

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

John P. Defazio	-	President
Nicholas Futules	-	Vice President, District 7
Samuel DeMarco, III	-	Council-At-Large
Thomas Baker	-	District 1-(via telephone)
Cindy Kirk	-	District 2
Anita Prizio	-	District 3
Patrick Catena	-	District 4
Sue Means	-	District 5
John F. Palmiere	-	District 6
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 please 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: We'll have the roll call.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?

(No response.)

MR. BARKER: 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: Mr. Martoni?

(No response.)

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?

(No response.)

MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Here.

MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. BARKER: We have 11 members present.

Actually, Mr. DeMarco and Ms. Means are now present as well so make that 13 members present and Mr. Baker on the phone.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. 11073-19.

MR. BARKER: A Proclamation declaring May 12th through May 18th, 2019 to be National Police Week in

Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Palmosina and all other Members of Council.

MR. PALMOSINA: Thank you very much. I'd like to first welcome everybody here. I appreciate everybody taking time out of their evening and I'll first announce who's here and who they're with. We have Bill Kilburn and Mike Farrell with borough townships. We have Sheriff Mullen, of course and we have Vince DiCenzo and Charles Roka with FOP 91. Mr. Roka is actually the father of our Sara Roka over there. So you've done a great job raising her. She does a great job down here and we're lucky to have her.

WHEREAS, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Police Officer Memorial Day and the week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress, National Police Week pays special recognition to law enforcement officers who gave their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others. Every day across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Allegheny County, police officers take on a variety of responsibilities serving our communities. They ensure that our schools are safe by patrolling the buildings and grounds, they teach children about the dangers of drugs through programs like DARE, keep the public safe on the highways and roadways, respond to emergencies and encourage community involvement through programs like National Night Out.

During National Police Week, we express gratitude to the --- to the selfless public servants who wear the badge and put themselves in harm's way to keep us safe, and we pay respect to those who lost their lives in the line of duty. According to the Officers down Memorial Page, in 2018, 163 police officers and 28 K9 died in the line of duty. It takes a special kind of bravery to wear a badge because in moments of danger or desperation, police officers are the first people to whom individuals turn for help. These often unacknowledged heroes sacrifice precious time so that their fellow Americans can live in peace.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, Allegheny County Members Robert Palmosina and all Members of Council do hereby proclaim May 12th through May 18th, 2019 to be the National Police Week in Allegheny County. During this week, we recognize and honor those who serve nobly each

day and we remember those who gave their lives to make a world a more safe and more just place. Thank you and thank you for all you do.

(Applause.)

MR. DICENZO: I'd like to thank County Council on behalf of the FOP and all of the organizations represented here for recognizing police week. Last Friday and Saturday, between the boroughs and townships and the law enforcement officers memorial association of Allegheny County we had our memorial services. Next week, a lot of us will be heading for --- to Washington D.C. for the national service. The candlelight service on the 13th and the service with President Trump on the 15th. But thanks again on behalf of all of us. We appreciate this.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 11074-19.

MR. BARKER: Before proceeding, please let the record reflect that Mr. Catena is now present.

11074-19. A Proclamation declaring May 5th through May 11th, 2019 to be Correctional Employees Week in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Members DeMarco, Means and all other Members of Council.

MR. DEMARCO: As you folks just saw, we had a Proclamation for National Police Week or National Police Officers Week. But law enforcement takes many different facets --- and when we talk about enforcement --- and what Councilwoman Means and myself and all Members of Council wanted to do today was to present a Proclamation observing National Correctional Employees Week. The folks who work in our jail do a phenomenal job. They often are working under stressful conditions. Sometimes the labor force, -- - you know, the folks aren't, you know, they wish they would have more folks available.

They're dealing with some of the folks that we typically don't want to have to deal with on a regular basis. All in all, they do a phenomenal job in trying to make a less than pleasant experience good for the people of this community in Allegheny County and we do recognize that on behalf of all of you folks. So we have a Proclamation here.

WHEREAS, on May 5th, 1984, President Ronald Regan signed a Proclamation declaring the first full week in May to be observed as National Correctional Employees Week and;

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Penal System originated in 1682 under the leadership --- under the leadership of William Penn and became the leading force in the development of penology throughout the 19th Century. Today, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has 26 state prisons and 62 County jails, with Allegheny County remaining one of the largest facilities and;

WHEREAS, correctional employees have the difficult and often dangerous job of ensuring the custody, safety and wellbeing of inmates. Their position is essential to day-to-day operations of the institution and without these individuals, it would be impossible to achieve institutional goals and success and;

WHEREAS, historically, correctional employees have been viewed as guards. However, in recent years, the duties of these employees have become increasingly complex and demanding. They serve admirably not just as guards, but as teachers, counselors, supervisors, chaplains, directors and managers. The professionalism, dedication and courage exhibited by correctional employees throughout their demanding and often conflicting roles deserves the utmost respect.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, Allegheny County Council Member Sam DeMarco, Sue Means and all Members of Council do hereby proclaim May 5th through May 11th of 2019 to be Correctional Employees Week in Allegheny County. And we recognize and admire the service of all correctional employees and the overall importance of this committed profession.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, we have caused the seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 7th day of May, 2019.

Warden, thank you so much for everything you do.
(Applause.)

WARDEN HARPER: Good evening, everyone. And on behalf of all the employees at the Allegheny County Jail, we want to thank County Council for recognizing us again this year. I just wanted to say this. We work really hard to try to ensure public safety and ensure that we provide meaningful services for the men and women living in our facility. So again County Council, thank you very much for this.

