

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
James R. Burn, Jr.	-	District 3
Michael J. Finnerty	-	District 4
Krista 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
Jared Barker - Director, Legislative Services
Walter Szymanski - Budget Director
Jack Cambest - County Solicitor

PRESIDENT MARTONI: The July 2nd meeting of Allegheny Council will now come to order. Please rise for the Pledge to the Flag, led by our guest tonight and our honoree tonight. Come on. You people are right into that microphone there. Go ahead.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Please remain standing for a few moments of silence. Particularly keep in mind the firefighters who lost their lives in Arizona this past week

(Moments of silence.)

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?
MR. DEFAZIO: Here.
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: Here.
MR. CATANESE: Fourteen (14) members currently

present.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Proclamations/
Certificates. 7655-13.

MR. CATANESE: Certificate of Achievement awarded to Emily Cavacini for winning the 2013 Girls' Division Championship of the 90th National Marbles Tournament. Sponsored by the Chief Executive, Council members Burn, Danko, DeFazio, Drozd, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Green Hawkins, Harris, Heidelbaugh, Macey, Martoni, Palmiere, Rea and Robinson.

MR. BURN: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council, Mr. Catanese. Good evening, everyone. Thank you for the opportunity to present this proclamation to our marbles champion. Emily, I would invite you and members of your family that are here to join me up at the podium at this time. And I was going to say a few remarks, and then I was going to read the proclamation into the record. What grade are you in?

MISS CAVACINI: I'm going to sixth.

MR. BURN: You're going into sixth? Do you go to --- what school do you go to?

MISS CAVACINI: Shaler Elementary.

MR. BURN: You're on Scott Avenue?

MISS CAVACINI: Yes.

MR. BURN: Do you know my son?

MISS CAVACINI: Yes.

MR. BURN: Do you know my son, Jimmy?

MISS CAVACINI: Yeah.

MR. BURN: We'll leave it at that. He told me to say hi. Okay? I'm just the messenger. He told me to say hi. Emily, congratulations. I went to North Catholic High School. We had an algebra/trigonometry teacher there named Walt Leese. Walt Leese was a retired Full Bird Air Force Colonel. He flew a number of air lifts. He was a prisoner of war. He was a war hero. But what he always wanted to talk about when we could get him off the math or trigonometry subject wasn't about the war, it was always about the marbles teams that he coached. In fact, in his obituary, which was about 12 or 13 years ago, maybe longer, the picture of him in the newspaper wasn't of his military service, which was mentioned. It wasn't a picture of him from the days he fought heroically in World War II. It was a picture of him with his hand up and in between each of his fingers were marbles. And it was one of the most prideful things he loved to talk to us about and something he was very, very proud of.

And it's understandable, my friend. I mean, in addition to the heroics of Colonel Walt Leese in World War II and his service to our country and to education of the students at North Catholic, was his passion for education and providing opportunities for others in different types of aspects. And one of those was teaching young children on the North Side, especially over in Spring Hill, about marbles and the competition and the good that healthy competition brings out. So that's a big long speech to tell you that it is something that we from the high school always were proud of, to see champions from so many teams.

And when I saw this in my council district, I thought of the Colonel and I thought of you here and I wanted to honor you. And we do this a lot. We do this a lot here. And the reason we do that, Emily, is because oftentimes you'll hear my colleagues and I say this; when we read about young men and women or hear about young men and women, often --- more often than not, and this is unfortunate, it's always about something bad, somebody's been arrested, somebody been chased. It's always --- or most of the time, it's something negative.

So when we have an opportunity to accentuate the positive and remind our residents and our business owners in our community that for every one of those bad apples or bad stories that we read, there's 50 to 100 good stories to celebrate. Emily, you're one of those good stories. So what I'd like to do is read this into the record and invite you to say a few words.

The Office of the County Council Certificate of Achievement awarded to Emily --- is it Cavacini?

MISS CAVACINI: Cavacini (corrects pronunciation).

MR. BURN: Cavacini (changes pronunciation). Emily Cavacini, the 90th National Marbles Tournament Champion. This Certificate of Achievement is awarded to Miss Emily Cavacini, in recognition of winning the 2013 Girls' Championship of the 90th National Marbles Tournament held in Wildwood, New Jersey, on June 20th, 2013. Miss Cavacini successfully served as an ambassador representing Allegheny County throughout the national competition. With this achievement, Emily joins the impressive history of past national champions from this region. Emily was also crowned Queen of the 2013 Allegheny County Marbles Tournament on my birthday, June 1st, 2013. We acknowledge the efforts, skill and

sportsmanship of Emily, and we join her friends and family in celebration. You're a champion. When you're 99 years old on a rocking chair, nobody will ever be able to take that away from you. On behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, we congratulate you, Emily, on this tremendous accomplishment, and we wish you all the best. On behalf of the Chief Executive and my colleagues who co-sponsored this, congratulations.

(Applause.)

MR. BURN: Say something.

MISS CAVACINI: I don't know what to say.

MR. BURN: Just say hello.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Ask him if his son has as much money as he does.

MR. BURN: He has more.

MISS CAVACINI: I want to thank you very much. I don't know.

MR. BURN: Who are these guys? Do you want to thank them?

MISS CAVACINI: Oh, thanks, mom and dad.

MR. BURN: That's good. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: The remaining proclamations/certificates will be read into the record. 7656-13.

MR. CATANESE: Certificate of Achievement awarded to the 2013 Allegheny County Marbles Tournament winners, King Ben Eddings, runner-up Sam Eddings, Queen Emily Cavacini and runner-up Brooke Narr. Sponsored by the Chief Executive, Council members Burn, Danko, Green Hawkins, DeFazio, Drozd, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Harris, Heidelbaugh, Macey, Martoni, Palmiere, Rea and Robinson.

7657-13. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Ms. Glenna Davis, upon the occasion of her 90th birthday. Sponsored by Councilwoman Danko.

7658-13. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Ms. Gloria Smith, for earning the 2013 Outstanding Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program of the Year Award from the Disabled American Veterans Department of Pennsylvania. Sponsored by Councilman Futules.

7659-13. Proclamation recognizing Stop the Violence-Pittsburgh and declaring June 29th, 2013 as Community Peace Awareness Day in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Councilwoman Hawkins.

7660-13. Proclamation thanking Dr. Alex Johnson for his service to the Community College of Allegheny County and wishing him well as he becomes president of the Cuyahoga County Community College, in Cleveland, Ohio. Sponsored by Councilman Martoni.

