

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

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Robert Macey	-	Vice President District 9
Samuel DeMarco, III	-	Council-At-Large
Bethany Hallam	-	Council-At-Large
Tom Baker	-	District 1
Cindy Kirk	-	District 2
Anita Prizio	-	District 3
Tom Duerr	-	District 5
John F. Palmiere	-	District 6
Nicholas Futules	-	District 7
Paul Zavarella	-	District 8
Dewitt Walton	-	District 10
Paul Klein	-	District 11
Robert Palmosina	-	District 12
Olivia Bennett	-	District 13

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IN ATTENDANCE:

Jared Barker - Director, Legislative Services
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PRESIDENT CATENA: I will call this meeting of county council to order. Please stand for the pledge of allegiance. We will now have a moment of silence. Thank you. Please be seated. Roll Call, Jared.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker.

MR. BAKER: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett.

MS. BENNETT: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco.

MR. DEMARCO: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr.

MR. DUERR: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules.

MR. FUTULES: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam.

MS. HALLAM: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk.

MS. KIRK: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein.

MR. KLEIN: Here.

JARED BARKER Mr. Macey.

MR. MACEY: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina.

MR. PALMOSINA: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio.

MS. PRIZIO: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton.

MR. WALTON: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Zavarella.

MR. ZAVARELLA: Here.

MR. BARKER: President Catena.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Here.

MR. BARKER: All 15 members present.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. We'll now have presentations of proclamations/certificates. We'll start with item number 11410-20.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation declaring the month of February as Black History Month and commending the efforts of POISE Foundation for their essential role in shaping the story of our county and region through their many accomplishments and contributions, sponsored by Council Members Walton and Duerr.

MR. WALTON: Good evening. I'd like to ask the CEO of the POISE Foundation, Mark Lewis, if he'll come forward. It is with a distinct privilege that we are here this evening to do our annual Black History Month proclamation and to honor one of the region's leading organizations that is working for equity and justice throughout our region. And it is an additional privilege that I have a personal relationship with the CEO of this organization Mark Lewis. Mark is not only a friend, an advocate, but also a fraternity brother, and it is with --- again, with real appreciation that we are here to talk about this organization as part of Black History Month. Whereas, during the month of tribute we pay tribute to the countless people who stood up, sat in to help right the wrongs of our past, and extend the promise of the American Dream to all. We honor the contributions of African Americans since the formation of our county and we stand steadfast to reaching the day which all individuals are judged on nothing but the content of their character. And whereas the celebration of Black History Month began as Negro History Week which was created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, a noted African American historian, scholar, educator and publisher.

In 1976, it became a month long celebration in the Month of February which was chosen to coincide with the birth of Frederick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln and whereas today African American high school graduation and college enrollments are at an all-time high and African American unemployment rate is the lowest recorded in history.

Now, I have to take a little bit of umbrage with that because while that is what some individuals are touting, I tend to believe that is a bogus statement in and of itself and I don't give credit where it's not due.

Our challenges still continue and obstacles still stand in the way of our country becoming what our founding fathers envisioned. And whereas Allegheny County recognizes the champions of justice of the Underground Railroad, aboard a bus in Alabama or at a sit down at a whites only lunch counter in North Carolina and all across the country. Many of which gave the ultimate sacrifice so that one day each person will know the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness and whereas a local organization, POISE Foundation, is committed to addressing the inequalities and injustices that still linger and

where POISE Foundation is a community foundation dedicated to helping Pittsburgh region's black community in achieving self-sustaining practices through strategic leadership, collective giving, grant making, and advocacy. In December 1980, the POISE Foundation was incorporated in the State of Pennsylvania as a public charitable foundation. In its constant quest of promoting equality and equity over the last 40 years the POISE Foundation has given more than \$10 million in grants and scholarships to deserving organizations in the Pittsburgh area and throughout the United States.

Now therefore be resolved that we, Allegheny County Council members DeWitt Walton and Tom Duerr, do hereby proclaim the month of February as Black History Month in Allegheny County and I commend the efforts of the POISE Foundation for their essential role in shaping the history of our county and region through their many accomplishments.

Witness hereof I have hereunto caused the Seal of Allegheny County to be affixed this 25th day of February 2020. Mr. Lewis, thank you so much.

MR. LEWIS: Thank you much, Councilman Walton, for the proclamation and for sponsoring this, and the cosponsoring councils as well. I have sat out here in the audience and I have been almost last on the list so I'm going to try to be very brief. But again, I think the importance here today is really understanding Black History Month and understanding that Black History Month is not necessarily just to celebrate celebrities and some good things that people do in our community, but it's to really celebrate the history.

One of the facts that I have learned probably two or three years ago was that at least four of the original incorporators of Allegheny County were black. Most of us don't know that. Most of us don't get taught that in school. And one of the wealthiest individuals in the 1700s in the City of Pittsburgh is black. So we really need to understand the history is important. We need to understand that teaching all history and totality of history to our kids can make a huge difference. When you understand where you come from or you understand what you believe, that builds into creating dreams and hopes and that can change a lot of some of the dynamics we see throughout the inner city youth that we have today.

So the POISE Foundation will be celebrating its 40th year. Again, we're up to about \$13 million in grants and scholarships to our community. We need to do much more, and we need support. We're a community foundation so we need individuals to support a foundation. Again, our goal is to help all of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County citizens become more equitable and be able to take care of themselves. Thank you again.

PRESIDENT CATENA: We'll go with 11411-20.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation declaring the month of February as American Heart Month in Allegheny County, sponsored by Council Members Kirk, Baker, Catena, DeMarco, Futules, Hallam, Pamosina, Prizio, Duerr, and Klein.

MS. KIRK: So we're also here to celebrate a go red for women, the American Heart Association's movement to make people more aware of cardiac issues, strokes because people don't often think of women as having these issues and half of us are women and the other half know women. So it works good.

And one of the things that I think is one of the most important things they do besides fundraising and various issues is just education. It's been estimated that 80 percent of cardiac events could be prevented through education and lifestyle changes, 80 percent. When you think of how devastating strokes are, we're having people in their 40s having strokes and you think of how long people are living that could be 50 years in a nursing home that could have been prevented. So that's why we're very happy to celebrate your work. That said I will get to the proclamation.

