, we'd like to honor the people who fight for us all year round, because every one of us has had someone, some family member or friend, who's been impacted by this terrible disease. So tonight we want to honor our folks here from the Susan B. Komen and the Glimmer of Hope. Yes. Yes. Okay. The main difference I see between the two besides everyone works, we have the Komen --- Association or Society?

MS. JOHNS: Organization.

MS. KIRK: Organization. It's a national organization who has a strong presence here. They do the marches. They do a lot for awareness. And then Ms. Napper here, she started an organization, all local, it's totally local, who funds and raises a lot of money for a lot of equipment and just awareness. And that was a one man band for a while. So we're very grateful for all of you.

That said, let me read the proclamations. And they may --- they may sound similar. And we do, because we will continue to fight this battle. We will continue in October to remind everybody about the importance of this situation and this --- how do I say --- what do I want to say? This cause --- campaign. Campaign. I was -- -- this campaign. You know, it sort of fits here. Okay. First, we'll do the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

WHEREAS, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month was founded in 1985 to promote mammography as a weapon in the fight against breast cancer. In 1991, the Susan G. Komen Foundation first utilized the pink ribbon as a symbol for the cause in its New York City race for breast cancer survivors, and;

WHEREAS, Susan G. Komen for the Cure is the world's largest grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and activists who fight to save lives, empower people, ensure quality care for all and energize science to find cures, and;

WHEREAS, despite considerable progress made in screening, early detection, better treatments and although

mortality rates are steadily decreasing, breast cancer is still the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women in our country, and;

WHEREAS, knowing the risk factors for breast cancer, including family and personal history, obesity, genetic changes and prior exposure to radiation, additionally, exercise and regularly maintaining a healthy, balanced diet and body weight, and regular diagnostic screening may lower or mitigate the development of breast cancer, and;

WHEREAS, Allegheny County holds the health and safety of its citizens as a permanent concern. During National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we stand with our mothers, daughters, sisters and friends and we recognize all who have joined their loved ones in fighting their battle, as well as the advocates, researchers and healthcare providers whose care and hard work give hope to those living with breast cancer. By educating ourselves and supporting innovative research we will improve the quality of life for all Americans affected by breast cancer and one day defeat this terrible disease.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Allegheny County Council does hereby join the nation in proclaiming October 2019 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We commend the efforts of the Susan G. Komen Greater Pennsylvania, and we encourage all citizens to join in activities that will increase awareness of what Americans can do to prevent and control breast cancer.

Whereas, we're looking at all members of Council, especially the women caucus of our Council who take this very, very serious, and we're very happy that the men in our group also do the same because they know the impact of this. We'd just like to thank you for coming. And who'd like to say a word?

MS. JOHNS: Thank you. Good evening. I'm Caroline Johns. I serve on the Komen Board, and I have two of my fellow Board members with me, Justine Patrick, who also serves as the Board President, and Paul Horton. So thank you for having us here tonight. On behalf of the Susan G. Komen Greater PA Organization, I would like to thank you for your recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This is a disease that touches all of us, whether you are a breast cancer survivor or have had someone you know impacted directly. Because of the diligent work of organizations such as Komen, there have been major

advances in breast cancer treatment. Personally, I learned the true benefits of this last year when I received my own diagnosis of breast cancer. Because of the support that has gone into research, I was able to benefit from early diagnosis and individualized treatment, which allowed me to focus less on being a breast cancer patient and more on being a mom, a wife, a Sunday school teacher and a school superintendent.

While I may have benefited from these things, there's still much more work to do. The mortality rate from cancer has not decreased in a meaningful way. Therefore, the Komen Organization has set a bold goal to decrease deaths from breast cancer by 50 percent by the year 2026. They are aggressively going after this goal by reaching out to historically underserved populations to make sure they have access to mammography and treatment in order to see better outcomes. Part of reaching the bold goal is continually increasing awareness of breast cancer, so we appreciate your efforts in helping us do this. We are truly grateful. Thank you very much.

