

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
Nick Futules	-	District 7
Robert Macey	-	District 9
William Russell Robinson	-	District 10
Jim Ellenbogen	-	District 12
Amanda Green Hawkins	-	District 13

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IN ATTENDANCE:

Joseph Catanese - Director of Constituent Services
Jared Barker - Director, Legislative Services
Jennifer Liptak - Budget Director
Jack Cambest - Solicitor

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: We're going to call the meeting to order. Welcome to the Tuesday, January 4, 2011 regular meeting of Allegheny County Council, the first one of the year. If everybody would please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance and 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?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Present.

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?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

(No response.)

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: Eleven (11) members present.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Proclamations/
certificates. 6112-11.

MR. CATANESE: Those will be read into the record. Certificate of Achievement honoring Eric Rothermel of Boy Scout Troop Four for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Councilman Gastgeb.

6113-11. Certificate of Achievement honoring Kevin Squires of Boy Scout Troop 1111 for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Approval of minutes.
6114-11.

MR. CATANESE: Motion to approve the minutes of the December 6th, 2010 regular meeting of Council.

(Chorus of motions.)

MR. MCCULLOUGH: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? Motion carries.
Public comment on agenda items. I see none this evening.
Unfinished business. I see none. Liaison reports. Does anybody have any liaison reports this evening? Councilman Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd just like to mention that the Western Pennsylvania Operating Engineers' Joint Apprenticeship and Training Program is going to be opening. It will be opening January the 17th and continuing open until January the 28th. Give me a second to find the telephone number for you. The telephone number is (724) 668-2244. So if you're interested in that program, give them a call. Also, the Joint Apprentice and Journeymen's Training Program is going to be opening up. It's the Roofers' Local 37. And the telephone number for that is (412) 732-9720. And that program is open right now and will be closing at the end of the month. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Any other liaison reports? Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. I've got some bright news from the Allegheny County Airport Authority. AirTran has celebrated ten years at the International Airport, and their passenger flight miles have increased. They've had 711,144 passengers through October. Air traffic has increased by 6.4 percent from 708,200 to 753,737 passengers. And one thing about the airport, it is very accommodating for those individuals who were delayed through the snow and the closing of airports on the Eastern Coast. There was coordination through the concessions as well as customs. And there were 20 diversions through the International

Airport. There were two that were international. One was from Munich and one was from Rome. And of course, that increased the landing fees as well as the parking fees for those aircraft. I commend the International Airport for doing a great job. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Thank you. Any other liaison reports this evening? Moving on, new business, ordinances and resolutions. There are none this evening. New Business, motions. 6115-11.

MR. CATANESE: Let the record show that Councilman Gastgeb is present.

A motion of the Council of Allegheny County authorizing Council's Budget Director to pursue discussions with representatives of Comcast Corporation in order to facilitate the continued television coverage of Allegheny County Council meetings in both regular broadcast and video on demand format. Sponsored by Councilmen Martoni, DeFazio, Gastgeb, Macey and Rea.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Councilman Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Yes. I have on the agenda 6115-11. I have a motion of Council. You can either agree or disagree with the motion. It was approved by and people mentioned at the meeting last Tuesday. And the motion, just to put it in a few words, is authorizing Council's Budget Director to pursue discussions with representatives of Comcast Corporation in order to facilitate the continued television coverage of Allegheny County Council's regular meetings in both regular broadcast and video on demand formats.

MR. ROBINSON: Second.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second. Discussion? Mr. McCullough?

MR. MCCULLOUGH: Yes. I have an amendment I'd like to offer to this.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Okay. Do you have it in writing?

MR. MCCULLOUGH: Yes, I do.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Mr. Martoni, for point of clarification, the motion is to allow Ms. Liptak to go enter into negotiations and she, I guess, would bring those back to this Council for ratification. Is that the way the motion ---?

MR. MARTONI: That's correct.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Okay. Just for clarification purposes. Go ahead, Mr. McCullough.

