

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

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

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IN ATTENDANCE:

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

PRESIDENT BURN: Good evening, everyone. Thank you for attending this regularly scheduled meeting of the Allegheny County Council. This will be our last regularly scheduled meeting of the calendar year 2011. It is Monday, December 19th, 2011. My name is Jim Burn. I am the President of the County Council. Good evening on behalf of my colleagues. At this time, I would invite all of you to stand and join us in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silent prayer and/or reflection.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

(Moment of silent prayer and/or reflection.)

PRESIDENT BURN: Please call the roll.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?

(No response.)

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. ELLENBOGEN: Hello (via telephone).

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn, President?

PRESIDENT BURN: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Twelve (12) members present.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT BURN: Yes.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Would you let the clerk know that I'm on the phone?

PRESIDENT BURN: Yes, Mr. Ellenbogen. Please let the record reflect that Mr. Ellenbogen is here. That person who shouted in when we called Mr. Gastgeb was actually Mr. Ellenbogen.

MR. CATANESE: Thank you, Mr. Ellenbogen.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. Gastgeb, are you with us? No? Okay. Proclamations and certificates. 6652-11.

MR. CATANESE: Certificates of Achievement honoring the North Hills High School girls' cross country team for winning the 2011 WPIAL Class AAA Championship. Sponsored by Councilman Drozd.

MR. DROZD: Ladies, come on up here.

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. Catanese, as our guests are on their way up, please allow the record to reflect that Council Members DeFazio and Gastgeb have joined us.

MR. DROZD: And coaches and parents. Okay. You know, it's truly a pleasure because, as you know, I don't --- come on. Bring it around this way. For some reason, he wants you around here, but I'd rather spotlight you because you ladies are just absolutely exquisite. Come on around here if you want and spread around this way.

I got to tell you, you know, what you did and what you accomplished, it's really few and far between accomplishments. And you accomplished it not only as individuals, but you accomplished it as a team, more importantly as a team. And you know, my sons both went to North Hills, and I want to tell you, they got a great education, not just because of the teachers, and it really wasn't the coaches. My one son was a WPIAL champion in swimming. And I have to tell you, though, it's also because of the students. I was on the School Board there, too, believe it or not, so don't blame anything on me that might have happened around this time. But I have to tell you that the school district and the students and the teachers, I can't tell you ---.

I come from the Steel Valley. It's that ethnic upbringing that's so great, you know, and so good. I see the love not only in the parents, and the parents --- your parents had a lot to do with what you accomplished here today. And I'm sure a lot of them are in the audience. And without them, you couldn't do it. You wouldn't have

done as much as you've done. And individually you did it, and you did it as a team. I said that, you know, your parents are part of that team. Your coaches are part of that team, too. And I really commend you for what you did.

I used to agonize, agonize during these WPIAL meets, you know, with my son. And every inch and every stroke that he took, I just really agonized. I'm sure the parents went through this, too, you know, cheering on. You almost ran or --- you almost ran every inch of that distance with them. But I got to tell you what I really am more --- equally as proud of what you accomplished is what you just told me today. And that's why I asked you what you're going to do someday in your life, because some of you are younger than others, and you probably have mentored the young. And I think you're going to go on to do great things because this is going to give you the opportunity, I know that, because that's what you're made of. It shows the muster that you're made of, what you can do. Some day you're going to accomplish great things. Someday you're going to take this country and this county and this region and this state. We're going to depend on you. We're going to count on you. And someday I hope to come back and maybe seeing you even --- not only sitting on this Council, but in higher offices, wherever it may be.

And I want to tell you, I love the students in all --- the whole region. I really do. They're so great, like you. You know, I see them and I'm really optimistic about our future. What you accomplished here is unbelievable. And I have to tell you one last thing, and this is interesting. My significant other, and you met her, was on the cross country team as well as the track team. They went to states. They ran in the relay team. And they were winning. They were, like, almost a half a lap ahead, and the one lady dropped the baton. But you know, that didn't --- meant nothing to them because they lost as a team as well as they won as a team. And that shows what you're really made of. And you can win and you can lose.

But you won, and you won big. And I really congratulate you and I really want to --- I wish you the best in your future lives. If I can help in any way, I'll be here for you. Every foot of the run, I'll be there. Okay?

This Certificate of Achievement is awarded to the North Hills Senior High School girls' cross country team in recognition of their outstanding athletic abilities and their character as people, which was showcased throughout the team's fantastic season and in the team's capture of the 2011 WPIAL Class AAA Championship. The team's indelible contributions to Allegheny County's long legacy of sports champions are to be commended. And they are to be commended, you know. You join a long list but not --- a very select list. And on behalf of the citizens --- and that's 1.2 million of us, okay, not just this Council, 1.2 million of us --- of Allegheny County, we join with the team in celebration of their outstanding --- of your outstanding and memorial season. And we applaud you for your efforts, and we look forward to seeing you back here again next year. Okay?