MS. KIRK: Would either of you like to speak? No? Okay. She's going to read it.

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: WHEREAS, organizations across Allegheny County and the United States come together every October to spread the important message of Breast Cancer Awareness, and;

WHEREAS, the Pittsburgh-based nonprofit A Glimmer of Hope Foundation was established in 1994 by Diana Napper to honor the wishes of her best friend, the late Carol Jo Weiss Friedman, who lost her battle with breast cancer in 1990. Diana became a jewelry designer and created a pin using a Swarovski teardrop crystal symbolizing the pain and emotion that she and her friend had endured and completed the design by topping it with a pearl to symbolize the hope for a cure, and;

WHEREAS, A Glimmer of Hope Foundation is a non-profit grassroots effort with a staff of 50 volunteers committed to the fight against breast cancer through cancer research and programs and studies in premenopausal breast cancer, and;

WHEREAS, A Glimmer of Hope foundation has donated over \$3 million for breast cancer projects to local hospitals and cancer research centers in Southwestern Pennsylvania including a \$500,000 donation

made this year to various breast cancer programs and equipment purchases, and;

WHEREAS, A Glimmer of Hope Foundation is committed to providing SenoClaire tomosynthesis to every facility across Western Pennsylvania. The revolutionary machine provides clearer three-dimensional breast imaging using 40 percent less radiation to photograph nine layers of breast tissue. Doctors are better able to detect the early stages of cancer, differentiating benign tissue from dangerous abnormalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council does hereby proclaim the month of October 2019 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Allegheny County. We commend the efforts of A Glimmer of Hope Foundation, and we renew our commitment to fighting this disease, raising awareness and supporting those affected by breast cancer. In witness, the seal of Allegheny County is affixed this 8th day of October, 2019, and it's sponsored by all of us here.

(Applause.)

MS. NAPPER: Thank you very much for the recognition. We advocate for women under 40, because there's not a lot of money in research. So we're about to go to the state to pass a law that women 35 years of age and above are screened now. So thank you very much.

MS. KIRK: There's also one other organization. They couldn't make it tonight, but we do have a proclamation for them. They have been raising money for, actually, breast and bowel research, cancer research, for over 50 years. And we are actually ground zero for this national --- it's a national organization. And it also started right here, actually, at AHN, and then it went to UPMC, and it goes back and forth. But right now they've raised a ton of money, so we still want to recognize them. Because they've done a lot in that area. So Sue?

MS. MEANS: Well, it's all about prevention, prevention, prevention and supporting each other as we walk these difficult paths. So thank you everyone for all your hard work. A proclamation declaring Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, organizations across Allegheny County and the United States come together every October to spread the important message of Breast Cancer Awareness, and;

WHEREAS, the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project Foundation, Inc. located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania is a not-for-profit academic research organization with a nearly 60-year history of conducting groundbreaking research in breast and colorectal cancer. The foundation is an outgrowth of the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project instituted in 1958 as a part of the National Cancer Institute's clinical trials program, and;

WHEREAS, the founder of the NSABP Foundation, Inc., Dr. Bernard Fisher, is one of the first cancer researchers to recognize the value of a randomized clinical trial in answering questions about the development, progression and treatment of breast and colorectal cancer, and;

WHEREAS, in its history, the NSABP Foundation, Inc. has enrolled more than 110,000 women and men in clinical trials in breast and colorectal cancer. They have research sites at nearly 700 major medical centers, universities, hospitals, large oncology practice groups and health maintenance organizations in the United States, Canada and Ireland, and approximately 5,000 physicians, nurses and other medical professionals conduct the NSABP Treatment and Prevention Trials.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County does hereby proclaim the month of October 2019 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Allegheny County. We commend the efforts of the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project Foundation, Inc., and we call upon the government officials, businesses and communities, healthcare professionals, educators, volunteers and the residents of Allegheny County to continue our community's strong commitment to preventing, treating and ultimately curing breast cancer. In witness thereof, I hereto cause the seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed to this, 8th day of October 2019.

