

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

Richard Fitzgerald	-	President, District 11
Charles J. Martoni	-	Vice President, District 8
John P. DeFazio	-	Council-At-Large
Chuck McCullough	-	Council-At-Large
Matt Drozd	-	District 1
Jan Rea	-	District 2
James R. Burn, Jr.	-	District 3
Michael J. Finnerty	-	District 4
Vince Gastgeb	-	District 5
Joan Cleary	-	District 6
Nick Futules	-	District 7
Robert Macey	-	District 9
William Russell Robinson	-	District 10
Jim Ellenbogen	-	District 12
Amanda Green	-	District 13

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IN ATTENDANCE:

James Flynn - County Manager
Michael Wojcik - County Solicitor
Joseph Catanese - Director of Constituent Services
John H. Rushford, Jr. - Counsel for County Council
Jared Barker - Director, Legislative Services
Jennifer Liptak - Budget Director

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: I'm going to call the meeting to order. Welcome to the Wednesday, May 20th meeting of County Council. If everybody would please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance and then if you would remain standing for a moment of silent prayer or reflection.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

(Moment of silent prayer or reflection.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Thank you. Please call the roll.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?
MR. BURN: Here.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Cleary?
MS. CLEARY: Present.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?
MR. DEFAZIO: Here.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?
MR. DROZD: Here.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Here.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Here.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Here.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Gastgeb?
MR. GASTGEB: Here (via telephone).
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green?
MS. GREEN: Present.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Here.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?
MR. MARTONI: Here.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. McCullough?
MR. MCCULLOUGH: Present.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?
MS. REA: Here.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Present.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Fitzgerald, President?

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Here.

MR. CATANESE: All Council present, 15 members.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Proclamations/
certificates. 4863-09.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation celebrating the men and women in the Department of Public Works and declaring the week of May 17 through 23rd, 2009 as Public Works Week

in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Members Macey, Fitzgerald, Martoni, Burn, Cleary, Drozd, Finnerty, Futules, Green, Rea, Robinson and DeFazio.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Councilman Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President. You know, in these trying times, it's always been pretty tough to get a lot of the work that needs to be done in Allegheny County. We all know that our infrastructure is certainly suffering and that many times we have to just do the best we can with what we got. But we have a team in the Allegheny County Public Works Department that can get more done with less, and I'd like to introduce them. The Director is Joe Olczak. Please come up. Deputy Director, Phil LaMay and Cathy Trexler.

Whereas, Public Works' infrastructure, facilities and services are vital and important to the health, safety and well being of the people of Allegheny County.

And whereas, such facilities and services cannot be provided without the dedicated efforts of Public Works professionals, engineers and administrators.

And whereas, representing state and local units of government, these professionals are responsible for designing, building, operating, maintaining in transportation, water supplies, sewage and refuse disposal system, public buildings and other structures and facilities that serve our citizens.

Whereas, it is the public interest for the County citizens and civic leaders to gain knowledge and to maintain a progressive interest in the Public Works needs and programs of their respective communities.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Allegheny County Council hereby designates this week, May 17th to May 23rd, 2009, as National Public Works Week in Allegheny County. And furthermore, we urge all people to join with representatives of government agencies and the American Public Works Association to recognize the substantial contributions that the professionals of the Allegheny County Department of Public Works have made for our health and welfare. Sponsored by Allegheny County Council Members Bob Macey, Rich Fitzgerald, Chuck Martoni, Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, Matt Drozd, Mike Finnerty, Nick Futules, Amanda Green, Jan Rea, Bill Robinson and John DeFazio. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. OLCZAK: I'd like to take the opportunity to thank Council. I know you've got a busy schedule and I appreciate your recognizing us as one of your Public Works departments and recognizing all your other departments and Public Works throughout the area. We hope to continue to maintain services in a more efficient and cost-effective way. And it's people like Phil and Cathy Trexler that work with our department that has made my life a lot easier. Thank you again.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4864-09.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation honoring the Pittsburgh Sakura Project for working with the Parks Department to integrate Japanese culture into Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Members Futules and Rea.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Councilman Futules and Councilwoman Rea.

