

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

PRESIDENT MARTONI: The Allegheny County Council meeting will now come to order. Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Councilman Finnerty.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Please remain standing for a moment of silent reflection. In that moment, please keep in your thoughts and prayers the victims of the Oklahoma tornado, families and kids that were involved, please.

(Moment of silent reflection.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Please be seated. Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I'm 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?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni, President?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Thirteen (13) members currently present.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Proclamations/
Certificates. 7595-13.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation thanking the Grant Bar, for serving the residents of Millvale and the community-at-large for 80 years. Sponsored by Councilman Burn.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Burn.

MR. BURN: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. Frank, I see you here. It's good to see you. If you and the team could come up here, I wanted to make a few remarks and then read the proclamation into the record and invite you to say a few words. Oh, Junior's here. Great. Come on up here. You don't have to live in Millvale to know the reputation of the Grant Bar. You've been there. Arguably, in my opinion and many others, the best --- some of the best shrimp you're ever going to find. It's been written up in the newspapers and magazines. It's been a great local establishment.

Now, all of us who serve the county in this region are familiar with a local restaurant or a facility, something that was the main recognition, a community area where everybody knows that they go to, get something to eat, have a drink, have some fellowship; friends, family, neighbors. The Grant Bar is an example of that, and we can all --- we all have a story that we can share about our districts or our communities, where there's a place similar. When I saw and heard that the Grant was celebrating this year its 80th year in business, I wanted to invite Frank down and celebrate a remarkable story of 80 years of success, with my colleagues here on the council and with the residents of Allegheny County and with the administration.

It's been a remarkable journey that Frank and his family have taken. His parents started the restaurant in the 1930s. It's seen a lot of ups and downs over the years, but it has persevered. It really is a paradigm of what our communities are and the strength that they all have, the resilience and the strong sense that makes them so strong and so special. One of the toughest turns for the Grant Bar in its history was eight years ago --- no, it will be nine years this September --- when Hurricane Ivan --- and Michael, you saw it in Carnegie. We all saw it when Hurricane Ivan came through, and we were celebrating Millvale Days that weekend. And on Friday, the 17th of September, 2004, the hurricane lifted the waters of Girtys Run; and we're used to seeing flood all these years, but this time to a level we hadn't seen in

quite some time. And the next day --- and two of the first people that came out to assist me in my capacity as mayor were our current Chief Executive, Rich Fitzgerald, and Dan Onorato who took a tour. Later that day, I had the police chief with me, and we were looking at some of the facilities that were hit very hard. And Frank's business --- if you've been to Millvale, is at the end of the community when you come off 28, right where Girtys Run is about to come into the Allegheny River. That's where the flooding was at its peak, and it was the most intense and the most severe.

Frank's restaurant really was, literally, at ground zero. I went in with the police chief to look around, and it really was as bad as you've seen them on TV and other places that all of you had visited in the days and weeks subsequent to that storm. But when I was with the chief, I knew then that we were going to be okay, because I looked over at Frank, and he took me on a tour. And I said, well, Frank, what are you going to do? And he got mad, very indignant. He said, what do you mean, what am I going to do? I said, well, you know, the store and the flooding and the damage, you know. He goes, what do you mean, what am I going to do?

I said, well, I just want to know, you know, are you going to stay in business? And he laid into me pretty good. What do you mean, am I going to stay in business? Of course --- what kind of ridiculous ---. What kind of question is that? I was here in the St. Patrick's Day Flood of '36. They took us out in boats. This is nothing. We're going to get on with our business. We're going to clean this mud up. If you can excuse me, Mr. Burn, I have business here. Have a nice day. Well, you know, Heather, Doc, you know, Bill, I have a confession.

It's not the first time that I was asked to leave a bar, it was the first time that I had ---. Yeah, we'll leave it off the record. But it was the first time I was happy to be asked to leave a bar. You epitomized that day in that recovery the resilience of our community, the resilience of our town, the resilience of this region, as we all cleaned up and got on with our lives. And you have been a pillar of our community. Those who have come in and out of your restaurant over the years have celebrated great fellowship and a great opportunity to share stories. And it's just convenient, and it's been a remarkable run that you've had. And I wish you many more,

another 80 years. I'd like to read the proclamation into the record. And then Frank, I'd like for you to kind of say a few words, if that's okay.

WHEREAS, the Grant Bar and Restaurant, located at 114 Grant Avenue, Millvale, Pennsylvania, was founded by Matthew and Maria Ruzomberka in 1933. Today, the family-owned business is led by Frank Ruzomberka, a Certified Executive Chef of the American Academy of Chefs; and

WHEREAS, a landmark in Millvale, the Grant Bar and Restaurant's menu items have received outstanding and well deserved recognition, and the business attracts clients from all over Pittsburgh and beyond; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2004, the beloved Grant Bar and Restaurant incurred significant damage due to flooding from Hurricane Ivan. Mr. Ruzomberka, with determination and help from his employees, family and friends, rebuilt and made improvements to the business. On April 18, 2005, exactly seven months later, the Grant Bar and Restaurant re-opened; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ruzomberka is known as a generous benefactor and is the recipient of the Humanitarian Award from a local chapter of the American Culinary Federation, was recognized for the fundraising he has conducted to help fellow chefs and their families stricken with illness, as well as people in the Millvale area facing crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegheny County Council, on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, does hereby thank the Grant Bar and Restaurant for serving the residents of Millvale and the community-at-large for 80 years. Furthermore, we congratulate the Grant Bar and Restaurant upon reaching the milestone anniversary, and we offer you best wishes for another 80 years of continued success. Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MR. RUZOMBERKA: First of all, I'd like to thank Jim Burn and City Council. It's been a rough road, and you know --- but an endurable road, because what made it exciting was when the flood happened, I was already 73. So there was --- it was something to think about, if I wanted to re-open. It wasn't like he said. The flood was Friday, and Saturday morning when the water receded, there was 35 employees with shovels and gloves and buckets ready