(Applause.)

MR. DEMARCO: Anybody else?

MR. GORDAN: Again, I just want to echo the sentiments by the warden. We also represent, in the red shirts and the blue shirts, representing juvenile detention and Schumann Center. It's not often we get the recognition that some of the folks have displayed with police officer's week. Once they're done handling the things they do on the streets dangerously, the warden and ourselves, we get to deal with them collectively in one spot.

It's not an easy job, license-wise, regulatory-wise, and in the accountability that we are facing and we're always doing. These are the front lines in trying to do what they can not only to keep the county and community safe but also trying to instill some sort of value and improve the lives of the juveniles that we deal with. So I want to thank you very much for this recognition.

(Applause.)

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you. Councilwoman Means --- Councilwoman Means, would you like to say a few words?

MS. MEANS: Oh, thank you. I just want to say thank you so much for all you do and I tell people all the time, it's not the worst thing to go to jail or to juvenile detention because all these wonderful people are there. You can turn your life around. Maybe --- maybe you --- you're stealing because you don't have a job. You can get an education. Maybe you're addicted to drugs or alcohol, you can get help there. So from my bottom of my heart and all of County Council, we thank you for above and beyond and how you come and you help people at the bottom of their lives, turn their lives around and make success. So thank you. Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 11075-19.

MR. BARKER: A Proclamation declaring May 6th through May 12th, 2019 to be Nurses Week in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Members Kirk, Means and all other Members of Council.

MS. KIRK: Do I just have to make the code buzzer off or something, get everyone running, Condition C now. Nurses aren't used to being in the limelight, as you can see. Okay. So this is also Nurse Week which is a national event. It started about 75 years ago, actually, and it ends on the 12th always because that's Florence

Nightingale's birthday so it's always the 6th through the 12th no matter where it falls in the week. The theme for this year is four million --- four million reasons, and that's because there's four million nurses in this country, and it's time we take a moment and just stop taking care of everyone else and say a special thank you for all the things you do that no one even notices.

All the lives you save that --- people don't even realize they were being saved, or the youth that you're promoting, that they're going to be the future nurses. I know I've sent a couple really good nurse aides and said, you need to go back and be a nurse. And who do I call, Kathy and say, we have this amazing employee but they're --- but they're working under their skill sets. They're wonderful people who just didn't get the push to go onto school when they got out of high school and she's transforming them into some great young nurses so we have people to take care of us. Don't worry, we have people to take care of us, they're coming up. This group here is working on that. That said, I'll take a moment and just read the Proclamation which sort of says it all.

WHEREAS, in 1982, President Ronald Regan signed a Proclamation declaring May 6th through the 12th as National Nurses Week, which coincides with Florence Nightingale's birthday and;

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has 148,520 licensed nurses and Allegheny County has 33,040 licensed nurses which makes nursing the largest licensed healthcare profession throughout our Commonwealth and our county.

WHEREAS, nurses are the leading advocates of overall public health and are responsible for fulfilling the most challenging responsibilities and roles within the healthcare system. They represent the largest component of the statewide healthcare community today and;

WHEREAS, as a diversely educated group of professionals, nurses provide --- provide an indispensable care in a variety of settings including medical centers, hospitals, clinics, health departments, psychiatric centers, nursing homes, addiction treatment centers, correction facilities, medical rehab facilities, developmental disability facilities and even in our schools.

WHEREAS, the 2019 National Nurses Week theme is four million reasons to celebrate, a nod to nurses' sheer

numbers in an open invitation to hashtag, thank a nurse. I wanted to say pound, thank a nurse due to my age but it's hashtag, thank a nurse for enriching our lives and the world we live in and;

WHEREAS, the demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever because of our aging population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technology and the explosive growth of home health care services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, Allegheny Council Members Cindy Kirk and Sue Means, along with all the Members of Council, do hereby proclaim May 6th through the 12th to be Nurses Week in Allegheny County, and we recognize the selfless service of our nurses and the overall importance of quality nursing care.

And I'd like to be --- a big hand out to the people who work for the county who are nurses, who take care of all our residents.

(Applause.)

MS. KIRK: That said, and we have a Proclamation for each of you. And also, on behalf of the county, we have little pins that say it all. It says, nurses --- a little nursing caduceus, make a difference every day. You're appreciated in so many ways. Then it says, you make a difference, you rock, great job, thanks for all you do. So when you're not having the greatest day, just look around at your pin and you'll know. That's what it's for. So thank you again, and who would like to speak? Hey, how about --- at least one from every modality.

MS. MAYLE: Yes, thank you. Thank you, County Council Members for this great honor. My name is Kathy Mayle, and I'm dean of nursing at the Community College of Allegheny County. We have around 872 students every semester, on five different campuses. We're a very large program, so I'm happy to be standing here as a professional registered nurse with all our colleagues and to be one of the four million nurses, professional nurses in the United States of America. Nursing is truly a profession that I love and it has its own unique characteristics, its traditions, its patterns of behaviors, its values and beliefs and caring and compassion for serving those in need are traits of being a nurse.

What separates nursing from the training program, our Vo-tech program, is that nursing is described

as a calling that requires special knowledge, skills and educational preparation in a systematic manner to acquire a body of knowledge. Nursing has its own theoretical base they we're constantly building and refining, and that means that were really smart people. So --- so CCAC has a solid reputation for graduating competent nurses. We really have a strong faculty prepared in classroom teaching and clinically.

