

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

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| Dr. Charles J. Martoni | - | President, District 8 |
| Nicholas Futules | - | Vice President, District 7 |
| 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 |
| Krista L. Harris | - | 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, Constituent Services
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Jack Cambest - County Solicitor

PRESIDENT MARTONI: The April 16, 2013 meeting of Allegheny County Council will come to order. Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, please remain standing for a moment of silent prayer, particularly for the injured and victims of the Boston Marathon.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

(Moment of silent prayer.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Please be seated. Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Harris?

MS. HARRIS: Here.

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: Twelve (12) members currently present.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Proclamations/
Certificates. 7531-13.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation honoring the JDRF Western Pennsylvania Chapter for its efforts to cure, treat and prevent Type 1 diabetes (T1D). Sponsored by Council Members Danko, Heidelbaugh, Rea and Macey.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: I want to be added as a co-sponsor, please.

MS. DANKO: Good evening. I'm Council Member Danko. Council Member Heidelbaugh, Council Member Rea. We also --- Macey --- Council Member Macey, and we also have here with us today, Mary Catherine (M.C.) Houser, from the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. I've been on Council for two years, and I've wanted to do this proclamation almost since the very beginning. Some of you in the audience may know more or less about Type 1 diabetes. You know, it's supposed to strike 1 in 500 people, but as it turns out, three members of County Council have had, as part of their parenting experience, had to raise a child with diabetes.

So it's a cause that's very near and dear to our heart. My daughter was 10 when she was diagnosed, Council Member Heidelbaugh's daughter was 12 and Council Member Rea's son was 15. And fortunately, with good medical care, all of these are now, you know, doing well as young adults in our community. Also, in our small little family of County Council, one of our staff people is also a Type 1 diabetic. So I wanted to talk a little bit about the work at the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Their primary goal is to raise money to do research, to find a cure.

They have a huge gala once a year in Pittsburgh. It's this weekend. They raise millions of dollars, and some of that money --- and I'll let you speak to it more, but it goes right back into doing research in our community, too. The hospitals here do great work. I also wanted to note that it's one of the top-rated charities, in terms of, you know, percentage of administrative costs and how much actually goes to the goal of doing the research for people with --- to find a cure for Type 1 diabetes. I'll let my other Council members say something, if they want to, and then we'll read the proclamation.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: In honor of my daughter, Olivia Noreen (phonetic), who has suffered with juvenile

diabetes, I join in this resolution to thank the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation for all their hard work. We have groundbreaking research going on here in our hometown of Pittsburgh. One of the lead researchers, Dr. Massimo Trucco, came over from Italy and is working on a vaccine. The healthcare costs for each child who has juvenile diabetes is extremely large, and the pain and the suffering in the family obviously is enormous. So my thanks to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and all the people who dedicate their lives and the researchers who I believe, in our lifetime, will find a cure for this very, very important disease.

MS. DANKO: Jan always is the former (phonetic) of new words, but she's with us in spirit on this, I know. And her son is, at age 32, doing very well from everything I understand, yes. All right.

MR. FINNERTY: Barbara, I'd like to be added onto that, also.

MS. DANKO: Okay. I will read the proclamation, and then you can say a few words. Okay.

WHEREAS, as many as 3,000,000 Americans may have Type 1 diabetes, an autoimmune disease in which a person's pancreas stops producing insulin, a hormone that enables people to get energy from food. It occurs when the body's immune system attacks and destroys the insulin-producing beta cells in the pancreas. While its causes are not yet entirely understood, scientists believe that both genetic factors and environmental triggers are involved; and

WHEREAS, Type 1 diabetes, for which there is no cure, strikes both children and adults at any age. It comes on suddenly. It causes dependence on injected or pumped insulin for life and carries the constant threat of devastating complications; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Health reports that each year Type 1 diabetes accounts for \$14.9 billion in healthcare costs in the United States; and

WHEREAS, for more than 40 years, JDRF has been a leader in the search for an end to Type 1 diabetes through both research funding and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, April 20th, 2013, at the Westin Convention Center, Pittsburgh Hotel, the JDRF Western Pennsylvania Chapter will celebrate its 21st Annual Rainbow Gala and contribute to the \$15 million that has been raised thus far in support of Type 1 diabetes research.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council does hereby commend the JDRF Western Pennsylvania Chapter for its dedication and commitment to improving lives and finding the cure for Type 1 diabetes. We also recognize and honor all of the individuals living with Type 1 diabetes for their unyielding strength and courage as they confront the unrelenting demands and threats posed by Type 1 diabetes.

MS. HOUSER: Thank you. On behalf of JDRF, thank you for this proclamation. We really appreciate it. My name is M.C. Houser. I'm the development manager at JDRF. I've been there for almost three years. And like everybody has said here, we are looking towards a cure. All of our money raised goes directly back to research. We're so fortunate being here in this wonderful city of Pittsburgh, with research going on right in our backyards. We're very, very fortunate. Our 21st Annual Rainbow Gala is on Saturday. I have many sleepless nights ahead of me. I am the lead person in charge of it.

But we are on track to raise over \$1.6 million at that event alone on Saturday. It's a sold-out event. We're expecting over 750 guests to raise money and awareness for Type 1 diabetes. So thank you very, very much.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7532-12.

MR. CATANESE: Certificate of Achievement awarded to the Montour High School boys' basketball team, for winning the 2013 Class AAA boys' basketball championship. Sponsored by Councilman Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. Would you join me up here, please, players and coaches? It's truly a pleasure and an honor to be here and speak about the championship. I've seen you play a couple times this year, and you're a tremendous basketball team. What an effort. What athletes. The games you played against Char Valley, I saw those games and they were tremendous games. And they brought basketball, I believe, in the WPIAL, up to another level.