7661-13. Proclamation honoring long-time activist and educator, Dr. Charles McCollester, and naming July 6th, 2013 as Dr. Charles McCollester Day in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council member Martoni.

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

MR. CATANESE: I have none.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Approval of Minutes.

7662-13.

MR. CATANESE: Motion to approve the minutes from the June 4th, 2013 regular council meeting.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved and seconded.

Question? All in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered. Unfinished Business. Committee on Budget and Finance, Second Reading. 7646-13.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, authorizing the incurrence of nonelectoral debt by the issuance of; (i) one or more series of General Obligation Refinancing (sic) Bonds, Taxable Series C-71, or by other such names as designated by the County, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$176,020,000, the C-71 Bonds, and one or more series of General Obligation Bonds, Series C-72, or by such names as designated by the County, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$49,800,000, the C-72 Bonds, and collectively with the C-71 Bonds, the Bonds. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We've got to get it on first, right, before we ---?

MR. FINNERTY: Bill.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. First, let me say, I want to congratulate Mr. Finkel and Mr. McKain for assembling a team to assist them in preparation for this bond issue that is not only competent, highly competent, but very

diverse. And I want to thank that team, Mr. McKain and Mr. Finkel, for the presentation that was made to the Budget and Finance Committee at our last meeting this past Wednesday. Also, I would like to thank staff, headed up by Mr. Walter Szymanski, for making arrangements for all members of Council who were interested to meet with administration representatives and their team to discuss issues related to this bond issue. Unfortunately, our committee time parameters do not always provide an opportunity for an in-depth and thorough analysis of every issue that council members have. Mr. Szymanski and I decided that it would be a good idea to make arrangements to have the administration and their team available for members who wanted a thorough detailed explanation of what this bond issue would entail and to ask any questions that they felt they needed an answer for.

I appreciate that all members were not able to arrange their schedules to accommodate that kind of conversation, but hopefully enough members did that. We have information before us. It is reflective of the diligence of our staff, the administration and the team that was assembled. I thanked the team twice before today, and I thank them again today. Much of that thanks goes directly to their competence, but much of that thanks goes to the hard work that Mr. McKain and Mr. Finkel put in assembling the team. I'm sure it was not an easy task. And I thank them for their diligence, their patience and understanding how opportunities in this county can be created and how there are many, many persons willing to serve us if we reach out to them and let them know what we want to do. So again, I want to publicly thank Mr. McKain and Mr. Finkel and those who worked with them in putting together what I think is an excellent team that hopefully this council will approve and we approve this particular bond issue.

I do not presume that there are not concerns and issues that members have, whether they attended the Budget and Finance Committee meeting on last Wednesday, or whether they even met with the team or the administration. Mr. McKain, Mr. Finkel and I agreed that it would be a good idea to have the team assemble here today, as many members of the team that were available, to answer any outstanding questions or any outstanding concerns. I want to assure every member of the Budget and Finance Committee that we did everything that we could on your behalf to get

an answer to any and all questions that were presented, and in no way did we attempt to deny you the opportunity to gather whatever information you needed. And we certainly respect your final judgment in this matter. Having said that, Mr. President, and members of Council, I move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved and seconded.

Question?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I have an amendment. I'll have Jared pass it out. I brought this up at the Budget Committee. What I would like to do is to be able to issue two votes on this matter.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Turn the microphone on, please.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Oh, I'm so sorry. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: That's okay.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I'd like to be able to issue two votes on this matter and --- because I did not prepare an amendment in writing as the budget committee was not allowed to do that. So we have one in writing now. So what we have before us is we have the C-71 bonds, which would be a retirement of that debt, which is a good thing for the county, because we would receive a substantial savings because of the interest rate. And I'm all for that. I want to vote for that. And there are others, I think, on this council that want to vote for that, because it makes good economic sense.

I want to split the current measure into two and allow an up-or-down vote on the C-72, which issues more debt. Now, while it is true that this transaction will not increase the debt of the county, if we were to just go forward with the C-71, we would decrease the debt of the county. Based on things that we have heard from the Controller, things that we know, numbers from the CAFR, it's my opinion that we should not at this time be incurring another \$49,000,000 from debt which has to be spent pursuant to the provisions in the next 18 months. So I would need a second on this.

MS. HARRIS: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We have a motion and a second.

MR. ROBINSON: Question?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Question.

MR. ROBINSON: Mr. President and members of Council and Councilwoman Heidelbaugh, I certainly share your concern, but I don't believe that there is any provision to accomplish what you would like to accomplish. The Budget and Finance Committee, as you know, was advised that even if we could split the legislation into two parts, as you have suggested, we might compromise our ability to get the approval of approving agencies. Having given high praise to the team that's been assembled, I think the advice of bond counsel should be followed. While I agree that there should be a provision to separate legislation, to divide it, as is done in other legislative bodies, since we have no provision in our rules to do that, and on the advice of bond counsel, I would encourage my colleagues to reject your proposal at this time.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Go ahead, respond.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Thank you. It's my recollection, Mr. Chairman, that that was not what bond counsel indicated to me. I know Ms. Hackett is here and she answered all my questions. She might be available here to answer that question. I believe it was phrased in a different way, and we certainly don't want a hold up. We've already lost some returns because of the interest rates and Mr. Bernanke's statements and things like that, and that's not the intention. I have no intention whatsoever of holding this up. I just think that it is right in the democratic process to be able to vote yes for one part, which is clearly good for the county, and to be able to vote no if we philosophically disagree with the incurring of additional debt.

And I believe --- not Mr. ---. I'm not going to attribute anything to you, Mr. Robinson, but I think that these are packaged together so that we can't make those votes. And I fundamentally, philosophically disagree with that. We should be able to make different votes on this. So I'm happy to hear Ms. Hackett.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. Mr. Robinson, you had your hand up, I believe.

MR. ROBINSON: Yes, sir. I think that Ms. Heidelbaugh's point should be addressed legislatively at a future date. And in doing so, I certainly would join her in making arrangements so that legislation could be divided. I stand on my previous statement. Since there is not a provision to divide legislation, I would encourage my colleagues not to do it at this time. I

agree with her that we need to hear, not just from Ms. Hackett, but first and foremost from Mr. McKain, who was the lead on this issue from the administration. And if he needs Ms. Hackett's assistance, let's give Mr. McKain the opportunity to call those members of the team forward to answer any and all questions.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Do you want to do that?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I'm amenable to that.

