ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

BEFORE:

John P. Defazio - President
Nicholas Futules - Vice President, District 7
Samuel DeMarco, III - Council-At-Large
Tom Baker - District 1
Cindy Kirk - District 2
Anita Prizio - District 3
Patrick Catena - District 4 - (Via Telephone)
Sue Means - District 5
John F. Palmiere - District 6 - (Via Telephone)
Robert J. Macey - District 9
Dewitt Walton - District 10
Paul Klein - District 11
Robert Palmosina - District 12
Denise Ranalli-Russell - District 13

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IN ATTENDANCE:
Jared Barker - Director of Legislative Services
Jack Cambest - Allegheny County Council Solicitor
Ken Varhola - Chief of Staff
Sarah Roka - Budget Assistant
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: The meeting will come to order. Will you all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and remain standing for silent prayer or reflection. After me ---.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)
(Silent prayer or reflection.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Roll call?

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER: Here.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?
MR. CATENA: Here.
MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?
MR. DEMARCO: Here.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Here.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?
MS. KIRK: Here.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?
MR. KLEIN: Here.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Present.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?
(No response.)
MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Here.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Here.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?
MR. PALMOSINA: Here.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?
MS. PRIZIO: Here.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?
MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Here.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON: Here.
MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Here.
MR. BARKER: We have 14 members present.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10764-18.
MR. BARKER: A Proclamation recognizing the month of September 2018 as Love Your Library Month 2018 in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Members Baker and DeMarco.

MR. MACEY: May I be a co-sponsor as well, please I love my library.
MS. KIRK: I love my library, too.

MR. BAKER: We would welcome all co-sponsors certainly, who also love their --- their --- only if you’re wearing your button --- your button, though --- that's the --- oh, Cindy okay. Marilyn declares you --- President DeFazio is in.

All right. Well, we're glad to have Marilyn Jenkins here. She is the executive director of ACLA, the Allegheny County Library Association. I've been on the Board for ACLA for a couple years now. Councilman DeMarco and Councilman DeFazio both serve on the library for the City of Pittsburgh so --- which is part of ACLA. And I feel really proud to get to serve on this Board with ACLA and get to serve with Marilyn and all of our colleagues. It's been a great experience.

Councilwoman Kirk and I just got to be out at Northland Public Library for the 50th anniversary which was a great, great event, and we've held some joint office hours together at that library. And Councilman DeMarco and I actually did some joint office hours at the Western Allegheny Community Library which is very fun and enjoyable and got the word out in a positive way as well. We'll read the Proclamation and then --- Sam, did you want to --- Councilman DeMarco, did you want to say something?

MR. DEMARCO: Nope.

MR. BAKER: Okay.

So I’ll read the Proclamation. Marilyn, thanks for being here.

WHEREAS, the city's libraries are vibrant community centers that provide information, access to residents of all ages, offering innovative resources and fueling creativity and civic engagement and;

WHEREAS, libraries help children and families discover new and exciting worlds through collections, access to computers, digital resources and special programming and;

WHEREAS, all libraries in Allegheny County benefit from philanthropic gifts that supplemental annual budgets to enable them to enhance services and programs available to all County residents and;

WHEREAS, the Love Your Library campaign began in 2016 as a way for library lovers in Allegheny County to support their local libraries and sustain essential services and;
WHEREAS, Love Your Library has helped the Allegheny County Library association, ACLA and its member libraries raise awareness about the importance of libraries, library cards and the services available to all people in our communities and;

WHEREAS, Love Your Library has been generously supported by the Jack Buncher Foundation by providing significant matching funds and promotional dollars to mark at the initiative;

WHEREAS, more than 5,500 library donors have contributed over $1.2 million during the first two years of the Love Your Library campaign and;

WHEREAS, Love Your Library has created more library advocates by encouraging customers, library Board members and staff to participate in a unifying countywide effort;

WHEREAS, Love Your Library will once again take place during the month of September and all donations made to any library in Allegheny County through September will be generously matched by the Jack Buncher Foundation;

WHEREAS, all library lovers in Allegheny County are encouraged to show their library love during the month of September 2018.