to go to work. I couldn't say no to that. So what happened was, my employees re-built the whole place. I would say 80 percent of the building of the restaurant was re-built by my employees. In recognition, I wanted to keep this place going, because my brothers were all up in their 80s and 90s. I'm the youngest of five. And right now, I'm the lone survivor. I have a brother that's pretty sick. So what we did to keep the bar going, we reorganized just last December the Grant Bar, a new corporation formed. And I've got all the employees --- four employees, and I've got them in the corporation, so the Grant Bar will continue. And thank you very much for this honor. I'm very pleased, and it will be a highlight of my career. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. BURN: Every morning, are you still baking the pies and bringing them downstairs?

MR. RUZOMBERKA: Every day.

MR. BURN: Every day? They're delicious. Does anybody else want to say anything?

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7596-13.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation congratulating the April 2013 Allegheny County Exemplary Employee Award Winner, Ms. Patricia (Patsy) Thompson, a Licensed Professional Nurse (LPN) of the Kane Regional Center Scott facility. Sponsored by Councilman Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. Patsy, would you come up here, please. Oh, and Director Biondo is back there. Director, would you come up here. It's with great pleasure that I bring Patsy up here. She is doing and has done exemplary work for our citizens of Allegheny County. And she has won this award, and I'd like to read the proclamation.

WHEREAS, in February 2013, County Manager William B. McKain, CPA, re-instituted the Frank J. Lucchino Distinguished Service Award and created the Exemplary Employee Award to recognize exceptional achievement by a county employee or employee group; and

WHEREAS, after receiving dozens of nominations submitted by fellow employees, supervisors, residents and visitors to the county, the county manager selected Patricia (Patsy) Thompson as the first awardee of the Exemplary Employee Award, a five and a half year employee of Kane Regional Center. Patsy is a licensed professional

nurse at the Scott facility, where she works on Unit 3B; and

WHEREAS, Patsy was nominated by Patricia Brawdy (phonetic), the mother of Valerie Sutton, who was a patient at Kane Scott for rehabilitation following surgery for colon cancer in October of 2012. Valerie is mentally challenged and needed to learn how to use and change her bag before she could live independently again; and

WHEREAS, in her nomination, Ms. Brawdy said that Patsy took Valerie under her wing and worked with her for five months. Valerie is now independent and can handle her own needs, thanks to Patsy's care and support. She is back in the community and in a group home environment, living independently.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council does hereby congratulate Ms. Patsy Thompson, for receiving the Allegheny County Exemplary Employee Award. And we thank her for her hard work and dedication to serving her patients at Kane and the residents of Allegheny County. Sponsored on this day by myself. Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MS. THOMPSON: Again, I'd just like to thank everybody for this award. The people I work with --- I could not have gotten this award without them, because if I was doing --- when I would help Valerie, they were picking up the slack of my other duties. So many times when you think of a nurse, you think that they give the shots, they give the pills, they do the turning. A very big part of our job is to teach, whether it's something as mundane as pushing a little bell for help or teaching a family how to get back in, and your life's not over now.

We can do other things. There are other options. And I'm particularly proud of this award, because it is about teaching. And I think that's the most fundamental part of our job.

(Applause.)

MR. BIONDO: Patsy is a reflection of all the good work that we do at Kane. And as she said, it's a team effort. And it's so gratifying to hear how we changed the life of even one person every day; when you think of the thousands of residents every day, how we're changing their lives every day, one person, one nurse, one staff member at a time. So we want to say thank you,

Patsy, for all the good work and hard work you do.
Thanks.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7597-13.

MR. CATANESE: Let the record show that Councilman DeFazio is present. 7597-13. Proclamation recognizing Ms. Lani Lazzari, founder of Simple Sugars scrubs, for her resolve and for serving as a role model for other young entrepreneurs. Sponsored by Council Members Hawkins, Danko, Harris and Rea.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Thank you. And Ms. Heidelbaugh is also a co-sponsor on the proclamation with us. Thank you. I would like for Ms. Lani Lazzari to come up and join us. You may recognize Ms. Lazzari from a TV show that she appeared on recently about her company that she started. She is a young entrepreneur here in our county, and I was just inspired by Ms. Lazzari's story. Two things that really inspired me or touched me about her story was, one, she wanted to be in charge of her own success, her own future. And she came to that realization after something --- a situation with her mom being passed over with a promotion.

And as someone who works in the labor movement and supports working families, working women, definitely is a situation that I've seen time and time again, but I definitely understand that. And the fight still continues when it comes to fairness and equality of women in the workplace. And something else that touched me about her story is that --- I think time and time again, when it comes to minority and women-owned businesses, we need to make sure that we nurture, encourage the development and growth of M and WBEs. Those companies proportionately, as compared to other companies, tend to hire more women and more minorities.

So in looking at unemployment rates in our region or anywhere, one way to address that unemployment is to make sure you're encouraging this growth and development under minority and women-owned businesses, and you look and you see employed a lot of women, take employ here. And so I just wanted to make sure we brought her in, introduced her to the rest of our county and just highlight the work that she's doing. And you see that I have the rest of my women County Council members here. And she does have a product line for men, as well. It's

not just all about women, she'll tell you about that shortly. And I'll just read the proclamation.

