

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 (via telephone)

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IN ATTENDANCE:

Michael Wojcik - County Solicitor
Joseph Catanese - Director of Constituent Services
Jared Barker - Director of Legislative Services
Walter Szymanski - Budget Director

PRESIDENT MARTONI: The Allegheny County Council meeting will come to order. Please stand for Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, led by Mr. DeFazio.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Please stand for a few minutes of silent prayer or reflection.

(Silent prayer or reflection.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Please be seated. Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

(No response.)

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: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Twelve (12) members present.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Proclamations and Certificates. 7253-12.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation honoring distinguished Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC) alumna, Dr. Mounzer Fatfat, for honorably serving our

country. Sponsored by Council Members Martoni and Robinson.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Bill?

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. We're here today to recognize Dr. Mounzer Fatfat, who is a distinguished gentleman who has graduated from our community college. And as part of what Dr. Martoni and I have done historically, we like to honor and recognize the graduates of our college, some of whom are still with us in terms of working, perhaps, at the college or working in our county, but represent the great work that our college is doing in turning out individuals who can serve not only this county but elsewhere. So on behalf of Dr. Martoni and myself, and I believe, through us, all of you, we want to give our congratulations to the college and to the doctor. I'd like to read this proclamation and then ask the doctor to come forward and share a few words with us.

WHEREAS, Dr. Mounzer Fatfat has exemplified the definition of a dedicated citizen of our great county, with his demonstration of a distinguished career spanning education, humanitarian and international policy development and administration; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fatfat graduated in 1980 from the Community College of Allegheny County with an Associate of Science degree and went on to earn a BA, MBA, MEd and PhD degrees from the University of Pittsburgh; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fatfat is an expert in mid-East peace negotiations and served as a Senior Regional Advisor to the Mid-East Peace Initiative under Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, serving on the Interfaith Cooperation Initiative for Israel and Palestine; and

WHEREAS, prior to his service with the IFCI, Dr. Fatfat served for three years as a senior advisor for the United States Department in Bagdad, Iraq. He was the State Department's longest serving senior advisor in Iraq. In this role, he worked building democratic institutions capable of supporting free elections in Iraq, to the birth of the Iraq Olympic Movement, taking the Iraqis to the Olympic Games in 2004. Among his many awards in 2005, he was awarded the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service, awarded for his work and accomplishments in Iraq. Prior to his service in Iraq, Dr. Fatfat distinguished himself as the Minister of Youth and Sports within the structure of the United Nations in Kosovo.

Prior to that, he was a UNESCO Project Specialist in New York, Geneva, Hamburg and Kosovo and as UNICEF's Director of Youth in Kosovo; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fatfat, an accomplished fund raiser, has been instrumental in raising more than \$10 million in scholarships, that have allowed more than 100 Kosovar, Iraq and Lebanese students to study in the United States, \$18.5 million to train young Iraqis and refurbish 167 youth centers and 550 sports clubs across Iraq and \$13 million to ensure the participation of the Iraq team in the 2004 Olympic Games.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegheny County Council does hereby commend Dr. Mounzer Fatfat for honorable service to our country and, of course, to our county. His commitment and dedication to peace serves as an inspiration to all of us. As I mentioned, this is sponsored by our Council President, Dr. Charles Martoni, and myself, William Russell Robinson. It's presented this 20th day of November, 2012. I'm sure we express the sentiments of all of our colleagues. If the doctor will come forward, I'm sure he has a few words; and perhaps even Dr. Martoni has a few words. Dr. Fatfat.

(Applause.)

DR. FATFAT: Well, thank you very much. I'm honored to be here. Many of you, I'm sure, is wondering --- my last name is Fatfat, so unusual. Well, let me tell you a quick, short story. Six months ago --- when I first came to the United States 36 years ago, I went to the University of Pittsburgh first to get my English --- ELI, English Linguistic Institute, because I came in with \$150 in my pocket. I spoke zero English. I never truly --- never heard of a hamburger, and I had never heard of Steelers, ever. So it was a big thing for me to see people jumping on top of each other trying to get to the ball, and the ball kept going and nobody got on top of it.

