

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

James R. Burn, Jr.	-	President, District 3
Charles J. Martoni	-	Vice President, District 8
John P. DeFazio	-	Council-At-Large
Edward Kress	-	Council-At-Large
Matt Drozd	-	District 1
Jan Rea	-	District 2
Michael J. Finnerty	-	District 4
Vince Gastgeb	-	District 5
John F. Palmiere	-	District 6
Nicholas Futules	-	District 7
William Russell Robinson	-	District 10
Barbara Daly Danko	-	District 11
James Ellenbogen	-	District 12
Amanda Green Hawkins	-	District 13 (via telephone)

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IN ATTENDANCE:

James Flynn - County Manager
Joseph Catanese - Director of Constituent Services
Jared Barker - Director of Legislative Services
Jennifer Liptak - Budget Director
Jack Cambest - Solicitor

PRESIDENT BURN: I'd like to call this regularly scheduled meeting of the Allegheny County Council for Tuesday, April 26th, 2011 to order. I would invite everybody to join us for the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silent prayer and/or reflection.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

(Moment of silent prayer and/or reflection.)

PRESIDENT BURN: Thank you, everyone. Please call the roll.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Here.

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?

MR. GASTGEB: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn, President?

PRESIDENT BURN: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Twelve (12) members present.

PRESIDENT BURN: Proclamations and certificates.

6303-11.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation declaring April 2011 as Autism Awareness Month in Allegheny County and recognizing the County's Office of Behavioral Health for

offering beneficial programs to individuals with autism. Sponsored by Council Members Rea, Burn, DeFazio, Drozd, Finnerty, Ellenbogen, Gastgeb, Green Hawkins, Macey, Martoni, Palmiere and Danko.

PRESIDENT BURN: Please let the record reflect that Council Member Kress has joined us. Councilwoman Rea?

MS. REA: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to call Director Pat Valentine to the podium, please. Autism affects the most innocent members of our society: our children. Parents, community and governments must all be advocates for children with autism so that they receive early intervention and treatment. April is Autism Awareness Month. I would like to recognize the County's Office of Behavioral Health for their commitment to programs for individuals with autism. I'm going to read the proclamation and ask Ms. Valentine to say a few words.

Whereas, as a disorder occurring at a rate of one of every 150 births, autism spectrum disorder is quickly becoming a leading issue among infants and young children.

And whereas, autism inhibits a person's ability to communicate and to develop relationships, and the disorder is often accompanied by behavioral challenges.

And whereas, Allegheny County's Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services provides programs and services for children with autism and for families who have children with autism.

Whereas, the department specializes in providing behavioral specialists, consultants, mobile therapists and therapeutic staff support to individuals with autism.

Whereas, because of the efforts of the County's department, families and individuals maintain hope of confronting the challenges of autism and overcoming the disorder to live productive and healthy lifestyles.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Allegheny County Council, on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, hereby names April 2011 as Autism Awareness Month in Allegheny County. This Council commends Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services for providing the citizens of this region with survival and functional programs for individuals with autism and families who care for children with autism. Thank you.

MS. VALENTINE: Thank you, Councilwoman Rea. Thank you, Councilwoman Rea and Council. I very much

appreciate this recognition. And I know personally of Councilwoman Rea's dedication to individuals with autism and to her assistance to our provider system, those who provide services for individuals with autism. This is a disorder that is growing in leaps and bounds, in terms not only of our ability to diagnose, but also of services, the technology that we have to work with individuals. I was just speaking with the director of an autism organization the other day, and we were wondering what it will be like ten years from now and how much more advanced our services will be and our technology will be. I want to personally thank all of the providers of individuals who do provide BHRS services for individuals with autism, because without them, the Office of Behavioral Health wouldn't be nearly as helpful as we are able to be. I would also like to ask each of you to step out to the courthouse or look out on the courtyard on your way out. The fountain is blue, and it is blue in recognition of Autism Awareness Month. Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT BURN: 6304-11.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation honoring the 100th anniversary of the Duquesne University School of Law. Sponsored by Council Members Finnerty, DeFazio, Drozd, Futules, Gastgeb, Green Hawkins, Macey, Martoni, Palmiere, Robinson, Kress and Danko.

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like Dean Ken Gormley to join me up here, dean of the Law School at Duquesne University. It's with great honor that I present this proclamation. My daughter graduated from Duquesne Law a year ago, my brother quite a number of years ago, and his son also graduated from Duquesne Law School. Not only that, they all passed their Boards the first time, and that's extremely important. And Duquesne Law School has a tremendous percentage of people that do pass their Boards their first time. So without further ado, I'd like to read the proclamation.

Whereas, the long-tendered universities of Allegheny County provide our region with nationally recognized programs and courses.

And whereas, the first classes at Duquesne University School of Law were held on September 25th, 1911. 100 years later, the university's School of Law is

a thriving institution and one of Allegheny County's premiere law schools. It draws students and interest from around the world.

And whereas, when the Duquesne University School of Law opened its doors in 1911, it quickly established itself as a thoroughly efficient law school of the highest character. It carries this reputation to this day.

And whereas, initially a night school of only 12 students under Dean Judge Joseph Swearingen, the school has grown to include day classes and a thorough curriculum overseen today by Dean Ken Gormley. The school plans to increase faculty scholarships, hire more full-time faculty and strengthen diversity while maintaining Duquesne's overall admission.

And whereas, Duquesne School of Law has assisted thousands of citizens in obtaining a meaningful and distinctive education in law, providing our country and county with quality legal minds to assist in advancing our society into the future.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Allegheny County Council, on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, hereby honors the Duquesne University School of Law upon its 100th anniversary and hopes the school continues to flourish in the future. This is sponsored by myself, Councilman Mike Finnerty, John DeFazio, Matt Drozd, Nick Futules, Vince Gastgeb, Amanda Green Hawkins, Ed Kress, Bob Macey, Chuck Martoni, John Palmiere and Bill Russell this 26th day of April 2011. Congratulations, Dean. Would you say a few words?

DEAN GORMLEY: Thank you. You have to realize I'm a law professor. I'm used to speaking in 50-minute increments, so be careful. But I do just want to say how extremely proud and grateful we are of this. When the law school began 100 years ago, we were just a couple of blocks away. As Mike said, we were a night school with just a handful of students. And we were primarily founded by the Holy Ghost Fathers of Duquesne to provide an education to recent immigrants at that time who had come to work in the steel mills, and their children. So we're very proud of the heritage we've built. We are truly a part of the fabric of this county. We have produced some of the greatest lawyers who have served in this county's government, who have served on every bench in the state and federal system, who have run corporations here, who have run law firms in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County.

And it's proud for me to be here. I had the honor of serving as mayor of my town, Forest Hills, at the time the whole idea of a county council was being debated. And I was very much in favor of it, and I believe this is a wonderful example of a good piece of government. I've known Chuck Martoni since I was a kid, and Jim Burn. And Mike Finnerty's daughter did a great job at Duquesne. I checked her transcript. She was really good.