NOW. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we Allegheny County Council Members, Tom Baker, Sam DeMarco. I think just about everyone signed on board, which is great, recognize the month September of 2018 as Love Your Library month 2018 in Allegheny County and congratulations. It's your month.

MS. JENKINS: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. JENKINS: And congratulations to the Council Member over here who was the first to wear his Love Your Library badge.

MR. BAKER: Oh, Councilman Palmosina, okay. Do you have any update or anything you want to share?

MS. JENKINS: I do want to just acknowledge that the Jack Buncher Foundation was principally responsible for helping libraries start this campaign. We recognize that government support for libraries gives us a solid foundation, but it’s private donors who recognize the value in their own community. So we're really happy to sponsor this event throughout September so be sure to love your library. Thank you.
MR. BAKER: And I would just encourage my colleagues. If you're ever looking for a place to hold community-wide office hours in your districts, it's been really easy to work with Northland and it’s been really easy to work with Western --- with West Allegheny. So I'm sure your local community libraries as well would love to have you. And if you're not sure who the executive director or director is there, I'm sure Marilyn would be happy to connect you with them. Okay. Marilyn brought props. We got a picture or a poster for her photo today.

MS. JENKINS: And by all means, go visit your library and get your picture taken locally. They would appreciate that for their newsletters.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10765-18.

MR. BARKER: A Proclamation declaring Tuesday, September 11th, 2018 as National Diaper Need Awareness Day in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

MR. BAKER: And I do not believe the diaper bank is here. Okay. There not here yet. So if it's okay, Mr. President if we could go back later if they get here. If not, we'll get in contact with them soon.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We'll go back. 10766-18 and the other ones will be read into the record. Do you want to ---?

MR. BARKER: 10766-18. A Proclamation congratulating Etna Borough as it celebrates 150 years since its incorporation. Sponsored by Council Member Prizio and Council Member Ranalli-Russell.

10767-18. A Proclamation celebrating and recognizing Wali Jamal Abdullah for his dedication to August Wilson's plays and being the only known actor to have successfully performed in all 11 plays in the Pulitzer Prize-winning writer's American Century Cycle. Sponsored by Council Member Walton.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Public comment on agenda items?

MR. BARKER: We have none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We have none. Approval of minutes?

MR. BARKER: Also none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: None. 107 --- what is it, 658-18.

MR. BARKER: 10758-18. Approving the appointment of Laura Poskin to serve as a member of the
Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a term effective from January 1st, 2019 through December 31st, 2022. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 10759-18.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Rachel Wonderlin, MS, to serve as a member of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a term effective from January 1st, 2019 through December 31st, 2022. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10760-18.

MR. BARKER: I apologize. Was that referred to Appointment Review as well?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, it'll go to --- yeah.


PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: It'll be referred up to the Committee on Appointment Review. 10761-18.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Demmler Schenck to serve as a member of the Council of Friends organization for Harrison Hills for a term to expire on September 12th, 2020. Sponsored by Council Member Futules.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Futules?

MR. FUTULES: I make a motion to approve this candidate.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.

10762-18.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Dennis Johns to serve as a member of the Council of Friends organization for Harrison Hills for a term to expire on September 12th, 2020. Sponsored by Council Member Futules.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Futules?

MR. FUTULES: I make a motion to approve this appointment.

MR. MACEY: Second.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.
(Chorus of ayes.)
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
10723-18.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Anthony Saveikis to serve as a member of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2020. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco?
MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President. The Committee on Appointment Review met on Wednesday, September 5th and recommended the reappointment of Anthony Saveikis to serve as a member of the Agricultural Preservation Board. I'd like to make a motion.

MS. MEANS: Second.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.
(Chorus of ayes.)
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
10725-18.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Fengyan Tang to serve as a member of the Area on Aging Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31st, 2021. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco?
MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President. On Wednesday, September 5th the Committee on Appointment Review met and recommended that Fengyan Tang be appointed to serve as a member of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council. I'd like to make a motion.