MR. MCCULLOUGH: The purpose of the motion is, to the extent that there would be any additional monies over what it costs us presently --- I've heard the figure of \$14,000 --- that rather than pay for this out of the general budget for County Council, it would be assessed to our respective expense accounts. And the reason for this is, while I'm all for the idea of transparency in government, there is no legal requirement that we broadcast our County Council meetings. We're looking at an additional charge. Frankly, I think Comcast should be bearing this expense or somebody should. But it's not, in a sense, an optional item. I really think we ought to take it on ourselves to pay for this. It would be a \$933.33 charge from our respective expense accounts. And that's the essence of the amendment.

MR. MARTONI: Let me tell you, our discussion ---.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Well, it dies for lack of a second. Now is this a motion?

MR. MCCULLOUGH: So moved.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: You did.

MR. MCCULLOUGH: Okay. So moved.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Seeing no second, Mr. Martoni, do you want to discuss the motion and then we can vote on it?

MR. MARTONI: The motion is very simple; okay? We just want to keep our meetings televised. And I believe it's Friday night at six o'clock. At seven o'clock, which I consider prime time, the cost is minimal to the county. And the fact is we have \$50,000 budgeted for such events. And I'm recommending that we pass this budget.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second. Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just wanted to say that I agree with Councilman Martoni for the simple fact that I can't tell you how many times I personally get stopped in the street by people that I don't even know that watch this. I mean, in 2011, in an open government with a \$900 billion-some budget, it's very important to the public that they know exactly what's going on in this room. And I mean, the media can't report everything, I mean, you know, with all respect to them. But I think it's important for people to be able to tune in and know

what's going on in their county government. So this is very important, particularly in this day and age.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Let me just also --- this Council has not increased its budget, I believe, in nine years. We're still on the same \$900,000 line item budget that we have been for the last nine years. So I think this Council, in addition to having openness and transparency as to how we conduct our meetings, we've been extremely fiscally conservative in reigning in costs. Any other discussions? Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Yeah. I just wanted to point out, you did point out, Mr. Martoni, this is a significant savings. And maybe you might want to elaborate on how much that is in savings that your committee evolved from this. And secondly, I'd like to --- maybe if we can go back to Comcast, because they do have a public relations, you know, budget. Maybe they could expand that a little bit for us and, you know, piggyback on what we're doing and maybe expand the number, I guess, of PR, because they do that, a lot of these stations.

MS. LIPTAK: Actually, I can answer that. I've been in discussions with Comcast for the past few weeks. I had two conversations today. We're continually trying to work to bring the cost down to as low as possible. Ms. Griser's discussed it with them. They could be a lot lower, and I anticipate that they will be lower. We're going to try to do what we can to make sure that we're getting the most for our dollar here. So I have been in contact with the vice-president for government relations, his staff, and it's continuing discussions. So again, like I said, I've had two conversations with them. So we're on top of it; okay?

MR. DROZD: Thank you, Ms. Liptak. Very good.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Councilwoman Rea? And then Mr. McCullough.

MS. REA: Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to make sure, Ms. Liptak, that all the districts are on the same time and that all the districts are represented, because I know in my area, for whatever reason, the coverage was dropped. And if we're going to be --- there's going to be an added expense to using Comcast, I want to make sure that all districts are represented at the same time and every week.

And I would like to make just a comment about Mr. McCullough's motion. I think if you go back and look

at the monies I have used that Council has been allocated or probably any Council member on this Council, I don't think any of us used the \$3,000 that we're allotted. It's a tiny percentage. So it's not like we are --- number on, we haven't increased anything over nine years. And also, that \$3,000, I think if you average that out, I don't believe anybody on Council uses that \$3,000 stipend. So it's not one thing or the other.

And I also think that going through assessments next year, it's really critical for people to be able to listen, to understand if there's a message that we need to get out because, you know, the State House and the State Senate and other governments, including my school board, they send out pamphlets and literatures and mailings, and we're not able to do that as a Council. We send out our newsletter, which Mr. Catanese and the staff does so eloquently and puts in what we are doing. But we really don't have another way to communicate to the masses. We were never given that privilege to do that. And I think that this is a very good way to reach our constituency and to just get out what we are doing here in this county government. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Mr. McCullough?

MR. MCCULLOUGH: Yes. As I said before, I'm all for transparency in government and I take note of all of that. But I would also point out that the motion that --- while we may have money in the budget that we haven't spent, so let's go spend it, I think is a mistake analysis. The point about people not fully utilizing their expense accounts is just the point. It's not going to work as any hardship, but I think it demonstrates to the public that we're willing to take an extra step ---.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Mr. McCullough, that motion didn't even get a second, ---

MR. MCCULLOUGH: I understand that.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: --- so we're not discussing that.