WHEREAS, the health, prosperity and vitality of Allegheny County's economy is tied directly to the leadership, motivation and inspiration of entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lani Lazzari's vision, ingenuity and productivity helped her to establish a successful business called Simple Sugars, an all natural hand jarred and hand labeled skin scrub; and

WHEREAS, Simple Sugars has been recognized by Teen Vogue, Seventeen and Allure Magazine and has been featured in several TV and radio spots, including an appearance on ABC's reality TV show, Shark Tank, in which she received a \$100,000 investment from Dallas Mavericks owner, Mark Cuban, who was born in Squirrel Hill and grew up in Mount Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, Simple Sugars, headquartered in Sharpsburg, has experienced steady growth since its induction and is carried at Giant Eagle supermarkets and the local boutique, with the majority of orders coming through Simple Sugars website; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lazzari is encouraging and inspiring young people to start their own company, thereby creating jobs, wealth and opportunity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council does hereby recognize Ms. Lani Lazzari for her resolve to establish Simple Sugars and for serving as a role model for other young entrepreneurs. Thank you, Ms. Lazzari.

(Applause.)

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: At this time, are there other Council members who want to say anything?

MS. LAZZARI: Well, I would like to say thank you so much for this award. As you said, a big inspiration for starting this business was, I wanted to be responsible for my own future. And I watched my mom go through a bad experience at her job. And it's really exciting because over the past couple of months, we've really been able to grow the business and to bring on some more employees. All right? We started at five, and over the past two months we've increased from there to 20. So it's really exciting for us to be able to employ people, predominantly women, as mentioned, and to see that continue to grow. And one of the long-term goals for the

business is really to create a company with a great work environment. Some people really do love their jobs, so it's a ---. Thank you so much for the recognition, and I'm really excited about where we've come and where we're continuing to go with this story. Oh, I'm 19.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7598-13.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation commending the Junior League of Pittsburgh (JLP) community impact, upon the occasion of its 90th anniversary. Sponsored by Councilwoman Harris.

MS. HARRIS: Thank you, Mr. President, and Council members. I'm here today to recognize the outstanding service and dedication that the Junior League of Pittsburgh has provided to our region here today. They have been doing this for the past 90 years. The Junior League of Pittsburgh is a volunteer organization for women. They currently have over 150 active members, of which I am one. These members, on average, perform over 10,000 hours a year of service and fundraising for our region. Some of the things that they've done over the past 90 years is, Junior League members have founded what is now the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh and what is also known, the Highmark Caring Place, which is a place where children can go who have experienced loss, to process their grief.

It's a great organization. And most recently, they just partnered with WQED to found iQ Kids Radio, which is an online streaming 24 hours on Saturdays of children-based programming, with no commercials. So I would like to recognize Jessica Nock who is representing the Junior League here today. I'll invite you to say a couple words, and then you can take a picture.

MS. NOCK: Hi, my name is Jessica Nock, and I'm happy to be here today on behalf of the Junior League of Pittsburgh. Thank you to Councilwoman Harris and to you all. Much like Allegheny County, we've undergone a lot of changes in the last 90 years, as well. And from our founding 20 members to the more than 400 when you count our sustainers now, we really encompass a very digress group. We are moms and daughters and spouses. We deliver your evening news. We serve as your elected officials. We teach your kids at school, and we play women's football. But through all of that, one thing that has

never changed is the commitment to this community and the commitment to developing the potential of women and promoting volunteerism. So whether it has been our work with elderly programs at Vintage or the Children's Museum or promoting awareness of domestic violence through Silent Witness, whether you may or may not realize it, there's a good chance that we've touched the life of somebody that you know. So it's wonderful that we can look back on this 90 years and celebrate all that. And I look forward to the next 90 with so much anticipation. We have so many great things ahead of us. Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7599-13.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation honoring Mr. Robert (Butch) Burke, Mr. Bobby Catley, Ms. Jamie Holmes, Ms. Roxanne Plater, Mr. Brian Wolovich and Ms. Denise Zellous, for being named the finalists for the Most Outstanding Volunteer among 47 Jefferson Awards for Public Service winners and congratulating Ms. Zellous for being named the 2013 Most Outstanding Volunteer. Sponsored by Councilwoman Heidelbaugh.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: May I have the Jefferson Award winners come up here and join me, please? It is my distinct privilege and honor to recognize these Allegheny County citizens standing to my right, who are finalists for the Jefferson Awards in Allegheny County. As many of you who are daily newspaper readers know, the Jefferson Award finalists are often in our local newspapers and have been for as many years as I have been reading the newspaper.

They started under the tutelage of Jacqueline Onassis. Jefferson Awards are a prestigious national recognition system which honors communities in public service in America. And the Jefferson Awards are presented on two levels, national and local. They were originally created as a form of a Nobel Prize for public service. Today their primary purpose is to serve as a call to action for volunteers. We recognize them in the community and remind others of the need to put ourselves into the community to serve.

Local winners are grassroots unsung heroes who you would not ordinarily be able to pick out of a crowd but certainly deserve to be picked out of a crowd. They are ordinary individuals who have performed extraordinary

deeds. As I call your name, if you could stand here. I think Mr. Burke was unable to attend; am I correct? Let me read what he has done for the community. Robert (Butch) Burke is a retired engineer from Brentwood and is active in the Veterans' organizations. He sets up the annual POW-MIA vigil, organizes the Honor Guard that marches in parades and serves at funerals. He collects food and clothing for the homeless. Bobby Catley is a 19 year old --- a 19-year-old-resident of Hopewell. He has participated in 45 service-learning projects. Among these are the Caring Café at the Hopewell High School and has started a café to raise money for Highmark Caring Place, as Krista just said, a group that supports grieving families.