MS. MEANS: Second.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.
(Chorus of ayes.)
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
10744-18.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Arthur R. Pang to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Human Relations Commission for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco?
MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President. On Wednesday, September 5th, the Committee on Appointment Review met and approved the appointment of Arthur R. Pang
to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Human Relations Commission. I'd like to make a motion.

MS. MEANS: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? All those in favor signify by saying --- wait a minute. No more --- no remarks, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.

10745-18.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Pachavit Kasemsap, MD, MBA, FACS, to serve as a member for the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31st, 2020. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Mr. President, on Wednesday, September 5th, the Committee of Appointment Review met and recommended the appointment of Dr. Kasemsap to serve as a member of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council. I'd like to make a motion.

MR. FUTULES: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.

10722-18.


PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Thank you, Mr. President. At its meeting on August 30th, 2018 the Committee on Budget and Finance affirmatively recommended approval of this resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2018. At this time, I offer a motion for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?

MS. MEANS: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah?

MS. MEANS: Thank you for recognizing me. Both of these additions to our budget are --- are wonderful. The first addition is to take and create a special account for the profits from the commissary so --- in the jail.
And then, they take that money and then the jail advisory Board authorizes how to use the money to benefit the programs and the prisoners.

So it’s --- it's --- and when you took at the amount of 1.4 million dollars, it’s --- it’s --- it has the ability to take in that much money. It's not like we're putting 1.4 million dollars into this account. It’s just --- it just is the parameters of this account. So it’s --- it’s a good thing to account of the money that comes in and then how the money is spent. So that --- that's a good thing.

The other wonderful thing is --- the second part is a federal grant from the substance abuse and mental health services administration and it’s a --- a program to give medication to the prisoners so that they won't --- they can be cured of their addiction. They'll be able to not crave drugs and then also to reduce recidivism. So it's a wonderful opportunity to see if this program works, and then at the end of the program they'll be some reporting back and maybe even continue the program in the future. So they're both really good and I highly recommend voting for both of these grants. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. 10719 --- did we vote? No, no okay. There is a --- maybe a motion?

MR. KLEIN: It’s been moved and seconded.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seconded? Under remarks?

Any more remarks? Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye?

MS. MEANS: Don’t we have to take a roll call vote, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, for an ordinance or --- yeah, that's a roll call vote.

MR. BARKER: All in favor.

MR. BAKER:  Aye.

MR. BARKER:  Mr. Catena?

MR. CATENA:  Yes.

MR. BARKER:  Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO:  Yes.

MR. BARKER:  Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES:  Yes.

MR. BARKER:  Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK:  Yes.

MR. BARKER:  Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN:  Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?
(No response.)
MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?
MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?
MS. PRIZIO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?
MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON: Yes.
MR. BARKER: President Defazio?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ayes 14, nos zero. The bill passes.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10719-18.
MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing use of property in the County's South Park for use by the Allegheny County Parks Foundation. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Palmiere is not here, so I am going to make a motion?
MR. MACEY: So moved.
MS. MEANS: Oh, Mr. Palmiere is on the phone, Mr. President. He's here?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, he's not here but can he hear us? Yeah, I know he's allowed he can make ---
MR. PALMIERE: Yeah, I can hear you. Mr. President, can you guys hear me?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, go ahead.
MR. PALMIERE: Okay. I --- we met about a week ago on this particular item and that was an affirmative --- affirmative recommendation, Mr. President, and I move for approval.
MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Second.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?
Representative?
MS. MEANS: Yeah. I attended the meeting and I just wanted to share with the citizens and the other
Council Members how wonderful it is that once again, the County Parks Foundation is partnering with us to help us plant some trees and do some repair to our stream and catfish --- catfish run in Bethel and --- I'm sorry South Park. It's in the Bethel part of South Park, but that's not --- that's not information really necessary, but it's just a wonderful opportunity and they're investing 40 --- let me see, I'm sorry. They're giving us $5,300 worth in trees and shrubs and the County is matching that in an equal amount of labor.