MR. FUTULES: Thank you. Andy, could you please come up? We also have our participants, Yoto Motoyama, Reiko Nakajima and Sally Chirko (phonetic). Andy, would you like to come up and say a few words first?

MR. BAECHLE: Sure. I'm breathing heavy from running up the steps. I do a lot of things in my job, and one of them was planting trees with these guys on a Saturday. Let me tell you, I went home whistling that day. I just felt so good about life. So anyway, this was two years in the making. We started two years ago on this, and I want to thank a lot of people. Chatham College, three Master students helped lay out the trees and things to make sure that we keep the integrity of the park and the viewsheds together. And I'd like to thank Dan Onorato for supporting the project, the Japanese Association of Greater Pittsburgh, Yoko, which is here, is going to speak, Kary and Rick Arimoto-Mercer, Aron Maloc (phonetic), another Master student that helped put all this together, Chatham College, Amber Raika (phonetic) from TreeVitalize.

It was a partnership. We sort of kicked it off with TreeVitalize. We put 40 trees in the ground. It's a partnership between the State of Pennsylvania, the County, the City and Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. And really, it's more than just a partnership, for when you plant a tree, you plant hope. It helps to enrich our lives. It beautifies our community. It provides shade.

It provides a place to hang a swing. Trees increase our property values. Trees reduce flooding and stormwater runoff. They lower the heating and cooling costs of our buildings. They promote a healthy environment. They directly address global warming. They capture pollutants and filter our planet. In fact, they're the lungs of our planet.

So I want to thank the Japanese community. This is just the first of many years. They've given us beauty and they've given us shade. They tried to enhance our public space, and I believe they did that. And it was a joy to work with. And I just want to add a quote --- I hope it's not too corny --- from an environmentalist. Everyone needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and places to pray in, where nature may heal and cheer and to give strength to the body and the soul. That was John Muir, who lived 1838 to 1914. And by God, I think these folks have given us this. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. REA: I just would like to thank you and to say that the trees do make a beautiful park even more beautiful. So thank you for your commitment to the residents of Allegheny County.

MR. FUTULES: Now we know why we have Andy come up, because he just says it all. He knows exactly the beauty of the parks. This is an opportunity that when we have donations to the park, that people that may be watching, we have a new County --- a private foundation for parks, which will receive donations. And if you to the Allegheny County website, you can find Andy's phone number. And if you care to make donations to the Allegheny County Parks, this is where you'd like to start, with Andy. And I personally want to thank you ladies and your organization from the bottom of my heart. And I'm going to read the proclamation because this just says a few things here that I really never thought of.

It says, whereas, the countless efforts of innumerable Allegheny County organizations promote our community's multicultural background to encourage us to coexist and learn more about one another.

Whereas, founded in May 2007 under the Japanese Association of Greater Pittsburgh, the Pittsburgh Sakura Project goal is to plant cherry trees throughout Allegheny County to share culture with county residents.

And whereas, on April 25th, 2009, the organization partnered with the Allegheny County Parks Department to plant 40 Sakura trees at North Park.

Whereas, Sakura trees is the unofficial national flower of Japan and became --- because of their brief blooming period, the tree represents the Japanese culture, the briefness of life and how people should take full advantage of their brevity.

And whereas, the trees have been given as a gift from Japan to the United States on multi occasions, and the trees in North Park symbolize Allegheny County's Japanese community openly sharing their culture with residents of their national descent.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Allegheny County, on behalf of the citizens of the County, hereby commend the Pittsburgh Sakura Project and the Parks Department for working cooperatively to establish in North Park a staple of the Japanese culture. Furthermore, we recognize the Pittsburgh Sakura Project in their diligence to share Japanese culture with County citizens, and we hope more trees will be planted in our community in the future. Sponsored by myself and Jan Rea. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. FUTULES: If you'd like to come up and say a few words.

MS. MOTOYAMA: Thank you very much. Without the help from the Park Department and North Park staff, it couldn't happen. Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4865-09.

MR. CATANESE: Certificate of Achievement honoring the Shaler High School Hockey Team for winning the Penguins Cup Class AAA Championship. Sponsored by Councilman Burn.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Councilman Burn?

