ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

BEFORE:

John P. DeFazio  -  President, Council-At-Large
Nicholas Futules   -  Vice President, District 7
Samuel DeMarco  -  Council-At-Large
Thomas Baker        -  District 1
Cindy Kirk         -  District 2
Edward Kress      -  District 3
Michael J. Finnerty  -  District 4
Sue Means          -  District 5
John F. Palmiere  -  District 6
Dr. Charles J. Martoni -  District 8
Robert J. Macey    -  District 9
DeWitt Walton     -  District 10
Paul Klein        -  District 11
James Ellenbogen  -  District 12
Denise Ranalli-Russell  -  District 13

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IN ATTENDANCE:

William McKain  -  Allegheny County Manager
Jared Barker     -  Director of Constituent Services
Joseph Catanese -  Director of Legislative Services
Walter Szymanski -  Budget Director
Jack Cambest    -  Council Solicitor
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Would you all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance of the Flag and remain standing for silent prayer or reflection. After me.

(Pledge of Allegiance Recited.)
(Moment of Silent Prayer or Reflection.)
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We'll have a roll call.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER: Here.
MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?
MR. DEMARCO: Here.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Here.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Here.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Here.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?
MS. KIRK: Here.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?
MR. KLEIN: Here.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Here.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Present.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?
DR. MARTONI: Here.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Here.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Here.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?
MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Here.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON: Here.
MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Here. 9633-16.
MR. BARKER: A Proclamation congratulating Allegheny County Police Superintendent Charles Moffatt upon the occasion of his retirement after nearly 50 years of dedicated service to Allegheny County. Sponsored by Councilmembers Ellenbogen, Baker, DeFazio, DeMarco, Finnerty, Futules, Kirk, Klein, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Ranalli-Russell and Walton.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, members of Council. We're here this evening to
honor our former Superintendent of County Police, Charlie Moffatt who --- I can't remember a time in my life where he wasn't wearing a badge. He has dedicated his life to the citizens of the City of Pittsburgh, to the citizens of Allegheny County. And has helped protect us. I never thought I'd ever see the day where he would actually retire, so I look forward to you showing up somewhere with a badge again. So with that, I would like to read this proclamation.

WHEREAS, Mr. Charles Moffatt of Banksville --- which is my community, too, that's why our community is so safe --- has dedicated himself to serve the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police and Allegheny County Police Department since 1967.

AND WHEREAS, Mr. Moffatt served eight years in the United States Air Force, received his Bachelor's degree in administration of justice from the University of Pittsburgh, and he graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

AND WHEREAS, Mr. Moffatt's first assignment as a City of Pittsburgh police officer was at the zone two station in the Hill District. And he is the first person in the city to hold seven ranks, including the first to be named Deputy Chief of Police.

AND WHEREAS, on February 4, 2004, after serving 36 years with the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police, Mr. Moffatt began his new position as the Superintendent of the Allegheny County Police Department comprised of more than 250 officers and 50 civilians who patrol Pittsburgh International Airport, the Allegheny County Airport, nine county parks and other regional parks.

AND WHEREAS, during Mr. Moffatt's tenure, the County police force became one of only 101 accredited police agencies with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, its uniformed police division, detective division, which includes general investigations, homicide and narcotics, SWAT team and bomb disposal unit, to provide assistance and support to local police departments and criminal justice agencies within Allegheny County. As part of its investigation, the Department collects, processes, maintains and purges approximately 250,000 total pieces of evidence annually while obtaining all evidence associated with approximately 13,000 county-wide calls for service per year.
AND WHEREAS, Mr. Moffatt serves on the Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law Advisory Board and also works on the state commission that studies wrongful conviction.

AND WHEREAS, after a remarkable 49-year career in law enforcement, Mr. Moffatt retired on March 31st, 2016 and intends to spend more time with his wife, Regina, their three children and eight grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegheny County Council does hereby commend and thank Mr. Charles Moffatt for his nearly 50 years of distinguished service to the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. And we congratulate him upon the occasion of his retirement and wish him health and happiness in all of his future endeavors. Presented by myself and all members of Council, presented this 10th day of May, 2016. Chief?

(Superintendent Moffatt: Thank you, Councilman Ellenbogen. I'd just like to take a moment to thank all the members of Council for all the support I've gotten over the years. Every time I had to come to Council for some reason with Mr. McKain, I was always well received and most of the time we walked out with a good resolution to our problems. I would also like to take a minute and thank both the County Executive, Mr. Fitzgerald, and Mr. McKain for having the faith to keep me on as the Superintendent of Police, and before them, Mr. Onorato bringing me over, along with Mr. Flynn. Once again, I want to thank you for this honor of serving the department. And if I can ever be of assistance to any of you, I would only hope you would call me. Thank you again very much.)

(Chief?)

Mr. Ellenbogen: I just want to say that I feel sorry for the next superintendent because he's got some really big shoes to fill.

Superintendent Moffatt: Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

President DeFazio: We're going to skip one and go down to 9593-16.

Mr. Barker: A proclamation declaring the week of May 6 through May 12, 2016 as Nurses' Week in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Councilmembers Kirk and Macey. And Ms. Means would like to be added.
MR. FINNERTY: Would you add me also?
MR. BARKER: Yes, sir.
(Council members raise hands.)
MR. BARKER: Does anyone not want to be added? Everybody. Okay. We'll go with everybody. All Council members --- Ellenbogen, Baker, DeFazio, DeMarco, Finnerty, Futules, Klein, Kress, Martoni, Palmiere, Ranalli-Russell and Walton were also added.

MS. KIRK: I'll tell you, nurses don't get recognized enough apparently, because we're all happy to be here, I know. I'm just so honored that you all came tonight, and it's all our honor to have you here and to recognize you, and let you know, it's just not this week we appreciate you. We appreciate you all year long. And all the people you work for and help, I know they appreciate it, too. They don't always show it but you know they do. So I'll give you Council's proclamation. I read it here.

WHEREAS National Nurses' Week begins May 6 and ends May 12 each year in conjunction with Florence Nightingale's birthday.

AND WHEREAS there are 246,925 licensed nurses statewide and 25,796 licensed nurses right here in Allegheny County which makes nursing the largest licensed healthcare profession in our Commonwealth and in our County.

WHEREAS, the depth and breadth of the registered learning profession meets the different and emerging healthcare needs of the American population in a wide range of settings.

AND WHEREAS nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients.

AND WHEREAS the demand for nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technology and the explosive growth of home healthcare services.