Whereas cardiovascular disease is the number one killer of all Americans claiming more than 840,000 lives a year. Whereas American Heart Month was founded in 1963 to make individuals more aware of this staggering physical and economic loss due to cardiovascular diseases as quoted by President Lyndon B. Johnson. And whereas almost half of all adults in the United States face increased risk of heart disease for various reasons. During American Heart Month, individuals must take steps to reduce the risk associated with heart disease in themselves and those they care about by encouraging healthy eating, physical activity and by discouraging the use of tobacco.

And whereas, the American Heart Association along with the organization Go Red for Women known as our women's caucus here has impacted the lives of thousands of

men, women, and children in the Pittsburgh area by supporting cardiovascular research, professional and community education and advocacy efforts, and whereas on Friday, February 7th, 2020 in celebration of National Wear Red Day women across American wore red to help raise awareness of heart disease as the number one health threat to women.

Now therefore be it resolved that we, Allegheny County Council members, myself, Tom Baker, Sam DeMarco, the entire council especially sponsored by women, like to thank The American Heart Association go red for women for its continued efforts to fight this epidemic to build a brighter future for the families of Allegheny County. So we thank you.

MR. BENDA: Thank you very much. My name is Bruce Benda. I'm a volunteer. I'm the chairman of the board of the American Heart Association in the Greater Pittsburgh Area. I'm also a sudden cardiac arrest survivor, so I'm feeling good. Yeah, my wife, she keeps a close eye on me. And I know personally that CPR saves lives. AEDs save lives. The work pf the American Heart Association saves lives, and it's a privilege and an honor to be here today. You mentioned that Lyndon Baines Johnson declared February as American Heart Month and the first one was in 1964 which interestingly enough was nine years after his own heart attack.

The good news for women in 2004 The American Heart Association started the go red for women movement when they realized that most of the research was being done on people like me, and women's symptoms are different and so more and more research --- in fact, since 2004 more than \$616 million has been raised by the American Heart Association to invest specifically in women's heart health, so it's nice to see all of you wearing red and there's also, I think, a red pin up there also and some ties, so that's fantastic.

So the go red for women movement, if you think of go red as an acronym which is something we try to bring awareness for women's heart health and really anybody's heart health, go red stands for, get your numbers, so these are your blood pressure, your cholesterol, your BMI, your blood sugar. Talk to your doctor about those.

The O is for own your lifestyle. So exercise what you would eat as an example.

R is realize your risk. So realize your family history or other risk factors.

E is educate yourself. Educate others.

And D is don't be silent. And in particular for women, that is they might chalk it up as being stressed or just, you know, the everyday stress associated with leading a family and that type of thing and so don't be silent.

And so on behalf of the American Heart Association of Greater Pittsburgh, I would like to thank you, County Councilwoman Cindy Kirk, and the rest of the County Council for this proclamation. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CATENA: We'll now have 11412-20.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters, sponsored by Council Members Kirk, Bennett, Hallam, Prizio and Duerr.

MS. KIRK: We have one more for our women caucus today to make it a special night. The League of Women Voters, 100 years. They've done more than we can imagine over the last 100 years and what an occasion to mark. 100 years. We're very grateful you could come down and we wanted to acknowledge and celebrate. Ron, I know you're not a woman, but you're active in the League of Women Voters. Come on up.

So we'll read the proclamation. Whereas the League of Women Voters was founded in 1920. It is a mighty political experiment by the foremothers of the suffragist movement by the National American Women's Suffrage Association. Whereas their goal is to help the 20 million women, who were granted the right to vote by the 19th Amendment, understand and carry out their new responsibility as voters. That's how you back the vote.

Whereas in Pennsylvania the league set out immediately to help cities like Pittsburgh and Philadelphia register thousands of women and teach them how to vote. Whereas in 1924 the national league was organized in 346 of the 433 congressional districts, 23 state leagues and 15 city leagues maintain regular business headquarters. Nearly all with one or more paid staff. Whereas the Pennsylvania League of Women Voters has had a prominent role in helping to conduct studies and get needed legislation passed.

And whereas the first convention of the Pennsylvania League of Women Voters was held in the City

of Pittsburgh, and whereas eight Pennsylvania League of Women Voters known as the Keystone Eight became members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives including Ms. Helen Grimes of Allegheny County.

We're at six local leagues in Allegheny County. Mount Lebanon, Pittsburgh, Bethel Park, Upper Saint Claire, Monroeville and the North Hills merged to become the League of Women Voters of Greater Pittsburgh which is the largest league in Pennsylvania today.

Whereas over the last 100 years the league has had great success in strengthening and upholding its mission to empower voters and defend democracy, and as a result, it has become a trusted non-partisan grassroots association.

Whereas the league has sponsored legislation in front of the court to protect and strengthen voting rights and access and for free and fair elections, civil rights, children, community health and education. Whereas the league has consistently been noted for its non-partisan election information including sponsorship of candidate forms and information on state and local ballot issues as well as its commitment to register, educate, and mobilize voters.

Whereas the league is dedicated to supporting government systems that are open, transparent, inclusive and equitable, and whereas due to the commitment of league engaged citizens irrespective of gender, ethnicity, or political affiliation, the league has been able to evolve from what it was in 1920 to what it is today, a unique non-partisan organization that is a recognized force in molding political leaders, shaping public policy, promoting informed citizen participation at all levels of government.

That said, all the members of council and especially us broads say thank you for all you do.

MS. GRIFFIN: Good evening. To the members of City Council and all those who have --- I'm sorry, I'm sorry, county. I'm sorry. It's right here. We're 100 years old, you know. Good evening again. I am Terrie Griffin. I am a retired higher education administrator, and after being away from Pittsburgh for 50 years, I decided to come back home where I happily work with the homeless of our city. I'm also on the board of directors of the Greater Richmond --- I'm sorry, gosh, I moved from Richmond here. All right. I am on the board of the

Greater Pittsburgh League of Women Voters and I chair the membership committee and I'm also very honored to be the co-president of the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania.

We are so honored to have this proclamation to recognize all the hard work that we do. We will continue empowering voters and we shall continue to defend our democracy. We are about diversity, equity, and inclusion and we want everyone to vote this year. Remember we're non-partisan, so I'm going to our president Maureen if she will come and share some encouraging words asking people to vote.

MS. MAMULA: My name's Maureen Mamula. I am the president of the Greater Pittsburgh League of Women Voters, and yes, we want every adult citizen to vote whether it's by mail, check votespa.com or in person. We know that every vote matters. When we're talking to high school students and helping them register to vote, we let them know there are elections that are decided in Allegheny County by one vote, and for those who say my vote doesn't matter, it sure as heck does. So get up off the couch, get out there and make sure that you vote and make sure that you help your family members to vote. Whether it's somebody who is elderly, older than me. If the weather's bad, should they go out? Maybe their doctor says no, so help them to get the absentee ballot or to do the vote by mail.