(Applause.)

MR. DROZD: Somebody needs to say something, any of you ladies. I don't do this very often, so I get my time. So any of you ladies can say whatever you like, but first, the coaches, on behalf --- would you please? Does anybody want to speak on behalf of the team? This is your Andy Warhol 15 minutes of fame.

MS. MARGO MALONE: Well, thank you for this award. It means a lot. And all the girls on the team worked really hard this year, and it was definitely a team effort. So I'm excited for them next year. I know they're going to come back and do even better. Thank you. And thank you, coaches.

MR. DROZD: You'll have to hand each one as I'm handing them. Okay?

COACH BAIER: Thank you for the opportunity to come down here this evening. This team went undefeated throughout the whole year. They finished first in WPIAL and fifth in the state as well. So thank you for having us here. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. DROZD: Could you introduce them?

COACH BAIER: We'll have them introduce themselves, so we can do that.

MR. DROZD: What year you're in, too.

MS. BLY: I'm a senior at North Hills. My name is Jaclyn Bly.

MR. DROZD: Okay. Go ahead. Say it again.

MS. BLY: I'm a senior at North Hills High School. My name is Jackie Bly.

(Applause.)

MS. WOLFF: I'm Sydney Wolff. I'm in ninth grade.

(Applause.)

MS. MARY MALONE: I'm Mary Malone. I'm a sophomore.

(Applause.)

MS. MALONE: I'm Shannon Malone, and I'm a junior.

(Applause.)

MS. SCHOLZ: I'm Sarah Scholz. I'm a junior, too.

(Applause.)

MS. TRACZEK: I'm Madelyn Traczek, and I'm a sophomore.

(Applause.)

MS. PALMIERI: I'm Sabrina Palmieri, and I'm a freshman.

(Applause.)

MR. DROZD: Any relation?

MS. PALMIERI: No.

MR. DROZD: Lucky you. No. He's a nice guy.

MS. WELLS: I'm Maddie Wells, and I'm a freshman.

(Applause.)

MS. MARGO MALONE: I'm Margo Malone, and I'm a senior.

(Applause.)

MS. RODE: I'm Alex Rode, and I'm a junior.

(Applause.)

MS. JANEDA: I'm Caitlyn Janeda, and I'm a sophomore.

(Applause.)

MS. BROWN: I'm Clare Brown, and I'm a sophomore.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT BURN: 6653-11.

MR. CATANESE: Certificates of Achievement honoring the Seton-LaSalle High School boys' soccer team for winning the 2011 WPIAL Class A Championship. Sponsored by Council Members Ellenbogen and Gastgeb.

MR. GASTGEB: Thank you very much. Councilman Ellenbogen is, unfortunately, not here, but I'm going to pinch hit for him. And I'll ask Coach DelGreco to come up with the Seton-LaSalle soccer team. And as they're making their way up, if you stand kind of behind me ---. Seton-LaSalle High School is --- Mr. Ellenbogen's on the phone? Okay. I'll start, Mr. Ellenbogen, then hand off to you, if that's okay.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Yeah, that's fine, Vince. Go for it.

MR. GASTGEB: Okay. Seton-LaSalle High School is actually in Mr. Ellenbogen's County Council district, but I have the good fortune of having a lot of people from the South Hills, the district I represent, that attend Seton-LaSalle High School. I'm actually a parishioner of St. Louise, and I know St. Louise has a lot of students that go to Seton-LaSalle.

But one of the things I can tell you guys --- I don't know how many of you guys get the Almanac. That's kind of the local South Hills paper. And every time you pick the paper up, no matter what the week or the month, Seton-LaSalle is in there, and they're in there for the right reasons. They're in there for athletics, for a good portion of it, both boys and girls. And they're also in there for academics. And you can't help but notice it. Well, I already notice it because I know the reputation and the academic integrity as well as the sports that Seton-LaSalle has. But certainly it radiates even further when it hits the media. And I also know when you're watching Skylights with Fedko for football or watching the soccer team, Seton-LaSalle is always mentioned towards the top. So you've established yourself with extremely high credentials. And to get the WPIAL championship with Coach Thomas and Coach DelGreco is really the epitome of all the hard work you've done.

I don't know if you'll remember this, Coach. A little over a year ago, we were at Emil's. I saw you in a booth, and I think the soccer team was down there.

COACH DELGRECO: Last year.

