

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

Dr. Charles J. Martoni	-	President, District 8
Nicholas Futules	-	Vice President, District 7
John P. DeFazio	-	Council-At-Large
Heather S. Heidelbaugh	-	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
John F. Palmiere	-	District 6
Robert J. Macey	-	District 9
William Russell Robinson	-	District 10
Barbara Daly Danko	-	District 11
James Ellenbogen	-	District 12
Amanda Green Hawkins	-	District 13

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IN ATTENDANCE:

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

PRESIDENT MARTONI: The regular meeting of Allegheny Council will now come to order. Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance and remain standing for a moment of silent reflection and prayer.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

(Moment of silent reflection and prayer.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Please be seated. Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?

(No response.)

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?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni, President?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Present.

MR. DROZD: And Drozd is here.

MR. BURN: Mr. Catanese, Jim Burn here.

MR. CATANESE: Okay.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. Proclamations/  
Certificates. 7015-12.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation honoring the  
University of Pittsburgh Police Department for their

bravery, professionalism and handling of the UPMC Western Psychiatric Institute shooting incident that occurred on March 8th, 2012. Sponsored by Council members Ellenbogen, Futules, Macey, Martoni, DeFazio, Palmiere, Gastgeb, Finnerty, Drozd, Burn, Rea, Danko and Robinson.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I would ask Councilman Macey and Vice President Futules to join me, and anybody else that might have something they'd like to say. I'd also ask Chief Delaney and Commander Ellis (phonetic) and the officers to joint me. Thank you for being here today. Before I begin this proclamation, I would be remiss if I didn't take a moment to remember the young lad, Michael Schaab, who died that day, and Kathryn Leight who also was severely wounded that day, also. I think it's very important to remember those poor folks because the good that these officers had done cannot undo the tragedies that the other families had experienced.

That being said, I'd like to just say that I'm very proud of these officers and the commander. With all the terrible things that have been happening in this country, you know, a lot of chiefs in different departments might take it with a grain of salt. When I was Chief of Operations for Special Services of Allegheny County, I can remember training for terrorists stuff in the '90s before it was popular and thinking to myself, why are we doing this. But Chief Full, who's now head of PEMA, thought that the day might come. Chief Delaney is also a man who thinks out of the box in recognizing the things that possibly could happen, took the time to make sure that his officers and his people were trained in such a situation.

In spite of the terrible loss of the young person who died, I take this very serious. I have a daughter who is the same age as that young man, who interned and was in and out of Western Psych all the time doing her intern work for her degrees. If not for these officers --- it's a terrible thing talking about the loss of life or the taking of one's life. But that being said, if it had not been for the courage, the training and the demeanor ---. I know from my own experiences, it's that training that you have to focus on to get you through it. There are a lot of people who wouldn't be with us today and a lot more families who would have died. That's how terrible it was. In that short of a second, had these officers not reacted, there could have been numerous

people who could have been killed, and to their credit and their training and their thoughtfulness and their guts --- because I mean, being in a shoot-out is nothing more than guts. And I even come from a police family where my father had been in various shoot-outs when he was a city police officer. They saved a lot of people that day. You know, I personally am proud. And being a University of Pittsburgh graduate makes me even prouder. I hope this proclamation arouses interest and thoughtfulness from chiefs throughout this whole county, from facilities who have security people where these kinds of things could happen. More than anything, it's important to realize the world where we grew up in does no longer exists, that what can happen sometimes does or what can't happen sometimes does. So that being said, I'd like to mention the officers that are here and some of the folks that aren't here. Before I do that, I would ask Vice President Futules and Councilman Macey if they have a few words, or any of the other Council people that might have something to say from the dais. This is that important. Councilman Futules?

MR. FUTULES: I just want to take the opportunity to thank the officers for just --- when you show up for work, you ask yourself that question, you wonder if you're going to come home that day as a police officer. In my line of work, I'm more worried about how --- just getting home to my family. But when you're a police officer, you just don't know a situation, what can arise. We've seen a lot of tragedies around the Pittsburgh area, here in Allegheny County. And I just want to commend you for your efforts and thank you for your service to Allegheny County. Thank you.

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Councilman Ellenbogen. I don't think it could be said any better, what you had to say. And the situation with our first responders, we never know what's going to happen. We never know what the outcome is going to be. And with these gentlemen behind us and all of our first responders that assist us and protect us, I want to thank you as well. My daughter was in lock-down. She works for the University of Pittsburgh. I want to thank you for protecting her, as well as everybody else that was working that day. Thank you so much.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I would like to mention all the officers involved. Chief Delaney, I just want to say, if

not for people who think out of the box like yourself, the world would never get any better or we'd never be able to adjust to these terrible things. You are definitely a credit to that badge and to the law enforcement, as are your people. Chief Delaney, Commander Ellis --- oh, she's not --- Lieutenant Lamb, Lieutenant Basile (phonetic), Sergeant Popali (phonetic). Sergeant, you're on TV, you know --- Officer Josh Aker (phonetic) --- no, Officer Ron Bennett, Officer Guy Johnson --- this ought to be good --- Officer Tom Laske (phonetic), Officer Steve Tomavich (phonetic), Officer Brian Terna (phonetic), Officer Brian B-E-Z-E --- I need help with this one.

OFFICER BEZE: Beze.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Officer Joe Loshinsky (phonetic). Does anybody else from the dais have anything you'd like to remark? Councilman Robinson, if you don't mind, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: No, of course not.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. Certainly, all that has been said by my colleagues I echo. I'd just like to add that, certainly, I believe this Council sends out its prayers and its good thoughts to all the families who were adversely affected on that day and to the families of the officers who were involved. While we are recognizing the officers today and the men and women who serve under them, the families of these individuals and others were affected on that day and are affected today. And I'm sure all of the officers and their families are very pleased that these men and women are still with us in the land of the living. We don't want to forget any family that was adversely affected. To do so would be mean-spirited and not understand the true drama that occurred that day at a facility that has been established to address mental disorders and related challenges that people in this county and elsewhere suffer from.

It is indeed unfortunate that our county was highlighted in the manner it was on that day. But again, to all who were adversely affected, some who were inconvenienced and did not know what was going on, others who knew what was going on and certainly feared for their own safety, and for those who rushed to the scene to see where they could be of assistance, I know I speak on behalf of my colleagues when I say, thank you, thank you, thank you and God Bless You.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Is there anybody else?  
Councilwoman Green Hawkins. I can't get used to that  
last ---.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: I just want to say thank  
you, and I didn't hear my name mentioned as a co-sponsor.  
I'd like to be added, please. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just want to say before I  
read the proclamation, that Councilman Robinson brought up  
something that I hadn't really thought about in years, the  
families of people that are involved in these things. I  
remember in 1976 when my father was a police commander in  
the city, he was involved in a shoot-out at the pharmacy  
that's in --- I can't think of the name of it. It's in  
Frick Park on the corner, Junction Pharmacy. And three  
people were killed that night. I can still remember how  
my dad was that evening when he came home and how it  
affected my mother and how it affected myself and my  
brothers. So you brought up a very valid point, that this  
thing doesn't just end with the people who are involved,  
it carries on into the families and those kinds of things  
and the fear. And I think the public should recognize  
that.

That being said, with your permission, Mr.  
President, WHEREAS, on March 8th, 2012, a man later  
identified as John Shick entered the Western Psychiatric  
Institute and Clinic of the University of Pittsburgh  
Medical Center, armed with two semi-automatic hand guns  
and multiple rounds of ammunition. Shick fired 30 rounds,  
killing UPMC employee, Michael Schaab, and wounding seven  
others before being fatally struck by Sergeant Dan Popali  
of the University of Pittsburgh Police Department, a  
six-year veteran of the force who teaches active student  
training at the university; and

WHEREAS, two teams of Pitt police officers, 11  
officers in all, responded 1 minute and 46 seconds after  
receiving the 911 call, an outstanding response time. In  
all, 32 Pitt police officers responded during the  
incident, 15 entered the building while others assisted  
with evacuation and traffic control duties; and

WHEREAS, the swift and effective actions of the  
Pitt police officers who intervened eliminated the  
likelihood that the list of casualties might have risen to  
a dramatically higher level; and

WHEREAS, without question, this intervention was a product of the courage and skill of the Pitt police officers who risked their own lives by moving to deal with such a dangerous situation. Their successes also are a product of the professionalism of the entire Pitt police force, which regularly trains for a wide range of situations that we all hope never will arise.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council does hereby honor and commend the University of Pittsburgh Police Department for the courage, professionalism and handling of the active shooter incident that occurred on March 8th, 2012. The actions of the Pitt police officers on that tragic day undoubtedly saved lives, and for this, we are all in their debt. Sponsored by myself, Councilman Jim Ellenbogen, Vice President and Council Member Nick Futules, Councilman Bob Macey, Councilwoman Amanda Green Hawkins. And I would ask the rest of my colleagues to also co-sponsor this, if they would.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We do.

MR. CATANESE: They're on there.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: They're on there? Chief, that being said, I would ask you to say a few words.

CHIEF DELANEY: Thank you. I'll repeat myself over a couple meetings that we've had asking us to appear. We're pretty uncomfortable right now. This is not what we get into. I had a young lad say to me --- I know his family, they're from Lawrenceville --- and he said, I don't know how you run in when somebody is shooting at you. And I said, go back and ask your grand-pap --- he was a city fireman --- why he runs into a burning building. It's what we do. This proclamation means a lot to us because it comes from the county, and it's a recognition that means more so that it's the government that's saying, nice job. One of the areas that I wanted to bring up was --- that is not known at this point --- we put out an all-call for other SWAT units to help us.