Students, same thing. I'm going to embarrass my daughter. When she was in school in middle school in Pittsburgh, I mailed in a form for an absentee ballot. I go to check --- I go to look at the list on Election Day. Her name is on there as the ballot was sent out, but not returned. An immediate call, I mailed it on Friday, Mom. It was supposed to be there Friday. It never happened again. It was always there on time after that.

As I said, we know that every vote matters, and that's not just our votes. It's the votes that county council takes, city council takes, school boards take. Every vote matters, and we're so grateful --- I shouldn't say grateful. We're so glad that we have the vote, and we have the ability to help make a change in our communities.

Also, training. Thank you for the training. I'm going next week for elections. I wanted to plug our vote411.org. Some of you may know about it. It's our online voter's guide, non-partisan. Thank you for

everything that you do for us and we're interested and involved citizens, and as I said, we ask everybody to get out to vote, and the League of Women Voters has a lot of men members, too. We welcome men. Thank you for the proclamation and thank you for recognizing this important day. I think about my grandmother, and she was a woman. Until she was about 40, she didn't vote. She couldn't vote. She didn't have the right to vote. Hard to believe. Smart woman, but she had to rely on her husband to vote for her and her family. Thank you all and thank you for the proclamation recognizing this important day.

MR. FUTULES: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes, Councilman Futules?

MR. FUTULES: I'd like to be added as a cosponsor if I may to this bill.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Is there anyone that wouldn't like to be added as a cosponsor to this bill is the easier question, I think. So I believe that's everyone.

We'll now have 11413-20.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation declaring February 2020 as Career and Technical Education Month in Allegheny County, sponsored by Council Members Walton and Duerr.

MR. WALTON: I'd like to invite my friend and counterpart Angela Mike and Terry Kennedy who is a school board member and friend, but I'd also like to add Angela Rose and Chaka to come up, too. By all means we want all of CTE. Absolutely. We are CTE. Hello, Angela Rose. What's up, Chaka?

It is without a doubt that I really have to have Pittsburgh Public schools here tonight with their CTE leaders and board members. Career technical education is so critical for our community because while it provides a real pathway to success, a real pathway to continuing academic accreditation and a pathway for high school students while they're in high school to receive college credits, it is also a means to engage folk at an early age, and we're urging Pittsburgh public to do it even earlier than high school and the ninth grade to middle school and ultimately elementary school because so much of our society is evolving and the whole world of education is changing and how we engage technology and career paths so early on. So it is with real pride that we're here because through our partnership through the Pittsburgh A. Philip Randolph Institute and CTE that we really work to transform the lives of folks in the community, for taking

high school kids out to visit the building and construction trades so they can understand what can be. What can be.

So with that being said, whereas February 1-28, 2020, has been designated Career and Technical Education month by the Association of Career and Technical Education and whereas profound economic and technological changes in our society are rapidly implanted in the structure and nature of work thereby placing new and additional responsibilities on educational system and whereas career and technical education provides Americans with the school and career connection and is the backbone of a well-educated workforce which fosters productivity in business and industry and contributes to America's leadership in the international marketplace and whereas career and technical education gives high school students experience in practical meaningful applications of skills such as reading, writing, mathematics thus improving the quality of their education, motivating potential dropouts and giving all students leadership opportunities in their fields and in their communities and whereas career and technical education programs help students to prepare for high wage, high skill, high demand careers in the STEM fields, industry apprenticeships and two or four year degree programs at Pennsylvania state funded schools, community colleges, private schools and trade schools and whereas the ever increasing cooperative efforts of career and technical education, business and industry stimulate and broker the vitality of our local economy and the entire nation by preparing graduates for career fields forecast to experience the largest and fastest growth in the next decade.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we Allegheny Council Members DeWitt Walton and Tom Duerr do hereby proclaim February 1-28, 2020, as Career and Technical Education Month in Allegheny County and urge all citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits county offered by the career and technical education program in this community and its importance to enhance the individual work, skills, and productivity.

And witnessed whereof I have hereunto cause the seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed to this 25th day of February, 2020. I want to first ask the CTE Director Angela Mike if she'll come forward. Here's the proc and make some comments.

MS. MIKE: Thank you, County Council, for having us here tonight and recognizing career and technical education in the county. A special thank you to you, Councilman Walton, for being a part of our CTE local advisory committee in supporting Pittsburgh Public schools with our career technical education and moving us forward so our students can have high wage, high skill, and careers that are in high demand.

Just to give you a little background about Pittsburgh public and our CTE liaison --- and we are glad to have A.W. Beattie and Steel Center here also. So I brought some of my colleagues, so thank you for coming.

Just a little bit about Pittsburgh public schools, we have 16 different career and technical education programs. Just some data for you. Students last year graduated with over 500 certifications. They also graduated with dual enrollment, and we had 98 percent graduation which was really good.

So students get into the programs and they do really well and they graduate on time which is great. We also send our students on over 400 work based learning field trips. We actually go out not just like a regular field trip, but it's work based and it's based on the area choice that they're in a career technical program. So we're really just starting their careers in career technical education and I also want to point out that we encourage families, everyone here in the room tonight, to check out Pittsburgh Public School's website. We have a virtual tour that will give you a 360 of all of our labs. We also have online application. We're taking applications for next year, so please pass that information on. We'd love to have more families and students as part of our Pittsburgh Public School's CTE family, and I'm going to turn it over to our CTE liaison, our board member, Ms. Cindy Falls, from District 7.

MS. FALLS: Good evening, County Council and audience. What an honor to be here to share with you some of the thoughts about career and technical education. First understand I am a 20-year-old retired CTE teacher, so this is a passion for me. Second year term for the board and you're absolutely right. Nobody has to say more than move. Let her see and they all look at me because they know this where this is going. I did want to share a couple of little facts with you.

Today from Harrisburg we received some information that says we must do more for our students for apprenticeships, internships and et cetera. They're absolutely positively right. Employees have relocated out of our city because there's not enough people to fill the jobs, so we're saying that's not okay. We have to educate our children so that we become a pipeline as been stated before from our educational point of view starting very young in elementary, middle and high school and become those future workers here in the City of Pittsburgh and stay here and pay taxes and do all those wonderful things that we want our citizens to do.