MR. GASTGEB: Yes. So I mean, the celebration continues. And actually, you pick very good restaurants, by the way, too, to entertain yourselves. So I'll hand it off now to Council Member Ellenbogen. And then when he's done, I'll read the proclamation. But you know, really, high regard on behalf of all the Council here for the hard

work you do. We know it's just not the practice field. It's the dinners you miss with your parents and dropping you off and driving all over the place and having things to do just above and beyond, so congratulations. And with that, I'll ask Council Member Ellenbogen to kind of come in here.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Thank you, Councilman Gastgeb. First, my apologies for not being able to be there. I had an unavoidable situation. I would like to, once again, you know, congratulate Seton-LaSalle for another great sport, another great season. It's a wonderful school. It's wonderful to see the legacy of the DelGreco family continue as it is. This is an example of --- you know, like Councilman Burn and myself always say, all you read about in the paper, the things that happen to children at of this age that are bad. And this is an example of some of the good that comes out of these kids. I mean, they're going to be our future leaders of America. They're expressing themselves right now with sports, and that's wonderful. And I congratulate them on a great season. And hopefully we'll have them back next year when I can be there. Thank you.

MR. GASTGEB: Thank you, Council Member Ellenbogen.

(Applause.)

MR. GASTGEB: And thank you for allowing me to share in with this proclamation, Jim.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Oh, Vince, I know a lot of those kids go to your district. You live in your district as well as mine. And you know, they're examples of why our districts are so great.

MR. GASTGEB: Thank you. I'm going to read the proclamation, then ask Coach DelGreco to say a few words. I'm going to have to read it like this because I lost my glasses, which is why I couldn't play soccer. My eyesight wasn't good. Everything else was there, the coordination of the hands and eye. It was my eyesight.

This Certificate of Achievement is awarded ---. Was it really that funny? I mean ---.

MR. FUTULES: We know you're lying.

MR. GASTGEB: I never lie through my seat, though. I'll tell you that.

This Certificate of Achievement is awarded to the Seton-LaSalle Catholic High School boys' soccer team in recognition of their outstanding athletic abilities

which were showcased throughout the team's fantastic season and the team's capturing the 2011 WPIAL Class A Boys Soccer Championship. This great contribution of Allegheny County's long legacy of sports champions are to be commended. On behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, we join with the team in their celebration of their outstanding and memorable season. This is presented by myself and Council Member Ellenbogen. Coach DelGreco, if you could say a few words and maybe introduce the team in the process.

COACH DELGRECO: Thank you.

MR. GASTGEB: Thank you.

COACH DELGRECO: Thank you for having us. You know, I have a photograph from 1968 with me, Stacey Forrester and Wecht, when we --- I won a championship in those years. And my question to Council is, what took you 43 years to invite me back? But it is an honor to be here. We love these kids. They're great kids, never a problem. Second consecutive WPIAL champion. The alma mater here, Solicitor Jack Cambest. But it really is nice of you all to invite us down here. I know the kids were excited about it. The texting went viral on this matter about what to expect. And we really do appreciate the recognition. Thank you.

(Applause.)

COACH DELGRECO: There's too many of them. Do you want them to introduce themselves?

MR. GASTGEB: Yeah, if you'll introduce yourselves.

COACH DELGRECO: Sam, let's start with you and go in order. How about name and class and then get to the end of the line; okay? Stay here and use the voice that you use when the ref makes a bad call and you want to bring it to everyone's attention. Go ahead, Sammy.

MR. KOSTYAK: I'm Sammy Kostyak.

MR. ALBRIGHT: My name is Eric Albright, and I'm a junior.

MR. GIGLIARDI: My name is Rocco Gigliardi, and I'm a junior.

MR. VAUGHAN: My name is Brendan Vaughan, and I'm a junior.

MR. CHRISTOPHER: Joseph Christopher, senior.

MR. AIELLO: Ben Aiello, and I'm a senior.

MR. BALZER: Tyler Balzer, senior.

MR. POZYCKI: I'm Steve Pozycski. I'm a senior.

MR. MALLON: I'm James Mallon. I'm a freshman.  
MR. STEWART: I'm Paul Stewart and I'm a  
freshman.

MR. KAIB: I'm Noah Kaib, and I'm a sophomore.  
MR. VOGEL: I'm Christian Vogel, and I'm a  
sophomore.

MR. KIST: Pat Kist, and I'm a junior.  
MR. MILCAREK: I'm Ryan Milcarek, and I'm a  
sophomore.

MR. SHOPLIK: I'm Anthony Shoplik, and I'm a  
sophomore.

MR. PIKRAS: Max Pikras, and I'm a senior.

MR. MULLIN: I'm Shane Mullin. I'm a sophomore.

COACH DELGRECO: Thank you very much.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Mr. President?

COACH DELGRECO: Might I also recognize Ryan  
Kelly and Niki Balzer as assistant coaches, who are the  
wallflowers there in the back.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT BURN: Council Member Ellenbogen, did  
you wish to add?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Yes. I just wanted to say I'd  
be remiss if I didn't talk about one of the things that  
makes this school so successful, not only in academics but  
in sports, is the commitment of the kind of coaches like  
Coach DelGreco and Coach Perry in football. These are  
guys who really put their hearts and souls, not only into  
these games and these schools, but in our community. That  
is one of the things that makes these kids so great, is  
the leadership that the coaches in that school provide for  
these kids. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: You're welcome, sir.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. Catanese, if you could read  
6654-11 and 6655-11. I would invite Kendall and the  
representatives from Shady Side girls' golf team to join  
me up here at this time.