(Applause.)

MS. KIRK: Do you want to do pictures?

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Jared, what are we down to?

MR. BARKER: Next up is 11234.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. 11234-19.

MR. BARKER: A Proclamation recognizing the American Cancer Society and the 2019 Real Men Wear Pink of Pittsburgh candidates for helping to create a world free

from the pain and suffering of breast cancer. Sponsored by Councilmember Baker.

MR. BAKER: All right. Thanks, Mr. President. Thanks to the clerk.

We have a lot of good men in the room, but I need the Real Men to stand up and please join me up here. There are lot of good men in the room, but the Real Men who are wearing pink this year, please come on up. Sticking with the theme of human beings that are doing good work to make sure that we fight cancer and battle it and raise money and get the word out, I was very lucky to be part of the first class. In 2016, I was one of the Real Men who wore pink. Dawn Keefer, as these gentlemen know, had me literally wearing pink I think it was every day, literally every day. Like, I had --- I like ran out of pink ties. But it was so many days of wearing pink.

But it was a great experience to be part of such an incredible group of community leaders who do good, who give back, who --- many of whom have very personal stories that relate to cancer. I will say just on a personal level, the reason I got to know Dawn probably 15 years ago --- 10, 15 years ago, my dad passed away from cancer when he was 39, and this was the year where actually I outlived my parent, which is a very odd moment in your life. And I'm just very thankful that ACS is around, that they do Relay for Life, that they do a lot of events that make us feel like we're part of a community that can make a difference, that can help other people, that can bond together to hopefully get through tough times in our life. So guys, I'm very proud of all of you.

I will say on a --- on another personal level, obviously, Councilman Klein's district, Tree of Life happened around this time last year. And to me it was one of those moments in your life where you feel like 9/11. Literally, like you feel like the world has gone mad. Like I can't trust --- you know, it was just one of those --- one of those times. And we came together. Dawn had the event last year for the Real Men. And it was the first time my wife and I felt any sort of normalcy or togetherness again after that terrible, terrible tragedy. So I'm thankful to this group for all that they're doing. Having lots of fun events. I know they're trying to sell out the whole second floor of Topgolf. Is that true, guys? Okay. How's that going? Is it ---? Going. Okay.



All right. That's probably not easy to --- just spread the word. Okay. I will make sure to do that.

So with that, I'll read the proclamation.

WHEREAS, every year too many Americans are touched by the pain and the hardship caused by breast cancer, a disease that among women is not only one of the most common cancers, but also one of the leading causes of cancer-related death, and;

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of Americans will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year and tens of thousands will lose their battle with the disease, and;

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society is dedicated to helping people who face cancer and determined to save lives from breast cancer by promoting early detection and prevention, funding groundbreaking research and providing comprehensive support, and;

WHEREAS, Real Men Wear Pink of Pittsburgh is a distinguished group of community leaders that are committed to raising awareness and funds to support ACS, the mission and also participate in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K on Saturday, October 5th.

Did anyone win that race? Anyone come in first? Oh, it's --- oh, okay. Okay. All good. Okay. Okay. Sounds good. I did know that. I'm sorry.

AND NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, --- what is the actual date, Dawn --- 19th, okay. So people can still get involved with it. Right? Are you all walking, running in it? Walking. Okay. All right. All right. Is this little guy walking? That's your little guy. Right? Yeah. Okay. He'll be part of it? Okay. Very good.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council does hereby recognize the American Cancer Society and the 2019 Real Men Wear Pink of Pittsburgh candidates for helping create a world free from the pain and suffering of breast cancer.

So we'll give that proclamation to Dawn. And then I have proclamations for all of the guys individually as well.

I will say my class is the first class, and every year I hope that your class destroys our fundraising goal. This is a --- this is a thing where you want people to just super-outperform you, do a great job. Dawn, I think our class was close to \$100,000. And I hope you

guys triple that, quadruple that. Are you already around \$100,000? Okay. All right.