I just want to also add that we're very fortunate to have the support of Governor Wolf and he has been here many times to our district and visited quite a few of our CTE labs and I invite each and every one of you to please do the same because sometimes it's very hard to understand what people are doing until you really see it. When you see kids working on cars under automobiles and girls curling hair --- I could go on and on forever. Trust me.

This is just such a wonderful thing. We're only going to get better. And so watch out. Watch the news, watch every piece of media because we want people to know Pittsburgh Public school is on the move. Thank you.

MR. WATKINS: Good evening, everyone. I'm Jason Watkins, the assistant director at A.W. Beattie Career Center. We're located in the North Hills of Pittsburgh. I'd like to thank Angela Mike for her invitation tonight to help support this proclamation. I'd like to thank the county for their support for all of our students. We have approximately 800 students in our school. We continue to grow each year. There are so many possibilities out there, and as you all know, the landscape is changing for education in the workforce locally and globally. There's a lot of new initiatives coming our way and we have a lot of support from the county and from our nine sending school districts, so again, I just want to thank you for your support for our students and thank you for the proclamation.

MR. RICE: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. I'm Kevin Rice. I'm very honored to be the executive director at Steel Center for Career and Technical Education. We're located in southern Allegheny County and we serve the school districts that cut across, I think,

Districts 5, 6, 9 and probably 11 and some other communities.

I want to thank council for hosting this proclamation event. I certainly want to thank Angela Mike for inviting me as well as the other CT schools to come here. Career and technical education is a countywide initiative. We're very proud to do a lot of things collaboratively with the public, A.W. Beattie, Parkway West and Forbes Road and McKeesport School District as well. There's probably I'd say maybe well over 3,000 students across the county in the high schools that are participating in technical education. Steel Center's numbers are robust. We were up to 750 students this year. That's up about 100 students from last year. The school districts that we serve include Baldwin Whitehall School District, Bethel Park, Brentwood, Clairton, Duquesne School District where students come to us via West Mifflin High School. We have Elizabeth Forward School District, South Allegheny, South Park, Steel Valley, West Mifflin and West Jefferson Hills, and that's who are served by Steel Center.

We echo a lot of the comments that we heard here earlier by the public board member and also by Angela Mike. There are big business/industry partners are very important to us at Steel Center that depend us on to help prepare those students, not just for entry level work and entry level employment. They expect us to prepare students to go on to post-secondary school and come back, you know, into the employment pool once they receive whether it's the technical training, associate degree, bachelor degree, graduate degree and so we're really proud.

We also work closely with business and industry. A number of partners. Allegheny Health Network and UPMC both work with us, and both take our students. Healthcare is obviously a very important field in the county. There's a lot of shortages in that sector.

Along with healthcare, there's construction, building trades, transportation, automotive. You can name it. There's a lot of need in this county, so we're very proud to be a partner with Pittsburgh Public, the other schools. We're certainly honored to be here and we'll be encouraging everyone to celebrate CTE month by learning more about us and encouraging family members, nephews, nieces, children, grandchildren, to really consider us

part of the high school pathway. So thank you again very much and happy CTE month.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Is there anyone else who would ---? Go ahead and add everybody. We'll now have 11414-20.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation honoring Mr. William McKim for his dedication and commitment to McCandless Township, sponsored by Council Member Kirk.

MS. KIRK: One more for me here. Come on up, Bill.

The Town of McCandless where Bill is from and our entire county is so blessed to have so many corporate leaders like Bill McKim who was a counsel for US Steel who upon retirement give selflessly of their time and talent for the betterment of our communities, and Bill is one of those guys who gave over 12 years of continual service to the McCandless Council. So we'd like to honor him today as he has just retired from council. Again, he retired from US Steel and now he's retiring from council and who knows what he'll be up to next.

That said Bill McKim, it says whereas knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers. It may not be difficult to store up in the mind a vast quantity of facts within a comparatively short time, but the ability to form judgment requires a severe discipline of hard work and the tempering heat of experience and maturity. That quote was from Calvin Coolidge, depicts the true essence of William McKim and his dedicated service to his community.

Whereas Mr. McKim was born and raised in Ellwood City, PA where he graduated from New Castle High School in 1964. Whereas Mr. McKim furthered his education by receiving a B.S. degree in JD from Duquesne University. Whereas after graduating from law school, Mr. McKim, aka Bill, we'll say Bill, became a law clerk to the president judge of the Lawrence County Court of Common Pleas and he then went on to serve as a law clerk for the U.S. Third Circuit Senior Judge Austin Staley.

And whereas in 1976 Bill was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserve and was honorably discharged in '76 --- okay, discharged in '76. And whereas for 35 years Mr. McKim worked for US Steel corporation's law department. During his tenure, Bill would advance to the senior counsel position for the corporation's southwest area law office in Dallas, Texas.

In 2009 Mr. McKim retired, however, continued to pursue his true passion. Advocating for his community.

Whereas on June 16, 2018 Mr. McKim began his 12 year career as a council member for McCandless Township. From 2008 to 2019 Bill served as representative of the seventh ward, and during this time on council, Bill served his township in a variety of capacities, council vice-president, assistant town secretary, liaison to the zoning hearing board, chair of the zoning committee, vice chair to rec committee, vice chair of public safety committee, vice chair of the services committee, liaison to the McCandless Township sanitary authority, liaison to the North Pittsburgh Community Development Corps, Secretary of McCandless Industrial Authority, liaison to the financial development and promotion committee, liaison to the McCandless Franklin Park Ambulance Authority. I don't think he was home for dinner very much for 12 years.

Whereas Mr. McKim took pride in his community and loved taking part in several community organizations such as the Sons of the American Revolution, Saint Alexis Church, Knights of Columbus. Whereas a dedicated family man, Mr. McKim is married to his wife Patricia for 42 years.

Now therefore be it resolved that we, Allegheny County Council, do hereby recognize and thank William McKim for his dedication and commitment to McCandless Township. When you do something for one community, you do it for the entire county because you all benefit from anything done within the county. So I would like to thank you, Bill McKim.

MR. MCKIM: Thank you, first of all, Councilwoman Cindy Kirk, who's a friend and a colleague all these --- most of these many years I've served on council and also thank you to the members of council each and every one of you who authorized this fine recognition.