MR. CATANESE: 6654-11. Certificates of  
Achievement honoring the Shady Side Academy girls' golf  
team for winning the 2011 WPIAL and PIAA Championships.  
Sponsored by Councilman Burn.

6655-11. Certificate of Achievement recognizing  
Kendall Allen of the Shady Side Academy girls' golf team  
for winning her fourth consecutive PIAA Western Regional  
Golf Championship. Sponsored by Councilman Burn.

PRESIDENT BURN: Thank you, Mr. Catanese. I should just find the transcript from last year and the year before and the year before and just reread it into the record. This is kind of a regular thing, but it's a good thing. And like Vince said and Jimmy Ellenbogen, it's nice to celebrate the achievements in a positive way, those young men and women in this county who have done remarkable things through athletics, academics and other examples of leadership and a positive effect and impact on our community. Kendall, here we are again having that conversation about you and your prowess on the golf course. I ask you this every year. Could you share with us your best score? What was your best score this year?

MS. ALLEN: This year?

PRESIDENT BURN: Yes. You can tell us. Cambest is a good player. He's listening. What was your best score? What did you shoot this year?

MS. ALLEN: I think it was 73.

PRESIDENT BURN: Seventy-three (73).

MR. DROZD: If you double that, that's what I'm used to.

PRESIDENT BURN: Seventy-one (71) at Cedarbrook? We're playing a scramble next year. We're good. No. But Kendall, congratulations. You're a senior at this point. You're moving on. Where are you going from here? What are your plans?

MS. ALLEN: Michigan State.

PRESIDENT BURN: Congratulations. I wish you the ---. That came from a Buckeye. We won't hold that against Ohio State University. No. Best of luck to you. Please take some of the things you learned here from your coach and your team with you. I say this all the time as well. You are a champion. You have been and will continue to be a champion for your team. Together you did some remarkable things. And after I ask you to speak and after I read the proc, Coach, I would like you to say a few words on behalf of the team who couldn't be here.

You could be 99 years old on a rocking chair, and nobody is ever going to be able to take away the fact that you're a champion. You're always going to have that. And together everyone achieves more. That's the acronym for team. And you've exemplified that again here tonight. And with your permission, I would like to read this proclamation both for you, Kendall, and then for the team. Kendall, at that point, I'll invite you to say a few

words. And Coach, I'll invite you to say a few words after that. And thank you so much again for seeing us and coming down to see us here right before the holidays.

This proclamation. Allegheny County Council is proud to present this Certificate of Achievement in recognition of your outstanding athletic ability, presented to you, Kendall Allen, and the 2011-2012 girls' golf team at Shady Side Academy. You have earned the 2011 WPIAL and PIAA girls' team golf championships and your fourth consecutive PIAA Western Regional Individual Golf Championship. Kendall, your contribution to Allegheny County's long legacy of sports champions is, as it has been, to be commended. On behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, we join with you in celebration of your distinguished achievement. In addition to you, Kendall, again, an outstanding team. Coach, you have some great athletes out there. And the best athletes in the world, without the right leader to motivate and to move them, what can they accomplish without that great leadership? And you've done that again, and congratulations to you.

To the Shady Side Academy 2011-2012 girls' golf team, this certificate is awarded to you in recognition of your outstanding athletic abilities which were showcased throughout the team's fantastic season and your team's capture of the 2011 WPIAL and PIAA team golf championships. The team's indelible contributions to Allegheny County's long legacy of sports champions are to be commended. On behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, we join with the team in celebration of your outstanding and memorable season. Coach, Kendall and team, on behalf of myself and my colleagues and the residents of Allegheny County, congratulations again on a job well done. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. ALLEN: On behalf of the Shady Side Academy girls' golf team, I want to thank the County Council for recognizing us. I really appreciate it. And I want to thank my coach, too, because without her, we wouldn't be in this position, and we all worked really hard for this.

(Applause.)

COACH GOSSE: I'd like to thank the Council for honoring us again this year. It's been absolutely wonderful for me to be the coach for Shady Side Academy girls' golf. Kendall, four years that I have had her. And she has had a record of 79 and 2, which is unheard of.

It's absolutely magnificent. Four regional championships, three state championships. I don't think we can do much better than that. If you wonder where the rest of the team is, we sent them to Florida to practice for next season. Merry Christmas, and thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

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

MR. CATANESE: 6656-11. Certificates of Achievement honoring the Shady Side Academy girls' field hockey team for winning the 2011 WPIAL Class AA Championship. Sponsored by Councilman Burn.