MR. BURN: Thank you. I'd like to ask my colleague, John DeFazio, who is the at-large Council member who lives in Shaler --- thanks for coming up. Coach, if you could bring the players up and join us up here and if you'd like to say a few words to congratulate your team. Which one of you guys is the goal tender? Is the goalie here? Where's the goalie? Did you guys ever think of a future in politics? There's a lot of

similarities. In the center of the storm, someone's always gunning at you. I was a goalie, too.

Congratulations on a great season. I watched you in the State finals. That was a tough team you guys had to play. I'd like to share a personal story with you. When I was a senior at North Catholic, our team got the State finals in AAA as well. We had a good run here in the west. We played some tough teams in the west and we got to the finals. The team we played with, five guys and the goalie, never shifted. They were the same players the whole game. When they got tired, they just iced the puck. And they were one of the best teams I'd ever seen. We came up one goal short that day.

But to this day, when I was at North Catholic High two weeks ago, we still talk about that game. The guys on the team still stay together. We talk about the great season we had that year. We were undefeated. And it's something that you will take with you. You've had a great season. You're champions. And it's an honor to serve you as District Three representative. I'm sure John feels the same way. He'll say a few words. But that team concept that you put together as the team out on the ice is something that you will always take with you as you go into your careers and graduate high school and go to college and beyond with life and your families. You'll have that bond. Nobody's ever going to be able to take that away. When you're 95 sitting in a rocking chair, you guys will still be the champions then that you are right now. And with that, John is going to say a few words.

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes. I want to congratulate the coach and team on a good job. It seems like Shaler's been pretty decent in hockey for a long time that I can remember. I had six children who went to Shaler High School, and none of them played hockey. Five of them are girls, though. They played other sports. But I do want to congratulate you.

(Applause.)

MR. BURN: Jack Shea's grandson is on the team. He scored two goals, I think. He was number eight. He couldn't be here. I mean, he's playing for one of the other teams. He's at practice at 6:00. Coach, I'd like to read the proclamation, and then I have a proclamation with your name on it, sir. Then I would like you to say a few words, and I'll give the balance of the proclamations to you to give to the team.

This Certificate of Achievement is awarded to the 2008-2009 Shaler High School Hockey Team in recognition of their great season and outstanding athletic abilities, which were showcased in the team's capture of the 2009 Penguins Cup Class AAA Championship. The commitment to excel through the regular season and throughout the playoffs utilizing every athlete on their roster is a true definition of a team. Furthermore, their indelible contributions to Allegheny County's long legacy of sports champions are to be commended. On behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, myself and Mr. DeFazio and my colleagues, we join the team in your celebration of your outstanding and memorable season. Coach, players, congratulations. Well done.

(Applause.)

COACH HETZ: I prepared a short remark, but before I do that, I just wanted to echo the words about what these kids will remember when they get older, because when they're young, they don't realize when they go through things like this that they're the things that make memories. When you get older, memories become something that are important. And you guys will remember this for a long time, and you won't realize it until you're my age. Then you'll say, yeah, I remember Coach Hetz told me that. So remember this day.

But anyway, on behalf of the Shaler Hockey Team, I would like to thank Councilman Jim Burn and all the members of Council for inviting us to receive this special recognition in honor of our Pens Cup championship season. As the team's coach, I was obviously in a position to understand how hard each of my players and coaches worked to achieve this goal. When our season started, there were very few people who felt the Shaler Area Hockey Team would make it deep into the playoffs, let alone win at all. I am one of those few people who knew it was possible, and I could not be more proud of my team and its accomplishments.

The media coverage to put Shaler in the spotlight for a few short weeks was fabulous. The community's response as we progressed through the playoffs was overwhelming. And the fact that we are standing here today receiving recognition from the larger community for which we are a part of is very, very special and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Coach, would you give all of their names first? I just want to identify all these kids.