And I think you as players and Coach Adam Kaufman deserve a lot of credit for that. So I'd like to read this proclamation. And the one I'm reading is the one to Adam Kaufman, head coach.

Allegheny County Council is proud to present this Certificate of Achievement in recognition of your beneficial guidance and influence upon the young men of the Montour High School basketball team. Throughout the season, you urged them to prevail in academics as well as athletics, leading them through an excellent season in which the team earned the 2013 Class AAA WPIAL boys' basketball championship. Your great contribution to Allegheny County's long legacy of sports champions are to be commended. On behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, we join with you in celebration of your team's memorable season. And this is sponsored by myself, Councilman Mike Finnerty. And Coach, if you want to come up and introduce your captain and the team and say a few words, I'm sure you know more about your season than I do.

COACH KAUFMAN: Thank you.

MR. FINNERTY: Congratulations.

COACH KAUFMAN: We just want to thank the Council for having us. Obviously, it's great to be recognized. A lot of hard work and energy was put into this. Also, I personally just want to thank the guys behind me, especially the senior class. They've been a great group of people to work with and really role models in our particular school district. Every one of the five members is heading to a four-year university to further their education, which ultimately is the point of this. Obviously, there's a lot more important things to talk about than our basketball season, so we're going to make it real short and sweet.

I want to invite Devin up. Devin is our senior captain. He actually just accepted a scholarship offer to Virginia Tech University to play basketball yesterday. He's going to introduce the rest of the guys.

MR. WILSON: I just want to start out with Frank Manwichly (phonetic), Mike Butteran (phonetic). Randy Labrie is not here. Our sophomores, we have Carl Gribb (phonetic), Josh Randall. Then we got the juniors; we have Dustin Sleva, Cam Harbaugh, Ryan Nolan and A.J. (phonetic). And for the seniors, there's Justin Crytzer, Kevin Scuilli, Justin Hill and myself.

MR. FINNERTY: Do you want to say a few words or ---? Okay. Would you do the other proclamation?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Sure. 7533-13.

MR. CATANESE: Certificate of Recognition honoring Devin Wilson of the Montour High School boys'

basketball team, for being named the 2013 Post-Gazette boys' basketball Player of the Year. Sponsored by Councilman Finnerty.

MR. WILSON: Thank you.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. This is a gentleman that single-handedly in the fourth quarter made a tremendous amount of points and a number --- how many --- it was a lot --- to help his team along the way in all its winnings. Sometimes, you know, it just wouldn't have happened. Besides that, he's a great football player, also. So I'd like to read this proclamation, and maybe Devin can say a few words.

This Certificate of Recognition is awarded to Devin Wilson of Montour High School boys' basketball team, for being named the 2013 P-G boys' basketball Player of the Year. Wilson is a 6'4" guard averaging 17 points per game in the regular season and led Montour to the WPIAL Class AAA championship, where he helped his team rally from a second half deficit with 19 points and 7 rebounds. His great contribution to Allegheny County's long legacy of sports championships are to be commended. And on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, we join with him in celebrating this memorable accomplishment of this season. It's sponsored by myself.

(Applause.)

MR. WILSON: I'd just like to thank all my teammates behind me, my coaches and everyone who was just kind of there at our games to just kind of support us and make us be the best team we were. That's kind of all I have to say.

(Applause.)

MR. FINNERTY: That's very good. It's always good to be brief, no matter what people say. Let me just pass these out. These are going to be for the wrong person. You guys can put them in the right order some other time. All right? Do you want to just pass them out?

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7534-13.

MR. CATANESE: Let the record show that Councilman Drozd is present. Certificate of Achievement awarded to the Bethel Park High School girls' basketball team, for winning the 2013 WPIAL Class AAAA girls' basketball championship. Sponsored by Councilwoman Harris.

MS. HARRIS: Hello. You guys want to come up? I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to welcome the Bethel Park girls' basketball team here tonight at Council and take this opportunity to congratulate you on your championship win. And I will read your award here. It says this Certificate of Achievement is awarded to the 2012-2013 Bethel Park High School girls' basketball team in recognition of earning the 2013 WPIAL Class Quad A girls' basketball championship. 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 and renewed evidence that this is the County of Champions. This achievement places a great honor on this county. I'd like to congratulate Head Coach Burke, and if anyone would like to come up and say a few words? I just wanted to make sure that we all know this is the first time that Bethel Park has won a championship of this record. Come on up.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: First and foremost, I'd like to thank Councilwoman Harris for recognizing the Bethel Park team. In a world, obviously, that there are so many things going on in the world, sports is a positive light. And these girls have certainly shown, not only at BP but the surrounding areas, what that positivity looks like, not only in their actions on the court but also with their work in the classroom. So thank you for recognizing that, and congratulations to all of our girls and thank you.

(Applause.)

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I want to thank Councilman Harris for recognizing us. On behalf of Coach Burke, who is actually traveling back from the Boston Marathon where her husband ran yesterday --- so she's on her way back. I'm filling in for her and really, congratulations to all of our girls. They've done a great job of not only playing basketball but representing our community. And we know that basketball in the South Hills of Pittsburgh is strong, not only with the Bethel Park team but the Southwest ---. So congratulations to you. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. PENASCINO: I'm senior Mariah Penascino. I'll be announcing everybody. So we have freshmen Alexis Taylor, Shannon Conely, Megan Horgan, Alexis Lutheran, Nicole Page, Cailey Klink, Christine Kovalchick. Now we

have sophomores, Monica Locke, Kaitlin Chess, Mia Mattes; oh, yeah, Paige Kochka-Puskar and Christine Didiano, Laura Page, Jessica Beckwith, Megan Marecic, Samantha Simpson, Harper Zimmer and Liz Neal over here and another senior, Lauren Shaffer, and myself.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7535-13 and 7536-13.