MR. MCCULLOUGH: I'm talking about this one. Let me explain why I'm going to vote against it. All right. So I think we're taking an extra step to show that we're, you know, willing to spend something personally. I think it's more in principle than the amount. And I'd also point out we already have this newsletter. And I have the same reservations about the newsletter as well. I don't think that's the perfect expenditure.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Mr. Ellenbogen and then Mr. Drozd.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just want to say, with all due respect to my colleague, and I do respect what he's saying, but I think it's important for the public to understand that the amount of money that we receive doing this is so small compared to the time that we put into it. I can't tell you the hours myself that I've put into this and I know that everybody else on this Council does. Some of us are retired. Some of us work. You know, I have two kids in college and stuff. You know, just being on this, you'd be surprised the money that I take out of my own pocket in terms of --- because let's face it. I mean, to be honest with you, we can't walk into a place where somebody don't smack us over the head with eight million tickets to buy something. And a lot of it comes out of our own pocket.

So you know, a lot of what we do here is a public service. Like Councilwoman Rea said, it's very important for the public. And just like you said, Mr. President, we've always been very open, and to continue that. It's vital, particularly --- you know, this is the second largest senior population in the entire United States and to expect them to not be able to see what's going on in their county and how their tax dollars are spent and to expect people to have to come to these meetings without that ---. This amount of money is so insignificant compared to the amount of money that's spent throughout this county that I just think this is a no-brainer.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to reiterate what some of my colleagues have said, including the fact that people --- a lot of people have --- are surprised we represent a population of over 100,000 people. And at \$9,000, we aren't here for the money, none of us. I'm sure of that. We're here because we want to serve. We want to serve the people of Allegheny County and do what's best for them. I'm very pleased to do that. And it involves sometimes 50, 60 hours a week. And I have a call in right now. One of my municipalities has a municipal meeting tonight early, and if it's there, I'll be there. So this is necessary, this broadcast, because, you know, it gives more people a vision and inroads into what we do, and they themselves

can contact --- many times people contact me because they've seen something here on the broadcast and ask me more information or express their views or opinions. So this is really critical and I'm really glad to see that we're going to continue to do this. And the committee has done due diligence to do it the most economical way to get the most viewing audience. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Let's call the roll.

MR. CATANESE: Let the record show that Councilman Burn and Councilwoman Green Hawkins are present. Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Yes.

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?

MR. GASTGEB: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. McCullough?

MR. MCCULLOUGH: No.

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 13, noes 1. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: We'll look forward to when Ms. Liptak gets a little more information and brings that back to Mr. Martoni so maybe then we can have a little more detail. 6116-11.

MR. CATANESE: Motion of the Council of Allegheny County pulling Bill Number 6053-10, an ordinance reducing the rate of county taxation on the sale at retail of liquor and malt and brewed beverages within the county to six percent from the committee for an immediate final vote. Sponsored by Councilman Gastgeb.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Councilman, before --- I mean, I see that we just had this two weeks ago. I'm going to ask our parliamentarian about the same motion at the same time. I mean, Mr. Solicitor, could you ---?

MR. CAMBEST: The administrative staff has asked that I take a look at Robert's Rules of Order in regard to this motion, specifically a renewal of motions and dilatory or improper motions. Under renewal of motions, it does say that if a motion is made and disposed of without being adopted and is later allowed to come before the assembly after being made again by any member, in essentially the same connection, the motion is said to be renewed. Renewal of motions is limited by the basic principle that an assembly cannot be asked to decide the same or substantially the same question twice during one session except for a motion to reconsider a vote, motion to rescind an action or in connection with amending something following adoption. We all know that these rules, although we don't adopt them, are basically made for large assemblies like our State Legislature, Congress, et cetera, so it's very tricky when you get to those sections about being made in the same session.