But the best part is this teacher, her name was Jackie Liver (phonetic), by coincidence, who was at University of Pittsburgh. So I saw her, and she was an excellent teacher. I remembered her because the name is so unusual. So I saw her six months ago when I was walking in downtown Pittsburgh. And at that time, she was old. And when I saw --- I'm walking fast. By coincidence, I just walk fast. And she's going this way (indicating), I'm going against it. And I saw this old lady on a cane with glasses. And I took a quick glance at

her and I thought, wait a minute. This is Jackie. Then I turned around, came back, slowed down, and I looked at her. And I told her, excuse me, are you Ms. Liver? She said yes, and she dropped her eyeglasses down and said, who are you? I told her, I'm one of your ex-students. Do you remember me? And she looked at me again; she said, tell me again, who are you? And I said, I was from Lebanon and you taught me. This is back 30-some --- 36 years ago. She said, oh, my God. She loved sweets, by the way. I used to bring her sweets from Lebanon when I used to come there. So she said yes, you are Mr. --- don't tell me. You are Mr. Bigbig? I said, no, no; Fatfat, you know? She said, I'm so sorry, I remember calling you big. But anyways, so my name is so unusual. It's Fatfat.

As you mentioned, you know, President Bush appointed me as an advisor --- senior advisor for the Middle East. And he always called me Dr. Fatfat; you know, with a heavy Southern accent, you know, just --- I cannot imitate. But I'm grateful to be here, and truly, I came to the United States ---. I could not --- I would not be able to come to the United States if I was --- if, you know, I didn't have that opportunity to go to the community college. One of the reasons is, I did not have the money, and I couldn't go. I could not afford to go to the University of Pittsburgh or any other universities. So I had to go to Allegheny County (CCAC) Community College.

And the truth is, I truly found myself in Allegheny County --- and I have talked about this before --- because it's a smaller community. And coming from a different world, a different country, it was not easy for me to really, kind of, meld into the bigger university as of the one here at the university; you know, University of Pittsburgh, so ---. But anyway, I have many students, many friends, many teachers who take friends to some of them until now ---. And the --- there's a funny noise. You hear the background, or is it ---?

MR. BARKER: No, it's coming from back there.

DR. FATFAT: Okay. No problem. I'm afraid I'm doing something.

MR. CATANESE: Is someone present on the phone?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Yeah, Jim.

MR. CATANESE: All right. It's a background noise.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: What's that?

MR. CATANESE: It's a background noise,
Councilman.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Oh, okay. I'm just on the
phone. There's nothing in the room. It's quiet. Do you
want me to try calling back again?

MR. CATANESE: No, you're fine.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Okay. From there or
wherever ---.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay.

MR. CATANESE: No, we're fine. We'll check on
the proclamations.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: All right.

DR. FATFAT: But anyway, so to go back, so truly
I was able to find myself at the community college. It
was smaller than the university, and I thought --- as a
matter of fact, when I graduated from the university ---
from the community college, they had me --- I spoke at the
commencement --- the final commencement. And one of the
things I said --- I said, you know, you don't have to be
--- really, to go to a big, huge university to be able to
do something, because I'm planning and I'm going to go
further. And God has been with me. I was able to achieve
many things in my life and just needed the first spark.
And I truly believe that my first spark was my start at
the community college. I'm grateful for the university
--- for the community college. I'm grateful for the City
of Pittsburgh. I feel truly this is my home. I've lived
here for 36 years. So I'm grateful for this honor, and I
look forward to seeing many of you again. Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: There's not much to say to
this guy. We're blessed to have such a great person in
our community, and the college is really blessed that we
have people like that that went through our program. So
thank you for doing that.

(Pictures taken.)

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

MR. CATANESE: Let the record show that
Councilman Ellenbogen is present by phone.

7254-12. Certificate of Achievement awarded to
Shady Side Academy girls' field hockey team, for winning
the WPIAL Class AA Girls' Field Hockey Championship.
Sponsored by Councilman Burn.

7255-12. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Fox Chapel Area High School girls' field hockey team, for winning the WPIAL Class AAA Girls' Field Hockey Championship. Sponsored by Councilman Burn.

7256-12. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mt. Lebanon High School girls' cross country team, for winning the WPIAL Class AAA Girls' Cross Country Championship. Sponsored by Councilman Gastgeb.

7257-12. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mt. Lebanon High School girls' volleyball team, for winning the WPIAL Class AAA Girls' Volleyball Championship. Sponsored by Councilman Gastgeb.

7258-12. Certificate of Achievement awarded to North Allegheny Senior High School boys' cross country team, for winning the WPIAL AAA Boys' Cross Country Championship. Sponsored by Councilwoman Rea.

7259-12. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Quaker Valley High School girls' cross country team, for winning the WPIAL Class AA Girls' Cross Country Championship. Sponsored by Councilwoman Rea.

