

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
John F. Palmiere	-	District 6
Robert J. Macey	-	District 9
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

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Welcome to the Tuesday, August 27th, 2013 meeting of Allegheny County Council. Please rise for the Pledge to the Flag, following that by silent prayer or reflection.

(Pledge to the Flag.)

(Silent prayer or 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?  
MR. DEFAZIO: Here.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?  
MR. DROZD: Present.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?  
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Here.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?  
MR. FINNERTY: Here.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?  
MR. FUTULES: Here.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?  
(No response.)  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Harris?  
(No response.)  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?  
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Here.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?  
MR. MACEY: Present.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?  
MR. PALMIERE: Here.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?  
MS. REA: Here.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?  
(No response.)  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni, President?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Twelve (12) members currently present here.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Proclamations/  
Certificates. 7713-13.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation honoring Mr. Brian Wolovich, for his dedication and commitment to

establishing the Millvale Community Library. Sponsored by Councilman Burn.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: And Ms. Heidelbaugh.

MR. FINNERTY: Would you add me to that, also?

MR. BURN: Thank you. I see some hands going up, Mr. President. Does anybody not want to be on the proc; stick your hand up.

(No response.)

MR. BURN: Thank you, Mr. President and Joe. Thank you members of Council; thank you. This is a great project in the Borough of Millvale. Heather has commented on it in some of our prior meetings. And I've said a few words about it at the past meeting, but I wanted to invite Brian down here, so that some of you folks here in the council and administration could meet Brian. Twenty (20) years ago when I ran for mayor, there were a lot of things that we wanted to do, and people said that we couldn't do them. We did them anyway. We made a lot of great accomplishments in the borough.

And when I see Brian now doing what he does in the borough, and people tell Brian, no, you can't do that and he goes and does it anyway, it's very reminiscent of what we did back in the early '90s to move the borough forward. And one of those projects had its genesis, I believe, when I was getting ready to move from the borough to the council here, and Brian continued to work it after I had left, and that was the concept of the Millvale Community Library. And Brian got pushed back, folks, and we've all been in this business. We've all been pushed back on ideas that we've had throughout our careers. But seeing firsthand the push-back that Brian was getting, it was intense; this can't be done. You need to do this; you need to do that. There's no way this can happen.

And for every instance that somebody told Brian that he couldn't do it, his resolve would strengthen exponentially and he continued to push forward with the concept of a Millvale Community Library. In a town like many others, like Mike Finnerty's Carnegie or Mayor Rengers of Etna, or Mayor Ferraro of Sharpsburg, we had a lot of communities that were so devastated by the flooding rains of Ivan. And to this day, there are still residual effects in many of our communities in Allegheny County, as they continue to rebuild and move forward.

Whenever you can get a positive story or a project to take away from the negative and accentuate the

positive, you focus on it and you work towards achieving it, and Brian did that. And this past month, the grand opening of the Millvale Community Library took place. Now, a lot of folks helped to make that happen; a lot of support, a lot of teamwork and a lot of effort. And in any object or any project or any attempt to do something positive for a community, not one person alone can do it. You need to have a team. But even with a team, you have a leader. And if you don't have that leader with a vision to hold that team together and move in a cohesive fashion towards that objective, you're not going to accomplish anything.

Brian is the catalyst in Millvale that made this happen. If it wasn't for Brian's vision and his resolve and his refusal to accept the status quo, this not --- this would not have happened. And in a town that continues to rebuild itself from those devastating flood waters, this is a great story. And as Jimmy and I always say, you get the negatives up here with our youth or negatives, in general, about what's happening in our community, if you get a positive story like this, you need to celebrate it. Now, in addition to the redevelopment of the ball field, the reinvestment of resources into the business community and the Riverfront Park and the Millvale Riverfront Park, we can now ---. The leaders --- because Brian is also on the borough council, the leaders can also celebrate this as a marketing tool to bring families and investors into the Borough of Millvale as it continues to move forward.

And although it is true, Mr. Finnerty and Mr. Ellenbogen, that Millvale is a tough town, the signs in the library do not say, shut the hell up. Okay? Brian, congratulations. This is great for the town. I'm sorry that I missed the opening --- I was on the other side of the state --- but I promised Heather a tour. We're going to come down and pay you a visit.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Millvale native and resident, Brian Wolovich, a sixth-grade teacher in the Quaker Valley School District, recognized the level of cooperation and resolve in the aftermath of Hurricane Ivan and flash flooding devastation in Millvale, and decided that effort could be used for a proactive reason; and

WHEREAS, through Brian's leadership, the first library serving the community of Millvale, located at 213 Grant Avenue, opened on Sunday, August the 18th, 2013; and

WHEREAS, after five years of Brian's hard work, planning and \$500,000 in fundraising, the Millvale Community Library will serve as a center of knowledge and as a hub for meetings, classes, tutoring and various programs; and

WHEREAS, as the driving force behind the project, Brian has inspired 50,000 hours of volunteer service by more than 1,000 individuals; and

WHEREAS, we commend Brian's generous donation of time, talent and resources and leadership, to help establish the Millvale Community Library.