AND WHEREAS this year's theme is culture of safety. It starts with you and celebrates the ways in which nurses strive to provide high quality patient care and improve our healthcare system.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED that the Allegheny County Council does hereby declare the week of May 6 through May 12, 2016 as Nurses' Week, and that all
residents of Allegheny County join in acknowledging the nurses who care for all of us.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the residents of Allegheny County celebrate nursing's accomplishments and efforts to improve our healthcare system.

Sponsored by myself and all members of County Council, presented the 10th day of May, 2016.

So with this we would like to honor each one of you because we do honor you, and we just want to make sure you know we appreciate you. And on that note, if I could have each, like department head type person come, and what I'd like to do is have --- let's say like with Kathy, so then your people can come and introduce yourself, how long you've been a nurse, anything else you want to say. It's your day. It's your mic. So we'll start with Kathy and I have a proclamation for each of you.

MS. MAYLE: To the honorable Kirk, Macey and all the Council members, I'm happy to be standing here, especially with my CCAC faculty. I'm especially proud to be one of the three million professional registered nurses in the United States of America. So nursing is truly a profession that I love. And it has its own characteristics, traditions, patterns of behavior, values and beliefs. Caring and compassion for serving those in need are valued traits of being a nurse. What separates nursing from training programs or vo-tech programs 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 that we are constantly building and refining. Nurses are smart.

CCAC has a solid reputation for graduating competent nurses. We have strong faculty prepared in the classroom teachings and clinically, and I truly respect them. We process over 1,200 applicants for the 560 seats available each year. The standards, policies and procedures are tough, but they need to be because we have a duty to protect the public.

In 2012, the faculty adopted a new concept-based curriculum which required movement from a medical model approach to a more engaged problem-based learning approach. It was a hard transition for the faculty. They have worked strategically over the last three years to tweak the curriculum in the best interests of the students. The faculty have chosen to invite students to
sit on each of their council committees in order to incorporate student feedback into our systematic plan for program evaluations. This was the right thing to do so that our students are able to graduate and provide quality healthcare at a competent level. And you would be so proud to have a CCAC graduate be your nurse.

CCAC is fully approved by the PA State Board of Nursing. Our Board scores are solid, and we have full accreditation with our national accreditor. We would like to thank Allegheny County for its support of our college and the rich resources that we're able to offer to our nursing students to ensure academic success. So once again, thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. MAYLE: We're going to have the CCAC faculty introduce the nurses.

MS. KIRK: I just want real quick to point out Sue is a nurse also and Bob's daughter is a nurse and granddaughter is becoming a nurse. So we're very supportive of the thing ---. And one last thing, if you come up, we'll give you a proclamation and we have these little candies that say your kindness means much more than you will ever know and there's like little nurse things on the front. And on the back it reads, a nurse's heart is the soul of healthcare, you are appreciated, Allegheny County Council. There you go.

(Applause.)

MS. SCHNEIDER: Brenda Schneider. I have been a nurse for 35 years, and I've been at CCAC for the past 10. Thank you so much for appreciating us. Thank you.

MS. RUSSELL: Hi. I'm Rosemary Russell and I've been at CCAC for almost 14 years and I've been a nurse for 35 years. Thank you.

MS. PAUL: Hi. My name is Patricia Paul. I've been a nurse for 42 years. I've been at CCAC since 1983, and I see a former student standing over here.

MS. GEORGE: My name is Devon George. I'm a new nurse, a second career nurse. I'm a proud graduate of CCAC in 2010, and I've been at CCAC working in the Dean of Nursing’s office for the past four years. And I'm also a former student of Patricia Paul.

DR. HACKER: Thank you. Of course. So we have a large number of nurses in our department. And we could not operate without them. There's just absolutely no way. And I'm glad that some of them are here tonight. They practice public health nursing which is a slightly different than --- I heard you say hospitals. It's not in a hospital setting.

MS. KIRK: Home health.

DR. HACKER: Home health. Well, it's not really home health either, but it's kind of more outpatient and community health oriented. And we certainly need more folks to go into that field.

I have to say that nurses --- in my own career as a physician, I've gotten a lot of teaching from nurses. I would say they haven't taught me everything I know, but a good portion of it, particularly early on. I learned very quickly that if I couldn't get along with the nurses I wouldn't get any sleep at night; right? So it's certainly vital --- it's certainly my pleasure to, you know, really say something about them today and to really identify this as Nurses Week and to really give them the credit that they're due. So I'm going to let them come up and say something.

MS. KIRK: You supported nursing so you get a candy bar, too.

MS. KIRK: Your name along with whatever you want to say.

MS. SCOPELITIS: Hello. My name is Nancy Scopelitis, and I have been a nurse for 36 years. Twenty-six (26) years have been at the Allegheny County Health Department practicing public health. And every day I get the privilege to promote immunizations across the lifespan in Allegheny County. Thank you for this recognition.

MR. O'BRIEN: Hello. My name is Charles O'Brien, and I've been a nurse for about 13 years. I've been with the County for almost nine years. And I'm also a graduate from CCAC at Boyce. Go Boyce.

MS. SELTZER (phonetic): Hello, my name is Anna Seltzer. And nursing is my third degree. Yeah, so I have been with the Health Department for about nine years. And I became a nurse here in the United States of America. (Applause.)

MR. MACEY: Thank you for what you do.
MS. CHLEBOWSKI: Hi, my name is Sally Chlebowski. I’m the TB nurse supervisor and I supervise three nurses and Anna is one of them. We are very busy. TB is alive and well. We are the second county in Pennsylvania to report --- the second highest County to report cases in Pennsylvania. So we work very hard. We do a lot of testing. We do approximately 1,500 testings every year and we’re busy. We go out to the home. We make sure that active patients receive medication every day. So we’re very busy. Come see us sometime. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. ROBINSON: Hi, my name is Taunteleah (phonetic) Robinson. I’m also a nurse from the Health Department. I’m one of the supervisors in one of the clinics. I’m also a CCAC South Campus graduate. I’ve been a nurse for 20 years, for the first 7 years as a licensed practical nurse and the last 13 years a registered nurse.

MR. MACEY: Thank you.

(Appraise.)

MS. KIRK: And of course we have nurses who work at the jail in the infirmary. So to represent them the Officer ---?

OFFICER HARPER: Ward Harper of ---.


OFFICER HARPER: I have to change it up every once in a while. Good afternoon, everybody. And I’m here on behalf of all the nurses at the Allegheny County Jail. I just wanted to thank the Council for recognizing the nurses at the County Jail because they do a tremendous job rendering quality health services to the inmates. Unfortunately, I’m not able to have anyone here with me today because they are doing their duties, but I just really want to thank the Council for recognizing the nurses at the jail. Thank you.

