

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:

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

PRESIDENT MARTONI: The regular Council meeting will now come to order. Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Please remain standing for a moment of silent prayer.

(Moment of silent prayer.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Please be seated. Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Gastgeb?

MR. GASTGEB: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: 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. Martoni, President?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Fourteen (14) members present.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Proclamations/
Certificates. 7196-12.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation honoring the Federation of War Veterans Societies, Incorporated, for providing a Veterans Day Parade to Pittsburgh and

Allegheny County and naming November 10th, 2012, as The Federation of War Veterans Societies, Incorporated Day in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council members Finnerty, Burn, Danko, DeFazio, Drozd, Ellenbogen, Futules, Gastgeb, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Macey, Martoni, Palmiere, Rea and Robinson.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. Tony, would you gentlemen come on up? We're always indebted to our veterans, because they made our lives possible as they are today. And the Federation of War Veterans, Inc., has organized and put on the Veterans Day Parade in Allegheny County for 93 years; quite a number of years. And it's something that we should think about being there, to show our gratitude for what the veterans have done for us. So without further ado, I'd like to read the proclamation.

WHEREAS, the Federation of War Veterans Societies, Inc., was formed in 1919. Its purpose was to partner annually with Allegheny County to provide a Veterans Day Parade in downtown Pittsburgh; and

WHEREAS, the Federation of War Veterans Societies has organized and presented the Veterans Day Parade in Allegheny County for 93 years; and

WHEREAS, the organization educates Allegheny County residents to properly recognize and care for our veterans. Through the parade, the group raises awareness of all veterans in our state; and

WHEREAS, more than 1.2 million Pennsylvanians are veterans, comprising 14 percent of the state's population. A great percentage of those veterans reside in Allegheny County and attend the commemorative parade; and

WHEREAS, this Veterans Day Parade is dedicated as a tribute to all post-9/11 veterans this year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council, on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, hereby commends the Federation of War Veterans Societies, Inc., for consistently conducting and organizing the Veterans Day Parade and for raising awareness of our veterans. For the organization's efforts, we hereby declare Saturday, November 10th, 2012, The Veterans of --- The Federation of War Veterans Societies, Inc. Day in Allegheny County. This is sponsored by myself and all of Council on the 16th day of October, 2012. Thank you, gentlemen.

(Applause.)

MR. FINNERTY: Tony?

MR. FILARDI: My name is Tony Filardi. I'm the Adjutant Treasurer of the Federation of War Veterans Societies, and I would like to thank Mike Finnerty and all the Council members for sponsoring this proclamation. This was unique, because this morning we were over at the City Council, and we had their proclamation, so we got two in one day and that's great. But this is a --- the City and County sponsors the event once a year in honor of all veterans. And this year, we're doing something a little different. We're going to stage on Grant Street, down there at Grant and Liberty, right by the Federal Building, and you'll stage all the way down Grant Street, all the way to the Boulevard. And then we will march from that point at Grant and Liberty, down Liberty Avenue to Stanwix Street; make a left on Stanwix Street and a right on the Boulevard where the reviewing stand is, in front of the Steelworkers Building.

So it is a little different route this year, and the reason for that was --- well, whatever. But that's the new route. That's the route we were given. That's the route we were told, the route I was given. And this works out. I like Liberty Avenue because it's wide, and we have the wide sidewalks. All we need is the people. We've got to have people there viewing this parade; and especially this year, that we want to make this a tribute to the post-9/11 veterans, because we can't really call it a homecoming. They're not all home. So therefore, we're making it a tribute to all those veterans. And hopefully, we will get a good sizeable amount of people. And it being on Saturday, I can't see why a lot of people can't crowd those streets of downtown Pittsburgh on Liberty Avenue, to view our parade. It kicks off at 10:30, and I know a lot of you.

We're inviting every one of you to come and join us in our parade. I know the Chief Executive will be there, thank you, as he was last year. So therefore, I do want to thank --- thank you, again. And right now, I'd like to introduce our commander of the federation, Ralph Ussack. Ralph?

MR. USSACK: Thank you, Tony.

(Applause.)

MR. USSACK: I want to take a few seconds. Tony alluded to the population that views the parade. If anybody can help us along these lines, we'd appreciate it.

Young people, their parents will bring them. Unfortunately, in years past, when we have it on a weekday, we can't get the kids out of school. They give them a day off for virtually everything, including inclement weather. But they won't give them a day off to honor the veterans that gave them that freedom. So if you can help us along those lines, we'd appreciate it. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. FILARDI: I also would like to introduce Jeff --- Darnell (Jeff) Pope, our senior vice commander of the federation.

(Applause.)

MR. POPE: I would just like to say this is a distinct honor for me to be here today and also to be able to participate in the Veterans Day Parade. I know I'm very much proud to be a veteran, and I did 12 years and three tours of duty in Vietnam. If I had to, I would do it again. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. FILARDI: Okay; the reminder. The date is Saturday, November the 10th. So it's not the 12th, it is the 10th; like, a lot of people were calling me and asking me the date. So it is Saturday, November the 10th, and we would, again, like everybody to either participate or view the parade, one or the other.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7197-12.

MR. CATANESE: Let the record show that Councilwoman Green Hawkins is present. 7197-12. Proclamation thanking the Allegheny Chapter of the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees, for its volunteer service benefiting the residents of Allegheny County. Sponsored by Councilman Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. Van Hughes, would you like to come up with your group? I'm a proud retired teacher. I retired after 30 years of service from Chartiers Valley, and I'm also a proud member of the PASR; Pittsburgh Branch, though. This is Allegheny County Branch here, which ---. And the Retired Teachers Association is not just retired teachers, it's school retirees. So it includes administrators and people that support people; bus drivers, et cetera, are of members of this organization. This organization, through its volunteers, has influenced --- besides being teachers and

school personnel, have influenced many people during their retirement, as they put forth many hours of volunteerism for Allegheny County citizens. So without further ado, I'd like to read the proclamation.

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is blessed with individuals and organizations dedicated to enhance the quality of life in our neighborhood and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Allegheny County Chapter, ACASR, of the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees, the PASR, is an association comprised of retired employees from the 42 school districts outside the City of Pittsburgh; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the Keystone Research Group conducted a telephone poll to determine the volunteer service provided by PASR members; and

WHEREAS, the results show that 63 percent of the PASR members volunteer in their communities, and that they contribute, on average, 308.4 hours per year. The monetary value of PASR members' volunteer service to the citizens of Pennsylvania is nearly \$141,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the study also found that members of the Region 12, Allegheny County Chapter, contribute 327,188 hours in community service, with a monetary value of \$6.9 million.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council, on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, does hereby recognize and thank the Allegheny Chapter of the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees, for serving the residents of Allegheny County through your volunteer work. Your dedication and commitment serves as an inspiration to us all. And it is sponsored by myself and presented this 16th day of October, 2012. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. HUGHES: What we have here is a mock check. Of course, I don't think you'll be able to cash this. However, it is representative. Our PASR State President, Stephen Vak, signed this day, and it's to the citizens of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. And the amount there is \$6,000,000 --- plus a lot of numbers --- is given gratefully for the opportunity ---. You probably recognize in your own experience, that teachers are altruistic people; they give. And so when retirement comes about, rather than just resting and sitting at home, we go out and stay busy and become an active part of the

community in giving back as much as we can; and so that's given in this spirit. And to be part of the county's system is an honor for all of us, and we appreciate the opportunity to be here. I would like to say just a couple of things about the structure of our organization; is that I'm a member of both the Pittsburgh Chapter, as well as the Allegheny County Chapter. And those are two distinct chapters in Allegheny County, which is known as Region 12 of our state system.

The state system runs close to 33,000 members, so we do our part here and are pleased to be part of this larger movement across the state. I can also point out that this survey was done by phone-bank calls, and then the research was done by Keystone Research organization. Now the two members here with me, we'll tell a little story. Patty Cernicky is, coincidentally, a member of our county chapter because she was a state member only. But when I was making the phone calls, she was on the list. And when I called the list, I asked her about --- well, would you like to be part of the local chapter. Sure enough, she did, and now she's our Public Relations Officer. And a long-time service person for our local chapter for Social Service and Memorial Honor Fund, as well as Legislative Political Education Chapter, is Bob Marko (phonetic). Bob is very diligent about this work and makes sure that we do a little bit of monitoring of the legislative process. So we try to keep everybody in our favor if we can. But at any rate, would you like to say a word, Patty?

MS. CERNICKY: I would just like to say that teachers, educators, in general, spend their career giving, sharing their knowledge and their skills. And I'm proud to say that after they retire, they continue this service. It's a natural part of their nature. And I hope it inspires people, whether they are ex-educators --- all the citizens, how important it is to share your knowledge and skills throughout your life, because everyone has so much to give. Even if it's just your time, it's very valuable.

MR. HUGHES: She's a little bit modest. Tell them what you recently did, please.

MS. CERNICKY: Van's talking about --- two weeks ago, I got back from Africa. I was volunteering with Surgicorps, which is a wonderful local organization of volunteer surgeons and medical personnel who go to third

world countries and perform surgeries that are not available to those people. And of course, you're wondering why I would be on that team. They do take some non-medical personnel, and we all pitch in do whatever we can to make the mission work, and it does. And I'm very proud to do that. I also do Junior Achievement within Allegheny County to English-as-a-second-language students and just very proud to give back to this community and hope it inspires others. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. MARKO: Our Central Services Committee does a lot of work in nursing homes, and we have a lot of teachers that --- school personnel that have gone into nursing homes, too, so we're grateful to help them out, too, as they are in nursing homes. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. MARKO: Kiwanis Club also does a lot of volunteer work and helping out, too, in this service. Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7198-12.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation celebrating the 100th anniversary of Robert Wholey and Company. Sponsored by Councilman Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. I don't know if we have a Wholey here. Do we? There he is. Thank you. We'd like to honor one of our iconic businesses in the City of Pittsburgh. Actually, it started in McKees Rocks and moved to the Strip and has probably been one of the big anchors in the Strip District; one of the best fish sandwiches in town and all types of fish, some that I never would be able to eat and pronounce. But it's a great place to go. When you go to the Strip, you always have to stop at Wholey's. It's just a demand appearance you have to put in; you have to be there. So without further ado, I'd like to read the proclamation.