SO THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegheny County Council does hereby honor Mr. Brian Wolovich for his dedication and commitment to establishing the Millvale Community Library. Brian is an example of the exemplary individuals who reside in our county, serving as an inspiration to the residents of the borough and to the county. Brian, congratulations.

(Applause.)

MR. WOLOVICH: Well, there's not much to say that Mr. Burn has not covered, but like any leadership position, you guys know you get more credit than you deserve when things go right, and you get more blame than you deserve when things go wrong. You know, it's been a real team effort to pull this whole thing together, and the county's support along the entire way has been crucial in making this vision come to be --- come to light, whether it's the Allegheny Resource Program that helped us replace our façade, the building that we purchased that was covered with plywood and turned it into a community gem and an example of the reinvestment that we hope to spur further in Millvale, to anything from the community infrastructure and funds that's helped us complete the construction, the county's been a big support, as well.

So I wanted to just take the opportunity to thank you guys. And you know, please, the doors are open, so please do stop down some time and say hi. Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We're going to hold 7714-13 until later, because they're not here yet. Okay?  
7715-13.

MR. CATANESE: The remainder will be read into the record.

7715-13. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Shady Side Academy Boys' Tennis Team for winning the 2013 WPIAL Class AAA Boys' Tennis Team Championship. Sponsored by Councilman Burn.

7716-13. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Collier/Chartiers Little League Baseball Team for winning the 2013 East Regional Baseball Championship. Sponsored by Councilman Finnerty.

7717-13. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Anthony Malky, of Riverview Junior/Senior High School for being named the 2013 WPIAL Class A Pitcher of the Year and 2013 Valley News Dispatch Player of the Year. Sponsored by Councilman Futules.

7718-13. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Seton LaSalle Catholic High School Boys' Lacrosse Team for winning the 2013 WPIAL Division II Championship. Sponsored by Councilman Ellenbogen.

7719-13. Certificate of Achievement awarded to South Park High School Baseball Team for winning the 2013 WPIAL Class AAA Baseball Championship. Sponsored by Councilman Palmiere.

7720-13. Certificate of Achievement awarded to North Allegheny Senior High School Baseball Team for winning the 2013 WPIAL Quad A Baseball Championship. Sponsored by Councilwoman Rea.

7721-13. Certificate of Achievement awarded to North Allegheny Senior High School Boys' Track Team for winning the 2013 WPIAL Class AAA Boys' Team Track Championship. Sponsored by Councilwoman Rea.

7722-13. Certificate of Achievement awarded to North Allegheny Senior High School Boys' Volleyball Team for winning the 2013 PIAA and WPIAL Class AAA Boys' Volleyball Championships. Sponsored by Council member Rea.

7723-13. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Sewickley Academy Boys' Tennis Team for winning the 2013 WPIAL Class AA Boys' Team Tennis Championship. Sponsored by Councilwoman Rea.

7724-13. Proclamation thanking Ms. Bev Smith for hosting the Bev Smith Conference, August 28th through the 31st, 2013, at the Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown, focusing on the health, education, employment and spirituality of African-American women. Sponsored by Councilwoman Green Hawkins.

7725-13. Proclamation honoring Iyanla Vanzant, an African-American inspirational speaker, author and television personality. Sponsored by Councilwoman Hawkins.

7726-13. Certificate of Recognition congratulating Ms. Anna (sic) Handerhan upon the occasion of her 100th birthday. Sponsored by Councilman Finnerty.

7727-13. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Jonathan E. Veltri of Boy Scout Troop 1111 upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

7728-13. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Edward and Helen Galka upon the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

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

MR. CATANESE: We have six.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We have six speakers. Our first speaker is Thaddeus Popovich. If I mispronounce a name, forgive me for that.

MR. POPOVICH: I'll correct you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: I'm sure you will. How about all of our speakers will ---.

MR. POPOVICH: It's only an insult to my great-grandfather, and he's not with us. It's Thaddeus.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thaddeus (changes pronunciation); I apologize.

MR. POPOVICH: That's quite all right. No problem. Ready to go?

MR. FINNERTY: Your address.

MR. POPOVICH: Oh, I'm sorry. My name is Thaddeus Popovich. I live at 6606 Virginia Avenue in the Borough of Ben Avon, six miles down the Ohio River from Pittsburgh. For the record, I'm opposed to fracking on or under or near park lands. I am here to address the referendum being submitted by my councilman, Matt Drozd. I'm in a dilemma, which I'll call a pig-in-a-poke dilemma. Pig in a poke is Pittsburgh-ese; isn't it? I heard it as a kid. It's an offering or a deal that is foolishly accepted without being examined first. Since I have no idea what is in the language of the referendum, it's a pig in a poke to me. Okay? So there is much --- there's a much larger pig-in-a-poke dilemma lurking out there. It's the prospect of easy money from gas leases with no

apparent downside. Allegheny Council has a duty to examine the potential downsides and their costs, not only for the park lands but also for the lands surrounding the parks. As a starter, may I suggest that Council members examine certain laws that do apply to most industries but not to the oil and gas industry. And I will cite them, and I have references, and I'll be happy to send those to you in an e-mail.

Here are seven to examine. Number one, oil and gas companies are exempt from Safe Drinking Water Act requirements for obtaining permits for injecting fracturing fluids into the ground and from disclosing the chemicals and other substances that are added to the fluid. The Frack Act, co-sponsored by Senator Robert Casey, to remove this exemption, will be debated after the summer recess.