Well, with that, we'll recognize the guys. So and again, apologies in advance if I mess up your name. Bill Klenoshek. Okay. Is that correct at all with the name?

MR. KLENOSHEK: Klenoshek.

MR. BAKER: Klenoshek. Okay. All right. Sounds good. Chris Oczyok. Okay. All right. Sorry. I have a really boring name. Kevin Kraft. Okay. Good. All right, Kevin. Congratulations. All right. Lester Jones. All right, Lester. There you go, sir. We've got Mike Abraham. Thank you, Mike. Congratulations. Michael Spezialetti. Is that really it? Okay. All right. Sounds good. Patrick Vaughan. All right. Up next Steve Barber. Alex Brennsteiner. And Daniel Tucker. That's -- - very good.

So this is a great group of people. And again, now, because the date is October 19th, we have time to sign up and get involved with the 5K, which will be great. Dawn Keefer is here if anyone has questions afterwards, but she does an amazing job. Dawn, you've been with ACS for --- it's got to be close to 15 years. Right? Yeah. We are that age. Okay. Yes. I think we're --- but guys, so much thanks to you for all that you're doing. You're a great group of humans, and we all really, really appreciate you. To the young man in the front row, you can be really, really proud of your daddy. So great stuff. All right. We'll get a group --- quick group picture. And congratulations, Dawn. Any other updates?

MS. KEEFER: I just want to say that these guys have done a phenomenal job. We have 24 men in this class, which is our largest group ever. As far as fundraising goes, while this is for a very important cause, it's also a friendly competition. So Pittsburgh is ranked number two right now in the nation, and Steve Barber is ranked at number two individually in the nation, and Alex Brennsteiner is ranked at number five. So we have some big ---.

MR. BAKER: Wow. Got two in the top five. That's impressive. Very good job, guys. All right.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: I was --- I was talking to Dawn last week when she --- when we dropped down from one to two. So I know it would mean a lot to her and to everyone if we

could bump that back up. But congrats, guys. That's really --- that's really incredible. So we'll grab a quick group picture and congratulations to all of you. And thank you for your service.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. 11235-19.

MR. BARKER: A Proclamation recognizing the Classic Events 5th Annual Salute to Legal Excellence honorees. Sponsored by Councilmember Baker, Councilmember Walton and all other members of Council.

MR. BAKER: So this proclamation is a joint proclamation from Councilman Walton and I, who are --- who are both mutual friends of the legend himself, Ralph Watson. Has anyone ever been to a Ralph Watson event? Yeah. Some of you. Bethany has, and Martina Jacobs has been. Okay. So a Ralph Watson event is like no other. It is stylish. It is professional. It is fun. It's a little bit of everything. So Ralph, thank you for all that you do in the community with Classic Events. These folks know too much that I have a public access show. I've recorded and taped 37 episodes. This man, Ralph Watson, as we were chatting the other day, told me that he had just done his 100th show of public access. That's really --- that should get a round of applause for Ralph Watson.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: DeWitt, do you have any thoughts on --- on Ralph?

MR. WALTON: Can't be mentioned in public.

MR. BAKER: Can't be mentioned in public. Very, very fair. So with that --- that's all right. Ralph has a really big event coming up in two weeks. I want to say it's actually the same day as the 5K we were just talking about, which is October 19th. So you can literally walk the 5K in the morning --- and I know this is an energetic group. And then you can come to Ralph's event later in the day.

So if all the honorees, all the legal community leaders that are here could come on up and join us? Come on up. So I know we got David Schrage. We had Katie Vollen here before. We got Nick Pappas. She had to leave. Okay. Sounds good. We'll make sure she gets it. So this is a --- a distinguished group of legal officials and lawyers just making a difference. So I will read the

proclamation and every person that's here with us will get --- make sure to get a copy of it.