I have a great respect for them, and we process over 1,200 applicants for 560 seats available each year. And the standards and the policies and procedures are tough, but we need to have them tough, as we have a duty to protect the public. So in 2012, we adopted this new concept-based curriculum, something that has not caught on nationally, which requires the movement from the old way of teaching, the medical model, to a more engaged problem based learning approach. And it was a real hard transition for our faculty, but they've worked over the years to really build the curriculum in the best interest of the students.

We really try to incorporate our students in the planning and in their education. It is their education, and this was the right thing to do, so our aide --- are students are able to graduate and provide quality healthcare at a competent level. And any of you would be proud to have a CCAC graduate caring for you at the bedside. If you're ever in the hospital, ask if you're being cared for by a CCAC graduate. I bet the chance is you are. CCAC is fully approved by the PA State Board of Nursing, our board scores are solid and we have full accreditation from our national nursing accreditor. And I --- just to brag a little bit, just to show that we are being really prudent with our money, in 2015, our board scores, which have to be at the 80 percent mark, were 88.56 percent. In 2016, they moved up to 90.74 percent pass rate on first time attempt. In 2017, they moved up to 92.03 percent, and now in 2018, the last full year that we have records for, 95.16 percent. And I'm going to say ---.

(Applause.)

MS. MAYLE: Our graduates take the same exam as any other nurse --- nursing graduate around --- across the United States, even the four year programs, even Pitt and Duquesne. So we would like to thank Allegheny County for its support of our college and the rich resources that we

are able to offer all our nursing students to ensure academic success. So we could not do our good works without your support. So thank you all so very much.

(Applause.)

MS. KIRK: Just --- just to tail on that, we get community students where I work at Presby and they are excellent students, excellent, and the instructors who are with them because you know we run them hard. Who else would like to speak?

MR. BIONDO: I just want to take a minute to thank Council for inviting us here, for recognizing the nurses. We employ 120 registered nurses at the Kane Regional Centers. We couldn't do it without them. We want to thank CCAC, we couldn't do it without them. I'm sure a lot of our staff are graduates of CCAC but more importantly, I want to thank our staff, our --- our registered nurses for the good work that they do every day, all day. All of us, I think have --- have some contact with a nurse at some point in our life and so we need them. We thank you for sending them our way, send some more. And our --- our Chief Nursing Officer Nancy Ehrman is here and she has a few things that she'd like to offer for Council. Thanks.

MS. EHRMAN: Hi. My name is Nancy Ehrman. I'm the chief nursing officer of the four regional Kanes and I would like to thank you on behalf of our nurses for all your support. We've had a very successful year. We opened a new unit in our McKeesport center, and that unit takes care of the clinical needs of people that have any kind of dependency. We have discharged 40 to the community and different kind of rehab programs and with support from their families that they didn't have before, and we're very, very happy about that.

We also have worked in conjunction with UPMC at WPIC, and we have 25 residents on one of our units at the Glen Hazel building and they're there with specials needs, and they're doing fine. We're admitting as we speak. So we just wanted to give you a little update, how well our residents --- and because of your support, were able to do these programs. We have been networking with UPMC, Allegheny Health Network and all the managed care organizations to meet the needs of our community. So again, thank you for your support.

(Applause.)

MS. KIRK: Do we have anyone --- Warden, would you like to come up and say something about your great nurses?

WARDEN HARPER: All right. Again, how are you doing, County Council? We brought two nurses with us today and I just wanted to say I am really, really proud of our nurses because they do a tremendous job in providing services at the Allegheny County Jail. So on behalf of all of us, the management team at the Allegheny County Jail, we want to really thank our nurses. And not just our nurses, all nurses in Allegheny County. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

MR. GORDAN: Unfortunately, our nurses were unable to join us, even our --- even our nurse manager, because of the constraints of our regulations and requirements for state licensing and staffing and such. Unfortunately, we were unable to have anybody attend. They're back at the facility working. So again, they were unable to meet and accept their Proclamation and their pins, but --- but you know, that's just again a testament to the dedication and the care that they provide for our residents. So thank you very much.

(Applause.)

MS. KIRK: We'll send them back with you. Who else do we have here? Do we have anyone here from the health department? Come on out.

MR. GOLONDR: Hi, my name is Vladimir Golondr. I'm the HR manager for the health department. On behalf of the nurses for the health department, we thank you County Council for the Proclamation and just the recognition for the --- for all the nurses. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. KIRK: Is there anybody else who'd like to say anything? It's open --- this is your week. Come on, you want to say something. I can see it in your face. Come on --- come on up.

MS. HUMPHRIES: Hello everyone. My name is Nina Humphries and I'm a senior secretary at Schumann Juvenile Detention Center. I'm here to represent the nurses on the nurses' behalf.

(Applause.)

MS. KIRK: Thank you.

MS. HUMPHRIES: You're welcome.

MS. KIRK: Anybody else? Would anybody else like to say any words? No? Okay, let's --- let's go just have some pictures to mark this day. Thank you.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 11076-19 and the rest of the proclamations will be read into the record.

MR. BARKER: 11076-19. A Proclamation recognizing Nadine Oury for receiving the Girl Scout Humanitarian Award. Sponsored by Council Member Kirk.

11077-19. A Proclamation commending Nicholas Weising upon receiving the Eagle Scout Award. Sponsored by Council Member Kirk.

11078-19. A Proclamation congratulating Peebles District Volunteer Fire Company upon the occasion of its 75th anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Kirk.

11079-19. A Certificate of Recognition presented to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent and Marian Kemp upon the momentous occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

11080-19. A Proclamation congratulating Lauren Copeland, Alaina Kotchey and Adina Munin for being named C-SPAN's 2019 National StudentCam contest winners. Sponsored by Council Member Prizio.

