

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

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

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IN ATTENDANCE:

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

PRESIDENT MARTONI: The Allegheny County Council meeting will come to order. Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Colin Cunningham from West Allegheny. Colin, where are you? Go ahead, Colin.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Please remain standing for a silent prayer or reflection.

(Silent prayer or reflection.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Here (via telephone).

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Gastgeb?

MR. GASTGEB: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni, President?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Fifteen (15) members present.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We're blessed today. We're having a presentation and address from our County Executive, Mr. Richard Fitzgerald.

(Applause.)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you,

Mr. President, and members of Council, I appreciate you allowing me to come and talk and do my quarterly visit. And I'm going to combine this tonight with a --- kind of a broader state of accounts --- it's what a lot of governments do at the beginning of the year --- and talk a little bit about what we were able to do last year and moving forward, where we're going to be --- we hope to be in 2013. And I would say when I talk about the state of the county, the best thing that we've got going for us right now is the fact that employment continues to be up. Over 12,000 jobs were created in Allegheny County last year, employment up by over two percent.

We're also one of the top three growing regions in the nation. And I'm sure you saw the Brookings Institute Report showing we're one of only three regions that have fully weathered the great recession. So you know, we start from there, and moving forward into this year, already 100 businesses have publicly announced their plans to add jobs in 2013, over 4,500 of them. And that's just what's on the --- out there publicly. Director Davin and I spend a lot of time going to visit companies around this region and around this county. There seems to be a lot of optimism, a lot of growth. It's coming and people are hiring people.

And that certainly benefits us on a whole lot of issues, the biggest thing, obviously, being people working. But from a budgetary standpoint, you know, obviously, they're spending money, they're helping grow the economy, and we have a low proposal rate, because people are able to pay their bills, et cetera. So that's something we should take a lot of pride in. Let me talk about something that we dealt with as Council and you. We'll talk about the budget. And I appreciate the fact that for the 11th year in the last 12 years we passed a budget --- collectively, you passed it and I signed it --- it does not have a property tax increase, 11 times in 12 years.

That's a great record that we all can be very, very proud of. I know some of our surrounding counties raised millage themselves. Butler County passed a two mill tax increase, and I believe Indiana County just raised --- just passed a five mill tax increase. And some of those pressures that we all have from cutbacks at the federal and state level, obviously, land on us here at the

local level. And the fact that we were able to put a budget together without increasing taxes and without having the one-time revenue sources that we've used in the past --- and we were able to streamline some fees, refinance debt. And actually, we're going to put \$2,000,000 more into our fund balance, our Rainy Day Fund. It hit an all-time low last year of \$5.7 million. We're hoping that at the time the books officially close for 2012, that we might have it at, hopefully, \$8,000,000 or \$9,000,000. So we're still working on that. So that was, you know, one of the positive things. Obviously, with transit, that was a huge issue that we were able to forestall any more cuts after the severe cuts that we've had over the past few budgetary cycles.

And in September, we were able to come to a --- really, a landmark agreement with Local 85, the transit workers, with the state; and again, your ability to find additional money because of the increase in the drink tax, without raising the drink tax, leaving it at seven percent. We were able to use some RAD money again because of the growing economy that we've had. So we were able to forestall any of the cuts and keep service running, keep our economy going well. So that's something we can all be proud of.

And then the big issue that we wrestled with last year and continue to this day is the assessments. You know, we're kind of getting toward the end of that. Over 100,000 people appealed.

Obviously, now the Judge has put that in place and had the chief assessment officer and director of OPA and the county manager kind of honor his wing throughout this process. I think what we've been able to do in the town hall meetings that each one of you have in your County Council districts ---. I think we had 15 of them altogether. Some of them we had more than one where they overlapped. We were able to give people a lot of hope, a lot of help, a lot of assistance in how they could deal with that. And then now the plan is to have the base year plan begin in 2013, so that we don't have to do this again, because we won't be in place at the base year.

In the past when we passed that base year back in 2006, and I was on Council when we did that, we were actually going retroactive back for a year. So the fact is, we're putting it in now. It should be fine in how we do it.

A few other accomplishments I think we want to talk about, for the first time in 25 years, a quarter of a century, we've updated our air toxic guidelines here in Allegheny County. I really want to thank the work and your support in doing that; but really, the Health Board, for their coming together and really working very hard. A lot of that work was out of the limelight, behind the scenes. They just roll up their sleeves and put a process in place, an air toxic guideline process that I think is going to be very helpful. But again, this was a many, many year process; I think about three or four years they've been working on this. And I know there was a lot of push to have it. There was also a push back not to have it. And I think they reached a pretty reasonable compromise to have that done.

Some of the things and new initiatives we're looking at --- and some of them I think you have on your agenda tonight --- looking at ways to commercialize our parks. I know we were talking about the boathouse out at North Park, a way to have a private operator come in and run a restaurant there. We had to provide some of the money to fix up the facility. It certainly needs it. You have also one in front of you tonight for a zip line operation. I've never done zip line, and I don't know how many of you are going to be doing it. Matt, I think you might be a first one out in your district.

If you don't know what zip line is, it's --- I don't know what it is; I've never seen it. But we're having private companies come in and talk about use of zip line, which is something young people really like. It's something that they want to do, and we want to continue to look for opportunities in our parks, some of which, obviously, we can do with our parks department and some things probably we don't do very well. So in any event, I also would like to praise some of the work that my administration has done and the county manager, Mr. McKain and Ms. Liptak.

We were able to negotiate a healthcare contract for the next couple of years that really does control cost. While the national average went up over six percent, about 6.43 percent, we were able to keep our increase to a little over one percent. And it really goes to the ability of the manager and the chief of staff to really negotiate and get us some of the things that we could do. The other thing we have going on is, we have a

dependent healthcare audit that our employees have been participating in, the county manager instituted. He's done it in some of the other places he's been and has resulted in over \$400,000 in savings for people that might not have been qualified to be on our healthcare plan but we were paying for. I'll talk a little bit about, you know, some of the other accomplishments we've done. Sustainability, I think, is something that we're all hearing about. The Noresco contract will be put in place to save money, to save energy, to make our buildings and facilities more efficient, something we're very excited about. Also on sustainability, we placed our very first order for natural gas vehicles, and so our Public Works vehicles are going to be using some of their --- their trucks are going to be natural gas vehicles. We're expecting that delivery some time in the next month, and I think that will be an exciting thing that we talk about.

Along with natural gas, let me talk about something that has been in the news and something I've been talking to you and will continue to talk to you about, and that is the RFP that we put out for the airport, for potentially drilling Marcellus Shale and getting revenues at the airport. First of all, I want to be clear. The proposal that you have before you tonight is only for the international airport. There is no plan right now to do the West Mifflin --- the County Airport in West Mifflin. So anything you're considering tonight and on into the --- over the next number of weeks, only deals with our international airport out in Moon and out in Findlay.

And I've been very pleased that we had two --- two of our great companies in this region, EQT and Consol, put very substantial bids forth that, quite frankly, with numbers per acre, dollars per acre, the per acre that I think was --- probably surprised a lot of people. And we continue to negotiate. The Airport Authority has authorized, at this point, Consol to do --- to exclusively negotiate. And I think if they reach agreement over the next --- probably, over the next week or two, then obviously, we're going to bring that and make that part of the discussion and part of the lease.

And I think you also have on your schedule tonight --- I guess you'll be holding a public hearing. We will be participating in that in any way you want us to do, members of my administration, to provide any

information that you would need to make an informed decision on what to do out there. But we are hopefully looking at about potentially \$40,000,000 in an upfront payment from the leasing company and then an 18 percent royalty moving forward. And we could be looking at \$200,000,000 over the next 30, 40 years, these --- depending on the market price of natural gas. So we view that as a win-win for a lot of different reasons. Number one, it's going to help us make our airport more competitive. I know Councilwoman Rea, who sits on the Authority, probably hears this a lot when she goes to her meetings, how do we make our airport more competitive to get more flights, to have more flights, direct flights to the cities that our businesses need to address.

Second, we'll be able to use some of that money to provide the infrastructure for the development that goes on out at the airport. Out of those 9,000 acres, we have 5,000 employees who work in those industrial parks around the airport. And that's not counting what's on the --- in the Midfield terminal. We need some of that money to continue to provide the roads, the sewer lines, the water lines, the infrastructure, to continue to make that grow out there. It's the fastest growing region --- fastest growing part of this region, and we can use some of that money to do that.