MR. ROBINSON: Pardon me. Ms. Heidelbaugh alluded to the fact that she was unable to offer her amendment in committee. Two reasons. One, her amendment was not in writing, as required by rule. The Chair allowed Ms. Heidelbaugh to put her amendment in writing. All members had an opportunity to look at her amendment. The Chair made the decision, since there was no provision to divide legislation, that her amendment was not in order. Therefore, her amendment was never considered by the committee, nor was it voted upon. It would have been inappropriate and unfair to Ms. Heidelbaugh.

But I do agree with her that we need to hear from the administration's representatives. And I thank Mr. McKain for making advance preparation with myself, to make sure that the team was present. Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, members of Council. Thank you, Ms. Heidelbaugh.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Well, Mr. McKain, I have three people here that had their hand up. Matt, you were first.

MR. DROZD: I think Councilman Finnerty was first.

MR. FINNERTY: No, you're good. Go ahead.

MR. DROZD: Thank you. I did meet with our county manager and our bond counsel prior to this meeting again, which I had some questions that I wanted to ask. And you know, I thank my fellow council members for pointing out --- you know, in pointing out details. I, too, do not want to put this county into additional debt. And I think where the concern is, that --- not to exceed \$49,000,000. What I was told by the county manager and the bond counsel is that it will be \$31,000,000, okay, the separate bond issue. And then we'll retire \$31,000,000 is what I understand.

Now, if, in essence, there's a favorable rate not to exceed \$49,000,000, I don't have a problem with that, to go to the \$49,000,000. But where I have the

problem is that I want to see \$49,000,000 then retired. And I would put an ordinance up --- and I'll go on record for that --- if we go beyond the \$31,000,000 that we're going to retire, then I will go on record to put up a direction, an ordinance or whatever it took to retire the additional \$18 million --- is that correct, \$18 million? So if we can get a more favorable rate and retire more debt at a lower rate, save money in both cases, I'm all for it. So that's where I'm coming from on this. I would watch closely. You know, I thank you for pointing it out, my fellow council members, and that's where I see it. \$31,000,000, we retire \$31,000,000. If we go more, then we retire more of that higher interest bond debt --- the higher interest bond debt to save additional monies, not for future operations, not for additional operations, not for additional expenditures. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Michael?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. You know, I just want to state a fact that this is not increasing our debt. That's number one. I can't think of what it is at the moment, but it's after these retirements are done and the refinancings are done, that we're going to still have the same exact debt. We look at situations in the county, and this is capital money, and we can use capital money. We have a lot of problems with roads and bridges that need fixed. And that's what we're doing, because we have to take care of the infrastructure. And I think it's important that everybody understand that. This is not something that, you know, has been alluded to that has to be spent in 18 months. It does, but I think we have enough projects in our public works. You know, we should be able to do that without any problems and make the infrastructure much better for the citizens of Allegheny County in doing so. We have bridges that are going to have weight restrictions put on them. We have bridges out in North Fayette that are being fixed, and these cost quite a bit of money. So I think this is a good idea to do this for our infrastructure. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Jim, you were next, and then Barbara. Jim --- correct? You had your hand up; right?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Thank you. I just wanted to say that Councilman Finnerty kind of, more or less, stole my thunder. The fact of the matter is when I left as Chief of Operations of this county back in '99, some of the anticipated structure problems that we had with our

roads and bridges were things that those of us then saw as major nightmares then. I also share sentiments with Councilman Robinson. One thing I can say about William McKain, he's very thorough in everything, and I mean everything. I'm very confident in the team that he put together. I know for a fact some of the things that need to be fixed. You know, people don't think about the kinds of things until their particular road or bridge is closed, which costs people time and costs people money. So I think this is necessary in terms of new business, going and to be able to try to slowly re-fix some of the things that have not been looked at since Franklin Roosevelt was president. So I share Councilman Finnerty's sentiments, and I appreciate Mr. McKain and his team's hard work on this and I concur with him. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Barbara?

MS. DANKO: The way I read this amendment, it's not to divide the bond issue bills, this deletes the new money portion. I just want to be --- that's my understanding of what this does, so that if we approve this amendment, we are only doing the refinancing and we are not doing the new money portion. And my other comment is that, you know, as someone who worked in budgeting for many years, I think you get in trouble when you do not fund capital at a fairly level --- you know, over time. If you don't want peaks and valley in capital spending. You don't just say, okay, we're not going to do capital projects for the next two years.

You want that level of maintenance. It's just like owning a home. You can't let things go. You have to do it. So my thought is that these are appropriate numbers, and I will be supporting both the bond issue, new and old money.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. Heather, Jim Burn and Jim.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I've been corrected by my colleague properly, as usual, and I've been corrected by Mr. Barker. The manner in which this had to come before Council is that it could only --- that we would only vote on the refinancing because he --- I had asked him to split these, and he's telling me that he can't.

MR. BARKER: Not through this mechanism.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: So I am corrected --- I was going to correct. So I am asking that we vote on this as

is, because I would like to be able to vote on refinancing \$176 million.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. Now, we have a couple speakers. Do you still want to speak?

MR. FUTULES: She's not done.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Oh, I apologize.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: That's okay. That's all right; that's all right. Number two, the Controller has come before us on a number of occasions and indicated that we have too much debt. And so what I would like to be able to do is retire this debt and not take out new debt. I understand that the numbers equalize, so we would be even. Number three, I have absolutely no complaints about the team of Mr. McKain and/or any of the individuals that have come before us, not only at PNC Bank. Obviously, they're doing a good job. This is a policy consideration for the Council on whether we want to take out additional --- I'm saying additional debt.

Now, in regard to fixing things, obviously, we need to fix things as a county. But what I've been suggesting since I came on board here is that we need to look at our spending, and that we're spending too much. We continue to spend. We will continue to take out borrowing which we can't repay, which we then will have to look for tax increases. So what I'm saying to you is we just keep taking out with borrowing. We're not looking at our expenses. We're not reducing our expenses. And I think that we're being fruitful when we do that. So all I want is an up or down vote on this.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. We had a couple speakers.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I think Jimmy was ahead of me.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Jimmy --- Mr. Burn.

MR. BURN: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. I'm not going to try to reiterate what my colleagues have said regarding the need to do this in its original form, other than to say if you look at things like this in two dimensions, then you don't see it for what it really is. It's a snapshot of a moving picture. If you just look at it on its face, you know, an argument could be made, although I disagree with the way Councilwoman Heidelbaugh expressed it. However, if you look at it in the bigger picture, and look at it in the multi-faceted issue that is county government, and look at the bigger picture that's going on in this state and

country right now, this is the right thing to do. The benefits are far in excess of any potential detriment. It's as close to what we can call a break-even as you can get. That is a testament to the due diligence of Mr. McKain and the team that he put together. This is as good as it gets in this economy. And since it doesn't appear that we're going to be seeing any Transportation Bill out of Harrisburg any time soon, we need to think outside of the box. We need to pull up the bootstraps, think for ourselves, move for ourselves, do for ourselves. And that's exactly what this does. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Drozd --- oh, no; Mr. Ellenbogen, and then Mr. Drozd.