Number two, waste from oil and gas drilling are exempt from the Disclosure and Hazardous Waste stamping requirements of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

Number three, oil and gas companies are exempt from the requirement to report releases of toxic substances under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act.

Number four, oil and gas construction facilities are free under the Clean Water Act requirements to obtain storm water runoff permits.

Number five, oil and gas drilling sites are not grouped together for purposes of the Clean Air Act, which requires other industries to count smaller sources of emissions as a single unit, to reflect overall impact on air quality.

Number six, oil and gas drillers are exempt from the liability and cleanup-cost provisions of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, commonly known as Superfund.

And number seven, certain oil and gas drilling activities do not require an environmental impact statement under the National Environmental Policy Act. Tell that to my local CITGO station owner. Okay? I am opposed, again, because of these reasons to fracking on or under or near park lands. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you, sir. Briget Shields?

MS. SHIELDS: Hi. I'm Briget Shields. My address is 2329 Tilbury Avenue, Pittsburgh, 15217. I brought some information, as Ms. Heidelberg (sic) requested last week. These are just recent. These are just from this week's news. The photos that you'll see are from Washington County, the same area that you visited when you went on the visit to Cross Creek. And I'd like to read a letter that one of my friends who lives there asked me to read. Since Allegheny County commissioners are planning to tour Cross Creek Park soon to see how wonderful drilling is, I wanted to respond to the points made in your June 27th editorial, Improve Park Access, Preserve Quiet Nature.

While you made some valid points, many issues were glossed over or ignored. Let me address four points. Anyone who has been in Cross Creek County Park when convoys of tri-axle dump trucks are hauling stone to a new drilling pad, would hardly call it quiet and peaceful. People for miles around can see huge, smoky gas wells flaring in the park, so it is a reach to say gas drilling activity is not visible from the picnic area or the water. When you say its natural beauty needs to be protected, that horse already left the barn in 2012, with the lease addendum by three commissioners calling for seven drilling pads within eight years and more No Trespassing zones.

Finally, the editorial said there has been several spills and other incidents involving gas drilling on park property, but that damage has been minimal. Is the writer of the editorial a biologist or fisheries Ph.D. with scientific proof? Perhaps you didn't know that toxic tea bags of drilling waste have been buried on multiple well pads in the park. It is that drilling waste that is radioactive in these landfills. Burial of the waste in the park is a clear violation of the 2003 lease which reads, all trash, rubbish or waste materials from drilling sites shall be removed and disposed of in properly licensed solid waste. All pits shall be filled with earth and developer per county specification at Lessee's expenses, upon completion of each well.

Indeed, the moniker, Cross Creek Industrial Park, fits so well, maybe Allegheny County can learn from our mistakes; Robert Donnan, McMurray, PA. So did everybody get one, because I think I have an extra one. Okay. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. President, if I may, let the record show that Councilwoman Green Hawkins is present.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Joni Rabinowitz?

MS. RABINOWITZ: My name is Joni Rabinowitz. I live at 7721 Edgerton Avenue, Pittsburgh, 15221. When I heard last week that Councilman Drozd wanted to present the idea of a referendum to you concerning the possibilities --- concerning the possibilities of drilling or not drilling in Allegheny County, I was pretty interested. And I'm still interested, because I like the idea of referendums. I like the idea that people --- that the residents of Allegheny County would have the opportunity to vote on something as crucial and as critical as the fracking that we're talking about --- or that you're talking about putting into our county parks.

I can't comment in the specifics on this particular referendum because, number one, I haven't seen the language. Number two, I haven't had a chance to discuss it with anybody, including the councilman. And it does seem like it's moving like everything on this issue --- on the fracking issue, everything moves really fast. You can't reach your Council members. They're too busy to meet with you. Rich Fitzgerald pushes something through, and you guys sit there and, duh, I didn't know, I didn't have a chance to read it; whatever. And I'm really --- this seems to me to be another example. I don't mean that you're trying to force something through, because I think it's good that you're introducing the idea of a referendum.

And I think we should consider a referendum on this issue in Allegheny County, because that is the only way that we would really be able to learn what the people of Allegheny County think about fracking. And we've never had one. We've never gone out. Maybe we want to do a survey or a referendum, or whatever. It would be a great idea. So I would say, again, for the record, I'm opposed to any fracking, period, anywhere, and all the infrastructure that goes along with it, which has been described in great detail here from many different --- at many different times. But I would say that I'd like to look at the idea of a referendum. I like the idea of a referendum. But basically, I want you to vote, now that you have --- if this referendum is not in the cards, for you to vote, when you get a chance, against fracking in

the county parks; under the county parks or in the county parks. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Lucas Lyons?  
Lucas Lyons?

MR. LYONS: My name is Lucas Lyons, 1902 Meadville Street, North Side. I come before you today to say no on a referendum vote, simply because we are Republic --- in a Republic, which is another term for a representative democracy, we elect officials to make decisions for the public. Okay? If we had a referendum for everything ever, we wouldn't even need you guys. A referendum is --- I like the concept of it. I like the democracy and the people concept to it. But going to a referendum, there's too much emotion, and the public can be easily swayed, perhaps by Range Resources running a whole bunch of commercial breaks before we vote. Okay?