WHEREAS, Robert Wholey and Company was founded in 1912 in McKees Rocks as a family business selling live poultry, meats and coffee; and

WHEREAS, Robert C., son of founder, Robert L. Wholey, moved the business to its current location in the Strip District at 1711 Penn Avenue, in 1959; and

WHEREAS, Wholey's Market continued to serve local, national and international customers its fresh and frozen seafood, fish, meat and other products from its Strip District location; and

WHEREAS, Wholey's Market has become an anchor of the community and renowned Pittsburgh icon; and

WHEREAS, this year, Robert Wholey and Company celebrates its 100th anniversary with a series of events, from September 21st to the 23rd at Wholey's Market, 1711 Penn Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the weekend included family-friendly events, such as live music, magic acts, stilt walkers, balloon art, cooking demonstrations and celebrate the Strip Parade on Saturday, September 22nd, 2012, along Penn Avenue from 21st Street to 17th Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegheny County Council does hereby commend Robert Wholey and Company for 100 years of service to the community, and we join in celebration with the Wholey family upon reaching this historic milestone. This is sponsored by myself the 16th day of October, 2012. I'm sorry we're late on the proclamation, and we can't be down there for all the celebrations, but I wish I would have been there.

(Applause.)

MR. WHOLEY: I'm here on behalf of my late grandfather and my late father, my eight older brothers and sisters and my wonderful mother. And I know they'd be very happy and very proud for me to be here. I could talk for hours. The few people in the room that know me, know that I could talk on and on, so I'll try to keep it ---. I started in 1977 shoveling ice. I worked behind the counter. My late father --- you know, he really promoted a sense of work ethic, and it's a work ethic that I see so much in Pittsburgh. We were right in the thick of it, right behind the counter, all this kind of stuff. And to be here now in front of some very prominent and wonderful people is really kind of ---. It gives me --- because at the time I was a young kid. I was 11 or 12 years old. It was very hard work, and it was family farm, shoveling stuff, lifting boxes, ice; and the long hours and all that kind of stuff.

But I can't tell you how nice it is to be here now in front of you good people and to receive this award. It really kind of brings it home. And I know my late father would be beaming to see me up here in front of you

all. So with that, thank you all for being here, and thank you for your recognition. It's very nice.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: The remaining proclamations and certificates will be read into the record.

MR. CATANESE: 7199-12. Proclamation honoring the Pittsburgh International Airport, upon the occasion of its 20th anniversary. Sponsored by Council members Macey, Burn, Danko, DeFazio, Drozd, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Gastgeb, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Martoni, Palmiere, Rea and Robinson.

7200-12. Proclamation congratulating the Human Services Center Corporation, upon the occasion of its 30th anniversary. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

7201-12. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Larry and Elizabeth Evans, upon their 50th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

7202-12. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Matthew J. McCarthy, of Boy Scout Troop 57, for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

7203-12. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Robert S. Cortese, of Boy Scout Troop 65, for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Councilman Palmiere.

7204-12. Proclamation honoring Dr. Esther L. Barazzone for her 20 years of service as the President of Chatham University. Sponsored by Councilwoman Rea.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. At this time, it gives me great pleasure to introduce our Chief Executive, Rich Fitzgerald, who will address Council to present his 2013 Comprehensive Fiscal Plan and Budget Address. Mr. Fitzgerald, welcome home.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you.

(Applause.)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. President. It feels good to be home. You know, after having sat in your chairs for 12 years, it's quite an honor and a privilege for me to be here tonight to talk about the Budget Address, the Comprehensive Fiscal Plan that we will be presenting to you this evening for your consideration and then vote on and put the budget together for early December. Before I do that, though, I want to just, kind of, go back and talk about some of the

challenges and successes that we've dealt with together over the coming months. I want to start off with transit, because that was recently announced in the media and I haven't been before you since that historic deal was announced a little over a month ago. But when we took office back in early January, we were looking at a \$64,000,000 budget deficit in the Port Authority, which was going to require a 35 percent service cut for the citizens of this county. Quite frankly, devastating in my mind and I think in the minds of most people.

And we were able to put together with your help and with help from our friends at the state and, most importantly, with help from Local 85, the Transit Union, they came up and gave back \$15,000,000 a year over four years; \$60,000,000 over four years, \$15,000,000 a year. And the agency itself, management, came up with another \$10,000,000, so it was \$25,000,000, \$25,000,000 worth of savings. And then the governor, Governor Corbett, and Secretary Shoke (phonetic), they were willing to come. And they stepped up and helped us and brought \$30,000,000 worth of funding from the state. And then --- but with that \$30,000,000, we were required --- all of us were required to come up with \$4,500,000 of local match.

And I was determined to try to do that without a tax increase. And I want to say that the plan that we put forth, we've succeeded. The good news for us in Allegheny County is, our economy is doing so well that not only were the drink tax revenues up enough that we were able to gather another \$1.5 million out of the drink tax --- without raising the rate, by the way, keeping it at seven percent. And also, the one percent sales tax that we collect in Allegheny County was also up. It was up about \$5.7 million this year, so we were able to get \$3,000,000 of that \$5.7 million and ask --- well, we're asking --- the Port Authority is asking the Regional Asset District Board for that \$3,000,000.

So that would be \$4.5 million of our local match to access that \$30,000,000 that the governor put up. And then the last money, the \$4,000,000 or \$5,000,000, is coming from the riders themselves, as fares have increased. So it really is a joint collaboration of the riders, the employees, the state, local community, all coming together to fill that gap. And in September, we were able to keep the service running; and not only running for one year, but we're looking at, really, a

long-term deal. The state is committed for ten years. The local ATU --- we have a four-year deal with that. It's going to be extended on into the future as we move forward, as well. So doing that along with the new subway that we opened up extending on into the North Shore, has really improved operations. And I'll tell you what it's done. It has increased property values for people in the South Hills. People living in Beechview and Bethel Park and Library and Dormont have all seen their property values increase because of the access that the light rail has given them. Ridership is up 18 percent, Monday through Friday, and 30 percent on the weekends along the light rail.

We've also seen a new development occur out in Upper St. Clair. We own some --- the Port Authority owns some land out there that we've been trying to develop for many years, and the only way we could develop it was with public money. And I didn't think that was the way to do it. When the North Shore Connector opened up, when the subway extended and a long-term commitment was made to funding the system, we saw developers coming in, in droves, to try to get that land. We selected one that's going to put \$41,000,000 --- a \$41,000,000 development with no public money. It's going to put it on the tax rolls. There's going to be \$600,000 in new property taxes that are going to be paid to the local municipality, the school district and the county.

And the county is going to collect \$5,500,000 in lease payments from the developer over the life of that lease. So it's a win-win up and down the road. It's going to be a development of 325 new units --- 320 new units that are going to be put there, bringing young --- more young people into our region. So we see what we've been able to do with transit, and I appreciate your cooperation. And one of the things we're bringing to you tonight with the budget is that request of the \$1.5 million from the drink tax. The airport, another big issue that we work on; and I appreciate Councilwoman Rea, who serves on the Airport Authority, who's doing a great job. She did the 20th anniversary last week, emceeding the event out there.

But we've got some challenges out there. The biggest thing is the under-utilization. It used to be a 65 percent of the capacity was used at the airport when we were a hub; no longer a hub after 9/11 and the US Airways

bankruptcy. We're running at 15 percent capacity. We're working to improve that, and we're working with the federal government, the FAA, the Secretary of Transportation and the corporate community all coming together. We're making progress, but we still have a lot of work to do. We've also just announced that we got \$10,000,000 in improvements that will be privately funded from the airmall service out there. They're bullish on what's going to happen at the airport and what's going on at the airport. Our O & D flights are up significantly, which is good. We've also got to get the connecting flights back in there.

We're working with the TSA, the Transportation Safety Administration, to try to relax some of the security issues when it comes to allowing people to shop at that airmall. They were able to do that until 9/11. That hurt business out there. We want to figure out a way that obviously will keep security strong but allow the public to come in and shop and dine at some of the fine establishments that we have there at the airport. Recently, we went out --- you know, discussion with you and approval of you, for RFP for drilling on those 9,000 acres for Marcellus Shale. We're expecting those RFPs to come back, those bids to come back in early December. Once we do that, I'll be bringing those to you, the best deal that we can get for the county.

And then, of course, I want to take --- I have a public hearing in the community which will occur out in Findlay and Moon. So stay tuned, but the early indications we have, most of the companies are excited about the opportunity of those 9,000 acres. We're hoping we're going to get a lot of bids with respect to that. With respect to economic development, we've got a lot of good things happening. And as I talked about, the RAD money is up this year, our sales tax money; the drink tax money is up this year, and we also see increase in new construction. We all know about the \$400,000,000 tower that PNC is building right here in the heart of downtown Pittsburgh. We know about the \$1,000,000,000-plus investment that U.S. Steel is making in the biggest coke works in North America and the Allegheny Technology expansion out in Brackenridge, about a \$1,500,000,000, and we see a lot of residential construction. I think almost \$1.8 billion in residential construction and commercial new construction occurred over the last year. So we're

excited about how things are going in this economy. We have more young people moving in. We have development occurring, literally, in every corner of this county right now, growth going on. So we're excited about that. Now let me move to the budget, because that's, obviously, what I'm going to be presenting to you this evening. And that was also a big challenge; not only a big challenge when I took office, but actually a big challenge before I took office. And because of the work that you did last year in correcting the budget that was presented to you, what we were able to do was forestall, number one, a \$64,000,000 budget deficit that was presented and also prevent 1,000 employees from being laid off.

Had you not increased the millage last year by one mill, we would have had to lay off 1,000 employees the day I took office. As it was, even with that one-mill increase, we still only had a \$5.7 million fund balance, which was the lowest in the county's history, and I want to get to that. But I want to put that one-mill tax increase that I supported and asked you to provide, into some context, and let me do it this way. Over the last 12 years, coming up through this year, there have been only two changes to the millage and to the taxing structure for homeowners in Allegheny County. One was a Homestead exemption expansion that we did in 2004 for \$5,000, and one was the one-mill increase that we put in place last year.