MR. BURN: One other point, Mr. President. Let me just finish that.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Oh, I'm sorry.

MR. BURN: What I'm trying to say is when you build infrastructure, when you fix bridges, when you fix roads, you make opportunities for commerce. It's like unclogging arteries. It opens up those avenues and those bridges and expands the ability for our leadership to sell, market and promote this community for ingress and egress for families and for businesses. That economic ripple effect more than tenfold pays for any downside by way of expenses. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Sorry I ---.

MR. BURN: No, my --- my ---.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Ellenbogen.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Listening to what Councilwoman Danko said kind of reminded me of something. Sometimes we need to make things real for people to really hear what you're saying. I can remember when North Park Lake was under my supervision; you know, when they merged Special Services and Parks and everything else. We had dredge boats that we used to use to take the silt and sludge out of the lake, to make sure that the lake maintained itself, that it was fluid, that it was able to sustain wildlife and whatnot. A very short-sighted administration in the late '90s decided that they didn't have enough money to fix the dredge boats that needed some minor repairs, which at that time were a few thousand dollars. They had or they thought --- they said, we don't have the money. It was kind of very short-sighted. We need to retire debt, same thing. Well, this is a real example of trying to work for our children's future and trying to take care of

things when we're supposed to. Well, we had no choice. But I warned them back then with my heavy equipment supervisor and the North Park supervisor at that time who backed me up, that if you don't give me the money, the thousands of dollars to fix these boats, you are going to, in the next 15 years, incur a multi-million dollar debt to fix this lake. It fell on deaf ears.

Well, my dear colleague Councilman Futules announced last year the beautification and the renewal of North Park Lake at a cost to you taxpayers of over \$13 million. So sometimes I think things need to be taken care of when they're supposed to be because the cost of not going it is much greater. And I think that Mr. McKain is very thorough and he's thinking down the road and trying to get the money to do things now so that we don't mortgage our children's future and we don't incur, you know, extreme costs down the road for that. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Drozd, and then I think we're going to call the questioning and vote on this.

MR. DROZD: The point on this is this, and this is where the bottom line comes in. When I spoke to you I took you for your word. When you speak you speak on behalf of the Chief Executive. I believe you gave me your word and in essence, that's his word, that he will not increase our debt. But I think what we have to look at from the first one, it says not to exceed. But what I think is if we can retire more debt and go a little higher, retire other debt at a higher interest rate, what this means in dollar savings to the taxpayers is approximately \$5 million on the first bond issue, \$176 million. Five million.

On the second one, on the 31, it's probably approximately another million savings to the taxpayers on bond interest payout. And what that means is that's a considerable amount of money. And what it also means is --- and I've seen it. I look at these interest rates. You have to --- I saw some home equity loans at 2.9 and 10. They're gone. Three point whatever, they're gone. So if we don't move fast, we're going to cost the taxpayers more money. But I would ask our budget and finance chairmen that we can watch this closely. And if in essence those monies aren't retired, we pull them. We can do that; can we not? So we'll pull them. Because I take for face word what you said as word. And that's the

Chief Executive and I'm on the record here right now that I expect the Chief Executive to keep his word that those monies will be retired and this county and these people will not incur additional debt. What they will do is they will save approximately \$5 to \$6 million or whatever by doing this. And this is a good move, in that essence, if we can save the taxpayers' --- any time we can save the taxpayers' money. So that's why I'm going to support it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. I think we're going to have a roll call vote on the amendment.

MR. CATANESE: If I may, Mr. President, I think you indicated that you can't amend this bill. So it would either be you'd have to vote the amendment down or withdraw the amendment. Would that be correct?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Well, if we have a roll call vote, we can vote it down.

MR. CATANESE: Just so you're aware.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. I wasn't aware of that. That's why I wanted the roll call vote. Thank you. Roll call. This is only on the amendment. Am I correct, only on the amendment?

MR. CATANESE: Only on the amendment.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Let me state that one more time, only on the amendment.

MR. BURN: Mr. President, is it only on the amendment?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Let me do it again, roll call vote only on the amendment.

MR. ROBINSON: Mr. President, just as a suggestion ---.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: I'm sorry. Mr. Robinson.

MR. ROBINSON: Just a suggestion to the Chair. I'll follow whatever direction you'd like us to ---.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Go ahead, give me a suggestion. I could use it right now.

MR. ROBINSON: Perhaps Ms. Heidelbaugh should be offered the opportunity to withdraw the amendment.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Ms. Heidelbaugh, you have that opportunity. Did I say that too fast for you?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I heard it.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. You heard it, but you're not withdrawing. Okay. That's what I wanted to know. Therefore, I think we're in a position where I

think we have to vote on it, okay, and I'm calling a vote.
Go ahead, roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Vote on the amendment. Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: No.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: No.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: No.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Nay.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: No.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: No.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: No.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Nay.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Harris?

MS. HARRIS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: No.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: No.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Nay.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni, President?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Nay.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 2, nos, 12, it passes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Now, I think we're ready to
vote on the bill. And the bill is 7646-13; is that
correct?

MR. CATANESE: That's correct.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Harris?
MS. HARRIS: No.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: No.
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, 12, nos, 2, the bill

passes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Committee on Government Reform, second reading, 7631-13.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, supporting Pennsylvania Senate Bill 1, An Act amending Title 20, Descendents (sic), Estates and Fiduciaries, 74, Transportation, and 75, Vehicles, of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes and encouraging the General Assembly to pass and the Governor to sign this legislation with all due speed. Sponsored by Council members Macey and the Chief Executive, Council members Burn, Green Hawkins, Robinson, Martoni, Palmiere, Futules and Finnerty.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. As we all have heard on the news and read in the newspapers, the Transportation Bill is still incomplete. And at this particular time I'd like to withdraw my ordinance.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: It is withdrawn. You're withdrawing it?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Withdrawn. Okay.

MR. MACEY: We'll take a look at it down the road.

MR. FUTULES: We understood you clearly.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Withdrew. Thank you very kindly, Mr. Macey. Committee on Economic Development and Housing, second reading, 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: Amanda?