We had over seven SWAT teams show up, including the FBI. The FBI's HRT team showed up. The reason I wanted that is, the Virginia Tech episode, the first two killings they thought was a suicide --- a suicide/homicide level, the shooter. He went to another building and he shot the other students. When this occurred, they said, Chief, there's two guns. And that's when I asked the university to be locked up. We electronically at Pitt can

lock up our buildings and lock people down. We don't advertise it, we fly under the radar, but when you need it, you need it. And I know I'm on TV. I told the press --- press, I'm showing my age --- the Post-Gazette and I told the Tribune-Review, this is the equivalency of asking you two to stand together and write a single article. And they both said, that will never happen, Chief. Seven SWAT units went through that building, knocking on every door. We had two guns there, and we wanted to make sure that another bad guy didn't get away from us. And we weren't going to leave until the entire building was swept. And to me, that's an accomplishment. And we've had federal agencies, we've had local agencies, we've had out of state agencies calling us. They're asking us what is our --- how we do this? What is our success? I'm born and raised in Lawrenceville. It's Allegheny County. When you call, people come. And this is all I know, is that we back each other up and we help each other. And it's foreign to all these other municipalities around the United States. So I thank you, my officers thank you. They asked me not to ask them to say anything, so I'm going to leave them alone. But it means a lot to me coming from you. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I bet you didn't know that I was a Lawrenceville boy myself. Thank you, everybody. I appreciate you guys coming, and I appreciate everything you do every day. Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you, gentlemen.

7016-12.

MR. CATANESE: Let the record show that Councilwoman Rea is present. Proclamation congratulating the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Association upon its 30th anniversary. Sponsored by Council members Palmiere, Futules and DeFazio.

MR. BURN: Mr. Catanese, would you add me to that, also?

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President and members of Council, good evening, ladies and gentlemen. It's a pleasure to be here this evening and to have the honor and privilege of presenting this next proclamation to John and Maggie Schmotzer, who are part of that Grand Prix Association that takes care of quite a few events over the

year, culminating with the Grand Prix race itself. Maggie, John, do you want to come on up, please? Maggie Schmotzer is here tonight to represent the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix. This year, the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix marks the 30th consecutive year. Maggie is the chairperson of Blacktie and Tailpipes Gala, only one event of this ten-day celebration of racing and motor sport activity, and she put down --- she put it in real heavy print, just one event. Maggie and her committee have established the gala as one of the finest black tie celebrations in Pittsburgh. The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix has raised \$3,000,000 for the Allegheny Valley School and the Autism Society of Pittsburgh. It is with the efforts of the volunteers of the Grand Prix and the directors of the Grand Prix that make this event so successful. I want to present you with this proclamation, Maggie, with your permission, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Of course.

MR. PALMIERE: WHEREAS, founded in 1982, the first run on September 3rd, 1983, the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix is a vintage motor sports car race and multi-day motor sport festival that takes place annually in mid-July in Schenley Park, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, with an estimated 200,000 spectators, the Pittsburgh Grand --- Vintage Grand Prix is the largest vintage sports car race in the United States; and

WHEREAS, with the assistance of nearly 1,000 volunteers, the Grand Prix has grown into a ten-day celebration of motor sports. The 2012 event will include a kickoff rally, a black tie fundraiser, a downtown race car parade, several distinct car shows and the July 21st-22nd race weekend; and

WHEREAS, Pittsburgh Grand Prix Association has raised nearly \$3,000,000 to help provide residential care, treatment and support for autistic and developmentally- disabled individuals in the Greater Pittsburgh area, through the Autism Society of Pittsburgh and the Allegheny Valley School.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny Council congratulates the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Association upon its 30th anniversary. We thank the organizers, volunteers, sponsors, drivers, local elected

officials, for helping to make this spectacular event possible. Sponsored by myself, John Palmiere, Vice President Nick Futules, and presented on this 19th day of June, 2012. Maggie, congratulations.

MS. SCHMOTZER: Thank you.

MR. PALMIERE: John, congratulations.

MR. SCHMOTZER: Thank you.

MS. SCHMOTZER: I'd like to thank Council for this proclamation, as well as the city residents and the county residents. This year does mark --- John said it all --- 30 years for the Vintage Grand Prix. I would be remiss to say that I bet you everyone in this room at one point in the last 30 years, has been to the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix. This year, celebrating the 30 years, I welcome everyone back. If you haven't been there for a while, come see what's happening. And I appreciate your proclamation.

(Applause.)

MR. PALMIERE: Nick's been known to love automobiles.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: The remainder of the proclamations will be read into the record.

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

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7017-12.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation recognizing the Tuskegee Airmen upon their 70th anniversary and thanking the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen Institute, the Daniel B. Matthews Historical Society and the Allegheny County Airport, for their efforts to educate our residents on the history and importance of the Tuskegee Airmen. Sponsored by the Chief Executive, Councilman Macey and Councilwoman Green Hawkins.

MR. CATANESE: 7018 ---.

MR. DROZD: Add me to that, would you please?

MR. ROBINSON: Me, too, please.

MS. REA: Me, too.

MR. CATANESE: Who doesn't want to be on it?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Put everybody on it.

MR. CATANESE: 7018-12. Proclamation congratulating the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sharpsburg, upon the 125th anniversary of its founding. Sponsored by Councilman Burn.

7019-12. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Corey Thomas Becker, Mr. Benjamin Anthony Brownfield, Mr. Kevin Matthew Fleischmann, Mr. Ross Garret Martin and Mr. Luke Edward McCurry of Boy Scout Troop 215, upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Councilman Gastgeb.

7020-12. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Edward and Audrey Giles, Jr., upon the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

7021-12. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Albert and Georgia Lebedda, upon the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

7022-12. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Moe and Hazel Trumpe, upon the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

7023-12. Proclamation congratulating the Port Vue Vigilant Hose Company Number One, upon its 50th anniversary. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

7024-12. Certificate of Recognition honoring Mr. Harry Floyd upon the occasion of his 100th birthday. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

7025-12. Certificate of Achievement awarded to the Deer Lakes High School girls' softball team, for winning the WPIAL Class AA Softball Championship. Sponsored by Councilman Burn.

7026-12. Certificate of Achievement awarded to the Hampton High School boys' lacrosse team, for winning the WPIAL Division II Boys Lacrosse Championship. Sponsored by Councilman Burn.

7027-12. Certificate of Achievement awarded to the North Hills Senior High School girls' lacrosse team, for winning the WPIAL Division II Girls' Lacrosse Championship. Sponsored by Councilman Drozd.

7028-12. Certificate of Achievement awarded to the Montour High School girls' softball team, for winning the WPIAL Class AAA Softball Championship. Sponsored by Councilman Finnerty.

7029-12. Certificate of Achievement awarded to the North Allegheny Senior High School boys' volleyball team, for winning the WPIAL Class AAA Boys' Volleyball Championship. Sponsored by Councilwoman Rea.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We have four speakers on Public Comment. Our first speaker is Chelsa Wagner, Allegheny County Controller. I would like to waive the three minutes and have her speak longer, if it's okay with everyone here. Six minutes. She's an elected county official, and I think she deserves it.

MS. WAGNER: Do I follow this timer? I can set my own.

MR. CATANESE: Do you want to put an all-stop? I'll make it six minutes, just to give a little leeway. Go ahead.

MS. WAGNER: First, I just want to thank the full Council for giving me the opportunity to be here today on the legislation that I understand you will be taking up, which would move weights and measures from the Controller's Office to the administration. As I've stated and I stated in testimony at the Government Reform Hearing just a couple weeks ago, that I believe that this is not only ill advised, no one's frankly been able to answer the question to me, what is the intent here? And let me just start off by saying that this is about stickers, I've indicated clearly to that committee and let me indicate before the full Council that stickers really aren't my concern.

I've joked and said that when I go home at night with my three-year-old, we talk about stickers. I don't think that here with our county government, this should really be our topic of conversation when we clearly have much, much bigger fish to fry. Our office has spoken to all of you and conveyed our deep, deep concern over a \$6,000,000 fund balance, lower than that of many school districts in Allegheny County. I certainly don't need to bring to your attention the fact that we have a public transit system that's on the brink of extinction. We have an airport that's still running at 15 percent capacity. I could go on and on.

But what's more concerning to me here is that our office has presented information that conclusively proves that this function has operated more effectively, more efficiently and with far greater transparency since it has been transferred to the Controller's Office. And that's, again, what leads me to beg the question, what's the purpose here, because if the purpose is about the design of stickers, tell our office what the design you would like the stickers to have or what the administration

would like to have. That's really not the concern to me. I think we need to be focused on the big issues that are facing this county. Weights and measures accounts for 1/6000 of the county budget. Overall, it's an expenditure, mostly with staff and benefits, of \$250,000 a year. Within the Controller's Office, when it was moved there in 2008, the stated purpose, which got a unanimous vote from this Council, was to enhance the administration of the function. And again, our office has provided all of the very clear data that that has been achieved. Again, it operates very transparently, which it had not been done under the administration. It operates very efficiently. No longer are the three inspectors having to come into the office every day and write by hand a schedule. They are supported by systems, computer software that are in the Controller's Office. And they're also supported by shared staff people who assist in the administration. So this is very clearly a solution in search of a problem. And that's what concerns me most, because although this is a very small function of our government, I think it is an important one.

But what this says to me as a county controller, that when our office is able to present very clear data that hasn't been questioned on a small function --- and that's very cavalierly disregarded by the administration. What's going to happen when we're dealing with the bigger issues? What's going to happen when we're presenting information in regards to public transit, in regards to the fund balance, in regards to the airport? I'm only left to believe that that will be cavalierly disregarded, just the same. And that's what truly concerns me. We have some very, very big issues to be dealing with, and I'm sorry that this Council has been put in this position. And I'm only asking for your vote based on one contingency. I wouldn't be here asking for your vote if I didn't know beyond a doubt that I've given you every reason why you should support the fact that this function has done far better in the Controller's Office.

So I'm asking for a negative vote because I know that I have met my requirement to provide this Council with very, very clear information, in the same way that I said at the beginning of this year in meetings with everyone, that I want you to rely on the Controller's Office for good, clear data on how we best run the functions of county government. This is not good

government. I think this is about nothing but control of stickers, and again, I want to talk about stickers with my three-year-old, not here in county government. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Meredith ---  
Meredith Odato?

MS. ODATO: Meredith Odato (corrects pronunciation).

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Odato (changes pronunciation).

MS. ODATO: Meredith.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Meredith, what subject are you addressing?

MS. ODATO: On a different subject entirely.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you.

MS. ODATO: Thank you very much for the opportunity to speak. I wrote a letter to Council in support of the proposed ordinance amendment that would allow the purchasing officer to establish a five percent permanent goal for small businesses owned by our local veterans. And I'd just like to read into the record the letter that I wrote, if that's okay.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.