Upon my retirement from council, I reflected upon all the hard work that I did and all my colleagues do do on council, and the emphasis in McCandless, of course, is on local government and I think we should all honor all this group here at a higher level. That's a broader responsibility, but it's really critical that we have good people working on the government issues at the local level and I hope I did a good job. I tried to do my very best, but thank you again. Cindy, thank you.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11415-20.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation declaring the week of March 1-7, 2020 to be Women in Construction Week in Allegheny County, sponsored by Council Members Hallam, Baker, Bennett, Catena, DeMarco, Macey, Palmosina and Duerr.

MR. MACEY: I was asked by Councilwoman Hallam to do a preface to this. It seems as though tonight is pretty much a ladies night, but I'm also proud of being able to recognize women in construction. I worked in the steel mill, and as a union officer, me and the steel workers were proud to bring women into the steel mills. We mature people may remember that women played a big role in the war effort. You may be able to remember the name Rosie the Riveter. But I am honored and privileged to be the chair of the public works department, and I have seen some changes, positive changes where women have taken an active role in construction. We have also seen that women have taken an active role in the trades and it's interesting because all you have to do is watch TV and see what women are doing in remodeling homes and rehabbing homes and things of that nature, so it's across the country that this is going on.

Women in the trades, think about this, women in the trades and construction are making more money than their college counterparts. So there's a place and a good living as well as benefits in the trades. At this point I'd like to introduce Beth Hallam.

MS. HALLAM: So as a county councilwoman in a state where women hold elected office at a much lower number than almost every other state, in the country where the gender wage gap results in women earning 79 cents for every dollar earned by a man, and in a county whose successes to can be attributed to the dedicated working people amongst us, it is truly my honor to present this proclamation declaring the week of March 1-17 to be Women in Construction Month in Allegheny County.

We have here with us Marlene Sweeney, chapter president, Amanda Kraft, Natasha Smith of PJ Dick, Hannah Tajuddin of Litcon Group and Kim Cleckley.

Whereas Allegheny County as well as the region of Western Pennsylvania continues to strive for higher levels of construction and development growth and whereas Allegheny County is committed to reaffirming the goals of fair opportunities for women and minorities in the construction industry.

And whereas the National Association of Women in Construction is a non-profit and international organization that promotes and supports the advancement and employment of women in the construction industry and whereas NAWIC, founded in 1965 in Texas, now serves approximately 5,500 members and 190 chapters in the United States and Canada as well affiliates in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

And whereas the Pittsburgh Area Chapter 161 of NAWIC was first chartered on March 29, 1969 with 33 founding members and now includes women who are active employed in all aspects of the construction industry such as business owners, managers, consultants, tradeswomen, operators, architects, accountants, and attorneys.

And whereas during the week of March 1-7, 2020 NAWIC chapters throughout the United States and Canada will be holding special events to celebrate the Annual Women in Construction Week.

Now therefore be it resolved that we, Allegheny County Council members Bethany Hallam, Tom Baker, Olivia Bennett, Tom Duerr, Pat Catena, Sam DeMarco, Paul Klein, Bob Macey, and Bob Palmosina, do hereby recognize and commend the women who participate in the construction industry throughout our region, and we proclaim the week of March 1-7, 2020, to be Women in Construction Week in Allegheny County.

MS. SWEENEY: Just a few words. Thank you very much for this proclamation. My name is Maureen Sweeney. I'm an attorney here in Pittsburgh, and I have been involved with the Pittsburgh Chapter since 1977. I'm a past president and current board member, and with me are the members of our board. Amanda Kraft is our current president. And we represent a wide spectrum of women who are active in the industry here. Our focus and one of our key goals is pro education, advocacy, and community from within our industry, and WIC week; women in construction week, is intended to showcase these opportunities for women in our industry as well as emphasize our growing role. So I thank you for helping us be a part of that.

As I said, education is a strong focus for our efforts and I sense a theme from some of the earlier speakers here today and I'm glad to see some of the programs that we've sponsored from our local chapter is we sponsor a CAD design program for high school students every year and several times over the past ten years the

winner of our chapter have gone on to win at the national level of our organization as well.

We sponsor a block kids program every year for children in grades 1-6, and I'm very excited to announce that we're on the --- about to announce a new program for girls, a summer program for a day camp, that we're partnering with several of the labor unions and other trade unions and other stakeholders. We're going to have more information for that as well. All of these things are coalescing together to help support not only the construction industry but women who work.

So with this, I'd like to thank you for your recognition and I would actually ask for my board members just to briefly introduce who they work for and what their role is in the industry. Thank you.

MS. KRAFT: Hi, my name is Amanda Kraft and I'm the current President of our local chapter of NAWIC and I'm also a construction attorney with the firm Blumling & Glusky here in the city.

MS. SMITH: Hi, I'm Natasha Smith. I have a civil environmental engineering degree from the University of Pittsburgh. I have been in the industry for about 15 years and I currently am a project manager for PJ Dick who is a local commercial general contractor.

MS. CLECKLEY: Hi, I'm Kimberly Cleckley. I am secretary of the board. I have been in the construction industry for 20 years now, currently working at Rycon Construction as project management.

MS. TAJUDDEN: Hi, my name is Hannah Tajuddin. I am a consultant with LitCon Group and currently on the board of WIC.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. The remaining proclamations and certificates will be read into the record. 11416-20.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing and honoring United States Marine Corps Veteran Calvin Reichhold for being awarded the Legion of Honor Award, sponsored by Council Member Kirk.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11417-20.

MR. BARKER: A certificate of Achievement presented to Damian Williams upon receiving the Eagle Scout Award sponsored by Council Member Palmosina.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11418-20.

MR. BARKER: A certificate of recognition presented to Mrs. Mary Norelli upon her 100th birthday, sponsored by Council Member Macey.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11419-20.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education, sponsored by Council Member Walton.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11420-20.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing Amy Bell Stephenson upon her 95th birthday, sponsored by Council Member Bennett.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. We'll now have public comment on any agenda items.

MR. BARKER: We have one. Ron Bandes.

MR. BANDES: Hi, I'm Ron Bandes. I'm a retired computer security analyst, I'm a judge of election and head director of The League of Women Voters of Greater Pittsburgh. The League of Women Voters is delighted to receive a proclamation from Allegheny County Council today. We didn't ask for this proclamation. This was the idea of Councilwoman Cindy Kirk to whom we are so grateful. Thank you, Cindy.