6657-11. Certificates of Achievement awarded to the Pittsburgh Allderdice High School boys' soccer team for winning the Pittsburgh City League Championship. Sponsored by Councilwoman Danko.

6658-11. Certificates of Achievement awarded to the Pittsburgh Allderdice High School co-ed cross-country team for winning the Pittsburgh City League Championship. Sponsored by Councilwoman Danko.

6659-11. Certificates of Achievement awarded to the Pittsburgh Allderdice High School golf team for winning the Pittsburgh City League Championship. Sponsored by Councilwoman Danko.

6660-11. Certificates of Achievement awarded to Pittsburgh Allderdice High School girls' tennis team for winning the Pittsburgh City League Championship. Sponsored by Councilwoman Danko.

6661-11. Certificates of Achievement awarded to Barack Obama Academy of International Studies girls' volleyball team for winning the Pittsburgh City League Championship. Sponsored by Councilman Robinson.

6662-11. Certificates of Achievement awarded to Barack Obama Academy of International Studies girls' soccer team for winning the Pittsburgh City League Championship. Sponsored by Councilman Robinson.

6663-11. Proclamations honoring Ms. Sally Wiggin for receiving the David L. Lawrence Award for Public Service Leadership and Excellence, and Dr. Cyril H. Wecht for receiving the Excellence in Leadership Award at Amen Corner's 141st Holiday Celebration. Sponsored by Councilman Burn.

6664-11. Certificates of Recognition honoring the Deer Lakes High School Student Council for hosting the

Annual Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon. Sponsored by Council Members Burn and Rea.

6665-11. Certificate of Recognition honoring Ms. Donna M. Diehm for her 30 years of service as secretary of Springdale Township. Sponsored by Council Members Futules and Burn.

6666-11. Proclamation congratulating the Bon Ami Temple Number 49 upon its 100th anniversary. Sponsored by Councilman Robinson.

PRESIDENT BURN: Public comment on agenda items.

MR. CATANESE: We have none.

PRESIDENT BURN: Approval of minutes.

MR. CATANESE: We have none.

PRESIDENT BURN: Presentation of appointments.

MR. CATANESE: We have none.

PRESIDENT BURN: Unfinished business.

MR. CATANESE: We have none.

PRESIDENT BURN: Liaison reports. Any liaison reports? Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: As soon as I dig it out. You went too fast for me.

PRESIDENT BURN: You have five seconds.

MR. FINNERTY: I'm not used to that speed. I'd just like to mention that the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers Local 154 is accepting applications for their apprentice program. They will be accepted the third Tuesday of every month beginning Tuesday, January 17th. And they're located at 1221 Banksville Road, Pittsburgh, PA, 15216. And the telephone number, if you want to give them a call, is 412-343-3072.

Also, the Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee is also accepting applications. You can pick them up Wednesday between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., from December 7th through March 28th, 2012 at the Carpenters Training Center. And it's located at 652 Ridge Road, Pittsburgh, PA, 15205. If you go out at the Parkway, you'll be able to see it. And the telephone number is 412-262-1830, Extension 5.

Also, the Western Pennsylvania Operating Engineers Joint Apprenticeship and Training Program is opening again, and it's going to be open beginning January 16th to January 27th. And if you have any questions in regard to this, the number is 1-724-668-2244. And they're located at 111 Zeta Drive, Pittsburgh, PA, 15238. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BURN: My pleasure, sir. Anyone else? Yes, Mr. Futules.

MR. FUTULES: I'd like to wish everybody a happy holiday. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for what they've done for us all year long. It's the last meeting of the year when I like to recognize everyone, and you're all here. So thank you for all your hard work. And I'd like to thank the Administration for your cooperation throughout the year, too, and wish everybody a merry Christmas.

MR. FINNERTY: I second that.

PRESIDENT BURN: Very good. Anyone else? New business, ordinances and resolutions.

MR. CATANESE: We have none.

PRESIDENT BURN: New business, motions. 6666-11.

MR. CATANESE: 6667-11?

PRESIDENT BURN: Oh, I said four? Okay. Yes, you are correct.

MR. CATANESE: Motion of the Council of Allegheny County re-establishing the Budget Transfer Committee in accordance with Section 805.03 of the Administrative Code. Sponsored by Councilman Robinson.

PRESIDENT BURN: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. This committee is the committee that reconciles our books. We do this every year by establishing a committee. And in the motion itself, it identifies who the participants will be on the committee. Move for approval.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

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

MR. FINNERTY: I have an amendment to that motion.

PRESIDENT BURN: Do you have copies of the amendment?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

PRESIDENT BURN: Will you ask that they be passed out? I will ask. Mr. Barker?