But I just want to say this is a special one. We've received a number of different proclamations. We had the Attorney General of the United States at our quarters here to kick off the 100-year anniversary. We're going to have Tom Corbett, the Governor, speak at commencement. We're having two U.S. Supreme Court Justices as part of this celebration. But this, to me, is the most significant, to receive a proclamation from our county, the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania. We really appreciate it. Thank you so much for that honor.

(Applause.)

MR. FINNERTY: Councilman Kress would like to say a few words. He's a graduate of Duquesne Law School.

MR. KRESS: That's right. Actually, Dean Gormley actually taught me Constitutional Law. So I promise not to introduce anything that's unconstitutional; okay? But let me say Duquesne Law School is a very fine institution. But one thing that's very commendable about Duquesne Law School is you have a place to help out the indigent. And that's one thing that people don't realize, that they do a lot to help out the community, and that's something that is very commendable. And not only do they turn out good lawyers, but they also help out the people in the community. And I want to commend you for that.

DEAN GORMLEY: Thank you. And we turn out County Council members.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. Catanese, 6305-11 will be held. Ms. Swartworth will hopefully be with us soon to receive the proclamation personally. We look forward to seeing her in the immediate future. 6306-11, please.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation naming April 2011 as Fair Housing Month in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Members Finnerty, Ellenbogen, Futules, Gastgeb, Green Hawkins, Macey, Martoni, Palmiere, Burn, Danko and DeFazio.

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm joined here by Rick Ranii, who is the manager of the Housing and Human Services Division, and also Kathy Mitchell, who's the assistant manager of Housing Development. Thank you for being here. I appreciate it.

Fair housing is extremely important to everyone in the county. It says that people can live where they want to live. The Fair Housing Act guaranteed that right to all Americans, and this is our department that makes sure that happens. And without any further ado, I'd like to read the proclamation.

Whereas, in 1968, the Fair Housing Act guaranteed the right of all Americans, regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or disability, to live in the neighborhoods of their choice. It's one of the most important components of our national civil rights policy.

And whereas, although this non-discrimination policy is the law of the land, this country recognizes enforcement requirements, the continued cooperation of all levels of government, the real estate and home building industries and private citizens.

And whereas, throughout Allegheny County, the spirit of collaboration is evident through the efforts of our federal, state and local governments and with the support of countless community and non-profit organizations.

Whereas, this county dedicates itself to promoting equal housing opportunities, and that's an essential part of its larger mission of endorsing justice in all areas of life for all citizens. Allegheny County ensures its communities are open to all people, and citizens may exercise freedom to choose where they live.

And whereas, the month of April is set aside to acknowledge the 43rd anniversary of the Fair Housing Act and the work of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations and the Fair Housing Partnership of Greater Pittsburgh, which ensure the protection of fair housing rights.

Now, therefore, be it resolved Allegheny County Council, on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, hereby proclaims April 2011 as Fair Housing Month in Allegheny County. This Council recognizes everyone shares in the future of this great nation and thanks the Fair

Housing Act for reminding citizens to not take this freedom for granted. This is sponsored by myself, Councilman Finnerty, Jim Ellenbogen, Nick Futules, Vince Gastgeb, Amanda Green Hawkins, Bob Macey, Chuck Martoni, John Palmiere and Bill Russell --- Bill Robinson, this 26th day of April 2011. I'm sorry. You keep changing your name on me. It's William Russell Robinson one day, it's Bill Robinson the next. You're confusing. So thank you very much for your efforts.

(Applause.)

MR. RANII: I think that says everything if you really read this proclamation. And it's good to know that with this proclamation, if you really read it, then we won't need the Duquesne Law people to sponsor us. But this is a wonderful recognition, and we thank you for passing it every year. I appreciate it, Council.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT BURN: 6307-11.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation naming April 2011 as Jazz Appreciation Month in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Councilman Robinson.

PRESIDENT BURN: Council Member Robinson.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. While Mr. Finnerty was identifying me as someone else, I started thinking back to my past basketball glory which did not exist and hoping that a pension check would be forthcoming if he'd call me Bill Russell enough. No offense taken, none whatsoever.

The last couple of years, the present members of Council --- the last three years, including this year, we have taken time out from our schedule to recognize jazz, not only as the first truly American music, but to recognize Pittsburgh and Allegheny County as the center of jazz. And Pittsburgh is recognized throughout the world as such.

Each year I try to bring to you someone that could give us additional information, a new perspective, a new enthusiasm. This year I have brought to you perhaps one of the most renowned music and jazz historians that I have met, a gentleman who is not only a performer. He's a writer, he's a technician and he has had the ability to spread jazz from Pittsburgh and Allegheny County, literally around the world, and I'll let him speak to you about that.

One of our own is with us today, Dr. Nelson Harrison. Dr. Harrison's a friend for many years. He has a book that he's been writing for some time on jazz here in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. But he said technology has forced him to take this book and turn it into something else. He'll talk to you about that also. But I just ask you, after I read the proclamation, to listen intently to Dr. Harrison, one of our own, and certainly you'll learn more about not only jazz, but music in general.

Whereas, jazz music and a number of the genre's great performers, composers and artists are inspiration to Pittsburgh's cultural history.

And whereas, in the 1930s, Pittsburgh was an emerging jazz capital of jazz music and cultures. Jazz clubs such as the Crawford Grill, the Blue Note, the Ellis Hotel, Stanwix Theatre and Musician's Club populate the Hill District and encourage local musicians and the genre to flourish.

And whereas, the unique jazz clubs and the local talent in Pittsburgh contributed to the natural rise of the genre. Local artists such as Mary Lou Williams, Kenny Clarke, Billy Strayhorn became fixtures in the advance of prominent jazz figures.

And whereas, Pittsburgh and Allegheny County organizations and institutions such as the University of Pittsburgh, the Manchester Craftsmen's Guild, the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and WDUQ-FM radio assisted in cementing jazz as a historic musical genre.

Whereas, jazz music and the various genres it spawned are integral parts of American culture.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Allegheny County Council, on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, hereby names April 2011 as Jazz Appreciation Month in Allegheny County. The Council commends all of the local musicians and organizations who preserve and continue to celebrate jazz in our community and across our country. Dr. Nelson Harrison.

(Applause.)

DR. HARRISON: Thank you, Council. I thank you very much for this. This is very important for me to have a chance to tell you a couple things. But first I'm going to ask you a couple questions for you to reflect upon. In the last 50 to 75 years, most of what we've known about the universe has been visual. We don't know what it

sounds like. We don't learn much about sound. And that's a shortcoming because the visual sense divides us, and the sense of sound harmonizes us and pulls us together. You wonder why there's so much strife on the planet. It's because we don't have ears anymore. The ancient people had better ears than we do.

Councilman Robinson and I go back as frat brothers in the Civil Rights Era, and it was jazz music that kept us supreme, kept us transcended over all the pressures that were on us. We had jazz. That was the greatest music in the world. And we were the ones who knew it. Nobody knew it.