Now let me put this in perspective. For somebody who owns a \$50,000 home, whether in West Mifflin for Mr. Macey or in Wilkinsburg for Mr. Robinson or in Munhall for Ms. Danko or Councilman Burn in Etna, that \$50,000 homeowner would have paid in 2002, \$187 in County property tax. Twelve (12) years later, next year, they will pay \$199 in County property tax, a \$12 increase, \$1 per year. That's with the one-mill increase that you and --- we all supported last year. Let me put that in perspective, as well, with, say, that same homeowner. The average homeowner, the average household in Allegheny County in 2002 had an income of \$35,000.

They would have paid a little over \$1,000 in income tax to the state, which is 3.07 percent. Now I know the state has not increased their taxes, at least they claim that they haven't increased their taxes. In fact, many of them signed a pledge saying that they'll never raise taxes, and it's still 3.07 percent. But that

same homeowner 12 years later is paying \$1,400 a year in income tax, a \$400 --- almost, a \$370 increase in that same 12-year period. So when people want to compare the fiscal responsibility that this body has done with others, I think you can stack yourselves up --- we can stack ourselves up against anybody. I just wanted to put that a little bit into perspective. The budget that I'm going to be presenting to you tonight is going to come with four things I want to highlight. Number one is balance. Number two, there are no new taxes. Number three, no one-time revenue sources. This is something that we have been criticized for; in fact, the former controller, who used to come all the time and write reports about that. The bond rating agencies were very tough on us for that.

No one-time revenue sources in this budget, and we're not expecting --- and we're going to have no layoffs. So those are the four things I want to highlight. Last year, as I indicated, when I took office we began with a \$5.7 million fund balance, the lowest fund balance in the history of this county. The rating agencies want us to have five percent in the bank in the fund balance. That's about \$40,000,000. We're a little short at \$5.7 million. So when we went to meet the rating agencies --- and I went with Mr. McKain and Dennis Davin; we went to New York this year --- they beat us up pretty hard on two issues, the one-time fund balance, the one-time revenue sources and the low fund balance.

And we made a commitment that we were going to grow that fund balance, and we were going to stop using one-time revenue sources. And I guess we convinced them pretty hard, because they decided not to downgrade us; surprisingly, not to downgrade us because of the things the county had been doing. So in doing that, we've actually grown the fund balance a little bit this year. By the end of this year, we're hoping to have --- that fund balance should be close to \$10,000,000. And you will see in the budget that I'm presenting to you, I actually have a line item in there for \$2,000,000 for fund balance enhancement. I know this is something that Mr. Robinson has talked about and rightly so, about having a, quote, rainy day fund for when things go bad.

That's what we're providing, the rainy day fund. The fund balance is our rainy day fund. So we're going to be putting that into the Comprehensive Fiscal Plan that we're going to be providing. We also did a bond

restructuring that you authorized, which I was glad that you did in an overwhelming fashion. I think it was 13 of you that authorized this happening. We went out for \$167,000,000 in borrowing. We are going to be saving with that \$167,000,000 borrowing and the refinancing, \$40,000,000 over the next five years. That's going to help us balance our budget without tax increases. So I appreciate what you've been able to do and the fact that we did not get our bond rating reduced. We were able to get a lower interest rate and we saved over \$3,000,000 a year over the life of it by not going down.

Had we had to pay higher interest rates it would have cost us an extra \$3,000,000. So I'm very proud of the fact that we were able to do that, and I appreciate all the help in doing that. I want to also give some of the team some real thanks for putting that bond rating together. As I said, Mr. Davin and Mr. McKain went with me to New York, but also participating back here in helping us were Ms. Liptak, Mr. Finkel, Casciato, Schepis, Roukous and Brandon also helped us, along with our professionals at BNY Mellon and PNC. They were very helpful. And for us not to get downgraded was, again, because some of the things we had done was very helpful. Also, next year in new revenues, because of the work we did together, we're going to have about \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000 in new fees; some of the recording fees and the court fees that we talked about, some of the booking fees, are also going to help us do that.

Another one of the items I want to highlight in the budget that's coming to you is the creation of a new department, and it's a department called Facilities Management. I have not been happy --- and I know we've had this discussion over the years, and certainly, when I became County Executive --- the deplorable condition of some of the buildings, whether they be our office buildings, whether they be our park structures, whether they be, you know, our Kanes, our jails, et cetera, the energy efficiency, some of the other things that happened. We just need to get a handle on that. I know this is something --- Councilwoman Rea introduced some legislation a number of years ago to look at some of the park structures, look at some of the structures. Quite frankly, some of them are probably beyond the point of no return and will need to be torn down. There's no better example of that than what we saw when I first took office

with the garage. One of the first things I had to do a month into my administration was close that garage, because for a quarter of a century, you know, we have owned that garage and we haven't done anything to it. And it's fallen into such disrepair that it's really, probably, beyond the point of no return. While we haven't made a final decision yet, we're taking a look and we'll get the engineering studies back. Chances are, we won't be putting, you know, good money after bad and we'll take a look at what we're going to do --- going to do with that garage.

Also, with our buildings, we did some savings with NORESCO, thanks to you, resulting in significant operating savings when it comes to energy and utilities within our buildings. A couple of the other highlights I want to talk about in the --- and by the way, that new department is really just going to be moving employees over from Public Works and Parks and Administrative Services into that department. So it's really not going to be kind of --- it's new but it's not just, you know, a big increase. I think we'll probably add maybe \$1,000,000, maybe a little more than that, into the budget to create this department.

With Human Services, you're going to see in your budget book that there's going to be about an \$8,000,000 decrease on the operating budget. That's going to be offset by an \$8,000,000 increase on the grants budget. So we're going to be proposing that we keep whole and not have any cuts in Human Services. But just the way the state has designed the block grant program, for accounting purposes, we kind of had to do it that way. So when you see that, I'm sure that would be a question that will come up. Our Kane Regional Centers; we've been running deficits on those for a number of years. We think there's some ways we can kind of close that gap and run that more of a --- kind of a revenue-neutral operation.

One of the things we're going to be bringing to you is to talk about a new secure specialty unit out in the Scott facility, and that will be helping patients experiencing dementia, dealing with dementia patients. There's a large need for that in our county, and the federal government is also providing some funds for that, which will allow us to remain, again, revenue-neutral on doing that, maybe, even help with some of the other --- some of the offsets, some of the other expenses that we

have there. The Public Defender's Office has obviously gone up in budget. Elliot Howsie, the new public defender who I appointed earlier this year, is here and making some major changes. It was under budget last year. It was, kind of, not a real budget that was put forth for you, and we had to kind of bring it up to what we needed it to be, so you'll see some changes there. The jail; we have our new warden here tonight, Mr. Harper. I'm going to introduce Mr. Harper. I appreciate him being here tonight. He just started this week, coming from a Washington, D.C. correctional facility --- you're going to see a little bit of change. One of the things that the new warden is going to be working on is some of our healthcare issues.

I know we talked about that over the years, and you will see a deduction or a reduction in the Health Department line item. And that's going to move over to the jail line item, because we want the Health Department --- the health of the jail prisoners, the jail inmates, to be run by the warden and working with those. And we're going to be going on for RFP to try to lower the cost. It's about an \$11,000,000 cost that the taxpayers have to pay. We think there's ways we can do it a little more efficiently. Also, with the new warden, we want to talk about the initiative that Councilman Gastgeb and Councilman Martoni worked on, with having some of our inmates work out in the parks, work out in the community, do some public works.

And some of the things --- some of the deferred maintenance that we have, we think we'll be able to do that. The warden has done some of that stuff, some of those items done in his previous employment. So that's something we want to work with Council on. And then Emergency Services, I just want to talk about it a little bit. It's been under-funded, as well; not only under-funded but under budget. We didn't have a real budget item on it last year. And part of the problem is, we don't collect enough land line fees, as land lines continue to go down. People are using cell phones. We don't capture those cell phone dollars.

One thing I don't have for you tonight --- and we're still working on it --- is the millage rate, because we're still trying to get our handle on what the total valuation is going to be in this county when moving forward. There were 112,000 appeals from the

reassessment. Many of them that are far out into the future are the large commercial buildings, the \$50,000,000, \$75,000,000, \$100,000,000 buildings in downtown Pittsburgh. They'll be the last to be heard, and to be appealed going to the Board of Viewers. So hopefully, in the next couple of weeks, we'll be able to come to you with a number. But I have committed and will commit to you that I want to stay revenue-neutral. There will be not an increase on the reassessment of those properties, so that's what we're going to intend to do. With that, that pretty much concludes my presentation, Mr. President. And I wanted to open it up to any questions.

Oh, before I did that, I wanted to ask for your indulgence and a motion later on, to place the three items --- the operating budget, the grants budget and the capital budget --- on the agenda, to be placed in Committee this evening.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Any questions for the Executive? Yes, Matt. I'm sorry, I didn't see you.

MR. DROZD: Thank you, Mr. Chief Executive. Thank you for coming before us. I do have several questions. The first, in the South Hills, when you say no public money, does that mean no TIFS?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Correct.

MR. DROZD: No TIFs whatsoever? So they're not going to come for infrastructure money or anything like that to us for the taxpayers?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Correct.

MR. DROZD: The gas rights at the airport that you're working on now, there's always contention of who owned those gas rights, whether the airport owned it or we owned it. Is that resolved, or where is that?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: We're still working on that, and that's one of the things we're going to be bringing to Council. So I think once we get the offers back from the gas companies, it's one of the things we want to take a look at. My proposal would be to use some of that money to offset costs at the airport, to make the airport more efficient, to lower some of the fees. And then use some of the money to be able to help the taxpayer.

MR. DROZD: Okay. So in that essence, that those fees --- I mean, that you're going forth to accept

proposals without knowing who owns the rights; is that correct?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Correct.

MR. DROZD: Is the airport in conjunction with this?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Yes.