7260-12. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Quaker Valley High School boys' cross country team, for winning the WPIAL Class AA Boys' Cross Country Championship. Sponsored by Councilwoman Rea.

7261-12. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Quaker Valley High School girls' tennis team, for winning the WPIAL Class AA Girls' Team Tennis Championship. Sponsored by Councilwoman Rea.

7262-12. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Quaker Valley High School boys' soccer team, for winning the WPIAL Class AA Boys' Soccer Championship. Sponsored by Councilwoman Rea.

7263-12 will be held.

7264-12. Proclamation recognizing Pittsburgh Sunnyside PreK-8 School, for earning a Student and Teachers Achievement Results (STAR), awarded by being within the top 15 percent of Pennsylvania schools, rank-ordered for growth. Sponsored by Councilwoman Hawkins.

7265-12. Proclamation congratulating the Central Elizabeth Lions Club, upon the occasion of its 50th anniversary. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

7266-12. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Reece Thomas McCormick, of Boy Scout Troop 139, for

earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council Members Martoni and Futules.

7267-12. Proclamation congratulating Mr. Rick Sebak, upon the occasion of his 25th anniversary with WQED Pittsburgh, and thanking him for producing award-winning documentaries that capture the essence of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. Sponsored by Councilwoman Danko and Councilman Robinson.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Public Comment on Agenda Items.

MR. CATANESE: We have none.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Approval of Minutes.

7268-12.

MR. CATANESE: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Allegheny County Council, held on October 16th, 2012.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

MR. DEFAZIO: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered. Presentation of Appointments.

MR. CATANESE: We have none.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Unfinished Business. Committee on Appointment Review, Second Reading. 7205-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Eric French to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Conservation District, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2015. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We have four in a row. Can we do all four in a row?

MR. CATANESE: No, we have to do them individually.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We have to do them individually? Okay. All in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered.

7206-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Benjamin Walker to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Conservation District, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2015. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Is there a motion on the floor for that?

MR. FINNERTY: I'll make that motion.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered.
7207-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of John Scott to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Conservation District, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2015. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. DeFazio.

MR. DEFAZIO: Present. I'd like to make a motion that we go along with this appointment.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered.
7207-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of John Scott to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Conservation District, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2015. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. DeFazio.

MR. DEFAZIO: Is that the one we ---?

MR. CATANESE: We just did.

MR. DEFAZIO: Then let's go to the next.

MR. CATANESE: 7209-12. Approving the reappointment of Michael Finnerty to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Conservation District, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2015. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. DeFazio.

MR. DEFAZIO: This is a tough one, but I make a motion that we accept it.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Second. Question? All in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered.
Congratulations. 7210-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of David P. Mazzocco 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: Mr. DeFazio.

MR. DEFAZIO: I make a motion that we go along with this reappointment.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered.

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: Mr. DeFazio.

MR. DEFAZIO: I make a motion we approve this appointment.

(Chorus of seconds.)

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered.

7212 --- 13.

MR. CATANESE: Thirteen (13).

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thirteen (13).

MR. CATANESE: 7213-12. 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. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. DeFazio.

MR. DEFAZIO: I make a motion that we approve this reappointment.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered. Committee on Budget and Finance, Second Reading. 7240-12.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny, approving certain interdepartmental transfers in the Operating Budget, for the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 2012 and ending December 31st, 2012. Sponsored by the chief executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Robinson.

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

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Question. I have a question.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Question. Go ahead.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Mr. McKain, I suppose ---.

MR. MCKAIN: Yes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Go ahead.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Mr. Martoni, may I ask?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yeah, go ahead. Let's do it.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: For the edification of those watching us, please, could you please explain what we're doing here, is we're taking \$2 million out of what we had budgeted to retired debt service; is that right?

MR. MCKAIN: Is this the one --- what's the dollar amount? Is it \$7,240.12?

MR. MACEY: \$7,240.12.

MR. MCKAIN: Yes. Okay. There's various type of transactions. It is interdepartmental, so we're taking out of one budget for the other. It's for various type of uses, but it's actually --- we're able to make a transfer from the debt service principal payments because of the refinancing done this year.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Okay. So if we had not made this transfer, we would be paying down the debt of Allegheny County in the amount of \$2.6 million? No?

MR. MCKAIN: No.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Okay. So why is this money in debt? Explain it to me, please, so I don't have to ask a million questions. Why is this money in Debt Service, and why are we transferring it? That's question one. And then question two is, when we approve a budget here, you know, we assume that people are going to live within the budget. And so now what we're saying is that the Public Defender is \$720,000 out of whack. The Board of Property Assessment is \$775,000 over budget. The Department of --- I don't even know what Department expenses are.