Generally, we look at our meetings as being separate meetings as you go through the year, and not a session, as you know, before a large body. So usually it's what we have done here in the past, as most bodies do, where you have a motion that was not adopted by the body at a previous meeting or even during the same meeting, they ask that that motion --- that it be a motion to reconsider. And a motion to reconsider has to come from --- by one of the members who voted, let's say, in favor of not adopting the motion the last time, because technically, they're the ones who then want to ask to bring it back. And we all know why that theory is, because if you have a motion --- if you permit individuals who are in the minority on the vote, then if you permit a motion to reconsider be brought back by somebody who voted in this instance yes the last time for that motion, then you would keep continually doing that all the time. And

then you'd get into the issue of whether or not that's a dilatory or improper motion. And that's the reason why under the motion to reconsider comes from somebody who voted in the affirmative on the previous motion, which in our case last time was a motion not to repeal.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: So if I understand what you're saying, this is to reconsider --- a motion to reconsider is the way you're ruling it. So somebody who made this motion would have to have voted with the majority the last time?

MR. CAMBEST: Yeah, in that case in the affirmative.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: In the affirmative.

MR. CAMBEST: That's the way we usually handle those motions to reconsider. And it's because ---.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Actually, in this case, it would be in the negative because the motion to pull --- the yes votes failed. They were in the minority. That did not pass. So it would have to be somebody who was --- Mr. Gastgeb, I don't know --- I don't recall the vote, but I don't know if Mr. Gastgeb would categorize in that. Did he vote in the affirmative, Mr. Cambest; do you know? I think he voted in the negative.

MR. CAMBEST: Vince voted to approve, I believe.

MR. GASTGEB: If I could have a point of order, I could certainly ---. I am actually going to withdraw this. In our zeal, as we go through --- I mean, what I do have is staff as a new ordinance, which I can easily bring, which would mitigate all this. And can call it 5.8 percent, 6.2. I can bring a new ordinance any time I want, which they have, which I'm not going to do either. So I'll get something on the agenda whether we go this route or not. I misunderstood that there would be a committee meeting coming up. And I think Mr. Robinson said there was, and I missed that, so that was my mistake for not listening intently. I didn't see one on the agenda in our e-mails for January yet, but that's because it hasn't been decided yet. So that's why I was going to withdraw.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: I think it's appropriate, Vince. I agree with you. This is in the committee and it should be done. You can do 5 percent, 4 and a half percent, 5.2 percent. You can always get around the spirit, but I think the spirit is, as Mr. Cambest just

read, you know, to just kind of do the same thing week after week would be ---. Yes, Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Yes. I just have a point of order that might be relevant. Mr. Cambest, I was listening very closely to what you were saying and you said within the session. Now, this is 2011. Does the 2010 session end and does the 2011 session begin, which means Mr. Gastgeb can do as he pleases because we're on a new calendar year and a new session?

MR. CAMBEST: That's always a problem because we really don't have sessions, you know. We don't set up that a session is a year long or a quarter or a half year. I mean, I think we generally treat our meetings as being separate meetings as we go throughout the year. And that's why usually when somebody brings back a motion to reconsider, in order to get around the dilatory or --- technically it's the governing body president who determines whether or not the motion is dilatory and whether it should come back on the floor. So in order to get around that, they usually look at it as a motion to reconsider. And then when somebody who voted in the majority the last time brings it forward, that clears up the issue of being dilatory and all the other issues that you have.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Councilman Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Mr. President, to Mr. Gastgeb's point about the meeting relative to the county's fiscal condition, Ms. Liptak and I have been working on a process so that we can bring the various parties who have helped us shape the budget over the years into a room to discuss the county's fiscal condition, which would include, obviously, a discussion of the drink tax. And I would encourage members to allow us to do that. We will be informing you shortly of what those dates are. And we'll make sure that everybody who needs to be in the room will be there. And we'll have a comprehensive discussion of the county's fiscal condition, and hopefully the committee can fashion a solution or several solutions to our challenges. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: We look forward to that meeting, Chairman Robinson, and we can see when the schedule is and make sure we're there. Mr. Gastgeb?

MR. GASTGEB: Nothing.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: I'm sorry. Mr. DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Actually, Vince said he had an amendment. But actually, you can't make an amendment. You would have had to have had a motion to reconsider ---.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Right. I think he wanted to talk about putting a new ordinance up, and he could have done that, yeah. Councilman Gastgeb?