Also, we'll be able to use some of the money to do some other economic development issues and then take some of the money back that's been invested into the airport, but ---. And I'll be glad to answer some questions, obviously, on that as we move forward; not just tonight but moving forward.

I also want to just talk about some of the facilities. I know we've talked about our facilities, breaking that out. A couple facilities that I want to highlight; number one is the one we're sitting in right now, the Courthouse. This is the 125th anniversary of this courthouse. It's a very historic, very --- just a wonderful building, but it's got some deferred maintenance.

It's got some issues that we want to deal with. And as part of the celebration of this year, we want to work with all of you and put some plans together on how we can make, you know, our signature building in this county --- you know, have all the grandeur that it should have, and the people can be proud of our building. I know

with Councilman Ellenbogen and talking about some of the things --- people in the Walk of Fame and some of the ideas he has, is something we certainly want to look at as we talk about the great history of this county and the great history of this courthouse.

For another building I'll go to is our Fourth Avenue Garage. And that's something that we've been talking about for a number of years, and we've done some extensive engineering study. And we're going to be recommending to you that we tear down the garage. As we look at it, the amount of money that we would have to put into that, doesn't really justify it. We're going to be throwing good money out to bad. We obviously had to close it almost a year ago because of some of the structural issues and the risk of having people park in there and having a calamity. So as we fled through this process and looked at it, we'll be recommending to you that we put that up for demolition. And so that's something that you'll obviously have to take a look at.

I want to go back to assessments just real briefly and talk about something that's also been in the news. It deals with, you know, our problem with recordkeeping regarding the tax-exempt parcels that we have in this county. And I know in the records here Jerry Tyskiewicz is working on that, the Director of Administrative Services, along with the county manager. We are going to be instituting or carrying through with the ordinance that Council passed back in '07. I was part of Council when we did that, talking about an every three year review.

I think Councilman DeFazio was the original sponsor of that. And what's going to happen over the next month or so is, all of those non-profits, those tax-exempt parcels, owners will be getting letters in which they will have to re-apply or re-send us some information justifying why they --- why they are qualified to be tax exempt. So that's something that the department will be taking a look at. And we'll get you information as to where they are, which ones are in your district, et cetera, because it's something we really do need to clean up because we want everybody to pay their fair share.

I mean, property tax in itself is something that's not very popular and controversial, but we want to make sure that everybody is paying their fair share. And along those lines, another issue that I know you had

brought up and I brought up when I was on Council, is the Homestead exemption and how many people abuse the Homestead exemption and double dip and triple dip. And it's something that we've never really cracked down on, but we're going to do that. We're going to make sure that people who are violating that system and abusing that system, are going to be penalized. There's a penalty in place for a significant fine and significant penalties. We'll probably have some sort of an amnesty period for people to come forward, but then after that, we're going to go after them. So it's something, again, where everybody needs to be paying their fair share. So those are just a few of the issues that I wanted to highlight tonight, and I want to, really, open it up for your questions that you might have for me. So Mr. Chairman, thank you, and I'll be glad to take questions from the --- from Council.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Any questions? Matt? I don't know who had their hand up.

MR. DROZD: I apologize. Her hand was up first.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Whoever had their hand up first, go ahead and continue.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. Chief Executive, as you know, I had some concerns about the jail, and we passed a resolution here to have a hearing in the Public Safety Committee. That did not occur, but I've been working with your administration in regard to trying to determine if we can make any savings at the jail. And I've met with Mr. McKain and I've met with the warden and the assistant warden. And I understand that Mr. McKain and you have spoken, and we have some results on that inquiry. Could we have Mr. McKain tell us what those results are, if you know ---?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: I'll ask the county manager to come up. I know he's been working with you on that. It's something we're working, kind of, on, too, Councilwoman, where we are on that.

MR. MCKAIN: The topic that we've been talking about is alternative housing. And I've looked at that since I came on board, and we realize that the process is flawed. We need to improve the system. We're doing that by the deputy warden, who's in charge of that, starting with the procedures. We're working with the courts and also with the Department of Human Services to create the

correct criteria to expedite the people that are eligible to go to alternative housing. In conjunction with that, we believe that the system also requires better checks and balances; also, better in the long term.

So we're very close to having written procedures. We've also posted some new jobs that are within the budget, to make sure there's adequate resources. We'll certainly be strengthening controls for the oversight, to have those people that are eligible go out there. By having them out of the jail, there's a lot of financial benefit to the county; in addition to that, some residual things, that they can work and become, you know, citizens in our society.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I'd like to commend you for working with me on that issue, for identifying with the warden that there was an issue and for jumping on it and trying to eradicate that. What it was, was a problem. And I think that we're going to see some cost savings. And I think you've also agreed to come back to Council and report to us, let's say, in six months, how the new controls are in place and any savings that you think you might be seeing.

MR. MCKAIN: Yes.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Who was next here?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Matt was.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Matt?

MR. DROZD: In follow up to that, follow up to the prison issue --- and you may have to defer again to the county manager. But in any event, as follow up to Councilwoman Heidelbaugh's question, you know, prison costs have gone over a period of 20 years, \$8,000,000 to \$58,000,000. Looking even at inflation, that's far accelerated, and the number one issue in the State of Pennsylvania has now become incarceration. Our costs are going out of sight. The repeat offenders, those that do time and time again and come back, is 60 percent of the 85 percent that are now on drug and alcohol.

So what are we doing to address this? This is not going to go away. It's going to get worse, as far as we see. What are we doing to address this? How, if anything, can we do better on this?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, you're right, Councilman. The costs in public safety with respect to jail and prisons has really gone up over the last few

years --- number of years. We meet and we work collaboratively all the time; with the courts, for example. The President Judge McDaniel and the head of the Criminal Division, Judge Manning, are very cognizant of that and very helpful. Orlando Harper, the warden --- Warden Harper, who has only been in place now for a few months, that's one of his charges. And one of the things he's good at is, how do we control the costs at the jail? And I can tell you that my staff, Ms. Liptak and the manager, Manager McKain, are continuing to work on that. We're working with the court system. We're working with the Sheriff's Department. We're working --- given with the healthcare issue, to try to make some savings there. There's a whole series of issues that need to be dealt with, and alternative housing is certainly one of those --- one of those issues, working with the State on mandatory sentencing, following Judge --- Judges' guidelines on those type of things. So there's a whole laundry list of issues, and you're right. I mean, our goal is to drive down that cost, not let it continue to escalate.

MR. DROZD: Yeah, and the healthcare aside, that's one of the big issues, of course. And you know, I did meet with one of the judges to discuss this about ankle braces. Some of these are not, you know, high risk-type people. And we probably need to get them out in the ankle braces, because then we don't have to pay for the healthcare. We don't have to clothe them. We don't have to feed them. They're on --- you know, in essence, their own cost, but they're still restrained in some way, one way or another. We have to look at that.

The other thing is, the mandatory --- we don't have any control over it. It's the State law that mandates the judge to impose some penalties on these low-risk people that we have to look at. These healthcare costs are really continuing to go out of sight, and they're going to escalate. The second issue --- I mean, do you want to defer first to Councilman Ellenbogen, who had a question, and then I come back? It's up to the President --- Chairman.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I'm in no hurry. I've got to sit here anyway.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Well, I didn't want to start out with this; but you know, being that I am in public

safety care, I guess I kind of got --- what do they say when you're trying to get out of it, they drag you back in? I'd like to commend my colleagues for the idea of trying to save money and having this. Unfortunately, you know, I had some health problems and I have not been able to have that discussion, although I'd like to; although I would caution the administration that there are sentencing guidelines. There are things that need to involve the district attorney, need to involve the sheriff and need to involve, of course, the warden, and need to involve the president judge and the --- and not just the criminal court judge. There's the other administrative judges who sometimes put people in jail for other things, too, that need to be part of the discussion.

So I look forward to having that discussion with all them and having their input. And you know, hopefully, we can come to some kind of savings that Councilwoman Heidelbaugh --- and again, I commend her for her ---. I just haven't been able to keep up with it, but hopefully we'll be able to get that done.

I also wanted, if it's okay --- you know, the administration runs on its departments, you know. And you still have some directors that we're familiar with. I see the superintendent who, no matter what you pay him, Superintendent Moffatt, you couldn't pay him enough. He is a stellar Superintendent of Police. I'm glad that he's still here. And like I said, he does the job of three guys, and he needs to be recognized; that Director Barkman has taken the civil division of the courts and whatnot into the 20th century, because I --- and I think they were kicking and screaming. But she's done a stellar job and made it --- made everything much better.