MR. CATANESE: Certificate of Achievement awarded to South Park High School girls' basketball team for winning the 2013 WPIAL and PIAA Class AAA girls' basketball championship. Sponsored by Councilman Palmiere.

7536-13. Certificate of Recognition honoring South Park High School girls' basketball coach Reggie Wells for being named the 2013 Post-Gazette Class AAA Girls' Basketball Coach of the Year. Sponsored by Councilman Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President and members of Council, it's a pleasure and an honor tonight to be here to honor these young ladies and their coaches for their wonderful achievement. They went above and beyond the call of duty. They not only won the WPIALs, but they went on to win the States, and that's quite an accomplishment. Anyone that knows anything about the type of competition and the caliber of competition statewide, these girls and coaches are to be commended. And it's a pleasure for me to be here to present this. This is a certificate here, and I want to --- the proclamation to read for the girls' basketball team first, if I may.

This Certificate of Achievement is awarded to the 2012-2013 South Park High School girls' basketball team in recognition of earning the 2013 WPIAL and the PIAA Class AAA girls' basketball championships. We commend and recognize each player and coaches' determination and resolve that 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 the county and is an accomplishment of which the entire community can be proud. Sponsored by myself and the members of Council. And do you want to read the second one, too, please, and I'll read the proclamation for the coach, also?

MR. CATANESE: Certificate of Recognition honoring South Park High School girls' basketball head coach, Reggie Wells, for being named the 2013 Post-Gazette Class AAA Girls' Basketball Coach of the Year. Sponsored by Councilman Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Another wonderful achievement, Coach. Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MR. PALMIERE: I'll read this certificate, also, please --- proclamation. I keep calling them certificates; they're a proclamation. This Certificate of Recognition is awarded to Reggie Wells, head coach of the South Park High School girls' basketball team, for being named the 2013 Post-Gazette High School Girls' Basketball Coach of the Year. Throughout the season, Coach Wells urged the players to prevail in academics, as well as athletics, leading the team to finish the season, 20-8-2, and claiming victory for the 2013 WPIAL and PIAA Class A --- Class AAA girls' basketball championship. His indelible contributions to Allegheny County's long legacy of sports champions are to be commended.

And on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, we join with him in celebrating this memorable accomplishment for this season. Sponsored by myself and the members of Council. Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MR. PALMIERE: Coach, if you would, introduce the girls; or if the girls want to come up and introduce themselves. However you want to do that. We have certificates for everyone here. And if you would like to do that --- however you would like to do that is fine.

COACH WELLS: First of all, I would like to really thank Council for having us here. We really appreciate it. The girls, I think they did a wonderful job representing the county, as far as in the WPIAL and in the States. Of course, I get a lot of the credit for the hard work that they put in, and I'm just so proud of them, and their families are proud of them. They also had a 3.95 GPA as a group, and they really, really stepped it up a bit. Their families should be proud, as well as I am proud. And as usual, I have to defer to them.

My coaching staff is wonderful. I thank you so much for putting up with me. And my son wasn't here today, but he sends his best, also, to the ladies. I would like for --- we have 14 women. Their vote is the

one that wins out, so however you want to do it. Did you want to call them?

MS. RAYMOND: I'd like to introduce our amazing team. There's Alexis Petrosky, she's a freshman, then Natalie Clydesdale, also a freshman, Lindsey Noss, junior, Allison McGrath, freshman, Amanda Quinn, junior, Shelby Lindsay, senior, as well as me, Hailie Torris, junior, Emily Marcuis, freshman, Melissa Smith, junior, Jess Jones, freshman, Krista Mosi, sophomore, and Samantha Miller, sophomore. I'm Breanna Raymond, senior.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7537-13.

MR. CATANESE: Certificate of Achievement awarded to the Pittsburgh Westinghouse boys' basketball team for winning the 2013 City League boys' basketball championship. Sponsored by Councilman Robinson.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. First, let me extend my congratulations to all the young men and women that we have already recognized today for their accomplishments and to encourage them to not only be good athletes, but to be good students and good citizens, and to remember that a lot of people, a lot of people, gave them the opportunity to come this far. They didn't get here on their own.

And as they grow older, they will probably appreciate being champions more than they did today, as it should be. Once you're a champion, you're always a champion. No one can change that. And that's the good thing about working hard and having big dreams and doing the best you can. So my congratulations to everyone that helped these young people come here today; teachers, family members, friends, even those people who probably discouraged them along the way. I thank them, as well, because they helped create a champion, and overcoming barriers is something that champions have to do. And we always hear champions rise to the occasion.

And we're honoring young men and women here today who have done that. It is my distinct pleasure to pay tribute in a way that's unusual. Very seldom do we find, at any level, young men and young women representing the same organization winning championships in the same sports season. For those who follow the NCAA tournament, maybe they want ---. There was some expectation that Louisville would be able to do it. The men did; the women

were unable to do it. So it's been done on a few occasions throughout sports --- to college, high school, junior high school, AAU, anywhere else --- that both the men's team and the women's team win championships in the same year in the same sport. For these young people who are here today, they stand in an elite class of athletes who were able to do that. And I'm grateful they were able to do it in the City of Pittsburgh. I'm grateful to represent them, their families and their friends. In tribute to them, a small tribute, I wore my blue today. I wore my Westinghouse blue today. I'll give it a day.