My doctorate is in clinical psychology from the University of Pittsburgh. I didn't go to music school because when I had a full scholarship to Duquesne, I heard they'd throw you out of school if you played jazz. So I went into pre-med at Pitt. Now, that's not an expression because they've finally come on board, the universities, but that's only since 1970. What were they doing prior to that? They didn't understand that we have produced in Pittsburgh --- we're the jazz capital of the world.

And I'm telling you, in cyberspace --- some of you aren't cyber savvy, I'm finding out, to my surprise. A lot of people I thought would be aren't. But you need to speed up, because we're going there. In cyberspace the world knows that there's not a city in the world that has produced more jazz giants and innovators in the last hundred years than Pittsburgh. Okay. So I'm going to give you a couple sound bytes for that. We in Pittsburgh have finally become a sports town. I can go back to when nobody went to Steeler games. If some of you people don't believe that, it's true. But if you remember in the '60s, nobody went to Steeler games. Now we have the Steelers and we're a champion city.

And I have a promise from Franco Harris that he's going to help us make the --- make Pittsburgh as big in jazz as it should be and as the sports is presently. Franco is the head of the investment group that bought the Crawford Grill. The Crawford Grill is the heart and the last living shrine to the tradition of jazz that has influenced the entire world. We need the Crawford Grill to stay the Crawford Grill, not to tear it down and build a new structure or something like that. You wouldn't tear down Stonehenge. You wouldn't tear down the Blarney Stone. You wouldn't tear down the Wailing Wall because

those are sacred spaces. And for jazz, the Crawford Grill is the last sacred space left in Pittsburgh. If we don't save it, shame on us. We tore down where the first radio broadcast was and built a Wendy's on the property. What's the matter with us in Pittsburgh? Why do we do this? So we are champion of this in cyber space.

So I teach music now, and I'm having an interesting time because the young people have now been so hypnotized --- I'm a professional hypnotist. Kids have these little ear buds in their ear listening to machines. They're not listening to people making music. They're listening to machines. And that beat is hypnotic and it instantly hypnotizes you. And the stuff they're feeding into those things, if you listen to it, I don't think you'd like your kids listening to some of that stuff. And it's coming out in their behavior. We need to teach them what an acoustic instrument sounds like and what the experience of hearing sounds made by human beings --- they don't know what that is anymore.

The other thing is, and I'll talk as a psychophysicologist, it's been known for over 50 years that if you play an acoustic instrument, you grow 35 percent average more brain matter than if you don't. And you talk about the dumb God of our young people. When we took music out of the schools and forced math and science on these kids, we've dumbed them down big time. Let me tell you what I reflected on in graduate school about that, and then I'll leave you to ponder some of this. I was thinking a minute and I said, you know, the chemistry I studied in high school is wrong today. What was wrong today was wrong then. You just didn't know it. The chemistry --- the science I studied in medical school in 1964 is wrong today. That means it was wrong then. The theory of RNA and DNA is not correct science. We don't even know that it's not correct yet. But if you go to cyberspace, you'll find that it's not correct. So what are we teaching when we say math and science? We're teaching the history of science. We're not teaching science. They discovered dark matter in the universe last year. That makes Einstein wrong. That makes all of that stuff wrong; okay? Now they're trying to figure out what the universe sounded like.

However, the music of 50 years ago was still right. The music of 200 years ago, Beethoven and Mozart, is still right. Music is a permanent value. Science is

not. Every time they give a Nobel Prize, it's for something that's proven wrong six months later. When are we going to wake up? I do this to rooms full of Ph.D.s, and they go (indicating). Yeah.

So we need to start thinking. We give kids a permanent value, something they can do that internalizes. And it requires self-development to play an instrument. Kids don't want to do the push-ups. They don't want to do the work. Well, this thing, if the keys don't work, it's not playing music. No, it's not a computer. You are the music. This is just the vehicle. This becomes your voice. It's hard for them to want to do that until we get them caught on what the result will be and how good it feels to do it. We know. So when we start pushing our kids into learning subjects when we used to teach human beings how to become citizens and productive citizens --- and now we're teaching subjects. They're not going to run into a subject in life. Are we crazy? Let's teach human beings again and let's teach them how to be human beings.

Music is the language of a secret world. It opens up --- if you travel to a foreign country --- you don't speak the language, you play your music instrument, you've got instant friends. Everywhere you go you do that. We want to teach the young people the secret language and we want to teach the world how to harmonize again. Jazz is the highest expression possible on a musical instrument. It's not a style of music. I played in the Pittsburgh Symphony when I was 15. What's the big deal about it? Music is music. So jazz, you're the composer. You're the artist. You're doing it in the present moment. There's no other music in the world that could touch it. So help us. Thank you for this proclamation, because you're helping us find credibility among people who have lost their way and they haven't figured out which way is up. So thank you, Council. Thank you, Councilman Robinson, for your sponsorship. And thank you for your attention.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. Drozd, do you have something to say?

MR. DROZD: I want to mention something to you. You know, I spent four to five hours at Rising Sun today listening to young people playing in an orchestra together. And some kids that weren't playing were sitting

there and they were looking at this as a chance for creativity and collaboration for those young people. So there is hope. There are a lot of kids that are still listening. They'd only tune out, even in classes, with those earplugs. So there is hope.

DR. HARRISON: I failed to mention one thing to you Duquesne people. I didn't mean to cast dispersion. Because the person who taught me everything I know about music, but he didn't teach me everything he knows, was a graduate of Duquesne Law School, who we all know, Judge Warren Watson. And he still teaches music 57 years later. So that's where I got my from music from.

PRESIDENT BURN: 6308-11.

MR. CATANESE: Certificates of Achievement honoring the Shaler Area High School girls' basketball team for winning the WPIAL AAAA Championship. Sponsored by Council Members Burn, Kress and DeFazio.

PRESIDENT BURN: Thank you. I would invite the coach, Eric Mozzetti, Superintendent Donald Lee and the players to join us here at the podium. There's plenty of room right next to the podium and in the hall here. If you would please come up and join us. I will be very brief in remarks. And then I will invite one of our co-sponsors, Council Member Kress, to say a few words. And I would like to invite my colleague and to thank my colleagues, Council Members DeFazio and Kress, both of whom reside in Shaler Township, for co-sponsoring, both of whom are Council members at large. It's good to have them there co-sponsoring. And including myself, all three of us live in the Shaler Area School District.

Superintendent Lee, I want to thank you personally for the call Wednesday night, the robo-call to our house. I have a ten-year-old and a six-year-old who are in the Shaler Area School District. When you left that robo-call telling them they didn't miss school on Friday and on Monday, you became their favorite person for them. Next to the Easter Bunny, you were their favorite person. So thank you, Superintendent. Thank you for the great work the Shaler Area School District does.