Jamie Holmes. Ms. Holmes, of White Oak, was born with a rare disorder called Bader Syndrome and has undergone more than 30 surgeries. Often in pain herself, she can relate to the suffering of others. In 2005, she established Jamie's Dream Team, whose volunteers lift the spirits of others who are disabled, terminally ill or who experience trauma or chronic conditions, by providing them with fabulous trips or opportunities. She was also named a KDQA Hometown Hero of the Year. And while she helps others who are in pain, she suffers herself.

Roxanne Plater --- Plater (changes pronunciation.) Ms. Plater, of Penn Hills, became the leader of her daughter's Girl Scout troop player and reached beyond the eastern suburbs to start a troop in Manchester. Manchester did not have a troop, and she has taken on more and more leadership roles within the organization, despite having a full-time job and a busy household. She volunteers as many as 20 hours a week to help in the Girl Scouts.

Brian Wolovich, who could not be here, is a sixth-grade teacher that has been instrumental in raising community support to Millvale's first library, and I'm sure my colleague knows him well. After five years of hard work planning \$500,000 in fundraising, the library is on the verge of opening on Grant Avenue --- and I hope I get an invitation. He spends 20 hours a week, 60 hours a week in the summer, on this project, that he hopes to evolve into a community helping serve needs.

And the winner of the Jefferson is Denise. You're awesome. I only wish I had met you before this. Ms. Zellous, of Elliott, started Project Hope, which

stands for helping other people excel. It collects everyday household items for women transitioning from being homeless into permanent housing. After a hard life growing up in McKees Rocks Terrace and battling years of addiction and homelessness, Ms. Zellous reached a turning point on April 29th, 2000, and she has not relapsed since. She has focused her attention on rebuilding her life and helping others. On April 29th, 2013, Ms. Zellous was selected as the most outstanding volunteer among 47 Jefferson Award for public service candidates and will represent western Pennsylvania at the National Jefferson Award ceremony in Washington, D.C. You are a hero.

(Applause.)

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: On behalf of all the citizens of Allegheny County, it is my pleasure to thank you and to honor you for your service to the community. I only wish we had a thousand more. Would you like to say something?

MS. ZELLOUS: Thank you so much for this recognition. I truly am humbled by it. The old adage that once an addict, always an addict, is a lie. I represent that. We can and we do recover. An ingredient that makes that happen is hope. From the foster of despair and helplessness and tirelessness, when the community organizations and individuals that recover before us come together on our behalf and believe in us and love us so we can love ourselves, we develop this thing called hope. And that hope leads us from being a victim of our own choices and our lifestyles, to becoming survivors of those choices and that lifestyle. And I want to help and encourage others to do the same. Thank you so much for honoring me.

(Applause.)

MS. PLATER: Good afternoon. I just want to thank Council so much for this recognition. It is just awesome to think that I'm doing something that I love; and then to be recognized for it is --- there's just no words. It's so easy to just put down young people. I've decided to do something about it, to be a mentor. It's very important to mentor our young people, because they are our future and to be recognized for it is just --- it's just unbelievable. And I just want to thank you very much. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. HOLMES: I want to thank you very much for having me here this evening; as it was said, that I was

born with a form of Bader Syndrome. I'm 25 years old. I've had over 45 major operations throughout my life --- I've been very sick --- and have several more to go eventually. And I do wake up every day with illness and my pain. But what keeps me going is the over 500 families that we've helped. The 500 families that we've helped in the last seven years, we continue to help. If any of you do have anybody in your district that you know that has an illness or is overcoming any type of life diversity, please let us know, and we'll be there to help. I try not to turn anyone away. I try to make it best for everybody.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7600-13.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation congratulating the Whitehall Public Library, upon the occasion of its 50th anniversary. Sponsored by Councilman Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President and members of Council, it's indeed an honor tonight to be able to recognize the Whitehall Library. And I just want to say a couple of things about celebrating their 50th anniversary. And you know, you hear --- today you hear a lot of talk about libraries becoming irrelevant. Let me tell you, that's not true at all, and Whitehall Library is the perfect example. It's kind of the center of the universe over there, and I'm not exaggerating. So I wanted to take this opportunity to recognize the library. I think --- you know, we have a lot of duties and have a lot of things that we do and shuffle our lives around. But this is one of the good things that we're able to do, is to recognize people and recognize organizations that really deserve it and served our county so well.

This evening we have Councilwoman Linda Book, who's representing the library. She's a councilwoman at Whitehall and has been for several years now and one of the good people. Linda, before I let you speak, I want to read the proclamation. Okay?

WHEREAS, public libraries have flourished in Allegheny County over the past century, supplying the citizens of our community with a valuable resource of knowledge and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, established in 1961, Whitehall Library has operated for 50 years to serve as a community resource for education, exploration, enrichment and enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, formed in 1961, the Friends of the Whitehall Library, with support from the Whitehall Century Club, the local women's organization, raised approximately \$20,000, allowing the library to open with 4,000 new books; and

WHEREAS, the library was officially dedicated on May 5th, 1963. Since then, the Whitehall Library has expanded, once in 1972, when it added to its initial space, and again in 1998, when the library dramatically increased and improved the space with a significant \$800,000 renovation; and

WHEREAS, Whitehall Public Library has received numerous national and state grant awards and much public recognition; specifically, for the unique services for older adults and seniors, young children, ages birth to three years, and ESL learners from the area's resettled refugee population.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny Council, on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, congratulates the Whitehall Public Library on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. We thank the dedicated Board of Trustees, Friends of the Library, staff and committed individuals that united for the betterment of the community. And we look forward to the Whitehall Public Library serving the residents of Allegheny County many more years to come. This is sponsored by myself and the rest of County Council --- my colleagues on County Council.

(Applause.)