But first, let me recognize the coach of the men's team --- the boys' team, Tariq Francis, who's the head coach of the boys' basketball team at the George Westinghouse High School, which sits in the 10th County Council district in the eastern part of our great city of Pittsburgh. I'm equally proud because the coach, his assistants and these young men had the discipline, were encouraged, had the academic and athletic skill to win a championship. Winning a championship at any level is quite an accomplishment. And as I said, as you mature, you've got the bigger accomplishment that you were able to do that. That means you are the best.

A lot of accolades will be passed out to a lot of athletes, but none is greater than champion. When you have to bring your jacket, your pictures, whatever it is, when you are a mature man like myself, you'll have a smile on your face, as you are a champion. You'll never forget it. Don't forget it. But coming with that title is a responsibility, a responsibility, young men, to grow up to be men and to do what men are supposed to do; and to not only be good shooters and blockers and runners, but to be men who are proud to build families and build communities. Use your championship status wisely and for good purposes.

Let me read, if I might, one of these Certificates of Achievement, and then I'll ask the coach to come forward and talk about this unique situation and to introduce the team members. And then, Mr. President and members of Council, we can go to the young women, the girls who have been so diligent in winning their championship as well.

This Certificate of Achievement is awarded to the 2012-2013 Pittsburgh Westinghouse boys' basketball team in recognition of their outstanding accomplishments throughout the team's season, when the team captured the

2013 City League boys' basketball championship. The team's indelible contributions to Allegheny County's long legacy of sports champions are to be commended. On behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, we join with the team in celebration of their outstanding and memorable season. Sponsored by myself, and I'm sure my colleagues join me in this recognition. If Coach Francis would come forward and recognize the team and say some words, I'd appreciate it.

(Applause.)

COACH FRANCIS: First, I want to thank Councilman Robinson for bringing us down here; thank you. Second, I think it was well said. Our number one thing is we want to make sure our success on the court translates to success in life. We go through a lot of ups and downs throughout the season, throughout the year. I just want to thank our kids for sticking it out, coming every day and staying committed and just getting an opportunity to see what can happen when you apply yourself and you put in the work, that good things can happen. So more than anything, I'm just glad they got a chance to see, when we do the right things and get committed, good things can happen and that you do get awarded for it. Thank you.

(Applause.)

COACH FRANCIS: Then I'll have Coach Freddie Harris introduce the kids. Thank you.

COACH HARRIS: We have 9th graders, Tyler Bailey (phonetic) and Camille Morris (phonetic), 10th grader, Lamont Hall (phonetic). And the rest are the seniors. We have 6'9" Fanny (phonetic) Brown, Coochey (phonetic) Johnson, R.K. (phonetic) Bailey, Glenn Riding (phonetic) and, of course, Josh Pinabega (phonetic). We had two managers this year that were there for us all the time, LaShaye and London. And thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7538-13.

MR. CATANESE: Certificate of Achievement awarded to the Pittsburgh Westinghouse girls' basketball team for winning the 2013 City League girls' basketball championship. Sponsored by Councilman Robinson.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. Councilwoman Danko just reminded me of something that her husband said to her --- he's a retired teacher. Once you get your diploma, they can't take that away, either. That's probably much more

important than any championship medals you get, that you can proudly say at some point in your life, you're a high school graduate. It means a lot. It'll mean even more as you move forward. So thank you, Councilwoman, for that bit of wisdom. I won't reiterate everything I said about the young men, as I talked about the young women, but I just do want to say that Coach Phyllis Jones, who's the head coach of the girls' basketball team, is, like Coach Francis, preceded by their reputation as champions and winners.

So that's why they probably snickered at some point when they realized they had won championships. And this is one of the first times, to my knowledge, in the City League, that one school could claim this. If some other school could claim it, it was a long time ago. They probably snickered, also, because they probably shared some of the same trials and travails. And I heard some people laughing when some of the players were introduced with their nicknames. When you grow up in a black community, sometimes your nickname is the only name you have until the day you die. Then people find out your real name.

Or your nickname is your name and you just ---. They use these nicknames all the time. That's their name. That's actually --- that's their name. Okay; just a bit of cultural trivia there. Some of you already knew that. Let me read, if I might, the Certificate of Achievement. If Coach Jones and her players would come forward as I read that, I'd appreciate it.

(Applause.)

MR. ROBINSON: After I read it, I'll give Coach Jones an opportunity to speak about this historic event in our city and our county, and make arrangements to introduce these fine young ladies. Let me just add one thing about these young women who are identified here as girls. These are young women. They have a responsibility also to be role models to the other girls in their high school and to other girls who are looking at them as sports champions but also as girls and young women who have achieved in spite of many obstacles. They are shining examples of what can happen when you're disciplined, you work hard and people love you. Your assurance of love for these young women is big. They will carry this with them until they're my age. They'll never forget us. They'll never forget they're champions.

They'll never forget we loved them and we showed them. And let this love and encouragement allow them to do even bigger and better things. For those, the boys' team and the girls' team who will be coming back next year, I expect another championship. I expect you to go even further, to go even higher, but not be satisfied with setting this history. Win at another level, both boys and girls. Come back and let me stand here and honor you again, and let my colleagues honor you. The sky's the limit. And we thank you. We thank you very much for doing this. It means a lot to us who are here, who have faith in you. It means a lot to the people in the communities from which you come.