The proclamation's co-sponsored by all the other men and women on council as well as several others. Thank you all so much. The League of Women Voters both in the Greater Pittsburgh chapter, the largest chapter in the commonwealth, and around the country does, does work that is as important today as it was in our founding 100 years ago. We conduct candidate forums for both primaries and November elections. These are non-partisan events, although sometimes we do hear criticism, and we take that criticism and our non-partisan role very seriously. We provide information about candidates in their own words. We make resources available and information about current officeholders including their contact information.

We expect to be performing voter outreach on the Act 77 changes to the election code, whether that is done with or without the cooperation of the county.

We register citizens to become voters and re-register voters with changes to their personal information. We do this at high schools, colleges, local events and most especially at naturalization ceremonies to register people within minutes of their becoming citizens.

We strive in many ways not only to register people to vote, but to help them become informed voters.

We take stands on issues while never endorsing candidates or parties, and we hold conferences on some of those issues. We encourage people including our own members to run for public office. Of course, this entails a partisan campaign for those candidates, but as a body we remain non-partisan. We do not even endorse our own members for candidates.

We are thrilled to be doing this important work for the last 100 years. You can count on us to do it for another 100 years. Thank you so much for honoring our work.

PRESIDENT CATENA: We'll now have approval of minutes. 11405-20.

MR. BARKER: A motion to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2019, regular meeting of council.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

MR. DEMARCO: Second.

PRESEIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed? Motion carries. 11406-20.

MR. BARKER: A motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2019, regular meeting of council.

MR. DEMARCO: So moved.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed? Motion carries. 11407-20.

MR. BARKER: A motion to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2020, regular meeting of council.

MR. PALMIERE: So moved.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed? Motion carries. 11408-20.

MR. BARKER: A motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2020 regular meeting of Council.

MR. PALMIERE: So moved.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.
(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed? Motion carries. We'll now have presentation of appointments.

MR. BARKER: We have none.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Unfinished business. 11403-20.

MR. BARKER: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2020 submission #01-20, sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Palmosina.

MR. PALMOSINA: Thank you, Mr. President. The Committee on Budget and Finance met on February 19. This grant is to develop, produce and distribute various promotional material to help promote community response to the 2020 US Census. I make a motion for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any more discussion? We'll have a roll call vote.

MR. BARKER: On the vote to approve. Mr. Baker.

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?

MR. DUERR: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules.

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?

MS. HALLAM: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk.

MS. KIRK: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein.

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?

MS. PRIZIO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Zavarella?

MR. ZAVARELLA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: President Catena?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes 15, noes 0. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. 11373-20.

Councilman Palmiere. Jared, you read it, then we'll have Councilman Palmiere.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorizing the use of a structure in the County's Boyce Park by Family Links, Inc., sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Palmiere:

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President, members of council. We met last week and came to an affirmative recommendation and I move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and second. Any discussion? Seeing no discussion, roll call vote please.

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

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?

MR. DUERR: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules.

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?

MS. HALLAM: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk.

MS. KIRK: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein.

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Pamosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?

MS. PRIZIO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Zavarella?

MR. ZAVARELLA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: President Catena?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.

JARED CATENA: Ayes 15, noes 0. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11374-20.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorizing continued use of property in the County's Deer Lakes Park by the Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh for operation of an astronomy observatory known as the Wagman Observatory, sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. One of our best kept secrets. This is a wonderful organization, and if you ever have an opportunity to go to Deer Lakes, this is a great experience. We met last Wednesday and this also met with an affirmative recommendation. I move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? Seeing no discussion, roll call vote, please.

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

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?

MR. DUERR: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules.

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?

MS. HALLAM: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk.

MS. KIRK: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein.

MR. KLEIN: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?
MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?
MS. PRIZIO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Zavarella?
MR. ZAVARELLA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: President Catena?
PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ayes 15, noes 0. The bill passes.
PRESIDENT CATENA: 11375-20.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorizing use of property in the County's North Park for operation of a platform tennis organization by North Park Paddle Tennis, sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. This has also become very popular and glad to be able to accommodate people out there in North Park. Again, we met last Wednesday and this met with an affirmative recommendation. I move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second that.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? Seeing no discussion, roll call vote, please.

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

MR. BAKER: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett?
MS. BENNETT: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?
MR. DEMARCO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?
MR. DUERR: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules.
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?
MS. HALLAM: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk.
MS. KIRK: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein.
MR. KLEIN: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?
MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?
MS. PRIZIO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Zavarella?
MR. ZAVARELLA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: President Catena?
PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ayes 15, noes 0. The bill passes.
PRESIDENT CATENA: 11398-20.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorizing Nate's Reptile Rescue to use a structure on Brownsville Road in the County's South Park, sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. This is a new adventure for the county and we're hoping this all works out. I'm sure it will eventually, but it's very new. This also met with approval for affirmative recommendation and I move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and second. Any discussion? Seeing no discussion, roll call vote, please?

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

MR. BAKER: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett?
MS. BENNETT: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?
MR. DEMARCO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?
MR. DUERR: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules.
MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?
MS. HALLAM: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk.
MS. KIRK: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein.
MR. KLEIN: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?
MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?
MS. PRIZIO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Zavarella?
MR. ZAVARELLA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: President Catena?
PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ayes 15, noes 0. The bill passes.
PRESIDENT CATENA: 11400-20.
MR. BARKER: I apologize, 11399-20?
PRESIDENT CATENA: Oh, I'm sorry. I skipped
that. 11399-20.

MR. BARKER: Thank you. An ordinance of the
County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
authorizing use of property of construction of three
livestock shelter structures in the County's Round Hill
Park in conjunction with the Allegheny County Parks
Foundation, sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. It's
also --- what a busy day that day was. This also met with
affirmative recommendation. I move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and
seconded. Any discussion? Seeing no discussion, roll
call vote, please.

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

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?
MR. DUERR: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules.
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?
MS. HALLAM: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk.
MS. KIRK: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein.
MR. KLEIN: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Pamosina?
MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?
MS. PRIZIO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Zavarella?
MR. ZAVARELLA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: President Catena?
PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ayes 15, noes 0. The bill passes.
PRESIDENT CATENA: 11400-20.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorizing the continued use of a portion of Allegheny County-owned land in North Park as a leaf composting area by the North Hills Council of Governments, sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. Again, this also met with affirmative recommendation and I move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? Seeing no discussion, roll call vote, please.