MR. FINNERTY: You're the boss, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BURN: Once all members of Council have received a copy of your proposed amendment to the motion, I would ask you to share its intent with us, please. If everybody has a copy, Mr. Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. If you turn to the second page there, you see the amendment. What's being put in is underlined, and what's being taken out is --- has a line through it. The intent is to make sure that we always have somebody from Council on this committee. And this is putting Jared Barker, our Legislative Director, on the committee as an interim basis until we have a new Budget and Finance Director. Or if for some reason our Budget and Finance Director, Jennifer Liptak, decides to resign, we have somebody on the committee. And it makes for a continuancy as it goes on.

PRESIDENT BURN: So in the event the Budget and Finance Director is unavailable for whatever reason, this is a safety net underneath that so that the Council continues to stay involved and engaged in the process; is that correct?

MR. FINNERTY: That is correct.

MR. MACEY: I second the motion.

PRESIDENT BURN: Any discussion on the proposed amendment? Any discussion? Any discussion? Any discussion? All in favor of the motion as amended, signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT BURN: Opposed? The motion passes.

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MS. LIPTAK: We've got to vote again.

MR. BARKER: Yeah. Actually, we need to take another vote on the motion as amended.

PRESIDENT BURN: My apologies. I apologize. Now on the motion as amended.

MR. ROBINSON: Move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT BURN: Opposed? The motion as amended passes.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: 6668-11.

MR. CATANESE: Motion of the Council of Allegheny County to continue the services of Attorney John F. Cambest to provide legal advice, representation and consultation to County Council. Sponsored by Councilman Martoni.

PRESIDENT BURN: Please add me as a co-sponsor.  
Dr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: I'd just like to make a motion to re-hire our solicitor, John Cambest.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT BURN: Moved and seconded by several.

MR. FINNERTY: I'd like to be added as a co-sponsor.

PRESIDENT BURN: Please add Mr. Finnerty as co-sponsor, and Mr. DeFazio.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT BURN: Yes, Mr. Ellenbogen.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Yeah. Would you add me as a co-sponsor?

PRESIDENT BURN: Please add Mr. Ellenbogen, Mr. Palmiere. I'm going to start down again. Mr. Robinson, Ms. Rea. Does anyone not want to be added as a co-sponsor? Ms. Heidelbaugh will not be added as a co-sponsor. Mr. Drozd will not be added. Okay. So it's 13, with the exception of Council Members Heidelbaugh and Drozd, are co-sponsors. Moved and seconded. Any discussion on this motion before we go any further? Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I have a couple of questions. Is it appropriate now to ask them?

PRESIDENT BURN: It depends on the nature of the question. It might be safer, in my recommendation, as chair of this Council, to go into executive session. And so again, it really is going to depend on the nature of the question, Councilwoman, as whether or not we do that. And please know that when we got past the public comment on general items, I'd like to the body to know that due to some recent developments with respect to the Supreme Court, the Clifton case and its effect on our assessment issues, I was going to request executive session anyway, irrespective of any questions you may have of Mr. Cambest. So unless there's an objection, I could --- since you have some questions now, and some may or may not necessitate my request to do that, why don't I just call for the executive session at this point so we can discuss any questions you may have and to discuss the issues surrounding the Clifton case and its effect on this county? So at this point, as Chair of the body, I will call an Executive Session. Short recess. We will be back.

(Executive Session held.)

PRESIDENT BURN: We were in executive session. Procedurally at this point, I'd just indicate that we were in executive session.

MR. CAMBEST: We just need to identify that we were in executive session on litigation on the Clifton case.

PRESIDENT BURN: We were in executive session with respect to litigation on the Clifton case. We have concluded at this time that executive session. I believe there was a motion on the floor, 6668-11. There was a second, and then 13 of 15 signed on as co-sponsors. Ms. Heidelbaugh began to ask questions with respect to the motion, at which point we went into executive session.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Point of order.

PRESIDENT BURN: Yes?

(Ms. Heidelbaugh and President Burn confer.)

PRESIDENT BURN: The point of order, there's no ---. Mr. DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: When you make a point of order, we have to all hear it, and he makes a decision if it's relevant to the subject.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I apologize.

PRESIDENT BURN: Yes. The point of order is withdrawn.

MR. DROZD: I have a question.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I didn't want to violate what had happened in there.

MR. DEFAZIO: All right.

PRESIDENT BURN: Very good. Mr. DeFazio, thank you. Mr. Drozd, do you ---?

MR. DROZD: Yes, I do.

PRESIDENT BURN: Yes.

MR. DROZD: You know, I think Mr. Cambest is an excellent attorney who represents well, but I have a question that's been raised numerous times by my former colleague, former Councilman, Dave Fawcett.

PRESIDENT BURN: Fawcett.

MR. DROZD: He raised the question that --- can Council retain a Solicitor during these times? You know, I'd have to check the minutes. And maybe we can ask input from Mr. Barker on this. I'd like to know that. I'd like to know that before I vote. I'd like to know if it's legal.