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And these young women are shining examples of what can happen when given the opportunity. So I thank them, and I thank Coach Jones for sticking with them under what, I'm sure, has been very trying circumstances, most of which you will not share with us today. But I know when she leaves here, she's going to giggle again. When she gets in that elevator, she's going to giggle again, because no one can take this championship away from her, and no one can take the championship away from Coach Francis. Coach Jones, the mic is yours.

(Applause.)

COACH JONES: I'd like to say hello to everyone and giving me this great opportunity to be here. We want to thank Councilman Bill Robinson for this honor; also, to all the County people. Before our season began, we were a little worried because we had lost two of our guards, starting guards, to other schools. And one of the young ladies here --- I will not tell you who it is --- she said

to me, Coach, what are we going to do? And I said, you're it. We'll work it out; don't worry. As long as you keep the faith and you work hard as a team, we'll do it. And this is the result of them working hard and staying dedicated, and I just want to thank these young ladies, both in the classroom as well as on the court. Again, I want to say thank you to you, and I will turn it over to Tiffany, who will introduce the girls. By the way, we are missing quite a few of our girls. There were things going on.

(Applause.)

MS. STILES (phonetic): Before I introduce everybody, I would just like to say that it's an honor to be here. But my name is Tiffany Stiles. I'm a senior. That's Sierra Gordon (phonetic), Lisa Owens (phonetic), J.J. Eggelton (phonetic), she's a junior --- no, she's a sophomore --- Jasmine Pennybaker (phonetic), Ellen Calloway (phonetic), who is a senior --- oh, and Jasmine is a senior, as well as me. And we're missing quite a few people, but ---. And I also want to say thank you to Coach Jones for everything she's done for our team. But we really started from the bottom, and she really brang us a long way, like I'm really thankful to be a part of such a great team and a great legacy. Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7539-13.

MR. CATANESE: Certificate of Achievement awarded to the Vincentian Academy girls' basketball team, for winning the 2013 WPIAL Class A girls' basketball championship. Sponsored by Councilwoman Rea.

MS. REA: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to invite Coach Moncrief to the podium and congratulate him for coaching the Vincentian Academy girls' basketball team, who won the 2013 WPIAL A girls' championship. I'm going to read the proclamation and then ask him to speak.

This Certificate of Achievement is awarded to the 2012-2013 Vincentian Academy girls' basketball team in recognition of their outstanding accomplishments throughout the team's season when the team captured the 2013 Class A WPIAL girls' basketball championship. Their indelible contribution to Allegheny County's long legacy of sports champions are to be commended. On behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, we join with the team in

celebration of their outstanding and memorable season.
Congratulations.

(Applause.)

COACH MONCRIEF: I'd like to thank Councilwoman Rea for bringing us down --- inviting us down today --- sorry, to receive this Certificate of Achievement. Most of our girls --- we have such a small school. Most of our girls are involved in spring sports. That's why I'm the only one here right now. But we had a great season, 29 and 2. We won the Sectional championship, we won the WPIAL championship and we went to State finals, so it was overall a great year. The good thing about this year, we were back-to-back WPIAL champions, so hopefully we'll be down here again next year with a three-peat of our championship.

But once again, I would thank everybody for the recognition and for the achievements. Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

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

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

7540-13. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Vincentian Academy boys' basketball team for winning the 2013 WPIAL Class A boys' championship. Sponsored by Councilwoman Rea.

7541-13. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Bishop Canevin High School girls' basketball team for winning the 2013 WPIAL and PIAA Class AA girls' basketball championships. Sponsored by Councilman Ellenbogen.

7542-13. Certificate of Recognition honoring Bishop Canevin High School girls' basketball head coach Tim Joyce for being named the 2013 Post-Gazette Class AA Girls' Basketball Coach of the Year. Sponsored by Councilman Ellenbogen.

7543-13. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Quaker Valley High School hockey team for winning the 2013 Class A Penguins Cup. Sponsored by Council Members Drozd and Rea.

7544-13. Certificate of Achievement awarded to North Allegheny Senior High School hockey team for winning the 2013 Class AAA Penguin Cup and the Pennsylvania State Championship. Sponsored by Councilwoman Rea.

7545-13. Certificate of Recognition awarded to M & J Management upon the official groundbreaking for the new McDonald's of Waterworks. Sponsored by Council Members Burn and Futules.

7546-13. Certificate of Achievement congratulating the Allegheny County Jail for receiving its Certificate of Compliance from the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections and for scoring extremely high in the field inspection report. Sponsored by Councilman Ellenbogen.

7547-13. Certificate of Recognition recognizing Mr. Louis S. Trombetta upon the occasion of his retirement after serving various Boys and Girls Clubs in the Pittsburgh area for 28 years. Sponsored by Councilman Finnerty.

7548-13. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Chester and Pat Ornowski upon the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

7549-13. Proclamation honoring Judge D. Michael Fisher for receiving the Robert E. Dauer Award for Judicial Leadership and Excellence by Amen Corner. Sponsored by Councilman Martoni.

7550-13. Proclamation honoring the Braddock Carnegie Library for being designated a National Historic Landmark. Sponsored by Councilman Martoni.

7551-13. Proclamation declaring the week of April 14 through the 20th, 2013 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Councilman Ellenbogen.

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

MR. CATANESE: We have none.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Approval of Minutes.

7522-13.

MR. CATANESE: It's 7525-13.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: That's it.

MR. CATANESE: Motion to approve the minutes of the general meeting of Allegheny County Council held on March 19th, 2013.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Is there a motion on the floor?

MR. FINNERTY: I'll make that motion.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved and seconded.