Director Davin; I'd say if he can't make money out of it, then no one can make money out of it, so ---. But that being said --- and our other directors do, do a wonderful job and help us and maybe we do. But I would ask you if you would mind familiarizing us with some of the new directors that may be in this room, so I can put a face with a name, so ---. I don't want to aggravate somebody. Please know that I can stop in the street, so if you would ---.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: I'll be glad to do that. And I'm glad you brought that up, Councilman, because one of the things that tends to be out in the public ---. I'm going to ask William --- the county

manager to come up and help me do this. But you know, government employees don't often get the respect --- I mean, you know, the talk shows and media tend to beat them up sometimes and give them a bad reputation. But I have to tell you, our county employees, nothing could be further from the reality. We've got some really terrific county employees that really do dedicated work and have for many, many years. And along those lines, this Council instituted a Frank J. Lucchino Award when we first got on Council back in 2001. It's kind of for employees who do exemplary work, do terrific work. We're going to reinstitute that again. The county manager is going to have a plan in which, you know, people get nominated and they get recognized for exemplary work that they do.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I apologize for interrupting you, but ---.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: You're not eligible for one, Mr. Ellenbogen.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: No. I just wanted to let you know that Judge Lucchino was a stellar judge of good talent. Myself, including your manager, Mr. McKain, both got our starts with Judge Lucchino; so just so you know that.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: William, why don't you recognize some of our newer directors that we've been working with?

MR. MCKAIN: I'm not sure who you may or may not know, but is our public defender here, Elliot? I want to make sure everyone had met you before.

ATTORNEY HOWSIE: All right.

MR. MCKAIN: Jerry Tyskiewicz from Administrative Services.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Here's another Lucchino guy.

MR. MCKAIN: I think you all know Warren --- Acting Director Phil LaMay with Public Works, Warren Finkel with Budget --- I think you know him --- Shaneka (phonetic) with Public Defender. Am I missing anybody --- and I apologize; if you know my two deputy managers --- I'm not sure if you know them --- Steve Pilarski and Barb Parees; Joe Gavlik, chief information officer. Anybody -- - any new faces?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Ron? Dr. Voorhees.

MR. MCKAIN: Acting health director; thank you. And the award, though, I'm really proud that Rich is going to re-institute that, to recognize people with

distinguished services, either individually or as a group. We'll receive the applicants, sift through those, make recommendations and then bring them to Council to recognize. Our greatest assets are our employees, and we really think that it's appropriate to recognize them.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Thank you very much. I just would be remiss if I didn't tell you, I still have a deal on the table to take Sonya and Jennifer back.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: We might have to have a discussion about that, because they're doing exemplary work on our side. Getting back --- we should talk about public safety very quickly. And that's --- you're right, the District Attorney, Elliot Howsie, the new Public Defender. They are working to try and bring down the costs by best practices, streamline the operations. It's a very complex issue that both you and Mr. Drozd bring up.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Heather, did you have a question?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: County Executive, you indicated that you still let the county continue to wrestle with the assessments. And I noticed in your remarks that you referenced that we had the town hall meetings. I attended with you as the Councilperson-At-Large, a number of those throughout the county. And I think you also referenced tonight that during those meetings, you gave people hope, help and assessment tips. And I think one of the things that the county did in those meetings was recommend to the citizens that they bring in to the PAAR Board, certified appraisals.

And so I wanted to let you know that I've been working with Mr. Barker on a piece of legislation which I hope to introduce at the next Council meeting, to try to develop an evidentiary tool in which there would be a rebuttable presumption that the homeowner brings forward a certified appraisal that the PAAR Board has to take notice about. And I'd like to put you on notice and your administration of that and hope that you will work with us on that to decrease the burdens of our homeowners who really followed the advice of the administration to get those appraisals. And then we have one form of government, the Assessment Appeals Board, who is --- who evidently is giving us short script.

So I wanted to put you on notice about that. Did I understand you correctly that you said that this was the 11th year that we hadn't increased property taxes, because I thought we did in ---?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Eleven (11) out of 12; 11 out of the last 12 years.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Because we increased property tax ---.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: A year ago, yes.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: And one last question. The Dependent Healthcare Audit which was performed, I guess, by --- I lost track of who that was performed by. But there was --- was there \$400,000 in savings, or was there ---?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: \$461,000 in savings to date. There will be more coming forward; but to date, that's what it is.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Do you have someone who could just give us a little bit more information on --- this was through the administration and not through the Controller's Office that found this?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: No, this was the county manager who instituted this.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Okay.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: And yeah; William, do you want to talk about it?

MR. MCKAIN: We had looked at many organizations over the best practice, to make sure that whoever is eligible as a dependent for healthcare in our plan, which we're blessed to have, is a true dependent. So we did engage a company to do this, and we went through various stages. The first one was an amnesty period, and we sent letters out. I'm asking them if they know that they have someone on our records that are receiving benefits that are not their true dependent, either known or unknown, come forward now.

The next stage was for them to provide documentation for those that they say are dependents. The most common are divorces, where a court will say that a spouse is responsible for the medical, but the court doesn't say that the employer is. There's also things with children who become --- get employment other places and they're actually on another healthcare but they've never correct their records. So it's a great baseline for us to correct that, save over \$400,000 a year --- we're

not done yet --- and have a baseline going forward and controls that this doesn't happen again.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: So this is one follow-up. I mean, is it the county's intent to chase down egregious acts of fraud against the county people who claim dependents and may have gotten thousands of dollars ---?

MR. MCKAIN: We gave them an amnesty period for those to come forward. We're still in the second stage where they give documentation. Once that data comes in, that all assesses who is left and make recommendations.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: So you'll be coming back to us?

MR. MCKAIN: I've to wait for the executive to do that to make those determinations. But hopefully, it will all be flushed out once we're done with the second stage. It's ongoing.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Okay.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Matt?

MR. DROZD: Thank you, sir. I'm glad to see you're going to institute that --- recognizing those stellar employees that go beyond --- when I put it up and supported it on Council. So I'm glad to see you're doing that now, because we do have good people within our organization that need to be recognized, and it's important to do that. I'd like to make you aware of something that --- because you had mentioned, in those non-profits, in the footprints that they do occupy within the county and making sure that they're paying their fair share for those that profit from what may not be.

And I'd like our Council to be aware of this. We need to be more aware of this and ask more questions on these non-profits, because I just had one meeting with one non-profit, which I've been looking into very hard in a microscope. And just to give you an idea, they paid the former executive director, over a period of about 15 months, to keep them on board and make the transition for the new executive director, plus their \$500,000 in salaries and bonuses.

And in the meantime, the new executive director had been with the organization for 11 years. Think of that, 11 years. Where's the transition? So we really have to look at where these tax dollars are spent, because like you, you know, I want to alleviate the tax burden on our people of Allegheny County and look for ways to get better use of those monies. I'm not done with this one,

and we have to look at others. Let me ask you this, Rich. What would you say in the next time that you meet with us, what would be your three top areas that you want to address or your staff to address and for us to look at, that we can make a difference in the lives of the people of Allegheny County and also to get more efficiencies? What would you say --- give me three --- that we can talk about the next time you meet with us, engaged, you know, to say, here's what we've accomplished together as a body; not just you. I'm not putting that burden on you; I'm putting it on all of us, including our people --- good people that are sitting here today.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: I think some of the things that have been outlined tonight. You know, everything we do, I think, we want to continue to make this a great place to do business, to provide jobs for people, because I think, you know, when people are working, that really strengthens communities. So I think all the things that we do, whatever policies we put in place, I think we want to be cognizant of the fact that we want jobs to continue to grow. And that's been good. We've had good job growth. For property appreciation, it's been very good over the last couple years.

I think we want to continue to find savings where we can, things like the audit of the healthcare, things like jail and the cost structure in our Public Safety Department. I think our job is to continue to find ways to save money, and I think we want to continue to improve the quality of life in ways that we can, like in our park systems and how we do those things. So being able to find new monies, if you will, like the Marcellus Shale out at the airport, alleviates the burden on the taxpayers. So if we can find imaginative ways, like this body did when it streamlined the fees --- recording fees on deed recordings, those type of things that we can continue to make better, I think that's our charge, not just for the next three months, but really, while we're here.