COACH HETZ: Yes. One of my assistant coaches, Shawn Margio (phonetic). Then we have Bruce Liptak, my son, Josh Hetz, Zach Piskurich, Jesse Grossman, Josh Barnbrost (phonetic), Todd Burke (phonetic), Shane Shiring, Sean McCue, Zac Lynch, Steve Weilersbacher, Brian Stein, Dalton Shiring, Oscar Prom and Tim Mooney.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: If any of the parents want to come up and take pictures, please feel free. Don't be shy.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4866-09.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation recognizing Children's Sickle Cell Foundation, Incorporated for providing children and families with quality programs that support sickle cell patients. Sponsored by Council Members Green, Finnerty and Drozd.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Councilwoman Green? And Mr. Catanese, if you could add me also as a cosponsor, I would appreciate it.

MS. GREEN: Thank you. I'd like to ask Michael Mathews as the program officer and Andrea Williams, the executive director, to join us. And I'll just read the proclamation, then I'll ask the executive director, Andrea Williams, to describe sickle cell and some of the research that's going on and she'll tell you about some upcoming events.

Whereas, the Children's Sickle Cell Foundation, Incorporated is the only organization in our region dedicated solely to the welfare of children with sickle cell disease, bettering the lives of the families of these children.

And whereas, Andrea Williams began the organization in 2002 after she had been an advocate for her child who was diagnosed with sickle cell. Ms. Williams taught other parents of children with sickle cell that raising awareness was the only way to better the children's lives.

And whereas, the Foundation's many programs, the Free Education Support Program, the Swim Program and the Family Support Program, empower the children and the families to succeed in combating the disease.

Whereas, the organization's Annual Legislative Luncheon was held on April 30th, 2009 to describe to community leaders how advocacy and research greatly impact those affected by the disease.

And whereas, because of this foundation, awareness and support of sickle cell has spread widely within our community, allowing those with the disease to benefit from the help of others.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Allegheny County Council, on behalf of the citizens of the county, hereby commends the people of Children's Sickle Cell Foundation, Incorporated for their dedicated effort to raising our community's understanding of this dangerous disease. Sponsored by myself, Councilman Finnerty and Councilman Drozd this 20th day of May, 2009. Thank you so much for your work.

(Applause.)

MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you so much for this honor. And I just want to give a little background to sickle cell disease. It is an inherited blood disorder affecting the red blood cells. Normal red blood cells are round, squishy and deliver oxygen to the tissues. Under certain conditions, a person with sickle cell disease, their cells can change shape and become hard and sticky and block blood flow to the tissues. When this happens, it causes excruciating pain. So you can imagine for a child with sickle cell disease or even an adult, this can be a cause for hospitalization, for them to miss school, for them to have difficulty.

So the work that we do, raising awareness, is to help the general public understand whether they're at risk for having a child with sickle cell disease. Both parents have to be trait carriers to have a child with sickle cell disease. In 1992, the newborn screening program added sickle cell disease testing to the panel. With this, every child that's born in every state and in the District of Columbia is tested for the newborn screening for sickle cell disease. The byproduct of that is that we identify trait carriers so we're able to tell a person whether they have sickle cell trait or not if they were born after 1992. Those who were not born before --- who were born before 1992 were not tested during newborn screening and can be at risk for having a child with sickle cell disease.

So it is our concern that we raise awareness of sickle cell disease and traits so that persons that want to get tested receive testing. We're thankful that last year, the Genetic Information Non-discrimination Act was passed so that you cannot be discriminated on the basis of this genetic information, so that testing should be done and education should be done with it, and there's no more fear of having this information known. So we thank President Bush for that in May of 2008.

On this occasion, I'd just like to invite all of you out to our Trait Testing and Awareness Day next Saturday, May 30th. We're going to be at Schenley Park in the Vietnam Veterans Pavilion from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. And you can receive free screening education and come out and have a great time, and we'll have lots of food and family-oriented games. So please come out for that. We thank you for this honor. Thank you so much. And we look forward to seeing all of you at next year's Legislative Luncheon.

(Applause.)

MR. DROZD: I just want to say something real quick. I went to the luncheon, and you never realize in your life ---. What really struck me --- and I really commend you and the rest of the people there, what they do for these kids. Kids get affected, too, little kids about this size (indicating). It's life-threatening. The only cure is an entire bone marrow transplant. And sometimes, you know, a bone marrow transplant can be more life-threatening than even the process itself. And what strikes me more than anything is how lucky we are. And think of that and go home and tell your families that, because one thing that this common thread of the families said, it turned our lives completely upside down. When someone in your family has --- and how lucky we are. When someone in your family has a life-threatening issue like this disorder that happens to them, and they don't realize it, you won't believe the changes. It changes their whole life, their whole life.