So again, $5,300 in labor, and I don't know, Mr. President, I think it would be great to have Andy Baechle or someone from the County come and talk about how many trees and shrubs and bushes and the whole project. It's a really positive and wonderful thing and I just --- Mr. President, Mr. --- if the parks director is here, could he ---?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Wait a minute, he's not here?

MS. MEANS: Yeah, he's here.
MR. FUTULES: Yeah, Andy is back there.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Do you want to come up, Andy?

MS. MEANS: And also I'd like to share that, you know our in-house landscaper and the foundation landscaper are working together to create a --- to really beautify catfish run and restore some of the damage to the --- to the bank there. And I'm not sure. Did that damage happen in the --- on June 20th in the flooding or was it just --- Mr. Director?

MR. BAECHLE: That was a few questions in a row.
MS. MEANS: Yeah, yeah, sorry.
MR. MCKAIN: What damage did you want to ---?
MS. MEANS: Well, I said that --- that catfish run, did it sustain damage on June 20th in the big rain? Is that why we're doing this restoration project here?
MR. BAECHLE: It will help in the future. We had planned on it before the flood came.
MS. MEANS: Oh, okay.
MR. BAECHLE: But we know that it's a good thing to do.
MS. MEANS: Yeah, and how many trees are you planting? Was it 650, did I get the number right?
MR. BAECHLE: Correct. You have 100 one-gallon containers of perennial plants, 650 two-gallon containers
of trees, 35 big ball --- ball burlapped trees and 500 willow stakes, they count as trees also. So you're --- you're looking --- you're talking over 1,000 trees.

MS. MEANS: And are the --- and the trees are going to be planted with volunteers from a school district. Is that correct?

MR. MCKAIN: So, about 100 from Gateway.

MS. MEANS: Well, isn't that wonderful.

MR. MCKAIN: It's a great partnership.

MS. MEANS: And you see the trees being planted this Fall and the stones being put in the Spring? Is that --- that the plan?

MR. BAECHLE: Correct, correct.

MR. MCKAIN: Correct.

MS. MEANS: Yeah.

MR. BAECHLE: Some of these trees will go where that old house was by the ice rink.

MR. MEANS: Yeah, the maze house, yep.

MR. MCKAIN: Yeah. Yes, that would be South Park.

MR. BAECHLE: I got 600 trees going in North Park next year.

MR. MCKAIN: Yeah.

MR. MACEY: Just 600?

MS. KIRK: Yeah, I thought it was 1,000.

MR. MCKAIN: Next --- next it'll be White Oak.

MS. MEANS: Well, thank you very much and I want to thank the Parks Foundation for once again partnering with us to make our parks more beautiful. Thank you. I will be in favor of this motion.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Is there any other remarks? Seeing none, we'll take the roll call vote.

MR. BARKER: On the motion to approve.

Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?

MR. CATENA: Yeah.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?
MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?
MS. PRIZIO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?
MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON: Yes.
MR. BARKER: President Defazio?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ayes 14, nos zero. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10720-18.
MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorizing Late Seventies Productions, LLC to use certain County-owned real and personal property in connection with filming a television series. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President, Thank you. I would like Mr. Baechle to come up and explain this situation also. I wanted to spare him the first time, but since he's up there I want to have him explain this, please? And then we met with him about a week ago and it was an affirmative recommendation but I'd like him to explain this, please.

MR. MCKAIN: So Mr. Palmiere, this is Willie, and Andy and I will both do this. So this is for Mindhunter, Season Two. It's a Netflix TV series. The plan is for 140 filming days in 2018. There is 400 Allegheny County residents employed full time by the production, 4,900 hotel room nights in --- in this year. 3,600 Allegheny County residents will be employed as extras as production.

There are unions that are provided work from this, in particular Mechanics Local 489 and the Teamsters Local 249 derive a lot of economic benefit from this. Also, they'll be employing carpenters, painters, drivers, location scouts, interns, local colleges, car and truck
rentals. Obviously when they're here, they spend money. They spend money --- we get hotel tax money, sales tax money.