11081-19. A Proclamation recognizing the 50th anniversary of Transitional Services, Incorporated. Sponsored by Council Member Klein.

11082-19. Certificates of Achievement awarded to the Steel Valley High School Football Team for winning the 2018 WPIAL Class 2-A Football Championship. Sponsored by Council Member Klein.

And 11083-19. A Proclamation declaring May 9th, 2019 to be "Judge Lawrence Kaplan Day" in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Klein.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Public comment on agenda items?

MR. BARKER: We have none on agenda items.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 11065-19.

MR. BARKER: A Motion to approve the minutes of the March 5th, 2019 regular meeting of Council.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

MR. DEMARCO: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
11066-19.

MR. BARKER: A motion to approve the minutes of the March 19th, 2019 regular meeting of Council.

MR. MACEY: Motion.

MR. PALMIERE: 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.
11068-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Representative Sara Innamorato to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Housing Authority to fill a term effective through December 31st, 2021. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 11069-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Debra L. Romanelli to serve as a member of the Drug and Alcohol Planning Council for a three-year term ending on December 31st, 2021. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 11070-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Joseph Serrao to serve as a member of the Board of Property Assessment Appeals and Review for a term to expire December 31st, 2021. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 11001-19.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the Council of the County of Allegheny approving the 2019 Revision to the Allegheny County Solid Waste Management Plan. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President and Members of Council. This resolution authorizes a revision in the County's solid waste management plan. These revisions must be done every ten years per Commonwealth law. The proposed changes are non-substantial in nature and principally relate to ensuring adequate capacity for disposal of waste generated within the County and studying the feasibility of creating a dedicated hazardous

household waste and waste drop off facility. And this --- we met --- and this was sent with affirmative recommendation, Mr. President, and I move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, we'll have a roll call.

MR. BARKER: 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: President Defazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes 14, nos zero. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 11044-19.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to acquire by condemnation certain easement areas required to stabilize slope supporting McCoy Road at Dunn Street in Stowe Township, and to take such further action as may be necessary under applicable law, including the Eminent Domain Code. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Macey? Bob?

MR. MACEY: I apologize. We met on April 29th and this particular ordinance was sent to the full Council with affirmative recommendation and I move for approval.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, we'll have the roll call.

MR. BARKER:	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. Pالموسينا?
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:	President Defazio?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Ayes 14, nos zero. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 11045-19.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to acquire by condemnation certain temporary construction easement areas from one parcel required to reconstruct Thompson Run East Branch Bridge Number 2 carrying Jones Avenue over Thompson Run in the municipalities of Wilkins Township and Turtle Creek Borough and to take such further action as may be

necessary under applicable law including the Eminent Domain Code. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Macey?

MR. MACEY: Likewise, the Committee met on April 30th, and this was sent to the full Council with affirmative recommendation.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You want to make a motion?

MR. MACEY: Make a motion to approve.

MR. DEMARCO: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, all those --- oh, let's have a roll call.

MR. BARKER: 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: President Defazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes 14, nos zero. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 11046-19.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorizing the grant of a temporary license agreement to Pittsburgh

Downtown Partnership for the purpose of staging a food festival and related activities on the Roberto Clemente 6th Street Bridge to be known as Picklesburgh between Thursday, July 25th, 2019 and Monday, July 29th, 2019. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President. The committee met on April 30th and it was well vetted and I expect everybody to go to Picklesburgh and I make a motion to approve.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, we'll have a roll call vote.

MR. BARKER: 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: President Defazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes 14, nos zero. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 11047-19.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the grant of a temporary license agreement to the Delta Foundation of Pittsburgh for the purpose of staging a public festival to be known as the 2019 Pittsburgh PrideFest on the Andy Warhol 7th Street Bridge between Friday, June 7th 2019 and Sunday, June 9th, 2019. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President. The committee met on April 30th and it was moved to the full Council with affirmative recommendation. I move for approval.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, we'll have a roll call vote.

MR. BARKER:	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:	President Defazio?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO:	Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes 14, nos zero. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Liaison reports? Representative DeWitt Walton.

MR. WALTON: Thank you, Mr. President. On April 30th, I had the privilege to be with approximately 300 plus high school students from the Pittsburgh, Penn Hills, Woodland Hills School Districts to spend the day in a legislative lobbying day in Harrisburg. And the objective of that day was to do a press conference and to lobby legislators. This event was sponsored by the Pittsburgh Black Elected Officials Coalition along with the Pennsylvania's Black Legislature --- no, Pennsylvania State Black Legislators. And the objective was to meet with legislators to talk about revisions to state --- to state legislation governing a wide variety of --- of issues.

Certification of police officers, maintaining a database so that officers who were dismissed from one jurisdiction, that information would be put in a database and readily available to other municipalities. To talk about gaining additional equipment and training for police officers, and last but not least, to try to move some legislation forward on the use of force rules.

Again, there is a clear need for those revisions. While we readily acknowledge that 95 percent of police officers are just dedicated to doing their job and going home at the end of watch the same way they came on, there has to be some revisions. There's a serious problem in --- in Allegheny County, as well as the United States. When you look at --- whether you agree or not, Antwon Rose, Jonny Gammage, Johnny Jackson here in Allegheny County. As well as nationally, Michael Brown, Eric Garner, Sandra Bland, Philando Castile and --- and --- and hundreds of others across this country.