MR. DROZD: Thank you. I'd like to task beyond something before, you know, the next time. You know --- and I commend you for working on this Port Authority issue, too, that one issue which is ---. I don't think this is on your shoulders, do you understand, because it relies with that Authority, that Board. But it's a band-aid. We've always had the same discussions; been there,

done that. We had them in the last prior years, 10 years, 15 years, 20 years, and we're going to have them again until we really address this issue. You know, it kind of gets --- you know, goes away for a while and then it comes back on strong. So I'd like to see some initiatives. Maybe you could task your people, you know, that we can involve us in, too, that we can address this when we are having crisis management, not on our part but more so on their part; but on our part, too, around this next time next year. I'd like to see that. I'd like to see us really just be in an ongoing resolution to the problem. You know, it's like this; you know, we have the discussion that never gets resolved to where we need to be. We've got a legacy cost there. We got a lot of issues we really got to address. How can we better serve ---? I always felt that we could do --- probably serve the people just as well with smaller buses, if we could use less costly drivers on those smaller buses.

But I understand there's contractual arrangements that preclude that. I'm not saying we don't contractual --- we don't honor contracts, but we got to address that somehow, and the Port Authority has to, so that in the future we can do this. And I'm just throwing it out for discussion. Food for thought. And I stand behind you if there's ways that we can help you, and I'm sure these Council people --- these good Council people will do the same, Mr. Fitzgerald.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you. And we're looking at that, Councilman. And one of the things that was historic about the agreement we reached back in September, was not only from the State coming up with money that we weren't sure they were going to come up with, but it only came as a result of the transit workers themselves being able to give back \$60,000,000 over four years, \$15,000,000 a year in legacy costs, some of the things we were talking about; and then the fact that the State has come up with that match, and then we came up with the local match.

And I think it puts stability in the system. Obviously, the governor and the legislature are going to be working on the transportation bill --- transportation plan. Transit will be part of that, along with the roads and bridge aspect that we all were concerned about. So we're going to be working very closely with the Board administration and our leaders in Harrisburg on the Senate

and the House, to try to come up with that. And as I already mentioned, I still want to look at regional transit. I still think it makes sense for us to consolidate with the other counties around us who have their citizens coming in to downtown Pittsburgh every day on their own buses. So I think there's out-of-the-box thinking naming rights, other opportunities for revenues to come in, park and rides. I mean, there's things that we're working on and continue to work on, and we're glad to work with you on this.

MR. DROZD: Thank you, sir.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Vince?

MR. GASTGEB: Thank you, President Martoni; and Executive Fitzgerald, welcome back to the chamber you spent a lot of time in.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: It's always good to be back.

MR. GASTGEB: I just have two questions. I'll stay on the prison theme and look into not only saving money but I think finding better ways to better the citizens in Allegheny County. And one of the things that I introduced --- in fact, you voted on when you sat right next to me here --- was the release program with the inmates. And I think we were waiting for the warden to get in and maybe look at the legislation on the spring term and summer. So I'd have to look at maybe doing that, picking the right inmate population and having a structured program. And then you talk about deferred maintenance. Hopefully, this is a good double positive, if you will. We're doing something innovative in the jail, but we're also going out to --- when we designate the most determining things to be done.

And a lot of thought went into legislation, but legislation not only is written to allow the executive office to make a decision they need to and not a councilperson. But it's there as a tool. So I guess my question is, do you think we get a time period in the calendar year 2013, when we can actually, maybe, see this come to action?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Yes, and I've had those discussions with Warden Harper, as well as with Manager McKain. And that is something that is a priority of mine, and I know it's something you've been working with other members of Council on. And you're right, I was there on Council when we passed that legislation. It was

legislation that I supported. And it is --- you know, now that the warden is there a few months and he's got some other things that he's working on, I think that's one of the priorities for this year, as well.

MR. GASTGEB: Thank you. I look forward to working with both of you and also my colleagues. My second question is, on the tax-exempt properties, as far as --- you mentioned the property owner will be receiving communication from the county to the owner. If you could explain, am I reading it right, we'll be self-reporting certain aspects back to the county versus us double-checking maybe what their interpretation and what their reporting errors and what they determine to be taxes up on their own?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Maybe we'll --- can have the manager pop in and talk about that. But they will be, in essence, self-reporting, then OPA will be reviewing that and then determining if maybe we do need to send somebody out as a check. I don't know that we're going to be able to check. I think there's 27,000 properties that fall under that category. On a logistics basis, it might be very difficult. It might take us an awful long time to do that. So there may be some spot checking. There also may be some refusals of the tax-exempt status, particularly if they don't meet all five qualifications under the HUB test, the State test which grants tax-exempt status. So I think that's something that the county manager and Director Tyskiewicz are --- and the county solicitor, Mr. Szefi, are continuing, are look at, to see how we can best make it fair but make sure that everybody who should be paying property tax is paying property tax.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Barbara?

MS. DANKO: The murder of Cassandra Wade --- and the District Attorney has, obviously, been doing a review of that and has made some comments about the city police and their performance on that evening. Obviously, this is a city-county issue. One, I'm wondering what kind of internal review either the District Attorney or your staff had done or plan to do. Thank you.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: We spent a lot of time reviewing not just this particular case, which obviously is disturbing, but also, you know, best practices. And I know in this case, according to media reports, that officers were directed out there and left

without having contact with the person who called, particularly after the call was disconnected before all the information could be gathered. The District Attorney certainly made some recommendations and had some criticism for the officers and maybe the supervision. I'm not sure how the --- the fact that they should have gone in or checked with the caller. It is something that we review. We review how that is done, how we communicate that with the municipality, who is ultimately the police officers that go into those --- answer those calls. And it is something we are --- we're in discussion and looking at all the time, along with, obviously, Chief Henderson, Superintendent Moffatt and the county manager, the District Attorney, all the appropriate people.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Mike?

MR. FINNERTY: Oh, thanks. I'd just like to commend you on moving forward on the non-profit review. I think it's something that we need to do in the county. I think the whole process there has gotten out of hand, as well as the Assessment Office. And I think this will bring it under control. I look forward to this, and I look forward to the idea that once these people do report to us exactly their footage and property, et cetera, that if we do send somebody out --- and I'm sure we will --- that the word will get around. And I think things will change quickly once that happens.

Also, the Homestead exemption is another thing I think that we, as over the years, have been speaking about, that we think there's a number of people out there that have doubled up on it and tripled up on it. In fact, I believe the person that ran against you had two of them in Mt. Lebanon. And I think it's important that once we have a grace period when somebody violates this, that we come down with a penalty. It's only a matter of \$70 or \$80. To me, the penalty is close to \$500 for having one -- -- so having a second one. So I think that it's not a great amount of money, but it is something that should be enforced. And I thank you.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you. And you're right, Councilman. I agree with you. I mean, the Homestead exemption is a terrific program. It gives homeowners a break, particularly homeowners in lower cost houses. And one of the worst things you can have is a program that's successful but people abuse it. So it's

incumbent upon us to crack down on any abuse that's out there.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. Thank you. John? John, do you pass?

MR. DEFAZIO: Yeah.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Oh, okay. I'm sorry. Matt?

MR. DROZD: Just a food for thought, and it's not directed on you. As I see the warden in here, I see the gentleman that has --- you know, works with our young people within the Shuman Center. This is important for us. We really do ---. It is the detention rate. He's going to come back and do it again, do it time and time again. This is very important, and I'll tell you why it is. And it follows up to Councilman Gastgeb --- one of the initiatives he instituted, including --- he tried to implement. And that was, you know, using our prisoners to do more work, you know, in the outside areas, you know. I talk --- and we've got to really do more benchmarking on this. I have spoken to one of the governors. People in North Carolina had an opportunity to sit and talk with him. And they're looking and they're doing this, doing it very effective.

And two things it does; it alleviates the tax burden, you know, on the taxpayer, because now we can get the help in Public Works and different areas like that. I don't know how many people go up that road and see all this litter on the side. But secondly, also, we can also give them a skill. When there's no hope, you're going to do it again. You see? So this gives them a chance to retrain, put them into the job where we can actually train them with a skill. I can't help thinking one night when I walked out here. There was a fellow that was just released --- and I know it doesn't happen now --- he had a garbage bag. And that's what he had with his belongings in it, and he asked me for a buck or two.