This was a remarkable year for the team, 26-3, first title in 31 years. Coach Mozzetti, the Post-Gazette's Girls' Basketball Coach of the Year, Valerie McQuade, player, as one of the Fab 5. It's in the proclamation. I just wanted to thank you and say to the players something I say every time there's a team up here

for a proclamation. We always read about negatives in the paper, about the young men and women who sometimes get into trouble or sometimes get misguided. And before they find their way, we read about it. Unfortunately, those type of negative stories sell. For every one of those, I would suggest there are 5 to 15 good stories like this. Athletics is as important as music. And the fact that you are in athletics, you're training your mind in addition to your body, your spirit. You are the future leaders. We are honored that you live in this county. And you can be 99 years old on a rocking chair, and nobody will ever be able to take those medals off from around your neck. So congratulations to all of you. You really understand the concept of team and the team approach at a very young age, and you are only limited in your future by your imagination. I would like for --- in order to read the proclamation, invite our newest member of Council up to say a few words, who also resides in Shaler, Council Member Ed Kress. Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Thank you very much. I'd like to say I also was a graduate of Shaler Area High School. I didn't realize it would be a Kress alumni night tonight, but it is. First of all, I'd say it's a great honor for the community to have girls such as yourselves win this award here. And I have to say it shows what a great community Shaler is and what a great school district it is. So I'm going to read the proclamation.

This Certificate of Achievement is awarded to the 2010-2011 Shaler Area High School girls' basketball team in recognition of the athletes' outstanding abilities and coach's beneficial guidance, which were showcased throughout the team's fantastic season and the team's capture of the 2011 WPIAL Class AAAA Championship. The team's indelible contributions to Allegheny County's long legacy of sports champions are to be commended. On behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, we join with the team in celebration of its outstanding and memorable season. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT BURN: Johnny?

MR. DEFAZIO: Yeah, real quick. All my six children graduated from Shaler also. But I did want to congratulate all the people that won the WPIAL and the coach. They did an outstanding job. To win, that's not a major thing. Now the next thing you've got to do is start listening to jazz music. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: Superintendent Lee, congratulations.

DR. LEE: Thank you, Mr. Burn. Thank you. It's a great honor. I should have left the coach speak, but he passed the gauntlet to me. It is quite an honor. These girls are fine young women and they did a great service to our overall community bringing home that title. Congratulations to the Seton-La Salle and Mr. Lebanon girls' teams as well, two quality teams, and to their coaches for the championships that they won as well. And I think on behalf of the Shaler community, we feel a great sense of pride for what these young women did for themselves and for their school and for the whole Shaler community. And Mr. Kress, Mr. Burn and Mr. DeFazio and Shaler residents, we're glad that you were able to honor them this evening. Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT BURN: Coach, before photographs, you're always welcome to introduce the players if you'd like, sir, for the record. Who are the team captains?

COACH MOZZETTI: The team captains? Val McQuade, Kelly Berry. Do you want them ---?

PRESIDENT BURN: Yeah. If the team captains want to come up and introduce the team.

COACH MOZZETTI: Okay. That'd be fine.

MS. MCQUADE: Okay. So our seniors, Haley Sauer and Shannon Powell, and Hillary Sauer isn't here.

MS. BERRY: The juniors are Ashley Domachowski, Cate Potter. And Laurin Edwards and Gina Prolo are not here.

MS. MCQUADE: Sophomores we have Alia Bradford, Courtney Bauer. We also have Marisa Benz, Katie Barkley, Gwen Poillucci and Jess Lee.

MS. BERRY: And our freshmen are Abbey Conrad, Paige Quinn and Carly Harris.

PRESIDENT BURN: Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT BURN: Thank you, everyone. I hope to see you again next year, Shaler. 6309-11.

MR. CATANESE: Certificates of Achievement honoring the Seton-La Salle High School girls' basketball team for winning the WPIAL Class AA Championship. Sponsored by Councilman Ellenbogen.

PRESIDENT BURN: Council Member Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. Seton-La Salle, under Anthony Chiapetta and his staff, Seton-LaSalle continues to show the county their prowess not only in academics but also in sports, whether it be football, wrestling, basketball or what have you. Today we're here to honor the Seton-La Salle High School girls' basketball team. I'd ask Coach Dennis Squeglia and the gals to come up, and his staff.

We're here to honor the Seton-La Salle High School girls' basketball team, who won the WPIAL AA championship. What's interesting about this team is that they beat Jeannette to win the WPIAL title, 74-29, and the margin was the biggest in WPIAL girls' title game history. It was also the most points scored in a AA WPIAL girls' title game. The team finished 27-3, and they also continue the academic and athletic excellence that the Seton-La Salle School always gives. I'm very proud of this school, and these gals represent all of the great things that come out of that school. So with that, I'd like to read the proclamation.

This Certificate of Achievement is awarded to the 2010-2011 Seton-La Salle High School girls' basketball team in recognition of its outstanding athletic abilities, which were showcased throughout the team's fantastic season and in the team's capture of the 2011 WPIAL Class AA Championship. The team's indelible contributions to Allegheny County's long legacy of sports champions are to be commended. On behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, we join with the team in celebration of its outstanding and memorable season. Sponsored by myself, Councilman Ellenbogen, and presented on behalf of Allegheny County Council and the citizens of Allegheny County this 26th day of April, 2011. I would ask, Coach, would you join me?

COACH SQUEGLIA: Sure.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Coach Dennis Squeglia, do you want to address the ---?

COACH SQUEGLIA: Yes. First of all, I'd like to thank the Allegheny County Council for taking the time out of their agenda to recognize the efforts of young men and women --- young adults, I'm going to say, for their achievements in the classroom and out of the classroom. Athletics are important, as we all know that. And we've had a lot press lately in the last couple of weeks about the budget cuts and everything and people trying to

survive in athletics. But athletics are a very important part of what we do. It's important to what these kids do. They learn a lot outside of the classroom. And it was just great to be part of this program here at Seton-La Salle.

Strangely enough, one of the councilmen there was a dad --- one of the dads that brought me to Allegheny County 20 years ago. John Palmiere was on the School Board of Whitehall when I got hired here in 1989, so hello to John. Go back to this. The Shaler girls' team, congratulations for your great season, and Mt. Lebanon. You just keep repeating and doing great things and it'll work. We respect all of you and are proud of all of you and just proud to sit up here with you and think that we're part of a special group of people, too. They work very hard at what they do. They love what they do. They're great academicians (sic) in a classroom, great kids to be around. And we thank you for taking time out and recognizing us this evening.

One of my captains, Alexa DelGreco, will introduce the kids who are here, the young ladies who are here. As you know, we're a AA program. A lot of our kids play sports. But we get as many kids out here as we could to represent our program. So again, thank you. One thing I want to do is introduce my two assistant coaches, Ron Mumbrey, who's one of my assistant coaches, and Timothy Joyce is my other assistant coach. So thanks for having us. Congratulations to all of you, and thanks again.

(Applause.)

