

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 (via phone)
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
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 of the flag and remain standing for silent prayer or reflection?

After me.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

(Silent prayer or reflection.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We'll have the roll call.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?  
MR. BAKER: Here.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?  
MR. CATENA: Here.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?  
MR. DEMARCO: (No response.)  
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. Pالموسينا?  
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: We have 14 members present.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We have 11299-19.

MR. BARKER: I'm sorry, 11298?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Oh, I'm sorry,  
11298-19.

MR. BARKER: A Proclamation honoring the life, memory and legacy of Orelio "Rollo" Vecchio. Sponsored by Council Member Zavarella.

MR. ZAVARELLA: Thank you, Mr. President. I --- I first met your father Rollo in 1982 when I was a young lawyer.

MR. FUTULES: Years ago.

MR. ZAVARELLA: And I had a issue within the borough of Pitcairn that I couldn't get resolved. So I was getting passed around from department to department. And someone said you have to see Mr. Vecchio. He'll be able to help you. So I made an appointment, and I went to see your father.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Paul, get by the microphone.

MR. ZAVARELLA: Explained the situation to him.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, that's it.

MR. ZAVARELLA: I explained the situation to him.

MR. FUTULES: Thanks, John.

MR. ZAVARELLA: And he said I will help you. And that started a friendship that I had with your father for 37 years that I valued until his untimely passing. For those of you that don't know, Rollo was involved --- he was on Pitcairn Council for 36 years. But more importantly than that, he was active in the Turtle Creek Valley for well over 50 years. And I think --- when I read his obituary, the thing that stood out the most to me was there was a line in there that said his passion was Pitcairn. And Pitcairn to this day is truly a better place because of your father, and all the effort and goodwill that he put into the community during his lifetime. So I'd like to read this to you.

WHEREAS, Allegheny County Council does hereby honor the life of the late Rollo Vecchio, a beloved husband, father, veteran and dedicated advocate for Pitcairn Borough, who passed away untimely on September 4th at the age of 81.

WHEREAS, Rollo was born and raised in Pitcairn Borough, Pennsylvania, 1938, and this is where he met and married his wife, your mother, Mary Ann, of 53 years, and together they had two sons, Carmen and Frank.

WHEREAS, over his career, Rollo had various --- held various positions within the supermarket business and the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue, however, his true

passion in life was to be an advocate for his community and the Borough of Pitcairn.

WHEREAS, as a councilman for Pitcairn Borough for 36 years, much of which he served as president, Rollo always acted with the best intentions of his constituents in mind. Additionally, for over 50 years he served as a member of the Allegheny County Democratic Committee and was Chairman of the Pitcairn Democratic Committee for 48 years.

WHEREAS, Rollo took extreme pride in his community and loved taking part in a number of community organizations that Pitcairn had to offer. He was an active member of Pitcairn Park and the recreation committee, the American Legion, the Italian Club, Fire Company Number Two Social Club, Pitcairn Civic Association, Knights of Columbus and the Rankin Christian Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Allegheny County Council Member Paul Zavarella, along with my other fellow council members, hereby honor the life, memory and legacy of Rollo Vecchio, and we extend condolences to his family, friends and colleagues, not only those that are here tonight, but other members of the community.

MR. VECCHIO: Thank you.

MR. ZAVARELLA: Thank you.

MR. VECCHIO: You're putting me on the spot. I wasn't prepared for this. I do want to thank you, Paul, and the rest of County Council on behalf of the Vecchio family. This was my father's life, politics. And all he wanted to do was to help people, help the town of Pitcairn, and he achieved that. And it's all black and white here, and I want to thank you for everything.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Do you want to come up front for a picture?

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 11299-19, and the rest of the proclamations will be read into the record.

MR. BARKER: Before proceeding, I believe Mr. DeMarco is now with us via phone.

MR. DEMARCO: Yes, I am. Thank you.

MR. BARKER: Please let the record reflect. 11299-19, Proclamation congratulating Construction Junction upon the occasion of its 20th anniversary. Sponsored by Council members Klein and Prizio.