And he really wanted a buck or two to get on a bus. He didn't have any way to get home. He just got released. So I think of that, and I see young people, you know, in the school systems with the papers that are with our seal behind Allegheny County. And they're being signed off because they did something wrong and simply asked, did you do your homework? Did you do this, did you do that? But I can't help but keep thinking, what's going to prevent them or help them from not doing it again? So we really need to address that, you know. And you fellows

that are on the front lines, you can maybe start thinking of creative ways we can do this.

Get them rehab. You know what I'm saying? The judges have done something very nice. You know, those centers out there where they're trying to find out what caused the problem in the first place? The judges have some real nice centers. If you get a chance, go out and visit them. They've done a nice job with those centers. So I'm just throwing it out. And that'll help alleviate costs for the taxpayers. It will put some young people -- -- some day give them hope in the future and maybe get some of those people back in. But when they go home, think of this, 2,800, they're going to their families. And that's what the families see and the kids see in the role model. If we don't help them, it won't help their families. That multiplies many, many, many times over. Believe me. Thank you, sir.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Nick --- no, I'm sorry --- Jim.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I'll pass.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. Nick?

MR. FUTULES: Thanks, Rich. I noticed --- first of all, the reassessments. A lot of people had the appraisals done, and we're currently in litigation, apparently. But there were some people unhappy with the fact that they presented them, and they didn't win their case, of course. But I notice on the website that they've removed the percentage of what the assessment had gone on each community. I'm assuming that those numbers are changing. Will we put that back on the website when we're finished, so people will know?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Oh, I just found out they were put up today with updated numbers. They are being updated as these appeals come in; you're right, Councilman.

MR. FUTULES: I think a lot of the people, especially the ones I've talked to who were not aware of the fact that --- let's use an example. Their house was appraised at \$100,000 previously, and their taxes had gone up --- or the appraisal had gone up \$25,000. But yet their community had gone up 30 percent. They were very unaware of the fact that their taxes will be reduced. I think that caused a lot of people to do appeals unnecessarily. I don't believe we got that word out well enough to the public, because I can't even count the

number of people that came to me. And I had to explain it to them that you already won; even though you lost, your taxes are going down.

And they weren't aware of that. I think that's something that we have to look at in the future to make sure that doesn't happen again. Hopefully, we don't have to do the reassessment again; but you know, that's pretty important. That costs us a lot of money, people doing the appeals that basically won and didn't even know it.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: It's obviously a very confusing and difficult process. I know this body was very much against it, having to go through it, as was I. And you're right, some people didn't understand the implication of --- my assessment went up but it might not have gone up as much as the rest of the folks in my borough or school district, so actually my taxes may have gone down. And it does get confusing. It's tough to, you know, get that word out to everybody how that's done. Back to the appraisal part, and it kind of dovetails what Councilwoman Heidelbaugh talked about. You know, we do appoint those folks.

I think our administration appoints three members; you guys appoint four members. We do advise people, the strongest piece of evidence you have is a very good, credible, certified appraisal, that those words credible and certified do mean something. To some people they may show up with an appraisal, but if it's not credible, if it's old, if it's going back six years or eight years to valid sales, it might be not timely. The Board has to look at that. And I'm not saying they did it in every case, because I think there are some --- many, many mistakes that were made on that. So I do look forward to looking at the registration that the councilwoman wants to bring forward. It is something that --- I know we all give that advice, get a good certified appraisal, because that's the strongest piece of evidence you can have.

MR. FUTULES: Yeah, that's true, but it didn't work for everyone.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Exactly.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Well, thank you, Mr. Fitzgerald.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you, members of Council. I look forward to working with you in the coming year. And as

again, our door is always open, from the county manager to the department and director. I think we will certainly be --- make ourselves available and accessible to all members, so that you can get the information to work with us on good and best practices. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you very kindly. We'll take a few minutes to get the football team up here.

(Football team assembled.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Proclamations/ Certificates. Okay. We're going to do 7356-13, 7357-13 and 7358-13, altogether. Okay? Mr. Palmiere? These are important. This is probably the greatest high school football team in the United States of America we're recognizing. I want everybody to know that, okay, and it has been that way for about the last 50 years. Okay? Class A-team, yes. Mr. Palmiere, it's all yours.

MR. CATANESE: May I read the ---?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Please, please.

MR. CATANESE: 7356-13. Proclamation honoring the Clairton High School football team, for their unprecedented accomplishments as a high school sports team and for infusing a sense of community spirit and pride in the City of Clairton. Sponsored by Councilman Palmiere.

7357-13. Certificate of Achievement honoring the Clairton High School football team for winning the 2012 WPIAL and PIAA Class A Championships. Sponsored by Councilman Palmiere.

And 7358-13, a proclamation honoring Tyler Boyd, of the Clairton High School football team, for being named the 2012 Post-Gazette Class A Football Player of the Year. Sponsored by Councilman Palmiere.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. I have to my right here, Coach Nola. This is becoming a nice habit. He was here last year, also. I had the pleasure of honoring him and his team for their wonderful accomplishments. I just wanted to introduce him. And I'm also going to --- with your indulgence, Mr. President, I'd like to --- before I read the proclamation, I'd like to read off the names of this wonderful team and their coaches, so we can read them into the record, please, if you don't mind.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Please.

MR. PALMIERE: Is that alright with you, Coach?

COACH NOLA: Yes, sir.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you. We have Coach Tom Nola here, his assistant Wayne Wade --- Wayne Wade --- sorry about that. I can't get that out right, Remondo Williams, assistant coach, Tim Bukowski, assistant coach, Jim Dumm, assistant --- Jim Dunn or Dumm?

MR. DUMM: Dumm.

MR. PALMIERE: --- Dumm, assistant coach, Eric Fusco, assistant coach and Mark Gambino, assistant coach; trainer is Tammy Ridgley. And the players, Tyler Boyd, Tyus Booker, Santeaun Sims, Bryon Clifford, JoJuan Bray, Terrish Webb, Titus Howard, Nick Boswell, Vinny Moody, Robert Boatright, Armani Ford, Ryan Williams, Tyreike Hammonds, Khalil Berry, Aaron Matthews, Vance Allen, Esaias Hammonds, Brandon Murphy, James Hines, Sedrick Nash, Deven Fritz, Demar Bell, Jjuan Jackson, Brian Brown, Raymone Clifford, Josh Wilson, Devonte Harvey, Damond Flowers, Dryan Davenport, Vance Gibson, Israel Melvin, Jordan Gresse, Kyuss Jeter, Garrett Santoline, Will Hampton, Jhsia Miles, Devondre Brown, Jayll Hall, Carlito Spence and Allen Norris. That's the whole team, Mr. President, and their coaches. I wanted to get that read into the record.

Gentleman, most of the team were invited down this evening. However, most of them are basketball players and participating in other activities and are unable to be here tonight. I just thought that will be appropriate to do that. Thank you. I want to read the proclamation here to present to Coach Nola.

WHEREAS, Allegheny County serves as the home of legendary sports teams that have contributed to this region's history of competition and achievement; and

WHEREAS, on December 14th, 2012, the Bears, Clairton High School's football team, celebrated their fourth consecutive Class A Championship and set a new State record by winning 63 games in a row; and

WHEREAS, the Bears finished off a third consecutive 16-0 season and won its fifth straight title in the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League WPIAL; and

WHEREAS, with the Bears' 63rd consecutive win, the team holds the current longest winning streak in the history of high school football in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the unprecedented dominance of this team is attributed to the outstanding guidance and

direction of the coaches and the superior athleticism and teamwork of the student athletes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council, on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, hereby honors the Clairton Bears for their significant accomplishments as a high school sports team and for infusing a sense of community spirit and pride in the City of Clairton and home of the champions. Sponsored by myself and the rest --- I'm sure, the rest of the Council. Congratulations, Coach.

(Applause.)

COACH NOLA: I'd like to thank the County Council and all its members for honoring us today. It's quite an achievement what our players have accomplished over the past four years. Sixty-three (63) wins in a row is hard to imagine sometimes, it really is. I mean, if you're part of the community, which --- you know, our players have done so much to bring some positive recognition to the city that's been --- we were going to ask Mr. Fitzgerald, you know, what's he going to do for Clairton? But WQED, he asked him that question. I don't know if any of you saw that last --- it was very nice. And Clairton was presented in a very positive way, and we'd like to think that we had something to do with that. But what you've done is very special, and I'm so proud of the players, because it's mostly them. They're the ones that go out and play. We just sort of put them in the right direction, but they do all the work.

