

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

James R. Burn, Jr.	-	President District 3
Charles J. Martoni	-	Vice President District 8
John P. DeFazio	-	Council-At-Large
Edward Kress	-	Council-At-Large
Matt Drozd	-	District 1
Jan Rea	-	District 2
Michael J. Finnerty	-	District 4
Vince Gastgeb	-	District 5
John Palmiere	-	District 6
Nick Futules	-	District 7
Robert Macey	-	District 9
William Russell Robinson	-	District 10
Barbara Daly Danko	-	District 11
Jim Ellenbogen	-	District 12
Amanda Green Hawkins	-	District 13

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IN ATTENDANCE:

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

PRESIDENT BURN: Good evening, everyone. I'd like to call this meeting to order, please. Good evening and welcome to the Allegheny County Council's regularly scheduled meeting, Tuesday, July 5th, 2011. Thanks to all who are in attendance. At this time, we would invite all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silent prayer and/or reflection.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

(Moment of silent prayer or reflection.)

PRESIDENT BURN: Please call the roll.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Present (via telephone).

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Gastgeb?

MR. GASTGEB: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn, President?

PRESIDENT BURN: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Fifteen (15) members present, one by phone.

PRESIDENT BURN: Proclamations/
certificates. 6434-11.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation honoring Allegheny County, local animal shelters, Karen Cirrincione and Cookie for contributing to the success of the Allegheny Abused Animal Relief Fund. Sponsored by Council Member Rea, the Allegheny County Treasurer, the Allegheny County District Attorney.

PRESIDENT BURN: I would invite any or all of the co-sponsors. Councilwoman Rea?

MS. REA: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to invite Karen Cirrincione and our County Treasurer to the podium, please. Thank you. The Allegheny Abused Animal Relief Fund, also known as AAARF, has raised over \$1,000,000 to assist with abused animals' veterinarian bills. Cookie, a rescue dog, was the inspiration and spokesdog for the program. Karen and Cookie traveled the county to raise awareness for the program and to show that pit bulls can be loving and loyal pets. Cookie passed away on June 4th, and this proclamation honors him, Karen, the county and local shelters that make AAARF possible. I'm going to read the proclamation now.

Whereas, the original name was Crook, an abused fighting dog was rescued from the dog fighting ring in 2000 by Animal Friends as the District Attorney's Office investigated the case. It suggested raising funds for Crook and other neglected animals' veterinarian bills.

And whereas, after Crook recovered, Karen Cirrincione adopted him, renamed him Cookie and cared for him for 11 years.

Whereas, the Allegheny County Treasurer's Office and District Attorney's Office, in conjunction with Animal Friends, the Animal Rescue League of Western Pennsylvania and the Western Pennsylvania Humane Society, established the Allegheny Abused Animal Relief Fund, AAARF, shortly after Cookie was adopted. The fund provides assistance for the veterinarian bills of rescued and abused animals like Cookie.

Whereas, for 11 years, Cookie served as the official spokesdog of AAARF, and Mrs. Cirrincione assisted Cookie in raising awareness of the program.

Whereas, since its creation, AAARF has raised over \$1,000,000 in donations to help neglected and abused animals.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Allegheny County Council, on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, hereby honors the County Treasurer's Office, the

District Attorney's Office, local animal shelters and the AAARF Board of Directors for sustaining the program to assist abused animals. This Council commends Ms. Karen Cirrincione for adopting Cookie and providing him with a loving home and honors the memory of Cookie for inspiring the program to help abused animals. Thank you, Karen.

(Applause.)

MR. WEINSTEIN: Thank you, Councilwoman Rea, Mr. Chairman and members of Council. It's always a pleasure to be here. Tonight is a special event because this is something near and dear to my heart. I have been an animal advocate and lover of animals since I could walk. And we had a unique opportunity here to create history in Allegheny County when we took the three animal shelters and joined them with county government. This was the first in the nation for something like this to happen. What Joe is passing out here was the original brochure that we started this organization called AAARF with. Steve Zappala and I worked very diligently to put this organization together. And what you see on the front is the original picture of Cookie, the dog that we honor tonight, who was severely abused. When he was found, he had over 4,000 bite wounds on his body. Half of his ear was hanging off. It was just amazing. The dog was so emaciated that you could see his ribs. He was just totally abused. He was on a chain, like a big, thick, heavy metal chain, and he ate all the weeds around as far as he could reach. He had no water or anything for weeks when the animal rescue people found him.

And Cookie had to be held as evidence against prosecuting his owner. And when he was held as evidence, there was no one to pay for his medical bills and no one to pay for his care, and that's how AAARF was established. What we did was ask the diligent dog owners in Allegheny County when they bought their dog license through my office, if they would donate a dollar to help AAARF, this organization. And the response was tremendous. Over the years, as Councilwoman Rea pointed out, we have raised over \$1,000,000, a dollar at a time, to help abused animals in Allegheny County. And Cookie became the spokedog and the poster child.

He was adopted by Karen, and she treated him like the baby that he was. He became so docile, you could actually take food out of his mouth. He went from being a champion pit bull fighting dog to a teddy bear. And I

know it's difficult for Karen to stand here and talk about this and listen to this, but this dog changed the lives of countless animals in Allegheny County and didn't even know it. Because of what he went through himself, he enabled us to create this organization. It's a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity with a board of directors, with an entire operation that is all processed by volunteers to raise this money and create public awareness about animal abuse in Allegheny County. He not only saved the lives of thousands of other animals, we also do educational seminars because there's a direct correlation, ladies and gentlemen, between abusing animals and abusing humans. So we do a lot of work with children and schools in reaching out, talking to kids about not abusing animals because as they grow up in life, that certainly helps not abusing people if the opportunity exists.

But Cookie was the poster child for us, and I'm not certain --- I'd have to ask my good friend, Dr. Martoni there and Mr. DeFazio, who have been here this long, if this Council has ever honored an animal before. I know we do a lot of things. I'm not so sure we've never done that before. But it is an historic moment for us, for Steve Zappala and I and this whole organization. I can't thank Karen enough for what she's done to take care of this dog all these years and has helped us tremendously to be able to raise so much money and create such public awareness in Allegheny County. So I'm proud of our association with this. We had coloring books. We had stickers. We had everything with Cookie's picture on it. We even have some stickers. Pass that around and show everyone. He just became such a unique dog. We took him to home shows. Kids would feed him French fries and he was just the biggest teddy bear you could imagine. And he created a process that hopefully will live on for a long time here in Allegheny County. So with that said, I'd like to ask Karen if you'd like to say some things on behalf of what we've done. Thank you.

MS. CIRRINCIONE: Cookie is here with me today. I had to bring him in. He was a delight to have and take around to, you know, present to all the people in the county. He never gave anybody a problem when we had him out. He was just so precious. You could dress him up in costumes, and he wouldn't care about that, either. But I want to thank you for this honor. It means a lot to us. Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT BURN: 6435-11.

MR. CATANESE: Certificates of Achievement honoring Bailey Narr and Brandon Matchett for winning national championships at the 88th National Marbles Tournament. Sponsored by Council Members Hawkins and Macey.

PRESIDENT BURN: Council Members Green Hawkins and Macey, please.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: I'm going to ask Bailey Narr and Brandon Matchett to come up and join us here. Bailey and Brandon, two hipsters from our home here in Allegheny County, won the boys' and girls' National Marbles Championships on June 23rd in Wildwood, New Jersey. They join about 40 other people from Allegheny County who have won the national championships. And I understand that a previous champion was also related to Bailey here. Several others from Allegheny County, Jordan Narr, Ben Eddings and Emily Cavacini --- excuse me ---

MS. CAVACINI: Cavacini (corrects pronunciation).

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: --- Cavacini --- thank you --- and Brooke Narr is with us tonight. All placed well in the tournament and represented our region during the national competition. And I'll ask Councilman Macey to say a few words.

MR. MACEY: Well, it's certainly an honor and privilege to be here and just to add another feather in the City of Champions cap. Pittsburgh is certainly the City of Champions. And it doesn't matter whether you're a professional or you're young. We still have champions.