PRESIDENT BURN: Well, that's not ---.

MR. DROZD: If we can do this. Can we do this on behalf of the people of Allegheny County? Is this legal?

PRESIDENT BURN: We've discussed this before, and we've had answers to that before ---.

MR. DROZD: What was the answer?

PRESIDENT BURN: That it was, obviously, as we've hired him.

MR. DROZD: Are you on record as that, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT BURN: I believe, in my opinion, that we are within our parameters as a Council to bring Mr. Cambest on board. And I'll go on record to say that right now.

MR. DROZD: Okay. And I'd like to know from Mr. Barker and Mr. Cambest, are you on record that this is legal?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Point of order.

PRESIDENT BURN: No, there's not going to be any point of order. Do not answer that question. Do you have anything else?

MR. DROZD: Yeah. I don't understand that. I mean ---.

PRESIDENT BURN: All right. I've answered your question. Matt, do you have anything else on this issue, on this motion?

MR. DROZD: I'd like to ask my former --- my other Council member, Ms. Heidelbaugh, in her opinion, is this legal.

PRESIDENT BURN: No, you are not permitted to ask that question. She is up here as a councilwoman. She is not the solicitor to this Council. Do you have another question?

MR. DROZD: Then I'm going to abstain until I get that answer.

PRESIDENT BURN: Then abstain. Duly noted. Any other questions? Any other questions? Any other questions? All those in favor on 6668-11, signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT BURN: Opposed?

MR. DROZD: Abstain.

PRESIDENT BURN: It is approved. Notification of contracts.

MR. CATANESE: We have none.

PRESIDENT BURN: Public comment on general items.

MR. CATANESE: We have one.

PRESIDENT BURN: I see that we have Kenneth Miller, but I don't see Ken. Okay. Ken, if you're watching, I wish you a happy holiday --- no, I do. He's a great advocate and believes in his causes, and I hope to see him next year. And I'm sure that we will.

Before we adjourn, we have a couple of our team members, and I know Matt earlier mentioned our great staff, and others have as well. Jennifer Liptak will be leaving the County Council to work in the new Chief Executive's Office as Chief of Staff, I believe. And Sonia Dietz will be --- who, in the interim when I started as Council president, has been my eyes and ears. She's moving across the hall as well, I understand.

So I know many of our colleagues are going to jump in here. Jen and Sonia, since I've been on this County Council --- like, six years ago I was elected --- you've been great to me. And I couldn't find my way around this side of the building without both of your help. You've been so good on so many issues, and I thank you both so much. And this is not a goodbye, in my opinion. It's simply an evolution of our relationships. And I've said that in other situations recently, some of the developments going on in my life. It's an evolution of relationships. So I wish you both the best and look forward to working with you in your new roles. Best of luck to both of you. Anybody ---?

MR. ROBINSON: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT BURN: Yes. Let's go from Bill and work our way over.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. Not being known as a man of a few words, I'm going to surprise you. I want to thank Ms. Liptak and Ms. Dietz for their untiring efforts working with the Budget and Finance Committee. We would have been hard pressed to do our job if they were not willing to put in the time and the effort and to serve 15 people at the same time, and very specifically, work with me as Chair of Budget and Finance. And so I wish them well in their new assignments. I consider them friends. And in any way I might help them, I'm willing to do that. Thanks to both of you.

PRESIDENT BURN: Jan?

MS. REA: Just thank you, both of you. You've been very loyal to Council. I mean, I've always enjoyed working with you, and I think the Chief Executive is a very fortunate man to get the two of you on his staff. Thank you.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President, thank you. I, too, echo those sentiments. I'll never forget the first day I came down here for an interview. Sonia was the first face I saw, and she was so kind. She even escorted me into the little room there to sit and wait. I didn't know where to go. I was totally lost. It was just a --- it was quite an experience that I'll never forget. And I thank you and Jen. You're a real pro. And I wish you well in the future and look forward to working with you. Thank you.

MR. MARTONI: Obviously, I wish you well, too. We won't miss you because we're going to cross the hall and talk to both of you a lot. Okay? So in that regard, we won't miss you. So we're just happy you're staying with Allegheny County. If you look at Allegheny County, it's really all one. It's one county. And I don't care if you work across the hall or you work on this side of the hall. It's still one county. And we appreciate you staying with the county.

MR. MACEY: Mr. President and members of Council, I can't say enough about these two young ladies and, of course, Mark and everybody that's helped us get where we are sometimes, you know, today. And I'm blessed in the sense that I have Sonia Dietz as a constituent, so you know, she helps me out more than you would think. But Jennifer, thank you so much for what you've done. And you know, we're only across the hall. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Thank you both very much for helping me with my integration into Council, and I wish you the best of luck.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: I think that the two of you show why it is that we can be a part-time council. It's because we have full-time staff such as you. We have such a great staff, all of you. And the fact that the new Chief --- the new County Executive is taking you with him just reaffirms what we've already known for so long. And I thank you for your assistance, your professionalism, your knowledge. It's just incredible. I can't say enough

about how crucial and how vital your knowledge and help are to the operation of the County Council. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: Vince?