(Appraise.)

MR. BIONDO: Hi, Dennis Biondo from the Kanes. I just want to echo what we’ve already heard. I know that we don’t recognize our nurses enough. I know it every day. I talk with them every day. I know what they do. They’re on the front line every day. And I know when I get that call, if I call one of them, I’m very comfortable that they know what they're doing and they can handle
whatever comes up. So I just want to offer my recognition, in addition to Council, for what you do every day. And we have four of our nurses here. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. EHRMAN: Hello and thank you very much. My name is Nancy Ehrman, and I’m the Chief Nursing Officer for the four regional Kanes. And I’ve been a nurse for 46 years. And I came to the four regional Kanes to bring all the experience that I’ve had over 46 years to make our four regional Kanes number one. And we’re working --- that’s my goal, and we will be the preferred facility for our communities throughout Pittsburgh and our area. So I’m very excited. I have three of my DONs. Of course, one of my DONs was very busy today so we have three of Director of Nursings here today. And thank you very much. And I am a South Campus graduate from Allegheny County 46 years ago, but it’s been a great, wonderful ride for myself and my family. And I’m so glad and thank you very much.

(Applause.)

MS. KIRK: Do you just want to say what DON means.

MS. BARCIC: Hi, Melissa Barcic. I’ve been with the County for 25 years at the Kanes. And currently I’m the Director of Nursing at the Glen Hazel facility.

MS. KIRK: For those who don’t know, DON, Director of Nursing.

MS. SHAFFER: Hi there. My name is Lisa Shaffer. I’m currently the Director of Nursing at the Kane Ross Regional Center. I have been a nurse for 24 years. I’ve been in the Kane system that long. I am also a graduate of CCAC North Campus.

(Applause.)

MS. ROYSTER: My name is Alexis Royster. I’ve been a nurse for 35 years. I am a graduate of CCAC South and Kathy Mayle was my instructor at Duquesne University where I now have a Ph.D. in nursing. I’m the Director of Nursing at McKeesport, and it’s so nice to be recognized. And I thank you for all you’ve done.

MS. KIRK: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. MORRISON: Hello, I’m Mildred Morrison, head of the County’s Department of Human Services, its Area Agency of Aging. And on behalf of Mark Turner, who was unable to be with us this evening, we were thrilled that
the County Council would take the opportunity to recognize the nurses. Within the Area of Agency on Aging, the nurses provide unconventional or non-conventional roles. But really, it’s what enables many, many older adults to take advantages of various services including Good Life at the Kane and many others, but to give them access to the multiple benefits, but through the most critical ends that they bring to us. There’s a lot of them. I’ll let them introduce themselves.

MS. MCILRATH: I’m actually with the County Health Department. I’m out of order. My name is Helene McIlrath. I’m with --- I work with Taunteleah at one of the health clinics. I’m actually a second career nurse and graduated from CCAC a couple of years ago. Thank you.

MS. COMWELL: Hello. My name is Debbie Comwell. I’ve been with the Area of Aging 15 years and I’ve been a nurse for over 40. Thank you.

MR. Macey: God bless you. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. MACELLI (phonetic): My name is Jennifer Macelli. I’m one of the nurses at the Area Agency of Aging. And I am also a ’97 CCAC nursing grad.

(Applause.)

MS. ANDROS: Hi, I’m Carrie Andros. And I graduated from the University of Pittsburgh and I’ve been a nurse for 34 years.

MS. PERFETTA (phonetic): Hello. I’m Susie Perfetta. I’m a graduate of Duquesne University. I’ve been a nurse for 35 years, been with the County going into my 14th year.

(Applause.)

MS. KUBLA: Hi, I’m Carol Kubla. I’ve been a nurse for a long time, with the County for 15 years.

MR. MACEY: Thanks, Carol.

MS. HILTON: My name is Kaylee (phonetic) Hilton. I have been a nurse for five years, and I have been with the Assessment Unit at the Area Agency for Aging for four.

MR. MACEY: Thank you.

MS. HILTON: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. CASTRO: Hi, I’m Louann Castro. I’ve been a nurse for 25-plus years. I did some time in McKeesport Hospital, Forbes Regional Hospital. Graduated from
Community College South Campus first. And I’ve been with the County for about eight years working proudly for them.

MR. MACEY: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. FORRALS (phonetic): Hi, I’m Kimberly Forrals. I’ve been a nurse for nine and a half years, I think, six years Western Psych supporting the Alzheimer patients.

MR. FINNERTY: We'll ---.

MS. FORRALS: Yeah. I hate to admit that sometimes. And four and a half years with the Allegheny County supporting the elderly in their home. Thank you.

MR. MACEY: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. SAMPLE: My name is Pat Sample. I’ve been a nurse for 60 years. I worked for the Assessment Unit and now I’m a consultant to the Assessment Unit. And I graduated from the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing and attended Penn State.

(Applause.)

MS. BAKER: Hi, I’m Kathy Baker. I have been a nurse for 36 years, graduated from CCAC, but I went on to Pitt. And I’ve been with the County Area on Aging for 15 years.

(Applause.)

MS. KIRK: Well, I guess he must have heard everyone saying they graduated from CCAC and I saw Dr. Bullock walk in so would you like to come up and say a word?

DR. BULLOCK: Good evening. To the Council, it’s a great honor, especially in pausing to recognize our nurses that are first and foremost in our healthcare. But I was most pleased to hear the number of graduates that the Community College of Allegheny County has played a role in developing them as professionals that they are today and to continue their studies at one of our four year partner institutions.

As you know, the Community College is --- and I hope I have my data right --- third nationally in producing the number of graduates. So that speaks volumes on the impact that the Community College has in this profession. And we are very honored and embrace the work that we do. We’re very proud of the work that we do. And we have some of the best teaching nursing faculty that anyone could ask. And the results are here today. So on
behalp of our Board of Trustees and our distinguished faculty and staff, we congratulate all of the nurses and thank Council for the recognition today. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. MACEY: Just to say that it’s wonderful to see that we’ve had so many people that are in health and human services. And I just want to remind people, especially those people in the audience, that the health and humans services Area Agency on Aging is out there to help you. We’re not trying to put you in a home. We’re not trying to do anything outside of trying to keep you in your home and keep the quality of life in your life the best it can be. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. MEANS: Well, I’m excited to be here among my own people, because my mother was a nurse and my daughter is a nurse and I’m a nurse, and I worked at Children’s Hospital in a neurosurgical unit. And I just think nurses are amazing and wonderful people because they’re unusual in that when someone is hurt or sick, they come forward to help. Other people might turn away or step away, but nurses come to heal and help with a caring and loving heart and walk next to everyone when they’re in crisis. And also help people get better. And what I love about nurses is if you ask them for help and advice, they’ll give you advice. You might not want to hear what they have to say, but it’ll be good advice. So thank you so much for all you do for Allegheny County and our community. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. KIRK: We’re going to try to get some photos here and let’s try and get it by group and then everybody. Can we get like ---?