The Office of County Council. This Certificate of Achievement is awarded to Ms. Bailey Narr and Mr. Brandon Matchett, congratulating them for winning the national championships at the 88th National Marbles Tournament in Wildwood, New Jersey. This Council commends their efforts, skill and sportsmanship which were displayed throughout the tournament. Bailey and Brandon successfully served as proud representatives of Allegheny County throughout the competition. With these achievements, they join the impressive history of past national champions from the region. We join their friends and family in celebrating their success, and we wish them good luck in their future endeavors. On behalf of the

citizens of Allegheny County, we congratulate Bailey and Brandon on these tremendous accomplishments. Congratulations. Sponsored by Council Members Amanda Green Hawkins and myself and the Allegheny County Council.

(Applause.)

MS. NARR: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. MATCHETT: Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT BURN: I believe the remainder of our proclamations and certificates shall be read into the record.

MR. CATANESE: That's correct, Mr. President.

6436-11. Certificates of Achievement honoring the Serra Catholic High School baseball team for winning the PIAA Class A Championship. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

6437-11. Certificate of Achievement honoring Anthony Smith of Boy Scout Troop 99 for earning his Eagle Scout ranking. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

6438-11. Certificate of Achievement honoring the 50th anniversary of George and Theresa Klipa. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

6439-11. Certificate of Achievement honoring the 50th anniversary of Frank and Rosemarie Dusi. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

6440-11. Certificates of Achievement honoring the Deer Lakes High School boys' volleyball team for winning the WPIAL and PIAA Class AA Championships. Sponsored by Council Members Rea and Burn.

PRESIDENT BURN: Public comment on general items.

MR. CATANESE: We have none.

PRESIDENT BURN: Or agenda items. I'm sorry. Approval of minutes. 6442-11.

MR. CATANESE: Motion to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2011 regular meeting of Council.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

MR. MARTONI: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT BURN: The minutes are approved. Presentation of appointments. 6446-11.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Amy R. Schrempf to serve as a member of the Property Assessment Appeals and Review Board for a three-year term to expire on September 23rd, 2014. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

PRESIDENT BURN: Councilman Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. I would like to waive the second reading of this and sending it to the Appointment and Review. By the reports from the Board members as well as staff, Amy Schrempf has done an exemplary job. And because of our timeliness in her expiration, September 23rd, and our schedule for the summer, I think it would behoove us to get her appointed tonight.

MR. MARTONI: Second.

PRESIDENT BURN: Moved, second. Any discussion on the motion to waive putting this into committee and voting on it tonight? Is there any discussion on that motion? Any discussion on that motion? Seeing no discussion --- can we do a voice vote or should we call the roll?

MR. CATANESE: We can do a voice vote.

MS. LIPTAK: We just vote.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT BURN: Okay. So now at this point, approving the reappointment of Amy Schrempf to serve as a member of the Property Assessment Appeals and Review Board for a three-year term.

MR. FINNERTY: I'll make that motion.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT BURN: Amy Schrempf is approved. Thank you, Councilman Macey.

MR. MACEY: Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: Unfinished business. Committee on Budget and Finance, second reading. 6426-11.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2011, Submission 08-11. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT BURN: Chairman Robinson?

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

MR. MACEY: Second.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

PRESIDENT BURN: Moved, second. Any discussion? Please call the roll.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Gastgeb?

MR. GASTGEB: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn, President?

PRESIDENT BURN: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes 15, noes 0. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT BURN: 6339 --- Committee on Government Reform, second reading. 6339-11.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing Division 1 of the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances entitled Administrative Code through the

creation of a new Article 912 entitled E-Verification, in order to establish a mechanism for ensuring that labor performed pursuant to contracts to which the county is a party is not undertaken by individuals who are illegally within the United States. Sponsored by Council Members Kress, Drozd, Gastgeb, Finnerty, Futules and Macey.

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. Kress.

MR. KRESS: Yes. The reason why I introduced this legislation, I believe it --- two reasons. One, it's pro-jobs. It's also pro-taxpayer. I believe our jobs in Allegheny County should be going to legal residents. Our people need to earn a good wage. They can't work for \$4 or \$5 an hour. And the problem with illegal immigration is that it pushes wages down. It makes people work for, I say, unbelievably low wages. Here's a workforce out there that's exploited. These people live in fear. And the thing is, when they try to object to their treatment and conditions, they can't do it because there's always the threat that they may be deported. And the thing is we need to make sure our workers are paid a good wage, and that's what this is going to do. We're going to make sure our workers get these jobs.

The other thing is it's also pro-taxpayer because when these contractors hire these illegals, they don't have health insurance on them. When they're injured, who pays their healthcare bills? We, the taxpayers. And that's something we cannot --- conscience here. And that's the reason why I introduced this E-Verification legislation, because I'm here for our workers. And we need to make sure that they have good working conditions, and I believe that E-Verification is the way to do that. And I'd like to see this ordinance passed tonight.

PRESIDENT BURN: Is that a motion to approve?

MR. KRESS: It's a motion to approve.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT BURN: Moved, second. Any discussion?

Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Yes. I discussed this with my colleagues in committee, and they recognize that I have concerns. I'm not going to go back through all of that. And I have a number of concerns, and I'm just going to try to make brief bullet points here. I believe that we already have --- I know we already have federal laws on the books to address the hiring of workers without proper

visas. Laws like this E-Verification add no real legal value but sends a signal that we are not a welcoming group to those we might want to attract to our county. Census data indicates that the immigrant population in Allegheny County right now is the most highly educated immigrant population in the country. The real way to grow Allegheny County and grow jobs is to bring in more people. Without greater immigration, local population trends will likely continue to lag the nation, and that impacts a broad range of industries, including construction, retail, et cetera.

I have concerns about how this bill would be enforced. I have concerns about racial profiling. And I still think it would be useful to bring in someone from the Controller's Office to answer those questions. I was reading an article about two weeks ago that Joe Mistick wrote. It was on another topic, but I thought --- there was a quote in there from H.L. Mencken that I believe could be used for this situation. It says, the whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed, and hence, clamorous to be led to safety, by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary. And I believe that this bill sets up that kind of false target among immigrants, and I will be voting no on this legislation.

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: First of all, this isn't an immigration bill. It's working with, basically, business relations and how the county is going to conduct relations with their contractors. This isn't an immigration bill. It's like, if the contractor didn't have their Workers' Compensation, they take certain safety precautions. They would not be eligible for the contract with the county. Why should somebody be able to break the law and underbid other fellow contractors and get that contract? That's what this bill is about. And you talk about immigrants in Allegheny County. These aren't immigrants. They're criminals. We don't know who is here in Allegheny County if they're here illegally. When you're talking about, like, a well-educated immigrant workforce, these are people that came here legally. We don't know who's here when it comes to illegal aliens. They don't go through the paperwork. We don't know who's here. And that's what we're trying to stop.

Those contractors out there, all they care about is the bottom line. They don't care about their

employees. They don't care about their fellow American citizens. This isn't a union issue. It's not a non-union issue. It's an American issue. And I'm here to make sure that the American citizens have a good opportunity to earn a living here in the United States. I know lots of people out there are in the labor force, and it's hard for them to find jobs. And why should they be subjected to illegal and unfair competition? Here in Allegheny County, we had a labor movement to improve the wages and working conditions of Americans. This is against it. It's diametrically opposed to that movement. And that's what I'm trying to do here, is protect our American citizens from this unfair competition of unscrupulous contractors taking advantage of the situation and putting our American workers out of work and underbid contractors who obey the law. That's why I introduced this legislation, because I believe that we should reward people who obey the law. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: Any other discussion?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT BURN: Yes, Mr. Ellenbogen.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I was wondering if I could address the Solicitor. Is Jack there?

PRESIDENT BURN: Yes, sir.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: And then I'd like to ask Councilman DeFazio a question if I can.

PRESIDENT BURN: Yes, sir.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Jack, let me ask you, first of all, you've got to know, nobody's changed parties up there; have they?

MR. CAMBEST: Not that I know of.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I was just wondering. The question I have for you, Jack, is, does this get us in touch --- because when you start asking people about being immigrants and stuff --- first of all, there's a thing called profiling under federal law, and I don't want to get the county in all kind of legal messes that are probably more so the federal government than our own. So I was just wondering if you could give me some kind of legal opinion on it.

MR. CAMBEST: I think Ms. Danko raised the important question here, and that goes for all legislation, whether it's passed here at the county level or the local level. It's really how you enforce the legislation. And the legislation on its face, as Mr.