WHEREAS, the Honorable Ralph P. Watson stepped away from public life to create Classic Events, public relations, knowing small business is the foundation of any local economy. He successfully connects entrepreneurs to decision-makers, community stakeholders and elected officials, thus accelerating business development and growth, and;

WHEREAS, Watson further advances the infusion of small business by hosting a trilogy of market-specific events, excuse me, created to forge relationships, empower underserved segments and educate and inform our region of the power of small business. This effective platform creates access and exposure for entrepreneurs while enhancing the socioeconomic development of our region. Watson, via Classic Events, remains an active advocate for entrepreneurs as he produces the award-winning PCTV business public affairs cable show Classic Events Entrepreneur Network.

And I will say, we are --- we got our awards event next week. Right? I'm up for best talk show. I will not win again this year, but I'm just --- I'm like Susan Lucci of that event. So I'm just proud to be nominated. This man actually wins the awards, which is --- which is very good.

WHEREAS, dedicated to the living memory and inspiration of Shirley L. Watson, the 5th Annual Classic Events Salute to Legal Excellence Dinner and Formal Gala will be held October 19th, 2019. This prestigious recognition will be bestowed upon a diverse group of individuals who represent various levels of the legal profession. They include --- all right. Here we go. We got --- is Erin Allen here? No. State Trooper, okay. We got Brian Brantley. Okay. That's okay. He's a partner at McGuire Woods. Lauren Darbouze? Okay. Okay. That's okay. Lee Merritt? Okay. That's all right. Kimberly Moses?

MR. WATSON: Her husband is here.

MR. BAKER: Okay. Very good. All right. Very good.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: I was getting worried there for a second. All right. Sounds good. Okay. So that --- we

got Bethany Notaro. Okay. We've got District --- I know this guy's here. District Magistrate Nick Pappas.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: All right. We got Oscar Petite.  
Did I say that right?

MR. PETITE: Petite (corrects pronunciation).

MR. BAKER: Petite. District Magistrate Oscar Petite. I hope you can forgive me. I'm sorry. Oh, okay. David Schrager, Esquire, Schrager Law Offices.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: All right. Natalie Snyder. Hi, Natalie.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: Okay. And we've got Katie Leech Vollen, Stephanie Anderson, Christine Mathews Long and Aimee Burton, all from the law firm of Vollen Anderson Long.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: Congratulations. There's a few of you here. And we've got Ross Watson, Allegheny --- oh, that's your what? Okay. All right. Sounds good. So ---.

WHEREAS, respectfully recognizing the civic, social and humanitarian efforts of these legal professionals through their extensive experience in varied areas of law, Classic Events salutes each for their combination of skill, character and integrity brought to this vocation evidenced through their impressive careers, which often follows a dual trajectory.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the --- that we, Allegheny County Councilmember DeWitt Walton, who has nothing to say about you right now which I guess is a good thing, but he's --- I know he's a good mutual friend of yours --- and myself and all members of Council do hereby commend and recognize the 5th Annual Classic Events Salute to Legal Excellence honorees. So congratulation, Ralph Watson.

MR. WATSON: I'm going to be very brief. First of all, I would like to thank Councilmember Tom Baker. I appreciate your support of Classic Events. And of course, DeWitt Walton. DeWitt Walton is a friend. He's like an extended family member. He's like a brother to me, and I appreciate and respect the work that you do. And I thank you.

The legal expertise that we have here that we're recognizing at this event is phenomenal. Every year we have an opportunity to salute what you do. It's a very difficult job. You're not always on the side of --- the good side of public opinion. But I hope and pray that you're always on the side of right. So when we go out and we solicit nominees every year, we get bombarded. This year we have over 300 nominations, so it's kind of very, very difficult for the selection process. But we came up with --- and these are the folks that aren't able to be here with us. But we came up with a select number of 14 individuals, and that was very hard to do.

What Classic Events is all about, in closing, is we provide a platform for entrepreneurs, small to medium businesses, and they have an opportunity to come to our events and partake as vendors. This gives them an opportunity to come to my events and meet people like DeWitt Walton, to meet people like Tom Baker, to meet people like Bethany Helen. And they get to know the folks that I know. Small business development --- and I encourage everybody here that is an elected official, as I have been an elected official --- and I know how demanding on our time it is. But in order to support the socioeconomic development of this region, we really need to support it. And it's the small businesses that do that. Every event that I host, there is a Classic Events vendor showcase. Congressman Mike Doyle comes and strongly supports. DeWitt Walton comes and strongly supports the vendors. And I don't want to get into all the elected officials, but those are the first two off the top of my head.