MR. MCKAIN: When we put the budget together during the course of the year --- we are in the 11th month of our fiscal year. There are things after we put the budget, first of all, together, that require transfer. And the ones that you mentioned, the cost of the Hearing

Officer, we did not include the amount of appeals that occurred during the course of the year. This is the fund that the Public Defender --- the issue is the budget that was adopted. The 2011 auditing expenditures for that department were \$8.3 million in 2012. The adopted budget was \$7.6 million. The department's gone under a reorganization, so obviously, in our view, there wasn't enough funding in that particular department. So we are in the 11th month of our fiscal year and these things happen. And those are the explanations primarily for the transfers, the appeals and the reorganization of that department.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Okay. Now, succinctly, if you could, so that my brain can understand this, we have \$2.6 million sitting somewhere. And we realize that in certain departments we don't have enough money budgeted to that department, so we're transferring the money. But that money was allocated for something.

MR. MCKAIN: It was allocated to pay our debt service payments. But because Council allowed us to refinance our bonds, we saved \$12 million. We're taking some of that savings to be transferred for these particular departments.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Okay. And number three is, transfer 300 in debt service to the Department of Public Defender for fringe benefits. You've addressed that, I suppose. Was that because of a union negotiation?

MR. MCKAIN: Some of that was with the award, yes.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Okay. And the last one is \$827,000 non-department expenses. What is that for?

MR. MCKAIN: I'm going to let Mr. Casciato --- it's the way the accounting was done on it versus the premium that we got in.

MR. CASCIATO: Councilwoman, you may recall that at the Budget and Finance Committee meeting earlier, Director Finkel mentioned that the way the Controller's Office recorded the interest and the premium for the tran was different than what we budgeted. And it was purely an accounting ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: And that was a ---?

MR. CASCIATO: The Controller's Office was following the government accounting standards the way they did it.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Well, this lengthy explanation now ---. I don't want you to repeat it. I'm satisfied. I recollect now. Thank you.

MR. MCKAIN: That was at the committee.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Do you have a question?

MR. DROZD: Yeah, not a question. You know, I don't fault the administration for trying to make the allocations. I have a question as to those departments that we have to supplement, that didn't watch their budgets or whatever it may be, that evidently went over budget; is that correct, what I assume?

MR. MCKAIN: They did, but again, I don't know how anyone would have figured when we adopted the budget that the reassessment was going to be delayed a year. And again, if you look at the expenditures in the PD versus the budget, I think we all knew they were going to have to come and fill that gap.

MR. DROZD: Yeah. And again, I'm not faulting you, you understand, the administration or anything?

MR. MCKAIN: I understand.

MR. DROZD: But what I'm going to do, I'm going to do a little protest. I'm going to vote against this, and I'll tell you why. Now, let me explain. And like a lot of Americans out there, right now I'm very upset that we aren't paying down the debt service that we're going to put on our youth of tomorrow. And just out of protest --- because then I think we have to be more aware of that --- and the fact that these departments should have been more fiscally responsible and look at their cash flow. And again, that's not your issue, and I don't blame it on the administration. Please understand that.

But just as a matter of --- on behalf of all those Americans and our constituents, I'm going to say no. I think we have to pay down the debt service, not only in our bond issue but in America, and we really have to get this under control. So I'm just going to say no at this point.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. You have a right to do that.

MR. DROZD: On behalf of all those Americans and myself.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Let me just say this. We're done. You guys can sit there. Thank you. That was sort of my mistake in a hurry to get through this agenda.

Okay? When we have an item like this, any item that goes through a committee, it's the committee that referred that. Am I correct on that?

MR. ROBINSON: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. Go ahead.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you. Mr. President, Council members should be aware that the rules provide for a transfer committee. Mr. Szymanski is Council's representative on that committee. The administration has a representative --- I believe it's Mr. McKain --- and the Controller's Office has a representative. It may be Ms. Griser or someone else. We have charged them with the responsibility of making adjustments at the end of the year where departments need money, and money has to be transferred between departments. Interdepartmental transfers don't come under the jurisdiction, as I understand it, of this transfer committee.

This money was needed to pay bills, to make sure that we pay all of our bills. In essence, these are obligations that we had to pay, and this county set up a mechanism to do that. We have to trust Mr. Szymanski; perhaps, Ms. Griser, and someone from the administration, to make those critical decisions for us. If members prefer that this council make all those decisions, then we'll have to change the rules and regulations. If you'd like to do that, we can make that adjustment. Then we're operating within the parameters that we set, and they had to use their best judgment.