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

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Move and second. Question?

MS. DANKO: Can we bring up staff for a minute, please?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Sure.

MS. DANKO: Mr. Struhl?

MR. FINNERTY: He's not our staff. It's Economic Development.

MS. DANKO: They work for the county. Okay. I have just a couple comments and a couple of questions for Mr. Struhl. I don't think anything he's going to be too surprised by. This TIF for Summerset is not what we would call a traditional TIF. It's housing, basically a residential TIF. You know, when we think of TIFs we generally think about job creation. And the job creation, you know, associated with this is TIF is really negligible in terms of, you know, an eventual commercial district and the build-out there. So we're not talking about a large number of permanent jobs. So then we have to say, well, what's the policy objective in approving this TIF? And the way I see it, there are really two major benefits. One is the environment remediation and the second is the eventual property tax strain that we would get.

My question for Mr. Struhl, our Economic Development Staff, is Economic Development has said that they would never bring a TIF to us if they believed the development project would go forward without the TIF. So in your professional judgment would this project be economically viable without the TIF?

MR. STRUHL: No, it would not.

MS. DANKO: Why not?

MR. STRUHL: There are in excess of \$41 million in public infrastructure costs associated with this

project. The TIF is slated to pay for about 24 of that. There's no way that the property could be sold on an economic basis with that additional cost attached to the sale.

MS. DANKO: We had discussed a bridge, and why is that important?

MR. STRUHL: Well, it's more than just a bridge. Of course, the bridge is intended to link the existing development to the new phase three. It's also the access roads necessary for phase three in addition to the bridge. And that bridge is necessary because you need, in a development that size, two points of access and egress and a bridge is going to provide one of those two, in addition to providing activity in the multiple phases of that development.

MS. DANKO: I just have one more question with the Chair and Ms. Green Hawkins' indulgence. Do you think --- again, using your professional judgment, that this housing development and government helping this residential project build-out will have any impact on the residential development piece of the Hazelwood ALMONO Project?

MR. STRUHL: We don't think that there will be much competition between the two. In fact, our studies support that.

MS. DANKO: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you.

MR. DROZD: Somebody call for some questions.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yeah. Sure.

MR. DROZD: Where specifically is this? In what geographic location within the city again?

MR. STRUHL: It's in the City of Pittsburgh. It's the Somerset Rec Park. It is like an extension, I guess, of Shadyside. This new development will be in Squirrel Hill.

MR. DROZD: Is it blighted?

MR. STRUHL: It's a slag dump.

MR. DROZD: It's a slag dump and it's in the city within --- near the East Liberty area?

MR. STRUHL: No, Squirrel Hill, Squirrel Hill Tunnels.

MR. DROZD: Oh, the Squirrel Hill Tunnels.

MR. STRUHL: Do you know where Nine Mile Run is? It flanks Nine Mile Run before it gets to the bottom.

MR. DROZD: What would be the revenues that we would lose if we didn't do that? What would be the revenues lost if we didn't do this to the City and would it possibly have to be borne by the other taxpayers within the city?

MR. STRUHL: Well, I don't know that the other taxpayers would have to pay for it. I don't think the project will go forward.

MR. DROZD: Well, I mean, that if we don't get some additional relief here by other people --- escape the tax. You know, people are going to --- as these services go up, the residents of the City of Pittsburgh are going to bear the cost. What approximately --- do you have an approximate ---?

MR. STRUHL: Yeah. The estimate in the TIF plan is about \$595,000, \$594,000 a year.

MR. DROZD: Taxes income to the City of Pittsburgh?

MR. STRUHL: No, to the County.

MR. DROZD: To the County.

MR. STRUHL: The City of Pittsburgh would be close to a million --- or \$950,000.

MR. DROZD: We can't afford not to --- we cannot afford not to do this. The City and areas of blight in the City, we can't afford not to do this for the City of Pittsburgh. It's very, very critical and it's going to bring those revenues in. And when the tax incremental runs out, it's going to increase that considerably. We have to vote for it.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you, Mr. Drozd. 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: No.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I'm required to abstain due to my business.

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, 12, nos, 1, with one abstention, the bill passes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Liaison Reports. Mike, why don't you start?

MR. FINNERTY: Thanks. Thanks for recognizing me, Mr. President. I would just like to inform everybody that July 4th is Community Day in Scott Township. It's in the park and it's a great day so if you're out in that neighborhood, stop by and we'll be glad to see you. That's all. There's other ones but we'll just go with that.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Jim, and then we cannot forget Mr. Palmiere.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: That was kind of an unusual liaison report, but nevertheless I think that it needs to be reported. This Sunday is a big celebration for the renaming of the 16th Street Bridge to the David McCullough Bridge. I would be remiss if I did not mention Councilwoman Danko because now that I see all of the hoopla and closing of the bridges and all these unfortunate people in the History Center and everything that are now going to give all these great speeches and talk about, you know, Mr. McCullough who is very well-known. None of this would have even happened if not for Councilwoman Danko. And I don't know just what involvement she has in this but I can assure you, as my colleagues will tell you, that none of this would have happened if not for Councilwoman Danko. Because personally, her and I were in a dogfight to rename the 16th Street Bridge and I had somebody else in mind and I

had my guy and she had hers, but she got me one on one and anybody that knows Councilwoman Danko usually will probably agree with her when she has you cornered.

I'll be honest with you. I mean, I am an educated man but I --- my knowledge about Mr. McCullough is very minimal. Councilwoman Danko proceeded to explain to myself and to educate me of the importance that Mr. McCullough has had on society and forced me to watch a documentary on top of that. And on top of that, I'm sure many of you experienced the same influence that Councilwoman Danko has. So I personally want to recognize --- and I don't know if Mr. McCullough --- if this will ever reach Mr. McCullough's ears, but that damn bridge would never be named after you if not for Councilwoman Danko. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Don't mess with Ms. Danko. Okay. John?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. I want to just invite everyone to come up to Brentwood. It's the biggest parade, 4th of July parade in Allegheny County. 4th of July begins at ten o'clock, you're all welcome. I have a trunk full of candy. It's become --- the Brentwood parade has become the first Halloween in Brentwood every year because the kids are out there, there's thousands of them with bags waiting, and God help you if you don't have any candy. So I just wanted to remind my colleagues you're more than welcome to come up. And if there's anybody else --- if any of you are planning on coming up and you need some directions, please see me after the meeting.