MR. ELLENBOGEN: President Burn and I always talk about the numerous articles you read about young people that are kind of disparaging. So we really get enjoyment out of showing the great kids and successes of all the great kids coming out from this county and the great contributions that we look forward to contributing in the future. Coach, if you'd like to ---.

COACH SQUEGLIA: Alexa?

MS. DELGRECO: We have Katherine Hart, Natalie Piagessi, Julia Rodiatis, Maura Bevan, Emily Marecic, Maria Rotunda and Jordan Dwyer.

(Applause.)

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I hope to see you guys come back here next year, too. Thank you.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT BURN: 6310-11.

MR. CATANESE: Let the record show that Councilwoman Green Hawkins is on the line. Certificates of Achievement honoring the Mt. Lebanon High School girls' basketball team for winning the PIAA AAAA Championship. Sponsored by Council Member Gastgeb.

MR. GASTGEB: Thank you, President Burn and members of Council. If I could have Coach Dori Oldaker come up with any members of the Mt. Lebanon team. As they're making their way out, I do want to also congratulate Seton-La Salle and Shaler for their excellent seasons and the traditions they've established and continue to hold here. And Council Member Burn and Ellenbogen are so correct with regard to young adults. We're going through a tough stretch right now from the media where some of our younger adults are just not put in a positive light and have been very discouraged with regard to media accounts. But when you come to this meeting tonight and see these fine young adults, these fine young women and what they've been able to accomplish, it does your heart well.

And I could say that I believe the Mt. Lebanon girls' team --- it's like a yearly --- it's like our budget. Every time we look around, there they are. We're going to call that --- I think I got that right. I didn't go to Mt. Lebanon. I went to Bethel Park. I might have got it wrong. But if you guys just kind of go with me for a second.

You know, you talk about a level of tradition. I think we really need to recognize what these girls and which Coach Oldaker have been able to do. By my accounting, three years, three state titles and two WPIAL championships. And this year was a state title. And they beat Archbishop Carroll to become only the second girls' team in WPIAL history to win three state titles in a row. The team finished 25-6. And this was Coach Oldaker's, I believe, fifth state championship. Is that right? Okay.

And again, this doesn't happen --- being that I have daughters roughly your ages, I know the commitment that it takes to not just have a good team, but have a good program and have the adults, have the parents, everybody contribute to what is not just a winning team on the court, but a winning team academically. And I really believe that when looking this up, there are certain teams that shine, and I think that Mt. Lebanon High School girls' basketball program is one. It's just a fiber of

the community you've been able to do, a program of excellence. You're basically a yearly visit. I can actually say I look forward to seeing you again next year in some capacity, because we've done that. So when you work hard at what you do, good things happen.

I also want to recognize Madison Cable for the Fab 5 designation by The Post-Gazette. Again, what you've been able to do --- I'm not sure how many things you have been able to do in any type of sport, whether it's --- whatever, sports that the boys compete in or the girls. So it's just a great, great achievement. And without further ado, I'd like to read the proclamation. I'll ask Coach Oldaker to come up to say a few words and maybe someone can introduce these fine young women.

On behalf of Allegheny County Council, this Certificate of Achievement is awarded to the 2010-2011 Mt. Lebanon High School girls' basketball team in recognition of the athletes' outstanding abilities and the coach's exceptional guidance, which were showcased throughout the team's fantastic season and the team's capturing of the 2011 State AAAA Championship. The team's contribution to Allegheny County's long legacy of sports champions are to be commended. So on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, we join with the team in celebration of an outstanding and memorable season. Sponsored by me, Vince Gastgeb. Dori, congratulations once again.

(Applause.)

COACH OLDAKER: Thank you, Councilman Gastgeb and thank you, Council, for taking this time this evening to honor all these wonderful teams. And I want to congratulate Shaler, Seton-La Salle and also North Catholic for tremendous seasons. I'd also like to introduce my assistant coaches, Coach Carl Satira and Jack Dandrea. Without them, our season would not be possible. And it's a team effort. It's not just one coach. It's a coaching staff. And these tremendous young ladies I will introduce at this time. Our senior captains, we have Paige Kassalen --- sorry. Anna Kestler, Madison Cable. And again, not everyone could be here this evening due to spring sports, and we have two students that are being honored tonight at the National Honor Society. Our junior class --- I have to look around here. Emma Pellicano, Courtney Kitchen. Okay. We'll go to sophomores. Jordan Holmes, Alex Ventrone, Hannah Sharpe. Freshmen, Rachel Greenwald, way over here, Kylie Cook. And again, thank

you. This is quite an honor to be here this evening, and we truly appreciate your time.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT BURN: The remaining proclamations and certificates shall be read into the record.

MR. CATANESE: 6311-11. Certificates of Achievement honoring the North Catholic High School girls' basketball team for winning the WPIAL Class A championship. Sponsored by Council Members Burn and Green Hawkins.

6312-11. Proclamation honoring Blawnox Police Department Chief of Police George P. Bucha for serving the community for 50 years. Sponsored by Council Member Burn.

6313-11. Proclamations honoring Judge Jeffrey A. Manning for receiving the Judge Robert E. Dauer Award for Judicial Leadership and Excellence, and Michael F. Feeney, Esquire for receiving the Judge James R. McGregor Award at Amen Corner's 51st Judicial Reception. Sponsored by Council Members Burn, DeFazio, Drozd, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Gastgeb, Green Hawkins, Macey, Martoni, Palmiere and Danko.

6314-11. Proclamation honoring Marvin Hamlich for his service as the Pittsburgh Pops Principal Conductor and for his excellence as a composer. Sponsored by Council Member Drozd.

6315-11. Proclamation honoring Michael Nolan of Boy Scout Troop 226 for earning his Eagle Scout ranking. Sponsored by Council Member Drozd.

6316-11. Certificates of Achievement commending the Bishop Canevin High School hockey team for winning the PIHL AA Penguins Cup and the PIHL AA Pennsylvania Cup. Sponsored by Council Member Ellenbogen.

6317-11. Proclamation honoring Vanessa Kessel of Montour High School for earning the Girl Scout Gold Award. Sponsored by Council Member Finnerty.

6318-11. Proclamations honoring Evan Michael Butler and Anthony Vincent Cugini of Boy Scout Troop 4 for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council Member Gastgeb.

6319-11. Proclamation honoring the tenth anniversary of the Pittsburgh Interfaith Impact Network and commending Reverend John Welch for his leadership in the community. Sponsored by Council Member Green Hawkins.

6320-11. Certificate of Recognition honoring the 60th anniversary of John and Janet Dzurilla. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

6321-11. Certificate of Recognition honoring Serra Catholic High School's 50th anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

6322-11. Certificate of Recognition honoring the 60th anniversary of Walter and Irene Levdansky. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

6323-11. Certificate of Recognition honoring the 70th anniversary of Henry and Bertha DeVault. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

PRESIDENT BURN: Public comment on agenda items.

MR. CATANESE: None.

PRESIDENT BURN: Approval of minutes. 6324-11.