COUNCILWOMAN BOOK: Mr. Palmiere and County Council, I'm so thrilled to be here, and I accept this on behalf of my borough and the library. I, myself, have been a Vice President of Friends of the Whitehall Library for two years. And as Mr. Palmiere mentioned, the Friends of the Whitehall Library first came --- it was established in 1961. And they formed the Whitehall Library. Usually, it's the other way around. So right off the bat, we were very unique. And since then, we've grown. And many in the past dozen years since I've been on Council, we've been in the top 25 echelon libraries in the state. And also, we worked so well together, Whitehall Council with the Library Board, and Whitehall contributes each year --- this year, \$337,000 --- to the library for the programs to keep it going because --- in spite of the fact that the funding is always less every year, it seems. And we want

to keep that going into the heart of our community. So thank you very much for the recognition.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: The remaining proclamations will be read into the record. 7601-13.

MR. CATANESE: Certificate of Recognition awarded to the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Community 2013 Jubilarians, upon reaching milestone anniversaries. Sponsored by Jim Burn.

7602-13. Certificate of Recognition awarded to the winners of the Allegheny County Health Department's Earth Day 2013 Pollution Prevention Starts With You poster contest. Sponsored by Council members Burn, Harris, Robinson and Palmiere.

7603-13. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Alexander N. Washy, of Boy Scout Troop 368, upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Councilman Drozd.

7604-13. Proclamation congratulating the First United Presbyterian Church of Rennerdale, upon the 110th anniversary of its founding. Sponsored by Councilman Finnerty.

7605-13. Proclamation thanking the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Highmark, BNY Mellon, the Pittsburgh Foundation and the Heinz Endowment, for sponsoring the Jefferson Awards for Public Service program. Sponsored by Councilwoman Heidelbaugh.

7606-13. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Thadeus Abramowich, of Boy Scout Troop 321, upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Councilwoman Heidelbaugh and Councilwoman Rea.

7607-13. Certificate of Recognition awarded to the Duquesne/West Mifflin Rotary Club, upon the occasion of its 60th anniversary. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

7608-13. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Dom Toretta, for his 60 years of service as a founding member of the Duquesne/West Mifflin Rotary Club. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

7609-13. Certificate of Recognition presented to the 2013 Allegheny County Police retirees. Sponsored by Councilman Martoni.

7610-13. Certificate of Recognition thanking the Castle Shannon Borough for hosting its annual

Community Day celebration on May 26, 2013. Sponsored by Councilman Palmiere.

7611-13. Certificate of Recognition thanking the Castle Shannon Borough, the City of Clairton, Elizabeth Borough, Jefferson Hills Borough and Whitehall Borough, for hosting its annual Memorial Day Parade in their communities on May 27, 2013. Sponsored by Councilman Palmiere.

7612-13. Certificate of Recognition thanking the South Park Township for celebrating Memorial Day on May 27, 2013. Sponsored by Councilman Palmiere.

7618-13. Proclamation honoring Bruno Sammartino, Wrestling's Living Legend, and declaring Friday, May 17, 2013, as Bruno Sammartino Day in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council members DeFazio and Martoni.

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

MR. CATANESE: We have none.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We have none. Approval of Minutes. 7613 --- 7617-13.

MR. CATANESE: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Allegheny County Council, held on April 16, 2013.

MR. PALMIERE: So moved.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered. Unfinished Business. Committee on Budget and Finance, Second Reading. 7591-13.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny, amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2013 (Submission 05-13). Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Do you have a motion? Mr. Robinson?

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

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Move for approval, second. 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: 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: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?
(No response.)
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: 7592-13.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny, amending the 2011 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.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved in 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: 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?
(No response.)
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 Health and Human Services, Second Reading. 7413-13.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, permitting the use of certain County-owned property by Prevention Point Pittsburgh. Sponsored by Councilman Palmiere.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President and members of Council, move for approval.

MR. ROBINSON: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved in 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: 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?
(No response.)
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: 7485-13.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny, ratifying amendments to Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations pursuant to Section 12011 of the Local Health Administration Law, 16 P.S. Section 12001. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President and members of Council, I have Mr. Thompson here. I invited him down and I'd like him to explain, if he'd be kind enough to, to go over these next three for the edification of our --- of my colleagues here.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: That's fine.

MR. THOMPSON: Good evening. My name is Jim Thompson. I'm the Program Manager --- Air Quality Program Manager, Health Department. What you have before you today are three changes to our Air Pollution Control Rules and Regulations. In each case, all of them had gone through a sense of public process, comment period, public hearing and then, finally, approval by our Board of Health. We now are here to get these regulations

promulgated as County ordinances, so that they can now be enforced across all of Allegheny County.

The first and the third ordinances that you have are very similar. And what they are, are regulations that control volatile organic compounds from various sources within the county. Now, to give you some background, the Environmental Protection Agency requires agencies such as ours to have rules and regulations that have --- various sources ensure that they have reasonable available control technologies for it. The way this works is, the EPA promulgates a model rule, and then each agency has the decision whether or not to accept that rule as is or to promulgate something more stringent. In each case, we have taken the rule as promulgated by the EPA, which is consistent with what is being done by our sister organization, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

They involve controls of printers, service coders and other manufacturers. They actually have no immediate effect on any of our sources. We have about 80 sources that fall within these categories. There's no immediate effect, as all of the sources are able to currently meet these guidelines. The regulations just ensure that they continue to meet those guidelines. The middle regulation that you have before you deal with outdoor wood fire boilers.