MS. ODATO: Thank you. I'm a proud American working and residing in Allegheny County. In 2008, I was a member of Charlie Company, Seventh Platoon enduring the rigors of the United States Marine Corps Officer Candidate School. When a leg injury disqualified me from further military service, I became a patient at the VA Hospital in Oakland, where I had the very special opportunity to interact with local veterans on a monthly basis. I'm now a resident of Brentwood Borough, where I participate in our local Memorial Day and Veterans Day parades and events. I'm also an active volunteer with and supporter of military organizations operating in our local community.

Through my experiences, I've learned that western Pennsylvania is home to one of the largest and proudest veterans populations in the country. Our own Allegheny County is home to countless men and women who have served or now serve in our military. It goes without saying that these men and women have each offered a significant sacrifice for our country, our state and our county. In recent decades, our military has been a 100 percent volunteer force. Most recently, thousands of Pennsylvanians have willingly contributed to Operation

Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. More than 280 of those Pennsylvania service members were killed in action in Iraq or Afghanistan, and at least 20 of them hailed from Allegheny County. This proposed ordinance is a way to help those who did make it home to Allegheny County. The debt that every American owes these brave men and women can never be fully repaid. But we must, as a community, do everything we can to embrace them and support their role in our local economy. Recently, the Post-Gazette printed an article about jobless veterans in our area. The article brought tears to my eyes, and I saved it as a reminder to myself of the many veterans in our community who desperately need our support. I urge you to pass Council Member Heidelbaugh's proposed ordinance in support of the veterans who own and operate small businesses in Allegheny County. And then I did offer a few suggestions, as we discussed in the committee meeting. Just to make it more inclusive, I'm expanding the definition of veteran to include former active duty soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, Coast Guard members and current and former military reserve personnel, as well as Merchant Marines. And I thank you for your consideration tonight. Thank, Councilwoman Heidelbaugh, for sponsoring this ordinance.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Tiffany Hickman?

MS. HICKMAN: Good evening. My name is Tiffany Hickman, and I am the Western Pennsylvania Outreach Coordinator for Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future, also known as PennFuture. We are a statewide public interest membership organization that advances policies to protect and improve the state's environment and economy. I am here today on behalf of PennFuture to applaud the nomination of Dr. Joylette Portlock to the Allegheny County Board of Health and encourage County Council to approve her appointment. Full disclosure, Joylette is a former employee of PennFuture and one that we are very proud to claim. Joylette has a long and rich history of environmental stewardship and an educational background firmly rooted in science and facts.

Just a few of her many accomplishments; she possesses a Degree in Biology at M.I.T. and a Ph.D. in Genetics from Stanford University. She was also one of few selected by the climate project to be trained to give an updated version of the presentation featured in An Inconvenient Truth. As an outreach coordinator for

PennFuture, she started the Black and Gold City Goes Green and Breathe Easy, Stay Healthy Campaign, to work for healthier air for southwestern Pennsylvanians. She is also the co-founder of the Citizens Climate Corps. As we all know, the Board of Health members make many important decisions that affect air quality in the county. It is our opinion that Joylette will be an excellent voice for healthy air and has the education and expertise to make those important decisions. Once again, I encourage the County Council to approve the appointment of Joylette Portlock to Allegheny County Board of Health, and thank you very much, again, for having me this evening.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Jeanne Clark?

MS. CLARK: My name is Jeanne Clark. Thank you for having me here. And although I am Director of Communications for PennFuture, I'm here today as President of Squirrel Hill NOW, to applaud you on two wonderful women appointments that you, I hope, are going to approve today. I don't need to tell you how wonderful Jennifer Liptak is. You have seen her in action. She has helped you. She's an amazing woman, and she has this amazing sense of calm when others around her are frantic. I've always treasured that, and I urge you to really happily confirm Jennifer's appointment as Acting County Manager. And of course, the other person is Dr. Joylette Portlock. Joylette has all those wonderful credentials that you heard Tiffany talk about, but she is also an amazing community person. She has two sons, one that she and her husband, Brian Pendelton (phonetic) gave birth to together, and one that they adopted. And she is very busy with these two sons under the age of four. That said, she was really happy whenever she was approached by the County Executive to consider serving on the Board of Health, because she knew that she had special expertise to bring, and it would really help the community.

She does a number of things that she does for free. She and her husband have invested in video equipment, editing equipment and have created a new project called, Don't just Sit There, Do Something. And it's a series of videos that de-mystify the whole issue of climate change, talking to the average person who may be hearing from both sides and be confused. And it's very funny, very professionally produced, and just is a wonderful community project that she's taking out, starting in her hometown of Swissvale and then moving

beyond to Allegheny County, to Pennsylvania, to the world. I am so delighted at the quality of these two women, and I want you to be similarly delighted because too often women have been overlooked in appointments throughout our government and, frankly, in Pittsburgh. Women have a tough time in Pittsburgh. Even though we're in the workforce, even though we're active, even though we're obviously qualified, too often we're passed by. I think it was Belle Abs (phonetic) who said, a woman has to be twice as qualified as a man to be considered half as good. I applaud these two nominations. I'm looking for a whole lot more, and I hope all of you will feel strongly that these women are certainly on the forefront. These young women are going to lead us into the --- further into the 21st century. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. We have no minutes to be approved. Presentations of Appointments. 7039-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Jennifer M. Liptak to serve as Acting County Manager, for a term to expire upon the confirmation of a permanent County Manager. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Do we have a motion?

MR. FINNERTY: I'll make a motion.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Second. Question; I believe that would be a roll call vote?

MR. ROBINSON: Mr. President, if I might?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes. Yes, you may.

MR. ROBINSON: While I think Ms. Liptak's selection is an excellent one, if for no other reason, I consider her in part an extension of myself and have confidence in our shared commitment to government service. And we, indeed, have come to agreement on some issues which are not always obvious. But having said that, I don't believe there's any requirement for this Council to have to take action on Ms. Liptak's appointment or the appointment of anyone to serve in an interim capacity as County Manager. I don't think there's anything in the Charter or the Administrative Code that requires that to be done. Notwithstanding that, I certainly will support the legislation as before us, for the reason I've already mentioned, but I don't believe we're under any obligation to supersede the authorization of the Chief Executive to identify someone he would like to be Chief Executive

(sic), even under the circumstances of our current County Manager deciding to move on to other endeavors. Having said that, I certainly will be recorded as an aye vote for Ms. Liptak.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Somebody else? Matt, did you want to say something?

MR. DROZD: Yeah, I think Ms. Liptak's an excellent choice for the interim and she's quite a nice lady. And we served with her and we're going to enjoy continuing to serving with her. And we would also be remiss to not recognize that Mr. Flynn's in the audience, who did an admirable job during the years that he was this County Manager. It's not an easy position, as he well knows and as Ms. Liptak will find out. It's difficult. You take all the first line hits, you know, in that position for the Chief Executive. I want to commend Mr. Flynn on his service, and I look forward to serving with --. I really enjoyed serving with Mr. Flynn, and I look forward to serving with Ms. Liptak.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Roll call. I'm sorry. Jim, go ahead.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I tease Jen a lot but, you know, she's tough and she's smart, and she can do the job full time any time under my watch. So as far as what Councilman Robinson said, I really don't know. He may very well be right that there is no obligation. But in the very least, I think that that shows a willingness and cooperation from the Chief Executive, that he's willing to include us, unlike the previous administration in his decisions, so --- and he picked somebody really good. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Vince?

MR. GASTGEB: I just want to say real quick that I'm glad we're formally doing this. I think we have to recognize, really, all three during this transition, first, Jim Flynn. He really enjoys county government. We saw each other on the street --- I don't know if it was this week or last week. And you know, the one thing about him is that he likes being involved and he does it very well. And I think passion is more than half the battle that you have to have and your competency. So we were on a lot more sides than we weren't, but I enjoyed working with you. And your passion for wanting to be involved in county government is great, and I compliment you for that. The same thing with Jennifer, she loves --- and it's

almost in her background --- her family and the things she's done on the county side and now on the executive side and brings that, too. So I compliment all three of you for this transition, and you certainly have my support.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Anyone else? Before we have a vote, I would like to formally thank Jim Flynn. He's been an extremely, extremely good person at his position here. He never misses a Council meeting. He shows us dignity. Each and every time we call upon him when we have a question, he gives us the rightful, honest answers for everything. So Jim, we love you here, okay, so thank you. Now roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Yes.

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: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: 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. Martoni, President?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Fifteen (15) ayes, noes, 0. It passes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Very close. Unfinished Business. Committee on Appointment Review, Second Reading. 6956-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of John Ciangiarulo to serve as a member of the Authority for Improvements in Municipalities, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2016. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Do we have a motion?

MR. DEFAZIO: I'd like to make a motion we approve this appointment.

MR. BURN: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved and second. Question? All in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered. 6957-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Daniel C. Connolly to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Industrial Development Authority, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2015. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Do we have a motion?

MR. DEFAZIO: Yeah, I'd like to make a motion we approve this appointment. We have a motion. A second?

MR. BURN: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Question? All in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered. 6958-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Daniel C. Connolly to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2015. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Motion?

MR. DEFAZIO: Yeah, I'd like to make a motion we approve this appointment.

MR. BURN: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We have a second. Question? All in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered. 6959-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Daniel C. Connolly to serve as a member of the Allegheny

County Higher Education Building Authority, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2015. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: John?

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes, I'd like to make a motion we approve this appointment.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We have a motion and a second. Question? All in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered.

6960-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Daniel C. Connolly to serve as a member of the Residential Finance Authority, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2015. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: John?

MR. DEFAZIO: Yeah, I'd like to make a motion we approve this appointment.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We have a motion and a second. Question? All in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered.

6961-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Senator Jay Costa, Jr., to serve as a member of the Community College of Allegheny County Board (CCAC Board), for a term to expire on December 31st, 2017. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: John?

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes, I'd like to make a motion we approve this reappointment.

MR. BURN: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved and second. Question? All in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered.

6962-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Avis B. Kotovsky to serve as a member of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2014. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: John?

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes, I'd like to make a motion we approve this reappointment.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We have a motion and a second. Question? All in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered.  
7002-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Joylette L. Portlock, Ph.D., to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Board of Health, for a term to expire on January 13th, 2016. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Mr. President, I have a question.

MR. DEFAZIO: I'd like to make a motion that we approve this appointment.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I have a question.

MR. BURN: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We've got a motion and a second. Question?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I have a question. Is she here?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: I can't answer that.