Did you ever see, I forget --- Lorenzo's Oil. Get that movie and see it, and then you'll feel it. Now there are cures, so we're very lucky. And I'm glad for what you're doing.

(Applause.)

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you for all your efforts and concerns. We appreciate it.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4869-09.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation honoring the career and retirement of Allegheny County Worker Sam Connell. Sponsored by Council Member Martoni.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Councilman Martoni.

MR. MARTONI: Thank you. You can see how tough in our County Council --- when I started here, I used to be able to run down here. Now you see me. This is a real honor because most of us are really proud of the people that work in Allegheny County, and this is an exemplary employee we're recognizing tonight. Unfortunately, he won't be with us for a while. He's retiring. You might add too, by the way, that's a pretty good status in life. Okay? And we have some people from his agency who are going to speak in a few moments. I'd like to read the citation presented to him and have him say a few words and then the others.

Whereas, Allegheny County is privileged to have dedicated employees who commit themselves to the steadfast public service mission of the county.

And whereas, Samuel Connell began working for the Prothonotary's Office over 40 years ago on November 25th, 1968, retired from the Department of Court Records on Friday, May 8th, 2009.

Whereas, throughout his career, Mr. Connell's hard work and rock solid reliability and consistent effort created his reputation as a once-in-a-lifetime employee in the department.

And whereas, Mr. Connell has worked nearly every morning in Allegheny County over the span of his impressive career and has served cases under James Clark, Pete Joyce, Michael Coyne, Michael Lamb and others.

Whereas, we hope the current and future County employees will recognize the attributes that Mr. Connell has exemplified over his career, and they are the elements that produce a great worker.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Allegheny County Council, on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, hereby honor Mr. Samuel Connell's 40-year career in service to our county. Furthermore, we thank Mr. Connell for everything he has done for us, and we wish him good luck as he embarks on a well-deserved retirement. We appreciate that, Mr. Connell.

(Applause.)

MR. MARTONI: We also have familiar faces from his agency. I'd like them to say a few words, and then he's going to say a few words, if he doesn't mind.

MS. BARKMAN: Hello. I'm Kate Barkman. I'm the Director of the Department of Court Records. With me here today is Michael McGeever, who's the Division Manager for the Civil Family Division of the Department of Court Records. You know, it's not often in this day and age that someone works for the same employer, at basically the same job, for a long period of time, especially a job that deals directly with the public.

Sam Connell served the people of Allegheny first in the Prothonotary's Office and then the Department of Court Records for more than 40 years in a job that deals directly with the public. I've worked with Sam for about a year and a half. In my conversations with Sam during that time, he usually at some point mentions his family, his wife, his daughter and his grandchildren.

Sam's wife and daughter are here today. His daughter came from Virginia specifically for this occasion. The Department of Court Records wishes to thank Sam for his service and wish him well in his retirement. We also would like to thank County Council for recognizing Sam's service. Congratulations on your retirement, Sam, and enjoy your time with your family. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. MCGEEVER: Kate covered everything. But I just want to wish you well in your retirement. Sam was ---. The office won't be the same without you there. So that's the least thing I can say. Thank you for all your service.

(Applause.)

MR. CONNELL: First of all, I'd like to thank Council for the honor of this document. I'd like to thank Kate Barkman, Eric Feder, Mike McGeever from the Department of Court Records. A special thanks to my wife for putting up with me all these years. A special thanks to my daughter for flying in from Virginia for this occasion. Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: You guys have to come up and get in the picture now, too.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4870-09.

MR. CATANESE: The remainder of the proclamations will be entered into the record.

4870-09. Proclamation recognizing the week of May 3rd through 9th, 2009 as Correctional Officers Week in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Burn.

4871-09. Proclamation recognizing the 40th anniversary of Keystone Oaks High School --- School District. Sponsored by Council Members Cleary and Ellenbogen.