We have to make certain that we have the best trained, best equipped police officers and the appropriate legislation so that we ensure that good choices and good decisions are made on a daily basis. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other? Representative Sue Means? Well, I'll get them next. Go ahead.

MS. MEANS: Thank you for recognizing me. On May the 3rd, Councilman Sam DeMarco and I had the honor to attend the Borough and Township Police Association memorial service in South Park at the fair --- at the

economic building there and where we honored those officers who have died in the line of duty, and we all know that the police are there. They --- they go above and beyond, and they're there to protect us and our property and it was my honor and Sam's honor as well, I'm sure, that --- to be there to honor police officers who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

And then I wanted to share that it's exciting that on Saturday, on May the 4th, Bethel Park celebrated a Simmons Park dedication which was a great place. They revamped the park but there was sunshine and there was big announcements there that --- that Bethel Park School District and the municipality both joined the Live Well Allegheny initiative so it was great to be in a place where there is exercise to talk about exercising and eating right and living long and healthy lives, so ---. And at the same time, there was an announcement that --- let's see, the Allegheny --- I think that's what it's called, Land Trust. There --- we're also gaining some property for some more green space in Bethel Park there.

I also wanted to point out that this Friday, May the 10th, at the South Park fairgrounds is Pour in The Park. And last year was the first time we had that event there. It's a great event to attend. There will be samples of different breweries and last year there was some moonshine and food. And it's a great event to sample different alcoholic beverages and food from around, and it benefits all the parks. It's held by the Allegheny County Parks Foundation, and if you need information on it, it's from --- well, first of all, again, it's at the museum building by the fairgrounds. It's from 5:30 to 8:30 and there's live music also. So if you want more information, call 724-327-7627 and you can also be the designated driver, and then it doesn't cost as much to just eat food. But it's a great event.

And then on May the 18th, the Friends of the South Park are going to have their annual golf outing which, again, will benefit --- the proceeds will benefit the park. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you very much, Mr.

President. As Councilwoman Means talked about, on May 3rd, we attended the Borough and Township Police Association memorial ceremony, but earlier that day, I had the pleasure of attending, along with my colleague

Councilman Pat Catena. It was a grand opening, a ribbon-cutting ceremony down at the McKees Rocks Multimodal Transportation Center, the opening or the groundbreaking for a new Speedway commercial fuel station. There's a lot of exciting things that are happening down in McKees Rocks now. In the last meeting, I talked about the opportunity zones that had been designated under the President's tax cut and jobs act. This area here in McKees Rocks falls inside one of those opportunity zones.

So as they look to combine what CNX is planning on doing, what Speedway is doing, to be able to attract --- they want to be able to fuel the trucks that are coming through there. They're --- they're looking now, they need to --- to attract businesses to build warehousing and things like this. All of these things that we're talking about, they all tie together. And it's government working at the county level, at the state level and at the federal level, all working together for the betterment of their citizens. So it was a rousing event there. We had participants there at all levels of government and I was proud to be there with Councilman Catena.

On Saturday, May 4th, I attended the law enforcement memorial ceremony in the North Shore, which was held --- it started at noon and --- well, it was very well attended. It's an annual event that they recognize it. Typically, they do that each year. You have the borough and townships who will do theirs on Friday night out in South Park, the law enforcement memorial where the city is involved, they'll do theirs on Saturday out here. And I was also pleased to see great attendance from the County police force, Superintendent Coleman McDonough who was with both events, as well as a number of other County police officers and it was great to see those folks there.

Yesterday on Monday, May 6th, I was in Harrisburg for the 2nd Amendment Rally where gun groups and organizers and just patriots from across the State of Pennsylvania concerned about the erosion of their gun rights went to Harrisburg to protest some of the things that are --- that are taking place and to lobby their legislators, to continue to hold the line on not passing these gun control bills which won't do anything to actually solve the problem that we all care about which is reducing gun violence.

And then lastly I would just like to say, you know, one of the things that I think is important for all of us as we look at this and we talk to parents is the importance of good choices, you know, and we talk about teachable moments. So I think as we look from a policy perspective, we always look at what can we do to try to take and legislate risk out of life or to try to take and improve on the delivery of services that we can give to our citizens. We're still no substitute for the parents that are in a home that see their kids, you know, 24 hours, 7 days a week. And to be able to teach these folks about things such as respect, respect for the law, compliance, all of these things which when taken to --- into account can take and prevent many of the tragedies that we hear taking place across this nation today. So I just want to thank you, Mr. President, for the opportunity to speak. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Seeing no more ---.

MR. MACEY: I have one.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, you do? Go ahead.

MR. MACEY: Yeah. Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to mention I've got to get back to where I was here. Well, anyways, off the top of my head, West Mifflin Number 3 Volunteer Fire Company is going to start their summer car cruises on May the 15th. That's at 3722 Rodeo Drive in West Mifflin. And what's important about these car cruises, they're fundraisers. We all hear about the inability to raise enough money to do the things we need to do to protect our citizens in case of fire, accidents, things of that nature.

In fact, many of the --- a lot of the fire companies are either merging or they're disbanding because they lack the funds. So it's real important to support your fire departments, whether they're city or whether they're your volunteers, but your volunteers are under a lot of pressure. Not only are we having problems getting enough money to support the needs, the \$700,000 firetrucks, the \$10,000 bunker gear and safety equipment, but we're also having a problem getting volunteers to join the volunteer fire companies.