You are our elected officials. Please act as such. Use your intelligence, use your knowledge and vote no on fracking in county parks. Second, the Post-Gazette just released an article about two hours ago that said everything is going forward swimmingly out at the airport. Okay? You sat here on February 13th, and I think the nine members talked about how, oh, there's going to be an impact study. We're going to find out how much jobs we're going to get; nothing. It's just going forward. No impact study.

Before we frack in county parks, I want an impact study, I want a job study and I don't want it from Range Resources. I want it from an objective source.

(Applause.)

MR. LYONS: This is nonsense. The Hallowiches in Washington County, a family of four, they're sick. Their noses are bleeding. They're getting headaches. They're getting stomachaches. Okay? Range Resources was like, oh, okay; well, you guys are getting sick and it's obviously due to our fracking practices. We're going to give you \$750,000. You need to leave your house. And on top of that, they had to sign a gag order for the entire family not to talk about how they were poisoned by Range Resources' drilling. We are living in a democracy. That is our First Amendment right, to say what we believe, when we believe it. And for a company such as Range Resources to undercut the Constitution and take away a seven and ten-year-old's First Amendment right, is despicable.

And these are the people you're going to go to bed with. These are the people you say you trust for jobs; you trust them, you trust. Well, if you trust them so much, please put a fracking pad on your own property, and then you can come down here and vote yes on fracking in our parks.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Mary Marciano? Mary Marciano? Not present. Pia Colucci? P-I-A, Colucci? Not present; okay. Okay. That's our speakers for agenda items.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Point of Personal Privilege.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Sure.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Thank you very much. This is a little bit out of order, but a lot of our members say things out of order, so I appreciate your allowing me to do that, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Touche.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I just want to put on the record a couple of things where I stand on this. Before we have a vote on this down the road, I want an opportunity to be able to question people. We've seen in this form of government to have people come and talk to us, but very rarely, such as in committee meetings, do we have people that can come and actually answer questions. So if this is going to eventually be a bill and we're going to refer it to committee, I hope that we have the committee meeting in here where the public can attend, where I can ask questions of the representatives of the folks who would engage in this, you know, underground drilling.

I do not believe that I represent 1.2 million citizens in Allegheny County in this. I believe that I represent the future grandchildren and everybody who will use these parks. One thing I do want to address. When I read the referendum from Councilman Drozd, I did not read it the way that, perhaps, you guys are reading it.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Nobody has read it.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: The way that I read it is not to allow the public to decide drilling. The way I read this referendum request was to allow the funds to be rebated to the citizens. Okay. So I think everybody's confused. Number two, I talked to the solicitor briefly, very briefly, and there are certain items by law that can be put up for referendum. There are certain items by law

that can't be put up for referendum. There would have to be a decision --- a legal opinion as to whether that could even be put up for referendum. So there's a lot of misinformation going on, and I don't want Ms. Rabinowitz, who cares so much about the community, to go down the wrong road here; okay? I think the last gentleman was incorrect about the impact study at the airport. I was out there for two hours. There is an impact study being done at the airport, required by the Federal Aviation Administration. So just so everybody is clear, from my viewpoint as the at-large member, I want a lot of questions answered. I want to go out to the park where this is proposed. I want the public to be able to go out and see.

We have a responsibility to make a decision, not for just the current generation, but for many, many generations to come. And I want to do the right thing; I want to do the right thing. But the right thing is multi-factorial. I also want, you know, people to be able to breathe, okay, reduce coal and other forms of energy that are not healthy for people. Okay? So I'm getting a lot of e-mails. I'm reading all of them. Please don't accuse all of us of not reading. We may come down in a way that you don't agree with us, but please, let's have a respectful dialogue about these things. That's all I want to say. And I'm out of order, and I really appreciate you allowing me ---.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: We have a new respect for you now.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay.

MR. FINNERTY: Because you're out of order.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Right. We like you better when you're out of order.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: I gave her permission, so she's not out of order.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Hey, we do it all the time.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. Approval of Minutes.  
7712-13.

MR. CATANESE: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Allegheny County Council held on July 9th, 2013.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered.  
Presentation of Appointments. 7707-13.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Thomas E. Donatelli to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Port Authority Board for a term to expire on September 17th, 2015. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. DeFazio?

MR. CATANESE: Let's put that in committee.

MR. DEFAZIO: Let's put that to committee.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: That goes to committee?

MR. CATANESE: Yes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. Appointment Review Committee. 7708-13.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of John L. Tague to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Port Authority Board for a term to expire on September 17th, 2015. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Appointment Review Committee. 7709-13.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Stanley L. Gorski, to serve as a member of the Authority for Improvement in Municipalities, for a term to expire December 31st, 2014. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7709-13.

MR. CATANESE: Put that in committee?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: That goes to Appointment Review Committee. 7709-13, that's the one we just did?

MR. CATANESE: That's the one we just did.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7710-13.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Dennis Simon to serve as a member of the Authority for Improvement in Municipalities for a term to expire on December 31st, 2017. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Appointment Review Committee. Unfinished Business. Committee on Budget and Finance, Second Reading. 7551-13 (sic).