MR. DROZD: The FAA, they're in concurrence with this; no problem with the FAA? Okay. The other thing was, the controller came before us, this Council, recently, expressing some concerns about the interaction between your office and their office; and particularly, as far as the bond issue was concerned that we voted on. And you know, at least it was my understanding that everybody has signed off on that and had good visibility on that bond issue.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Uh-huh (yes).

MR. DROZD: But she expressed considerable concerns on that, and I'd like to know what, if anything, has been resolved on that because, you know, I believe in --- along with a lot of my Council members, I'm sure, that believe in transparency and government. I want to know what you've done --- your administration has done to resolve that. I'd like to see that harmony working between the --- it's very critical between the Controller's Office and your office. Would you enlighten us a little bit on your side of that issue?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Yeah. We would like to do that. And my office was very supportive and very open with going to the controller, getting all the information that was necessary for that. And we were hoping to have her participation in that. During part of the --- not even negotiation --- giving the information, the Controller wanted to be involved in development deals dealing with Lexington Avenue. We don't know what we're going to do with Lexington Avenue. It's something we're going to consider. But when the controller basically blackmailed us into saying she wasn't going to sign the bond documents unless we allowed her involved in the negotiations, I wasn't going to let that happen.

I wasn't going to let this county lose \$40,000,000 over five years. So we had to move forward without her. She decided not to participate. She was allowed to participate. She was invited to participate. She was asked to participate. And she decided not to. So I was left with two choices; number one, allow this county

to have somebody involved in development deals that they have no authority to be involved in. What we decide to do in buying property in this county, or selling property in this county, is the role of County Council and the County Executive, not the County Controller. So we'll move forward with that, so I don't have any --- again, we'll certainly invite her to be part of any process. But if she decides not to move forward, I've got to do what's best for the taxpayers of this county.

MR. DROZD: You just mentioned a word that's really strong. You said blackmail. What do you mean by that?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, when somebody says, I'm not going to sign the bond document unless you allow me to be involved in the development deal, what would you call that, Matt?

MR. DROZD: I sure wouldn't use that term.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: A threat, stop, obstruction, whatever words you want to use.

MR. DROZD: You know, everybody has a right, a right not to sign something, based upon certain --- everyone has a right.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: I wasn't going to allow this --- the taxpayers to be held hostage. Is that the word you want to use?

MR. DROZD: Well, whatever. You know, I think everybody has a right, and this is what we do in this county and in inner government workings between everyone.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: And that's fine, and it's disappointing because every controller going back 40 years has participated in that and signed off on those documents, but --- and again, we're going to do ---. We all have roles to do, and that role of that office is to do audits, and that's what they should be doing, not be involved in negotiations in contracting and development deals.

MR. DROZD: I have a couple more questions, Mr. President, but I don't want to take anyone else's time.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We'll have Mr. Gastgeb do one then we'll come back to you.

MR. DROZD: That's fine. Thank you, sir. Thank you, sir, and I'll be back to you.

MR. GASTGEB: Thank you, President Martoni. Again, welcome back, Rich. Just a couple questions on the budget and maybe a comment on the airport, if I may. On

the budget, are you anticipating any new revenues, in your estimation, beyond what the tax --- sorry, the fees that you mentioned?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, we think there's --- you know, not think --- we anticipate there's going to be some new construction revenue. I indicated there's about \$1.7 million, \$1.8 million of new construction that occurred this year and will be, you know, on the books for next year. So there's going to be new revenues there. We're also anticipating that there --- you know, we saw in the paper today that we may get \$1,000,000 from Marcellus Shale fees that are out there. So that's some new revenues that could come in, as well.

MR. GASTGEB: Okay. My question was --- the budget's balance, as you mentioned, and the fund balance is going to go up, basically, \$4.3 million, from \$5.7 million, where it is now, but you said close to \$10,000,000.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Uh-huh (yes).

MR. GASTGEB: So it seems like we have enough anticipated revenue to not only balance the budget but also increase the fund balance; am I correct in understanding that?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, that was for this year. That was --- it's going to be \$10,000,000 at the end of this year, and part of that was the refinancing that was done. Some of that savings is accruing this year, so that's going to go right to fund balance.

MR. GASTGEB: Okay. And then the prisoner release program --- I want to welcome the warden. And I think it goes hand in hand with the Department of Facility Management where if we could look at some of the deferred maintenance and actually follow with legislation that was passed by this body, in which you voted in the affirmative, as well, I think that bodes well towards efficiencies to the taxpayer and maybe going towards your goal of looking at some of the deferred maintenance at some of the facilities that haven't gotten the type of, I guess, critical look or care that it needs. Would you agree with that?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: I do. And I think, you know, we're the stewards of the assets that the taxpayers have, the buildings, the parks, the structures, the land; you know, there's a lot there. And I think we

owe it to the next generation in the future to take good care of them, make them --- improve them where we can. Make them as energy efficient as we can. Make them convenient and comfortable for the citizens who come in and visit our office buildings and use our facilities. So there's been a lot of maintenance that's been deferred, that hasn't been done on our buildings. And some of them, as I said, probably are beyond the point of no return. I know there's probably a few structures you could identify in South Park that would fall into that category. And I think it's incumbent upon us to have this department really focus or these individuals focus on what they do. Right now, Public Works has to do --- you know, they got roads, bridges, facilities, parks. There's a lot there. So we want to try to focus that --- on that initiative.

MR. GASTGEB: It is a black eye on us as a county government, because they're so visible, for one. And two, I'm not sure if it's been addressed to this detail, so I would agree with you in how you're addressing this. And my comment is, going back to the airport, I think it's important to note that there are no tax dollars that goes into the operation of the airport. But the efficiencies to the taxpayer are numerous in economic development, either directly or indirectly. A couple things you mentioned; I know this past --- maybe, two Saturdays ago --- when I was at the opening or the 20th anniversary, there was going to be some relaxing of the security to allow --- they call it like Free Saturday or something, so that the non-passengers that are riding on the airplanes to a destination could actually still go over to the air site terminal to shop.

So I guess if you're able to do that one day, then it might bode well to do whatever we need to as a county to continue that lobbying effort with the federal government or TSA, because that's obviously something we'd want to do for revenue, if we could get back to allowing the taxpayers who live in Allegheny County or the shoppers, if you will, to use that as a mall. That would be certainly a revenue enhancement to that airport.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: You're absolutely right. And there would be a significant amount of revenue derived from people shopping, dining, et cetera, that would go back into the operation of the airport. There's a significant percentage of that money that does go to that operation, that could lower the landing fees, lower

the gate fees and make us more competitive, trying to draw other airlines and other flights into that airport.

MR. GASTGEB: And then quickly, dovetailing on that, I'm not sure what the next step is going to be, but the partnership with the federal government, the state, with the Marcellus Shale, even going back to what you just said, and the cracker facility, you know, that being built ten miles down the road ---

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: About ten miles away, yes.

MR. GASTGEB: --- I mean, you have everything converging. And I know cargo is the one area that we could say is not hope or we want. It's actually reality. I mean, we have cargo that's actually a commerce item there. So there's just a lot going on there that I just think is a benefit to the taxpayers, that we have to get our hands around it. I know that you're going to take a leadership and really I think this Council needs to, as well.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Yeah. And another thing about the airport, just to dovetail on that more, those 9,000 acres that we own out there, 2,000 of them are already developed. And there are 5,000 employees out there working at various locations like Dick's Sporting Goods, headquarters, Eaton Corporation, ThermoFisher Scientific, et cetera, et cetera. And there's development going on there all the time. It's a desirable place for folks to be. It's a desirable place for companies to be located, and we see continued growth. Vince, you're absolutely right. With that cracker plant ten miles down the road and the development and spin-off that's going to occur from that, that's only going to help benefit the airport as synergistic benefits from both sides.

MR. GASTGEB: Okay. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Matt?

MR. DROZD: I think I'll --- I'll defer because I've had my turn. I'll come back, if that's alright with you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. He defers.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Thank you, County Executive. Thank you for coming today. I just wanted to offer you a comment, that I've heard a lot of complaints lately in regard to the use of the RAD money. I understand that you did receive a legal opinion that it's a legal ability to transfer the \$3,000,000 out of the sales tax to help the

Port Authority. But in terms of policy; I'm continually hearing, especially from the arts community and from those who started the RAD fund, that this is perhaps a slippery slope that we do not want to be engaging in, that we removed money that was originally intended for one thing, to sort of help with the transit. I do appreciate your efforts in regard to the transit. I think you did an extraordinary job, and I'm not trying to be a nitpicker here, but I am worried about the long-term policy consequences of that. So the question really is on that. I'm sure your team looked long and hard, but is there any way that we could find that \$3,000,000 from another source of revenue, so that we keep intact the original --- you know, the integrity of the RAD funds.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: And you're right. We spent a long time trying to figure out where we were going to get the local match. And one of the things I really wanted to try to do was not raise taxes. We had to come up with \$4,500,000. And by the way, we might not be done yet because the governor and the legislature have not passed a new transportation funding plan that will involve not just mass transit, but roads and bridges. So there may be a second round to this. But to get us through what we experienced just this year, we needed to come up with \$4.5 million. I mean, our choices are this stark. Number one, allow the cuts to occur, and I don't think that's anything any of us want to do. Number two, raise property tax to get \$4.5 million. I don't think that's anything we need to do; or raise the drink tax.

That might be the least objectionable of those, but I also believe --- I think seven percent is a good number to be at. I don't want to go to eight or nine percent; you know, if we had to do ---. The one thing I was able to look at is, I looked at the actuaries or looked at the way the RAD money has been coming in. As I indicated, they're way up this year, and we're looking at growth, I think, for the next couple of years in this region that's going to continue in a strong manner. So one thing I went to the arts --- went to the RAD Board and asked was that the arts community remains whole. So the way I understand it, none of the arts and cultural and library and parks, et cetera, are going to be cut. They are going to --- most of them are going to see even an increase this year, even with taking that \$3,000,000.