4872-09. Proclamation recognizing Prosperity Cleaners for implementing environmentally friendly practices into their everyday business operations. Sponsored by Council Member Cleary.

4873-09. Certificate of Recognition honoring the 50th anniversary of South Park Women's Golf Group. Sponsored by Councilwoman Cleary.

4874-09. Certificate of Recognition honoring the 50th anniversary of Harry and Mary Krawczak. Sponsored by Council Member Cleary.

4875-09. Certificate of Recognition welcoming the Ellis School during their May 15th visit to Council. Sponsored by Council President Fitzgerald.

4876-09. Certificate of Recognition honoring Joel Platt, Linda Gottlieb Gordon and Randi Lichenstein for being inducted into the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame of Western Pennsylvania. Sponsored by Council President Fitzgerald.

4877-09. Proclamation honoring the career of Rabbi Stephen E. Steindel. Sponsored by Council President Fitzgerald.

4878-09. Certificate of Achievement honoring Luke Haywiser for reaching the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council Member Gastgeb.

4879-09. Proclamation celebrating the 140th anniversary of the YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh. Sponsored by Council Members Green, Cleary and Rea.

4880-09. Certificates of Recognition honoring Aggie Brose, Deborah Acklin, Ellen Roth, Joyce Rothermel, Olga Welch, Sally Wiggin, Sylvia Hill Fields and Valerie McDonald Roberts for receiving the Women of Leadership Awards from the YWCA. Sponsored by Council Member Green.

4881-09. Certificate of Achievement honoring Louis Weber for reaching the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

4882-09. Certificate of Recognition honoring the 50th anniversary of Jack and Nancy Haughey. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

4883-09. Certificate of Recognition honoring the 50th anniversary of Milan and Nancy Washowich. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

4884-09. Certificate of Recognition celebrating the 100th birthday of Caroline Medved. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

4885-09. Proclamation honoring the career of Bishop Paul J. Bradley. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

4887-09. Proclamation honoring Fomeeka Bey for graduating from Point Park University. Sponsored by Council President Fitzgerald, Council Members Martoni, Burn, Cleary, DeFazio, Drozd, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Gastgeb, Green, Macey, McCullough, Rea and Robinson.

4886-09. Certificate of Recognition honoring Randy Frankel for receiving the 2009 Ziggy Kahn Memorial Award from the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame of Western Pennsylvania. Sponsored by Council President Fitzgerald.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Public comment on agenda items.

MR. CATANESE: There's none.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: No speakers this evening. Approval of minutes. 4847-09.

MR. CATANESE: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of County Council held on April 21st, 2009.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

MS. CLEARY: Second.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second. Comments? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? The motion carries. The minutes are approved. Presentation of appointments. 4850-09.

MR. CATANESE: Appointment approving the reappointment of Joe Downing to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization, Hartwood Park, for a term to expire on May 20th, 2011. Sponsored by Council Member Rea.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Councilwoman Rea?

MS. REA: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to make a motion to reappoint Joe Downing to Council of Friends, Hartwood Acres.

MR. MARTONI: Second.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second. Discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? The motion carries. Mr. Downing is approved. 4851-09.

MR. CATANESE: Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato submitting his recommendation of James E. Barrick for reappointment to the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31st, 2009. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Appointment Review. 4852-09.

MR. CATANESE: Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato submitting his recommendation of David P. Mazzocco for reappointment to the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31st, 2009.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Okay. The next grouping are all for the Agency Advisory Board. We'll just kind of do them all at once, then read the names. That will be 4853, 4854, 4855, 4856, 4857, 58, 59-09.

MR. CATANESE: Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato submitting the recommendation of Gwen Ogle, Lilia Huguley, Reverend David H. Taylor, Frank Petrich, Morton Coleman, Ph.D. and Stephen M. Alberts, Ph.D. for reappointment to the Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2011.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: And Joan Rogers. And refer all those to Committee on Appointment Review. 4860-09.

MR. CATANESE: Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato submitting his recommendation of John M. Daley for appointment to the Plumbing Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2011.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Appointment Review. 4861-09.