One of the things Allegheny County has done is enacted a program called Fire Vet. So if you have some young people in your family --- and it doesn't matter if they're young, middle-aged --- and they want to join

because we could use all types of volunteers. The Fire Vets program will give you a free two year college education if you sign on with your volunteer fire company for five years. Now you don't have to --- you don't have to be a young person. If you're into middle-age, changing jobs, things of that nature and need an education, we do have the technical education and community college to help you. So there's a lot of great things out there that you could take advantage of, but most importantly, we need your money and we need your --- we need your volunteering. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Seeing no more, we'll move onto 11071-19.

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

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Public Works. 11072-19.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2019. Submission number 02-19. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance. 11067-19.

MR. BARKER: A Motion of the Council of Allegheny County supporting both the 175 miles of existing trail and the completion of 95 miles of additional trails in the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail corridor in order to achieve the 270-mile vision of the Erie to Pittsburgh Trails Alliance, and encouraging our neighboring community --- counties to do the same. Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere, do you want to ---?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President, and Members of Council. This --- this motion encourages the completion of the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail. It's --- approximately 175 miles of the trail is already finished but the remaining 95 miles need to be completed in order to reach the originally proposed length of the 270 miles, because everyone knows trails serve several benefits including providing access to natural cultural and

historical sites, promoting tourism and general recreation. And the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail Alliance is organizing efforts to complete the missing segments of this regional trail.

And basically, Mr. President, what we're doing is --- we want to encourage people, because you know, on these trails, a lot of them, I've been running and biking for years, and I'm on these trails a lot. And one of the things that happens is the cottage industries that are promoted. There's so many small businesses and industries promoted through --- throughout the region on these trails. They have bed and breakfast, they have camping sites and so on and so forth. So it's a wonderful --- it's --- it's a wonderful thing for the county and for the state and for us to promote, in order to promote the tourism and bring people in.

And I'll tell you, I was on a trail not too long ago, and there was a young lady that came down and she's on a bike riding and we asked her. We stopped, and were against the water and we started to talk to her and she said --- I said, where are you from? She's from England. And she came down all the way from Massachusetts or New York --- upper state --- upper state New York, all the way down here to do our trail, to go all the way to Washington, D.C. on the Allegheny Passage.

So you know, --- and she was alone, oh, my God, you know, but she said she feels safe because again --- because of all this --- these safety issues that are promoted by these cottage industries all along the way. So I --- I just --- I thought it was a good thing for --- to sponsor her and I would appreciate your cooperation. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Do you want to put that in committee or --- John, do you want to put it in committee or ---?

MR. PALMIERE: I'd just like to vote.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President, I'd just like to vote on this tonight and get this done, please.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Someone make a motion?

MR. WALTON: So moved.

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Second.

MR. MACEY: Point of privilege, please?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No, no, you're up. You can comment, go ahead.

MR. MACEY: Okay.

I just want everybody to know that the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, and I serve on that commission, is supporting this as well. We just had a meeting the other day about the new roads and country roads and this is very paramount to many of the communities in our 10 county region. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

There was a motion, a second. Under --- any more remarks? If none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Let's go on, notification of contracts?

MR. BARKER: We have none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We have none. Public comment on general items?

MR. BARKER: We do have several of those.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Go ahead.

MR. BARKER: First up is Brian Englert. Next up is Juliet Zavon.

MS. ZAVON: At your last meeting, I spoke about people who didn't receive their absentee ballots in time to vote. I got a response to my comment that said the county is entirely reliant upon the US mail for this. However, the people I spoke about called the Elections Division repeatedly and were told each time that their absentee ballot would be mailed out the next day. The fact that the ballots never came makes it reasonable to question operations at the Elections Division. When was the last time a critical review of operations was done at the Elections Division to improve efficiency, customer satisfaction and so on? This is routine in many organizations including government agencies.

Also, two weeks ago, I described states that give citizens a tracking number so that they can track the processing of their absentee ballot application. I got this response. Tracking like other states do would likely need to be authorized and would be extremely cost-prohibitive based on the number of absentee ballots that we receive for each election. Maybe this is true,

maybe it's not. Should we dismiss it before finding out? I imagine that Allegheny County has at least as many absentee ballots as urban counties in states like Ohio and North Carolina that give tracking numbers, and those states aren't known for being progressive or flush in the pocket. Moreover, even small companies allow customers to track their orders so how complicated can it be?

Printing ballots this year was delayed because of Commonwealth Court cases. The delay ate up a week or so of the usual month of time that ballots are available before an election. How is it legal to whittle down this time period? I'm trying to find out, but I want you to be aware that this disenfranchises voters. A friend caught up in this snafu sees it as voter suppression that helps incumbent --- incumbents. That's your public feedback.

The delay in printing ballots also delayed making the sample ballot available. For weeks, I had been trying to get my sample ballot at the Elections Division website, but it only showed my ballot for the November 2018 elections. Better not to show anything than to show an outdated ballot. It really looks bad. Yet all the while, I could get my sample ballot at the League of Women Voters website. Fancy that. Allegheny County didn't have it, but the League did. What kind of impression do you think this makes?

So my conclusion is a critical review of Election Divisions operation might help solve some of these problems. They --- they could just be just simple disconnects with, you know, adding a few lines on the computer program or something that --- you know, but --- but they should be looked into.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Next?

MR. BARKER: Next up is Mark Kelly.

MR. KELLY: Good evening. Members of Allegheny County Council. My name is Mark Kelly and I am here as my role as President of Allegheny County Association of Court Supervisors. We are a labor organization representing meet and discuss unit employees of Allegheny County and the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County with the Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania. Myself and fellow supervisors are tasked with the responsibility of supervising adult probation officers, juvenile probation officers, domestic relations officers, secretaries, municipal court employees, as well as information technology employees.