And I want to again reiterate, Ms. Danko, bless your heart about the situation with David McCullough. I'm proud to say I'm one of the few people sitting here that knew who David McCullough was and is.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: We thought he worked for Vince Lombardi, me and Mike.

MR. PALMIERE: I'm looking forward to Sunday. I think it's a great day for Allegheny County. It's also Mr. McCullough's 80th birthday. He's going to have a complete entourage of family and friends here and I'm looking forward to the event. Like I said just to reiterate, it's a real honor for Allegheny County and for Mr. McCullough's family. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. Just to follow up on Mr. Palmiere and Ms. Danko and Mr. Ellenbogen, I am one of the members of this Council who did know who Mr. McCullough was prior to Ms. Danko making the suggestion to name what I call the 16th Street Bridge or the Chestnut Street Bridge in his honor. Mr. Ellenbogen and I had some spirited discussion about Ms. Danko's suggestion. I'd like Mr. Ellenbogen to find a bridge to be named for someone else. That will not happen. Mr. McCullough is more than worthy. And I'm sure he appreciated the wrangling that went on around naming the bridge in his honor. But as time passed and as Mr. Ellenbogen and myself were educated on the sincerity and forthrightness of Ms. Danko's effort, we became supporters. And I too thank her for being diligent and being persuasive and suggesting someone equally as worthy as the gentleman that Mr. Ellenbogen and I felt should have that honor.

So I second Mr. Ellenbogen's praise, Ms. Danko's determination, and also, her ability to assemble the necessary facts and figures. She simply did not go around twisting arms and browbeating people. She presented a lot of facts and she stood her ground. Mr. Palmiere, I think, is correct that this a fitting tribute for Mr. McCullough's 80th birthday, and he probably is overwhelmed to an extent that so much time and effort has gone into this, and that the end result is going to be an honor that he did not see, even though he is probably the most internationally known advocate for this city. Irrespective of anything that Mr. Ellenbogen and I might think to the contrary, Mr. McCullough has made the case for Pittsburgh in good times and in bad times and has done it without trying to gain any notoriety for himself. And so I wish him well in advance of his 80th birthday and thank all my colleagues for following the lead of Ms. Danko.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. Not to belabor this but these types of events and celebrations don't happen by themselves. And I wanted to thank the Public Works Department and their staff for the work that has been done and the work that will be done. And what a fitting tribute to an internationally known man while he's still alive. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Anyone else? Jim?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I think it's important for the public to know that Ms. Danko and I locked horns and she put her fist on my desk and said to me, you're going to learn it and you're going to like it, which I think is very important for the record anyways. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thanks for the warning. We won't mess with her any more. Anyone else before I move on?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I think somebody should announce the time and the day that the celebration is going on.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Ms. Danko, you announce that.

MS. DANKO: All right. I also want to reiterate --- first thank my colleagues, this is kind of funny, but I want to thank the County manager. He had a team of people that, you know, they had to go through the vetting process and we had some wonderful people on committee, you know. As you might remember, we have been working on this for almost two years and I feel like we did develop a consensus over time. I want to thank my colleagues, too, because at the time when we had the vote --- and thank goodness it was right after the 60 Minutes Special that followed the Steeler game --- we had a 14 to nothing vote. So it was a bipartisan unanimous support on Council at that point. So the event Sunday is at 2:00 p.m., July 7th on the 16th Street Bridge, standing room only so we don't have to keep the bridge closed too long. And then following that event, there's going to be cake at the History Center at about 3:00.

MR. MACEY: No fireworks?

MS. DANKO: Not that I know of. There's going to be a brass band on the bridge, cake at the History Center. The public is invited. There's going to be free admission that day. And at four o'clock there is --- Mr. McCullough is going to be giving a talk, and I believe that's a ticketed event and you can go on the History Center website. So it is going to be a great day, and I think, I hope the weather is good and everybody should come out. I think it's going to be a wonderful day for Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: New Business, Ordinances and Resolutions. Mr. Futules, you had some?

MR. FUTULES: Yeah, I do. At this time before you, you have an ordinance for park fees that I'd like to make a motion to add to the agenda.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved and seconded.

Question? All in favor?

(Ayes respond.)

MS. HARRIS: No.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: No.

MR. CATANESE: Two nos.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Two nos; okay. So ordered.

MR. FUTULES: Do we have eight yeses? We need eight.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We're good. Okay. I think Mr. Catanese needs to read the caption.

MR. CATANESE: I do. An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania amending Ordinance Number 07-06, Existing Schedules, Rates and Fees for use of County recreational park facilities effective immediately upon final approval. Sponsored by Councilman Futules.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Sure. Briefly, I just want to say that I was unable to get it on the agenda today because it was time sensitive and we didn't make the deadline. And also, this is going to be some new rates at the park. I'd like our council members to review this very delicately. If you have any questions before our committee meeting, I'll certainly be able to answer them along with the park director here, Mr. Baechle. And this is a bit time sensitive because of the fee structure. You can see that we want to prepare ourselves for next year, especially the Hartwood Acres facility. So we're going to send this to committee and we'll discuss it.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: It goes to committee ---.

MR. FUTULES: Parks and Public Works.

MR. FINNERTY: Did you send it to Parks?

MR. FUTULES: Yeah, to Parks.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Parks okay?

MR. FUTULES: Yeah, I hope so.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay.

MR. DROZD: I've got a motion.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Go ahead.

MR. DROZD: I have a motion to put up, Mr. Barker, if you would, please?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Do you want to ---?

MR. DROZD: Yes, sir, I would. I want to thank my fellow Councilmember for pulling his motion. But I feel very compelled to put this motion before Council, before the public, to make them aware of what's going on with this Senate Bill One. Right now that Senate bill is in the General assembly and it's being debated. It talked about reducing whatever it may be. There's a franchise tax on the gasoline tax and what it would do is that, whether they reduce or not, at the present time it would make Pennsylvania the highest gasoline tax in the nation. What does that mean when it does that? Basically this. Not only it affects our residents of Allegheny County and throughout the entire state, many of which commute to their jobs significant distances, but it also makes us uncompetitive when it comes to economic development.

Let me just give you some stats. This would put --- as it now is written without it being amended and changed, it would put Pennsylvania at 79.2 cents per gallon. That includes the federal tax at 18 cents but that goes to every state so it's irregardless. California, who was the highest, was 67 cents per gallon. What it does in our competitive situation is Ohio at 46, West Virginia at 50s. It goes on and on. Even New York is lower than we are. What does that mean? I was in economics for years but I knew what it meant. There were companies that located in the eastern part of our state and then marketed or distributed to New York. Why? Because it was less costly to do that than to be in New York. A lot of distribution centers are going to look hard and fast at this state, I'll guarantee you. And there's going to be jobs that are going to be cost because of this. Pennsylvania is going to become known, and it's going to send a signal out there, as a very high tax state.