The other thing is --- that's immeasurable is that it showcases our County and --- and --- and we always say this when we talk to Council and the Executive. Once someone is in our parks, we got them, they'll always come back and I think that this is actually a tribute to that. They came back to us because they have a successful product but also I think they like working with us. I'll ask Andy to maybe tell you a little bit about which locations and as Park Director, we always want Andy's input to make sure it's not disrupting our customers that visit our parks.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. McKain.

MR. MCKAIN: Sure.

MR. BAECHLE: Thanks, Willy. They're going to film September 24th to 29th at North Ridge Drive in North Park. They're going to rent all the facilities on the road. They're also going to rent the upstairs and downstairs of the ice rink and the parking lot. They'll pay $1,000 a day while there filming and all the fees that are associated with the facilities, plus they'll pay all costs associated with the police and that.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. Baechle. Mr. President, I move for approval.

MR. FUTULES: I believe I have a ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Hold on one second, Representative Futules had a question?

MR. FUTULES: I need --- I need the advice of our solicitor. These people are my clients. Should I abstain from this, the people that own this production?

ATTORNEY CAMBEST: Are you getting any personal benefit or gain from it?

MR. FUTULES: On this vote, no, but they're my clients.

ATTORNEY CAMBEST: When you said they are your clients, what ---?

MR. FUTULES: They're renting my facility.

ATTORNEY CAMBEST: Then you are, you should abstain.

MR. FUTULES: Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere, you have a question?
MR. PALMIERE: I just --- just to move for approval, Mr. President. Thank you.
MS. MEANS: Second.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?
MS. MEANS: I'd just like to make a remark about --- this is supposed to have an economic impact on our County of $70 million. So it's a really wonderful thing that movie industry comes here and uses our facility and no --- and as Mr. Baechle alluded, no one has been --- an imposition, no one was renting any of the shelters and had to be inconvenienced or rescheduled.
So that's a wonderful --- it's just a wonderful opportunity for our County and I think when they're paying all there rental fees to the County, it's another $4,500 and I wanted to mention that, too. Again, this is a great opportunity for the County and I'm in support of it. Thank you, Mr. President.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Seeing no more, we'll have the roll call.
MR. BARKER: On the motion to approve.

MR. BAKER: Yes.
MR. BAKER: Mr. Catena?
MR. CATENA: Yes.
MR. BAKER: Mr. DeMarco?
MR. DEMARCO: Yes.
MR. BAKER: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Abstain.
MR. BAKER: Ms. Kirk?
MS. KIRK: Yes.
MR. BAKER: Mr. Klein?
MR. KLEIN: Yes.
MR. BAKER: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. BAKER: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. BAKER: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. BAKER: Mr. Palmosina?
MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.
MR. BAKER: Ms. Prizio?
MS. PRIZIO: Yes.
MR. BAKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?
MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.
MR. BAKER: Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON: Yes.
MR. BARKER: President Defazio?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ayes 13, nos zero with one abstention. The bill passes.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Liaison reports? Let me --- let me say something real quick on liaison reports. I think I speak for everybody on this. This is 9/11, and our thoughts and prayers are going out to the families and people that suffered and passed away on this issue. So I think I speak for everybody on that. Any other? Rep --- yes?

MR. WALTON: Yes, Mr. President. I'd like to remind Members of Council and the general public that next Thursday on September 20th, we will have the third of four public meetings on the --- on gathering information for the citizens police review board. And again, the following Thursday on September 26th we will do the --- next Thursday will be in Duquesne at the elementary school and the following week will be at the Father Ryan Center in McKees Rocks.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.
Any other? Representative Means?
MS. MEANS: Thank you, Mr. President. First of all, I wanted to thank Horses with Hope for a very successful event this Saturday in Bethel Park on Saturday the 8th. And what Horses of Hope are, it's equine therapy for children with special needs. They recently expanded their therapy to include troubled teenagers from the court system, and Saturday was a kick-off and a day to honor veterans and the kick-off for equine therapy for veterans. So I want to thank them and congratulate them for their wonderful kick-off of their event.