MR. GASTGEB: Thank you, President Burn, and members of Council. I'll echo the same thoughts and sentiment. Jen and Sonia, I think you're both talented. I've been here a long time, and I really feel a friendship with both of you. And the job you do has been extraordinary. And I'm not surprised that Rich Fitzgerald, as the Executive-elect, in looking for some people, looked across the hall. So I know in the past, many of us have walked across it. Maybe we will now. But there's certainly a reason to.

And just for the edification of the public, Stephanie, Mark, Jared, Joe, you guys make the cornerstone of our staff. You are our staff, I should say. And it's a shared staff. So the level of respect that you guys have from all of us, you've earned, because you have to deal in many cases --- in a lot of cases, I guess, in confidentiality. And you do it with expertise, professionalism. You do it in the right manner, as far as I'm concerned. So all six of you have really distinguished yourselves. As we say goodbye to Jen and Sonia, I just want to wish you well. Thank you.

MR. FUTULES: Okay. Well, I don't want to admit saying goodbye because when you guys told me you were going across the hall, I just figured you were changing your phone number, different way to reach you, that's all. And I'm glad that you have improved your careers and moved forward in your lives. And it's nice as a councilperson to be able to say that, you know, we worked together. And any time I'll need to talk to you across the hall, I know the doors will be open and you'll always answer the phone. And Sonia admitted that I was her favorite councilperson. She probably said that to everybody. She probably told everybody that. That's politically incorrect, but that's okay. But you know, we had a lot of good times and good e-mails together, so ---.

PRESIDENT BURN: You're my favorite councilperson, too.

MR. FUTULES: Thank you. Ellenbogen says I'm going to live forever, so --- and that's good. I just thank you two. I know that you're not leaving. You're just changing your phone number, how I'm going to reach you. That's all. Thank you.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President and Council members. Jennifer and Sonia, what can I say? I mean, you do a tremendous job with advice on the budget from Jennifer and organization from Sonia, who keeps me organized. And that is something to behold. And dealing with all 15 of us, that's another chore. And I think you've done a great job, and I know that you're going to do just a great job for the Chief Executive. I really appreciate it. God bless you and move it on up, girl.

MR. DROZD: The reflection of one's character is not just the person itself. What you do is expected of you like it's expected of us. You don't work for us. You serve with us. We don't work here. We serve here and you serve. And each and every one of you, not just the two of you, every other staff member in this room, we serve together.

And when I look at you, I look beyond and I say the reflection is the reflection also of your families. And I see that in the photographs every day when I come into your offices. And I see how much love and care that you give to them and how much they give back to you and how beautiful they are. I know the little sleep that you get because I can see it in your eyes when I see you at times, how much you work, and at home, not just here. And how much time you spend here, you give much more to your family and you wish you could give that much more. And I wish you could, too.

And I really, really do appreciate you as human beings. And I would walk anywhere, into any trench with you. I'll tell you that. And I wish you the best. And I'm glad that you're going to be near us. Even though you're across the hall, you're in our hearts. You're going to remain that way always wherever you go, whether you're here in this office, whether you're outside this office and whether you retire and go beyond. You can count on that.

MR. DEFAZIO: We've been fortunate to have both of you working for us, with us, whatever you want to call it. And I wish you all the best of luck in the world. I know you don't need it. But if we need any help, we can go right across the hall and get it. But we really appreciate all the help you give us. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: Barbara?

MS. DANKO: Thank you, Mr. President. Although I've only been here since April, I've also come to really

appreciate the work of both of you. I've worked a lot with Jen on budget things. As most of you know, I spent a good part of my life doing that. So I'd be hitting Jen with a lot of questions, and she always had the information that I needed. And Sonia, I mean, even the very smallest things --- you sign up and you're here and you're sworn in and you have business cards and you have an office and a desk and everything is, you know, bam, bam, bam. There are big shoes to fill from whoever comes in here for you.

And I also wanted to recognize that, I mean, as professional as both of you are, you both also have family lives. And I know in some cases, there have been difficult times. And I appreciate that you're able to maintain your professional demeanor and hard work ethic even through those tough times. And so although we're here recognizing your professional acumen, we're there with you in spirit on those other things, too. So thank you.

PRESIDENT BURN: On behalf of all of us here at the County Council, we wish you viewers a happy holiday season and a joyous new year. We wish you all the best of prosperity. And we'll see you next year. Motion to adjourn?

(Chorus of motions.)

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT BURN: Meeting adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:00 P.M.

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