So anybody that would be interested in coming to the Salute to Legal Excellence --- because I notice, you know, if nobody knows anybody, they know David Schragger. David Schragger is right here. They know David Schragger, everybody up here. So if you just want to come and support David, please shoot me an email, and I will gladly get tickets to you. Two --- I know two of your Councilmembers will be there. That's the Honorable DeWitt Walton and the Honorable Tom Baker. They will be in attendance. And I thank you again for this recognition of Classic Events.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 11236-19, and the rest will be read into the record.

MR. BARKER: 11236-19. A Certificate of recognition presented to Sewickley Public Library upon the momentous occasion of hosting the 20th Emerald Celebration of Savoring Sewickley. Sponsored by Councilmember Kirk.

11237-19. A Proclamation honoring St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church upon the momentous occasion of its 165th anniversary. Sponsored by Councilmember Kirk.

11238-19. A Certificate of Achievement presented to Amanda Kirby for her years dedicated to the Western Allegheny Community Library. Sponsored by Councilmember Baker.

And 11239-19. A Proclamation congratulating Nicholas Coffee and Tea Company on its 100th anniversary. Sponsored by Councilmember Ranalli-Russell, Councilmember Macey and all other members of Council.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Public comment?

MR. BARKER: We have one on agenda items. That would be Stephanie Fox, who does not appear to be here.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Not here?

MR. BARKER: Doesn't appear.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Approval of minutes. We have no minutes?

MR. BARKER: No minutes tonight.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No minutes. Presentation of Appointments. 11228-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of John C. Brown to the Authority for Improvements in Municipalities board for a term ending on December 31, 2020. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 11209-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Nicolas Futules to the Sports and Exhibition Authority Board for a term to expire December 31, 2023. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, President DeFazio. On Wednesday, October 2nd, 2019, the Committee on Appointment Review met and discussed the reappointment of Nicholas Futules, our colleague on County Council here, to reappointment to the Sports and Exhibition Authority board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2023. He was unanimously recommended. I make a motion we approve.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing ---.

MR. FUTULES: I have one.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. FUTULES: I just want to thank the Committee for their kind words.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: They were lying, Nick. Okay. Okay. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. 11210-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of John Tague, Jr. to the Port Authority of Allegheny County for a term ending September 17, 2023. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Again, President DeFazio, the Committee on Appointment Review met on Wednesday, October 2nd and unanimously recommended the reappointment of John Tague to the Port Authority of Allegheny County. I'd like to so move.

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. Let's see. Did we do --- just do 1-0?

MR. BARKER: Correct. Just did 210.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 11211-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Ann Ogoreuc to the Port Authority of Allegheny County board for a term ending September 17, 2023. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes, President DeFazio. At that meeting on Wednesday, October 2nd, 2019, the Committee on Appointment Review met and unanimously recommended the reappointment of Ann Ogoreuc to the Port Authority of Allegheny County board. I'd like to so move.

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. 11224-19.



MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing Netflix Productions, LLC to use certain County-owned real and personal property in connection with filming a motion picture. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. We got there kind of fast. Falling asleep here.

This --- this ordinance --- Mr. McKain, do you want to come up here and elaborate on this a little bit so that members that weren't there can understand what's going on here, please? Beside that, well, he needed to get his legs stretched a little bit, too.

MR. BAKER: He does have a pink tie on, though.

MR. MCKAIN: Yes. Thank you. This did go in front of the Parks Committee, and we brought Kevin Evanto, our special events manager. And I'll go into the details in a little bit. But Council has been very supportive when we have an opportunity to have filming done in our facilities. You've been terrific about the flexibility of that. All in general, we would get paid all out-of-pocket. So if there's any police or security or public works or electrician or trades, they reimburse us for that. If they're renting a pavilion at a park, we make sure it doesn't disrupt any of our patrons or our visitors or events, and then they pay that for those days.