But I think --- and I understand the slippery slope argument, are we next going to use it to help ALCOSAN fill the consent decree, or are we going to use it to fix bridges, or are we going to use it --- you know, my intent is not to do that. So I mean, you have my commitment I'm not going to be doing that. I would like just to stay with the \$3,000,000; you know, maybe a little inflationary increase of a small one or two percent a year. But over the next ten years, I would like to keep it right around there. I don't intend to go back and ask for \$7,000,000 a couple years from now or \$12,000,000 a few years after that. My intent is to stay at that level.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: In regard to the airport, you and I had spoken about this before. I'm a little surprised at your statement today to the Council that the FAA is okay with the sharing of fees.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: No, no, no. Let me back --- what I said is, the FAA is okay with us going out for RFP.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: All right; so ---?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: What the FAA's position is, that they don't want money being taken out of the airport.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: So that remains ---?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: They also don't want money going into the airport, which has been happening. So I think there might be a way to balance it in that way.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: So that I'm clear, so the FAA's position remains the same, that any revenues from the Marcellus Shale drilling --- their position is, it must remain at the airport?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: It must remain, yes. Revenue neutral, there can't be revenues taking out --- taken out of the airport.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Okay. And that sort of always has been --- my view of it has been, although perhaps County Council --- the county really could use that money instead of getting into protracted litigation with the federal government, that we use that money because it's --- it's the constant chicken and the egg argument. Business leaders are constantly saying, you know, if we could get more flights in here --- more flights in, more flights out --- we could have a greater economic development. But you can't have the flights without the

economic development. So as much as we can push down the cost to encourage the freight and the alternative flights, then I think that's the way to go.

The last question that I have for you is, would it be possible for your team to provide to us ---? It seems that there's some very unique initiatives going on with your administration that I really like, and that is the production of additional revenue through some creative sources. And I'm wondering if you could provide to us, sort of, in a memo form a list of those revenues? I mean, just off the top of my head, we have, sort of, the new revenue sources, the \$1,000,000-plus in Marcellus Shale, the cell towers which we voted on the other day. We have pending legislation on billboards. And I think there's some other things that we've talked about I'm probably missing. But I like that focus where we're really thinking like, sort of, a business entity. We're thinking out of the box. We just, I thought, were very creative in raising the deed revenue which we had done. And I think it was 16 years and created \$12,000,000. So if we had just one document where we could, sort of, see that, I think we can all start continuing to focus on those out-of-the-box revenue ---.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: And we can provide the ideas to you, and I would hope that the 15 of you would provide the ideas to us, because I don't think this is a one-way street.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Right.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: I know you've talked about the jail and medical examiner's office and some other areas. We want to look at that; I think, collectively, we want to take a look at that. Back to the recording fees; you're absolutely right. Not only did we increase the revenues, but we made it --- we streamlined it and made it more attractive for the industry itself.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: That's right.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: They were asking for this, the way the cumbersome system --- the fees were lower but their costs were higher.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Right.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: So even though we're collecting more in fees --- and it brought their costs down. So it's a win-win, you're right. And back to transit for a minute; I didn't really talk about this, but that was just a baseline that we did. We're going to be

continuing to go for more ad revenue. You may have seen some of the buses that are driving around wrapped in advertising. We're going to get more naming rights. We're going to be looking at Park and Ride charges, particularly for out-of-county residents who come in and park for free. So we're looking at all of these other revenue alternatives, and we'll be bringing them to you and see if it's something we can agree on.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: And my last question --- thank you for the indulgence of the chairman --- is on the jail. I would --- I welcome you, sir, to the community. Thank you for joining us. I have remained concerned about the jail. I spoke with Trevor Wingard, your predecessor, who had indicated to me that we have a clog somewhere in the system. He believed that we had about 400 inmates in the system that probably didn't need to be there housed in the jail with the extreme costs and the medical care. And I've been trying to move this issue to the forefront. I think it potentially is a \$12,000,000 savings, so I extend an invitation to you to meet with me, please, and to talk to me about this issue that I --- I think all of us share this concern. And we have a lot of seniors here in Allegheny County who --- I've introduced a bill on tax --- resolution for tax freeze.

As much as we can save costs, as much as we can increase revenue from out-of-the-box sources, I think our senior citizens will very much appreciate that. Thank you.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Matt, you had something else?

MR. DROZD: Yes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Any other questions?

MR. DROZD: Yes, sir. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Fitzgerald. The one thing, when you said that your balanced budget is proposed without any tax increases, but it does include what your administration proposed on fee increases to the people ---

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Yes.

MR. DROZD: --- a lot of the people of Allegheny County; correct?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Yes.

MR. DROZD: And that was approximately \$10,000,000 more that you're going to be extracting from the people of Allegheny County?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, I've had no tax --- property tax, drink tax --- yeah.

MR. DROZD: Okay; on fees.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: I understand the distinction, but some people call it fees tax. I just want to clarify. I know; fair enough.

MR. DROZD: Far enough. The other thing I would ask you, in your balanced budget, are you proposing any cuts to any of the departments, or were any of the departments cut more than the other departments?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Yeah, we took a look and we saw some that might be more efficient than others, and that's certainly a discussion we can have moving forward. But most of them are kept pretty much within line; maybe, one or two percent up or down, three percent, maybe, some up, some down, for the most part.

MR. DROZD: Any in excess of five, ten?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: I'd have to look.

MR. DROZD: I'm curious; if you would. Maybe your budget director can present that to me.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: We can take a look at it.

MR. DROZD: Lastly, I will ask you this, because I'm always interested, as well as all of us and the people of Allegheny County, and I'm glad to hear that, when you say more young people are moving in. Where did you get that statistic from?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: From the census department, but I think it was in the Post-Gazette this morning, actually, that --- yeah, 37 ---.

MR. DROZD: Could you go over the age groups? I'd like to --- I'm curious to know. That's excellent to hear.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: It's in the Post-Gazette this morning. In 2011, the region saw 3,740 more people move into the region than out, and 70 percent of those new arrivals were under the age of 35.

MR. DROZD: Great.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: I think they got that from the census department.

MR. DROZD: How does that compare ---? Did you see any comparison --- last question --- to outlying counties, surrounding counties to us, in that article?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: I don't have that. It's not in the article, and I don't have that data.

MR. DROZD: Thank you, sir. I appreciate your information, and I appreciate your answers. Thank you, sir.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. I was looking over some of the numbers there on the budget, Rich, and I just want to make sure people understand that --- I think last year was --- our budget was, like, \$784,000,000, if I'm not mistaken?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Yeah, \$784,000,000 last year, and this budget is \$799,000,000. It's about a 1.96 percent increase, yes.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. And I also want people to understand that we have --- in state funding, last year we had roughly about \$195,000,000 in state funding, and this year we have \$179,000,000 in state funding. So we're experiencing roughly about a \$25,000,000 cut in our state funding. Also, in the federal funding, last year we had roughly, say, \$87,000,000, and now we're looking at \$84,000,000, which is roughly about \$2,500,000. So we're experiencing a lot of cuts from the state and the federal government, more from the state than, obviously, from the federal. And this is hurting us in relation to our budget.

And I have to commend you, because you somehow balanced it, which is super. I see that we have an increase in property tax revenue coming in, which is great, and that's just about what the state cut us.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Yeah, that's based on new construction dollars, keeping the revenue ---.

MR. FINNERTY: Right; yeah. I just want people to understand what's going on here. I mean, we're talking about --- most of our state funding goes to Human Services, so we're looking at a situation where somehow we have to make up some money to keep our Human Services going. I think it's important that people understand that this is being done, and it's because of your administration and your caring about people that need the help most, and I appreciate that.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you. I appreciate that, Councilman. And the other thing is, I wanted to yet highlight the work that this Council has done. And I really --- you know, having been there, I know how tough it is, and I really appreciate working with you. But the fact is, over 12 years, for somebody's

taxes --- the people that get those cuts, hurting them the most, from the state and federal government, the people with the --- the \$50,000 homeowner, that their taxes have only gone up \$1 a year over the last 12 years, is really a testament to what you guys have done in fiscal responsibility and tightfisted way we've been with the tax dollar. I think that's something. We want to continue. We don't want to let that slip. We want to continue that moving forward. Thank you.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. And one other thing; in relation to the airport corridor, there's been a tremendous amount of economic development going down in that corridor. We can talk about the Clinton Commerce Park, Imperial Commerce Park. There's been tremendous construction going on out there --- Nepple Press (phonetic), Labey (phonetic). You can go on and name countless amounts of businesses that have come in and have enriched that area out there. And you can see it every day, if you drive the Parkway. When you're going home on the Parkway, you might have a little --- Parkway West, I'm talking about. You might have a little congestion going out. The congestion coming in to Pittsburgh around four to five o'clock is backed up to Carnegie.

There's a lot of people, and there's a lot of business out there in the West that have come in because of economic development, some vision that people have in regard to the airport and the brown fields out there. And I think it's extremely important for the county to continue, and you are continuing in that vein. The airport has become, to me, a great economic development area and an economic factor in our community and in our county, and it's lifting us up. Thank you.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: You're absolutely right. And when you see the growth in Findlay, in Moon, in South Fayette, North Fayette, Oakdale, Robinson, Kennedy, it's incredible. And you're right, the Parkway West is jammed. We need a third lane. That's one of the things we've got to take a look at. We've got to knock another hole in the tunnel to --- and we've got to work with our friends in PennDOT to do that, because the growth out there is just --- it's incredible. And now with the cracker plant, you know, a few miles West of that, it's going to add to it even more. So it's all good stuff. We just have to manage it in the growth. And to see all

these young people moving in every year, it's an exciting thing. We should all be proud.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Anyone else for Mr. Fitzgerald? Yes?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. Fitzgerald, I just wanted to comment about one of our regional assets, the Kanes. I like to think that we're going to be very creative --- start to be more creative over there, in order to enhance the --- our abilities to take care of our citizens better. And one of the things I was looking at over at the Scott area was the fact that they have a rehabilitation part over there. And I'm hoping at some point in time that we can start, perhaps, moving in the direction that we can put that same facility in some of the other areas, some of the other Kanes, because it's --- what I saw was remarkable, the fact that it's really heavily used. And I think we have a need for that. I'd just like you to comment on that, please.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Yeah. First of all, I'm very proud of the work the Kanes do in providing care for our seniors when they reach a part of life where they really can't take care of themselves. And I think it's a commitment we, as a community, want to continue to make and continue to keep. It's something that I want to continue and will make that commitment. Director Biondo is continuing doing a great job, continuing to look at some of the things you're talking about, whether it be rehabilitation care, physical therapy. I talked about the dementia unit that we're --- the secure unit dealing with dementia patients out at Scott.