Question? All in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered.
Presentation of Appointments. We'll do two here, 7528-13
and 7529-13.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment/
reappointment of David C. Cannon, Jr. and Daniel Bricmont,
to serve as members of the Air Pollution Control Advisory
Committee for a term to expire on December 31st, 2013.
Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: That would go to Committee
on Appointment Review. 7530-13.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of
Steven B. Silverman to serve as a member of the Personnel
Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2015.
Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Committee on Appointment
Review. Unfinished Business. 7553-13.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of
Charlene Petrelli, 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. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. Chairman DeFazio
isn't here today. I was at the meeting and Charlene was
approved and recommended to Council with an affirmative
recommendation. So I'd like to make a motion to approve.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered.
7459-13.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of
William Sray to serve as a member of the Agricultural Land
Preservation Board for a term to expire on December 31st,
2013. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. Thank you, Mr. President.
Again, he was approved by the committee and moved on with
affirmative recommendation. I make a motion to approve.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered.
7496-13.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of State Senator Wayne D. Fontana to serve as a member of the Sports and Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2013. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. Again, Senator Fontana was approved by the committee and approved with an affirmative recommendation to the full Council. I make a motion to approve.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered.
Committee on Budget and Finance, Second Reading. 7513-13.

MR. CATANESE: That's 7511-13?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7511-13.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2013 (Submission 04-13). Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Robinson.

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

MR. MACEY: Second.

(Chorus of seconds.)

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

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?

(No response.)

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: Ms. Green Hawkins?
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Harris?
MS. HARRIS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?
MS. REA: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni, President?
PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 14, noes, 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Committee on Parks, Second Reading. 7435-13.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance amending Chapter 215 of the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances entitled Bonds (sic), Commissions and Committees, Article III, entitled Council of Friends, Section 215-11, entitled Membership, Terms of Office, in order to expand representation on the Council of Friends organization for each of the nine County parks. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Futules.

MR. FUTULES: Thank you. On April 10th, the Parks Committee met and we discussed adding two more members to the Council of Friends and it was met with affirmative recommendations. And also, before I ask for a motion, I had a conversation with our staff this morning about notifying Council members of their districts and their appointments. We will be getting that out to you shortly, and I make a motion to approve.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?
MR. BURN: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?
MS. DANKO: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?
(No response.)

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: Ms. Green Hawkins?
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Harris?
MS. HARRIS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?
MS. REA: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni, President?
PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 14, noes, 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Committee on Economic Development and Housing, Second Reading. 7470-13.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the Council of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, made pursuant to the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act (LERTA), Pa. Statute 72, Section 4722 of 1995, as amended, providing for: a program of temporary exemption from increases in Allegheny County Real Property Taxes for specified time periods, resulting from improvements made by an owner of property located within a specific geographic area within Harmar Township, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, previously determined to be a deteriorated area; establishing a schedule for exempting increases in Allegheny County property taxes resulting from such improvements; and prescribing the requirements and procedures by which an owner of property located within a deteriorated area can secure the temporary exemption resulting from such improvements. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Ms. Green Hawkins.
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Thank you. Move for

approval.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved and seconded.

Question? Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?

(No response.)

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: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Harris?

MS. HARRIS: No.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Abstain.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni, President?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 12, noes, 1, with 1
abstention. It passes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7509-13.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the Council of
the County of Allegheny, authorizing pursuit of a Tax
Increment Financing Plan to pay for portions of a project
to be located in the Borough of Sewickley, Allegheny
County, Pennsylvania. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Ms. Green Hawkins.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Thank you, Mr. President.
Move for approval.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved and seconded.

Question? Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?

(No response.)

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: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Harris?

MS. HARRIS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: No.

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, 13, noes, 1. The bill
passes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7510-13.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the Council of the County of Allegheny authorizing pursuit of a Tax Increment Financing Plan to pay for portions of the Dormont TIF project, to be located in the Borough of Dormont, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Ms. Green Hawkins.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Thank you, Mr. President.
Move for approval.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved and seconded.

Question? Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?

(No response.)

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: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Harris?

MS. HARRIS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni, President?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 14, noes, 0. The bill
passes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Liaison Reports. Mike,
liaison reports.

MR. FINNERTY: Oh, thank you. How did you know
I had one?

MR. FUTULES: We're going to call it the
Finnerty report.

MR. FINNERTY: I like that. Thank you. Oh,
somebody else had one, too.

MR. MACEY: Barb.

MR. FINNERTY: Do you want to go first, Barb?
I'll go if you don't want to.

MS. DANKO: I'll go. Since Council Member Martoni probably won't bring this up, I want to make sure we have a --- an item on the agenda that had spoken to the fact that the Braddock Carnegie Library is going to be --- has been named a National Historic Landmark. And we know there are people that have lived in Braddock that have lived all over the county. I wanted to call their attention to the fact that this Saturday, there will be a celebration, the National Historic Landmark dedication ceremony at one o'clock at the Braddock Carnegie Library. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Mike?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. I just wanted to mention that Allegheny County Conservation District has an annual Envirothon. This year it's April the 26. That's a Friday and the time on it is from 9:00 in the morning until 1:30 in the afternoon. It's at North Park at Parish Hill facility. If you know where that big cylinder is that they used to use for fire training --- and I think they stored water in it at one time. I'm not sure. But that's where it is, at the Parish Hill facility. There's 25 teams from local high schools that participate. The first place winner goes onto the state competition, which is at Juniata College, and it's May 21st and 22nd. So if you're in the vicinity of North Park and you want to take a look at the Envirothon and what it is, it's five stations that they do different things in regard to water, soil, animal life in the forest. And there are different tests that these high school teams have to take. And the one with the highest point average obviously is the winner. And there's usually lunch at 12:00, so if you're hungry, just stop up. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Ms. Green Hawkins and then Ms. Rea.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Thank you, Mr. President. In relation to the Sewickley Borough TIF, Bill Number 7509-13, I just wanted to let everyone know that these were the questions that were being asked during the committee meeting. I thought it was important to try to arrange a tour of the area that we're talking about in Sewickley and was trying to get dates coordinated through the Economic Development Department and the Borough