MR. CATANESE: 7651-13.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7651-13.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Operating Budget for 2013. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. Mr. Robinson is not in attendance tonight. Who else is on that committee?

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Now that's going to vote --- that's the second reading --- so that's a roll call.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I thought Ms. Heidelbaugh was involved with that.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I am, but I wasn't at this meeting.

MR. FINNERTY: I was; I was there.

MS. DANKO: I was at the meeting by phone. Mr. Palmiere was there in person. Maybe Mr. Palmiere wants to take it.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Palmiere, do you want to take it?

MR. PALMIERE: Fine. We voted this to --- Mr. President, I'm trying to remember exactly what we did here.

MR. FINNERTY: I can help you out.

MR. PALMIERE: Yes; all right. We voted to take this out and bring this up here for a vote.

MS. DANKO: Yeah, I can explain.

MR. PALMIERE: It was an affirmative recommendation.

MS. DANKO: Basically, they came with an affirmative recommendation. There were some reallocation of resources between the new Department of Administrative Services, the Department of Public Works and the Department of Facilities Management. Many of the laborers were put back towards Public Works. I believe the cell phone bill usage and computer usage was put back under administrative services. So it was a year of some gain. It just --- upon reflection, the administration wanted to reallocate, based on what they had done earlier in the year. Perhaps Mr. McKain wants to step up, if anybody has any additional questions.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. Do we have a motion on the floor?

MR. FINNERTY: I'll make that motion.

MR. DEFAZIO: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 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. Heidelbaugh?  
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?  
MR. MACEY: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?  
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?  
MS. REA: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni, President?  
PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 13, noes, 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Committee on Health and Human Services, Second Reading. 7675-13.

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

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President, before I move for approval here, I'd ask that you speak with Mr. Thompson to come down from the Health Department to explain these to you. Would you please come over?

MR. THOMPSON: Sure.

MR. PALMIERE: Anticipating that there would be some questions, I wanted to have Mr. Thompson here, because it's impossible for us to come up with ---.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay.

MR. THOMPSON: I'm Jim Thompson. I'm the Air Quality Program Manager for the Health Department. What you have before you are four amendments to the air pollution control laws for the county, better known as Article 21. All four have gone through an extensive

public vetting process in their development, gone through a 30-day public comment period and ending with a public hearing, where we also took written and oral testimony. Attached to the legislation are a comment response document to all the public comments that were made to those pieces of legislation. They were then taken to the Board of Health and then affirmatively and unanimously approved. I'm sure as you read them, you will notice that three of the four pieces of amendments are purely administrative in nature. In fact, they do not require --- place any new requirements on sources in Allegheny County.

They merely adopt existing federal standards by reference. They correct some language where we still refer to the County Commissioners. We'll replace that with referring to County Council and the County Executive, where appropriate. We also eliminate some redundant and confusing language in our PSP regulations, and we clarify some operating permit times. The only amendment that is of any significance is labeled the coke oven soaking regulations. And just to --- I'll spend just a little bit of time on that.

Soaking is the period of time in the coke-making process right before the coke is pushed out of the ovens. And at that point in time, there are lids that are opened up in these ovens to relieve the pressure. And usually there are no --- most of the time, there are no emissions. There are existing federal regulations out there that require the companies to have a plan that there are no emissions. But that makes it very ambiguous to both my inspectors and to the company as to whether or not there is a violation. Is one second of emissions a problem? Is five minutes of emissions okay? So what we have done is promulgated an enforceable standard, which is an opacity standard of 20 percent opacity, so that there is no question when we --- when there is a violation during the soaking process.

As I mentioned, this was also taken through a public vetting process, working with both coke producers in the county. They have both signed on and are both supporting these regulations. I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Any questions? Go ahead.

MR. DROZD: Yeah, thank you for your input. Thank you for your input, sir. You know, I represent a

lot of those communities that go down along the river, like Penn Avenue and those areas. And also, I used to walk through Avalon and those areas; a lot of concerns over the years, you know, about the stench coming up over the valley from Neville and, specifically, within the coke --- coking works, which I understand is now owned by an electric utility that has major, major funds in deep pockets operating the coke plant.

So they had concerns over the years, and we had these meetings; two questions. Did you have meetings within those communities, specifically within those communities, to prevent this? And have they done anything to better control what's coming out of there, because I would imagine --- and I'm not pointing a finger, necessarily, specifically at them --- but there's something happening there. I mean, all you have to do is go down there on a very humid, warm day and open your windows and you'll see.

So does this protect them more, or in essence, tighten it up, so to speak, that will alleviate some of those concerns those people have, alleviate some of those odors, ---

MR. THOMPSON: Well, to answer your question ---.

MR. DROZD: --- benzenes, like that?

MR. THOMPSON: Yeah. To answer your question, we did have meetings in Avalon and Bellevue, not only just on this subject, but we had frequent public meetings because the coke-making process is a very dirty process. And in fact, we pay a lot of attention to it. We've got inspectors on every coke battery every single day of the year. This will improve the situation there. It will provide us a clear-cut enforceable standard by which these soaking emissions, which is the last --- last of the emissions that we really need to tackle on the coke-making process.