But these are bills and obligations that were due, and I don't think they had much choice but to come to an agreement and pay these bills. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. 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: Nay.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Gastgeb?
MR. GASTGEB: Yes.
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, 11, noes, 1. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7241-12.

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

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Robinson?

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

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

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

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?
MS. DANKO: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?
MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?
MR. DROZD: 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. 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, 12, noes, 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Liaison Reports. Any liaison reports tonight? Jim?

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah. I'd just like to say that Bridgeville is having --- December 1st is having their Christmas Light-up Night, their Christmas festival. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Any others? New Business. Ordinances and Resolutions. 7269-12.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing the tax levy upon all real property subject to taxation within the limits of Allegheny County. Sponsored by the Chief Executive, Council members Martoni, Futules, Burn, Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Green Hawkins, Macey, Palmiere and Robinson.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Robinson.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President. I look forward to a spirited discussion in committee starting tomorrow evening on this particular proposal.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Refer that to the Budget and Finance Committee. 7270-12.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the Chief Executive to execute a deed conveying the County of Allegheny's interest in a parcel to John Koutoufaris. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Public Works Committee. 7271-12.

MR. CATANESE: 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.
Sponsored by Councilman Robinson.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Budget and Finance. Mr. Robinson.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. I look forward to a spirited discussion on this item beginning tomorrow at four o'clock, in our small conference room, where the Budget and Finance Committee will be available. All members of Council are invited. All members of Council will be given the opportunity to fully participate.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. 7272-12.

MR. CATANESE: 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 said expenses during the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 2013 and ending December 31st, 2013. Sponsored by Councilman Robinson.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Budget and Finance Committee. Mr. Robinson.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. I look forward to a spirited and in-depth discussion starting tomorrow at four o'clock on this particular budget item. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. New Business, Motions. Mr. Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. I have --- I'm making a motion to put forth a resolution for a different budget.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved and second.

MR. FINNERTY: I think we have him pass out ---.

MR. BARKER: Do you want to hand that out first before the ---?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Pass it out.

MR. BARKER: Okay.

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah. Yeah, we need a motion to put it on the agenda, I believe.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: But we did have a motion; right?

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah, I made a motion and it was seconded.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: All in favor.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? Okay.

MR. FINNERTY: Just a little explanation. If you look through it --- and I have my pages numbered. So it's on the third page. There is a Department of Human Resources. It's \$25,000, which ---. This is taken against the Chief Executive's budget, so ---.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay.

MR. FINNERTY: So ten pages in, which is the Office of County Controller, I added \$200,000 to the Controller's budget. On the next page, Miscellaneous Agencies, I added \$5,000 to the League of Municipalities. And at the top of that page, the Office of County Sheriff, I added \$38,602 to the Sheriff's budget. And on page 12, Non-department Expenses, that amount comes to \$268,602. And I've taken that amount from Fringe Benefit Recovery. And the final numbers are still the same as the Chief Executive's budget.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. That goes to Budget and Finance.

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Somebody has their hand up --- Bill?

MR. ROBINSON: Mr. President, if the time is appropriate, I have three bills that I would like to have put on our agenda and have referred to the Budget and Finance Committee for consideration.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay, Bill.

MR. ROBINSON: Mr. Barker and Mr. Szymanski can handle the bill. These bills relate to three additional millage numbers that the Council can consider in establishing millage for 2013. This would bring the total number to five separate bills that would establish millage. If it's appropriate, I'd like to take each bill separately. If members are willing to put this on the agenda, then I'd request that the Chair refer any bills that are put on the agenda immediately to the Budget and Finance Committee. The first one --- Mr. Barker, if you'd be kind enough, with the permission of the Chair, would be the one that establishes the millage rate at 4.69.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. We got it.

MR. ROBINSON: Okay. I make a motion to put this bill on the agenda for tonight's meeting.

MR. FINNERTY: I second that.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered. It is on the agenda for tonight's meeting.

MR. ROBINSON: Mr. President, if you'd be kind enough ---.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: This goes to committee.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you. The second bill is the bill that would put the millage at 4.70. Mr. Barker and Mr. Szymanski also have those bills. With your permission, I should mention that while Mr. Finnerty did not mention a millage number that would accompany his budget, there obviously is going to have to be a millage number. And I'm sure at the appropriate time, Mr. Finnerty will mention that.