Now, the monies are going to go for infrastructure and bridges which sounds nice but it also goes to mass transit. Let me point out with the mass transit, we were told that the drink tax was going to fix that. It didn't. We still have the same problems every year, year end and year out. I think it's time for the Port Authority to fix themselves and not to go to people's pockets every time to fix the problem. Because we'll have the same conversations in years to come.

Secondly, make sure to look very close at this. If you look at the sponsors in the Senate, there's only one state senator here within our region is what I understand, that's State Senator Vulakovich, that's supporting this unfortunately. And what that does is that raises considerably the taxes upon his constituents in this region in this county. But he should have looked deeper. Because the deeper part of it is our people will be paying a considerable tax, and this isn't funny, because 22 percent approximately would come to Allegheny County out of that tax versus 60-some percent to Philadelphia. Where's the fairness in that? Not too fair; is it? I think we need to make a statement and say that this is unacceptable with our constituents. If we would pool our constituents, they would say, no way, this is not acceptable to us. We talked about this time and time again.

Now, let me tell you what else it does. What's being discussed in the General Assembly, and this is very serious and the people better take note of this. I remember one time in Allegheny County we had a capital stock franchise tax. So if you own stock, you would be paying on that capital stock a percentage of your earned income. They're going to get the General Assembly is what they're saying, okay, if we give you this, then the municipalities have to match it with either property tax, personal income tax or real tax. And that means it could go that now your stock dividends and income would be taxed by a county. I don't think the people want this. I think it's time to say no, this is not acceptable.

There are other revenues in this state that should be looked at. And I blame the state again for not holding those revenues and keeping it for the people of Allegheny County such as the Marcellus Shale. I blame it all the way up to the top elected official in this state. This belongs to the people and this could alleviate all the problems within this state and within our park systems include. Let me just show you. I just took a trip, there it is, 3.23 cents (sic) a gallon out of state. That's what their gas was. Our gas right now is at \$3.55 and the way this could go, it could to approximately \$4 a gallon exponentially, not including people getting taxed indirectly for their personal income, for their income from their stocks and on and on. This needs to be stopped

and sent out and look for other revenues to go with the people of this state, this county and our region.

So I'm willing to let this go into committee, but I'm going to say loud and clear and speak out against this deal. Because I know how my constituents feel, and when you tell them they say, what, you got to be kidding me. We're paying unbelievable taxes now on gasoline. They're unhappy about this. So whoever had this bright idea, I think they got to go back to the drawing board and start talking to their constituents because if they hear from their constituents, they're going to hear loud and clear they aren't for this.

MR. ROBINSON: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President. With all due respect to Mr. Drozd, it would appear this motion is crafted in reference to the original Senate Bill One in the Pennsylvania General Assembly. My colleague from the Mon Valley has indicated this his enthusiasm for our support of that bill is such that he would rather have the General Assembly rework the bill and have us look at any new version they present. I think that's very important, that we recognize that the issue that was before us presented by one of our colleagues, Mr. Macey, has been withdrawn and is no longer before this Council for consideration.

Also, I think it's important for us to recognize that we are getting ready, and Mr. Drozd has already and Mr. Macey, delved into an issue that appears to be beyond our purview, that is, what happens at the federal level and what happens at the state level. Having had the opportunity to serve in the General Assembly for 14 years we often received motions and suggestions from other units in government. They were appropriately recognized and filed and usually had little or no impact on any final decision that we made in the General Assembly.

If this motion goes into committee, even if it's passed, it has no material impact on the operation of the County of Allegheny. If it is defeated, it not only creates hard feelings among colleagues but possibly could keep us here until next April discussing it. I respectfully suggest that we find some other alternative to addressing issues of importance, and this is an important issue, that do not burden the legislative process to which we are committed. I don't want to say

that Mr. Drozd's motion is frivolous, but I don't think motions of this type, regardless of who presents them, serve us well, particularly when you have legislation that is in flux and legislation that could change. And I think some members of this Council probably don't feel very comfortable delving into this issue without us having more information, more insight and more influence on the final result.

I don't think it serves us well when we put each other in a position to defend or oppose issues where we are not integrally involved. Raising taxes or not raising taxes in this county falls upon this Council and this Council only. There is no other legislative body that can make that decision for us, regardless of what they do. So regardless of what they decide to do in Harrisburg or in Washington, D.C. or anyplace else, at the end of the day we are quite capable of handling our own financial business with the assistance of others. I respect Mr. Drozd's enthusiasm and I respect Mr. Macey's enthusiasm on what has been presented as Senate Bill One. As we speak, only God himself knows what Senate Bill One actually is going to be if it survives the General Assembly. I just caution my colleague, please, don't go too deep into this issue until we're sure that however we vote, if we choose to vote, that we can stand behind it. We might be better served to listen to Mr. Drozd and Mr. Macey and then do nothing. Then do nothing. Listen to them, draw upon their wisdom but do nothing. Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Yeah. Real quick. I mean, I understand what Mr. Drozd is trying to do but I agree with Bill Robinson, that he brings up good points. And we're beating our head against the wall with a sense of Council which doesn't really mean too much. We'll put this thing right in File 13 when we get it.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Mr. Ellenbogen and Mr. Drozd again.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Yeah. I concur and I have always said that, you know, a lot of times, you know, we get passive about certain things that we really have no legislative power over. But Councilman Robinson is right. I've seen these situations turn into personal hard feelings about something we had no impact on. Sometimes also the fact that we ceremoniously do so much ceremonious

stuff that absolutely means nothing and takes away from some of the real impact that we have, kind of like, I hate to use this word, but you know, there are times when we can be perceived as gadflies for the simple fact that we just don't shut up about anything that has nothing to do with us, and all we end up doing is aggravating each other. So that's kind of one way to put it but it is what it is.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Matt?