MR. DEFAZIO: I don't see her.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Her question was, is she here.

MR. DEFAZIO: No, I said I don't see her.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I have a question for the administration. Can I ask a question, please?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: I guess so.

MR. CATANESE: I'm sure you can.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Is there anyone here from the administration that I can ask about this appointee?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Flynn is here.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: There was a speaker who said something about her involvement with the Al Gore movie, An Inconvenient Truth. Can you explain that, please?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7002.

MR. FLYNN: Can you repeat the question, please?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes. I think there was a speaker here during public comments that indicated the nominee has some involvement with Al Gore's movie, An Inconvenient Truth. Do you know what her involvement in that was?

MR. FLYNN: I don't.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Do you know what her position is on climate change?

MR. FLYNN: I don't.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Can you find out that information?

MR. FLYNN: I think that was probably presented with her bio ---

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I've looked at her bio.

MR. FLYNN: --- when she appeared to the committee.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Is there anyone here who asked her about her position on climate change at the committee?

MR. DEFAZIO: That question wasn't asked.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: He said the question wasn't asked.

MR. DEFAZIO: So everybody that had an opportunity to be there to ask questions, but no one asked that question.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I understand. I have real questions if she was involved in this movie, An Inconvenient Truth, because of the science involved in that movie, if she's going to be involved in opining about the air quality in Pennsylvania. So I have questions about this --- this nominee.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Well, who are you questioning?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: The nominee.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: The nominee. The nominee's not here. So we'll just take a vote. I don't know what else to do on that. Okay?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Okay.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. We have a motion and a second. We better have a vote. All in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Nay.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. It's 14 to 1. Okay.  
7003-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Paul J. Gitnik to serve as a member of the Regional Asset District Board, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2015. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

MR. DEFAZIO: I'd like to make a motion that we approve this appointment.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We have a motion and a second. Question? All in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered. Committee on Budget and Finance, Second Reading. 6971-12.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution ratifying certain year-end transfers pursuant to Section 805.03 of the Administrative Code. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: This is Budget and Finance. Do you have anything, Bill, you want to add to this?

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. Just to indicate that the process that is symbolized by the legislation is the normal process that we use in this county to close our books, and that there is a budget transfer committee of which Mr. Szymanski, who's our Council Budget Director, is a member. Ms. Liptak, when she was our budget director, was a member of that committee. There's a representative of the Controller's Office and a representative of the administration, and they work to close out our books. And those books have been closed out and this legislation is representative of necessary transfers to keep the business of the county going between the time our budget is passed and the books are actually closed. Those dates are not the same. Our books, I would say, are officially closed once the Controller presents the cafer (phonetic), which we've already received. Having said that, I move for approval.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We have a motion and a second. Question? Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Yes.

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: Ms. Heidelbaugh?  
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?  
MR. MACEY: 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. Martoni, President?  
PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 15, noes, 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7001-12.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2012 (Submission 12-7). Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Mr. President and members of Council, I move for approval. If I might, one second, I'd like to add that one of the budget blocks that we are considering references a grant that the committee approved from an entity that members may or may not agree with the entity's positions, opinions, et cetera. But the county met all of the qualifications to participate in the grant program, and the committee's approval of that process and submission to you today is, in no way, reflective of embracing the philosophy or ideas of any organization that offers grants where this county qualifies for them and qualifies because they believe that the grant funding will be in the best interest of this county. I still make a motion to approve.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved and second. Question?  
Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?  
MR. BURN: Yes.  
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: Ms. Heidelbaugh?  
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?  
MR. MACEY: 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. Martoni, President?  
PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 15, noes, 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Committee on Government Reform, Second Reading. 6724-12.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, repealing Ordinance 11-08-OR, which authorized the transfer of the county's Bureau of Weights and Measures. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. This came before the Government Reform Committee. And I think we have an amendment on it; is that correct?

MR. FINNERTY: That's true.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: So we have to pass this first and then --- is that correct?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Did we get a second one?

MR. FINNERTY: We didn't.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Oh, we didn't get anything yet?.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. We need a motion and a second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. Can I make a motion? I move we pass this, and I need a second.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved and second. Question? Question?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just have a comment.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Comment.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: When this first moved over from the Chief Executive's function, which --- under Tom Foerster up to Dan Onorato --- it was always a department in itself under the Chief Executive. I was opposed to this moving to the Controller's Office in the beginning, if some you may recall, maybe.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: I recall.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I agree with Councilman Gastgeb, and him and I have spoke about this in the past, that actually the Controller's function is to audit. This is a department. The Controller cannot audit herself. That being said, when this department needs to be audited, it can't be done by the Controller. It would have to be done by hiring somebody outside, which would cost us more money. This department has no business being sent to the Controller's Office. Now Chelsa Wagner, the Controller, is an excellent administrator. She's a very bright lady, and there's no question in my mind that that office is being efficiently run. However, it does not belong in the area where it audits. I mean, case per se and, you know, take it for what it is, you know, God forbid that somebody's not doing the right thing over there. Well, who's going --- if the person that audits them is that, then who's going to make sure, for lack of a better word, somebody don't have their thumb on a scale? Do you see what I'm saying?

These departments need to be under the Chief Executive, and the function of the Controller is to make sure that everything is kept honest. And that's --- like I said, I was against it going over there in the first place, and I'm glad that it's coming back where it belongs. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Gastgeb, I believe you wanted to say something.

MR. GASTGEB: Thank you. And since my good friend, Councilman Ellenbogen, referenced me, we have talked about this, and actually five minutes ago when we went to get something to drink. But to me, you know, it comes down to this body's fiduciary responsibility. And not only do I believe that weights and measures is an administrative function, but to pay for an outside auditor ---. And I know we're in an environment or a period of let's keep spending money and let's keep doing lawsuit. It's a crazy thing. But this really would be crazy, I feel, to hire a third party when we have a system that's been set up for probably 90 percent of the time under administration. So that alone --- and I'm not getting into the personalities of who's running what. They're both in another party from me. I have respect for both of them as it is. Where should it go; where should it be ten years from now or 50 years from now? So I do agree with Councilman Ellenbogen. When you come down to --- where are the differences? Well, the difference is, you want to spend money for an outside auditor, and I don't. Thanks.

MR. DEFAZIO: Point of order.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: John, yes.

MR. DEFAZIO: I have a point of order. Did you make the motion, Chuck?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes, I did.

MR. DEFAZIO: I don't think the president should make it.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Neither did I, but I asked and nobody else knew.

MR. DEFAZIO: The president technically shouldn't make the motion. Let someone else make it and second it, just so there's no technicality.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: That's fine with me.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I'll make the motion, Mr. President.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Second.

MR. DEFAZIO: Second; all right.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved and second.

MR. GASTGEB: Can I have a point of order, just to dovetail Mr. DeFazio. You could make it if you pass the gavel. So if you want to --- if it's important for you to be on the record, you could pass it to the Vice President and you could make it. That would be permissible under the rules.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: I did not do that, so it was ---.

MR. GASTGEB: Well, in the future when you really want to do it, there you go.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: I'll try to memorize that.

MR. GASTGEB: Okay.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: And I simply made it because nobody else did. Okay? Can we go on with --- who's next? Matt, you had ---.

MR. DROZD: I'll defer to the lady.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Matt, you had something?

MR. DROZD: Yeah, I just do. You know, first and foremost, it matters not to me whether it's in the Controller's Office or in the administrative office, as long as it doesn't cost us additional monies. And if that's going to cost us additional monies by leaving it in the Controller's Office, you know how I always feel about that, you know which way I'm going to go. We've got to save money. I don't want to expend taxpayer money needlessly. So if it's going to save money by going over there, that's the way it is. Ms. Wagner's been really a breath of fresh air coming on board. Sure, the previous controller was a good lady --- good gentleman. But you know, she's put in some new initiatives and whatever it may be.

What I don't want to get in this --- and you'll see what my amendment is going to say, and I'll discuss that in a little while. But any time, you know, we can save taxpayer money, I'm going to do that. And I'm going to do what's necessary to do that, as long as we get the same performance level; that's the other thing. And I think we can do it either way in either office. But you know, I have more to say about my amendment, Mr. President.

MR. FINNERTY: Are you going to move to amend?

MR. DROZD: Yeah, whenever. When can I --- whenever I can put my amendment ---.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: You can do it now.

MR. DROZD: Okay. I'd like to introduce this amendment, and I'd like to put that motion in for this amendment, to introduce it.

MR. FINNERTY: You need a second.

MR. ROBINSON: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: It's moved and second. Mr. Robinson seconded that. The amendment, it's moved and second; am I correct?

MR. DROZD: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Discussion is only on the amendment.

MR. DROZD: I got to tell you what it is.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Well, you got to read it first, I think. He got to read it.

MR. DROZD: Right.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Of course, we do talk before we read; right?

MR. DROZD: Yeah.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Matt, read us the essence of it while we're reading it, we would appreciate it.

MR. DROZD: Yeah. It needs to be read first, Mr. President? I don't know.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yeah, let's have it read.

MR. CATANESE: It's an ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, repealing Ordinance 11-08-OR, which authorized the transfer of the County Bureau of Weights and Measures.

MR. DROZD: You got to read the amendment, my amendment; right? Was that just to introduce this?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes, Vince. Go ahead.

MR. GASTGEB: Can I have a point of privilege, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes, you could.

MR. GASTGEB: I recommend Mr. Catanese to read 3(b) that's underlined? That's the difference.

MR. CATANESE: Yes.

MR. GASTGEB: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: He's right on top.

MR. CATANESE: It's under Section 3, Powers and Duties of Weights and Measures Unaffected, item b. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this ordinance or the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, and regardless of the office or department of the County administering the activity of the Bureau of Weights and Measures, no seal, sticker, stamp or other means of certifying the accuracy of any weighting or measuring devices tested by the bureau shall identify by name or title the Chief Executive, any member of Allegheny County Council or any independently elected county official, lineated within Section 5201.03 of the Administrative Code of Allegheny County. Such

seal, sticker or stamp may, however, identify the county employee directly supervising the activity of the bureau employees to the extent required by applicable law.