MR. FINNERTY: I could do that. The millage number for mine is .473.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: I believe you did say that.

MR. FINNERTY: But I didn't say it's the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay, Bill.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President. Am I to presume that that bill also will be referred to Budget and Finance?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.

MR. ROBINSON: I have one other bill that I'd like to put on the agenda and have it referred to Budget ---.

MR. GASTGEB: Point of Order.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Go ahead.

MR. GASTGEB: There was a remark called for this bill. Can I speak of the remarks?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yeah, go ahead.

MR. GASTGEB: Thank you. You know, Mr. Finnerty, I appreciate --- that was a clear, concise snapshot. I'm not sure if you'd be kind enough to tell us what the difference is real quick, and then we'll know that tomorrow, but just for the sake of --- I mean, since you established a precedent. Mr. Finnerty, you mentioned what was coming and going. And I know you don't have to do that, but it just, I think, helps us out.

MR. ROBINSON: In the interest of time, I'd prefer to do that tomorrow.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay.

MR. ROBINSON: Mr. President and members of Council, I have one other bill. This would set the millage at 4.71. Mr. Szymanski and Mr. Barker are passing

this out. Let me say, if I might, Mr. Gastgeb's concerns are relevant, and I apologize for not taking the time tonight to go into detail. But I think our budget discussions and deliberations would best be served if I save any comments I might make and the rationale for calculations until tomorrow. Probably, members won't be hard pressed to notice the difference between these calculations. I offer these in the interest of transparency and in the interest of due diligence, so that we might explore all options, at least, that I think are feasible. And members have an opportunity to suggest whatever option they think best serves the County of Allegheny.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Yes?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you. I'd like to make a motion, Mr. President, to have a public hearing that's required by statute, for the Castle Shannon Transit Village TIF.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Do we have a second?

MR. MACEY: I'll second that.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered. Okay?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you., Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.

MR. PALMIERE: I'd like to make a motion to pull the Bill Number --- I don't know.

(Discussion among members.)

MR. PALMIERE: I was given this at the last minute here and --- because it's in my district. And I understand that we can waive a second reading here, please, and just get on with this, so that we can get this particular item finished.

MR. FINNERTY: I second that.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? Okay. We waive the second reading.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. Do we need a roll call?

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah. I make a motion that we approve this.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved and second. We approve it. Thank you, Mike. All in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered. Good job.

MR. FUTULES: Can I have my turn now?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: It's your turn. We deprived him.

MR. FUTULES: Everybody, we had passed this out previously, in the interest of the Parks. I was unable to have a committee meeting based on the budget's committee hearings going on. So I want to pull --- make a motion to pull Bill Number 7236-12 ---

MR. MACEY: Second.

MR. FUTULES: --- regarding the North Park facility boathouse.

MR. GASTBEB: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We have a motion and a second.

MR. CANTANESE: That puts it on the agenda.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: All in favor of putting it on the agenda?

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. Opposed? It's on the agenda.

MR. FUTULES: Okay. At this time, I'd like to have Andy Baechle come up and give us an overview of the project, so that the members are clear. And I'd also make a motion to approve.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved in second. Is there a question?

MR. FUTULES: There you go.

MR. BAECHLE: Council, thanks for your time. We have a wonderful opportunity to put a restaurant in the North Park boathouse. The County advertised for re-adapted use of the boathouse. We had one applicant. It was a good proposal that we'd like to recommend to you. To meet project deadline, we need to move forward to be open by next year. There's nothing controversial to this that I'm aware of, and we're asking for permission to lease part of the boathouse. Now, when you look at the

boathouse in North Park, the upstairs is going to be available for rentals to the general public, like it is now. On each end of the boathouse --- one end is the bathrooms we used to clean. Now, the vendor will clean the bathrooms, but there will still be bathrooms on one end. The other end will still be Venture Outdoors, renting their boats. What we did was take the storage space in the middle where they used to store boats, and we're going to get the money from our vendor, put maybe, into a restaurant. And we'll store the boats outside. Just a couple of specifics, and I think the sheet is going to provide you with the specifics.

We're looking for a five-year lease, with an option for another five years. We'd like that our target date would be open by St. Patrick's Day or somewhere around March 17th of next year. And the vendor is looking at an investment of \$485,000. About \$280,000 of it is to the building. The rest of it is licenses, supplies and things like that, to get this operation going. The vendor would be responsible for all utilities that are generated. He'll also be responsible for cleaning the public restrooms that we clean right now. And then there's a lease payment in your schedule of leases in there that I think is very good. It starts at \$36,000 annually or about \$3,000 a month. And it's staggered up to \$5,000 a month the fifth year or \$60,000 a year rent.