Kress has indicated, I don't believe is illegal. Ms. Danko has indicated there are federal laws, and it's true. Those federal laws would preempt any attempt by the county to do something in violation of those federal laws. I don't see this ordinance as doing that. So as to the legality, I don't see a problem with that. I don't have a crystal ball. I can't tell you how it would be enforced, whether it would be enforced in violation of federal law or in violation of any other law. But Ms. Danko does raise a good question concerning that. So really, Mr. Ellenbogen, I can't give you a 100 percent answer to that other than to say the legislation is not illegal on its face. What would happen afterwards, I can't tell you.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I appreciate that. Councilman DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I'd like to ask you, probably not as a councilman but as the Vice-President of the Labor Council --- I notice that you're not a co-sponsor on here. And usually things that have a good solid labor root here, I usually see you involved. And I was wondering, is there any particular reason you're not, or do you just --- I mean, how do you feel about it?

MR. DEFAZIO: No, there's no particular reason. It's just no reason. I can see both sides. I can see Ms. Danko's position. I can see Kress' position. The only reason why I would vote against it is because of the illegal aliens part of it. I could see both sides of this argument. And the AFL-CIO, they have no part of this whole thing. Can you hear me now?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I can, but I was going to tell you ---.

MR. DEFAZIO: Okay. I'll start halfway over. Okay. I have no particular reason why I didn't sign onto this either way. I could see both sides of this argument. Not that they have anything to do with it, but I know the AFL-CIO didn't take a position. Some unions are going to vote for it. Some are against, I guess. The only reason why I'd vote against it is the illegal alien part of it. So I would be for Kress' bill because --- that's why. I mean, I can see both sides of the argument.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I appreciate that. To be honest with you, I'm a little bit worried about enforcing it, because in some way, if there's a law here and we get forced to enforce it, from the county's perspective, we're

going to get drawn into some serious stuff. So I don't know. I appreciate it. Thanks, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BURN: My pleasure, Mr. Ellenbogen. Any other --- Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: I just wanted to say something in regard to enforcement. I mean, we're talking here about contractors that do business with the county, so we're not enforcing some type of a law.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: May I add, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT BURN: When he's finished.

MR. FINNERTY: Can I finish, please?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: You can finish.

MR. FINNERTY: Thanks. I appreciate that.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I'll wait 'til I get there.

PRESIDENT BURN: All right. Mike?

MR. FINNERTY: All right. So in that sense, we're not creating something that's countywide. We're creating something that's talking about our government contracting. And the federal government, I believe, would be the final enforcement of this if somebody claims that they have illegals working for them, through the Controller's Office, is the way I understand it. And I also want to mention one thing that was said here that I don't believe is true, that people with the highest education are illegal aliens. There are people that go into graduate school or in professional schools here that are here legally, and that's entirely different. This is not a bill against immigration. This is a bill against people that are here without visas, without documents and green cards, et cetera, that provide their entrance into the United States as legal people, legal status. And that's what we're looking at more than anything else. And we're talking just about the area of county contracting. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: Ms. Danko, would you like to respond?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I'd like to.

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. Ellenbogen, then Ms. Danko. My apologies, Councilman.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I think the intent of the sponsors and Councilman Finnerty and the people that are on this, I think it's a good intent. I don't want to see illegal aliens take people's jobs also. However, you see by some of the people who support this bill's words, you're not sure what could happen. Our own Solicitor is

telling us that we're not sure what can happen. Now, whether we block any corporation from any kind of contracts, the point is they have attorneys. They can bring forth lawsuits. You know, I'm not sure if our jurisdiction --- you know, that's basically it. Although I'm for the intent of what is trying to be done here, I'm just not sure if you guys have got it all together here in terms of opening us up real wide for some serious problems down the road. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: Ms. Danko, then Ms. Green Hawkins and then Mr. Gastgeb.

MS. DANKO: I just wanted to note for the record that I didn't say illegal immigrants were the highest educated. I said the immigrant population in Allegheny County was the highest educated as reported by the census.

MR. FINNERTY: Oh, I agree with that. The problem is the implication that was put, and these are people that are here legally.

PRESIDENT BURN: Ms. Green Hawkins, followed by Mr. Gastgeb.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I just want us to be clear that immigrants or anybody else do not take jobs. Employers give jobs to people. They offer jobs to people. So let's keep that in mind when we're talking about people in their status where that is irrelevant, really, because it's the employer who is breaching the law, in my opinion. And this provides a mechanism for the employer to have no excuse, in my opinion, not to be complying with the law. So thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: Thank you. Mr. Gastgeb.

MR. GASTGEB: Thank you, President Burn. I guess I'm looking at this strictly on how it's written, and as Mr. Finnerty says, a bill on contracting. What does the Controller do? That's part of the Controller's job anyhow. He looks over contracts. He enforces contracts. He writes reports about contracts. So I don't know how this is going to be anymore. He's not going out looking for contracts outside the county. He's looking at contracts the county has entered into. So inherently, I believe, that's part of his job.

Additionally, if there was a complaint filed, do we really think a company who has hired illegal aliens is going to file the complaint on themselves? You know, I don't know how that could be because it would be opening up Pandora's box or a can of worms.

So you know, even if you take this out to a very far-reaching conclusion, it still comes back to it's an E-Verification bill on contracting. There's nothing here about immigration other than it's part and parcel to E-Verification of the company. Now, could somebody up here write an immigration bill? Any one of us could have done it. It could be a lot different than we're looking at right now. We have a number of sanctuary cities out there and local jurisdictions that try to enter into it. So if you want to see immigration going through, you'll see something a lot different than this, if that would be somebody's pleasure. It comes down to illegal versus legal, simple as that.

Also, I wanted to add, I always ask myself, is this body better off or not better off to have an ordinance? I think we're better off in this case. I'm mindful that both major papers have written editorials about this. I believe a high degree of labor and business are behind it. And I think we'd be better off. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: Any other discussion? Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: I just wanted to say we actually changed a little bit here --- a little language here. It's unauthorized alien, so it's not illegal. But also, too, people talk about profiling, but in some ways, maybe this is a way to end profiling because the contractor has to say, you're abiding by the law. They're certifying. They're doing E-Verify. So if there is a complaint, the Controller can easily check these records to see if they correspond to what information they have. So you're saying, well, we don't want profiling. But in a way, this ends it, I think, because now we have these contractors that are registered and have the information with the Controller's Office. So we could easily validate that information with a phone call.

PRESIDENT BURN: Any other discussion?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Yeah. Mr. President, I just have one final comment.

PRESIDENT BURN: What you didn't see was Mr. Futules' hand up first.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I beg your pardon.

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. Futules, followed by Mr. Ellenbogen. I don't know how you missed that, Jim, but ---.

MR. FUTULES: Sorry. Next time I'll make an announcement.

PRESIDENT BURN: All right.

MR. FUTULES: During the committee process, I made a comment on this and I thought that this was simply --- us as the county do not condone hiring contractors that hire illegal immigrants. And that's just as far as our role is. We don't condone that type of activity. So that's what I read into this. And I don't want to get too deep in it, because it seems to be so complex. But that's basically all I thought it was. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: Thank you. Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Yeah. I have to agree with Councilman Futules. But the thing is I would feel a lot more comfortable if there was something in that bill that said if we find you to be hiring illegal immigrants, then we will take this step to notify the federal government, you know, or whoever's responsibility it would be to insulate us from anything that could cause us a financial loss in the future. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: Thank you, sir. Any other discussion? Any other discussion? Any other discussion? Please call the roll.

MR. CATANESE:	Ms. Danko?
MS. DANKO:	No.
MR. CATANESE:	Mr. DeFazio?
MR. DEFAZIO:	Yes.
MR. CATANESE:	Mr. Drozd?
MR. DROZD:	Aye.
MR. CATANESE:	Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN:	Abstain.
MR. CATANESE:	Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY:	Yes.
MR. CATANESE:	Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES:	Yes.
MR. CATANESE:	Mr. Gastgeb?
MR. GASTGEB:	Yes.
MR. CATANESE:	Ms. Green Hawkins?
MS. GREEN HAWKINS:	Aye.
MR. CATANESE:	Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS:	Yes.
MR. CATANESE:	Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY:	Yes.
MR. CATANESE:	Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: No.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?
MS. REA: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn, President?
PRESIDENT BURN: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ayes 12, noes 2, and 1

abstention. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT BURN: 6430-11.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for the creation of a Special Committee of Council to study the issue of Council District reapportionment and formulate an ordinance to accomplish such reapportionment in accordance with the deadlines established under applicable law. Sponsored by Council Members Burn and Gastgeb.