MR. DROZD: Okay. You know, basically, it's what it says. You know, I don't believe that --- you know, it always kind of ---. You know, the people of Allegheny County are the taxpayers. They foot the bill. And you know, we have seen a lot of things happen in the state level, and I know this is legal to do that, but in essence, I don't feel it's right to, let's say, promote, which it can do, promote any one elected official because you see it everywhere. I mean, if you go to a gas station or a gas pump or you go, you know, into the grocery stores, they're just right in front of you.

It should say Allegheny County. We're a team; we're a team. Everybody collectively within this county, all the people that work with and serve within this county are a team. So I believe we really got to eliminate this process. You know what really irks me, too, add this into it, is that, you know, when you sign out a check to maybe a municipality, treasurer or even within the county, it should be made to the Treasurer of Allegheny County. Actually, it should be made to the people of Allegheny County, I feel, because it belongs to them. So anyhow, I just feel very strong about this, and I hope my fellow Council members feel the same way I do.

I think it's time that we eliminate this process of promoting or advertising in any way, even though they may mean well, any elected official. And I think it needs to stop. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Anybody else before we vote on the amendment; am I correct? Anyone else before we vote on the amendment? Roll call on the amendment.

MR. CATANESE: This is on the amendment. Mr. Burn?

(No response.)

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: I'm going to abstain because I'm not sure what he means.

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: Ms. Heidelbaugh?  
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?  
MR. MACEY: 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. Martoni, President?  
PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 13, noes, 0, with one

abstention.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Now we'll call the roll call  
at 6724-12, amended.

MR. CATANESE: It will be 6724-12, as amended.  
Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Yes.  
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: Ms. Heidelbaugh?  
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: No.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?  
MR. MACEY: 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. Martoni, President?  
PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 14, no, 1. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 6867-12.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Article 903, Section 5903.02 of the Administrative Code, providing for the Purchasing Officer, as head of the Division of Purchasing and Supplies, to create a policy which establishes a five percent government-wide procurement goal for participation by small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans. Sponsored by Council members Heidelbaugh, Danko, Finnerty, Martoni, Palmiere and Robinson.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We'll let Ms. Heidelbaugh speak on it, if you don't mind.

MR. ROBINSON: Mr. President, if I might ---

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Sure.

MR. ROBINSON: --- before Ms. Heidelbaugh speaks. I think my comments might be instructive to her and other members of Council. While I support the general purposes of the legislation, Ms. Heidelbaugh might want to consider whether or not she wants to give over to a director or manager a prerogative that I believe is exclusively the prerogative of this Council, and that is, the prerogative of setting policy in Allegheny County. I don't believe any director or manager is authorized, nor should we authorize them, to set policy. Perhaps Ms. Heidelbaugh wants to consider changing the word policy to procedure, which I think would be much more adept for this situation. Setting a policy by way of a non-elected official, I think, is not the way to address the concern that she has. Even though I support her general concern, I would hope she would consider not asking the Director of Purchasing to set a policy in the County of Allegheny. I don't believe he, she or anyone else has that

authorization that lies within the purview of the executive branch and the legislative branch. Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I take that as a friendly amendment.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. We're fine with that. Okay. Ms. Heidelbaugh, you might speak on this?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Mr. Ellenbogen.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Ellenbogen. I'm sorry.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I only wanted to say that, you know, I agree with Councilman Robinson, that if anybody is going to set a policy, it should go back to committee and it should be set by us.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: But we all agreed in committee to move this forward, so if the ---. I think the intent of my colleague's comments were to strike the word, policy, and to insert the word, procedure?

MR. ROBINSON: Yes, ma'am.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: And I accept that as a friendly amendment.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: And may I ask you, if that word is out of there, then who's going to decide how it works? I mean, are you going to give that authority to the director? That's where I'm a little confused here.

MR. ROBINSON: Ms. Heidelbaugh, if I might, I think Mr. Ellenbogen has raised an important question that I should have addressed when I made the suggestion. It seems to me that these procedures, if that's what we might do, is allow the Director of Purchasing to set up procedures. And we want to improve those procedures by way of a policy, then it needs to come back before this Council in some form before any implementation is attempted, that only the procedure would be set up. But there would not be any implementation of those procedures until it came back to this Council and Council approved those procedures, in terms of setting up a policy. That would be my recommendation.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Well, I'm amenable to working with Council on the right way to do this, obviously, because I'm new. But I would like to leave this evening, because we have recommended it positively out of committee and we do have a lot of co-sponsors, that we set the tone that this is where we want to go. If we all collectively think we need to have the actual procedures provided to

us, you know, I'm fine with that. But I would like to get this concept passed.

MR. ROBINSON: Just one other thing, if I might. I think before any policy of this nature is implemented, we need to make sure that our County Solicitor has had not only an opportunity to review it, but to give us his wisdom, direction and perspective.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. We have one here and then you. Go ahead. Matt?

MR. DROZD: I just want to just get a little ruling from our solicitor. You know, in essence --- you know, I'm a small business ---. This is a good --- I think this is really good for the veterans, I really do. I'm a small business veteran owned company, and you know, we're now doing purchasing for the city and we bid on municipalities. And if I would bid on that, would I be a conflict of interest voting for this. I want to know, because I would never do that. Am I or not because I'm a small business veteran owner?

MR. CAMBEST: If you're talking about your voting for this ordinance or as amended, it would not be a conflict to vote for this piece of legislation.

MR. DROZD: Okay.

MR. CAMBEST: Maybe later on, depending on what your company is.

MR. DROZD: But right now, I'm okay?

MR. CAMBEST: Sure.

MR. DROZD: All right. That sounds good.

MR. MACEY: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: You have your hand up over here.

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. In principle, I certainly want to go along with this, and I wasn't at the meeting but would like to co-sponsor it. However, I hear what Councilman Robinson has said, and I don't know if we should pass this tonight without having all the I's dotted and the T's crossed. But I think it's a great piece of legislation, and I applaud Councilwoman Heidelbaugh for presenting it.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. Over here, Jim.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just wanted to say, the concept is wonderful. I support it wholeheartedly. However --- and Councilman Robinson is correct, I mean, just like it says, as head of the Division of Purchasing and Supplies. So are you going to give that authority to

that purchaser --- that purchaser has a boss --- or can the director or the deputy director usurp the purchasing agents' authority? So all that needs to be done here, I think, is --- it's a wonderful piece of legislation, Councilman Heidelbaugh. It's just a matter of --- you know, you can't make laws on a motion. You got to make them on fact. And you got to be specific, otherwise, sometimes they get out of control. And we create a law here tonight and then what happens is, you got people making these kinds of decisions and you had no idea. You know, you could --- the way it's written now, any purchasing agent in the world could -- you know, in the department, could do it. So I think we need to clarify that, get it right and pass this, because this is --- like I said, the concept of this is great. I think it's a great piece of legislation. We just got to make sure before we make a law out of it, that we know who's going to be making the decisions here. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: There's a little conference here. I want to give Ms. Heidelbaugh ---. Mike?

MR. FINNERTY: I don't know if it would be proper or not, but I would think that minority and women, we already have a situation that we have a director that takes care of this type of thing. So it would probably, I would think, fall under that. But again, I think that we need to put some kind of legislation up that says that's where it's --- that's who's going to enforce it.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Can I ask Jared ---?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes, please.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Do we --- since I'm new, do we have other ordinances that we've passed that follow a similar track and then we sort of delegate the responsibility for the particulars of the regulations?

MR. BARKER: The one that springs to mind immediately is the naming rights ordinance, which was passed, I believe, in '09, which does empower the individual departments to formulate naming rights' policies relevant to their departmental subject matter. It also does require that those policies come back to Council for final approval. It's sort of a hybrid between this and the scenario Mr. Robinson is talking about. In order to give you a comprehensive list of empowering department, I'd have to come up with policies. I would have to look into that a little bit. But that one strikes me off the top of my head.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: All right. So I guess my proposal is that --- is that we do the hybrid, that we pass this and that we add some sort of clause that asks the department head to come back and provide a regulation as to how this is going to work, because I don't think they can do that until we signal that this is what we want to have happen as a Council.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: I tend to agree with that. If we passed an ordinance, there's no reason in the world that we can't bring it back and amend it or add to it or take from it; am I correct on that?

MR. BARKER: Correct. And in addition, I ---.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: If we agree with the essence of the ordinance, the fundamental goal and objective of the ordinance, to me that seems to be a giant step to passing the ordinance; am I correct on that ---

MR. BARKER: Well ---.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: --- if we agree with that? I agree with it. Go ahead, speak.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Mr. President, you know, I have to agree --- disagree with you, just based on the fact that I just got done saying, you can't make law based on motion. I mean, I don't see what possible harm there could be done to pull this off, let it go back to committee and vote on it in the next meeting. And we're talking two weeks to get it right, as opposed to creating some possible monster that Councilman Robinson is going to have to fund. So you know, I don't see how doing it tonight out of a motion versus doing it right in two weeks makes all that much of a difference. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. I just disagree. I thought we were doing it right. Maybe, I am wrong. But I had the impression --- and I went to this meeting and I was very enthusiastic about it. I really honestly felt we were doing it right. So if we weren't, then I was wrong. But I still thought we were doing it right.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: No.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Ms. Heidelbaugh, do you want to respond to that? You're the expert on this.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Well, I think that we all want to do this for the better.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Right.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: No one here is saying that they don't want to do it for the veterans. So I just don't want it to lag. I just want --- I would like to

come up with something that we could pass tonight that would signal to the department or signal to the committee that this is the policy we want to follow. We want to try to give veterans five percent of the contracts. And if we need to develop and tweak regulations on how that's going to happen, that we reserve that right, but at least get this far and get it passed.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. John, then Mike.

MR. DEFAZIO: You know, I think basically everyone's in agreement, but you said you don't want it to lag. Two more weeks, I don't think, would hurt. I agree with Mr. Ellenbogen. Two more weeks, I don't think, would hurt it.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Yeah.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mike, and then Matt.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. I'm just looking at a procedure here. I believe there was a motion and a second in regard to this?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes, there was.

MR. FINNERTY: Already? So to send it back to committee, what would have to be done? Would it have to be withdrawn, or would we have to vote on it? What are we going to do?

MR. CAMBEST: Yeah, you --- the sponsor could withdraw the motion, would be one procedure, and then you'd send it back to committee. You could vote no and send it back to committee. That would be another procedure. But either way, if that's what you want to do, send it back to committee.