And what they've done is such a magnificent thing. It makes all of us so proud. And again, we'd like to thank everybody for their recognition of us tonight. Thank you.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

MR. PALMIERE: This Certificate of Achievement is awarded to the 2012 Clairton High School football team, in recognition of earning the 2012 WPIAL and PIAA Class A football championships. We commend and recognize each player and coach whose determination and resolve led to this achievement. The team has set a positive example of excellence for all of Allegheny County, continuing evidence that this is the County of Champions. This achievement has conferred honor on this county and is an accomplishment in which the entire community can be proud. Again, sponsored by myself and my colleagues on the Board.

And I have one more here, ladies and gentlemen, please indulge me for another minute here. This is for the Player of the Year, Tyler Boyd. Unfortunately, Tyler couldn't be here tonight, but I'd like to have this read into the record.

Allegheny Council is honored to present this Certificate of Achievement to Mr. Tyler Board --- Boyd, for being named the 2012 Post-Gazette Class A Football Player of the Year. Tyler Boyd had a tremendous career as a Clairton High School football player. He helped the Bears win their fifth consecutive WPIAL title, their fourth consecutive PIAA championship and set a new State record of 63 consecutive wins. In 2012, Tyler rushed for 2,567 yards, 215 carries. That's an 11.9 per carry average. He caught 12 passes for 218 yards, scored 50 touchdowns, played some of the quarterback, was an outstanding defensive back, punted and also returned kicks.

He rushed for 5,755 career yards, fifth best in WPIAL history. He also set a WPIAL record with 117 career touchdowns, which accomplished 25 percent of Clairton's scoring over the past four seasons. In Tyler's three years as a starter, Clairton was 48-0, and in the scoring of his varsity career, that was 63-1. Mr. Boyd's contribution to Allegheny County's long legacy of sports champions, is to be commended. On behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, we join with you in celebration of this distinguished achievement. Again, sponsored by myself and my colleagues on the county. Coach, congratulations and thank you so much.

(Applause.)

MR. PALMIERE: This is Coach Nola's better half; Mrs. Nola, here.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 3959-13 and 7360-13.

MR. CATANESE: Certificate of Achievement honoring the West Allegheny High School football team, for winning the 2012 WPIAL Class AAA Championship. Sponsored by Council members Drozd and Finnerty.

7360-13. Proclamation honoring Bob Palko, coach of the West Allegheny High School football team, for being named the 2012 Post-Gazette Football Coach of the Year. Sponsored by Council members Drozd and Finnerty.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mike?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to call Coach Palko and his --- some of his team is here. Would you please come up, and we just opened up the back here.

(Football team assembled.)

MR. FINNERTY: We're in the presence tonight of two of the greatest coaches in the WPIAL. Coach Palko every year puts out a great team. No matter how they start, they always finish strong. And Coach Nola, what can you say when you win 60-some games in a row? It's just unbelievable. All right. So I'm quite honored to be standing here in their presence. What I'd like to do is, I'd like to honor Coach Palko, because he is the Coach of the Year, and I'd like to read the proclamation. I know he gets embarrassed about things like this, but I think it's important that we do this. And not only does Coach Palko coach football, he coaches community involvement. He coaches character, as Coach Nola does, also. And I know for an example, I've been out there to the spaghetti dinners that you put on, and this is Chef Palko. Okay? And these are the servers right here. So I think that's extremely important, also, in what goes on here. And I'd like to read the proclamation.

WHEREAS, Head Coach of the West Allegheny High School football team, Mr. Bob Palko, received the distinction of being named the 2012 Coach of the Year by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette; and

WHEREAS, after winning the 2012 WPIAL District 7 Class AAA football championship, Coach Palko became only the sixth coach in the history of the WPIAL, to win six titles, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001 and also a State Championship Year in 2009 and in 2012; and

WHEREAS, a former Western Allegheny quarterback --- and I didn't know that --- Coach Palko became head coach at his alma mater in 1995. And during his 18 seasons, West Allegheny has made the playoffs 15 times. And his record is 155-60; and

WHEREAS, the Post-Gazette Coach of the Year Award takes into consideration all coaches in the WPIAL and city league and is bestowed upon exceptional coaches.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegheny County Council, on behalf of the residents of Allegheny County, hereby congratulates you on being named the 2012 Post-Gazette Football Coach of the Year and for guiding the West Allegheny High School football team through an

outstanding season in which it earned its sixth WPIAL Class AAA Championship at Heinz Field. And it's sponsored by myself, Mike Finnerty, and Council member Drozd and ---.

(Applause.)

COACH PALKO: This is so appreciated. You know, again, this award is nice; but it's a team award, it's not an individual award. And obviously, these young men carry out what you ask them to do. And you know, they're a great group to be around. And I know after we're done, that one of our captains is going to speak to you, so they actually do a good job of learning life lessons that we try to teach them. So thanks again.

(Applause.)

MR. FINNERTY: It's always as Coach Nola said and Coach Palko, it's the team that makes it happen; it's the group, never one-for-all kind of thing, the team. So with that, I'll turn the microphone over to Councilman Drozd to read the proclamation.

MR. DROZD: Just real quick, you look more like a running back than a quarterback.

COACH PALKO: I'm too skinny to hear that.

MR. DROZD: You gentlemen, I want to say, you know, my son was a WPIA champ. I know what you go through. I know the agony and the ecstasy and all those pains and heartaches that you go through, and I really commend you. It takes a lot of dedication, focus and commitment, and you show it.

This Certificate of Achievement is awarded to the 2012 and 2013 West Allegheny High School football team, in recognition of earning the 2012 WPIAL Class AAA football championship. We, the Allegheny County Council, and all of the people of Allegheny County, 1.2 million, recognize each and every one of you, those that are not here today, including the ones that are, and coach, whose determination and resolve led to this achievement. The team has set a positive example --- you have --- of excellence for all of Allegheny County, for us to look up to and younger people yet to come, continuing evidence that this is the County of Champions. You are included among them now. This achievement has conferred honor on the county and is an accomplishment in which the entire community can be proud. And may you go on in your lives and look forward to doing many, many good things.

(Applause.)

MR. MEDVED: Zech Medved. On behalf of the West Allegheny football team, I'd just like to say thank you to all of our Council members. We appreciate everything you guys do for us and the entire county, and it's an honor to see that you guys really appreciate everything that we do and the hard work we put in. So we thank you.

(Applause.)

COACH PALKO: Tell us your position and what year you're in.

MR. MEDVED: All right. I'm a senior. I play tight end and outside linebacker.

MR. Steele: I'm Billy Steele. I played center and I do defense. I'm a senior.

MR. PELCHER: I'm Evan Pelcher, and I'm a senior, and I play (inaudible).

MR. CUNNINGHAM: Colin Cunningham. I'm a senior, and I played wide out and safety.

MR. CHUBKO: Oleg Chubko. I'm a senior, and I play full back.

MR. WALLS: I'm Lewis Walls. I play wide receiver and defensive back.

MR. HALBEDL: I'm Nick Halbedl. I'm a senior, and I play tailback and outside linebacker.

MR. MERLINO: I'm Dom Merlino, and I'm a senior, and I play outer and corner.

(Pictures taken.)

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

MR. CATANESE: 7361-13. Proclamation honoring the late Dr. Barbara A. Sizemore, recipient of the 2013 Spirit of King Award, for her lifetime achievements. Sponsored by Council members Green Hawkins, Robinson, Burn, Daly Danko, DeFazio, Drozd, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Gastgeb, Macey, Martoni and Palmiere.

7362-13. Proclamation honoring the late Sally M. Haas, for her dedication towards the development of the airport area, as the president and CEO of the Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce. Sponsored by Councilman Finnerty.

7363-13. Certificate of Recognition congratulating Dr. Michael J. Rogal, upon the occasion of his 30th year of service as the team doctor for the Penn Hills High School District's athletic programs. Sponsored by Councilman Futules.

7364-13. Certificate of Recognition honoring Tom Fichera, Guy Jackel and James Marone, for their 50 years of service to the West Mifflin Volunteer Fire Company Number 3. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

7365-13. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Ms. Catherine Edith DeFelice, upon the occasion of her 100th birthday. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

7366-13. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Roger and Gerri England, upon the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

7367-13. Certificate of Achievement honoring the North Allegheny Senior High School football team, for winning the 2012 WPIAL and PIAA Class AAAA Championships. Sponsored by Councilwoman Rea.