Concerning DTE, which is the current owner of the Shenango Coke Works, we did take enforcement action against them two years ago with the Environmental Protection Agency. And we've seen a great improvement, and it shows up in our monitors in Avalon. You can see that the fine particulate pollution was reduced by at least ten percent over the last two years. We have a hydrogen sulfide monitor which --- we do not have a standard, but that's by which, when you do smell that

stench, especially during periods of stagnant air, that's hydrogen sulfide. That level has come down significantly. So we are seeing progress. However, we have to remain diligent because these are very high maintenance items, and the companies continuously have to be putting money into these facilities to keep them operating.

MR. DROZD: Follow-up. There's an air basin there. How does that air basin compare to other air basins within our county, as far as containment in those air basins? And secondly, has anything been done --- I brought this up once before. We have a lot of that coming up through the valley from Ohio and that. Has anything been done to address those issues and to discuss that with the federal side of what Ohio can do to alleviate some of those emissions that come up through that --- it's a sucking point. Do you know what I'm saying? It's coming into that air basin from outside, too. Has anything been done there? I'm not --- you may not have access to that, but I did point that out once before. And I understand that was going to be addressed, where someone was really going to look into that, and I wonder if that was. Do you know anything?

MR. THOMPSON: Well, to answer your first question, the Neville Island air basin is about mid range in terms of pollution in the county. Our biggest problem is in Liberty Borough downwind of the U.S. Steel Clairton Coke Works. You know, we have one coke battery on Neville Island. We have ten operating at Clairton, so although that air is improving --- and we expect to be in attainment of all standards by the end of 2014 throughout the county. Concerning interstate transport pollution, that is a problem. In fact, 60 percent of the pollution we measure in this county comes from outside the county. However, that is improving.

Most of that is coming from coal fire power plants, which federal regulations are coming in effect and companies are putting on controls or switching to natural gas. There have been a number of states that have started litigation. Connecticut and New York have actions against Virginia and West Virginia. Maryland is currently having actions against Kentucky and Tennessee. We have had discussions with the legal department, and we are considering our options, perhaps a friend of the court could ---.

MR. DROZD: One more quick point. The reason why I bring it up, too, my fellow council members, is this. I was born and raised in the Steel Valley. And there used to be nothing grow across ---. I commend U.S. Steel, what they've done to clean up, and they employ our people. That's really great, our steelworkers, which are my neighbors and my friends and my family. So that's great. But we do have to address this because what it means to us is jobs. You know, if I got --- if Ohio and these other states are polluting our air basins, okay, that means it's percentages within those air basins and that's less employment for us.

So they should be penalized, not us, and meaning they should give credits to our air basin, so we don't lose those jobs. That's how important this is. It's not just something as far as --- also not to our lungs and whatever it may affect --- but it affects our very livelihood of our people. We've got to get credits on that, and it's got to be followed up. Our federal side and our Congress has to follow up on this and put some laws in effect. They're going to have to protect our jobs and our air basins. Thank you. Thank you, sir.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Jim?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Yeah. Mr. Thompson, I just have one question for you. My understanding is, are you doing this to alleviate an existing problem or does it head off the potential of a problem?

MR. THOMPSON: Well, it's an existing problem.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Okay.

MR. THOMPSON: They're both coke plants, but it's also a problem on both sides of the fence, because there is this ambiguous set of federal rules that says they have to have a plan, but when is the plan not adequate? And that's what we're doing. We're implementing this standard to determine whether that's ---.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mike, your turn next.

MR. FINNERTY: Thanks, John. I believe you said that some environmental groups were involved in this. Is GASP involved in this?

MR. THOMPSON: Yeah. The environmentals, GASP, Clean Water Action, PennFuture, they're very active in all of our legislation. They attend most of our meetings, as

do a large number of industry representatives, too. But yes, they are involved.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. Because I represent Neville and I represent Avalon and a few places down there. And I understand that there's a problem down in Shenango now and then. And would you explain to me what this OPEC (sic) standard is? Is that what you call it?

MR. THOMPSON: It's an opacity standard.

MR. FINNERTY: Opacity standard?

MR. THOMPSON: When you look at a smokestack --- I have inspectors that are certified twice a year to be able to, within seven percent accuracy using an opacimeter, judge how much light is coming through those emissions. And the standard is 20 percent after two minutes in the cases we've seen. Different emission points on different processes have different opacity standards. So power plants may have a separate one. Raw material handling may also have a separate opacity standard. This one has 20 percent in two minutes.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. What happens after two minutes?

MR. THOMPSON: Well, after two minutes, they're in violation. If we see 20 percent opacity after two minutes, they are in violation. Then we start enforcement action, which could be ---. The penalties --- what we are most interested in is making sure that they amend their plan to make sure that that doesn't happen.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. Well, I'm in favor of this. I think that finally we have some kind of standard to look at, and I think that's extremely important. Thank you for your work.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: John, you had something?

MR. DEFAZIO: Yeah. You said that 60 percent of this pollution is coming from somewhere else; right?

MR. THOMPSON: That's correct.

MR. DEFAZIO: So if we got rid of that, took care of that, we'd be in pretty good shape; wouldn't you say?

MR. THOMPSON: Oh, yeah; certainly.