Now, for those of you that don't know what those are, an outdoor wood fire boiler is a furnace that sits outside your house. It's fired by wood. It heats a recirculating flow of water that goes into your house to provide heat or to make hot water. Now, they are not very popular in Allegheny County. We only have 12 units that we know about. But if you look inside one, you know it. Just about everywhere where they are being used, they have become somewhat of a nuisance, and other states have promulgated very strict regulations on these, including the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

When we decided to promulgate to actually adopt these rules by reference, we got a strong outcry, not only by the citizens and environmental groups, but also from the industry within the county, because they were afraid that if these wood boilers became popular, that they would undo all of the pollution controls the industry has done. And so as a result, we have made our outdoor wood boiler slightly more stringent in four areas, compared to the

Department of Environmental Protection. We increased the setback requirement from the property line, from 50 feet to 150 feet.

We increased the stack height of where the smoke comes out to where --- that it has to be two feet above the height of the nearest structure. We instituted a registration program and, also, we instituted a no-burn policy during air quality action days. Other than that, it's very similar, actually, word for word, to the DEP regulation. So that's a brief summary, and I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Questions? Go ahead.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: You did mention the industry response. Are there any particular businesses in Allegheny County that have expressed strong concern about these regulations, in terms of being able to continue to operate their businesses?

MR. THOMPSON: None have expressed --- for the volatile organic compound regulations I had talked about, none had expressed any. In fact, during our public comment period, we only received two comments, and those were both from citizens.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Okay. So is it in your best opinion that all of these new regulations will not prohibit any existing company with employees, from doing business under these regulations?

MR. THOMPSON: That's correct. To the best of our knowledge, of all 80 sources that fall under that, they can all meet these guidelines.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Do you have any grandfathering provisions?

MR. THOMPSON: There's no grandfathering provisions in these particular regulations, and it's because it's not --- it's required by the EPA, so these regulations have to be in place.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: And then on the wood --- the wood-fired boiler, are the 12 boilers in Allegheny County for homes, or are they home and business?

MR. THOMPSON: One is a business, and the rest are for homes.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: And what is the business? And don't tell me the name, just ---.

MR. THOMPSON: It's a wood --- it's a furniture manufacturing. So they have an endless supply of wood.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: And are they going to be able to operate under these new ---?

MR. THOMPSON: Well, under these particular rules, under the wood fire boiler rules, they are grandfathered.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Okay.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes?

MS. HARRIS: I have a question about the grandfathering of the wood burning boilers. When --- so will there be any effect on the current boilers? Should they need maintenance, would they have to then comply?

MR. THOMPSON: No. There's no provision in those regulations. Obviously, if they ---.

MS. HARRIS: They won't have to change if --- like, if they need maintenance on their boiler, they won't have to upgrade?

MR. THOMPSON: Right. The general rule of thumb is, if you replace up to 85 percent of the value of something that is a new project, then they would have to comply.

MS. HARRIS: Okay. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Question? Matt?

MR. DROZD: Yeah. There are air bases, credits within those air bases, that you are fully aware of. And my concern always is --- what's happening is, not us, not this Council not this --- we don't push jobs across, federal and state push these jobs across the border in other air bases, because we're penalized, what's happening downwind in Ohio and those other neighboring communities. I mean, what we can't do is make our laws --- County laws more stringent, especially the state and federal, because then we're penalizing jobs here and making us less competitive than our neighboring air bases, which may be just right across another county line, or even worse, the state line. I don't mind keeping the jobs, at least in the state. Is that happening? Is any of this happening, or any of this going to occur?

MR. THOMPSON: None of this will affect that. But you are correct, approximately 65 percent of our pollution is coming from outside the county. And federal rules are trying to address it; however, every time they try to implement something like that, they end up in court. But you're exactly right. For example, our PM 2.5 state implementation plant --- if you live in the Clairton area, includes not only local controls done by U.S. Steel,

but half the improvement is commonly from upwind regulations that we anticipate being in place.

MR. DROZD: So we're being penalized still ---

MR. THOMPSON: Yes, we are.

MR. DROZD: --- by the neighbors down there, and they haven't addressed that issue yet?

MR. THOMPSON: No, they have not.

MR. DROZD: So we're losing industry or job opportunities within this air base and within our county because of what's happening is, our neighboring states, our neighboring ---.

MR. THOMPSON: It's tough to ---.

MR. DROZD: I'm not blaming you, but this is ridiculous, because we lose jobs because of it.

MR. THOMPSON: It's tough to estimate how many jobs are --- would be lost because of that, and certainly, they need to look into that.

MR. DROZD: Right. Way to go.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Barbara, and then Jim.

MS. DANKO: I may be dating myself a little bit, because I'm familiar with the term, the BACT, Best Available Control Technology, and I heard you reference recently, they were going to control technology. Is that the standard now, or when did that switch? Or is that still in use?

MR. THOMPSON: Different situations require different technologies. Brand new sources that build something in Allegheny County have to install best available control technology by our regulations. For existing sources that are already here where new regulations come in to place, those are reasonably available control technology. So you wouldn't expect a source within either for many years to actually have to update its process to actually be best. It may not be economically feasible, I think.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Yeah. This is a suggestion. Our county manager, take note. We have a large law department. We might take action --- legal action in this way --- and our legislators have to weigh into this and our federal Congressional people and U.S. Senators have to weigh in this --- to go after those states. If they're penalizing us, then their credit should come to us. You see my point? Maybe we can take a legal action, or our Congress should get off and do something about this,

because if they're penalizing us for jobs, then they ought to give us the credit. Do you see my point?

MR. THOMPSON: Yes, I do.

MR. DROZD: That's what needs to be done. They got to give us our credits, and maybe we ought to look at this and see what we can do legally and Congressionally, to get those credits so we retain those jobs and we get them back here. You know, they --- we shouldn't be penalized because they're polluting the air, we lose the job. And I'm not --- you know, excuse me.

MR. THOMPSON: Sure.