We do not have the same rights as collective bargaining units, such as the employees we supervise, who have the right to interest arbitration. I recently presented at the last Council meeting on April 23rd. We have not received a response from an administrator or the law department since the last Council meeting. I have made copies of the last Council presentation for your review. To the public, this presentation was made at the last Council meeting on April 23rd and my presentation starts at the beginning of public comments at approximately 1 hour, 3 minutes and 38 seconds.

Ten years ago, we thought the salary compression issue was resolved when we negotiated terms for raises and benefits for the period from 2009 to 2011, which was set forth in a memorandum of understanding. This memorandum of understanding agreement identified the Allegheny County Department of Human Resources were requested that the courts review current salaries to ensure that the employees are placed on the appropriate steps and receive appropriate longevity of the court's supervisor salary program maintained by the courts.

We did not have a consecutive memorandum of understanding and our salaries were frozen from 2013 to --- 2012 and 2013, apology. I presented at Allegheny County Council meetings back in 2014. We were finally able to execute a memorandum of understanding covering the term from 2014 through 2017. We initiated a request for discussions in August of 2017 prior to the expiration of the memorandum of understanding. We are at 20 months without a memorandum of understanding agreement or a response to our request for interest arbitration.

We received no raises in 2018 to 2019 and have no meetings scheduled. We have supervisors held below their full rate of pay for their positions, supervisors making less than the employees they supervise, inconsistent supervisor salaries and supervisors handling additional workloads over the course of the past several years due to vacancies, all of which make it difficult to fill vacant supervisor positions with qualified employees. This --- these issues remain unresolved.

I've provided Allegheny County and the Fifth Judicial District Administrators with detailed information concerning our situation. I am here again today requesting your assistance in getting the administrators or the law department to sit down with us in a meaningful

discussion in an attempt to confirm a new memorandum of understanding or establish an agreement to interest arbitration.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Next?

MR. BARKER: Next up is Lori Swensson.

MS. SWENSSON: Good evening. Thank you for allowing me to speak. Can you hear me? Okay. I am a member of the Public Safety Task Force for PIIN which is the Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network. And I'm also a member of Sixth Presbyterian Church.

The Public Safety Task Force has a goal to strengthen police community relations, to build trust between the police and the community so that both sides can work together. The police need cooperation and help from the community to do their job. The Pittsburgh police have shown they realize this. An example is the citizens' police academy which I did take and which they hold once or twice a year to educate the public about the many parts of policing and to build support within the community. So it's an extremely rewarding program. I'm really glad I took it, and it's a big effort on the part of the Pittsburgh police, and it shows how much they want to reach out to the community.

It is important to stop and realize that there is an unequal balance of power between citizens and the police. In fact, the citizens have given the power to the police for public protection, trusting that it will be properly used. Let us stop and think for a moment how it feels when there is perceived unfairness or abuse of that --- of that power. If there is a mis --- misunderstanding between a citizen and the police, that trust is threatened. This is where an independent police review board can enter the equation.

It gives citizens an impartial place where their voices will be heard. The police also benefit. Their right to be heard is also honored because the system is impartial. The only certainty is that re --- review will be fair to both sides. The City of Pittsburgh has benefited from such a review board for many years. I believe the county deserves the same opportunity. Many of the county's police forces are quite small with small budgets. They may not have a budget to establish their own review boards, should they wish to do so.

Some may object to such a review board because they fear it reflects negatively on the police. This is

not a valid objection because the review board is --- is not prejudicial. Also, municipalities opt in and they are not required or forced to participate. Finally, let me speak as a member of Sixth Presbyterian Church. We believe in the dignity and the value of each person, the citizen and the police person. And in the right of each to fair treatment and an opportunity to have their voices heard. I support Bill 10909-18. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Next?

MR. BARKER: Next is Ron Bandes.

MR. BANDES: Mr. President, and Council Members, my name is Ron Bandes. I reside in the City of Pittsburgh. I am a Judge of Election, the President of VoteAllegheny, a nonpartisan election integrity organization and an active member of several local election-related organizations such as the League of Women Voters and B-PEP.

I wish to speak to you about voting system selection. Some counties in our Commonwealth are making poor choices. There was a protest just this morning in Philadelphia over not only the poor security and expense of the chosen system, but also the procurement process which is now being investigated by the state Auditor General.

In particular, some counties are choosing to use Ballot Marking Devices for all voters instead of just for voters that can't hand-mark a paper ballot. Ballots produced by ballot marking devices are not voter-verified because experience tells us that voters don't review their ballots. Hand-marked ballots are inherently voter-verified. Ballot-marking devices are necessary for some voters with disabilities, but we need to get them good ones. The hybrid or all-in-one machines that both mark a ballot and can also tabulate ballots are seriously flawed. There is only one paper path through the machine. When the scanner portion detects a non-vote in a race, the printer portion could add a vote if the machine was compromised. In the security field, we have a saying, "The question isn't whether you'll be hacked, but when."

Some of these machines are even worse because they have a feature that election-integrity advocates call permission to cheat. In these machines, the voter can opt to forego the review step entirely and have their ballot go directly to the scanner without the voter handling it or having any opportunity to review the ballot. This is

appalling. Another bad feature on ballot-marking devices is printing barcodes and using the barcodes for tabulation. Although one could read the human readable text in an audit or a recount, there is nothing in the election code requiring the counties to do so. With such a machine, you would need to perform an additional audit to ensure that the barcodes correctly represent the associated text. Without that, you cannot call these ballots voter-verified.