MR. CATANESE: Motion to approve the minutes of March 30th, 2011 special meeting of Council and April 5th, 2011 regular meeting of Council.

PRESIDENT BURN: Is there a motion?

MR. FINNERTY: I'll make that motion.

MR. DEFAZIO: Second.

PRESIDENT BURN: Moved, second. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT BURN: Opposed? The minutes are approved. Presentation of appointments. 6330-11.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Dan Garcia to serve as a member of the Accountability, Conduct and Ethics Commission for a term to expire on December 3rd, 2012. Sponsored by Council Member Gastgeb.

PRESIDENT BURN: Council Member Gastgeb.

MR. GASTGEB: Thank you, President Burn. Before I ask for a motion, I just want to make a quick comment that when we started this government over ten years ago, one of the most important commissions that we looked at and put in our Allegheny County Code of Ordinances will be called the ACE Commission, the Accountability, Conduct and Ethics Commission. And I think that we worked well by constantly, over the years, bringing qualified people into this important commission. And tonight, on behalf of Council Members Drozd, Kress and Rea, I'd like to make a motion that we continue that tradition and appoint Dan Garcia to serve as a member of the ACE Commission.

MR. FINNERTY: I second that motion.

PRESIDENT BURN: Moved, second.

MR. KRESS: Mr. Burn, may I say something?

PRESIDENT BURN: Yes, Mr. Kress.

MR. KRESS: I'd just like to say I know Dan Garcia personally. First of all, it's good to see somebody, Dan, like yourself be involved in county government. I know he'll do a great job of replacing me on this commission, the Ethics Commission. So thank you for serving, Dan.

PRESIDENT BURN: Any other discussion on the motion?

MR. GASTGEB: I also wanted to say to Dan's character, he's here tonight. He wants to be part of the meeting, so we thank you for coming in.

MR. GARCIA: Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: Any other discussion on the motion? May we do this by voice vote or should we do a roll call?

MR. CATANESE: Voice.

PRESIDENT BURN: All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT BURN: Opposed? Congratulations. Welcome aboard, sir. I look forward to working with you. Unfinished business. Committee on Budget and Finance, second reading. 6293-11.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the 2008 Capital Budget for Allegheny County. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. Robinson.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. Move for approval.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

PRESIDENT BURN: Moved, second. Please call the roll.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: 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?
MR. GASTGEB: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?
MR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?
MS. REA: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn, President?
PRESIDENT BURN: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ayes 14, noes 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT BURN: 6294-11.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2011, Submission 5-11. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT BURN: Council Member Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. Move for approval.

MR. KRESS: Second.

PRESIDENT BURN: There's a motion and it's seconded. Any discussion on the motion? Please call the roll.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?
MS. DANKO: 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?
MR. GASTGEB: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?
MR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?
MS. REA: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn, President?
PRESIDENT BURN: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ayes 14, noes 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT BURN: Committee on Economic Development and Housing, second reading. 6295-11.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution approving a project for the benefit of the Carlow University, the University, to be financed by the Allegheny County Higher Educational Building Authority by the issuance of the Authority's tax-exempt or taxable bonds to be issued in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount not in excess of \$18,750,000, provided that the taxing power of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania shall not be obligated in any way with respect to the bonds, hereinafter defined, and determining that the purpose of the financing will be to benefit the health and welfare of the citizens of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT BURN: Council Member Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. This was released from committee with an affirmative recommendation, and I would like to make a motion.

PRESIDENT BURN: Motion to approve?

MR. ROBINSON: Second.

PRESIDENT BURN: Moved, second. Any discussion on the motion? Please call the roll. Oh, discussion. Mr. Gastgeb?

MR. GASTGEB: Yeah. I apologize for not being able to make the committee meeting. But it seemed to me in the past, and this might not be the time, but at some point in time, we get the information piecemeal who the

professional service providers are and what they're doing.
Is that going to come up?

MR. FINNERTY: They were there at the meeting,
but I can get you that information.

MR. GASTGEB: Thank you.

MR. FINNERTY: You're welcome.

PRESIDENT BURN: Any other discussion? Any
other discussion? Please call the roll.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: 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?

MR. GASTGEB: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn, President?

PRESIDENT BURN: Yes.

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

PRESIDENT BURN: 6296-11.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the Council of
the County of Allegheny authorizing the pursuit of a Tax
Increment Financing Plan for portions of the River's Edge
of Oakmont Redevelopment Area to be located in Oakmont,
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Sponsored by the Chief
Executive.

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. Again, this was released from committee with an affirmative recommendation. I'd like to make a motion to approve.

PRESIDENT BURN: So moved.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

PRESIDENT BURN: Moved and second. Any discussion?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: I'd like to make one comment. If members had an opportunity to see the site plan --- and back in the 1970s I worked at Edgewater Steel as a steelworker, and I never thought I'd see a housing plan so beautiful in its place. And it is certainly an improvement to the Oakmont area. And we're looking forward to seeing that in the next few years. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: Very good. Any other discussion? Any other discussion? Please call the roll.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: 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?

MR. GASTGEB: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn, President?

PRESIDENT BURN: Yes.

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

PRESIDENT BURN: Under liaison reports, I have a couple items before I invite my fellows to share any items they may wish to address. The Chief Executive, pursuant to our Charter, wherein he is required to come on a quarterly basis to address the County Council, please note that the Chief Executive will be joining us at next Tuesday's Council meeting, that is May 3rd at 5:00 p.m., to address any questions that the body may have. So I wanted to make that announcement. A letter was sent to us by the Executive signaling his desire to come and spend some time with us. So if anybody has any questions for the Chief Executive, please feel free to ask them next week when he is with us.

With respect to the Special Committee on Public Transportation, many of you have seen that the Governor has put a task force together and is hoping to have some recommendations from that task force no later than August 1st. We will move on the Special Committee on Public Transportation as quickly as possible. At this point we've identified the principals. We want to put together a good synopsis of what we believe are the issues that are very important to the Port Authority of Allegheny County, what's working, what isn't, what are the short-term and long-term goals. Because of this deadline by the administration in Harrisburg, we're hoping to have some recommendations on where we are and where we hope to be by the June 20, '12 deadline, to the Governor's transportation team no later than August 1st. Another meeting of our committee, I believe, is scheduled next week. Jared, is it May 5th?

MR. BARKER: I believe.

PRESIDENT BURN: Is it Thursday, I believe?

MR. BARKER: Right, Thursday.

PRESIDENT BURN: We're going to have that meeting at 5:00 in the Gold Room. I know Council Member Robinson has a meeting at 4:00, so sir, we'll try to start here at 5:00. But if we have to wait a little bit for your committee to adjourn, we'll certainly work with you, sir. That's all I have. Does anybody have anything on liaison reports? Mr. Palmiere, then Mr. Drozd.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, the ordinance that is in committee right now regarding --- I have attended many town meetings in my districts in recent weeks, and the thing that the people seem to be most concerned about is being able to find out what permits are being --- people that are applying for permits for drilling in their respective neighborhoods. And they have no way of finding out until now, and that's what this particular ordinance will address, that anything will come up. Anyone that's interested in obtaining permits in certain neighborhoods, it will become public knowledge immediately.