And also, I want to remind everyone that the friends of South Park will be hosting a fall harvest oldies dance on October the 19th from 7:00 to 11:00 in the home economics building. If you're interested in attending, visit their website to purchase tickets at www.southparkfriends.org. Thank you, Mr. President.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other remarks? Seeing none --- seeing none, we'll go to 10755-18.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing use of property in the County's South Park for use by South
Hills Senior Softball League. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Parks. 10756-18.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny ratifying amendments to the Allegheny County Health Department's Rules and Regulations, Article XV, Plumbing and Building Drainage. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services. 10757-18.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the Council of the County of Allegheny adopting and authorizing participation in the Smallman Street Tax Increment Financing Plan, as presented by the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and authorizing related agreements. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Housing. 10763-18.

MR. BARKER: A Motion of the Council of Allegheny County authorizing the President of Council to conduct public hearings pursuant to Section 801.05 of the Administrative Code on Tuesday, November 13th at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 14th at 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, November 15th at 5:00 p.m. in the Gold Room of the Allegheny County Courthouse. Sponsored by Council Member Klein.

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

MR. KLEIN: Oh, sorry about that. We --- we are hoping to plan --- we are hoping to do budget hearings on those dates, the 13th, the 14th and the 15th. And at this time, I am offering a motion for ---

MR. MACEY: So moved.

MR. KLEIN: --- approval by Council.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Second? Under remarks? Seeing none, let's have a motion --- all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. 10768-18.

MR. BARKER: A communication summarizing approved executive actions from August 1st through August 31st, 2018.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Does someone want to make a motion received and ---.

MR. WALTON: So moved.

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Second.


(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.

Public comment?

MR. BAKER: Mr. President, if I have a point of ---.

MS. KIRK: The diaper people are here.

MR. BAKER: Yeah, the folks --- the Battles, the directors, the founders.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay, go ahead.

MR. BAKER: If that's okay?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. BAKER: Okay.

All right. So we're going to back --- we'll go back to Proclamations. Is that okay?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. BARKER: Would you like me to re-read the title?

MR. BAKER: All right. Thank you, Mr. President. It's good to have the Battles here with us tonight, Reverend Philip Battle and Cathy Battle. I got a chance to go to their high tea last year which was a great experience. My wife and I really enjoyed our afternoon with both of you and congratulate you on just founding such a positive movement, of doing good here in the region.

One in three in children are in need of diapers in our region and have --- have needs that are very, very important. As somebody who is very new to the diaper industry, I will --- just last year, which we just had a baby --- I will say that it is just something that's so
important and critical in the lives of our children. So with that, I'm going to read the Proclamation and we'll hear a couple words from Cathy and Reverend Battle.

WHEREAS, 5.9 million people babies in the U.S. age three or younger are from low-income families with one in three mothers unable to provide their children a basic essential for health and hygiene, a clean diaper;

WHEREAS, those little diapers cost up to $150 per month per baby with no government assistance and parent --- and parents cannot take children to daycare without diapers, preventing them from working or attending school;

WHEREAS, lack of clean diapers can jeopardize a child's chance to develop cognitive abilities and language skills normally and contribute to home environments with more attention, less nurturing and possible abuse;

WHEREAS, there is an estimated need of 77,000 diapers per day for children of low-income families in Allegheny County and;

WHEREAS, the nonprofit Western PA Diaper Bank established in 2012 and based in Pittsburgh's east end is the only local organization that has addressed this need as its sole purpose and is the only diaper bank in the state west of Harrisburg;

WHEREAS, the Western PA Diaper Bank in following it's mission to help ensure that babies are in need --- that are in need of clean, healthy and dry diapers. Over these last six years, they've done an incredible amount of work in working with 24 social service agency partners;

WHEREAS, the Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank envisions a community where all families have an equal opportunity to thrive and joins the National Diaper Bank Network in raising awareness of critical need during National Diaper Need Awareness Week, September 24th through the 30th.