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah, well, I would hope that the way things are going here, that we will withdraw it and send it back to committee and come back. We have other amendments for it anyhow. It'll only take another meeting.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Matt, you had something you wanted to say?

MR. DROZD: Yeah, I just wanted to add something to all this, is that, just to remind ourselves, including myself, 80 percent of our businesses are small businesses in Allegheny County. Veterans come back; it's a tough time; you know, hard for them to start. It really is more so than anything, because now they got to jumpstart their life after they come back from being at war, protecting our country. Secondly, some states even give discounts, you know, if you're a veteran-owned --- small

veteran-owned business. They'll even give you a discount to give you a little advantage, you know, over the larger guy on the --- or lady on the block, the larger company on the block, so to speak. Thirdly, there are even states that will say, if your company is home grown in that state, in one of our neighboring states right here. They get as much as ten percent, you know, favoritism, to a company that is established in some sort of manner within their state, which puts a lot of our companies at a disadvantage. So this is good. You know, I think it's great and it's going to grow businesses within Allegheny County besides help the veterans. And I think that's a real good thing.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Mr. Gastgeb?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Gastgeb?

MR. GASTGEB: I just want added as a co-sponsor and just a quick comment. I mean, we've all been where, you know, you're excited to have your bill pass, and I understand it's deflating. But also, I mentioned, we all want to do it right, because it is a really good bill and it shows, I think, what we need to do for the veterans, so I know it's kind of bittersweet, Ms. Heidelbaugh.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: No, that's okay. I was just going to say thank you, Mr. Gastgeb. I was just going to offer to withdraw it for today, to ask that it be sent back to Government Reform. But I would ask all my colleagues --- because I do believe that everyone is in support of it, everyone has come up to me in support of this. So please send me your comments, especially you, Mr. Ellenbogen.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: No, I just wanted to say respectfully that if you send it back to committee and get it right, I'll be a co-sponsor.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Well, I need --- I need your comments to get it right. Okay?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Right.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: So please send me your comments of how you would like to see this solidified so that there aren't any --- and then hopefully if we add everybody's comments into --- we already have some amendments. We put the amendments in. And then I'd like to get a unanimous vote and unanimous co-sponsorship. And we can give that to the veterans this year as a thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. We'll do that, we'll send it back to committee. Thank you.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Committee on Public Works, Second Reading. 7005-12.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, delineating the parameters for a proposed modernization project relating to environmental controls and other equipment at designated County facilities. Sponsored by the Chief Executive and Councilman Macey.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Macey.

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. The Public Works Committee met on June 12th, and this was discussed. It is the second phase of a project for modernizing the environmental controls and other equipment at specific County facilities. It's a \$64,000,000 project that will be paid for over 15 years. What's unique about it is that the savings from this project will pay the bill. I make a motion that we approve this Bill Number 7005.

MR. ROBINSON: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved and second. Question?  
Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?

(No response.)

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: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: 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. Martoni, President?  
PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 14, noes, 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Liaison Reports. Anybody have anything to report? Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. A couple things. First, I'd like to acknowledge Mr. Catanese and his people for --- the other night, we had the Retirement of the Flags celebration over at South Park. And Joe, I just want you to know, I really --- really appreciated everything you've done. It was a wonderful evening, and I can't think of anything that I've been more proud of to be a part of. I want to thank you personally for that. And secondly, Mr. President, we have this professional major golf tournament coming up with the Senior Tour, the Champions Tour, at the end of June into the first week of July, up at Fox Chapel Country Club. I hope everyone --- any golf enthusiasts ---.

These are the guys that everyone knows and remembers the names. Now some of these new people on the other tour here, I don't think most of us really are familiar with. But these gentlemen coming in, it's important. It's going to be a real boom to the economy of Allegheny County. And I thank you, Mr. President, for your time.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Ms. Heidelbaugh, I believe you were next.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Thank you, President Martoni. I serve on the Election Review Board as a member with my colleague, John DeFazio, and the County Executive, Rich Fitzgerald. And today at our meeting, we discussed the County Executive and Mr. DeFazio's proposal for the county to file a lawsuit against the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in regard to asking the Court to strike the Voter ID law. I vociferously objected to the county entering into a lawsuit. I lost that vote 2-1. My objections to that lawsuit have to do with the expenditure

of additional funds by the county to file a lawsuit when the American Civil Liberties Union and some law firms in Pennsylvania are in the middle of a lawsuit in regard to the exact same matter in the Commonwealth Court. It's either in trial or about to be in trial. I asked the County Executive and Mr. DeFazio to file an amicus brief instead of filing a separate lawsuit and/or to the petition to intervene in that lawsuit. And that was not accepted as an alternative. I asked for a copy of the lawsuit. I was not given a copy of the lawsuit. The argument to that was it was putting the cart before the horse. But I, as an attorney for 28 years, often will draft a complaint and provide it to a client to apprise the client of what is contemplated on being filed. There was no cost estimate for this lawsuit that was provided to the Election Review Board. There was no cost estimate as to how much it's going to cost our solicitor department to pay the lawyers involved in this.

At the prior Election Review Board, I asked Mr. Wojcik if he felt that he could train all those election workers on the new law, and he said that he could. And one of the bases for filing this lawsuit from Mr. DeFazio and the County Executive Fitzgerald is that we don't have any money to train the lawyers. And I don't find that to be a reason with a basis. In addition, I believe that some of these decisions were made without me prior to a meeting of the Election Review Board, which potentially violated the open meeting and Sunshine Law. And then I objected to that and asked my colleagues to, in the future, make sure that I am included when these decisions are made.

And further, there was no legal opinion on the success of the lawsuit that was provided to my colleagues. So for those reasons, I objected. In regard to the voter identification bill, the Help America Vote Act required voter identification in 2002. So first-time voters and absentee ballot voters must provide identification. No one ever filed a lawsuit to prohibit voter identification in that instance. Furthermore, there will be some rhetoric regarding this lawsuit that people will be prevented from voting. By law, no one can ever be prevented from voting. If you present to the polling place, you must be allowed to vote. Federal law, that's the Help America Vote Act, you either vote on a machine or

you vote on a provisional ballot. So no one in America can be denied the right to vote.

In addition, the Commonwealth will be providing free identification for those who cannot afford or who do not have current photo IDs. I do not think this is something that we should be spending precious resources on. There's already a lawsuit. This is not a county issue. I think this is a political issue. And for those who disagree with the law, they should donate to the ACLU or be intervened in that lawsuit. So that was what happened today from my viewpoint at the Election Review Board. And I'm sure that my colleague, Mr. DeFazio, has a different viewpoint.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Mike was next.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd just like to also congratulate Joe Catanese and Stephanie and Erin for putting on a really great flag retirement event. The speeches were great, the singing was great, and it was done --- it was done in a very professional manner, and we thank you very much for that. I also would like to remind people that the Regatta is coming up at the end of this month, so you got to regatta, so let's get downtown and party. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: I believe Amanda was next, and then after, John.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Last week, Thursday, Councilman Macey and I visited A Child's Place. A Child's Place is located at Mercy Hospital. It's within my district in the uptown district, and it does receive county fund. And I know a lot of people wonder about where County dollars go and are they being used for any useful or valuable purpose. And I can say that I believe that our money is very well spent with A Child's Place --- or I would say, invested with A Child's Place.

They deal with the children who are victims of sexual assaults, and they have a top-notch program over there and they do some things that are unique to A Child's Place and are the only place that does it within --- within the state. They deal with hundreds upon hundreds of children, conducting interviews and helping law enforcement from the local level, state level, county level and even federal level, in the apprehension and prosecution of child sex --- child sex offenders. And so I would just like to say publicly that I appreciate the

work that they do over there and congratulate them on the work that they're able to do on the --- with the resources that they have. They use them very wisely, in my opinion. And I'm not sure, but if President Martoni will indulge me, I'll see if Councilman Macey also has any thoughts to share.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Please, Councilman Macey, then Mr. DeFazio.

MR. MACEY: Thank you. It was certainly an eye-opening experience to go to Child's Place. It was established in 1999 by a nationally known forensic doctor, Dr. Mary Carrasco. They have performed 26,000 forensic interviews and it's ---. There's some very fundamental things that I believe that people don't --- don't follow, for instance, choosing your caregiver. Make sure that that caregiver is someone you know, someone you can trust. But unfortunately, these young people who become victims, they usually know their perpetrator. It's not somebody that they don't know that comes to them off of the street or out of the --- out of the woods, and of course, choosing your partner carefully.

There was one situation where a young man assaulted this woman's daughter. And when they came to take a report, the mother didn't even know the last name of the guy that was watching her child. So there's a lot of things that we need to be aware of, and I think in light of the Jerry Sandusky molestation and child abuse and what have you, accusations and the trial, I think that we're all keeping our eyes open. And make sure that you know what you see and you try to understand the feelings of a child and also what a child may be indicating, so we can get this information to the proper authorities. A Child's Place at Mercy, if you need any information --- additional information, you can reach them at 412-232-7200. That's Child's Place at Mercy, 412-232-7200. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Mr. DeFazio.

MR. DEFAZIO: Yeah. I'm trying to get some of these points that Heather stated. She said we made a decision without her. First of all, when I talked to Rich, he recommended we have this special meeting. I said, I'll do it on a Wednesday. And I think he talked to Heather and said Heather is going on vacation. So I said, well, then, let's do it on a Tuesday, so I can accommodate her to be there before we made a decision. There was no

decisions made until today. And this thing about --- laid out a lawsuit, first of all, you got to have a vote. We voted today, two persons to go for the lawsuit.

I talked to my attorney, the attorneys I deal with. Rich talked to his person. And no one has said it's frivolous. I know she thinks it is, but that's not what we're hearing. Also, this law was put in because of fraud. There's no fraud there. I know Heather brought up a case about 200 people at Pitt. I've been on this board from the beginning, Election Board, and I talked to the election department. We don't know anything about this 200 people coming in with fraudulent votes and all that. We have no record of none of that. So if you go around the country, everywhere, there's really no fraud. Heather said this is political. I agree. This is 100 percent political, and I'll explain it is political.