7368-13. Proclamation honoring Mack Leftwich of the North Allegheny Senior High School football team, for being named the 2012 Post-Gazette Class AAAA Football Player of the Year. Sponsored by Councilwoman Rea.

7369-13. Proclamation honoring Art Walker, football coach of the North Allegheny Senior High School, for being named the 2012 National Coach of the Year by the National Sports News Service. Sponsored by Councilwoman Rea.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Public Comment on Agenda Items.

MR. CATANESE: We have two.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We have two. Loretta Weir. Loretta, are you here? She's not here. Kenneth Weir. Kenneth, are you here? Apparently, not here. Thank you. Approval of Minutes.

MR. CATANESE: We have none.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Presentation of Appointments. We're going to do 7370-13, 7371-13, 7372-13 and 7373-13, altogether.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Austin A. Davis, Victor Diaz, Marc Little and Toni Silva, to serve as members of the Minority Business Enterprise Advisory Committee, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2016. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

MR. CATANESE: Appointment Review.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Appointment Review. Okay. 7374-13.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Claire A. Walker, Ph.D., to serve as a member of the

Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2015. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Appointment Review Committee. 7375-13, 7376-13, 7377-13.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment --- three appointments, Mario Browne, Abbie E. Scanio nee Garrighan and Eric Hulsey, to serve as members of the Drug and Alcohol Planning Council of Allegheny County, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2015. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Appointment Review Committee. 7378-13, 7379-13, 7380-13, 7381-13.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment/reappointment of Barbara Wolvovitz, Lynda Maroni --- Marnoni (changes pronunciation), I'm sorry, Deanna Brown and Kathleen Testoni, to serve as members of the Allegheny County Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Advisory Board, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2015. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: That's it. Committee on Appointment Review. Unfinished Business. Committee on Appointment Review, Second Reading. 7307-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of John Lovelace, to serve as a member of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2015. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. DeFazio.

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

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered. 7308-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Dr. Katherine Seelman, to serve as a member of the Area Agency on Aging, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2015. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. DeFazio.

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

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered. 7309-  
12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of  
Dr. Edmund M. Ricci, to serve as a member of the Area  
Agency on Aging, for a term to expire on December 31st,  
2015. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. DeFazio.

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

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered. 7310-  
12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of M.  
Gayle Moss, to serve as a member of the Allegheny County  
Jail Oversight Board, for a term to expire on December  
31st, 2015. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. DeFazio.

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

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered. 7311-  
12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of  
Alice Mitinger, to serve as a member of the Carnegie  
Library of Pittsburgh Board, 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. FINNERTY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered. 7312-  
12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Barbara Logan, to serve as a member of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Board, 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. 7314-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Amy M. Kuntz, to serve as a member of the Community College of Allegheny County Board of Trustees, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. DeFazio.

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

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered. 7317-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Hugh McGough, Esquire, to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Human Relations Committee, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2016. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. DeFazio.

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

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered. Approving --- Mr. DeFazio. 7318-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of John K. Weinstein, to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2017. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. DeFazio.

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

(Chorus of seconds.)

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered. 7320-12.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Mary E. Gibson, Esquire, to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Human Relations Commission, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2016. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. DeFazio.

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

(Chorus of seconds.)

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered. Committee on Budget and Finance, Second Reading. 7294-12.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny, amending the 2012 Capital Budget for Allegheny County. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Robinson.

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

(Chorus of seconds.)

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

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Gastgeb?  
MR. GASTGEB: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?  
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?  
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?  
MR. MACEY: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?  
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?  
MS. REA: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?  
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni, President?  
PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 15, noes, 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7296-12.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny, amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2012 (Submission 13-12). Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Robinson.

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

(Chorus of seconds.)

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

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?  
MR. BURN: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?  
MS. DANKO: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?  
MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?  
MR. DROZD: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?  
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?  
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?  
MR. FUTULES: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Gastgeb?

MR. GASTGEB: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?  
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?  
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?  
MR. MACEY: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?  
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?  
MS. REA: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?  
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni, President?  
PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 15, noes, 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7335-13.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny, amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2013 (Submission 1-13). Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. Mr. Robinson, again.

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

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

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

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?  
MR. BURN: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?  
MS. DANKO: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?  
MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?  
MR. DROZD: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?  
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?  
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?  
MR. FUTULES: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Gastgeb?  
MR. GASTGEB: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?  
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?  
MR. MACEY: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?  
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?  
MS. REA: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?  
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni, President?  
PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 15, noes, 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Committee on Economic Development and Housing, Second Reading. 7332-12.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution approving a project for the benefit of Duquesne University of the Holy Spirit, the university, to be financed by the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority, by the issuance of the Authority's tax-exempt bonds, to be issued in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$17,100,000, as stated below, provided that the taxing power of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, shall not be obligated in any way with respect to the Bonds, hereinafter defined, and determining that the purpose of the financing will be to benefit the health and welfare of the citizens of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Amanda?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Thank you. This was discussed in Economic Development, and it was moved to Council with an affirmative recommendation. I make that motion.

(Chorus of seconds.)

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

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?  
MR. BURN: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?  
MS. DANKO: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?  
MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?  
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?  
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?  
MR. FUTULES: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Gastgeber?  
MR. GASTGEB: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?  
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?  
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?  
MR. MACEY: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?  
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?  
MS. REA: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?  
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni, President?  
PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 15, noes, 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7333-13.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution approving a project for the benefit of Carnegie Mellon University, to be financed by the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority, by the issuance of the Authority's revenue bonds and/or notes, to be issued in aggregate principal amount not in excess of \$66,000,000, net of original discount and including original issue premium, plus transaction costs, capitalized interest and any required reserves, provided that the taxing power of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, shall not be obligated in any way with respect to the Bonds, and determining that the purpose of the financing will be to benefit the health and welfare of the citizens of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. Roll call. Amanda?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Thank you. This was discussed in an Economic Development Committee meeting, and it was moved to a full Council with an affirmative recommendation. So moved.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Roll call.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?  
MR. BURN?: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?  
MS. DANKO: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?  
MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?  
MR. DROZD: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?  
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?  
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?  
MR. FUTULES: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Gastgeb?  
MR. GASTGEB: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?  
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?  
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?  
MR. MACEY: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?  
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?  
MS. REA: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?  
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni, President?  
PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 15, noes, 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7334-13.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution amending the Articles of Incorporation of the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority, the Authority, to extend the term of the existence of the authority to a date that is 50 years from the date of the approval of the Amendment to Articles of Incorporation by the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Amanda?

MS. GREEN-HAWKINS: This was discussed in the Committee on Economic Development and it was moved to full council with an affirmative recommendation. I make a motion.

MR MACEY: Second.

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

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Gastgeb?

MR. GASTGEB: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni, President?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 15, noes, 0, bill passed.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Liaison Reports.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Thank you. Councilman Drozd raised a concern and a question when the County Executive was here about the Port Authority. And I am Council's representative on the Port Authority Board. And I can tell you that we're working with the state and other parties in order to keep transit operating and hopefully

bring back some service that was cut previously. But the state funding transportation bill we're expecting shortly so that will --- that will give us an indication as to where we might have some dedicated sources of funding that they will authorize and then we'll look to developing future plans for the Port Authority. But it is critical and crucial --- crucial issue.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you very much. Anyone else? Any other liaison reports? New Business, Ordinances and Resolutions, 7382-13.

MR. CATANESE: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing an agreement with the South Park Area Radio Kontrol Society (SPARKS) for the operation and management of the Model Aircraft Field located in the County's South Park. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Committee on Parks. 7383-13.

MR. CATANESE: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing an agreement with the South Park Youth Football for the continued use of the concession stand located above the Oval in South Park. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Committee on Parks. 7384-13.

MR. CATANESE: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing an agreement with the South Park Theatre for the operation and management of the theatre. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Committee on Parks. 7385-13.

MR. CATANESE: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing an agreement with the Adventure Forest LLC t/a Go Ape for the Design Construction and Management of a Treetop Adventure Course and Zipline Course in North Park to be known as Go Ape North Park, LLC. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Committee on Parks. 7386-13.

MR. CATANESE: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny granting authority to demolish the county garage located 548 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA, 15219. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Committee on Public Works.  
7387-13.