MR. DEFAZIO: Okay.

MR. THOMPSON: But pollution transport is a problem all through the eastern United States.

MR. DEFAZIO: Yeah, but we --- I mean, in our situation, because we're pretty high, we should find a way to fight that, okay, so we can clear up our situation

here. Look, any technology that's out there to get this --- better air for our people who actually work there ---. And there's pollution around here but we have actually people working in that. So if there's anything out there, we should have the companies --- make sure they do it. But this 60 percent thing, I mean, that should be something we really fight.

MR. THOMPSON: And we are. And don't get me wrong, we are seeing improvements from the upwind. We're seeing controls on power plants in the Ohio Valley that are coming into play, and so ---; you know, half the improvement that we're seeing in our monitors is due to improvements we're seeing upwind. The other half is due to local controls, such as --- from U.S. Steel and up.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Anyone else? John? You didn't make a motion yet; did you?

MR. PALMIERE: Yeah, now I --- now I would move for approval, Mr. President.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved and seconded.

Question? Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: I have a question.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay.

MR. FINNERTY: What exactly are we voting on?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7675-13.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. Okay. I was just making sure we're voting on just one.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yeah.

MR. FINNERTY: I'm definitely in favor.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?  
MR. MACEY: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?  
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?  
MS. REA: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni, President?  
PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 13, noes, 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7676-13.

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. 12001. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Palmiere, again.

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

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Motion and second.

Question? Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?  
MR. BURN: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?  
MS. DANKO: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?  
MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?  
MR. DROZD: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?  
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?  
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?  
MR. FUTULES: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?  
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?  
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?  
MR. MACEY: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?  
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni, President?  
PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 13, noes, 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7677-13.

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

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved and seconded.

Question? Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?

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. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni, President?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 13, noes, 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7678-13.

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. 12001. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President, before I move for approval --- Mr. Thompson, I want to thank you again for coming down here and making pretty clear --- and clearing up everything. No pun intended there. I knew you were going to have questions, and I was not going to be able to answer them. So thank you again for taking the time to come down. I move for approval.

MR. FUTULES: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved and seconded.

Question? Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?

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. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni, President?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 13, noes, 0. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Liaison Reports. We'll start with Bob.

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. I just want to reassure those in attendance here, as well as the viewing public, that we take this Marcellus Shale fracking and drilling very seriously. In fact, today at the CONSOL and the Allegheny County Airport Authority presentation, Councilwoman Heidelbaugh, Councilman Futules, Councilman Finnerty, Councilman Drozd and myself was there. And we're trying to gather as much information ---. And I can rest assure you, it's not a done deal. Also, on Monday, August 26th, I was invited by Councilman Palmiere to meet with SHAADD. Councilman Futules came along, as well as our Director of Legislative Services.

And we heard what SHAADD had to say. It was a very insightful --- excuse me, a very insightful type of meeting, and we learned a lot. It was --- and there's a dialogue going on. So just rest assured that we are speaking, we are learning, and this isn't going to just be a rubber-stamp type of legislation. I'd also like to share some information about my neck of the woods. On Wednesday, August 28th, and Wednesday, September 4th, and every Wednesday, West Mifflin Number 3 Fire Hall has a car cruise that begins at 5:30. It's a way of raising money for our fire department. And if you've ever had a problem and you needed the fire department, it's very important, so ---. And we get no other money but what we raise from our events.

Also, the same day, Wednesday, the 28th, Lincoln Borough Volunteer Fire Company is having a stuffed cabbage dinner fundraiser event. And you know, if you know anything about the Mon Valley, the food down that way is pretty great. On Saturday, September 7th, 12 noon to 8:00, there will be games, foods, demonstrations and fireworks at the West Mifflin Community event. And that will be held at Century III Mall. Saturday, October 5th, we're going to have the Tour de Mon. For anybody who is a cycle enthusiast or just likes to go for a walk, you all can come down and enjoy the Steel Valley Trail, as well as the Yough Trail. And you can go either way you want to go.

You can go all the way to Green Oak or you can go into Pittsburgh to the Point. And in addition to that,

I just want to say have a great Labor Day weekend. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Jan?

MS. REA: Yes. I just wanted to announce that the North Park Flag Retirement Ceremony will be held Wednesday, September 11th, at 6:30 p.m., at the North Park Flag Retirement Plaza. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Mike, and then John.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd just like to remind everybody there's a Ukrainian Festival that's going on at the Bottoms in McKees Rocks at St. Mary's Church. The parade is the 28th, and it goes through the weekend. And you can come down there and have the greatest pierogies in the world. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Go ahead.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to mention the fact that Whitehall had their Community Day on Saturday. I was unable to attend because I had to --- I do have to work for a living, contrary to what everybody thinks. And I was unable to be there, but I understand it was --- they had a beautiful day and it was a very successful operation there. And again, I regret the fact that I was unable to attend, and I congratulate all the people, Whitehall and Mayor Nowalk, for doing an excellent job. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Did I miss any --- Barbara?