Your event is perfectly right in there, right? It's September 29th, the high tea, which will be in Oakland again this year?

MS. BATTLES: Yes.

MR. BAKER: NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I County Council Member, Tom Baker, do hereby declare National Diaper Need Awareness Day in Allegheny County and I'd ask our citizens to join with the Western PA Diaper Bank in their efforts to ensure that the diaper crisis is solved and every child has a basic essential, a clean dry
diaper. So congratulations to the Battles. It is your
day. So we got a copy for both of you, so give a big
round of applause to the Battles.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: And --- and I think what I learned
last year at the event, was it 500,000 diapers that you've
provided so far or is that a typical year?

MS. BATTLE: Yes.

MR. BAKER: Which is really, really incredible.

So yeah, per year or total?

MS. BATTLE: Total altogether. We started the
diaper bank in 2012 and that very first year we gave away
12,000 diapers. Last year in our fifth year we gave away
over 300,000 diapers. This year we're going to give away
over 400,000 diapers, and that's just touching the need in
our community. But that's one in three American families
struggling to provide diapers for their babies and diapers
are a basic necessity but there's no government
assistance.

So families are having to choose to buy food or
diapers, pay a bill or diapers, or buy any other household
necessities or diapers. And so that's where we come in.
We come in and we try to diaper as many baby bottoms as we
can because those are the smallest citizens of our
community. And they're our future and somebody has to do
it and they need it. And so we always say the blessing is
in the diaper. So whether you give or it's that baby in
the diaper, the blessing is right there and our --- the
24th through --- September 24th through September 30th is
diaper need awareness week and that's where we try to
raise as many diapers for this community as we can.

So if you see yourself holding a diaper drive or
donating to the Western Pa diaper bank, we'd appreciate
it. The blessing is in the diaper.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: And if I could ask all my colleagues
to take a picture with the Battle family, that'd be great.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Are they --- are they free
to any area or ---?

MR. BATTLE: Right. Well, actually, it’s no
cost to the service. We raise --- we have diaper drives
and we raise money so that people are provided. We have a
relationship with Huggies through the national diaper bank
and National Diaper Awareness Week is a national event.
MS. KIRK: So it's better to give cash than diapers because you get a better deal?

MR. BATTLE: We get a better deal, yes. But we'll take whatever. And also, now we've started to give away feminine hygiene supplies to the homeless and different folks.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Jared, did we act on 10768?

MR. BARKER: Yes, that was done.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We'll move down then to --- did we vote on that, we voted?

MR. BARKER: Yes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Let's move down to public comment on general items.

MR. BARKER: We have two, first up is Karen Mamajek.

MS. MAMAJEK: I can't match diapers. That was awesome, those people. That was great. My name is Karen Mamajek. Is this --- I just pull it down? Okay. I live in Bethel Park. I'm a lifetime resident of Allegheny County. I represent the Saddle Up Open Horse Show Series. We host four horse shows every year at South Park and have for many years.

I am here to strongly oppose the construction of a public works maintenance shed and salt barn at the lot on the corner of Brownsville and McCorkle Roads. This lot is adjacent to the horse show ring, and it's vital for our horse show parking. Without adequate parking space, this facility cannot be used for its intended purpose. It is also jam packed every Friday night during the warm months for concert parking. This decision was made with total disregard for the people who use this facility.

The Syria Shrine Horse Patrol also has held shows there for 53 years. I have personally assisted in putting on over 200 horse shows here for various groups. Parking is always tight, even with this lot. There is some parking around the ring itself, but if it rains a day or two before the show, it is unusable because of flooding.