(Pictures taken.)

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you. Congratulations, everyone.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9594-16.

MR. BARKER: Proclamation declaring the week of May 15th through May 21st, 2016 as Public Works Week in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

MR. MACEY: Thank you. It’s hard to really compete with the nurses even though they add to the quality of our life, our health and welfare. Not to be undone, though, the Public Works Department adds to the
health and welfare of our roads and bridges. So you know, for you to get to work, for you to get to where you need to go, you need to depend on our public works. And I'd like to introduce Steve Shanley and Kathy Trexler from the Public Works Department.

WHEREAS, Public Works infrastructure facilities and services are of vital importance to the health and safety and the wellbeing of the people of Allegheny County.

WHEREAS, such facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, engineers and administrators.

WHEREAS, these individuals represent all levels of government and are responsible for the must design, build, operate and maintain the transportation, water supply, sewage and refuse disposal systems, public buildings and other structures and facilities essential to the serve the citizens.

AND WHEREAS, it is the public --- it is in the public interest for the citizens and civic leaders of this County to gain knowledge of and maintain an interest in the Public Works needs and programs of their prospective communities.

AND WHEREAS, this year, 2016, marks the 56th annual National Public Works week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Allegheny County Council does hereby designate the week of May 15th through the 21st, 2016 as Public Works Week in Allegheny County. Council urges all citizens to join with representatives of the governmental assistance and the American Public Works Association in activities and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our Public Works professionals, engineers and administrators. And to recognize and substantially contribute the contributions they have made to our national health, safety and welfare.

Now, I know that a lot of people have had some concerns about the orange cones, all the work that needs to be done, and that it kind of made --- it may interrupt their travel to work or to loved ones' homes and things of that nature, but keep in mind that we’re trying to make the roads and bridges the safest that we can in this region. And thanks to things like Act 89 who has allowed more money to come our way, our roads and bridges are going to be the best that we can make them to be.
And I think it’s amazing that ten-plus years our Public Works Administration in Allegheny County has received the awards from the National Public Works Administration. So we’re doing the best we can. We’re doing it with less people, as a matter of fact, but unfortunately, we’re --- we may not be doing it to your specifications.

I’d like to have Steve Shanley and Kathy say a few words with regards to the Public Works Week Proclamation. Thank you.

MS. TREXLER: Hi, I’m Kathy Trexler. And I’m also president of the Western Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Public Works Association. And on behalf of the APWA we thank you for recognizing the men and women of Public Works. National Public Works Week is observed annually during the third full week in May to celebrate the men and women who provide the services and maintain the infrastructure collectively known as Public Works.

This year’s theme is Public Works Always There. The theme showcases the pervasiveness of public works, and communities depend on Public Works and the men and women of the profession are always there and always ready to provide us with clean water, safe streets and neighborhoods, efficient traffic and safe, clean communities.

The Western Pennsylvania chapter covers 25 counties in the western part of the Commonwealth. And we strive to be the comprehensive Public Works resource so communities can have education provided to their employees so that they can provide the best that they can --- the best services to their communities.

So the Chapter has provided seminars and workshops focusing on public works operations, maintenance and engineering technologies. This year we started providing lunch and learn workshops. They’re held monthly or bimonthly and they’re hosted by our member agencies and presented by or are sponsored by our vendors.

Also this year, coming up on May 19th we became a proud partner of the Eighth Annual Sustainability Conference, and the topic is Resilient Infrastructure in the Age of Climate Change. This is presented by Sustainable Pittsburgh’s Champions for Sustainability along with the American Society of Civil Engineers, Pittsburgh Section and the Environmental and Water Resources Institute, Pittsburgh Chapter. The Conference
will be a full-day event and it will be held at the August Wilson Center. And it’s eligible for five professional development hours. We always strive to apply for educational units for all of our programs.

And last but not least, June 2nd is our annual Public Works equipment show and seminar held at Blueberry Hill in Franklin Park, PA. And this year our seminar is Public Works Supervision 101 presented by our very own Jason Daly who is the Cranberry Township Public Works Director. We hope you can join us there. And thank you again for the recognizing the men and women of Public Works in the 130 communities of Allegheny County.

And with that, I’ll turn it over to Allegheny County Public Works Director, Steve Shanley and he’ll tell you what’s going on in the County.

(Appause.)
MR. SHANLEY: Steve Shanley, Director of Public Works. I’d like to thank Council President and Council for all their help and support in our projects this year and in past years. It takes a lot of funding to get all of our bridges done. We have over 700 bridges, 400 miles of road and we also maintain over 700 vehicles. So that’s a lot of work for our staff downtown, our engineering department and our districts. Our districts perform a phenomenal work out there. With the County manager’s approval last year, we purchased a milling machine and you’re probably seen some of the work on our roads out there. It cut down on a lot of complaints this year and our crews did a phenomenal job. They did over nine miles and they’re using it at this time, so it’s worked out great. It cut down on a lot of complaints. Got a new paving machine this year also.

So between our downtown staff with engineers and our district staff, things have been moving along. And we’ve tried to improve where we can and we’ve gotten a lot of support from the Chief Executive and the County Manager that we can make improvements as we go along. So we appreciate all of your support, Council support. We’ll try to make improvements along the way, but we thank you for this proclamation, and we will continue doing a great job so thank you very much.

(Appause.)
(Pictures taken.)
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9595-16, and the rest of the proclamations will be read into the record.
MR. BARKER: 9595-16, a proclamation declaring Wednesday, May 11th, 2016 to be Breathe Pennsylvania Day in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.


9597-16. Certificate of Achievement presented to Mr. Jacob Palmer of Boy Scout Troop 905 for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.


9599-16. Proclamation welcoming Shen Yun Performing Arts to Allegheny County and Pittsburgh’s Benedum Center for the Performing Arts on May 10th and 11th, 2016. Sponsored by Council Member DeFazio.

9600-16. Proclamation declaring Thursday, April 28th, 2016 to be Workers Memorial Day in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member DeFazio.