11300-19, a Proclamation recognizing Etna Borough as the first EcoDistrict in the country. Sponsored by Council member Prizio.

11301-19, a Certificate of Achievement recognizing Christian Polk of Boy Scout Troop 238 for having met all necessary requirements to advance to the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council member Means.

MR. KLEIN: Jared?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We have public comment?

MR. MACEY: Construction Junction.

MR. BARKER: We have none on agenda.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Approval of minutes, 11302-19.

MR. BARKER: A motion to approve the minutes of the September 24th, 2019 regular meeting with council.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: 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. 11303-19.

MR. BARKER: A motion to approve the minutes of the October 8th, 2019 regular meeting with counsel.

MR. MACEY: Motion to approve.

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: 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. 11266-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Bernadette Fincke to the Friends of the Park for South Park for a term to expire on November 19th, 2021. Sponsored by Council member Means.

MR. MACEY: Who's on the committee?

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

MS. MEANS: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes?

MS. MEANS: I would like to reappoint Bernadette Finkle (sic) to the Friends of South Park. She has done a stellar job. She attends every meeting, and she's been very instrumental in the fundraisers and lots of activities, and so she's a very valuable and --- a very

valuable member of the Friends of South Park, so I'd like to make a positive recommendation for her reappointment.

MR. MACEY: Second.

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.  
11288-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Barbara M. Parees to the Allegheny HealthChoices, Inc. board for a term ending on December 31st, 2023. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 11290-19.

MR. BARKER: I'm sorry, 11289?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Yes.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Jennifer M. Liptak to the Retirement Board of Allegheny County for a term ending December 31st, 2023. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: So that will be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 11290-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the re-appointment of Jui M. Joshi to the Professional Services Review Committee for a term ending on December 31st, 2022, sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 11291-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the re-appointment of Nicola Henry-Taylor, Esquire, to the Human Relations Commission of Allegheny County for a term ending December 31st, 2022. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 11292-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the re-appointment of Arthur R. Pang to the Human Relations Commission of Allegheny County for a term ending on December 31st, 2022. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 11293-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the re-appointment of William C. Price to the Human Relations Commission of Allegheny County for a term ending on December 31st, 2022. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 11294-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the re-appointment of Gregg Broujous to the Allegheny County Conservation District Board for a term ending on December 31st, 2023. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 11295-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the re-appointment of Ruthann L. Omer to the Allegheny County Conservation District Board for a term ending on December 31st, 2023. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 11296-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the re-appointment of G. Eric French to the Allegheny County Conservation District Board for a term ending on December 31st, 2023. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 11273-19.

MR. BARKER: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2019. Submission Number 07-19. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Thank you, Mr. President. At its meeting on 11/14, the Committee on Budget and Finance considered a resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2019, and affirmatively recommended its approval. At this time, I'd move council to approve this resolution.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Do you want to go with the roll ---?

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: Liaison Reports,  
Representative Baker, he always ---.

MR. BAKER: Thanks, Mr. DeFazio. Oh, ---.

MR. FUTULES: You're first. Go ahead.

MR. BAKER: I don't have any proclamations tonight sadly, so ---. A couple quick updates. Ross Township had a really good Coffee with a Cop on November 9th at our local McDonald's, which was great. Since our last meeting, I did MC Mayor Marita Garrett's Civically Spelling Bee for adults. It was pretty --- pretty incredible. It was --- she had about 100 people there, raised money for her nonprofit, so it was really --- really a wonderful night. Speaking with Maritas --- different spelling, Maurita Bryant, our Assistant Superintendent for the Allegheny County Police, is a Big Sister with us now with the Big Brothers, Big Sisters. And I will mention they brought me and my boss, Jen Glick, out of retirement to host or manage the session with the Allegheny County Police last Thursday, and our --- our police force were wonderful. They did great, Willy McKain, so congrats to all of the ACPD group on that. And we did announce our date for the sixth annual District 1 holiday party. It's going to be December 18th. Instead



of having two different events this year, Ross and West View trivia night will be combined with the holiday party, so Cindy Kirk, I know you don't live in District 1, but you can come because it's Ross/West View trivia night and you grew up there.