In addition to that, some of the real value is that when they come here, they bring a lot of people into our County. They spend dollars in our hotels, our drink tax, our sales tax, and they put people to work. And it's really immeasurable to put our County facilities and our region on the --- on the big screen. And it's just terrific. And so I do appreciate Council's support of that when the Executive submits those ordinances.

This particular one that Mr. Palmiere talked about, it's a film called Sweet Girl. It'll be filming in the region from October this month through February of 2020. Jason Momoa from Aquaman fame is producing and starting (sic) in the action film. And Kevin said he's like one of the hottest actors, and he'll bring a lot of attention. He will portray a husband who vows to bring justice to people responsible for his wife's death while protecting his daughter. They're looking right now at the Courthouse, the grand staircase, the second floor on Ross Street, an exterior City-County building lobby and

exterior. In North Park, Andy Baechle was there, and he's fine doing it on Irwin Road. And again, the police will be there for safety. And the Roberto Clemente Bridge is another location that we're asking in the ordinance.

Some of the impacts that we're --- and by the way, they're going to film in the Courthouse and City-County Building on Martin Luther King day to --- to, like, not disrupt the people that visit the county that day. Some of the economic impact is \$1.57 million on hotel rooms and \$500,000 for rental vehicles and about 380 local employees hired. Many of them are part-time actors, are stagehands, 249 that are trades and others. So we really recommend it, and we always appreciate Council doing --- to support people coming and spending dollars into our region and promoting --- and promoting our County.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. McKain.

Mr. President, move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed?

MS. MEANS: Shouldn't we do roll call vote?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes, we should. She's right. It should be a roll call vote. So we'll get that one.

MR. BARKER: On the motion to approve. Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Catena?
MR. CATENA:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. DeMarco?
MR. DEMARCO:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Ms. Kirk?
MS. KIRK:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Klein?
MR. KLEIN:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE:	Yes.

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

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Under liaison reports, go ahead, Representative Sue Means.

MS. MEANS: Thank you for recognizing me, Mr. President. Last Friday on October the 4th, I had the wonderful privilege to attend a birthday party for 100 people over the age of 90 in Bethel Park, and it was a wonderful event. And there were actually three individuals there that were 103, and they were amazing and quick and --- it was just such a blessing. And it's the 15th year the municipality has celebrated the birthdays. So it was a great event. Thank you, Mr. President for recognizing me.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing --- oh, wait. I know Baker wouldn't miss this.

MR. BAKER: Sorry.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Baker.

MR. BAKER: There's just a lot of good things going on in the County, and I like to share. I'm sorry. Okay. Couple quick updates. Since our last meeting, we actually had the final meeting of the Elections Board the day after our last meeting, so that went well. I do want to sincerely thank the League of Women Voters, Vote Allegheny, all of the advocates who supported and shared and professionally just got the word out about what they cared about and what they wanted to see happen. I mentioned in my closing remarks at that meeting that there were a lot of people on that side of the room and that --- people on that side of the room literally. Some people were from the administration. Some were from some of the advocacy groups. And I did see their --- their heads nodding in agreement more often than not that night. So I think we were able to accomplish a lot. To Tina Jacobs,

that's here, and everyone that was involved with the process ---. I know Ron Bandes was certainly a big leader along the way. I hope --- I hope that we're happy with what we got. And it was a big decision to make. As I mentioned earlier, it was probably one of the biggest two or three processes that I was part of in these six years that I've been on County Council. So I want to thank everyone for their support. And again, to the County Manager and the administration, I'm very thankful for the collaboration and the openness. I think it was a good process, and I was proud to be a part of it with Mr. DeFazio and also Mr. Palmosina and Judge Hens-Greco.