9601-16. Certificates of Achievement congratulating the 2015 Scott E. Folmer Memorial Student, Teacher and exemplary Practice or Partnering, STEPP, Awardees presented by the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Local Task Force on the Right to Education. Sponsored by Council Members Finnerty, Klein, Means, DeFazio and DeMarco.

9602-16. Proclamation congratulating Mr. Glenn E. Kempf, a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 914 Intrepid West Mifflin, for being named Chevalier of the Legion of Honor, France’s highest military service distinction. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

9603-16. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. D.J. Wunderley for his 50 years of dedicated service to the Volunteer Fireman’s Association of Liberty Borough. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

9604-16. Proclamation commending and recognizing Plum Emergency Medical Services crew members Brian Turpin and Steve Simpkin, Unity Volunteer Fire Department, Fire Chief Brian Turpin, Captain Glenn Kopec, Jr. and Firefighter Nicholas Bernhardy; Renton Volunteer Firefighters Carrie Cole, Colin Champeau and Mike McCloskey, for their actions on February 20th, 2016 which resulted in the rescue of two adults and five children.
from a burning home. Sponsored by Council Members Martoni.


9606-16. Proclamation congratulating Ms. Mery Womack upon the occasion of her retirement after 39 years of dedicated service to the Allegheny County Controller’s Office. Sponsored by Council Member Ranalli-Russell.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Public Comment on Agenda Items, we don’t have any. 9622-16.

MR. BARKER: That’s a Motion to approve the minutes of the April 5th, 2016 regular meeting of Council.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.

9632-16.

MR. BARKER: Motion to approve the minutes of the April 19th, 2016 regular meeting of Council.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.

Presentation of Appointments, 9590-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Anne Oyler to service as a member of the Council of Friends Organization, South Park, for a term to expire on May 10th, 2018. Sponsored by Council Members DeMarco and Palmiere.

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

MR. DEMARCO: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I’d like to make a motion to approve the reappointment of Anne Oyler to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization for South Park ---

MR. FINNERTY: Second.


PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Someone second it.
MR. FINNERTY: I seconded it, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, under remarks, go ahead.

MR. PALMIERE: Yes, thank you. I just wanted to say that Anne has been a real, vital member of Friends of South Park for years. And I’m really pleased. And I thank you, Sam, for reappointing her, and we’re looking forward to working with Anne in the future. And again, her and her husband have been very, very important members in helping us to achieve a lot of things down at South Park. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Means.

MS. MEANS: I started --- I was a Friend of South Park before I became a Council member. And I met Anne and I just want to say she’s a wonderful person. And she created the Friends of South Park website. And to date it’s had over 150,000 hits. And the website is beautiful, so please take a peek at www.southparkfriends.org. It’s amazing. And she is a wonderful member. We’re excited to reappoint her.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other ---?

MS. MEANS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Any other remarks? Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye. (Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. 9607-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Jason A. Fincke to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization, South Park, for a term to expire on May 10th, 2018. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Means.

MS. MEANS: Yes. I just want to say how excited I am that Jason Fincke is going to join the Friends of South Park. He’s been helping as a volunteer because his wife was appointed last year. But Jason, maybe the members don’t know, is the Executive Director of the Builders Guild of Western Pennsylvania. So I think that he’s going to be a great addition to the Friends of South Park. And he’s a really hard worker. Thank you very much. Oh, I’d like to make a motion to accept him.

MR. MACEY: Second.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.
(Ayes respond.)
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.

9608-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Regina Jones to serve as a member of the Community Services Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That’ll go to the Appointment Review Committee. 9609-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Carey L. Cummings, Esquire to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Human Relations Commission for a term to expire on December 31st, 2016. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That’ll go to Appointment Review Committee. 9610-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Richard Hrivnak to serve as a member of the Personnel Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That’ll go to the Appointment Review Committee. Oh, we’re back to 9611-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Steve Silverman to serve as a member of the Personnel Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That’ll go the Appointment Review Committee. 9612-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Eric French to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Conservation District Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2019. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That’ll go to the Appointment Review Committee. Next, from 9613 all the way down to 9621 --- well, first of all, I’d guess you could read them all and they’ll be in a group there.

MR. BARKER: They’re very similar actually.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MR. BARKER: 9613 is approving the appointment of Michael Corcoran to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018. The remainder of the bills are all approving the reappointment of Councilman John Palmiere, Chester Babst, Esquire, Daniel K. Bricmont, Esquire, Jeanne Clark, Steve Hvozdovich, Mark Jeffrey, Robert Orchowski and Joe Osborne, Esquire all to the Air
Pollution Control Advisory Committee and all with terms to expire December 31st, 2018.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That’ll go to the Appointment Review Committee. Unfinished Business, Committee on Budget and Finance. 9583-16.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, authorizing the incurrence of nonelectoral debt by the issuance of: (i) one or more series of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series C-75 or by other such name(s) as designated by the County, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $309,500,000, the C-75 Bonds and (ii) one or more series of General Obligation Bonds, Series C-76, or by such other name(s) as designated by the County, in an aggregated principal amount not to exceed $115,000,000, the C-76 Bonds and collectively with the C-75 Bonds, the Bonds. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. This was discussed in Committee and released with an affirmative positive recommendation. I move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.


MS. MEANS: Thank you for recognizing me, Council President. I was wondering if it would be possible for the County Manager to come up and give a brief summary for the public of this bond issue.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Do you want to come up?

MR. MCKAIN: I brought Mary Stroka, our budget director, also with us. So to summarize --- and this was quantum plated and adjusted, as Mr. Finnerty said, in the Budget and Finance Committee at length, what we’re asking Council to approve respectfully tonight is an ordinance that contemplates Series C-75 with the refinancing of prior debt. What we have is our financial professionals that are here, and they were at the committee meetings and looked at opportunities for the County where we issued them in the past, and market conditions has changed so we have seen opportunity to go to market and refinance those bonds. So part of the ordinance is to refinance some debt. Under current market conditions we believe that it’ll save $15 to $20 million to the County. We’ll see what happens when we go out to market. And then when we get that, we’ll structure it in a way that we can take
that over for several years instead of getting it all at once so it can --- we can enjoy the savings over several budgets.

The other part of the ordinance is new money. It’s to fund the capital improvement program for 2017 and 2018. The reason why we’re doing two years --- and we do that as often as we can because we get to reduce the cost of issuance. Any time you go out for a bond issue, you have to have issuance costs. It could be for your professionals, for the bond rating agency, printing, advertising. So when you can do two years' worth with one year’s worth of cost, there’s a lot of economies of scale.