MS. KIRK: I lived there.

MR. BAKER: You lived there. Yes. So you are welcome. Everyone is welcome too, but lots of good stuff going on. Thanks, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Who else raised their hand? Okay. Representative Futules.

MR. FUTULES: Thank you, Mr. President. Tonight I'm going to give us a real liaison report that was designed by this Council 20 years ago. As I sit on the Board of the SEA, on November the 14th, we had a meeting in the morning at 10:30, and we approved five capital projects at the SEA meeting, replacing security cameras, a riding carpet extractor, a chiller for the air conditioning system, and another chiller for a different one, also, a rollover door that had broke completely. And the total was \$152,569. But the most exciting thing about the meeting was the Lower Hill Development, Block E, Block A and Block B of the development have been approved by the SEA and will now by next year start to be construction for the Lower Hill, something that's been long awaited for this county. And I've seen renderings of the pictures, and it's going to be a wonderful, wonderful addition to the City of Pittsburgh. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other remarks? Okay, Representative Palmiere. Well, we'll get you and we'll get back. Go down here? Who's down here I missed?

MR. KLEIN: Thank you, Mr. ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. Today I had the opportunity to attend a gathering that was hosted by the Pennsylvania League of Women Voters. And this is the third annual conference on shale gas extraction and public health. And I would say it was very --- it was a --- it was an engaging conference in that there were presenters from not only the State of Pennsylvania, but beyond, on all of the many public policy and health concerns related to shale gas extraction. And it was very well attended. In fact, I got there late, and it was standing room only. So this is something that they do every year at about this time, and this is the third

time in three years, and it was a pretty informative session. So thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: And now we'll go down here to Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President, members of Council. On Veterans Day, I had the opportunity to attend a Veterans Day celebration out at Clairton at the --- it was the American Legion post out there. It was a wonderful morning and early afternoon. And the people out there were --- the Veterans, there was quite a few of them, and in fact, I was --- I was starting --- I shook so many hands, so --- I thought I was going to have to bathe my hand when I went home. It was --- but it was a wonderful occasion. I was really proud and pleased to be there. And also, this past Saturday night, the Friends of South Park had a fundraiser and oldies dance. I got a chance to stop down there and partake in the festivities. And this group really has done a wonderful job in raising the awareness of the needs of the park as aware --- you know, as well as the funding to do a lot of projects. So Sharon Adams and her crew down there deserve a real shout out and I was really glad to be there. And thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Representative Dewitt Walton?

MR. WALTON: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to first congratulate the Westinghouse High School on winning the City Championship in football, and we intend to bring them in for a proclamation very quickly. The second point I'd like to make is I thank the SEA Board in its entirety. Residents of the Hill District are very proud and very pleased, for the most part, about the development that is about to begin. By spring, there is going to be a hub of activity that will provide hope for a host of residents of African-American descent of the Hill, of the city, and of Allegheny County, to obtain family sustaining careers as a result of that development. It is long overdue, begins to correct some of the challenges and some of the disparities that have emerged over the last 50 years. And I think it gives a start to something that is very much needed in our community at large.

There's going to be a project labor agreement, and the building and construction trades are committed to diversity, to ensuring that folks that look like me that have dreams and aspirations like I do, have a chance to

have family sustaining careers. It will be transformative, not only for the Hill District, but for the community at large. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Who else had --- no one else? Seeing none, okay. Moving right along, we'll go down to new business, 11304-19.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Chapter 650 of the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, entitled Park Rules and Regulations, Section 650-1, entitled Prohibited activities in order to clarify limitations upon certain interactions with undomesticated animals within the County --- nine County-owned parks. Sponsored by Council member Means.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will be referred to the Committee on Parks.

MS. MEANS: Mr. President, may I speak a moment on my bill?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Sure. Yeah.

MS. MEANS: Thank you. What I wanted to share with the members and Mr. Barker, if you could share, we --- Allegheny County has the highest reported rabies cases in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. And although people are well intentioned, they are leaving food in South Park, and that puts people in harm's way. They're interfacing with undomesticated animals, and when you do that, the animals get friendlier and --- and then there's a chance that, you know, that people could get rabies. So I am sending --- giving you each a report, and I want to put into the record about the number of rabies incidents in our county, so ---.