PRESIDENT BURN: This was moved into the Government Reform Committee. And we had a hearing in that regard, which was attended by five Council members, I believe, on June 30th. It was attended and an affirmative recommendation was made. However, having said that, those who recall the introduction of this bill and its move into Government Reform will recall that Mr. Robinson had expressed some concerns/reservations about the use of the word caucus. So it is my understanding, to clarify or to at least for now remove any of those concerns or save that issue for another day, we have a proposed amendment, Mr. Finnerty; is that correct?

MR. FINNERTY: That is correct.

PRESIDENT BURN: Do you have copies to pass out to the body?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes, I do.

PRESIDENT BURN: I have a question for our parliamentarian. Procedurally speaking, we have an ordinance. It's this proposed amendment to the ordinance at this point. But we'd have to make a motion to amend, and then discussion on the motion to amend, then vote on the motion to amend. Then we can discuss the bill as amended?

MR. CAMBEST: Yes.

PRESIDENT BURN: Okay. Is there a motion to amend? Either way? Okay. A motion to amend?

MR. FINNERTY: I'll make that motion.

MR. ROBINSON: Second.

PRESIDENT BURN: Any discussion on the motion?
Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Just briefly. The second page is the page that is changing items there. If you look at B, we're taking out, the Chair of Council's minority party caucus, and we're changing it to one Council Member affiliated with the party, having minority representation on the Council. And if you go down to D in that section, again, we're taking out, Chair of Council's minority party caucus, and changing it to Council member appointed pursuant to Subsection B. In Section 3 there, again, we're taking out the words that apply to caucus so it would read, no later than seven days after the date of final approval of this ordinance, written notice of all appointments to the Special Committee shall be provided to Council's clerk. And that's all that would be there. The strike-outs are there.

PRESIDENT BURN: And the intent of this is to just address the --- until we address the use of the caucus or the concept of caucus by this body, more adequately address that?

MR. FINNERTY: That is correct.

PRESIDENT BURN: I have a quick question for Mr. Barker. The fact that we don't specifically mention majority representation, is that --- the fact that we have President of Council in there, it seems just to be a distinction. Because we specifically mention minority, it goes to follow that the other subdivisions in Section 2 and 3 address the majority party on the Council?

MR. BARKER: That's merely reflected in the reality of the situation for the Council at this point in time.

PRESIDENT BURN: Okay. Any questions or any discussion on the motion to amend? Mr. Gastgeb?

MR. GASTGEB: Yes. This is all specific to the issue at hand. I think it still allows us to have a special committee designated by you as the president. So I guess on the surface, it doesn't seem all that different. However, I do have a question. How would the person for Subsection B be named?

PRESIDENT BURN: In my opinion --- Mr. Finnerty, I'm sure you can answer this --- the way I read this is that it would be no different than how I would assume that

the minority party does it now. Whatever methodology you have in place is the methodology you would continue to use.

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah. I echo that, exactly. Whatever method the majority party --- minority party uses now.

MR. GASTGEB: Okay. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: Any other discussion on the motion to amend? Any other discussion on the motion to amend? Any other discussion on the motion to amend? Please call the roll on the motion to amend. Am I correct?

MR. DEFAZIO: No. You could do a voice vote.

MR. CAMBEST: You could do a voice vote.

PRESIDENT BURN: Voice vote? Thank you. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT BURN: Opposed? The bill is now amended. Is there any discussion on the bill as amended? Any discussion on the bill as amended? Any discussion on the bill as amended? Now I will ask for a roll call, please.

MR. CATANESE:	Ms. Danko?
MS. DANKO:	Aye.
MR. CATANESE:	Mr. DeFazio?
MR. DEFAZIO:	Yes.
MR. CATANESE:	Mr. Drozd?
MR. DROZD:	Aye.
MR. CATANESE:	Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN:	Aye.
MR. CATANESE:	Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY:	Yes.
MR. CATANESE:	Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES:	Yes.
MR. CATANESE:	Mr. Gastgeb?
MR. GASTGEB:	Yes.
MR. CATANESE:	Ms. Green Hawkins?
MS. GREEN HAWKINS:	Aye.
MR. CATANESE:	Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS:	Yes.
MR. CATANESE:	Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY:	Yes.
MR. CATANESE:	Mr. Martoni?
MR. MARTONI:	Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?
MS. REA: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn, President?
PRESIDENT BURN: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ayes 15, noes 0. The bill passes

as amended.

PRESIDENT BURN: Committee on Public Works,
second reading. 6385-11.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, requiring that the County Manager and Department of Public Works conduct an evaluation of the suitability of all county-owned bridges of greater than 20 feet in length for the placement of advertising, naming rights or sponsorship notices in accordance with Section 5-705.03 of the Administrative Code of Allegheny County relating to sponsorship of county property by external entities, as a means of generating supplemental revenue for the county. Sponsored by Council Members Kress, Martoni, Macey, Drozd, Gastgeb, Robinson, DeFazio and Palmiere.

PRESIDENT BURN: Chairman Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. I would like to confer with Ed Kress --- let Ed speak on his particular bill.

PRESIDENT BURN: Thank you. Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Councilman Macey. I'd like to say what we're trying to do here is trying to raise revenue for the county for our infrastructure. Bridges are vitally important to our infrastructure. They are the most important thing we have when it comes to our infrastructure, and that's how we create our jobs. I mean, when a bridge is out, you know, how much does that take out each day? How much of a cost is that now to a business when they can't go across their bridge? And considering our area and how many bridges we have, we have to look after our bridges and make sure we have adequate money to maintain those bridges in our infrastructure. That's the reason why I introduced this bill, so ---.

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Councilman Kress. I just want to remind everybody that this is just an inventory of the bridges and the suitability. We've haven't got into

the ordinance of advertising at this point. And I think that that's something that's going to warrant additional meetings. Because we have Scenic Pittsburgh, we have some concerns. We also have people who love our bridges and would like them in their current condition. But I suspect that there is a method and there may be a way that we can generate revenue. But that has to be borne out after we find out what the bridges are in subsequent meetings. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: So if I understand you, before I defer to Councilman Futules, who wants to weigh in on this, if I understand the purpose of this legislation, it is initially just to do the inventory in order to have a further conversation about whether to explore this or not to explore this. This ordinance, in and of itself, is not a commitment to begin selling any rights to bridges; is that correct?

MR. MACEY: That's correct.

PRESIDENT BURN: Thank you. Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: The reason I want to speak was the fact that I'm not sure if we even want to go that far because new controversy has come up over the advertising of bridges. And I think maybe we should take it back to committee and discuss this further just because of the propriety of what we --- thinking about what we're doing, because I don't want to waste the time of the county to do the inventory if we're not going to pursue it to completeness.

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. Finnerty, followed by Mr. Drozd.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. I think it's a good bill for a survey, and I think it's important that, as Councilman Macey mentioned, that we're talking about a survey. A lot of things that Councilman Kress said are not in this bill. And everybody here --- everybody --- I think everybody in this room are entirely in favor of always getting more revenue for the county without increasing the taxes or fees for that matter. And I think the suitability of the bridges and evaluation of them is important. Also, Mr. Olczak also said that he will tell us the condition of the bridges as he does this if he takes a survey. It's not something that's that demanding, but it is important for us as Council members to know. And it's also extremely important that if we're talking about naming bridges, that's another subject. And I don't

know if I'd be in favor of that. But it's important that we remember, we're talking about one thing and one thing only, about bridges 20 feet in length or longer and about getting some sort of survey, the amount we own and their condition. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT BURN: Thank you. Any other discussion?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: May I add something, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT BURN: Oh, I'm sorry. Mr. Drozd, you were after Mr. Finnerty, then Mr. Ellenbogen and Mr. Martoni.