Is there anything else you wanted to add?

MS. STROKA: No.

MR. MCKAIN: So we recommended and it was discussed in Mr. Finnerty’s committee that we think that this is a good deal for our County. It gives us the resources to maintain our infrastructure and also take advantage of current market conditions. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MS. MEANS: I just have a --- just want to confirm, again, so the public can hear, that we're financing some of the bonds, but they won’t --- they’ll still be paid off at the same time. So we’re not pushing it, the debt, further down the road, but we will be paying them off at the same time as if we hadn’t refinanced them; correct?

MR. MCKAIN: That is correct. We’re not extending the term. It’ll be the same term. We’re taking advantage of market conditions.

MS. MEANS: And that’s --- and then also did you not mention in Committee that even though we are possibly going to borrow $11 --- or wait, $115 million we have retired a similar amount of money; is that correct?

MR. MCKAIN: At this time, we believe that that goal can be achieved. It all depends on when we go to market, but we think that that is achievable.

MS. MEANS: Okay.

MR. MCKAIN: As we also mentioned, sometimes we can’t do that if there’s an extraordinary type of a project, and we mentioned the courthouse roof. So when we go to market, that’ll be the goal. We hope we can obtain that and achieve it, but if not we’ll be very close.

MS. MEANS: Thank you very much.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other remarks? Yes, Representative Baker.

MR. BAKER: Thank you. I have a question. This might be for the solicitor, and I think I’m the only person that works at PNC, but I know with the work being done with PNC, is that a conflict of interest or something I should abstain from?

MR. CAMBEST: I would suggest you do that.

MR. BAKER: Oh, you would. I figured it’s just better to be safe. Okay. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing no other comments, let’s have a roll call vote.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER: I’ll abstain.
MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?
MR. DEMARCO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: 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. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?
DR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?
MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?
(No response.)
MR. BAKER: President DeFazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. BAKER: Ayes, 13; abstentions, one with one member absent. The motion passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9585-16.
MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2016, Submission number 03-16. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. Yes, this was discussed in Committee and it amounts to roughly about $407,000 of money that we’re going to be getting from grants submissions. So I make a motion to approve.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER: Aye.
MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?
MR. DEMARCO: Aye.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: 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. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?
DR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: 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, 15; no’s 0. The motion passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9580-16.
MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the use of the parking facilities at Hartwood by the United States Golf Association for parking for the U.S. Open Tournament. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. We met --- the Committee met on Wednesday, May the 4th. And we would like to send this up with an affirmative recommendation ---

MR. MACEY: Second.

MR. PALMIERE: --- and I’ll move to do that.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: And you seconded it?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?

Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. Just one question in regard to this. They’re going to be parking cars out there. Will they reseed the lawn and everything that’s torn up and I guess I’d ask the manager that question.

MR. MCKAIN: One of the conditions of the agreement is if there’s any type or repairs that are necessary that they will make those, if appropriate.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other remarks? Seeing none, we will take the roll call vote.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Aye.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Aye.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: 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. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?
DR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: 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, 15; nays, 0. The bill passes.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9581-16.
MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing CR JRS CHIP, Inc., trading and doing business as The First Tee of Pittsburgh, First Tee, to conduct a series of golf clinics at the North Park and South Park Golf Courses. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere.
MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. Again, on May 4th we discussed this and I make a move --- I’d like to move this with an affirmative recommendation.
MR. MACEY: Second.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, we’ll take a roll call vote.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER: Aye.
MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?
MR. DEMARCO: Aye.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: 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. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY:           Aye.
MR. BARKER:          Mr. Martoni?
DR. MARTONI:         Yes.
MR. BARKER:          Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS:           Yes.
MR. BARKER:          Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE:        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, 15; no’s 0. The bill passes.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO:   9582-16.
MR. BARKER:          An Ordinance of the County of
Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the
use of real property along North Ridge Drive in the
County’s North Park by the Town of McCandless. Sponsored
by the Chief Executive.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO:   Representative Palmiere.
MR. PALMIERE:        This also --- I’d like to move
this with an affirmative recommendation, Mr. President.
MR. MACEY:           Second.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO:   Under remarks?
Representative Finnerty.
MR. FINNERTY:        Thank you. In regard to ---
these are --- these are going to be ball fields, I
believe, that they’re going to be using. Will the Town of
McCandless maintain them in that ---?
MR. MCKAIN:          Yes. Their responsibilities will
be to maintain that field. They’ve been a very good
partner and have actually contributed some other assets to
enhance the field, but to answer your question, yes.
MR. FINNERTY:        Okay. Thank you very much.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO:   Any other remarks? Seeing
none, we’ll take a roll call vote.
MR. BARKER:          Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER:           Yes.
MR. BARKER:          Mr. DeMarco?
MR. DEMARCO:         Yes.
MR. BARKER:          Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN:      Aye.
MR. BARKER:          Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY:        Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?
MS. KIRK: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?
MR. KLEIN: Aye.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?
DR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: 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, 15; no’s 0. The bill passes.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9505-16.
MR. BARKER: An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to acquire by condemnation certain easement areas from four parcels require to stabilize slopes supporting Campbell’s Run Road at Highland Avenue, in Carnegie Borough, Project Number 6072-0902, and to take such further action as may be necessary under applicable law, inducing the Eminent Domain Code. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Macey.
MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. You’ve heard the word Eminent Domain. We don’t really like to do that, but in some cases it’s absolutely necessary for the benefit of the improvement or roadways and bridges. The Public Works Committee met on April 21st, 2016 and this particular ordinance was completely vetted. And I’d like to move this to the full Council with an affirmative recommendation.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, we’ll take the roll call ---.
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Wait a minute. I have a question.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Can I ask somebody to answer this question?

MR. MCKAIN: Me or Director Shanley?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: It doesn’t matter, whoever can answer it.

MR. MCKAIN: Yes, Councilman?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: This area we're talking about, is this before the District Two warehouse that's on the right-hand side where ---?

MR. MCKAIN: Yes.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: So this is the area where millions of dollars have already been spent just to rebuild that?

MR. SHANLEY: There was a wall already put in place. We’re extending it to ---?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: What happened? Is it just continuing to destabilize; is that ---?

MR. SHANLEY: That is correct. It's not continued further down, so we’re installing a wall adjacent to the new wall.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Okay. Thank you. I appreciate it.