So you know, as this industry or this way of caring for people along the continuum as long as it continues, you know, we need to be, you know, ahead of the curve in continuing the work. And you know, I'm proud of the work that our Kane employees do in taking care of some of the most frail people in our community.

MR. PALMIERE: Well, I think it's an area --- the Kanes are one of our areas that for years had a reputation, but I want --- I would like people to realize what a wonderful facility they all are now, what they've become, and what a real regional asset they are. And I would like for the people of Allegheny County to become very much aware of the fact that the Kanes are first-rate

and ready and able to take care of the people in Allegheny County.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: They are a regional asset, but I don't want Council and I don't want others to get the impression that now we're going to start funding the Kanes. That's not my plan at all.

MR. PALMIERE: Sorry about that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you, Mr. Fitzgerald.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, members of Council. I look forward to working with you on this budget.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Oh, I'm sorry. We have just ---.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Just when I think I'm getting out.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Councilman Ellenbogen. I tried to help you get out, so ---.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Yes, sir, Councilman.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: First of all, I just wanted to tell you that I appreciate the fact that --- you know, I don't want to speak for everyone, but it must take an incredible, inordinate amount of time that you spend on just trying to talk to people and reaching out, because I know numerous issues that --- unless you just figure you'd rather get to me before I blow up. But you take the time to reach out to try to help us understand certain issues before they become a quagmire. Second of all, it's always nice to see your staff, you know. I'm going to introduce a bill that, if they step in here, they're not allowed to leave.

But I appreciate their help, too. I think the public should know what a credit your staff is. And I'd be remiss if I didn't mention that I still try every day to get Jen and Sonia back, because I --- they are tremendous contributions.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: That might be one area we may have a disagreement, with the Council.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: And I agree; I don't blame you because ---.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: They do a great job, and we're proud of the staff that we've put together throughout, starting with the manager, Manager McKain, and Chief of Staff and, really, the rest of them. And I appreciate the comments, Mr. Ellenbogen. I sat in that

seat, so I know what it's like, so I try to return your call when you have an issue that's going on in your district.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Speaking of Mr. McKain, I appreciate the fact that he's someone who's going to sit and listen and try to talk things out. That being said --- transportation, you know. And you know, one of the things about this county, you know, everybody wants this county to grow and grow; but you know, we're geographically challenged. You know, at one time the City of Pittsburgh had 700,000 people in it. It wasn't so bad when everybody only had to go a couple streets. That being said and the road structuring, you know, they said that the Banksville Corridor, which I'm very familiar with, that I have to live with every day, is the tenth most congested corridor in the United States.

I'd be willing to say at this point with all the construction, it's moved up quite a bit. That being say, I really would --- and I understand that they're run by a Board, but I know you have a little bit of influence with it --- I would really like to see the Port Authority, kind of, look in a new direction, in terms of trains. A lot of the railroad systems are already in place. And due to all the geographics, I'm sure the public would be willing to take a breath of relief to know that we're looking into that. If you look at a lot of the areas in Europe and whatnot, their train systems are more like a vertex where the public ---. All these millions of cars aren't going into the cities, they're staying out.

And because the railroad tracks are already there, I think, and --- I mean, the Port Authority is a great example. I mean, really they're kind of modernized trains, if you will. And if you take those ones from the North Side and move them along and use some of the existing track, I think maybe that that would really help growth in terms of transportation. This is the only city in the United States where they built the airport, but then they decided, how are we going to get there? So that being said, thank you for coming. I appreciate it. I let you off easy.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Let me say one thing about transportation before I go. We see a change in it, what young people want when it comes to transportation. When I was getting out of college, the first thing I thought of was buying a car, so you could

get to work and drive. These young people that get out of college now, that's not what they're looking to do. They want transit. They want to take bikes. They want to use other modes of transportation without using cars; zipcars, carpools, shared --- it's just a different mindset. So we need to adapt to that and transit --- growing transit is part of that. We also got to take a look at --- and I haven't talked about it in tonight's budget --- but we need to look at bike trails throughout the county. You know, within the city there's been some accidents and some real tragedies. But young people continue to want to do that and even people maybe my age that want to do it, to stay in shape.

But what I'm saying is, it's not just all cars. It's not just each individual driving their car to work anymore. It's a change that we've got to adapt to, and you're exactly right on dealing with transportation.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: You're right. I mean, as parents we see that; you know, we both have adult children. And you know, just the way they think is very interesting, and they're a lot more educated, in terms of the way we were and how they communicate. I mean, you know, we only knew what the lady over the fence was telling us. I mean, these kids are talking to Europe over these --- I mean, they call them phones, but they're really hand-held computers. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Oh, one more.

MR. FUTULES: Mr. President, I'd like to add these three resolutions to the agenda this evening.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered. They're on the agenda this evening. Okay?

MR. CATANESE: I believe you have to read them.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: All right. Do you want to read them?

MR. CATANESE: Resolution of the County of Cambria, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting an Operating Budget pursuant to Article IV, Section 2, and Article VII, Section 4, of the Home Rule Charter, by setting forth appropriations to pay the expenses of conducting the public business of Allegheny County and

permitting debt charges for the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 2013 and ending December 31st, 2013.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Send to the Finance Committee. Mr. Robinson, your committee. Okay.

MR. CATANESE: The second one is a resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting a Capital Budget pursuant to Article IV, Section 2, and Article VII, Section 4, of the Home Rule Charter, by setting forth appropriations to pay the expenses for capital expenditures during the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 2013 and ending December 31st, 2013.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Finance Committee.

MR. CATANESE: Third one. Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting the Grants Budget, Special Accounts Budget and Agency Fund Budget, by setting forth appropriations to pay debt expenses during the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 2013 and ending December 31st, 2013.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Finance Committee. Thank you very much, Nick. Public Comment on Agenda Items.

MR. CATANESE: We have none.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. 7151-12.

MR. CATANESE: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Allegheny County Council held on August 21st, 2012.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: So moved. Move to second?
(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Question? All in favor?
(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved. So ordered.

7187 --- we're at Presentation of Appointments. 7187-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Theodora R. Duranti, to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization, Harrison Hills Park, for a term to expire on October 16, 2014. Sponsored by Councilwoman Danko.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Motion for approval.

MR. DROZD: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered. We're going to do a bunch together here; is that okay?

MR. CATANESE: Yeah.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Go ahead.

MR. CATANESE: Which ones?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7205-12, 7206-12, 7207-12, 7208-12 and 7209-12. They're all in the same ---. Can we do that?

MR. CATANESE: Uh-huh (yes).

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Well, let's do it.

MR. CATANESE: I've got to read it.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Can we do that? All of them together? They're all going to committee.

MR. CATANESE: I've got to read this.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Read them all.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment/reappointment of Eric French, Benjamin Walker, John Scott, Deno De Ciantis and Michael Finnerty, to serve as members of the Allegheny County Conservation District, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2015.

MR. FINNERTY: Appointment Review Committee; right?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yeah, right. Go ahead, Joe.

MR. FUTULES: He's at 7210.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7210, 7211.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of David P. Mazzocco and Louis Naugle, Esquire, to serve as members of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2012.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Appointment Review Committee. 7212, 7213-12; those two.

MR. CATANESE: I have to take them individually. They're both different.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. 7212-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Clifford B. Levine, to serve as a member of the Southwest Pennsylvania Commission, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2014. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Appointment Review Committee. 7213-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Jui Joshi, to serve as a member of the Professional Services Review Committee, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2015.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Appointment Review Committee. Unfinished Business. Committee on Appointment Review, Second Reading. 7132-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of John L. Tague, Jr., to serve on the Allegheny County Port Authority Board, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2013. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Do we have a motion?

MR. FINNERTY: That's me.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Go ahead.

MR. FINNERTY: This was released from committee with a positive recommendation. I make a motion that we approve.

(Chorus of seconds.)

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered.

7134-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the --- oh, there's only one.

MR. FINNERTY: Go ahead.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of James J. Dodaro, to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority, the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority, the Allegheny County Industrial Building Authority and the Allegheny County Residential Finance Authority, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2012. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mike?

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. Thank you. This also was released from committee with a positive recommendation, but inadvertently I was the chairman at the time and it should not have been released. So I make a motion that we pull this from committee.

(Chorus of seconds.)

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered.

MR. FINNERTY: Now read it again.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Read it again.

MR. CATANESE: 7134-12. Approving the appointment of James J. Dodaro, to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority, the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority, the Allegheny County Industrial Building Authority and the Allegheny County Residential Finance Authority, for a term

to expire on December 31st, 2012. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay.

MR. FINNERTY: I make a motion to approve.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Question? I guess this is going to be a roll call; am I correct?

MR. FINNERTY: I don't know.

MR. CATANESE: It doesn't have to be.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. All in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed?

MS. DROZD: Nay.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We have one nay. 7138-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Robert Macey, to serve as a member of the Southwest Pennsylvania Commission, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2014.

MR. FINNERTY: This, again, was released with a positive recommendation. I make a motion that we approve.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved in second. Question?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: No. I just wanted to say that I think this is an excellent appointment. Councilman Macey has a tremendous energy, and I think that he's going to be great on here.

MR. FINNERTY: Wake up over there, Bob.

MR. MACEY: Thank you.

MR. FINNERTY: This is a reappointment, by the way.

MR. GASTGEB: He was great.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: He was great.

MR. DEFAZIO: He'll be great again.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: That's right. He'll be great again. And if you read it right in the first place, he's been doing this for ---.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: All in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered.

7139-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Lynn L. Heckman, to serve as a member of the Southwest Pennsylvania Commission, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2014. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. Again, this was released with a positive recommendation. I make a motion to approve.