In 2004, the African American vote from 2004 to 2008 --- on 2008 they voted 15 percent --- 15.1 percent more. The Latino voted 28.6 percent more. And what really happened is, the other side seen that and said, hey, we have to find another way to cut this vote down. And that's how this thing really fell. You're talking political? You're right. It is political. Now, as far as everybody voting, you get a provisional ballot, but you may never get to vote. Right now, the way this is set up, veterans are not going to be able to vote. People that served in wars and everything else, they get a provisional ballot. And in six days, if you don't have the rest of this, you're not going to vote. And then even if you wanted to go do that, if you see all these people on election --- you still may go back and try to get that.

And then your vote's not going to count for none of these elections. So there's a lot more to this than what you're saying. I don't think I answered everything you said, but I got most of it.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. Thank you. Vince?

MR. GASTGEB: Yeah. The last thing I want to do is get into a debate over in the liaison section. But for transparency, I just want to let my colleagues know that the Republican members did put out a press release today, really, at my direction, because of the press conference that was held Thursday or Wednesday of last week. And you know, we have a difference of opinion, and that's fine. This body is not the Election Board, and I can respect that. And there is three people on the Elections Board,

and I think all three should be heard. But you know, in my opinion, it's a state law that was passed lawfully by a State Senate, a State Assembly and a Governor. It's not an opinion. It's who we really vote for in this state. The goal is to prevent fraud. I don't know if there's fraud or not, based on who says what. I mean, it's to prevent fraud. Eighty-seven (87) percent to 75 is the --- that I've seen people that have been polled in Pennsylvania over the last two months think this is a good idea. One percent has said not to have an ID, and a provision is set up for that one percent. But what I find a little bit discouraging is where the county comes in on this. You know, comments are being made, and I know people can speak as a county official, that we can't train people and we can't do this. Well, that's not how I feel. When the Help America Voter Act came in, I mean, talk about a big act, we had to roll our sleeves up. All of us had tutorials in our Council districts. We made videos up. That was partially funded, but it was a huge unfunded mandate from the federal level down to the state level. But we made it work.

And this is one percent possibly of the people, so I just don't --- I just don't see that the crises. Let me leave you with what we have on county government, and some of us on this Council made these policies through our Administrative Code. And I hope we're not looking to lessen what's already been set up. Proof of county residence with an ID is necessary for a job here within one year. The senior citizens' Property Tax Relief Program application includes a birth certificate, driver's license and photo ID. And MWBE participation requires a statement of personal finance, personal tax returns and an ID. County residency to get eligible programs from Health and Human Services, which is the largest appropriation you make, requires an ID. I can go on and on. County use of vehicles requires a valid driver's license. I hope we're not going to need --- our next step will be lessening the requirements for these things. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Mr. Ellenbogen is next.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I don't want to get into political debate, but I just want to talk about, you know, what's real. This is the second oldest county in the United States, the United States, not Pennsylvania. There's 60-some counties in Pennsylvania. This is the

second oldest county in the United States. That being said, I can't tell you how many senior citizens who vote religiously that don't have --- that they don't drive anymore. They're in senior homes, a lot of them. They don't have picture IDs. That being said, I can't --- when I was first appointed a committee person at my age almost 40 years ago. And I can never remember any fraudulent scandals in this county. You know, in reality, you go into a polling place. You have majority and minority inspectors. You got Democrats sitting at that table; you have Republicans sitting at that table; you have your neighbors sitting at that table. If somebody is not sure who somebody is, somebody says something. And on top of that, you have candidates that are running outside against each other. Do you think they're not watching to see who goes in here, that they don't belong there? There's a checks and balance system that's in place. That's why you have majority and minority inspectors. What this is going to do, I'm afraid, is inconvenience a lot of elderly people who are going to be nervous and then they're not going to vote, because maybe they don't drive anymore.

Maybe they're ashamed, they don't want to say they don't drive anymore. What other kind of ID do you have that has a picture on it? Maybe some people that are --- some people's age don't want to show their AARP card. I don't know. But for whatever reason, there are people who are your neighbors that are sitting at that table. It seems to have worked in this county for how many years without there being a major scandal. I mean, I'm just trying to, like, think --- you know, why make a law when there's not a problem, one that I don't see it because I would like someone to just show me some kind of scandal that's happened in this county, that justifies this happening. I just don't see it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Gastgeb?

MR. GASTGEB: Yeah. From my friend, Mr. Ellenbogen, you know, well said, but we're not decided nor did we decide the law. It's a state law. And your comments are well founded, but when those comments were brought forth in our State Assembly, the decision was to have a voter ID law. What I'm referring to with my press release today was --- is that the county getting involved saying that we can't somehow adhere to this, somehow the poll workers that we have can't, you know, determine if someone has an ID or not. And that's what I'm a little

bit upset with. I'm also a little bit upset with the fact, we have to file a lawsuit --- not we, County Council, but I guess the elections department. And you know, we've seen this before with the assessment. We keep spending money and money, whether it's on, you know, bad products from a professional service contractors or, now, for more law firms. So you know, what you're saying, Mr. Ellenbogen, I think has some merit. But we're so far past that, now we're at the point where the election is coming in November and somehow the county can't handle what the state law is. You know, I might not like the state law on the highway or, you know, 21 being the legal age to drink. Our opinions are important, but you know, it's a state law, and that's what we should be following. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Mr. ---?

MR. DROZD: I'm not here to debate whatever, but my ears perked up when you say --- you know, when I heard that veterans may be disenfranchised from voting, because I'd like to know how that is, in the essence that ---. You know, I carry, myself --- that's my ID card, my veteran ID card. I carry that all the time. So you know --- secondly, when I go in and buy even a cup of coffee, I use my charge card, because I get my bonus points back. And they always ask me, to protect --- and I thank them for that --- to protect me, to protect me. And they ask, I'd like to see an ID, and I thank them because it protects me from, you know, someone using my charge card. My vote is very important to me.

I don't want someone going in and voting my vote under someone else's name. And I don't mind, you know, that they ask for identification. I agree with you. In Allegheny County, we have some really good people working at the polls, we really do. And a lot of them do recognize, you know, people when they come in. I grant, you're right on that. But there are --- you know, I'm still wondering --- I still hear this, you know, these comments about our sister city way over in the East. And we've all heard this. And how do we, you know, in essence, protect to make sure that the person that's going in there, that is their vote that they're casting, that there's no one in there using their name and taking their identity.

More important, I can't help --- it's really bothering me that someone would use someone's identify and to cast that person's vote in a way that they don't want

it cast. So I don't know. I'm just saying, how do we protect, you know, the voters? You know, it's not --- I see this as not only --- you know, I'm not getting into political foothills, I'm really not. But I want to protect that voter's identify and that opportunity to vote and they cast their votes. I don't now. I mean, I'd just --- I'd just like more information. If someone would please get --- you don't have to give it to me now. But I'm going to defend those veterans and I'd like to know where, in essence, that they are not being able to vote, you know, in essence, whether it be before or after. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Jan, I think you are next.

MS. REA: Okay. Just a comment.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Then I think we're going to close on this.

MS. REA: Okay. We can close on this. I mean, this is state law. I'd just like to comment. I guess it was Mr. Ellenbogen who said this would be such a ---

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We have a speaker with a comment. Go ahead, Jan.

MS. REA: --- that this would be such an inconvenience for seniors. But I think we underestimate the seniors; we underestimate our Elections Board; we underestimate our election department. When we changed machines, when the seniors had to come in who never saw a computer screen, who never used a computer screen, somehow they were, you know, quite able to adapt to that. I think they're perfectly capable of showing an ID, getting an ID and getting to the people who do vote. Because when we went through that change, we were so worried about so many people. And remarkably, it was very smooth. There wasn't a problem. So why anybody would anticipate such a problem with this, I just don't understand that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Can I answer her, please?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yeah, you can answer.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I'm not going to go on. I just want to answer.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yeah, please do.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: No, you just heard Councilman Drozd, Ms. Rea. The veterans ID that he's talking about, you're not allowed to vote with that, just so you know. That's how stringent it is. The veterans ID, and he's a

veteran, you cannot vote with that ID that he has. I'm just saying.

MR. DROZD: Can I respond to it?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yeah, do it real quick.

MR. DROZD: And thank you for that, and I thank you because --- Mr. DeFazio. But I want to say, I want to know why they don't. I want to know why they don't accept --- I really don't. I want to know why this county or any county in this country will not accept my VA card, my veteran card, that I fought for defending this country. It has my photo. It has my signature. It has my pertinent information. That's a disgrace, I think, that you can't go in and use that for voter or anything ---. Because everyone takes --- everyone else will take my veterans card. And that's, to me, an insult, or to any veteran it's an insult.

MR. DEFAZIO: Let me ---.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: I could put it to rest. I just received some information, that the U.S. Military ID, Active Duty, Retired Military and Dependents, DOD, civilians and so forth, it's acceptable as an ID.

MR. DEFAZIO: Point of Order.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: This is from the Governor.

MR. DEFAZIO: Point of Order.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. DeFazio.

MR. DEFAZIO: This card has a 2009 expiration. When it says that, he cannot use that to vote.

MR. DROZD: Wait a minute. Wait a minute. Wait a minute. No, no, no; it doesn't.

MR. DEFAZIO: If it does ---.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We're not the election bureau.

MR. DROZD: Military, it says ---. It says ---.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Do you have an ID, Mr. Drozd?

MR. FINNERTY: It says indefinite.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: This isn't --- you're not on trial here.

MR. DROZD: It says indefinite.

MR. FINNERTY: Excuse me.

MR. DEFAZIO: If it says indefinitely, you vote with it.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: You can vote forever on it.

MR. DEFAZIO: A lot of people that are veterans, if their card expired --- it was in the first World War,

second World War, whatever war --- if it then expired, they would not let you use it.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Matt was in the Civil War, so ---.

MR. DROZD: No, just three years after ---.

MS. DANKO: There's a couple of things I want to say. The state did pass the law. Laws can be challenged. You can do whatever you want, as long as nobody challenges you. What citizens do is challenge. I know in my --- in one of my roles when I was the Chair of the 14th Ward, I was often getting calls from the County elections department. We need people. We need bodies to work the election. So you have to come up with five people who are willing to be there on election day. And we had 41 districts in the 14th Ward. That was a lot of people. Fortunately, we had a lot of people who are willing to do that, a lot of retired teachers. Since this law has passed, I have had many poll workers, consistent, been there for years, say they're not going to do it because if their grandmother comes in and she doesn't have an ID, and they don't ask her for her ID, they could be legally charged with a crime.