And then from the year six to the year ten, \$69,000 in rent a year. We think it's a good fit for the park. It's a good fit with Venture Outdoors. We're working on a ropes course in the same area that we think will be a good fit. We needed something like this. And I can tell you, this vendor will be very sensitive to the architecture of the building. That's one of the things I was very concerned about, that the restaurant wasn't too large, that it would be a good fit and that it would preserve the integrity of the building. We think it will create jobs and it will create taxes, the drink tax, bring new programming, create a restaurant, which we've actually been trying to get in the park for several years.

And it seems that everyone can get along, Venture Outdoors, the upstairs' rentals to the public. And with that, I ask for permission to enter into some kind of a contract.

MR. FINNERTY: Dr. Martoni, can I ask a question?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yeah, go ahead, and then Bob.

MR. FINNERTY: And this is so I don't assume anything. I assume that --- I'm going to say it again --- that this is going through our solicitor and everything is legal and everything is taken care of, insurance and everything?

MR. BAECHLE: Absolutely.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Bob?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President. Director Baechle, will this particular proprietor be an exclusive caterer for parties or events in the second floor?

MR. BAECHLE: No.

MR. MACEY: Okay. Thank you.

MR. BAECHLE: He wants the opportunity to cater, but certainly not --- nothing has been talked about being exclusive.

MR. MACEY: It makes sense to me that he would be, but I'm not in the business.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Gastgeb. Well, you are.

MR. GASTGEB: Thank you, President Martoni. I just want to make a general comment that I think as time goes on, we have to look at this type of creativity in all the parks, including the South. And myself and Mr. Palmiere have been working jointly to take some of the structures we have that will undoubtedly start falling down and go into disrepair, as we've seen some other structures. So this is, you know, forward thinking. It's a win-win. You know, no matter what district you're in, I think we should all work towards that end. So that's just my comment.

Also, Mr. Martoni and I were talking. I think it'd be wise to pass for public comments since we're pulling this from the second reading. I think that's proper. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Does anybody in the public have any comment, just please come up and give us your name and address. If not, that's fine. Okay.

MR. FUTULES: I have one more question for Andy. I'm not sure, but is this one of the higher income buildings --- will it be one of the higher income buildings for the County Parks' rental?

MR. BAECHLE: I can't think of one, off the top of my head, that would be higher. I would say yes.

MR. FUTULES: Okay. Thanks for explaining that.
Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay.

MR. FUTULES: I made a motion to approve and it
was seconded.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yeah, that's right. We have
a motion and 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?

(No response.)

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?

(No response.)

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, 12, noes, 0. The bill
passes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Point of Privilege for Mr.
Gastgeb.

MR. GASTGEB: I'll ask for a Point of Privilege.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: You have it.

MR. GASTGEB: Thank you. Bear with me.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We'll bear with you.

MR. GASTGEB: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We have no choice here.

MR. GASTGEB: Actually, this is not in particular with any one of the budget bills that were brought forth tonight. I appreciate my colleagues, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Finnerty, bringing forth their ideas and always well thought out and well constructed. And I, of course, see there will probably be some amendments between now and when we vote in Mr. Robinson's committee. But no matter what budget you're talking about and what version, ultimately, we end up voting for, there was an article in the paper that I think bears repeating --- publicly, that is --- is that our budget cycle is somewhat difficult this year because we're changing the millage rate. As you know, because of the assessment, we're reducing the millage rate to a certain level. And the Chief Executive has decided 4.73 is the proper millage rate, and it's being reduced from 5.69. And roughly, Mr. Finnerty and Mr. Robinson's bills are somewhat similar to that number, and we expect it to be reduced since the assessments are new.

My problem is --- and I've been pretty forthright about this, as many of you have been --- it seems like we're doing this almost for naught. The other side of what I'm talking about is, did the assessment provide an equity that we thought it would? And in theory, did it turn out like we thought it would? And after I read the article about Judge Wettick saying, no, it's not getting special consideration to the plaintiffs because they see how their assessments turned out, it seems like we almost did everything for nothing. And many of us thought that would be the case because we weren't in a position to do the assessments, that they would actually come up in the correct manner.