MR. DROZD: I know you're doing your best. It's just that I think we ought to look at this and explore this. Maybe they can provide some information and see what we can do. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Anyone else?
Mr. Palmiere, I don't think you made a motion on that.

MR. PALMIERE: Not yet. I just wanted --- Mr. Thompson, thank you so very much. I know it was really inconvenient for you to get here today at the last minute. On behalf of my colleagues, we really appreciate the opportunity to speak to you and have you address these issues. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President, move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Motion and a 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: 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: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni, President?
PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 14, noes, 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7486-13.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny, ratifying amendments to Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations pursuant to Section 12011 of the Local Health Administration Law, 16 P.S. Section 12001. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. Mr. Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President, move for approval.

MS. HARRIS: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved in 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: Ms. Green Hawkins?
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Harris?
MR. 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: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni, President?
PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 14, noes, 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7487-13.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of Council of the County of Allegheny, ratifying amendments to Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations pursuant to Section 12011 of the Local Health Administration Law, 16 P.S., Section 12001. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President, move for approval.

MR. ROBINSON: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved in 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: 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: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni, President?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 14 ---.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Liaison Reports.

MR. CATANESE: The bill passes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: I know you're first.

MR. FINNERTY: I really don't have one, but I'd just like to thank all the communities for their Memorial Day parades coming up this coming weekend. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: That's pretty good. Jim?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Yeah. I'm kind of trying ---. I've been thinking about this since yesterday. I'm trying to figure out how I want to phrase this. Yesterday we had an election and, you know, people participated. People ran for office, people didn't. And we had a very low voter turnout. And at the same time, too, I was listening to people talk about, you know, what are we doing Memorial Day, which is in a couple days? And it's time to break this connection that we seem to have developed, and I don't mean just even in this county. It's particularly more significant in this county, because I believe this county has probably given more soldiers to the Armed Services in the last 100 years than probably any county in the United States.

And I thought to myself of a young Army sergeant by the name of Jeffrey Dayton, who was a member of my family, who died in --- he was a member of the First Army Division and died in Iraq on May 3rd, 2004. Jeffrey was only 26 years old and had a wife, had a beautiful future ahead of him. And then I thought to myself, you know, all these --- there's going to be all kinds of Memorial things that a lot of us will participate in, and they'll talk about honoring the dead. But when you really stop to think about it, we're going to spend so much of that time honoring the dead that have died; you know, that laid in these battlefields across the world, some who were members of my own family, like Jeffrey.

But yet we don't stop and think about getting up in the morning and going down and doing the thing that they died for, to give you the right to vote, to be free. You know, since the --- and you know, I bring Jeffrey up because it's a little more significant. You can go in any cemetery in this country, and you'll see young kids that had their whole lives ahead of them, that gave those lives

to this country for that. And then to see major elections, people who affect your life every day, 25, 30 percent of the people --- because I had to do this or whatever, can't find a minute. And when you stop to think about it and it's so close together, it's actually a shame. It's the people who don't --- who enjoy those rights and take it for granted and don't take the time to go and vote, I can only say to you that those young men died and young women to maybe give you the right to decide maybe you don't want to vote; because maybe if you lived somewhere else, you might think about it a little different. I'm sorry I ran on, but like I said, it's something very personal to me that's affected me personally, and I just wanted to bring that up. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. That's a very good point. Nick?

MR. FUTULES: Okay. Maybe we should change this to the Finnerty report. I'd like to mention our 7th Annual South Park Flag Retirement Ceremony that's going to be hosted by Allegheny County Council and the Chief Executive. It will be held on February the 14th, 2013, beginning at ---.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Not February.

MR. FUTULES: I'm sorry. Did I say February?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.

MR. FUTULES: June 14th --- Friday, June the 14th, at 6:30. And it's going to be at the South Park Retirement Plaza, By the Dawns Early Light, and will serve the purpose of retiring our flags that are unserviceable during the service to our county. Please attend; it's a great ceremony. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Mr. Macey, then Mr. Robinson.

MR. MACEY: Thank you. Mr. President, and members of Council. Just to reiterate, there will be a ribbon-cutting celebration of the completion of the Great Allegheny Passage Trail. Now, that trail --- it's from Washington, D.C. to Pittsburgh, to The Point. This will be held Saturday, June 15th, at 10:00 a.m., behind Costcos in the Waterfront Center, in West Homestead. And it's just behind Sandcastle. After ribbon-cutting ceremonies, there will be a bicycle ride down to The Point, where there will be an unveiling of the marker, completing the Allegheny Passage.

There's plenty more information. You can check with the Allegheny Trail Alliance website, and there's plenty of information on there. But this is great for the bike enthusiasts. By the way, the Great Allegheny Passage is now open, by the way, and it was opened last Friday. So anybody that wants to travel that can go anywhere from the Mon Valley, where I live, on to The Point. But I'd like to congratulate the Allegheny Trail Alliance, who really pushed this, as well as Linda McKenna Boxx and her perseverance to get this done. It's been 30 years in the making, and I think it's something that really attracts people to our region from many places, not only in this country but around the world. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Mr. Robinson.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council, a point of personal privilege, if I might. Over the last few months, I shared with anyone who would listen, my concern that in our City of Pittsburgh and in our county, we needed a black agenda, an agenda that specifically addressed the concerns of people who consider themselves black or African American. I bring this issue before this council again this evening. There are some prime examples of how this issue can be addressed in a city that is getting blacker and blacker and in a county that has to wrestle with many issues that affect black people and poor people on a daily basis with limited resources.