MR. CATANESE: Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato submitting his recommendation of the Reverend Doctor William H. Curtis for reappointment to the Sports and Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and

Allegheny County for a term to expire on December 31st, 2013.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Appointment Review. 4862-09.

MR. CATANESE: Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato submitting his recommendation of Mr. Scott Federbusch for reappointment to the Allegheny County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2011.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Appointment Review. Unfinished business. Committee on Appointment Review, second reading. 4749-09.

MR. CATANESE: Appointment approving the reappointment of Doctor James H. McLemore to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2011.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Chair DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes. At the meeting, everyone present was in favor of the reappointment of Doctor James H. McLemore. I'd like to make a motion at this time that we go along with that reappointment.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second. Discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? The motion carries. Doctor McLemore is approved. Committee on Government Reform, second reading. 4752-09.

MR. CATANESE: An Ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania amending the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 435, entitled Minority Business Enterprise Program, entitled Advisory Committee, in order to clarify the organizational structure of the County's MBE Advisory Committee. Sponsored by Council Members Robinson, Macey and Finnerty.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: We had a meeting on the 6th of May on the Committee on Government Reform, and the Committee affirmatively recommended approval of this. It's almost --- basically what the title says. It clarifies the organizational structure of the Advisory Committee. So I make a motion to approve.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second.
Discussion? Please call the roll.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?
MR. BURN: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Cleary?
MS. CLEARY: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?
MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?
MR. DROZD: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Gastgeb?
(No response.)
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green?
MS. GREEN: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?
MR. MARTONI: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. McCullough?
MR. MCCULLOUGH: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?
MS. REA: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Fitzgerald, President?
PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ayes 14, noes 0. The bill
passes.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Committee on Parks,
second reading. 4821-09.

MR. CATANESE: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the County to lease certain real estate located in White Oak Park to the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, the FAA.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Chair Futules?

MR. FUTULES: The Parks Committee meeting was on April --- Bill Number 4821-09, the ordinance to authorize Allegheny County extending and entering into a new land

lease agreement with the United States Department of Transportation, better known as the FAA. It's about one acre of land located in White Oak Park at the existing location of a non-directional airport beacon. This is at no cost to Allegheny County. And the grounds are maintained by the FAA. I'd like to make a motion to move this, 4821-09.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second.

Discussion? Please call the roll.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Cleary?

MS. CLEARY: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Gastgeb?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green?

MS. GREEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. McCullough?

MR. MCCULLOUGH: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Fitzgerald, President?

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes 14, noes 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Liaison reports. Any liaison reports this evening? Seeing none, new business. Ordinances and resolutions. 4848-09.

MR. CATANESE: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 2, entitled County Government Operations, by adding of a new Chapter 219, entitled Campaign Finance Regulation.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Government Reform. 4849-09.

MR. CATANESE: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2009, Submission 08-09.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Budget and Finance. New business, motions. 4867-09.

MR. CATANESE: Motion of the County of Allegheny amending the Rules of Council for Allegheny County Council to provide for the presentation of proclamations and certificates one hour prior to the start of Council's regular meeting. Sponsored by Council Member Drozd.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Councilman Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Just very quickly, Mr. President. I believe this proclamation is very critical as part of our meetings. It's good to recognize people. We really need to do that and really so much --- as many of you do, where we give proclamations to people who are worthy. And I just thought it may give us a chance to --- if we started a little earlier, it would give us a chance to more debate on more of the County issues that are --- bills or ordinances that are --- certain programs and policies within the County.

But in any event, some --- just food for thought. It's always good to look at new ways to do business, and I think we can discuss it and look at it and see what everybody thinks, how we can do something better, outside the box or whatever it might be. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Okay. Refer to the Executive Committee. 4868-09.

MR. CATANESE: Motion of the Council of Allegheny County expressing the support for state funding for child abuse prevention education within the Commonwealth. Sponsored by Council Members Green, Martoni and Fitzgerald.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Councilwoman Green?

MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to withdraw the motion.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Motion is withdrawn.
Public comment on general items. Any speakers this evening?

MR. CATANESE: I have none.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: No speakers? Do I have a motion to adjourn?

(Chorus of motions.)

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Meeting adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:45 P.M.

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