(Chorus of seconds.)

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered.

7141-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of David Y. Miller, to serve as a member of the Southwest Pennsylvania Commission, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2014. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

MR. FINNERTY: Again, this was released from committee with a positive recommendation. I make a motion we approve.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered.

7142-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Jeanne K. Clark, to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2012. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

MR. FINNERTY: Again, this was released with a positive recommendation. I make a motion that we approve.

(Chorus of seconds.)

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered.

7143-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Robert Orchowski, to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2012. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

MR. FINNERTY: Again, this was released with a positive recommendation. I make a motion to approve.

(Chorus of seconds.)

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered.

7144-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Chester R. Babst, to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2012. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

MR. FINNERTY: Again, this was released with a positive recommendation. I make a motion to approve.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered.

7145-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of John Palmiere, to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2012. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

MR. FINNERTY: Again, this was released with a positive recommendation. I make a motion to approve.

MR. DROZD: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved in second. Question?

MR. DROZD: John will be great. He's not going to be re-great; is he?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: All in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered. 7147-

12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Steve Hvozdoovich, to serve as a member ---

MR. FINNERTY: Hvozdoovich (changes pronunciation).

MR. CATANESE: --- Hvozdoovich (corrects pronunciation) --- to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2012. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Michael?

MR. FINNERTY: This was released with a positive recommendation, and I make a motion to approve.

(Chorus of seconds.)

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered.

7148-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Mark Jeffrey, to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2012. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Michael?

MR. FINNERTY: Again, this was approved with a positive recommendation --- released with a positive recommendation. I make a motion to approve.

(Chorus of seconds.)

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered.

7172-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Dorothy Antonelli, to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2012. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

MR. FINNERTY: Again, this was released with a positive recommendation, and I make a motion to approve.

(Chorus of seconds.)

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered.

7173-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Dr. Michael Finewood, to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2012. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Michael?

MR. FINNERTY: Again, this was released with a positive recommendation. I make a motion to approve.

(Chorus of seconds.)

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered.

7175-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Joe Osborne, to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2012. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Michael?

MR. FINNERTY: Again, this was released with a positive recommendation, and I make a motion to approve.

MR. GASTGEB: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered.

7176-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Nadia Lazo, to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2014.

MR. FINNERTY: Again, this was released with a positive recommendation, and I make a motion to approve.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved in second. Question?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Discussion.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Discussion; yes.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Thank you. So at the Appointment Review Committee, I believe those present and attended were Chairman Finnerty and myself.

MR. FINNERTY: And Matt Drozd.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Was he there present for the whole time?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes, he was.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I apologize; so three.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: And so Ms. Lazo came to the committee, and she addressed the committee. I was present over the telephone, but I could hear her pretty well. I want to say in the beginning that Ms. Lazo, I know her. I have a case with her, and this has absolutely nothing to do with her being a very nice, lovely, qualified young lawyer. She's an excellent addition to the Bar. I don't have any complaints with her, in terms of her background, her integrity, anything like that.

But here's the point. The Jail Oversight Board for which she has been proposed, there are nine Board members, six of whom are County or Commonwealth employees. And they have to be, like, Chief Executive, two judges from the Court of Common Pleas, the Sheriff and Controller. The other three members are to be citizens appointed by the Executive, with the consent of Council. These individuals cannot be employees of the County or Commonwealth. The qualifications that they must have,

they must be representatives of broad segments of the county's population, and they must have background or experience that indicates they are qualified to act in the interest of the public. Now Ms. Lazo does not have, really, any background in regard to prisons, to criminal justice. She's a lawyer. She's done a little bit of criminal law. She's five years out.

With the current state of the jail and the questions that we have and the potential money that we could be saving, I would have hoped --- and I still hope --- that the Chief Executive would go back to the drawing board. There's an enormous amount of members of our community that have deep experience in these areas. This is a very important board that should be reporting to us and should be doing some investigations on cost overruns over there. This is not an appropriate appointment. I'm not saying anything negative against her. She's a fine young person. Okay? But I would like somebody appointed to this who has deep experience and who really wants to get in there and find out what's going on over there at the jail.

So I'm very much against this appointment because this is a critical appointment on this board. And I think we should be doing more than sort of just having these appointments come and sort of rubber stamping these appointments. I would just ask if we can put this off. We could ask the County Executive, could you put this young woman on another board --- I know she wants to help the county --- and could we look for somebody who's more qualified to serve on this? That's, sort of, my point on this.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Matt, do you want to say something?

MR. DROZD: Yeah. As follow-up to my fellow councilwoman, I think that's a good point. You know, again, I did hear this young lady. She was really a terrific lady --- young lady. And I agree with you, you know, that there are areas that we have to look at. One such person --- and I don't understand why he wasn't appointed --- was Dr. Dixon. Dr. Dixon served this county admirably for many, many years. He was on that board, and I heard from co-board members on that board how much he really kept our healthcare costs down and what he did to do that. And I don't understand why we let expertise like that not be utilized again by welcoming him with open arms

and appointing him --- people like him to this board. I don't understand. So I agree with you, Councilwoman. You know, this young lady was, like you say, impeccable. She was really terrific.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yeah, very.

MR. DROZD: But we have to look for people that have expertise; why not someone like that, you know, who would be willing to serve on a board --- why don't we utilize that talent? I don't understand that, because again, I've heard from other Board members who highly praised Dr. Dixon for his service on that board and how he kept those healthcare costs at a very low cost. So I think we better look at this very seriously and ask the questions. Thank you, sir.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Jim, you.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just wanted to say that, you know, I don't know this young lady. If she walked in here, I wouldn't know who she was. My point here is, you know, disparaging somebody publicly that's willing to serve like that ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I'm not disparaging her.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Now, wait a minute. I have the floor.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I'm not disparaging her.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Yep, you --- the fact that you said on the record that you have a case with this woman, has the appearance of impropriety to me --- to me. Did you not say that, Councilwoman?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: She's an opposing counsel.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: But the point is, it appears to this councilman in this chair that you have a bone to pick with her.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I don't.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: It looks --- she ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Now wait a minute. She's lovely. She's lovely.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: If you didn't, then I would assume, if you had these concerns, why would you not have e-mailed any of us or told any of us about this beforehand instead of airing it out for the media, so that she could be disparaged? Now you may not be doing that. I'm telling you that that is the appearance that it gives to me. Now I don't know her. I wouldn't know her if she walked in here. I'm just talking about doing that to anybody, you know. I mean, if somebody is willing to

serve, why out them like that? We have a committee process, and we all have e-mails which --- you're no stranger to e-mailing me --- and tell us about this, like, without, you know, trying to make her look like a clown, for the lack of a better word. That's just my opinion, and I'm not trying to disparage you for it. I'm just saying that it appears to me that you have a problem with her personally.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. I think, Barbara, you were next?

MS. DANKO: I was going to make a similar point as Mr. Ellenbogen. I think that, you know, this went to committee. It was voted out on October 4th. We're on October 16th now. I think that, you know, that's a while ago. If we had issues, it would have been appropriate, I think, to let us know ahead of time. Let us know your concerns. I just don't want to re-hash what should have happened in the committee with full Council, and I see us going down that road more and more. I think things --- you know, committees do their work. They bring their work to Council. It's not the time to revisit every issue, or we're going to be here until midnight every two weeks. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: There was somebody else, I guess?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes. I wanted to say, I misspoke. I'm on the same side as she is. She's not the opposing counsel in a case. I disclosed that. I said that at the committee meeting. If I'm supposed to e-mail people with my concerns, I've learned that now, okay, and I will do that. But none of you were at the Appointment Review Committee, and often when I ask questions what I'm told is, you should have been at the --- you should have been at the committee meeting. You should have asked these questions. So you know, I think it's more on you guys that you weren't --- you didn't attend by telephone. You didn't hear ---. I asked all these questions at the committee ---. I raised all these concerns.

Now the other thing is, I'm not trying to disparage her. I spent two minutes before I said something about her expertise in this area, to make sure that I didn't disparage this young woman. I said she was lovely. She's a competent lawyer. She's a very nice person. I went out of my way to say it wasn't about her personally, it's about her experience. Okay? Now if

you're going to be appointed to a very important board, this is the time to discuss it. This is not a situation in which this is a popularity contest. I'm not disparaging personally. I'm asking whether she's the best qualified person for this board. So actually, I think you, Mr. Ellenbogen, were unfair to me.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I have a right to answer her.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: You react to that, and then let's get on.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: You know, all I want to say is, where I come from, Councilwoman, we call that a left-hander. You know, if you were really concerned about this ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I am concerned.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Let me finish, ma'am. If you were really concerned about this person not being appointed because of her qualifications, then why would you bring it up on the floor when we have 30 seconds to think about it, as opposed to e-mailing all of us a week or so ahead of time, so we can think about it or maybe look into her background and see, you know, what this is about. That's all I'm saying.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Isn't that what the purpose is, is coming here and having a discussion about something?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: No. You're doing what attorneys do, you're changing the direction of what I'm saying.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Well, ---.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I'm saying that if you were really concerned about this person being appointed, you would have given us time to digest the information, not making me digest this sitting here in the minute or two ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: What's so difficult? Look at her qualifications.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: So I am being fair to you; I am being fair to you. You're not being fair to this young lady, and she's not here to defend herself. I don't know her. I don't even know anybody that does know her. I'm just saying, I wouldn't --- this is a person that's willing to serve, and it should have been done in giving the information, in my belief, if you were sincere, and that's my opinion.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I am sincere. There's no other purpose.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Well, you left-handed her, ma'am. That's all I can tell you.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Where I come from, I don't know what left-handing her means.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Well, if you were from this county, you'd know.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Matt was first, then Mr. Macey.

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. I think we ought to be glad that we have a volunteer, for one thing, to serve on this committee. The other thing is, you know, there's certain mandatory requirements for this committee, and those individuals certainly have the expertise and they're in that particular genre, if you will. I don't see anything wrong with bringing someone in --- obviously, she's a lawyer, she's educated and she gives another perspective; maybe, another perspective than the county sheriff and the other professionals that are mandatory to sit on this committee. So I think she'd be a good choice, not to mention, she's bringing a woman's perspective. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Amanda, did you have something?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: No need to repeat what's already been said.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. Thank you. John, and then we're going to get a vote on this.