Lastly, evaluating the usability of machines is a science and Carnegie Mellon University is a leader in that science. A computer science professor has offered to have a team perform a structured analysis of the usability of the voting machines. We should avail ourselves of that offer and do so quickly. Many potential analysts will leave town for the summer. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Next?

MR. BARKER: Next up is Harry Liller.

MR. LILLER: My name is Harry Liller. I live in Mount Washington in the Pittsburgh area. I am for a civilian police review board and this is the reason why. There are eight police chiefs in Allegheny County that have committed criminal acts and have criminal records. Pittsburgh, West Homestead, West Mifflin, Wilkinsburg, Elizabeth, Pleasant Hills, Rankin, South Park. I warned everybody that Bob O'Connor would fire police Chief Robert McNeilly, and there would be police problems.

Police Chief Nate Harper stole and went to jail. Hate to tell you I told you so, but I told you so. The last two County Sheriffs have criminal records. Brentwood police officer John Vojtas gets away with two suspicious deaths; Judith Barrett, his ex-girlfriend and Jonny Gammage. And for the record, Jonny Gammage's family likes me. They like me. South Fayette police officer busted with a Fed-Ex cocaine package in Castle Shannon. East Washington police officer helps his father commit murder of their next door neighbor and stole over \$140,000 from her. Monongahela police officer protects drugs dealers.

I caught a corrupt constable stealing from the Bethel Park American Legion. He lies to the Allegheny County District Attorney that I'm this big drug dealer. The District Attorney illegally wiretaps my telephone. When I complained to the Pittsburgh FBI, they laughed at me, told me to shut up and get out.

Now Sheriff Mullen, you know that Chief --- I mean, Judge King states that I have threatened to kill him with a shotgun. I never said it, I never did it, I don't own a shotgun.

This is how I'm proving to all of you that law enforcement commits criminal acts and nobody does anything about it. And do you know why they do this? Because the Pittsburgh media is the only media in the whole country that does not investigate corruption. They protect it. This is what they do time and time again. Now, you all wonder why I get upset. The Pittsburgh police brutalized my sister. They gave her death threats. Nobody does anything about it. When we started going to public meetings, the FOP President, Smokey Heinz shoves her into a church pew. My sister had a broken pole in her back. She could've been paralyzed. So she's crying to me that she cannot go to these public meetings anymore because she could be paralyzed. That's what made me get involved.

Twenty (20) years ago, the black leaders used to love me. But now when I put the Pittsburgh review board together, now all the black leaders treat me like crap. This is how bad everything is today. And I'll be back at the next meeting to tell you even more corruption of law enforcement officials. And remember, I always tell the truth.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Is that it?

MR. BARKER: That's everybody who signed up. We did have one individual who did not sign up who requested to comment as well.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Is he here?

MR. BARKER: Yes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Do you guys want to let him speak or ---? Okay. Come on.

MR. BARKER: Tom Weber.

MR. WEBER: President DeFazio, Chairman Palmiere, and Members of the Allegheny County Council. My name is Tom Weber from Lee Township, Allegheny County, and I'm a first time visitor. I'm here to let you all know that I am strongly opposed to Bill 11 --- 11000-19, banning talk therapy for minors with unwanted same sex attractions or gender confusion.

Children should not be caught in the crosshairs of the LQBT agenda that seeks to normalize their lifestyle. Parents should not have the right --- should have the right to take their children to a counselor who

will help them work through unwanted or confusing feelings or thoughts. The U.S. Supreme Court has said professional speech has the First Amendment rights as any other speech. Under these bans you're proposing, those seeking help with their unwanted feelings will only be allowed to get therapy to affirm their unwanted feelings, not to work through them. Using therapy bans to influence public beliefs is unconstitutional viewpoint discrimination.

If a child wants to be rid of unwanted same sex attraction or gender confusion, he or she should have the freedom to seek that. I don't try to tell any of you how to raise your children or grandchildren, and I don't want any of you telling me how I should raise any of my children or grandchildren. That's the heart of the American way, what this great nation was founded upon so that we all have the freedom to raise our children and grandchildren the way we see fit.

Looking around here, first time visitor, many of you are of the same generation as I am. I'm 73 years old. When we were growing up, we didn't even think of talking about such things as same-sex marriage and the LGBT agenda. We were too busy riding our bikes, delivering newspapers and playing Little League ball. Not sitting at our TVs and computers watching things that weren't even imaginable back then.

If I thought that one of my grandchildren or children were a little fuzzy about their gender, I reserve the God-given right to sit down and talk to my children or grandchildren or to hire someone I trust to talk to them about their gender. I reserve the right to pull out that all-time best-selling book, what's it called, the Bible, and maybe read a couple chapters from Leviticus and Deuteronomy to tell my offspring what God says about how we should live and how he made us male and female according to his plan.

I fear that the intent of this bill you're proposing could take away my right to talk to my own offspring about right or wrong ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You just got to make it quick. You got a sentence or two.

MR. WEBER: I just hope that Bill 11000-19 never gets out of committee and I thank you for your attention and for allowing me to speak without proper prior approval.

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

MR. CATENA: Motion to adjourn.

MR. DEMARCO: Second.

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

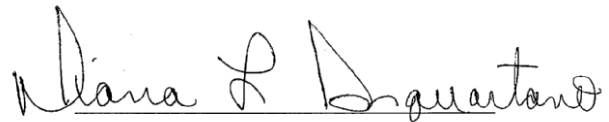
(Chorus of ayes.)

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

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