And then I want to thank also Heather Wechter for attending the County Council Meeting on November the 6th where she showed --- shared her very extensive report about the problems in South Park and her concern about not only rabies, but also Lyme's disease and there's a multitude of other diseases that people can catch from interfacing with undomesticated animals. So I would also like Mr. Barker, if you would be able to electronically send to the court stenographer Heather Wechter's report. Thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. 11305-19.

MR. BARKER: A resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting an operating budget pursuant to Article IV, Section 2, and

Article VII, Section 4, of the Home Rule Charter by setting forth appropriations to pay the expenses of conducting the public business of Allegheny County and for meeting debt charges for the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 2020 and ending December 31st, 2020. Sponsored by Council member Klein.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance. 11306-19.

MR. BARKER: A resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting a Capital Budget pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 and Article VII, Section 4 of the Home Rule Charter by setting forth appropriations to pay the expenses for capital expenditures during the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 2020 and ending December 31st, 2020. Sponsored by Council member Klein.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance. 11307-19.

MR. BARKER: A resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting the Grants and Special Account --- Grants Budget, Special Accounts Budget and Agency Fund Budget by setting forth appropriations to pay said expenses during fiscal year beginning January 1st, 2020 and ending December 31st, 2020. Sponsored by Council member Klein.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance. 11308-19.

MR. BARKER: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Capital Budgets for 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012, 2013 and 2014. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance. 11309-19.

MR. BARKER: A resolution approving a project for the benefit of Carnegie Mellon University to be financed by the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority by the issuance of the Authority's tax-exempt revenue bonds, in one of more series, to be designated Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority, Carnegie Mellon University Revenue Bonds, Series A of 2020 or such other designation as may be determined by the Authority and University, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$55 million, provided that the taxing power of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania shall not be obligated in any way with respect to the Bonds, and

declaring the financing of such project as desirable for the health, safety, and welfare of the people in the County. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Housing. 11310-19.

MR. BARKER: A Motion of the Council of Allegheny County amending the Rules of Council, Article I, Section E.2, Article II, Section B.3, and Article IV, Section C.9, in order to provide for a uniform structure for consideration of legislative matters by committees of Council. Sponsored by Council member Means.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Executive Committee. Notification of Contracts, 11311-19.

MR. BARKER: A Communication summarizing approved Executive actions from October 1st through 31st, 2019.

MR. WALTON: Mr. --- Mr. --- Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes?

MR. WALTON: I'm sorry. Resolution --- Resolution Motion 11310-19 should that --- that should go to government reform; shouldn't it?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, ---.

MR. WALTON: We're --- it's your choice, but I thought it government reform, but ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. No, no. What's your recommendation on that?

MR. CAMBEST: On the executive committee.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Executive committee?

MR. CAMBEST: Because they have to make the recommendation back to council for the amendment.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. All right.

MR. WALTON: Thank you for the correction.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Where are we at, 11311-19?

MR. WALTON: Executive committee?

MR. BARKER: Correct. Communications summarizing approved Executive actions from October 1st through 31st, 2019.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Does somebody want to make a motion to receive and file?

MR. MACEY: Receive and file, please.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. We'll have public comment. You have --- do you ---?

MR. BARKER: Correct. We have several. First up is Marnie Bertolet, who apparently is not with us. Second up is Dixie Tymitz.

MS. TYMITZ: I want you to look at this picture first.

MR. FUTULES: Oh, okay.

MR. KLEIN: Thank you.

MS. MEANS: Thank you.

MS. TYMITZ: That young lady that you saw --- oh, my name is Dixie Tymitz. I live in the Oakland Shadyside area. That young lady you saw was 16-year-old Greta Thunberg. She's Swedish, and in January, she traveled on a train for 40 --- 34 --- 34 hours so that she could go to a big conference, and give global elites what for, about the global crisis that is going on right now. When she did this, she was by herself. And suddenly people began to join her. And by the end, in every single continent there were particularly young people who joined her, saying we have to do something about this now. So I wanted to share a few things with you about this, particularly in this --- in this country. There have been places all over this country where young people have come up and said we have to do something now, or we are all going to be toast. So there are young activists that have joined all over. I want to give you a few examples. I wish I could talk as quickly as he does.