Manager in Sewickley. And the dates that are proposed so far are Monday, April 22nd, Monday, April 29th, Tuesday, April 30th and Wednesday, May 1st. So one of those four days, hopefully, we're going to try to get something scheduled. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Yes. I just wanted to speak concerning the Allegheny Airport Authority and Southwestern American have added flights. And the really significant flight is out to the West Coast. So just so everyone knows, the Airport Authority is working very hard, along with the Executive Director and the Allegheny Conference, with members of the business community, to make sure we are pursuing flights to certainly help the business community and all the people who use the airport. And I wanted to make one more comment.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Please do.

MS. REA: I live very near North Park, and the improvement that was made to the lake and the fishermen who all enjoyed it this weekend, it was really a joy to drive through the park and just see so many --- actually, young children with their parents. And the park was left in a pristine condition, so the people that were enjoying the park took care of it. And I know that was a very long process the last few years, to improve the lake, but we certainly did it. And I want to thank everyone who played a role in it, and that's it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Did I miss anyone? John?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. I just --- Mr. President, this has nothing to do with anything that's going on in the county, except I would --- I think we would be remiss if we wouldn't offer our condolences and our concern for the people up there at the Boston Marathon yesterday. And the reason why I bring this up, we have our marathon coming up in a couple weeks. And I noticed yesterday there were quite a few of the officials from our marathon indicating that they are going to take even more precautions as far as the safety and concern of the runners. And I want to commend them for that. I think that was a --- the timing was excellent as far as them getting on board there. It's a concern, and it's something near and dear to myself.

I've been running the marathon and have done it for years. And I must say when I saw that carnage yesterday on TV, it gave me pause for thought. So again,

I commend our officials, our county officials and the people taking care of our marathon, for getting on TV and assuring everyone that things will be on Marathon Sunday. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Nick?

MR. FUTULES: It looks like Liaison Day. As the Chairman of our Parks, I'm proud to announce that on April the 20th at North Park --- that seems to be the topic today --- that the zip line will be opening, Go Ape. And rumor has it that our County Manager, Mr. William McKain, will be the first one to ride the zip line. And Andy Szefi, I hear he's holding the camera. He's going to be holding the camera just in case, as proof that he had done it. All right? That's great. Well, don't forget, April 20th, come out to North Park and enjoy the first day of the zip line, Go Ape.

MR. FINNERTY: That's this Saturday.

MR. FUTULES: That's correct.

MR. DROZD: Yeah, that's just a Point of Privilege rather than a liaison report. We went to the Allegheny League Municipality meeting this last week. And one of the areas I attended was very interesting to me, because I did this. What you saw happen in Boston, I used to do consequence management. And what that is, is you prepare for the worst case scenario and the risk (phonetic) case scenario, and then you make preparations in order to react, be more proactive than reactive. And we've got to get to our people on the EMS, Mr. County Manager. We have to make sure that they are beefed up for this because this could be a pattern that could happen, not to alarm everybody, but it could be.

We've got to have --- and plug into the FEMA people. There are computer modules where they can help us in determining what we're going to need for whatever reaction might happen in our marathon and where it might happen. And we need to really plug in and ask them for that information of where we can get those computer models, maybe where we can plug in some of this. We used them. They're very effective. And they gave us more foresight and depth and not having to react. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Mike?

MR. FINNERTY: I've got one thing. Thank you, Mr. President. Children's Hospital will be doing a groundbreaking out in South Fayette for a satellite hospital. It will be at the --- where 79 crosses 50,

right in that area. And that's going to be, I believe, May 3rd, if I'm not mistaken. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Anyone else? Thank you. New Business. Ordinances and Resolutions. 7552-13.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing an agreement with the North Allegheny Soccer Club for the continued use of the soccer fields located in the county's North Park. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Goes to Committee on Parks. 7553-13.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, Article 207, entitled New Board of Property Assessment Appeals and Review, Section 5-207.06, entitled Rules and Regulations for Appeals, in order to refine the procedure to be followed in order to amend the Board's regulations. Sponsored by Council Members Burn, Ellenbogen, Danko, Drozd, Finnerty, Futules, Green Hawkins, Macey, Martoni and Palmiere.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Committee on Government Reform. 7554-13. Do you want to say something on that, Jim?

MR. BURN: Briefly, Mr. President; thanks. I'd defer to my co-sponsor, Mr. Ellenbogen, who brought this issue to our attention in the first place.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: You can have this one.