MR. DEFAZIO: Yeah. Yeah, normally, I would have been at the meeting. I chair those meetings. I was out of town and Mike took over. But I don't know her, either. But the one --- everybody has a right to their opinion, Heather, you and Mike. But the one comment made here ---.

MR. DROZD: Thanks.

MR. DEFAZIO: Even you, Matt.

MR. DROZD: Thank you. That's very nice of you.

MR. DEFAZIO: But the one comment that was made is, there's other more qualified people. I can name every board, every person on every board; I can always go out and find someone that's more qualified and I think could do a better job. So look, she's as qualified as mostly all other people, believe me when I tell you. Her being an attorney alone --- I mean, she's been educated. You

don't have to be Einstein to go on these --- most of these committees.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: That's true.

MR. DEFAZIO: I think we have to do now --- is everybody has a right to their own opinion. Let's vote. Let's not waste a lot of time on back and forth. Let's vote.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: It's time to vote. Okay. Voice vote. All in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Nay.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. The vote is taken.

7177-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Joanna Doven-Huss, 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.

MR. FINNERTY: This was released with a positive recommendation, and I make a motion to approve.

(Chorus of seconds.)

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered.

7179-12.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, requesting authorization to engage in a Stream Mitigation and Enhancement Project in the County's North Park. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Futules.

MR. FUTULES: Okay. The Parks Committee met on Wednesday, October 10th, and the project is the McCandless Crossing and we happen to have our contractor here today. You don't have to get up; it's okay. Introduce yourself. That's fine.

MR. MCGURK: Bob McGurk, McCandless Crossing.

MR. FUTULES: Bob McGurk. He was so kind to have this project in McCandless Township, that they had taken up some wetland for the project and were made to put it back somewhere else. So they're so kind to what I call give a gift to Allegheny County. At North Park and South Fork they will add a new wetland or improve the existing.

If we all recall back when we redid the lake, that the Turnpike Commission that did the North Fork --- and I like to consider this a gift to the county. And it's a \$75,000 --- \$65,000 to \$75,000 project, and we welcome it. And it left committee with an affirmative recommendation, and I would like to move for approval.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved in second. That would be roll call.

MR. DROZD: One quick point.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes, go ahead.

MR. DROZD: Make sure that this is taken for the foundation, because I believe this is a gift in kind, and it is, you know, a contribution on your part.

MR. MCGURK: No, it's not.

MR. DROZD: I believe --- it's not --- well, anyhow, take a look at and explore --- explore your options. That's all I'm saying.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you.

MR. DROZD: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mike?

MR. FINNERTY: It's not a gift in kind. It's an exchange.

MR. MCGURK: It's a legal obligation.

MR. FINNERTY: It's a legal obligation that they have.

MR. DROZD: All right. Thank you.

MR. FUTULES: I consider it a gift of consideration, not a legal one.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. 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: Thank you for your patience.
Okay? Liaison Reports.

MR. ROBINSON: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes, Bill.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. I'd like to congratulate the Mayor of Wilkinsburg, John Thompson, and the Council, in putting together a committee to celebrate the 125th anniversary of that borough. We have many important geographical areas in the county, and they all have a history. Date of birth is important, so I want to thank Mayor Thompson, the School Board members in that community, as well as the Council and the anniversary committee, for doing an outstanding job in presenting to all of this county a celebration that was reflective of 125 years of not only existence but service to the people of Allegheny County. And I hope that all the members of this council join me in saying congratulations to Wilkinsburg for the very fine job they've done, not only in presenting their 125th anniversary but also in the many outstanding people who claim Wilkinsburg as their home and claim Wilkinsburg as a place to help mold them into the kind of citizens that we see today. Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you.

MR. DROZD: Point of Privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yeah, go ahead, and then we'll ---.

MR. DROZD: Okay. Real quick; I just want to recognize that we have some Duquesne University journalist students here, brought to us today by one of our highly respected newspapers and reporters. And I think that's really nice, because everybody else left us and they're still there. So welcome, welcome to our chambers, and thank you for coming. Thank you, sir.

MR. FINNERTY: That's because they're from Duquesne.

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. Several weeks ago we had a meeting in Public Works where there was a proposal to have the 16th Street Bridge named after a notable author and just an all around great person, a world renowned person, I must say, David McCullough. This information was sent over to the County Manager, and he has appointed a committee for the naming of this particular bridge. The committee is chaired by Tom Donatelli, who used to be the Director of Public Works here at the county. The committee will hold a public meeting --- not a hearing --- and it will be held on Thursday, October 25th at 2:00 p.m., in Conference Room Number One on the second floor.

This is a public meeting, as I said, and not a public hearing. Anybody who wants to weigh in on this particular proposal and the naming of the 16th Street Bridge for David McCullough, is certainly welcome to attend. I would suggest that you e-mail or call the county manager, and he also sits on this particular committee. So with that, I would like to end my liaison report.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Any other liaison reports? Yes, Vince.

MR. GASTGEB: Thank you, President Martoni. When Council member Macey was talking about anniversaries, I have the privilege of --- it's going to be in November, but I did want to mention that Bridgeville Library is celebrating their 50th. And when you look at something like that, it's really the pulse of the community. You look at, maybe, high schools, maybe the American Legion but certainly the libraries, too. It's such an important component of Bridgeville's municipality. So I won't be able to be here but I'll be at their chambers honoring the library coming up. I just wanted to mention that, as well. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Barbara?

MS. DANKO: Yes. I'd like to mention that last Thursday, October 11, the County Executive, Council member DeFazio, Council member Finnerty and myself, joined with the County Executive in issuing proclamation to the American Cancer Society and the Susan G. Komen Foundation, as this is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. One of the things I learned was that we have a YouTube channel for every county, so they filmed this; so if you go on the county's website and you click on Social Media, it'll take you and you can go to the YouTube channel. And there's a variety of things on there, but one of them is the proclamation for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Michael?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd just like to compliment Scott Township on the Octoberfest they had last weekend, and Ms. Meyers did a great job. I really enjoyed myself there. Take care.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Anyone else?

MR. FUTULES: Yeah, surely. The Executive Committee met last week, and we had discussed some personnel matters. And we also had, at that time, officially had sworn in Jared Barker as our new Chief Clerk. So congratulations. Our other two directors have some new title changes and other obligations as their jobs, as well.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. Anyone else? Any other things? Anything else? Okay. New Business; Ordinances and Resolutions. 7214-12.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to acquire the right-of-way required to construct the Carrie Furnace Flyover Bridge and Carrie Furnace Boulevard approaches, and to maintain same as a County bridge and road. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Public Works Committee. 7215-12.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the County to grant leases or licenses permitting the building, operation and maintenance of outdoor advertising structures on designated portions of County-owned real property. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Public Works Committee. New Business, Motions. 7216-12.

MR. CATANESE: Motion of the Council of Allegheny County, amending Article II of the Rules of Council for Allegheny County Council, through the creation of a new Section F.11, in order to provide a standardized rule governing participation by telephone in all committees of Council. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Executive Committee. Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. This issue just came about not too long ago, and I guess it's a matter of interpretation according to committee rules. And I would like to have it clarified, and therefore, that's why I put this ordinance together. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. Thank you. Notification of Contracts. 7217-12.

MR. CATANESE: Communication from County Manager William McKain, summarizing approved executive actions for all departments from 9/1/2012 to 9/28/2012. Sponsored by the County Manager.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Receive and file. Mike, did you have your hand up?

MR. FINNERTY: No, I was going to say, make a motion to receive the file.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. We have a motion to receive the file. Do we have a second?

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. Question? All in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered. Public Comment on General Items. We have one speaker tonight.

MR. CATANESE: We have one.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Harry Liller; Harry, please.

MR. LILLER: My name's Harry Liller, 438 Ruxton Street, Pittsburgh, PA. Since this is the last county meeting before the general elections, I would like to tell the truth of what's really going on. The Republicans are going around this country blaming the Democrats for the bond rating that was lowered. Wall Street said it was because of the Republicans, but Dick Cheney's daughter and the vice presidential candidate are blaming the Democrats, which always goes on in this town --- this country.

The Republicans are going around blaming the debt. Well, when Ronald Reagan was running up the debt, he had a small Cabinet member named Dick Cheney, who said, deficits doesn't matter. The only time the deficits matter is when the Democrats are in and the Republicans in the media want to complain about it. They never complained about it before. Republicans also complain about --- where are the jobs? Why doesn't the media tell the Republicans, you shipped them over to China, you shipped them over to India, but that's never brought up.

And let's talk about what China has done to us. They have poisoned our baby food. They have poisoned our children's toys. They have poisoned our pet food. They have poisoned our drywall. All this crap comes in, and we have to deal with it. But they don't want to talk about that. All the Republicans want to talk about is tax breaks for the rich. The Trib had a big article in Sunday's paper. They want to lower the tax rates. It's amazing what the Republicans and the rich want to do. It's just greed; taken from the poor and given to the rich. And the Christian religious leaders say that's what Jesus is about. No, it's not. Jesus said it's easier for an eye --- a camel to go through an eye of a needle, which means a hole in the wall for the camel to go through, than it is for a rich man to enter Heaven.

Jesus used to stand up to the corrupt religious leaders and the moneychangers. Hypocrisy; it's amazing. When Ronald Reagan took over office, the first thing he did was cut all Social Security Disability for the poor and the disabled, so he could build up that money for the rich and give tax breaks to the rich. And I don't hear anything about that. But I hear all this crap, blaming the Democrats for everything. And my last 20 seconds is, if we don't vote the Republicans out of the Congress, our debt's going to go worse. Our bond rates are going to go worse and rich people will get more money. So please, listen to me before the election, vote Democrat.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you, Harry. Motion to adjourn?

MR. FINNERTY: I make that motion.

(Chorus of seconds.)

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Meeting stands adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:04 P.M.

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