MR. DROZD: Yeah. Just a quick point. I did have a discussion. We did get a couple e-mails from two prominent groups. One was Mr. Ziegler's group. The other one was Mr. Dawida's group. They didn't say it was potentially a bad idea. It was just they had some cautions and that they thought we should be cautioned in doing this. And this is just ---. I'm glad it was pointed out by several Council members. This is just a survey. We have to look outside the box, look at different issues. And I would recommend that we weigh in. If we get to that point and we want to look at this more serious, then we'd ask those groups, some from Mr. Ziegler's group and some Mr. Dawida's group, and let them weigh in. Maybe they have some more suggestions and some guides that can help us, you know, look at this in more serious depth. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: Thank you, sir. Mr. Ellenbogen, followed by Mr. Martoni.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Thank you, Mr. President. The only caveat that I have here is it's important when they do that inventory --- because during the time when those bridges were under my auspice, a lot of those bridges are named after people who have made major contributions to the development and history of this county. And those bridges, like the Regis Malady Bridge, puts up --- and most of you up there probably don't even know where it is, except for maybe Councilman Macey, but it's a huge structure. It's very important that we do not tread on history here for people that have maybe made contributions. So I would ask in that inventory to make sure that Joe includes what the real name of that bridge is and who it's named after. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: Thank you. Councilman Martoni.

MR. MARTONI: I just want to make sure that it says what we're going to do, and to me, it doesn't say that. Okay? I agree with Mr. Futules. I think we should say exactly what we're doing on this first ordinance. It really doesn't say that. There's a couple different thoughts in what we have here. And I want us to make sure that if we pass something, we pass what it says and not what we're talking about up here, but that actually says. And if I'm reading this right, there really --- what we're talking about is stages right now. And I agree with Mr. Drozd. The first stage is exactly what it said, okay, and that's what we should pass tonight and forget about the rest of it until that is --- you know, until we digest that, because I think that I agree with Mr. Futules. There's two sides to this issue, okay, and we don't want bridges with anybody and their mother's name on it to buy at wherever. Okay? So this is something, I think, we want to be very, very careful with, okay, and we want everything to read exactly right. So I think we ought to take this apart and just put down exactly what stage one is, the first step is, okay, if that makes sense to you guys.

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. Macey, there seems to be some folks here talking about moving it back. Did somebody else have their hand up? Mr. Gastgeb, followed by Mr. Futules and then Mr. Kress.

MR. GASTGEB: I guess if there's something in the bill different than a member pointed out --- but to me it says the Department of Public Works Director is hereby directed to conduct an evaluation of the suitability of all county-owned bridges greater than 20 feet. It seems like every time we ask something that's maybe a little bit progressive, we jump to conclusions. Why does anybody think a bridge that's named right now all of a sudden might be named or renamed tomorrow? I mean, the possibility is there, but every time we pass something, if we went through a long laundry list of negatives, I guess we would never pass anything.

And if there's something in here --- I'll stand corrected --- that treads on existing bridges' names, shows a progression that the bridge would be changed in the future ---. I think it's just an evaluation of suitability should we want to pursue that particular structure for alternative revenue. If it's more than that, then I think what people are saying are correct,

that there should be a stop sign on it. But I was at the committee meeting. I thought it was well vented that this was all it was. If it isn't, then --- you know, if we're saying one thing and it's written to another, that is a problem. So maybe it's in there somewhere that I can't see. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. Martoni, do you want to make a comment?

MR. MARTONI: Yeah. I don't disagree with that, but all I'm saying is there's two thoughts in this. One is what you said, and I agree with that, and that should be the first step. The other is the means of generating supplemental revenue for the county. That's another step that I don't think we should --- we should put them together. It should be one when we evaluate it and then do the other if that's exactly what we decide to do at that point in time.

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. Futules, followed by Mr. Kress, followed by Mr. Finnerty.

MR. FUTULES: Yeah. Ed, I like what you're trying to do, and I'm not against it. I believe in revenues. And my main concern was billboarding bridges. Maybe naming a bridge is okay. There's no big sign up there that says it's --- you know, welcome to the Futules Bridge in Harmarville, which would be great, by the way. But I just want to make sure that what we're doing here tonight is strictly an inventory of any bridge of 20 feet in length or more just to see what we have and what bridges are not named, as you talked about. I just don't want any people to think that we're out there trying to put billboards on every bridge in Allegheny County. And that's something I don't believe that we should even consider, because when you're raising revenues ---. It's a beautiful city we live in, and I know temporary signs are great for the Regatta and baseball games and something special. But to put a permanent sign hanging from a bridge, I don't think I'm in favor of that. And I think that that's the only reason I want to take it back to committee for further discussion, not that I'm trying to put it aside. But we've got time. There's no emergency here. We've got some time to do it, but I'll let you comment. Thanks.

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. Kress, followed by Mr. Finnerty.

MR. KRESS: I wanted to say, first of all, it is just a summary. We're just going to find out exactly what we have. The actual details of actually how we're going to do the advertising is much further down the line. But you actually don't --- you have to find out actually what you have first, and this is the first step to possibly raising revenue with our bridges. This is something that's done in other countries. It's done around the world. It maybe can be a good thing for our county. We're always looking for other revenue sources. But before you begin, you have to take the first step and see what we actually have. And I spoke with the Public Works Director, and he said he was actually going to prepare a report for us and also get the condition of the bridges, too. So it's not a lost survey. I think it's actually a good ordinance to see what the condition of our bridges are also. So we find out what we have, find out what their condition is. But again, going back to how we're actually going to do this, that's something for another bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you very much, Mr. President. I just want to get back to what the bill is saying. I mean, we have all these implications going on around here, and all we're talking about is a survey. That's all. I actually see no reason to send it back to committee. It would be different if we were talking about putting a name on a bridge, but we're not. We're talking about finding out how many bridges we have that are over 20 feet. That's what we're doing. That's what this bill is talking about. I mean, it might say something in the last line about placement of advertising, sponsorship, et cetera. That's not what this bill is doing. It's just saying the suitability, it's not saying we're going to do it.

So you know, I'd like to just stay on one subject here and not try to --- and maybe the way the bill was introduced in the beginning has got people all on the wrong wavelength because what we're talking is what was in committee. We're talking about a survey. So please quit talking about revenue because this bill doesn't exist. And please stop about naming rights because it doesn't exist. We're talking about a survey. It's maybe down the road somewhere, in October or something, someone will come up with a bill. And like I said, I don't know if I could

vote for something like that, but I would like a survey. I think it's important to have that knowledge. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: I'm in full agreement with what he said. All I'm saying is that the last sentence says --- brings in another thought that we're not ready for you yet, okay, as a means of generating supplemental revenue for the county. It might come out that way, but that's different than a survey. You know, your mind's already made up, to some degree. That's all I'm trying to say. I don't totally disagree, but I just --- the way it's written, take out that last sentence, I'm fine.

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. Gastgeb, followed by Mr. DeFazio.

MR. GASTGEB: I couldn't agree with Mr. Finnerty more. It's strictly an evaluation of suitability. We have to have a motive to why we're doing it. We're just not doing it because we have nothing better to do. We may look at naming rights in the future. We may look at alternate revenue. This is the first step. But let me give you my interpretation since you're guessing what people might think. How about in the Budget and Finance Committee last week when the Controller came in and said we were down about \$50,000,000 from structural deficit, and the cash flow position was going to go negative in September? Here's my interpretation. What are you going to do when your constituent says to you, what have you done about that?

MR. FINNERTY: I think that's out of order.

MR. GASTGEB: Wait. Why?

MR. FINNERTY: I just think it's out of order. We're talking about a survey of bridges, and you're talking about something in Budget and Finance.

MR. GASTGEB: And here's why.

MR. FINNERTY: It's out of order.

MR. GASTGEB: I'd like to finish. Here's why.

MR. FINNERTY: It's out of order.

MR. GASTGEB: Here's why. Because you could tell your constituent we're doing things like looking for alternative revenue. We passed something, Bill 6385, on July 5th because we're concerned about revenue. It's not that we're sitting on a lot of cash. We're looking at this because there is a cash flow problem. That's why we're doing this. So I feel good by my interpretation by saying, guess what? I'm looking to do something on the

revenue side, because if you don't, nobody wants to sit here and look at a tax implication for cutting services. So even if we go to the next bill, which you guys want to jump and do, I'm perfectly comfortable voting for naming rights down the road because we've got to start doing things differently. This bill doesn't address that. That's my personal opinion. But you know what? It's time to look at things to show that we're progressing, because we do have a budget deficit. It's well chronicled by the Controller. We need to start showing action because this is the second year in a row with the same issue. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Well, I don't know. There just seems to be a little bit of confusion here. It says, any bridge from 20 feet in length for placement of advertising, naming rights or sponsorship and all that. If we want it just to say we want that information, a survey, we should just put that, then come back for the rest of it. Or if you like it this way, leave it the way it is. But the intent here is to find out --- get the bridges and find out if you're talking about possible advertising, naming rights, et cetera, here. And if you're supposed to say for a survey, we should amend this to say that.