In our midst is a cultural institution that's in need of our assistance. An obvious item that should be at the top of any black agenda --- and that is the August Wilson Center, named for an internationally known playwright born and raised in the City of Pittsburgh. This physical structure sits in downtown Pittsburgh in Councilwoman Amanda Green Hawkins' council district, but it serves this region as a focal point for black life and culture. It should be at the top of any agenda to address the very obvious concerns of people of color, not only by its mere presence but by the challenges it faces.

Unfortunately, in our past mayor's race and some of the other races, this issue of the black agenda was not directly addressed, but the August Wilson Center found itself on the front page of both of our daily papers, not for positive reasons but for less than positive reasons. For those who are bold enough and concerned enough to take serious the black agenda, the August Wilson Center needs

your assistance. This county, to my knowledge, has not provided substantial financial assistance or management assistance or any other kind of assistance to the August Wilson Center. There is an organization in this town since 1980 that can lead the way as to how to address the black agenda. It is the POISE Foundation. I happen to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the POISE Foundation. It was specifically established by the late Bernard H. Jones to address the concerns and interests of black people in Allegheny County, and specifically, in the City of Pittsburgh.

POISE has been building a black agenda since 1980; the POISE Foundation, P-O-I-S-E. It is now chaired by Mr. Greg Spencer, and the President/CEO is Mr. Mark Lewis. I would encourage those that take serious the legitimate concerns of black people and poor people in this city, to get more information on the POISE Foundation and to work with them, so that this agenda that I will continue to talk about, can be fleshed out and can be of benefit to this region, and specifically, the City of Pittsburgh. Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you, Mr. Robinson. Anyone else before we move on? Matt?

MR. DROZD: Thank you for indulging. I knew Bernie Jones. Bernie Jones was a friend of mine. Those of you who didn't know Bernie Jones, he was a great human being, an unbelievable human being. He had a beautiful family. He died at a very young age and he really cared. I can still hear his voice; I can still see him when he talked. And he always talked about helping others. He was that caring and that loving towards others. I've never seen a better kind of human being that walked the face of this earth and was taken from us at a young age. Second, I want to echo my councilman's sentiments and hope that you come out and honor these vets. And let me give you a little more personal side of it. On the wall you'd think --- and when you go and look, the Vietnam Wall --- there are approximately three or four of them. One is 15 years old. Remember when you were 15 --- or either 16. A 15 year old shouldn't even have been at war. I don't even know how he got through there, but they all died. They never, never experienced what their lives were. When you find a dead comrade in arms, when you find out, too, why they fought so hard and talk to the vets, especially those

in these wars from past, you see in them a picture of their family. And you know they were highly decorated; you say, he fought for the cause. They said that, and I fought to come back and see my family again. And some of them never came back. There are thousands of them, thousands that didn't come back. They're still overseas in shallow graves. Last, I can tell you this --- and true, this --- you saw Private Ryan, just how simple and how fast your life can go without even being shot; those landing crafts that you saw in the pictures --- a lot of the landing crafts came up to the shore. They didn't go close enough. Those troops, a lot of them --- they walked off with full field packs, helmets, steel pots, weapons and arms. You didn't realize they were in about six foot of water. It just had to be above their nose.

And they lost disorientation. Instead of walking towards the shore, they walked away and drowned. So there's a lot there, and it means a lot. And the last thing I'll say is this --- I always echo this and you probably heard it before --- is when you go, and this is where it really hits you in the sentiment. You know, first and foremost, ours is not the question; you know, they say, ours is not the question, ours is to do or die. And the day that they question why is the day that our freedoms are jeopardized. And secondly, on that far place way overseas where those shallow graves are, on the tombstone is this, and that's why I ask everybody to come out and honor our vets on Memorial Day. Go to a parade somewhere. At least give them a hand, that you're there cheering them on.

The last thing you'll see is what they said on that memorial, is when you go back, tell them for us --- tell them for us we gave our tomorrow so you --- you --- could have your today. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Jim?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just wanted to echo something you said. Those who remember World War II know that it started in December of '41 and ended in '45. God rest my late father. He was born in 1930 and lies in Jefferson Memorial Cemetery with a combat veterans star on his grave. So it is true that a lot of younger men than even 18 fought in those wars, and my father was one of them, so ---. Thank you.

MR. DROZD: A quick point, too. Did you ever go to the Tomb ---? How many of you visited the Tomb of the

Unknown Soldier? The end of a duty day I go up a lot of times and try to get my bearing and hear the 21-gun salute. I stand there at night. I see a family. They were there because their loved one, son; you know, whatever, was killed --- or daughter was killed; 21-gun salute. You can hear them. But what I notice, too, is if you ever visit it again, visit the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Walk a little further. You'll see Audie Murphy's grave. You can also see hundreds of graves of unknown soldiers that are buried in Arlington, all the way back to the Civil War. They never even knew who they were, and they fought for our country. So don't forget them. On Memorial Day you'll remember them just for that single fact of showing up at that parade. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Thank both of you. New Business. Ordinances and Resolutions. 7614-13.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny, amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2013 (Submission 6-13). Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Budget and Finance Committee. 7615-13.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution ratifying certain year-end transfers pursuant to Section 805.03 of the Administrative Code. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Budget and Finance Committee. 7616-13.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny, adopting the Summerset at Frick Park Tax Increment Financing Plan presented by the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and authorizing related agreements. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Executive and Economic Development and Housing Committee --- Economic and Economic Development and Housing Committee. Public Comment on Agenda Items --- General Items.

MR. CATANESE: We have none.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: None. Motion for adjournment?

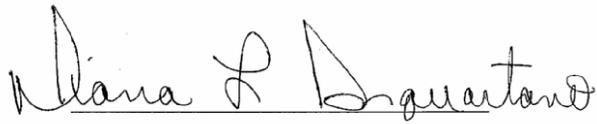
MR. FINNERTY: So moved.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:18 P.M.

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