MR. MCKAIN: Thanks.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other comment or remarks? Seeing none, we’ll take the roll call vote.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: 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. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY:           Yes.
MR. BARKER:          Mr. Martoni?
DR. MARTONI:         Yes.
MR. BARKER:          Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS:           Yes.
MR. BARKER:          Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE:        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, 15; no’s 0. The bill passes.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO:   We’re down to 9584-16.
MR. BARKER:          A Resolution of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, authorizing participation in the 2016 Nursing Home Intergovernmental Transfer Program proposed by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services; authorizing the transfer of funds as required by the said program and further granting authorization for any and all lawful actions necessary to effectuate Allegheny County’s participation in said program. Sponsored by the Chief Executive

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO:  Representative Palmiere.
MR. PALMIERE:        Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. McKain, will you come up and kind of explain what’s going on here, please?
MR. MCKAIN:          So Dennis Biondo is here also, our solicitor, Andy Szefi, and of course our Budget Director. So as we communicated in the committee meeting, it’s a complex subject that is difficult to understand. And the highlights are that counties with county-owned nursing homes will transfer funds to the State through the State Department of Human Services. The amount of the funds transferred is related to the amount spent by the nursing home for medical assistance recipients. The State Medical Assistance Program will return the money back to the counties in the form of nursing home medical care assistance payments, also known as Medicaid.
Essentially, what the State is doing and what this Administration is participating in, I was here in early 2000s, mid-2000s when we did it, and the program we --- our Commonwealth hasn’t participated. They’re bringing it back. Essentially, what they’re doing is is
that they’re increasing the amount the State is presenting to the federal government, the amount that we are spending on nursing homes to leverage the Medicare funds to draw down on federal share. It’s a program that translates to our County that if we transfer temporarily $12 million for about 21 days with their appropriate contracts and safeguards in place, there are 19 other counties participating, we will get the $12 million back plus approximately $3.8 million. It’s a reimbursement that’s allowed under the Social Security Act, and it’s offered to county-owned nursing homes facilities throughout the state.

That is really the executive summary of a very, very complex transaction. Mr. Biondo and Ms. Roka have been in many meetings, many conference calls with C-CAP, the Governor’s office, the Department of Human Services and the federal government. It is something that we used to do and we just have not done it before. And in committee there was a lot of information shared. I think even Council Member Klein even did some research online, but it is complex. I feel very comfortable asking you to do this, where we present the $12 million, we get the $12 million back and plus $3.8 million. And we used to do it very often and kind of got away from it in the middle 2000s is the way I would summarize this.

MS. MEANS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other ---?

MR. PALMIERE: And again, it was sent up with an affirmative recommendation, Mr. President. So I move that --- do that, please.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Under remarks?

Seeing none, let’s take the roll call vote.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?
MR. DEMARCO: Aye.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: 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. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Aye.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?
DR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: 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, 15; no’s, 0. The bill passes.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Liaison Reports. Anybody? I think Nick, Representative Futules, was first.
MR. FUTULES: Thank you. I want to recognize that on Monday, June the 13th through the 19th of June, every ten years, Oakmont hosts the U.S. Open. The event is quite an event where 50,000 to 60,000 people a day attend the golf outing or event. Tickets are still available for the U.S. Open. And I live near there and it’s amazing to watch the ---. I don’t have any of my own. It’s amazing to see the --- what goes on before the U.S. Open. They started building tents in March for this U.S. Open. And last year they moved millions of dollars’ worth of dirt on a specific property next door just for parking and tents. But what an event. I mean, it’s just so great that Allegheny County has been able to host the U.S. Open for several years before my lifetime, that’s for sure. Thank you.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Representative Kirk. I think he was next.
MS. KIRK: I attended the Health Department meeting last Wednesday. Several issues were discussed. The two main ones were about e-cigarettes and vaping, which surprised me to find out there were no regulations at all. Anyone of any age can buy e-cigarettes. They’re not monitoring the nicotine or the cleanliness of the
vaping shops. So they were looking at coming up with their own proclamations, Department of Health, but the very next day the FDA has now stepped in, and decided that they will regulate it starting in August. You’ll have to be 18 to buy them, and there’ll be warning labels and so forth. So they sort of did the job of what the Health Department was planning on.

Their other big issue was the HPV virus or vaccine. Even though it’s one the safest vaccines, it’s been around ten years, it’s very suboptimal in the rates. And they’d like to get more kids vaccinated or on it so they’re looking at maybe school clinics, more education to the parents and possibly even looking at making it mandatory because it’s so safe and the kids just aren’t getting it. So those are their main issues.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Macey, then we’ll go down.

MR. MACEY: Okay. Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. First of all, I’d just like to recognize Jim Dodero from Dodero, Matta and Cambest, a law firm. Jim has served this County and served this state quite well throughout his years. He’s a member of --- he’s actually a constituent of mine, so I’d thought I’d throw our --- just yeah, a little shout out for Jim Dodero. He’s a great guy.

In addition to that, and I mentioned this before, that the West Mifflin Number 3 Volunteer Fire Company, every Wednesday throughout the summer has a car cruise. So if you’re a car cruise buff or you have a vehicle you want to sell or you want to show off in a sense, bring it to 3722 Rodeo Drive in West Mifflin, and you can do that. And keep in mind --- and I don’t want to take this away from our fast food people, but the food there is great and it’s less expensive. And I know about food. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: The next was Representative Means.

MS. MEANS: I just wanted to encourage everyone to come to Upper St. Clair on May the 21st at their Community Day. There’ll be a parade starting at the high school, ending by the library at 11:30. And they have a great Community Day. And it’s there near the library so come on down and enjoy Upper St. Clair.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere, and then we’ll come back down this way. Go ahead.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. A couple of things. Castle Shannon is going to have their Community Day the day before Memorial Day, that Sunday afternoon. It’s a wonderful affair. It’s one of the ones I go to because I want to, not because I have to. They do a wonderful job over there, the mayor and everyone.

And I also want to give a shout out to Andy Baechle and his crew for doing a wonderful job with the parks. There’s a lot of improvements, a lot of things going on. Andy, I just want you to know that we really appreciate what you’re doing and look forward to working with you in the future.

And also, last but not least, Mr. President, I had the pleasure of running in the Pittsburgh Marathon again this year in the relay portion which I’ve never done before with 43,000 other crazies out there and it was just a wonderful experience. And I can’t tell you how much we runners appreciate all the work and effort that goes into the logistics of putting on the marathon. They just do a wonderful job. And we had people from, I can’t remember how many countries, represented, so many, almost every state in the Union. Very proud to be a part of that. And I want to thank everyone personally for doing such a wonderful job. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative --- let’s go down, Representative --- go ahead, Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: All right. Thank you. I’d just like to say in regard to that exercise equipment, I went out and tried it. It’s all right. It works.