Activists last November welcomed the incoming Democratic majority in the U.S. House of Representatives with protest signs demanding the Democrats step up or step aside. Next, they occupied the office of incoming House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to demand her support for a Green New Deal. Well, that sit-in went viral, and all of a sudden when the mainstream media picked up the story, the Green New Deal was on its way. Just a few other things. After allegedly being turned --- turned away from McConnell --- Mr. McConnell's office in Louisville, Kentucky, because he planned to sabotage the Green New Deal, February 19th, 17-year-old Destine Grigsby posted a video in which she blasted the man who has arguably been the greatest enabler of the Trump agenda. She said we're going to demand that Mitch McConnell look us in the eyes and tell us that the \$1.9 million he's gotten in campaign contributions from the fossil fuel CEOs is more important than my future.

The next thing that happened was the activists --- that's it. I can't tell you any more. This is a great article. You should read it. Those kids are coming around. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you.

MS. TYMITZ: And I will miss all of you. I will not see you again, and I know some of you are heartbroken. I will not see you again until the new year. Thank you, sir.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Next?

MR. BARKER: Next up is Richard Lang.

MR. LANG: Richard Lang, Monroeville, PA. I'm speaking to Ordinance Number 11223-19. There are many issues involved there with legal and involving counseling. My issue is not to talk to those. I just want to speak to a much larger issue as a pastor. The ordinance had to do with putting a ban on adversive (sic) counseling and so forth. I reject adversive and abusive therapies. That's not my point. But I do want to draw attention to something much greater than that. And that is what is sin? What is right? What is wrong? There's a great deal of controversy within different kinds of peoples and so forth. What I would simply like to present to you that historic Christianity tells us what a sinner is regardless of your sexual orientation. You and I are sinners.

We have done wrong. We have fouled each other and --- and God. Our sin warps our lives and destroys our relationships with each other and with God, but God has provided a way of restoring those relationships through confession, repentance, belief in historic events, the resurrection, the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. As people trust in those events and that person, they recognize their wrong behavior and they allow God to change their way of living, they will see their lives changed and transformed. That's what I'm about. That's at the ultimate of what's being discussed in the Ordinance 11223-19. I would encourage you to consider that. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Next?

MR. BARKER: Next up is Cynthia Scott.

MS. SCOTT: Good evening. I'm Cynthia Scott. I live in Sewickley, Pennsylvania. I am also here to address proposed Ordinance 11223-19. And I'd like to thank you all for serving in Allegheny County. I know it's a hard job governing all of us. Like herding cats,

probably. And also thank you for allowing me to speak. I think that this proposed ordinance is very positive and very important for three reasons. We all agree that we do not want to expose our minors to any kind of coercive, harmful practices. I think that every one in this room would agree with that. At the same time we know that minors struggle with a lot of different issues. And they need help. They genuinely need people to look to to counsel them, to give them guidance, and to help them make their own choices as to how they're going to proceed with their lives.

This Bill allows for that choice among minors. It not only protects them from harmful practices, but it gives them the opportunity to make choices for their lives and gives them freedom to the access of information, a freedom that we, as Americans, particularly enjoy. Many nations don't, as you know. So giving them that choice to seek help and to make their own choices based on all the information available to them, not limiting them to one perspective or one world view. Thirdly, I like this proposal because it protects free speech, both for the minor and the counselor.

I know my daughter was also going to speak tonight. Unfortunately, she is in another appointment, Georgie Scott, and she couldn't be here. But she --- she has received counseling. And not for this issue. But it was very important to her to see a faith based counselor. Others will seek counselors for other reasons. But they need choice. And we need free speech. And so I do ask you to vote for this. Thank you very much.

MR. BARKER: The only other speaker was Georgie Scott, who is not with us. So that will wrap it up.

MR. MACEY: Make a motion to adjourn.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

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

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 5:36 P.M.



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