PRESIDENT BURN: Thank you, Councilman Palmiere. And the Government Reform Committee meeting has been scheduled for May 4th at 4:00 p.m. That is when we're going to put that bill on, right after the discussion. I misspoke earlier. I apologize. May 10th, 2011, Thursday, 5:00 p.m. in the Gold Room will be the next meeting of the Special Committee on Transportation. Thank you for bringing that to my attention. Mr. Drozd and then Doc Martoni after that. Did you have a question, or --- Mr. Drozd.

MR. DROZD: Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to remind everybody there was a School Board member within the City of Pittsburgh Public Schools that addressed us a little while ago at one of our meetings. It might have been said and we might have misconstrued. It was April 20th --- was the Pittsburgh Public Schools 13th Annual Take a Father to School, Yes, I Can Day. It's Friday, May 20th. You can call any of your local schools within the public schools. That includes fathers, grandfathers, uncles or other adult males who have made an impact on the life of a child, are welcome and encouraged to spend time with him or her at the school on this day. So please, I urge you to call your respective schools within the City of Pittsburgh, and I hope the other schools in the suburbs will do the same. You can also donate any new or used prescription glasses or a non-perishable food item as part of the event.

They're going to present a proclamation on this in City Council, for those of you who would like to go at 10:00 on May 3rd. I have to tell you this and stress this. You never get a high, no matter what you leave behind --- any amount of money means nothing in what you leave behind as part of you of mentoring a young person.

We've seen them here today, and we all go home to our own children. Outside your family, I'm talking about, outside your family. You really need to do that. Those young people so badly need you. I see them every day. I see a young man. Maybe he has eight brothers and he says, my goal, unlike my other brothers, is to graduate from high school, and needs that little nudge from us. I have a young man --- his phone number is on my Blackberry. You all saw The Blind Side? This young man is very, very similar to that young man in The Blind Side. A football player within the city, good football player, lives with his grandmother. A nice young man. He was asking and crying out for someone just to mentor him. Hopefully he'll join me on that day in one of those schools. You will never, never experience anything in your life if you don't --- if you do something like this. And even today when I heard the music and I was there today with those young people, I saw them, how excited they were. They really need us. They need you. They need us. Do something. I really implore you to do that. You'll never, never have that kind of feeling. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BURN: Thank you, Councilman Drozd. Any other liaison reports? New business, ordinances and resolutions. 6325-11.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing Division 4 of the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances entitled Finances, through the enactment of a new Chapter 485 entitled False Claims, providing for the recovery of enhanced monetary damages from persons who file false or fraudulent claims with the county, providing a procedure for persons with knowledge of such claims to inform the county, and authorizing the county, in certain circumstances, to allow such persons to commence civil actions on behalf of the county and to share in the proceeds awarded, and providing for civil penalties, attorneys' fees and costs, all under certain terms and conditions. Sponsored by Council Members Kress, Drozd and Martoni.

PRESIDENT BURN: Council Member Kress.

MR. KRESS: Thank you. First of all, I'd like to thank all the co-sponsors on this bill. What the False Claims Act does is the unique mechanism in the law that allows citizens with evidence of fraud against government

for contracts and programs to sue on behalf of the government in order to recover these stolen funds. In compensation for their risk and effort of this filing, a citizen whistleblower may get awarded a portion of the funds that are recovered. This has been a very effective program with the federal government. Supposedly the federal government has collected about --- recovered about \$22 billion. The cities of Chicago and Philadelphia passed a False Claims Act. And in crime, it's not a Democrat or Republican issue. It's a crime against the taxpayers. We need to make sure we go after fraud. And this is a good bill that incentivizes our ordinary citizens to try to track down fraud on behalf of the county taxpayers. And I think this will be a good Government Reform bill, and that's the reason why I introduced it.

PRESIDENT BURN: Thank you, Council Member Kress. This will be referred to the Committee on Government Reform. Mr. Gastgeb?

MR. GASTGEB: Mr. Catanese, please put me down as a co-sponsor. I also want to say that I actually think, after hearing what Mr. Kress said, that this empowers our employees to be better employees in a very transparent manner. I mean, the one good thing about a Home Rule government is that you're able to make laws and ordinances that aren't already within state government. So it's really creative, so I'm willing to co-sponsor it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. Kress, we have a meeting scheduled next Wednesday, the 4th at 4:00 p.m. We're going to discuss Mr. Palmiere's bill. I'd be happy to add this for discussion.

MR. KRESS: Sure. I'd appreciate it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: We'll put that on the agenda as well. 6326-11.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, permitting the use of county-owned property by Focus on Renewal. Sponsored by the Chief Executive and Council Member Finnerty.

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: I would ask that we waive the second reading.

PRESIDENT BURN: Motion to waive the second reading?

MR. ROBINSON: Second.

PRESIDENT BURN: Moved, second. Any discussion on the motion to waive? I'm just going to ---.

MR. FINNERTY: I just want to explain why. It's something that I don't really like to do, and I think everybody knows that up here. But this is something that's very timely for the students of Sto-Rox School District. They want to make sure that they can place this peace sculpture before the end of the school year. And the way it would work out, they'd probably be out of school by the time it got through the committee work, et cetera, for this.

PRESIDENT BURN: So time is of the essence?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes, it is.

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. Drozd, discussion on the motion to waive second reading?

MR. DROZD: I think this is a great idea. And I just want to ask Councilman Finnerty, now if we would need that land or the county would need that land, we can just --- this is use for this permit right now; correct?

MR. FINNERTY: Right. This is just a conditional use. It still has to be --- a legal document has to be drawn up by the Law Department in relation to this.

MR. DROZD: But if we ever have to take it back, we could take it?

MR. FINNERTY: Oh, we're not giving ownership at all.

MR. DROZD: Oh, okay.

MR. FINNERTY: I do have a few handouts I'd like to hand out. One is to show you the picture of what the sculpture looks like.

PRESIDENT BURN: May I make a suggestion? Let's limit the debate to the --- we're talking about the motion to waive. Once we get past that, we'll discuss the substance of the bill.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay.

PRESIDENT BURN: Is there any other discussion on the motion to waive the second reading? Any other discussion? Any other discussion? Please call the roll.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: 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?
MR. GASTGEB: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?
MR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?
MS. REA: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn, President?
PRESIDENT BURN: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes 14, noes 0. It's waived.

PRESIDENT BURN: We have waived the second reading. The bill is now on the floor for discussion. Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. I'd like to distribute two articles in relation to that so that everybody understands exactly where it is and what it is.

PRESIDENT BURN: Council Member Finnerty, your handouts have been distributed, sir.

MR. FINNERTY: All right. If there are any questions, I will field them.