MR. MACEY: You didn’t get hurt; did you?

MR. FINNERTY: Not me.

MR. PALMIERE: It did work before you went on it.

MR. FINNERTY: And a few things about --- Collier Township is having a Solar Makes Sense event. It’s going to be May 10th and everybody is invited. It’s a workshop, and it will be at Collier Community Center. And it’s from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. And like I said, everybody is invited if they want to go there and look at that. Collier has put a lot of solar units on their municipal building and on their Public Works Building out there. And they’ve really saved a lot of money.
In regard to Memorial Day, I think every community has something in regard to that, but just to mention that Carnegie has a big parade that’s just Saturday before Memorial Day. And Scott has something Memorial Day. Collier has something. Heidelberg has something, et cetera, et cetera.

But one thing I wanted to point out is Memorial Day, the Memorial Day celebration at Soldiers and Sailors. It’s Monday, May the 30th, and it’s from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. And it’s a special, special ceremony they have at 11:00 o’clock for the fallen Pennsylvania service members from the War on Terror. And if you can, try to attend it. And they have --- the Sixth Regiment Drum and Bugle Corp will perform. And there’s all-day events going on at Soldiers and Sailors. Also, you have free admission to the Hall that day, so if you can get out there and see that, it’s quite a big celebration. And they really do a great job out there. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay, Representative DeMarco.

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President. In 1962 President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day. And the week in which that falls is Police Week. I was pleased to be able to attend two ceremonies this past weekend. On Friday evening in South Park at the Buffalo Inn, the local municipal police associations held a memorial honoring the police officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. It was attended by former Commissioner Dunn, Congressman Murphy, Judge Arnoni and myself.

On Saturday, I was able to attend a ceremony on the North Shore which was held over there, again, celebrating and honoring, remembering --- not celebrating, remembering the men and women who have given their lives in the line of duty. And I think it’s important that we remember these folks and remember their families who bear that cost for the rest of their lives there. And just I’d appreciate for everyone to think about that. And thank you very much for your time.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Representative Baker.

MR. BAKER: Thanks, Mr. President. Just echoing what Mr. Palmiere said, the marathon was amazing so congratulations to Patrice Matamoros and her whole team.
Thanks to all the County staff, and all that everyone does to make it incredible success. I will say in reviewing the numbers, Mr. Palmiere is faster than one Baker, not as fast as the other. But he is faster than me, so he’s the fastest runner on County Council. So good job to Mr. Palmiere, who definitely ran faster than I did in the marathon. But it’s been a great couple of weeks. I mean, Komen obviously brings out thousands of people, and just an amazing event last Sunday.

I will say our law enforcement does an incredible job with the Special Olympics. Our annual 6K on the busway is this Sunday, if you’re still interested in getting involved. It starts in Carnegie at the Port Authority stop and it’s incredible. I’ve done it the last couple of years. It’s just an amazing event.

I want to thank Councilmen Kress and DeMarco. I’m a finalist for Man of the Year for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. These guys are coming to cheer me on and be good friends and colleagues on Friday night. I won’t win again. I guess that’s the theme, but the event itself --- because we have people raising hundreds of thousands. Last year the event ---.

MR. KRESS: Just think positively. Just think positive.

MR. BAKER: They raised something like $500,000, so I’m just proud to be part of it. The only other event that we could be winners at, Mixers and Shakers is May 26th. It’s with the Airport Chamber. I’ll be one of the Shakers, so I do have tickets if anyone wants to join me as a guest for that event. And I want to thank Councilman Klein who’s joining me this Saturday. We’re giving a proclamation at Dancing Classrooms for all of you with schools, in the City schools. It’s an incredible event. These kids go through weeks and weeks of preparation to be ballroom dancers. And the pride and the enthusiasm they have --- it’ll be Councilman Klein’s first time going on Saturday morning at Allderdice, in his District. It's literally amazing. So so many good things going on in our County and so much to be proud of.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Real quick I want to congratulate or thank Representative Kress. I co-sponsored the Jobs Fair in Millvale. And also Michelle from our office and Joe Cantanese were there. So I want to thank everybody for the work they did there. So ---.

MR. KLEIN: One more.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: One more? I was supposed to be last. How did you sneak in?

MR. KLEIN: Yesterday, I attended the inauguration and investiture of the President of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary which I learned is the second oldest Presbyterian Theological Seminary in the country after Princeton, and David Esterline is the new president. And it was quite an event.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Moving along.

MR. BARKER: An Ordnance 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 dancing event on the Andy Warhol, 9th Street, Bridge to be known as Ball on the Bridge on Saturday, June 18th, 2016. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We’re going to put that into Public Works.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny County, 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 Rachel Carson Bridge, 9th Street, Bridge to be known as Picklesburgh 2016 between Thursday, July 14th, 2016 and Sunday, July 17th, 2016. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We’ll put that in Public Works Committee.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the grant of a temporary license agreement to Peony Entertainment for the purpose of staging a series of boxing matches on the Roberto Clemente, 6th Street, Bridge between boxers from the United States versus boxers from Cuba to be known as Boxing on the Bridge on or about July 30th, 2016. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That’ll go to Public Works Committee.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny granting authority to demolish certain structures in Stowe Township, Deer Lakes Park and Boyce Park. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That’ll go to Public Works Committee. 9628-16.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the South Park Roller Hockey League, SPRHL, to use real property in the County’s South Park. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That’ll go to Public Works Committee. 9629-16.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the Friends of South Park to enter onto the County’s South Park for the purpose of constructing a bocce court and two horseshoe pits on Edgebrook Field, with the County to retain ownership of the bocce court and horseshoe pits. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That’ll go to Public Works Committee. 9630-16.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the naming of the access road adjacent to the Nurses Memorial Monument in the County’s South Park as Nurses Lane. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That’ll go to the Public Works Committee. 9631-16.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2016, Submission #04-16. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That’ll go the Budget and Finance Committee.

New Business, Motions. I don’t see any. Notification of Contracts, 9623-16.

MR. BARKER: Communication summarizing approved executive actions from April 1st, 2016 through April 30th, 2016.

MR. FINNERTY: Receiving a copy.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Someone want to just second that?

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Public Comment on General Items, we don’t have any. Someone want to make a motion to adjourn?

MR. FINNERTY: You got it.
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

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

MEETING ADJOINED AT 6:17 P.M.
CERTIFICATE

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