And there are people who will not serve as poll workers because of that, and we could end up short of poll workers and have a real disaster on our hands for the election in November. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. I missed you, please.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: And I apologize.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Oh, that's okay. That's okay. I appreciate the opportunity to speak. Like Councilman Gastgeb, you know, I really don't want to drag this on. But sometimes you hear things that makes you --- give you the urge or you know you have to say something. And when it comes to voter ID, although this is not about the lawsuit, per se, it's about the law that's being challenged. When it comes to voter ID, often we need birth certificates to get identification. And for people in my family --- I'll speak from personal experience --- who grew up in our GEMCO (phonetic) South, who grew up in the GEMCO South in the '20s and '30s and '40s, who grew up in the GEMCO South when blacks were not allowed to go to hospitals where white people were, because it was such a taboo. It was unlawful. They were born at home with midwives. And guess what? Many of them don't have birth

certificates. Yes, it's 2012, and I have relatives who don't have birth certificates, who grew up in North and South Carolina and Georgia. So for them to get an ID is going to be --- I wouldn't say impossible, but it's going to be extremely time-consuming and extremely difficult. So when we're talking about access to identification, access to the poll, that imagines that we all have access to the same resources to get access to an ID to get access to the polls. That is not true. We have to expend the people that we're talking about and consider people with other circumstances in life, not necessarily by choice, not necessarily by their choice, but by circumstances imposed upon them. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: One more speaker, and then we're going to move on now. Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just have one more point, and you know, if you want to commit --- if you want to commit election fraud, and you're smart enough to do it, then somebody at this table explain to me that if I wanted to commit election fraud, and I got a whole stack of absentee ballots, I can't just do it that way and no one will question anything. So all you've done is create this --- there's still a venue if you want to cheat like that. That's what I'm saying. I don't see how this law closes that hole.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: No, there's not. It did close this hole because HAVA required first-time voters in the absentee ballots to make a copy of their ---.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: You said first-time voters.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I'm going to explain it. Just let me finish. And now this law would require that everybody make a copy of their identification and enclose it in the absentee ballot.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I find that really funny, because I don't even know where my --- I haven't known where my ID was for four years. So you're going to tell me who --- I've never missed an election ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: You don't have a driver's license?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Yeah, I have a ---. I'm saying, if I vote absentee ---. I mean, this is ridiculous. I mean, you know what? They are right, it is political. Who are we kidding? And you know what's going to prove it? When you see the senior vote, which are all Democrats in this county, drop 15 percent. Then that will

prove Councilman DeFazio's argument. Who are we kidding here?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Michael? And then we're going to leave this.

MR. FINNERTY: I just want to say that one of the things that this --- yeah, this is a liaison report --- that one of these --- that this could drive the lines at the polling places coming up in the presidential election. And I think that's one of the things, when you have a Judge of Elections whose next door neighbor comes in to vote and you have somebody looking over their shoulder and saying, you've got to ask for an ID. And once you start this, I think you're going to have some long lines, and it's going to --- some people are just not going to vote at all, because they don't want to wait. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. I think --- I think we basically said enough on this subject. I think everybody agrees. Okay? The great Prime Minister of England said years ago, that democracy is the worst form of government except for every other. That's kind of --- when we have these kind of issues, we're getting into a lot of fundamental opinions, and we're all great believers in whatever we believe. So whatever the law says, we'll eventually follow. Thank you. Is that all for liaison reports? Yeah, it got out of hand. I apologize for that. I think everybody had the right ---. I thought everybody has the right to express their opinion. New Business, Ordinances and Resolutions. 7036-12.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Article 911 of the Administrative Code, entitled Contracts, Section 5-911.03, entitled Specific Contract Requirements, and governing the County contracting process, in order to require specific assurances of safety measures undertaken by MH/MR service providers contracting with Allegheny County. Sponsored by Councilman Gastgeb.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Public Safety Committee. Mr. Gastgeb?

MR. GASTGEB: Okay. I will sign it after I speak, if you will. This bill, what it does --- and I guess it's somewhat symbolic, what Council member Ellenbogen brought in, as was evidenced with Pitt police tonight, because this is kind of what's the heart of the matter of my legislation. Probably, the largest contracts

we offer are to our Health and Human Service, of which Mental Health and Mental Retardation are part of the appropriation and contracting. This will not touch the contracting at all but does create a policy where if the County money or the County appropriations are going to follow a MH/MR grant to hospitals like Western Psych and the like --- and let's face it, these hospitals are slightly different. These wards are slightly different. We need to make sure there's security measures that back up the money that we're giving, as far as grants are in place. Obviously, in the poor case that Pitt police came here tonight, it wasn't. But sadly, these hospitals are still no better with security than they were before this tragic event.

So I think if there's a lot of money going to these providers, the very least they can do is make sure the facility is safe. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. 7037-12.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. President, did you put that in committee?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yeah, I put that in Public Safety. Was that proper, Public Safety? He's the sponsor. What he said, that he would like it in Public Safety.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Mr. President, I just want to be added as a co-sponsor to that. In light of what we just experienced tonight, I think it's a great idea.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Originally, I had it in Health and Human Services. After talking to Vince, who sponsored it, who thought it should belong in Public Safety, and I said fine.

MR. GASTGEB: Point of Privilege. What I forgot to mention was, I got the genesis for this bill ---. And the reason why I'd like it to go to Public Safety is because the District Attorney's Office is also very interested in this and will probably end up being a partner. So with their involvement, I think it's more of a natural fit there. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. Mr. Robinson, Public Safety.

MR. MACEY: I'd also like to be a co-sponsor. Thank you.

MR. DROZD: Add me, too, please.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We got a bunch of co-sponsors down here.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.

MR. PALMIERE: Point of Order, please?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.

MR. PALMIERE: I was --- I was thinking about this particular bill, and I was in discussion with a few people about --- in regards to the security and safety in the hospitals. And frankly, I think that this belongs in the Health and Human Services. I think we can either do both together as a, you know, work in harmony, because I, too, was going to propose some legislation concerning this issue. And I commend Mr. Gastgeb for coming up with this particular ordinance. And I support it wholeheartedly, and I will co-sponsor. But I'd like to also get this in Health and Human Services, also.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Do you want to respond to that?

MR. GASTGEB: You and I shared some of --- I think, some of your trepidations with some of the hospitals and what have you and your ideas. To me, it's separate, and I'm going to ask for sponsor's prerogative. I want it in Public Safety. I think the sponsor should get the prerogative.

MR. PALMIERE: All right. Then I'll --- okay. Then I'll respect that.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7037-12.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, requesting authorization to enter into a Grant Agreement and acceptance of funds on behalf on behalf of the TreeVitalize Pittsburgh, from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Committee on Parks.  
7038-12.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, authorizing the incurrence of nonelectoral debt by the issuance of its, one, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series C-69, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$62,745,000 (C-69 Bonds); and two, its General Obligation Bonds, Series C-70, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$130,335,000 (the Series C-70 Bonds, and collectively with the C-69 Bonds, the Bonds). Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Budget and Finance Committee. 7030-12.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the Council of the County of Allegheny, authorizing the pursuit of a Tax Increment Financing Plan to pay for portions of the Clinton Commercial --- Commerce, I'm sorry --- Clinton Commerce Park Phase II, to be located in Findlay Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Executive --- Economic Development and Housing Committee. 7031-12.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the Council of Allegheny, authorizing the pursuit of a Tax Increment Financing Plan to pay for portions of the McClaren Road Project, to be located in Findlay Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Committee on Economic Development and Housing. 7032-12.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the Council of the County of Allegheny, authorizing the pursuit of a Tax Increment Financing Plan to pay for portions of the Route 30 Commerce Park, to be located in Findlay Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Economic Development and Housing Committee. 7032-12.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the Council ---.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 33-12.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the Council of Allegheny, authorizing the pursuit of an amendment to the existing Tax Increment Financing Plan, the Potato Garden Run TIF Plan, to pay for portions of the Westport Woods, to be located in Findlay Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7034-12.

MR. CATANESE: You need to put that in committee.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. Committee on Economic Development and Housing. 7034-12.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2012 (Submission 12-8). Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Budget and Finance Committee. 7035-12.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny adopting the Gardens at Market Square Tax Increment Financing Plan, presented by the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and authorizing related agreements. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Economic Development and Housing Committee. New Business, Motions.

MR. CATANESE: We have none.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: None. Notification of Contracts. 7040-12. Communication from the County Manager Jim Flynn, submitting the Economic Actions related to contracts for the month received. A motion to receive the file?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I make that motion.

MR. GASTGEB: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved and second. Question? All in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Approved. So ordered. 7041-12.

MR. CATANESE: Communication from County Manager Jim Flynn, submitting Executive Actions related to contracts for the month of May, 2012.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Motion to receive the file?

MR. FUTULES: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved and second. Questions? All in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: So ordered. Public Comment on General Items. Michael Connors. Is Michael Connors here? He probably gave up on us. Lester Ludwig, I know you're here.

MR. LUDWIG: Lester Ludwig. If I may, I'm here. My name is Les Ludwig. I live at 6589 Rosewood Street, Pittsburgh. And I ask that a piece of writing regarding deficit or potential of a deficit be presented to each of you. And you received it, I understand, as of this evening. Mr. President, due to the hour, this is going to have to be changed in language to become binding and, therefore, should probably be referred to an appropriate committee. If, indeed, that is the will of the Chair or the group, then I will pass my three minutes and let's get on with the next stage.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Let me understand what you're saying. You're saying this has to be enhanced?

MR. LUDWIG: It has to be enhanced. It can't be ---. I don't --- after listening to everyone's distinguished comments this evening, I can see that there's language issues here that --- I'm not a professional drafter of law. And therefore, although I believe in what I've written, that we have to change the word deficit and its application, that ---. You've mentioned this in passing should go to committee.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yeah.

MR. LUDWIG: What committee would you deem ---?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: I would think Budget and Finance Committee would be that committee. I'll pass this ---. They already have it, but I'll talk to Mr. Robinson.

MR. LUDWIG: Very good. On reading it, please understand that this is a basic idea. The control of it was not written into this. This is how to accomplish the purpose of stopping use of the word deficit, which is literally destroying us right now, nationally and internationally and even down through many levels of government. Thank you for your time.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Do we have a motion for adjournment?

(Chorus of motions.)

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved and second.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.

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