MR. GASTGEB: Yeah. That was my point. I mean, right now, we're looking to pull Bill 6053-10, which is an ordinance. I would just simply offer a new ordinance. Whether I do that then or do it now, I anticipate this could happen, so that's why I talked to staff. What I didn't do is I don't recollect Mr. Robinson having that announcement. I apologize for not hearing that. But when I heard he did make the formality of having a committee meeting, that's why I'm withdrawing it because it's the same sense. You have to put yourself in my shoes where I didn't know that that was the case. Obviously, I won't still push this. And I'm not going to try to select the invitee list for the Chairman, but I just know --- and I'm not sure what the appropriateness is of the guests you want to invite. We have the Controller, Mark Patrick Flaherty. I mean, his number made a huge difference. So whatever he can do to be part of us regularly --- I mean, the gentleman really made some things happen. So you know, we'll see how it works on that end too. Thank you.

MR. ROBINSON: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Yes, sir, Mr. Robinson.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you. I just want to add to Mr. Gastgeb's comments. I had occasion to meet with the Chief Executive this afternoon. I informed him of my intention to call that meeting and encouraged him to join us. The Controller and Treasurer will definitely be there. We'll respect the prerogatives of all those individuals to attend or not to attend. But in the past, we've got a lot of cooperation. We're starting early. As I said, Ms. Liptak and I, two days ago, worked on this matter. And we will be getting a schedule to you very quickly.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Thank you. Speakers this evening. Public comment on general items. We have one speaker ---.

MR. MCCULLOUGH: Excuse me.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Mr. McCullough?

MR. MCCULLOUGH: Point of order. I wanted to add another bill to the agenda.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Do you have it written?

MR. MCCULLOUGH: Yes.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Could you pass it up?

MR. MCCULLOUGH: Again, it's just to put on the agenda to refer to committee. And I'll be moving to put this on the agenda.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Go ahead, Mr. McCullough.

MR. MCCULLOUGH: The reason why I'm putting this on now is I know you're going to have a Government Reform Committee meeting tomorrow night to talk about the Property Taxpayer Bill of Rights ordinances.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: We have a series of bills.

MR. MCCULLOUGH: And this will be one more. The idea of this bill, very simply, is to address the issue that has been identified by the county in the past of local taxing bodies, school districts and municipalities who do not comply with the anti-windfall provisions of state law. The idea would be to give the county an enforcement vehicle to see that this happens.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Let me just ask for --- do you want to make a motion to place it on the agenda?

MR. GASTGEB: That's correct.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: So moved. Second?

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: I'll just call for a voice vote just to place it on the agenda. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? Motion carries. It's placed on the agenda. Do we need to read it now, Mr. Cambest, since it's the first --- ?

MR. CAMBEST: You read the top.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Okay.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance amending the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division One, entitled Administrative Code, through the creation of a new Chapter 5, Section 210.18, titled Anti-Windfall, in order to provide for the Right to Protection Against Municipal and School District Property Tax Windfalls for residential property owners as part of the Residential Property Taxpayer Bill of Rights.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer that to Committee on Government Reform. And I will place that on the agenda

tomorrow night, Mr. McCullough, with the other series that were introduced a number of weeks ago. Mr. Gastgeb?

MR. GASTGEB: Yes. Mr. Cambest, could you add me as a cosponsor to the anti-windfall provision and also as a cosponsor to the 6053-10, which is the six percent drink tax?

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Okay. Let me just clarify. I made a mistake. I was informed by Mr. Barker because it's within the 24-hour period, I cannot officially place this on the agenda tomorrow night, Mr. McCullough, but we'll do the other bills, and maybe this could be brought up in an unofficial manner to discuss. Is that okay? I might be able to do that. Okay. As long as we don't consider it, vote on it, whatever tomorrow night. Okay.

MR. DROZD: I'd like to be placed as a cosponsor on that and on the reduction.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Add Mr. Drozd on that. Public comment on general items. We have one speaker this evening. Mr. Harry Liller? I don't know if I see Mr. Liller. I don't think he's here, didn't make it. Do I have a motion to adjourn?

(Chorus of motions.)

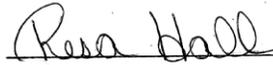
(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Meeting adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:28 P.M.

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