MR. DROZD: Yeah. I have to tell you that I once recently discussed some of these issues with my constituents and we talked about doing issues that I had no power over. But what they did say is but you have to make a statement on our behalf. You have the power at least to make that statement, both of you, and you need to do that. To do nothing is not enough. And I remember --- remember all of you saw the movie The Patriot, when the one gentleman, Mel Gibson, just dandered over whether he should do anything about this. And he said, you know what? I have to do something. And that's what I'm going to do. I'm going to do on behalf of my constituents. I'm going to speak out on their behalf and I'm going to defend them. Because if anything else on this Council, we have a voice. And you know, when you look at things we vote on, we don't have many that are really go into enacted legislation or ordinances, but we speak and we speak the will of our people. Each one of us speak for 100,000 people and some of us are county wide. So we need to speak for our people. And I want this to go into committee. And I thank you, my fellow Council members, for your thoughts and indulging me. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: I guess --- I went on this a little too fast. We should have a motion immediately to add it to the agenda. Do you want it to go to committee?

MR. DROZD: Yes, sir. And let me point out why. And you pointed out, as Councilman Robinson said, they don't know what's going to happen in General Assembly. This could happen very quickly. The committee might act and this motion at least will be in committee and we could act very quickly.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: It goes to committee. Okay.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Doesn't it need a second?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: But does it need to be added to the agenda or no?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: I thought it did, is what I'm saying.

MR. CAMBEST: If you are going to vote on it tonight then it has to be added to the agenda, but if you're going to just send it to committee ---.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: It just goes to committee. Okay. That's it. That's what we've got. Okay. Now, that I've lost my place and I don't know where we were at or anything --- New Business, Ordinances and Resolutions. 7651-13; am I correct?

(Ayes respond.)

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the operating budget for 2013. sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Budget and Finance Committee. 7652-13.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the Council of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, made pursuant to the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act, LERTA, Pa. Statute Title 72 at 4722 of 1995 as amended, providing for a program of temporary exemption from increase 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 the City of Pittsburgh, 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 a property located within the deteriorated area can secure the temporary exemption resulting from such improvements. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Economic Development and Housing Committee. 7653-13.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny authorizing the removal of parcels from the boundary of the Center Triangle Tax Increment Financing, TIF, District. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Economic and Development, Housing Committee. 7654-13.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the Council of the County of Allegheny adopting and authorizing participation in the Hazelwood-ALMONO Tax Increment Financing, TIF, Plan as presented by the Urban

Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and authorizing related agreements. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Goes to the Committee on Economic Development and Housing Committee. Public Comment on General Items.

MR. CATANESE: We have two.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We have two. Lester, have a seat right there.

MR. LUDWIG: It's nice to see a spirited discussion. My name is Les Ludwig. I live at 6589 Rosemoor Street in Squirrel Hill. I came from this afternoon's meeting of the City Council where everything tends to be nine yes or nine no and no discussion. So the hearing is healthy. But I think there's something that you're overlooking. And it's very close to my heart because I'm the father of it, and that is the idea that not only does government have the ability to tax and borrow, but it also has a responsibility in today's world of making a profit. And I want to bring you up to date on what's happening in the city's program which is labeled NBRO. We now have seven cities --- you received a little piece of paper from me that says there's seven cities that are participating in this program that I was lucky enough to come up with.

What does that really mean? So I ended up saying to the Chair of the City of Pittsburgh today, let's get seven copies of those legislations of those other cities. You're not talking about little potatoes, you're talking about Philadelphia, Baltimore, Indiana, Chicago, Illinois, et cetera. Let's get copies of them so that we can go ahead and see whether we can do better at making money. When do we go into a committee hearing and add our input as a county? There is, as far as I know, no county that is participating in a program that's gradually becoming national. After all, you're talking along the coast, you're talking Huntington Beach, California. It's no longer just a simple idea in Pittsburgh. It's growing. And it's going to continue to grow for the very reason of what you saw here this evening, and that is bonds and financing and of solving the economic problems that every level of government is faced with. So let's get with it and get into committee, Mr. President. We've been talking about this for some time now and we had Mr. Safferty (phonetic), et cetera, the two gentlemen lawyers, look at

it and they said fine. Let's get busy, gentleman and ladies, and let's make money. Good-bye.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. William Neal? We know you're here.

MR. NEAL: Good evening to you all. My name is Bill Neal. I am a resident of Penn Hills, 416 Springdale Drive. I was born and raised in Penn Hills all my life. My grandfather and my family, 140 years invested. Most of my life has been working in the City. I'm sure many of you all know me. I said hello to my long-time friend, Mr. Robinson, who helped initiate what I'm about to share with you, and greetings to Mr. DeFazio who is one of our oldest supporters back when we began. You may not know who I am but you may know some of the things that we do. I am the founder and president and CEO of Champion Enterprises. We hosted the Connie Hawkins Summer Basketball League for 38 consecutive years in this city, not just a basketball league, but for a ten-year stretch one of the top ten summer basketball leagues in the nation.

We host the Franco Harris All-Pro Football Camp, the Willie Stargell High School All-Pro Awards Banquet, the Kenny Durrett High School All-Star Classic and the Duane Wood (phonetic) Celebrity Golf Classic. So many of our local sports icons are people that I'm affiliated with to establish a nonprofit, that is work on behalf of disadvantages kids, 38 consecutive years. And my greatest stats are for 24 hours a day I am a general contractor by trade. I am a sports writer for the Pittsburgh Courier, a sports talk show host for Channel 21 and an executive with Prepaid Legal Services. The other 24 hours of the day I run this nonprofit organization that has served and is now in it's 38th consecutive year. Thirty-eight (38) years, 25 programs a year, including the Connie Hawkins League six weeks of every summer, three days and night, three nights a week. I have never missed a program, practice event of any kind, relative to any program. Every program existing in Champion Enterprises I've created.

My sacrifice is that as a result of being involved in those programs, it has been a long difficult road. I am here to be recognized. As I said, many of you don't know me and probably have not seen me directly. We struggle tremendously. Most of our work began in the inner city, Homewood, Hill District, and now we're in Penn Hills, Wilkinsburg, Monroeville, providing program services that we don't have enough money for. So it was

suggested to me that I come and say hello to you. Our good friend, Tom Swan (phonetic) and the District Attorney Steven Zappala have also been good friends and supporters. We need lots of help to address the difficulties that young people are facing in this community. I don't have to tell you the many obstacles that they face. But it's growing and I suggest that Homewood, Rushton, East Liberty, Garfield and some parts of Wilkinsburg will not have a 4th of July Parade. We need to get some financial help and support to address the many problems that young people, especially African-American males, suffer in this community. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you, Bill. Motion to adjourn.

MR. FINNERTY: So moved.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: So moved and seconded.
Thank you. We're adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:26 p.m.

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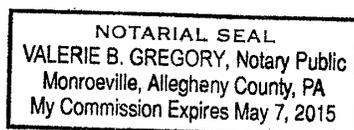
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