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

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?
MR. DEMARCO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?
MR. DUERR: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules.
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?
MS. HALLAM: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk.
MS. KIRK: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein.
MR. KLEIN: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Pamosina?
MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?
MS. PRIZIO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Zavarella?
MR. ZAVARELLA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: President Catena?
PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ayes 15, noes 0. The bill passes.
PRESIDENT CATENA: 11401-20.

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

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. This has become very interesting. We also had --- many, many movies have been shot here and this is just a continuation of the great job that our people are doing, and this also comes with an affirmative recommendation. I move for approval.

MR. FUTULES: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? Seeing no discussion, roll call vote, please.

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

MR. BAKER: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett?
MS. BENNETT: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?
MR. DEMARCO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?
MR. DUERR: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules.
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?
MS. HALLAM: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk.
MS. KIRK: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein.
MR. KLEIN: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?
MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?
MS. PRIZIO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Zavarella?
MR. ZAVARELLA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: President Catena?
PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ayes 15, noes 0. The bill passes.
PRESIDENT CATENA: 11402-20.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny, in conjunction with the Department of Public Works and the Law Department, to convey by special warranty deed two parcels of County-owned vacant land being more particularly described as 5,955.04 square feet of land being part of lot and block 362-A-60 and 12,002.08 square feet of land designated as roadway right-of-way, both parcels of land being situated in the Municipality of Bethel Park, Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to FC Bethel, LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company, for the purpose of

inclusion into the Bethel Pines Subdivision development, sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Councilman, Macey.

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President, members of Council. This is a great opportunity for people in Bethel Park for new homeownership and increase the housing availability. We met on the --- February 19th and the committee sent this to the full council with affirmative recommendation, and I move for approval.

MR. FUTULES: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussions? Seeing no discussion, roll call vote, please.

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

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?

MR. DUERR: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules.

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?

MS. HALLAM: No.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk.

MS. KIRK: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein.

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?

MS. PRIZIO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Zavarella?

MR. ZAVARELLA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: President Catena?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes 14, noes 1. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. We'll now have liaison reports.

MR. FUTULES: I have one.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Futules.

MR. FUTULES: On February 13, the SCA ---. For the newer members council, I had emailed the actual agenda to you and all of us just so you're aware of what the SCA board does on a monthly basis. But this particular meeting was two months' worth. We met in January, so there was at least ten capital projects, contracts maintenance issues, an average of about a million dollars' worth of work. You'll be getting more from me each month. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Anyone else this evening? Okay. We'll now start with new business, ordinances and resolution. 11409-20.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances Division 7 entitled Land Use through the creation of a new Chapter 775 entitled Offenses Against Property in order to protect the property rights, health, safety and well-being of individuals within the County sponsored by Council Member Catena.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. That's going to go to public safety. Any new business this evening?

MR. BARKER: No.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Notification of contracts?

MR. BARKER: None.

PRESIDENT CATENA: We'll now have public comment.

MR. BARKER: We have several. First up is Alison Keating.

MS. KEATING: I live on ---.

PRESIDENT CATENA: I'm sorry, can you speak up?

MS. KEATING: I'm sorry. I live on the north side of Pittsburgh.

PRESIDENT CATENA: I'm sorry. What was your name again?

MS. KEATING: Alison Keating. So I have a complex issue regarding the recorder of deeds office. Someone attempted to use Eminent Domain and take some of my neighbor's homes, and it's seems it's been stopped at this point. So what concerns me is that there were two instances of this. One was in November and one was in

January. The January one was the one that you might see on the news because that's the one that I found out about.

Sorry, I should have written something. So I'm familiar with the deeds office. I've done some research on deed changes. And so I went down there and I spoke to those folks and they were actually aware because someone had tried to pay the taxes already. So it seems they were kind of dealing with that one, but when I did the search on the computer, I found a second incident and the county --- they seemed to have no idea about it and that included four homes and that deed actually specifically said on the top of it that it was not a deed of transfer.

So why is the recorder of deeds office taking deeds that say on them --- or deeds --- that say on them this is not a deed of transfer and then transferring them in their computers. So, you know, it was a little shocking.

The second one did not have that on the top, but it was also not a valid deed. It didn't describe --- it didn't have a legal description of any of the houses at all. It was a copy of the court document. It was just literally whatever the court gave them when they filed this Eminent Domain. It didn't seem to have any of the valid things that are required generally when you file a deed.

So I mean, I'm not asking for heads to roll at the deeds office. I am just wondering what else is going on. I just did a basic Google, and apparently, there was an issue with a man who had the same name as someone that was just last year, last February. Same name, different state and he owned a property and got it changed. And apparently, that was sorted out as well.

But it seems to be easy to do things at the deeds. I don't know.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Next one, Jared.

MR. BARKER: Next up is Barbara Brandon.

MS. BRANDON: Good evening. My name is Barbara Brandon. I live at 1119 King Avenue in Highland Park. I have written to each of you in the past some more than once about the benefits and harms from fracking. Today I want to remind you of Key Point Center review that was published in 2019 in the New England Journal of Medicine. I brought a few copies of that to share for those who want to look at it in detail.

In that, it says it's good for us that gas combustion produces less sulfur dioxide, less mercury, particulates and carbon dioxide per unit of energy produced than does burning coal or oil. However, natural gas is associated with health and environmental hazards and reduced social welfare every stage of its life cycle.

Expansion of this industry will produce more wells, more pipelines, more compressor stations for burning, fracking. Remember that the byproducts of this activity are --- which is radioactive and toxic and more release of methane, the strongest greenhouse gas.

More release of carcinogens such as benzo and formaldehyde and other air pollution from compressors stations. These stations are necessary to transport gas through pipelines across our county and state to be shipped overseas where gas brings a much higher price.

There will probably be more pipeline leaks, fires and explosions all over to produce more risk to our health. Health hazards from natural gas are local, regional, national and global in nature. Global hazards include those of exposure to fracking chemicals.

Of these chemicals, 75 percent are toxic to skin and GI systems. More than 40 percent of toxics have neurologic, immune, cardiovascular, renal effects. More than 30 percent are endocrine disruptors. The local effects of the process and building wells include exacerbation of asthma, increased risk of cardiovascular disease and diabetes, an increased risk of premature and birth defects on people living near wells.

Furthermore the area of the well and exposure to grime increase the risk of leukemia, lymphoma and cancer, especially lung cancer. Increased risk of asthma, COPD, and cardiovascular disease. It's also regional because the excess of nitrogen for burning gas emits small particles from the process traveling with the wind across county and state boundaries.