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: I think we're talking about possibilities again, not a black and white thing. It's possible. Anything's possible. So we're just talking about a survey, and he just put that in there, obviously, I think, and I'm not saying ---

MR. DEFAZIO: You're saying ---.

MR. FINNERTY: --- that it's one of the words --- now, just wait until I'm finished.

PRESIDENT BURN: Hey, guys. Come on.

MR. FINNERTY: That's all you got to do. Again, we're talking about possibilities, and that's one of the things I talked about before. It's possible. We're talking about a survey in the main body of this. That's what we're talking about. And if it makes everybody feel good --- it's not my bill --- then we should knock that last line out. But again, that's possible. It has to be another bill, and everybody up here knows that.

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. Gastgeb, followed by Mr. Macey, Mr. DeFazio, Ms. Rea.

MR. GASTGEB: In my opinion, here is the other bill. And those of you who have been up here before, you know, we have the Sixth Street Bridge. It was a specific bill that we called the Clemente Bridge. The Seventh Street bill was a specific bill that we called the Warhol Bridge. And the other bridge was the Rachel Carson Bridge. You have to have conditional use. You guys know this. So it has to come back for a specific bridge no matter where that bridge is located or what town it is. We know that. We've done it before, at least three times, if not more. So the way this is worded just gives the motive as to why we want to consider this, which, again, is alternative revenue. There's no way that anybody, in my opinion, that's done these before --- that this is going to open a Pandora's box with some bridges being renamed. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. Macey, followed by Mr. DeFazio and Ms. Rea.

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. And I would like to reiterate we do have 520 bridges in Allegheny County, give or take one or two. And in the bill it says, conduct an evaluation of the suitability. There may be no bridges out there that are suitable for advertising or renaming to generate revenue. Don't use the word revenue; right? But the suitability --- there may be some bridges out there that we could use that would help maintain those bridges, would help identify them and give credit to companies or businesses that want to advertise. 520 bridges. Evaluation of the suitability. And we're also going to get information that tells us how structurally sound they are. We may find out that there's going to be weight limits on some bridges. I just think that --- I think we're jumping the gun here and looking at things down the road when all we're looking for at this particular point is a feasibility study of the bridges. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. DeFazio, followed by Ms. Rea, followed by Mr. Futules.

MR. DEFAZIO: I hate to keep wasting all this time on this. I don't think we have to do it. But look, it says the word with the intention that people are saying up here. It says the word revenue. I could live with this thing either way because it's not going to go anywhere until the end. I know that. But if you want to say it's only a survey, that's the way it should have been

written. It's not written that way. So it doesn't matter either way to me. Whichever way you want to do it.

PRESIDENT BURN: Ms. Rea, followed by Mr. Futules.

MS. REA: I guess my only comment would be if the intent is for a survey for the majority of Council members, I think we should probably move the legislation tonight because --- I mean, I asked, it could be over a year ago, six months ago, for a survey or information about facilities and the parks that I thought maybe it would be more feasible or less --- more economical to demolish. I asked for that survey. I never received it. So I think we would want a survey here about the bridges, whether --- you know, I think we're really wasting time. We're arguing about the naming of these bridges. We want a survey. We want to know what shape the bridge is in and then possibly down the road ---. So if anybody wants a survey up here, I suggest we vote for it tonight because if we put it off, you may never get the survey. That's my opinion. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: Thank you, Councilwoman. Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: After all the discussion, if it's just a survey, then I would support it.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: What the heck? Everybody else had a comment. Maybe I ought to say something, too.

PRESIDENT BURN: Please.

MR. PALMIERE: One of the things I would suggest, if we are going to do a survey, let's put a timeline. Let's put a timeline as to how long it's going to take to get it done.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I've been listening to a lot of comments, and there's nothing wrong with having a survey. But the question that I have is, you're asking the Director of Public Works to do a suitability survey. Now, I could tell you --- as you well know, those bridges were under me for a few years. I could tell you off the top of my head most of them that have problems. The point is, what criteria are you giving this director in terms of what is considered suitable? Is it considered suitable because it has good structure? Is it considered

unsuitable because of visual? I mean, what qualifies the Director of Public Works, although he's a great director, to give us an opinion on what is suitable to put an advertising sign where? And that's the only question I have. And has anybody given that any thought?

PRESIDENT BURN: Well, is that rhetorical or directed to any specific individual?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Well, it's a question. I'm going to direct it to you, sir.

PRESIDENT BURN: I will ask the Chair of Public Works, Mr. Macey. Was that vetted in committee?

MR. MACEY: It was vetted in committee, and we have the cooperation of Public Works and Joe Olczak, the Director of Public Works, to see that this is --- that this survey is done in a timely fashion.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I agree, but that's kind of rhetorical. What is the criteria for what is suitable and what is not suitable? Can anybody answer me that question? I could tell you or we could debate in terms of structural. And the best people to give you the structural suitability of any of the bridges are the ironworkers and construction workers that worked on them. But I want to know what the criteria is for the survey. We're going to do a criteria. Anybody can do that. Or we're going to do a survey. Well, what is your criteria to do the survey? What warrants something suitable versus something that's unsuitable? Can someone tell me that?

PRESIDENT BURN: Thank you. Mr. Finnerty, followed by Mr. Drozd.

MR. FINNERTY: First of all, there is a time limit on this.

MR. PALMIERE: And I apologize.

MR. FINNERTY: Second of all, I'm not a bridge engineer, and I don't think we have anybody up here that is one. But I'm sure that putting my trust in Joe and his staff is not something that I consider a necessary evil to say that, well, I have to go out and get a construction engineer for that. I mean, we have those people, and they can tell us, according to their opinion, what bridges meet this and what doesn't. I trust them.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Mr. President ---.

PRESIDENT BURN: Excuse me, Mr. Ellenbogen. So what you're saying, Mr. Finnerty, is you're relying on the opinions of experts like Mr. Olczak as opposed to other people's, quote, unquote, facts?

MR. FINNERTY: That's correct. I'm relying on his expertise.

PRESIDENT BURN: Very good.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: May I answer him?

PRESIDENT BURN: Answer who, Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Mr. Finnerty.

PRESIDENT BURN: Have at it.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: So you're telling me that structure determines suitability of advertising? That's what you're telling me? You just got done saying that I'm depending on his staff to tell me --- whether it's structural engineers or whatever. Well, I can tell you if Mr. Olczak was in the room, I'm sure he could tell you I'm just as qualified as --- telling you about these bridges as he was, because I was in the same position as him ten years ago.

PRESIDENT BURN: Do you want to go out with him?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: That's not the point. The point is everyone is avoiding ---.

PRESIDENT BURN: No. I'm on the survey.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: So you're saying to me that structure determines whether it's suitable to be advertised on?

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. Ellenbogen, if you don't have enough information based on the content of the bill, you can always vote no. Mr. Finnerty, do you want to clarify that? Do you want to clarify, Mr. Finnerty, Mr. Ellenbogen's concerns?

MR. FINNERTY: No, I'm not saying I know more than you about bridges, Jimmy. I know I don't. And that's not what I said at all. I said that I trust our director to come up with a suitability study. I think he can. And I think it's important that we trust people that are the experts in their departments to do things.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I don't disagree with that, Mike.

MR. FINNERTY: And I would actually trust you to go out and do it, Jim.

PRESIDENT BURN: Jim, so would I, quite frankly, because of your expertise, and I say that with respect.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I'm not trying to disparage anyone. All I'm saying is Mr. Kress came up with an idea to raise money. The point that I'm saying is what is wrong with someone saying, hey, Joe, what criteria are you going to use? Are you going to do it from a structural

standpoint? Are you going to do it from a visual standpoint? Are you going to do it in terms of what bridges need more money, in terms of what structure warrants that? That's all I'm saying. I think it's a great idea. Don't get me wrong. But would someone ask him what is he going to use as his criteria? That's all I'm saying. And I apologize if it's getting to a point where some of you are feeling a little bit bad. That's not my intent. I'm just saying I wondering what criteria they use, and that's all.

PRESIDENT BURN: I don't think anybody feels that way at all, Councilman. It's a healthy debate and very good points. Mr. Gastgeb?