MR. BURN: Thanks, Jim. And again, I know there was a lot of rhetoric at the last meeting about this. And you know, a lot of folks up here, you know, saw this as something that needed to be fixed. And I don't think any of us was trying to make a knock on the BPAAR Board or the good intentions of the folks who were doing what they were trying to do, just it's a matter of procedure and about those of us who are elected to make these types of decisions and set policy and not allowing circumstance to exist with the tail being perceived trying to wag the dog. So we look at the Administrative Code and we're simply making a correction, so that if the Board in the future, or any other such entity, attempts to make a rule change, we don't have to rely on the hawk eyes of James Ellenbogen to catch it before it's too late. It has to come before us in a proprietary fashion. We ultimately, with our

Chief Executive, we make the final decision. So I look forward to discussing it in a little more detail, Mr. President, and hopefully moving it swiftly. It's just a housekeeping matter. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. 7554-13.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, Article 905, entitled Nonformal Procurement, Section 5-905.03, entitled Procurement of Professional Services, in order to clarify the role of the Allegheny County Professional Services Review Committee and the process by which its members are appointed. Sponsored by Council Members Robinson and Martoni.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Government Review. Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. This legislation is intended to more clearly define what professional services in Allegheny County and what the role of Professional Services Review Committee is, as well as giving Council more input into the structuring of that committee. Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Communication from County Manager. 7555-13.

MR. CATANESE: Summary of the approved executive actions for all departments, from 3/1/13 to 3/31/13. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: How about a motion to receive the file?

MR. FINNERTY: I make a motion to receive it.
(Chorus of seconds.)

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

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

MR. CATANESE: We have two.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We have two. The first one is Jimmy Blue Thunder. Did I get it right, Jimmy?

MR. THUNDER: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Jimmy, we always ask the speaker to give their name and address and then go on.

MR. THUNDER: My name is Jimmy Blue Thunder. I am a homeless American Indian that comes before this

Council because you are it. I've been to everybody else. In this county, you have over 5,000 people homeless. Within Pittsburgh alone, you have over 2,000. Pittsburgh is at war against us. Last week the DPW, Department of Public Works, destroyed a tent camp that I set up for myself, my wife and others. They destroyed it. They destroyed hundreds of dollars worth of tents, tarps, clothing, everything.

Against going against the city, the law has said they must hold personal items for 30 days, against their own signs that they post that say they will hold our stuff for one year at Second Avenue at their place. All we've been asking and all I've been asking is somewhere for us to be safe. I'm not all here because I want to be out there. I'm out here because of medical. I've got a wife, and I look out for others while I'm out here. I feed the homeless on the South Side on Saturday and Sunday, along with another man. I do it out of my own. And all I've been looking for is somewhere for us to be safe or at least for the city to live by their laws. They don't. They destroy things that take us a long time to get a hold of. It's not right.

Everything I had, I barely got it out of camp. And then I get set up in another place, DPW comes after me again. I've had to move twice in a week. I'm not out here to hurt nobody. I'm just out here trying to survive until I can get up off my own feet. Continuously, we are being harassed by this city. The city has over 2,000 homeless within this area, and you have enough beds, maybe, for 300. No homeless organization that helps the homeless out here will help anyone get a home, unless they have an income. I'm in that boat. I'm fighting Social Security for disability. Because of the government taking \$320 million from the homeless, the poor and the handicapped and giving it to Shell Oil for a tax break, I lose my cash assistance and now I'm out here.

All I'm looking for is someone on this Council to approach me, to talk to me, somebody to talk to me to help us. That's all I'm looking for, no more, no less. I've been out here a year and a half. I can't get the help because I don't have an income. I want somebody to help. You're it. I've been to everybody. I've been to City Council. I've been to the Mayor's Office. I've been everywhere, and all I keep getting is the run-around. You're it. I have no more room to go. I just want help,

not only for myself and my wife, but those others who are out there, 40 percent of which are children under the age of 18. They've been through the system and living on the streets. It's not right. We're human beings. We're not scum on the bottom of your shoes. All I'm asking for is help, and you're it. You're supposed to be the people in charge. That's all I can do. I don't know what else to do. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Lester Ludwig?
Mr. Ludwig?

MR. LUDWIG: My name is Les Ludwig. I live at 6589 Rosewood Street, in Squirrel Hill. It happens that Mr. Paduco (phonetic) credits me that 6 1/2 years ago, at City Council, I brought a new age into government. And I want you to take the trip with me, so my pointer --- what is this? Most people call it a wall. I call it a surface. And if that surface belongs to government and faces the public, why isn't it leased --- leased for non-tax revenue for government? We now can enter into an entire new age. Instead of fighting over who's going to be taxed, it happens that the City of Pittsburgh is in this program and has currently \$1 million worth of advertising waiting to go into this program, which is going to probably open in the next few days.

And it's projected that there've been a couple of years that this is going to be not \$1 million but \$3,500,000 to \$5,000,000. Now, let's look at the comparison of geographic size and what that means to this Council. Obviously, Allegheny County is somewhat larger than the City of Pittsburgh and therefore the numbers will be larger. We had a reading by Mr. Szefi and Jack, I didn't get a chance to ask you whether you would care to comment about anything that you've had an opportunity to do the reading. But we are ---.

MR. CAMBEST: I didn't, and I will talk to Mr. Martoni.

MR. LUDWIG: What?

MR. CAMBEST: I didn't, and I will talk to Mr. Martoni.

MR. LUDWIG: Okay. And perhaps Mr. Martoni will want to comment. I'm honored just to be able to stand here and bring this thinking to you. Why? Because we need a change of attitude in government because of the conflict that we're in, here and nationally. And if we go to this program and do it at the highest level, it will be

meaningful for every one of us in this --- not only in this room but in the entire country. I thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. We're ready now for --- we're ready for a motion on adjournment.

MR. FINNERTY: I'll make that motion.

(Chorus of seconds.)

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

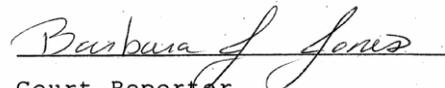
(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered.
Meeting stands adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:30 P.M.

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