We always talk about Coraopolis. Coraopolis had a great town hall meeting featuring representatives from Anita Kulik's office, Conor Lamb. The Mayor there, Shawn Reed, is a dynamo and scheduled it. We got to talk to all the parents before their parent-teacher night, which was great. And I just want to congratulate Coraopolis on that.

One thing I know some of you have done before, I got to speak to the Boy Scouts in Westview last Thursday night. It was about 95 degrees in the room. They literally asked about 70 minutes worth of questions, but we helped them get their government badge. And that's what matters, that they are going to get the government badge so that they can keep excelling. And just one thing I wanted to mention --- I guess sorry if I'm being overly optimistic tonight about the world. But the Institute of Politics, I know we go to different things that they organize. They had a really neat and interesting forum recently that --- that Erin and I went to. And it was Governor Ridge, Governor Rendell, Governor Thornburgh as well. And it was three governors in the room together, and it --- it just showed you there's more that brings us together than brings us apart. And that's I think something that we can all probably hopefully take in stride as we keep working together within this body. And with that, I'll turn it back to the President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Any other comments or questions? Seeing none, we'll move on to new business and ordinances. 11229-19.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, renaming the North Dakota Shelter and surrounding area in the County's

North Park Eagles' Nest Shelter and Grove. Sponsored by Councilmember Kirk.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to Committee on Parks. 11230-19.

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

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

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

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance. 11232-19.

MR. BARKER: A Motion of the County of Allegheny County supporting the passage of a referendum question amending Article I of the Constitution of the Commonwealth to incorporate a victim's bill of rights, colloquially known as Marsy's Law. Sponsored by Councilmember DeMarco.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Government Reform. 11 --- 11240-19.

MR. BARKER: A Communication summarizing approved Executive actions from September 1-30, 2019.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Does someone want to make a ---?

MR. FUTULES: Receive and file.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Received and filed. Is there a second?

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? No one opposed. Okay. Public comment?

MR. BARKER: We have three. First up is Caitlin Schroering. Apparently is not here. Next up would be Yvonne F. Brown. Also not here. And last up would be Dixie Tymitz.

MR. BAKER: Dixie's here. Dixie is here.

(Applause.)

MS. TYMITZ: I'm Dixie Tymitz. I live in the inner city on the border of Oakland and Shadyside. Last

time I was here I had everything timed out, and then Mr. Fitzgerald got up and talked. And I was very surprised, and I just happened to have something about what he --- what --- some of the things that he had talked about. So I thought it was very important that I share it. And he was here tonight, and I thought, well, this time I can speak to him directly. And he talked, and he left again. So I'm just going to go ahead. This time I have not timed anything, so it might be 30 minutes.

Okay. First of all, I want to talk about fracking again. Fracking is awful. It poisons our water. It poisons our air. And when Mr. Fitzgerald --- I found this thing from the Marcellus Monthly, that he was hosting --- this was on September 2014, a great big, only invited guests, none of the hoi polloi, but were taken out to the Consol well pad. And they had a big celebration, and this was about fracking. Fracking, that it was going to be a whole new age. Lots of money. Lots of money. Lots of wonderful things happening. It was interesting when I was reading about this. I did not --- that this financial windfall that the Airport Authority had been promised, that nostalgia ran high for the terminal's early years as a hub for U.S. Airways. And Mr. Fitzgerald, but not the travel industry, even argued that gas royalties will restore Pittsburgh's service levels by subsidizing landing fees. I am hoping that when Mr. Fitzgerald talked about the fact that our taxes are not going up that the reason for this is because of all the fracking. Because it is poisoning us.

I know I only have a little bit more time, and I guess I'll just go ahead and read one thing that I thought was very important. Now if I can find it. And that was that --- well, I can't find it. That was that if you are pregnant or you have someone who is pregnant, and you live within a ten-mile radius of fracking your child is in great danger of having many things happening because of the air you are taking in and the water. And I won't go any further, because I don't really have time. But thank you. I will be back. Not 30 minutes?

(Applause.)

MR. FUTULES: Make a motion to adjourn.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

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

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 6:17 p.m.

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