So now not only are we saddling ourselves with trying to figure out what the assessment millage rate should be, we're also saddling 43 school districts and 129 municipalities, too. I say not we, as a Council, that the Courts have decided to take control of it. So I think it's unfortunate to add the complexity to the whole budget process that didn't need to be there, plus by evidence of plaintiffs asking for relief. Now, this is the plaintiffs asking. They're not happy, either. So I'm trying to think who won this whole thing. The other thing is, if you remember, we put the money to pay for the assessments

in our Capital Budget, \$13 million out of the Capital Budget that could have been used for almost anything, roads and bridges. We paid for this. And again, I'm wondering what we got out of this, as I'm trying to figure out what the millage rate should be. For what the level of complexity is and, hopefully, with 2012 we're going to show that, almost nothing is gained. It's really discouraging and unfortunate. Thank you.

MS. REA: Mr. Chairman?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Oh, I'm sorry. Ms. Rea. I didn't see you.

MS. REA: Thank you. I'd like to agree with what Mr. Gastgeb said. And I think everyone on Council feels the same way as I do and possibly Mr. Gastgeb does, that we really cost the citizens of Allegheny County a lot, too. I mean, they've had to pay for appraisals. They've had to pay lawyers' fees. They had to take time out of their work schedules. And it just does, after how many years going through this, seems like it's all for naught. Nobody ever feels like their property is valued correctly, and the taxpayers really pay a heavy price to try to get a correct value on their property. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you, Jan.

MR. FINNERTY: Mr. Martoni?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Oh, I'm sorry.

MR. FINNERTY: I'd just like to agree with that. I mean, it's something that the Court ordered and put us through --- ourselves through a lot of angst and as a property owner, myself, through a lot of angst, in regard to the evaluation of property. And our constituents have been calling, because they don't feel good about this, either. I would like to say that I do agree with the Judge in regard to that article in the paper. I think if he were to change that area --- and I'm not saying it deserves to or not, one way or the other --- that was following assessment, and that's against the law. And you know, it's just that any time we go through a reassessment, it's the same procedure. It's the same angst and the trouble we have in it.

One of the things I think we should look at --- and I think our state's legislators and our government, and so on, should look at --- is a quicker way for getting revenue for the school districts in this county, in some way or another. I don't have an answer for that question, but I think down the road something is going to have to be

done, unless we establish someone, not us, but our constituents, the taxpayers, establish some kind of system where the state does all of the reassessments. And that's fair for all 67 counties of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Matt?

MR. DROZD: I'd like to add in and say that, you know, this whole thing you could address with the state legislator. Every year, like the Port Authority, we have the same discussions about the Port Authority. We have the same discussions about how taxes are paid and who pays what and whatever. This rests with our state legislative body in Harrisburg, and they do nothing. They sit there and they do nothing. Someone has to have the courage --- and that rests with the State House and the State Senate and the Governor --- to do something about this.

And again, we have the same conversation every year. Our people are not only put through in the costs but they're put through a lot of stress, a lot of stress. And they feel helpless and they can't do anything about it, because they don't know where to turn. And where the buck stops, as Harry Truman said, is with our state legislature, and they have to do something about this and do it now, not only with this issue but other issues that are facing this county and other municipalities throughout this Commonwealth. They are not addressing those issues. All they do and they seem to do is expand, increase their income, increase their benefits, at the cost of our citizens.

And I'll say that and I believe that, and I'm not the only one that believes it. I see it in the eyes of our people, and they just roll their eyes, because they're helpless and they can't do anything about it. So somebody better start doing something about it. And that's what I got to say, and maybe we need to start looking at that and our constituents may respond and vent their anger the next time the elections come around. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Anyone else?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. I would just like to chime in. And one of the biggest problems that I've had with --- in explaining to my constituents why they don't receive reasons for their assessments or the lack of any decrease in their assessment or why their assessment was increased,

we have to go in front of the Board. We have to go in front of a Hearing Officer, and we have to explain why we feel our property shouldn't be assessed to a certain degree. We have to explain our position. Yet, when we get an answer in the mail, there's absolutely no reason why they increased our value or assessment or why they did anything. And that gives us less opportunity as a homeowner to argue in the next level of the hearings.

And I think it's unconscionable why we have to explain, and yet the Board, the assessors, don't have to explain. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. That's all for the rest of the comments. Notification of Contracts. 7273-12.

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

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you.

MR. CATANESE: Communication from County Manager William McKain, summarizing approval --- summarizing approved executive actions relating to contracts from 10/1/12 to 10/31/12.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Motion to receive the file?

MR. FINNERTY: I make that motion.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered. Public Comment on Agenda Items.

MR. CATANESE: We have none.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Motion for adjournment?

(Chorus of motions.)

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: All in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

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