PRESIDENT BURN: Any other questions for Council Member Finnerty in addition to the observations and comments that Council Member Drozd already been made?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just ---.

PRESIDENT BURN: Yes, Mr. Ellenbogen.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Mike, did the kids actually make this?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes, they did. The Sto-Rox High School made that and they made it at Focus on Renewal,

which is part of a non-profit which does a tremendous amount of work.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Thank you.

MR. FINNERTY: Certainly.

PRESIDENT BURN: Any other questions? Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yeah. Is this maintained by the county at this time? And also, will there be some sort of an insurance issue for the future?

MR. FINNERTY: Oh, okay. As I stated before, this has to go through the Law Department, so there will be documents drawn up in regard to that. Actually, the maintenance of this little triangle there is already done by McKees Rocks. They thought they owned it, but we investigated it and we actually own it. So they've taken care of this area for a number of years in relation to that. So the Law Department still has to review things for this. And also, our Public Works Department has to go down and take a look at this and make sure that there's no problem with sight lines at this intersection. This is called Five Points in McKees Rocks. And that bridge is the entrance into McKees Rocks. So that's why they want to put it there, so it's very visible. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: Very good. Any other discussion or questions for Council Member Finnerty? Seeing none, is there a motion to approve?

MR. FINNERTY: I made the motion.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT BURN: Moved and second. Any discussion on the motion? Any discussion on the motion? Please call the roll.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: 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?

MR. GASTGEB: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?
MR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?
MS. REA: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn, President?
PRESIDENT BURN: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ayes 14, noes 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT BURN: 6327-11.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to acquire by condemnation certain tax-delinquent parcels of land for expansion of Round Hill Park, and to take such further action as may be necessary under applicable law, including the Eminent Domain Code. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT BURN: Refer to Committee on Government Reform. 6328-11.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2011, Submission 6-11. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT BURN: Refer to Budget and Finance. New business, motions. Seeing none, notification of contracts. 6329-11.

MR. CATANESE: Communication from County Manager Jim Flynn submitting executive actions related to contracts for the month of March 2011. Sponsored by the County Manager.

PRESIDENT BURN: Move to receive?

MR. MARTONI: Move to receive in file.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

PRESIDENT BURN: Move to receive in file is moved and seconded. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT BURN: Opposed? Public comment on general items.

MR. CATANESE: We have two.

PRESIDENT BURN: Tom Meisner? Mr. Meisner, please come up to the podium. Thank you for being with us. And if you could give us your name and address before speaking, we would greatly appreciate it. Thank you, sir.

MR. MEISNER: Good evening. My name is Tom Meisner. I live at 528 Bigham Road up in Mt. Washington. I want to speak for a couple minutes, actually, just three, about the issue of rating restaurants. I saw an article about it in The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, heard discussion about it. I think it's a good idea. My concern is not the idea, but the way that it would be done. And I just have a couple of comments. And the materials I'm passing out I'm going to comment on. I will certainly answer any questions you might have.

First of all, I think a rating system is justified. I think the information would benefit patrons, and I support that concept. But I hope you don't do something as simplistic as A, B, C. It really doesn't work in the public schools in the first place. I'm a former public school middle school principal, and I never supported the letter concept, and I think that it is actually insulting to the public to try to label all of the information you might have in a restaurant rating system on something as simplistic as that. I think that it can be inaccurate, it can be incomplete and certainly can be abused.

What I have passed out to you is something called a rubric. It is a chart. And I'm not going to try to present information about the rubric system. But it's pretty straightforward. And if you look at it, it has comments across the top in terms of the general descriptors. And I have given two samples of something that might be described in a rating system. Now, the description of atmosphere is something I was just kind of playing with. I'd really rather it not be something done by the Department of Health. But you have specific descriptors all the way across with those four headings. And I also did something called cleanliness in the kitchen, which certainly would be a concern of public health. And again, I've tried to address certain things all the way across.

I took the initiative of giving an example of if a restaurant was really good, you could bold the letters, put in a color, and it's very easy to see what the rating

has been. So you have specific information that anyone can understand. I believe that a rubric can be informative, concise, very consistent and very specific. I've passed out the samples. By the way, I have four columns. As someone who has worked with grading for his entire career, if you had an odd number, that middle number is a compromise. When you have four columns as I have shown you, you're forced to choose something either good or bad, which, again, is to be more informative to a consumer. I'd use a color to highlight it. And by the way, the second piece of paper deals with the information that's on the Internet, which is pretty sad. I can answer more questions about that if you would like.

PRESIDENT BURN: Thank you very much. If anybody has any questions after the meeting, I'm sure you'll still be here. Thank you.

MR. MEISNER: Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: John Maggio? Councilman.

MR. MAGGIO: John Maggio, 1696 Hillside Avenue, Dormont. And I am on Dormont Borough Council, but I'm here as president of Hollywood Theater. The Hollywood Theater is a single screen theater in Dormont, Pennsylvania with a balcony, one of the few single screen theaters with a true balcony left in western Pennsylvania. It closed last year in May. And we put together a group. We've been working since last year to reopen it. We're now a 501(c)(3), and we've had help, actually, with Duquesne University law students in achieving that.

We have our grand reopening May 7th with free movies May 7 and 8. But there's a group of us that have really been working to get this theater open, and I just wanted to let Council be aware of it.

The Whitehall Theater in Brownsville, on Brownsville Road, is now part of a strip mall at the plaza. The Bloomfield is now a Starbucks, I believe. The South Hills Theater on West Liberty Avenue is a drug store. It's important to keep these theaters alive. Studies have shown that a book store, a theater and a market do more for your main street to make it viable. Dormont just chose the True Allegheny Together Program to be a participant, so we're excited that the theater is open, too, and we see how that will benefit the community.

We've been working to do other things here besides show films. In June, we have a local Dormont resident, a blues guitarist, followed by a Norman Price

concert film. We're hosting a 48-hour film project in July. We're also hosting an art festival there in July. Matt Mehalik with Sustainable Pittsburgh has put us in contact with Carnegie Mellon University students who have put a business plan together for us. So we're very excited at what we're doing.

Also, on May 4th, 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania is hosting a screening at The New Metropolis that looks at suburbs much like Dormont and the challenges they face in the 21st century, to be followed by a family session. That's why I gave it to everybody on Council. Panelists include Greg Jones with Economic Development South, and Natalia Rudiak, who's a member of Pittsburgh City Council, Kathy Risko at CONNECT and a few others. That's about all I had.

And one other thing was that in May, they're actually going to be filming a movie at the Hollywood Theater, The Perks of Being a Wallflower, for people with children. I'm not sure who she is because I don't watch the Harry Potter movies, but Emma --- whatever her last name is, she's going to be in the movie. So we're excited about that too and we're excited about the reopening. And we just hope that you folks can spread the word and let people know about it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: Thank you, Councilman. Now that my son knows Hermione Granger's in town, I'm going to have to --- motion to adjourn?

(Chorus of motions.)

(Chorus of seconds.)

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:25 P.M.

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