MR. CATANESE: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the lease of minerals underlying real property on which the Pittsburgh International Airport is situated to the Allegheny County Airport Authority and permitting drilling and other necessary operations to extract oil, gas, natural gas liquids and other minerals underlying the Pittsburgh International Airport. Sponsored by the Chief Executive and Councilman Bob Macey.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Committee on Public Works.  
New Business, Motions, 7388-13.

MR. CATANESE: Authorizing the Council of Allegheny County to conduct a public hearing pursuant to Article II G of the Rules of Allegheny County Council on February 7, 2013, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Robert Morris University Sewall Center International Room located at 119 Campus Drive in Moon Township, PA. Councilmember Macey shall be presiding officer for such public hearing. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. I just think this is a great opportunity for the energy industry to explain to the people exactly what they're going to do. It's also a great opportunity for those individuals and residents of Moon Township and surrounding communities as well as Allegheny County to voice their concerns, their comments and thoughts on this particular issue. Therefore, I make a motion that we approve 7388-13.

MR. DROZD: I'll second that.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved and second. Question?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Thank you, President Martoni. As a member of County Council I do understand that it is indeed the prerogative of the president as to which committee bills will go for further discussion and then to be ultimately brought up to full Council. This bill pertains to the previous bill, 7387-13 which in all respects and to the best of my recollection has been brought to County Council through the administration through the Economic Development Department. So this seemed strange to me that this would be sitting in Public Works when I'm not seeing the connection between this and Public Works. I don't see any involvement from Public

Works. And again, I do respect the authority of the president to put this in whichever committee it wants. But at the same time when we're looking at things that we do here at Council, I know that we can take guidance and suggestions from outside sources including the administration. However, if this Council is going to run this Council, let's run this Council. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you for your comment.

MR. DROZD: Are you still asking for comments, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yeah, go ahead.

MR. DROZD: I don't know you asked for comments.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: You're commenting on the hearing. You seconded the hearing.

MR. DEFAZIO: He's allowed to make a comment, but ---.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Please. Comment.

MR. DROZD: Thank you, Mr. DeFazio and Mr. Martoni. You know, I think this is good. We have to do this. I have received a lot of calls. This encompasses part of my district. A good bit, if, in fact, if not all. And I think we really need to give people a chance here and alleviate their concerns. The sooner the better. There have been a lot of people that are sitting out there with some anxiety, because you know, so much has been done, you know, discussing what happens due to fracking and whatever else have you. And we really need to have a forum for the people to vent their concerns, ask questions and get answers. Good answers. Solid answers. So that they know that they and their families are going to be safe and considered and the environment is going to be protected. And also, we can tell them what it will do for Allegheny County what we're doing and this can --- revenues can help them, their families and the county and how we can safeguard it. Thank you.

MR. BURN: Mr. President, two comments. I'll be voting against this for two reasons. One, I don't understand why it's in Moon Township. A lot of folks are going to want to weigh in on this. It's a geographical nightmare on occasion to get there, most times. You're talking six o'clock on a weeknight, good luck getting through the tunnels to get there. And look, we need to vet this. We need the due diligence. We need public input. I question whether there will be adequate voices heard on both sides of the issue. In the seven years I've

been here I've never seen this type of an issue --- this type of hearing on this type of issue move so far away from the courthouse where we have the amenities and ability to vet this properly.

Number two, no disrespect to Councilmember Macey, he's a good man and he's a good friend. He does great work in his committee. But I don't see a reason to move this out of Economic Development. So for those reasons I'll be casting a no vote.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes. I'd rather do a roll call.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Prior to that, I just want to state for the record that I'm going to abstain on this vote. I just want to explain why. I've asked for an opinion from our solicitor, Mr. Cambest, as to whether I can vote on these issues. He has indicated that I can vote on the issue but out of an abundance of caution I'm going to abstain in regard right now to Council and Allegheny County and this issue because my law firm represents Consol.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes, please.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just wanted to try to avoid this. And what I was wondering, I don't particularly see a coordination maybe in terms of Public Works. However, Councilman Macey is the liaison to the County Airport. And is probably one of the more well-versed people up here in terms of what's going on out there. He's spending an inordinate amount of time out there. I don't see a problem with that. That being said, Councilwoman Hawkins, also, there are economic issues involved here so I was just going to suggest to alleviate any conflict, that perhaps maybe a co share type of meeting would suffice that both would have the floor so to speak. And let Bob and Amanda work out the details in terms of how they want to handle the gavel as opposed to us playing out there and being conflicting. Because I don't think that's a great message to send to the business community that we can't get along well enough amongst ourselves before we even get this thing together. So it's just a suggestion, you know. I just wanted to put it out there, that's all.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: I appreciate your suggestion, it's a good suggestion probably. It's something we never --- we just don't know how we would administer chairs like that. So I think we'll do a roll call vote on that.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?  
MR. BURN: No.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?  
MS. DANKO: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?  
MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?  
MR. DROZD: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?  
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?  
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?  
MR. FUTULES: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Gastgeb?  
MR. GASTGEB: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?  
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Nay.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?  
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Abstain.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?  
MR. MACEY: Aye.  
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: 11 yeses, 2 noes and 1

abstention. It passed.

MR. DROZD: An ordinance on the agenda, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: I intent this to go into committee. I think that time again, I've asked this before when we looked at campaign reform. At least look at ourselves, look at how we conduct business when it comes to campaign contributions to make sure that any contributions that we receive do not conflict or a potential conflict for us doing our duties, carrying out our duties within Allegheny County as a County Councilperson. So I want this to go into committee for discussion. And for us to look at it. And I'd ask my fellow Council members to at least put it

on the agenda at this point and I'd make that motion so that we can put it into committee and we can have some discussions. I make that motion.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: It would be put into Committee on Government Reform.

MR. DROZD: That's fine. Yes, sir. And I'd like to make that motion to put it on the agenda.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We have a motion. Second to put it on the agenda? I don't think we have to --- it just goes to committee.

MR. DROZD: That's fine. Thank you. I look forward to discussion.

MR. CAMBEST: You have to vote for that to put it on the agenda.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We have a motion on the floor.

MR. DROZD: Again, I'd like to put this on the agenda.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Second?

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Second. Okay. Question? All in favor of putting this motion on the agenda?

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: It's on the agenda, Government Reform. Read it into the record.

MR. CATANESE: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to amend and supplement the Code of the County of Allegheny, Division One, entitled Administrative Code, Section 5-1013.09 entitled Standards of Conduct, Section 5-1013.09.E, in order to prohibit persons covered by the terms of the County Ethics Code accepting gifts, loans, rewards, promises or future employment, benefits or other consideration from certain parties. Sponsored by Councilman Drozd.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you, Mr. Drozd.

MR. DROZD: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7389-13.

MR. CATANESE: Communication from the county manager, William McKain, summarizing approved Executive Actions for all departments from 11/1/12 to 11/30/12.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Received and filed. Public Comment on Agenda Items. We have one speaker, Jim Barr. Jim, you're out there somewhere.

MR. BARR: Mr. President, Council, my name is Jim Barr, 200 Frankfort Avenue, West View Borough. I'd like to speak about the property assessments. First of all, I want to thank Councilman Drozd and Mr. Barker providing information. Thank you. Last meeting, I was cringing at the whims of an Allegheny County resident because he had taken on the property assessment. And now I'm going to give you an opportunity to cringe at my whims.

Information I was provided is Pennsylvania Statute, Title 72, Section 5452-1 and Title 72, 5020-1 which doesn't have the weigh of the law. So the wins of the State Legislature was challenged. And it went on to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. And the presumption of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court which --- the ruling or presumption of the Supreme Court ruling, that has not been challenged. And the statute --- the Pennsylvania statute --- so he went on to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court, I think their win should be challenged. And then you'd go to the President of the United States or maybe the Attorney General. The statute which I think is inconsistent with the Fourth Amendment which states the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures shall not be violated. And then the Fifth Amendment says that nor be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation. And he says he had a lot of wins here we operate off of.

I want to leave you with one closing thought. If the current currency, the U.S. dollar, if it were to crash, would property tax still be collected --- will property tax still need to be collected resulting in massive foreclosures forcing Allegheny County residents into FEMA. Thank you for your time.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Motion for adjournment?

MR.FINNERTY: So moved.

(Chorus of seconds.)

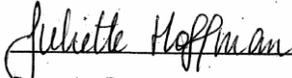
PRESIDENT MARTONI: Second. All in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:00 P.M.

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