Most devastating and long lasting are the global effects of burning natural gas and providing plastics and other petrochemicals from this stuff. Because methane and carbon dioxide released have created an accelerating the climate crisis. This crisis will bring us compromised food supplies as it already has brought more wildfires, floods, draughts and borne diseases.

It's difficult to put the future ahead of the present, but we better think about it. Thank you very much for your attention.

MR. BARKER: Next up is Jill Diskin.

MS. DISKIN: Hi, my name is Jill Diskin. I live at 1243 Murdoch Road in Squirrel Hill. I'm a mother and a grandmother, and I appreciate the opportunity to make a public comment today. I have given you each a copy of Shale Gas extraction and public health. This resource guide was published by The League of Women Voters in 2019. I received a copy of this guide last fall at the Shale and Public Health Conference hosted by the league and the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health.

Attending this conference was an eye opener, and I learned a lot. For example, did you know that there are 353 chemicals used in the natural gas extraction process? Did you know that 75 percent of these chemicals have been known to affect the skin, eyes and other sensory organs as well as respiratory and gastrointestinal systems. Did you know that 40 percent of these chemicals could affect the brain and nerve systems, immune and cardiovascular system and the kidneys? Did you know that 37 percent of these chemicals have been known to affect the endocrine system? Did you know that 25 percent of these can cause cancer and mutations?

Please turn to page 12, 13 and 14 of this guide and see the list of toxins associated with fracking. For the futures of our children and grandchildren, the air that we breathe, the water that we drink and the soil where our food grows, I hope that everyone will become better informed about the health impacts of the fracking industry on our environment. I will also be giving a copy of this guide to Rich Fitzgerald, Dr. Lee Harrison, chair of the Allegheny County Board of Health, Jim Kelly, Deputy Director of Environmental Health, and Chelsa Wagner, Allegheny County Controller. Thank you.

MR. BARKER: Next up is Nicole Jones. Next up then would be Gabrielle Monroe.

MS. MONROE: Okay. Good evening, everyone. I am Gabrielle Monroe, she/her, co-founder of Community Gone Rogue. Full service sex work is a profession and it is deserving of the very same labor rights as each one of you have. Sex work is not an illness or a disorder. It cannot be cured or diverted. Sex work is a career.

With a new harmful law that was recently passed in the House and Senate, Senate Bill 60, the buyer beware law and the funding that has already been allocated to the new law enforcement donorship program here in Allegheny County, sex workers need your help now more than ever.

Providing law enforcement with the extra incentive to arrest and divert sex workers will also come with the rise in misuse of such programs. In 2002, there was many media stories involving the abusive tactics utilized by law enforcement during arrest of sex workers here in Allegheny County. The chief of police admitted himself to sexual acts being performed on him during the course of arrest. This is sexual assault. This is rape. This is misuse of the law intentionally by police officers here in Allegheny County.

This is also state-sanctioned rape and sexual assault of sex workers. Police do not need to put their penis on, near, or inside another person to arrest them for prostitution. That is unacceptable.

To protect sex workers and substance users from police misuse of the law and accidentally raping sex workers here in Allegheny County, we need safe spaces. This is my second request for a meeting to protect sex workers in Allegheny County. We would like to request that Allegheny County become a sanctuary county for those sex workers and substance users. Everyone deserves protection from violence in Allegheny County. Nobody will educate me as to the next step to take, but I am going to email all of you tomorrow and hope that somebody returns my email letting me know what to do next other than coming here and talking to y'all.

In deciding who to contact I have since last September whenever I outlined what's happening here in Allegheny County to children of childhood sex trafficking, and the silence I have gotten from all of the members last year and some who are here, that speaks volumes. We need to protect our children in Allegheny County as well. It is your job to protect all people.

Do you protect us yet? Are whores allowed to be people yet in Allegheny County? Now is the time to protect sex workers and substance users. Please make Allegheny County a sanctuary county for sex workers, sex trafficking victims and substance users so we can be protected from violence. Thank you.

MR. BARKER: Last up is Scott Pospisil.

MR. POSPISIL: Good evening. I'm a respectful conservative who was surprised to get booed two weeks ago. I didn't think that would happen in this setting. Two weeks ago you passed the Klein bill that would ban some harmful forms of counseling or would discourage minors with unwanted same sex attraction from getting helpful forms of counseling. I am here because I think we can all learn from what happened two weeks ago me included.

One lesson we can all learn is this. Let's all be respectful towards people with whom we disagree. Why should we be respectful, because if we don't, then rage and violence between liberals and conservatives will continue to escalate in our country and our own loved ones may someday be caught in the crossfire. Unfortunately, some of our politicians at the national level have not done a good enough job of showing us what respectful disagreement looks like. I think both Donald Trump and Nancy Pelosi have been terrible as modeling respectful disagreement.

When my son, who's a Marine captain, heard about the Klein bill, he said this to me, Dad, I don't agree with the Klein bill, but let's remember Liberals are not our enemies. I have a very wise son. Let's not treat people we disagree with like the enemy, but with respect. Here are two brief ways we can do that.

First, let's listen to all the facts and not just focus on the facts that support our biases. For example, we conservatives need to realize that same-sex attraction does not feel like a choice to people. It feels like something that is strong and permanent. Liberals need to realize that conversion therapy is not an accurate term for what most conservative counselors in Allegheny County would do. These counselors would not try to harmfully convert anyone. They would respectfully explore options and let their clients decide what they want to do. So we can cite all the medical and psychological organizations that we want who are against conversion therapy, but that is irrelevant because that's not what is happening in the vast majority of counselling cases. You would have found that out if you talked to the two psychologists that were supposed to speak to you in November.

But instead of listening to all the facts, you force the Klein bill through two weeks ago without letting

it go to subcommittee. Was that a good way to model respect to the people of our county?

There's a final way we can treat people with respect. Let's get to know and build friendships with people who believe differently than we do. Even though I'm a conservative, my family was good friends with two lesbians who lived next door to us for several years. They babysat our kids. That's not homophobia, is it?

All of us in this room building friendships with people we disagree with on major liberal, conservative issues and really listening to each other. I would love to meet with any liberal in this room and get to know you. Let me know after the meeting.

In closing, here's the biggest reason why liberal and conservatives need to treat each other with more respect. The God of the Bible is watching us. He will hold each of us accountable for how we treat each other. What are you going to do? Be an enemy or be respectful? It's your choice. Thank you.

MS. BENNETT: Motion to adjourn.

MS. HALLAM: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed? Motion carries.

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