MR. GASTGEB: Yeah. I think that a lot of these questions were answered in committee where Joe Olczak was asked these questions by Chairman Macey. And I was comfortable with Director Olczak's answers. I think if we take this to its logical conclusion, there are 520 bridges. I think, Jim, you might know this better than anybody, but how many of those 520 are greater in length than 20 feet?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: There's a lot. I don't know how many bridges, to be honest with you, are 20 feet.

MR. GASTGEB: Okay. So let's say it's half or two-thirds or a third, whatever it is. Mr. Olczak indicated, at least, from what I remember, that he was going to concentrate on the suitability, and that's potentially giving us an inventory of bridges that could be advertised on.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Okay. That's a good enough answer for me. I don't want to ---.

MR. GASTGEB: That's all this bill is.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: All right. Thank you. I appreciate that, Councilman.

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Yeah, just a quick point. In all due respect to the Councilman, I don't want to talk about Budget and Finance, but you know, we are --- I think we are reported as having the most bridges in the world next to, like, Venice. And there's a lot of work being done out there, I'm going to tell you right now, on these bridges. In all reality, every bridge is suitable for whatever it may be. All it takes is money. I'll remind you it took the High Level Bridge \$50,000,000, wasn't it, plus, to repair it, part of our hard-earned dollars? And

Birmingham still has problems, but that's not our bridge. I think it's the state. Whatever. So these bridges are lurking, and believe me, it's lurking. Look at them when you ride. Did you ever ride underneath them in a boat? I did. Take a look. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: Thank you, sir. Any other discussion? Any other discussion? Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: I just want to say one thing. My intent was really just to get this thing rolling. This is the first step. In order to do what I proposed, it's going to take many other steps. And when we get this survey back, somebody else may look at it and say, hey, you know what, maybe we can't advertise on this bridge or maybe there is nobody willing to even advertise or do anything with this. So it's just the first step. And I do trust the Public Works Director to come up with a really good survey for us. And again, this is all this is, is a survey. It's a first step to maybe something bigger in the future. But all this is --- again, it's just the first step. Thank you.

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

MR. CATANESE:	Ms. Danko?
MS. DANKO:	I'll abstain.
MR. CATANESE:	Mr. DeFazio?
MR. DEFAZIO:	Yes.
MR. CATANESE:	Mr. Drozd?
MR. DROZD:	Aye.
MR. CATANESE:	Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN:	Aye.
MR. CATANESE:	Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY:	Yes.
MR. CATANESE:	Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES:	Yes.
MR. CATANESE:	Mr. Gastgeb?
MR. GASTGEB:	Yes.
MR. CATANESE:	Ms. Green Hawkins?
MS. GREEN HAWKINS:	Aye.
MR. CATANESE:	Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS:	Yes.
MR. CATANESE:	Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY:	Yes.
MR. CATANESE:	Mr. Martoni?
MR. MARTONI:	Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?
MS. REA: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn, President?
PRESIDENT BURN: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ayes 14, noes 0, with 1

abstention. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT BURN: Liaison reports. Does anyone have any liaison reports? Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Yeah. An interesting discussion I wanted to relate to my fellow Council members. We're always looking at ways to gain revenues. This conversation I had with former Commissioner Mike Dawida. He served our county as well as our state. And what former Commissioner Dawida told me was something really interesting, and I don't know if you looked at this. And I remember --- recall this. One time I went up on Nemaquin, and the patriarch of Nemaquin was concerned about forestry, you know, and I brought from the university some of our experts to take a look at the forestry. And how do you maintain that? And you've always known this. You know, you sometimes have to clear trees out to save other trees in the process. And what Former Commissioner Dawida did is he found that someone had put this in his book about, you know, hey, you need to clear some of those trees to save the other trees. And when he did, he cleared and mandated or whatever it was, one out of ten trees in a specific area to be cleared and not only saved the forestry of that area, but it brought him about 500 --- what was it --- \$500,000, a half million dollars in revenue or something like that. I don't know if this is still being done in the county, but it's something we got to look at in our areas, especially our parks.

And I'll tell you, when I go into the park --- I'll never forget this. I remember in North Park, the crews had been cut so small, we used to have one crew that used to go over and trim the trees and whatever it may be. And I tried to help some people that were using one of the roads because it had bees there. And the manager came up and he said, spray the bees. And then I said, jeez, I said, do you do anything --- what about the trees? He

said, the trees ---. And I asked him about this. He said, we used to have --- we don't anymore, and I'll tell you this. You're looking at the guy that trims the trees. So it's something we should look at, and I just wanted to pose that out to my fellow Councilmen and relate that story with former Commissioner Dawida. I think it's something we need to look at. He said, aren't we still doing it? I couldn't answer the question. But we should look at it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: Thank you. Any other liaison reports?

MR. MARTONI: I just have a few things.

PRESIDENT BURN: Yes, sir.

MR. MARTONI: I put a flyer in everyone's position here, an event we're having at the Community College. It's on July 21st. You're all invited. It should be very interesting. Our featured speaker will be Cyril Wecht, and he always interesting and exciting to hear him. So it's going to be a very nice event. I'd appreciate if you could all come.

PRESIDENT BURN: Thank you. Any other liaison reports? No? No other liaison reports. New business, ordinances and resolutions. 6443-11.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance amending the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances through the creation of a new Chapter 785 entitled Natural Gas Extraction, in order to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the county's residents by prohibiting the placement of natural gas wells within 500 feet of any surface water or drinking water source. Sponsored by Councilman Finnerty.

PRESIDENT BURN: Before this bill is referred, Mr. Finnerty, would you like to comment?

MR. FINNERTY: Just briefly. It says exactly what it is. It's for the health and safety and welfare of county residents in regard to the 500 feet from surface water --- or drinking water sources for that matter.

PRESIDENT BURN: Thank you, sir. This bill will be referred to the Committee on Government Reform. 6444-11.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, Article 303, entitled Organization of Council, through the creation of a new Section 5-303.04 entitled Council

Caucuses, and providing for the creation and function of caucuses. Sponsored by Councilman Robinson.

PRESIDENT BURN: Before the bill is referred, Mr. Robinson, would you like to comment?

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President. In anticipation that this bill will be referred to an appropriate committee, I'll defer any comments until that is done.

PRESIDENT BURN: Thank you, sir. With respect to which committee specifically, I guess it would be the options of Government Reform or Executive. I'd ask my colleagues, do they have any preference whether we put this in Government Reform or send it to the Executive Committee?

MR. GASTGEB: I guess I'd say I thought the Executive was brought forth for internal-type issues, so that'd be my preference.

PRESIDENT BURN: Any other thoughts? Any other preferences?

MR. MACEY: I think Government Reform would be the best place for this.

MR. FINNERTY: I guess you have to make your own mind up.

PRESIDENT BURN: Refer to Committee on --- I always take the temperature of the room, Mr. Finnerty. I asked my colleagues for their input. Refer to Committee on Government Reform. 6445-11.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, Article 303 entitled Organization of Council, through the creation of a new Section 5-303.04 entitled Council Caucuses, and providing for the creation of caucuses. Sponsored by Councilman Gastgeb.

PRESIDENT BURN: Councilman Gastgeb.

MR. GASTGEB: And I guess you can put this in Government Reform then so they're both in the same place. But just briefly, Mr. Robinson and I had a chance to chat privately about this. My concern is legislating Council function versus legislating a group of people. So that's the one thing, is a minority representative, that I'm very cautious about moving forward. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: Thank you, sir. Refer to the Committee on Government Reform. 6447-11.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to acquire by condemnation a certain 2.648-acre parcel of land now or formerly of Felix Negley Heirs, required for channel restoration of Bull Creek in Tarentum Borough, and to take such further action as may be necessary under applicable law, including the Eminent Domain Code. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT BURN: This bill will be referred to the Committee on Government Reform. New business, motions. 6448-11.

MR. CATANESE: Motion of the Council of Allegheny County expressing the Sense of Council and urging the United States Congress to examine the possibility of allowing states and counties to house certain jail and prison inmates overseas as a means of reducing the cost of maintaining correctional facilities. Sponsored by Councilman Drozd.

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Thank you, Mr. President. I know this isn't under our veil or our equity that we have any control over or whatever it may be. But I think we have to start discussing it. You know, one state senator --- former state senator once told me this. He's the one that introduced the Organ Law, you know, where, in essence, you could determine whether you wanted to donate an organ on your driver's license. When he put that into place, he said, you know, I really made it a lot stronger when I did it in legislation. And the reason why I did that is because I wanted to start a dialogue, and it really created controversy in my own office. And you know, people were saying, what about this, what about this? He says, ma'am, I really wanted to start the dialogue.