Shows in this arena attract many exhibitors and spectators, including a large number of 4H kids. Typically, this means 30 to 50 horse trailers with trucks plus many cars. We need a lot of parking space. There are a number of other sites in South Park suitable for public works use. You have over 2,000 acres to choose a site. We have nowhere else to go. Please reconsider this
unfair decision and put your maintenance shed on a site that isn't being used for recreational purposes like this one is. It's our park, too, and we only use a small corner of it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Next?
MR. BARKER: Next up is Rita Chergi.
MS. CHERGI: Hi, I'm also from South Park and it's nice to see you. This is the first time I've been here and to see all you in work. Okay, I'm here on behalf of my spouse, myself, my neighbor and my neighbors of South Park. All right. I --- now, I'm going to talk real fast because they told me I only have three minutes, okay. So I'll read it real quick.

I moved to South Park 38 years ago and ran into a rundown house. Thirty-eight (38) years of labor --- and moved into a rundown house. Thirty-eight (38) years of labor, raising four daughters are home became our castle to me and my spouse. We loved the solitude of the park as it bordered us on two sides, a neighbor on one side and a school behind me. So I mean, I --- you see where I sit now.

We work hard for everything we have as we are both self-employed and put in long hours. I will speak fast as I only have three minutes. After paying County taxes for 38 years, I can't believe I get three minutes. I think that should be worked out.

The solitude and respect was lost 20 years ago, or maybe longer when a plan of homes was built up on Ridge Road. They piped the water under the road and washed way a good part of the land. My neighbors' got washed first and then mine second. The borough blamed it on the County, the County blamed it on the borough. 'Til this day, nobody will take responsibility. That is tax dollars washed down the drain. The school decided to build a new school. I accepted all the noise and tearing down of the old school. It was for the young people of South Park, but 'til this day, the trucks are still flying up and down McCorkle Road.

I thought it was the end, then the field was to be replaced, so it started all over again. So this --- I don't know where all these trucks come and go to, I mean what they do. So no, that wasn't the end. The County decided to put in a dog park across the street from my house on McCorkle Road.
Now, it's not just the trucks, it's not just the water, but it's the barking dogs now. There --- there are rundown buildings right across from the amphitheater. If they want to put the maintenance building anywhere, those buildings are sitting like eyesores. They could raise the roof on one of them and build a saltbox back in that corner. I don't know why they have to build on that lot on Brownsville and McCorkle. There are rundown buildings on that park and they should be used.

This is a residential neighborhood where I live. I hope you know that. Your trucks again will a noise nuisance on McCorkle Road. It'll be a dirty mess and I have some pictures I can give you so that you could look over them where you previously have mess, okay.

The amphitheater will have less parking. They don't have enough now. The horse rink is used more than you think, not just for shows. Many people, during the week, they bring their kids there to learn how to --- how to ride. Is that for me?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MS. CHERGI: Am I done?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That's your phone call. Go ahead, one more sentence. Hurry up.

MS. CHERGI: I have pictures of cars and school bus --- the school buses and the traffic problem is bad now. I have pictures of those cars, how they plow down that road in the morning, in the middle of the day and --- and it's around 2:30, three o'clock. It is so bad that the buses do not stop at the stop sign so they can get out of there. That is how much traffic there is. I cannot plan on going anywhere at this time. The young people, they drive to school, the teenagers. You think they're not going to come down Brownsville Road and flip up McCorkle and while your trucks are pulling in and out?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. You're going to have to end it.

MS. CHERGI: Okay.

Well, I'm done. So it --- it's a danger waiting for it to happen. You got to remember, though, this is not the County's property. It's the peoples. The people that pay you, so I would like you to consider how to run the ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you.

MS. CHERGI: How you will ruin the park, so ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Amen.
(Applause.)

MS. CHERGI: I had a little bit more but I --- like I say, I think there should be something there that ---. I practiced. My husband told me no.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Whoa, you guys are. Hello, we're having a meeting here,. Let's go. DeWitt, do you have a question about --- about the meeting time? No, I'm talking about the executive?

MR. WALTON: Oh no, we're --- we're having executive meetings immediately --- immediately following this.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Is there a motion?

MR. WALTON: Motion to adjourn.

MS. MEANS: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 5:46 p.m.
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