And we really have to start the dialogue when you see what's happening not only in our state and our county, but in our country. Our costs for prisons has gone up from \$8,000,000 to \$58,000,000. Our courts come to us for more in additional costs. We have the highest incarceration rate in the United States, the State of Pennsylvania.

Let me point out one other area. A study released this month in California, just this month, showed that the death penalty has cost the state \$4,000,000,000 since capital punishment was reinstated in 1978. That amounts to \$308,000,000 for each of the 13 executions carried out since then. California has 714 inmates on

death row, the most of any state. Pennsylvania has 213, fourth highest. And only three have been executed since 1976. There are many of us that necessarily don't agree, you know, with capital punishment. And I would say and venture to say what about all those innocent families? Is justice really served when these people are sentenced, and the sentence is not carried out, and they agonize over years to know that that prisoner is in a jail within here, in the State of Pennsylvania or wherever, getting three square meals a day, okay, not that we should --- anything less, but healthcare that they themselves can't even have? Healthcare that they themselves can't even have. And you know, their loved one has been eradicated from this earth, and justice has not been done. And we, the taxpayers, are still paying the price to house these people. What I'm proposing here is that we have to look at this.

Let me tell you one other thing. Judge Manning and the President Judge of the Common Pleas and the other judges have done an admirable job in looking at the other spectrum. Our prisons have --- and I've said this and you know this. All the time I repeat this, and this is one of my projects I keep looking at. When we had 200,000 more population in Allegheny County, we had 400 prisoners. When we now have 200,000 less population, we have 2,800, 85 percent drug and alcohol-related, and 60 percent recidivism. They've addressed that issue in these --- around the regional rehabilitation centers. Instead of just throwing them back on the street and they come back, they're trying to get to the root of the cause of the problem. They're looking at what caused the problem. Was it employment? Was it drugs? And how do they resolve that, and how do they cure or how do they help these people to go back into society?

And then there's the other part of the spectrum, the one that I'm talking about, that we really need to deal with, too, and that is that we have to look at ways ---. And I believe that such --- looking at this --- and it's looking and it's discussion. I want this to go into committee and I hope that it gains more discussion. And let me tell you this. I took a poll. I actually took a poll. I went up to private citizens on the street, including police officers, and asked them about this idea. And do you know what they all said? Yeah, I like it. But can it be done? Because it may take some constitutional, that's right, amendments to do this. But I say this to

you. When a prisoner goes to prison, those rights are taken away right there in the cell. Voting rights are taken away and other rights are taken away. Why should anybody that doesn't --- violent crime --- benefit --- get the benefits that none of their constituents can get, our constituents can get, in addition to the fact that even maybe what happened and their loved one is eradicated from the face of the earth? And they have to deal with that pain every day and think about that pain. We have to start looking outside the box. We have to, and not just this, but we have to support such an issue that Judge Manning and the President Judge and our other judges are doing. We have to start talking about it.

I believe that this addresses three issues. It will deter violent crime. Who would ever think --- and if they think, you know, just to be put to sleep in one side is not so bad, where life imprisonment, the way they're imprisoned, is not so bad. But if they're going to go to a third world country, people are going to start thinking about what the end result may be. Secondly, match the punishment to the crime. And thirdly, save taxpayers' millions, if not billions, in hard-earned dollars, i.e. Maryland \$180,000,000-some alone it cost them, California \$4,000,000,000. So I say, let's put it in committee. Let's look at it. Let's discuss it. And not only this initiative. I hope this --- and this is my intent. It's going to start, you know, framing the discussion that we're going to look at ways and we can look outside the box to bring people back into society that are less criminal. Okay. And the second thing is to put those out that have committed violent crimes and have no remorse and a propensity that they would do it again if they were ever put back on the street again. Thank you, my fellow Council members. I hope there will be a discussion on this. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: Before I refer this --- you want this referred; correct?

MR. DROZD: Yes, sir. Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT BURN: Okay. On its face ---.

MR. DROZD: I'll leave that up to your judgment. How's that, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT BURN: Okay. We'll put it in Committee on Government Reform.

MR. DROZD: You have good judgment.

PRESIDENT BURN: I'll ask my questions then.

MR. MARTONI: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT BURN: Yes, yes.

MR. MARTONI: I agree it should go in committee. But when it goes in committee, we should invite our federal representatives, our Congressmen here, because really, if that decision is made, it's by them, not by us.

PRESIDENT BURN: Yes, sir.

MR. MARTONI: Am I correct to say that?

PRESIDENT BURN: Oh, yes, sir. Yes, sir. Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: That's a great idea. In fact, I'd like to bring other --- I believe in broadening our committee and bringing other people in for testimony, looking beyond. You know, we have to do more benchmarking, and I'm doing that now. I'm looking at some countries that really look at this, and other states or whatever. There may be other people within the country that are really seriously thinking to entertain this, and that's a good point. I'd really like to bring good testimony in to see how we can enhance and also improve the system. Thank you for that recommendation. I appreciate that.

PRESIDENT BURN: Thank you, sir. 6448-11.

MR. GASTGEB: Point of order.

PRESIDENT BURN: Yes, Mr. Gastgeb?

MR. GASTGEB: Just as a suggestion. If we're able to get our federal Congressmen in a meeting, we might have some other issues to go over with them as well, so you might want to consider that as a gatekeeper, if you will for your committee for ---.

PRESIDENT BURN: Other issues as they pertain to this?

MR. GASTGEB: Call it piggyback, if you will.

MR. MARTONI: I agree, and I think we ought to do more than that. Different issues. Invite them.

PRESIDENT BURN: Good points, gentlemen. Any other comments on 6448-11? Notification of contracts.

MR. CATANESE: We have none.

MR. MARTONI: Move to receive in file; right?

PRESIDENT BURN: If we had any, I would. Public comment on general items.

MR. CATANESE: We have one.

MR. MARTONI: He is not here.

PRESIDENT BURN: The speaker is not here?

MR. MARTONI: But let me speak just a second.

PRESIDENT BURN: Yes, sir.

MR. MARTONI: This young man is doing a great job, and I'm going to try to work out some invitation to all of you. He's doing a great job with the youth of our region. Why he is not here, I can't answer that, but he's a very busy guy. So I'll make arrangements for that and I'll make sure that all of you are invited. Okay?

PRESIDENT BURN: Thank you, sir.

MR. MARTONI: He's doing a great public service.

PRESIDENT BURN: We'd love to go down and see the great work he's doing.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT BURN: Yes, Mr. Ellenbogen.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I had something I wanted to say before you adjourned.

PRESIDENT BURN: Yes, sir.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: As everyone recalls during the last meeting, I had made a plea for people to watch their kids in terms of pool safety. At that time, we had two children that had almost drowned. In a week's time, we have had a child, two-year-old, drown in Franklin Township yesterday, two other children who almost drowned, and in the last two hours while you folks were sitting there, an eight-year-old child was pulled from the Scott Township Community Center and taken to the hospital, who almost drowned.

With everyone's help, the Health Department, the Human Resources Department has done everything they can in terms of --- you know, watch your kids, you know. I mean, this is just so upsetting because, you know, you don't get a mulligan here. And folks that are listening to this, you know, if you know people that got pools --- you know, we can only do so much. You've got to watch your kids. I mean, this is, like, four more kids just in the last week. So, you know, hopefully there's people that are listening out there. This is probably one of the worst tragedies, in terms of what we did in this county, young lives that will never get a chance to ever live them.

It's so horrible because somebody wasn't paying attention, somebody had to pour themselves a drink or a kid got away from them. And it's that quick. I mean, most of you folks up there are parents. You know, I never let my kids out of my sight. And that's how quick it is. So like I said, I just hope this falls on somebody's ears that might normally not be paying attention. And I don't

know what else to say. Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council.

PRESIDENT BURN: Thank you, Mr. Ellenbogen. And I also would like to thank you again. I think things got spirited up here, but there was no disrespect. Your viewpoint and the use of the subjectivity --- the inherent subjectivity in the word suitability in that ordinance, those were very good points.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I appreciate that. I just miss fighting with Mike.

PRESIDENT BURN: We miss you, too. A motion to adjourn?

MR. MARTONI: So moved.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT BURN: Meeting adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:40 P.M.

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