MS. DANKO: Yeah. I just want to bring up two, kind of, good news things. I know when the Knit the Bridge people came in front of Council and the Public Works Committee, a lot of people thought, what the hell? But it has turned out to be great. It looks beautiful. I think even the haters love it. So I think it's been a big success, and I want to congratulate the Knit the Bridge group. Also, I'm counting on the next time we meet --- I saw there's a sign up outside the Courthouse that says, six more wins 'til the Bucs go over 500. So in two weeks when we come back here, I'm counting on it. Go, Bucs.

MR. FINNERTY: We want to win the division.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Heather?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: This is my liaison report. I'd like to ask the solicitor for council, as well as the solicitor for the county, in regard to the Charter giving Deer Parks land as a park, has anybody done any research

in those documents --- in those real estate documents, to determine whether there is any prohibition on obtaining those mineral rights, selling them, or whether all of the land, not only the surface but below the surface, has to be retained and cannot be sold in any way? I'd like that information as we progress through this process.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. Thank you. Anyone else; okay.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just have one question.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Jim, go ahead.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Regarding Councilwoman Heidelbaugh's comments about committee, what committee is this going to go in?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: We don't have a bill yet.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I mean, some chairman is going to have to have some kind of meeting and you would refer it to --- would it be Economic Development, would it be ---?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: I don't think they ---.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I have to agree with some of these people. If you wait until it gets here, it'll run you over. I want to know now.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Well, Economic Development, and I'm talking off the top of my head.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: What about Parks?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Maybe Parks, yeah. Or you tell me, you guys tell me which committee.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I don't know.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I don't know. It is economic.

MR. FINNERTY: It should go to Economic Development.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: That seems the logical place for it.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: It actually makes sense to me.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I disagree. I think it should go to Parks.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: You think it should go to --- we have some in Parks.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: You know what? Maybe you can make a special thing for both of them, if somebody ---.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: They can be in both committees. I mean, that's okay with me.

MR. DROZD: It should go to both.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Let's put it on both. Okay?

MR. FUTULES: A joint committee.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: On a joint committee. Before I move on, is there anything else for liaison? Okay. New Business; Ordinances and Resolutions. 7729-13.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2013 (Submission 207-13). Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Budget and Finance Committee. 7730-13.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, directing a referendum question amending Article IV of the Allegheny County Home Rule Charter, pursuant to the Home Rule Charter and Optional Plan Law and Second Class County Code, be placed on the 2014 Primary Election Ballot, and that the Home Rule Charter's Article IV and Article VII be amended to reflect the changes contingent upon the passage of the referendum question. Sponsored by Councilman Drozd.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Government Reform Committee, I believe. Okay; Government Reform Committee. Do you want to speak?

MR. DROZD: Of course. Thank you, sir.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: You're welcome.

MR. DROZD: I mean, especially because I respected my fellow council members and didn't come out, where I waited for you and my time to speak.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Sure.

MR. DROZD: This is my time. First and foremost, I want to say to many of you, there was a comment here from one of you, and that's fine, but you said, well, I haven't had a chance to talk to anybody; I haven't heard from anybody. I called each and every one of you. Everyone that spoke on this committee, I called each and every one of you, some of you once and twice, and you didn't give me the courtesy of returning my call. I left my number to some of you. But you have --- I'm in the phone book. You have my card, saw my number. So I did call you. I gave you that respect. That's what I did. What this is about, it's not just about drilling in the parks, it's about giving the people a right. I believe that people have a right to weigh in on every major issue that affects them, not every day-to-day operational issue but a major issue such as this. This affects their future. This affects their families. This

affects and could affect, whatever it may be, in years to come and their grandchildren. So they should have a choice. What referendums do is not only give the people a voice, but it airs the issues, which is very critical. We have to air the issues. I want this to go into committee. This is your Plan B, because if you don't get the vote here and the numbers that you need, this is your Plan B.

It's irregardless of what my ordinance says at this point in time. What it means is, when it goes into committee is where you can weigh in through your council members, through the news media. Come to the committee meeting and weigh in. So it's irregardless, in essence, what my ordinance specifically says when it goes into committee. If I ask for a vote here tonight, then it would mean something. What I am saying is, I'm not opposed to exploring the possibility of drilling in the parks, but what I want to do if --- and here's the big if; quote, if --- if we do it, I want the people of this county to benefit.

That gas belongs to the people of Allegheny County, no one else, as well as the Parks. What's below those parks belongs to the people of Allegheny County. They didn't get what was at the airport because the FAA took that away from them. They own the land, but they said, oh, no, no, you can't have the gas. So the people couldn't benefit from it. You know, this --- who's doing the drilling out there that we heard from today is CONSOL. CONSOL is not what you hear throughout the country. CONSOL takes care of business. They're one of the finest companies in the country to do this.

And they employ --- please, it's my turn. You had your turn, and they're going to listen to you again. They employ 6,000 out of 10,000 of our people. They're headquartered here. If there's a problem, we go down and knock on their door. They're right down here, their headquarters. Excuse me, Jim.

Secondly, they got deep pockets, 80-some billion in gas reserves alone; their partner, 90-some billion in oil reserves. You don't think they're going to take care of the issue? From what they told us today, they will, and I believe them. They are our neighbors; they're our friends and our family. They live here, they work here, and they put their tax dollars here. They stay here, unlike other companies that have gone across the board --- gone to the North, gone to other counties, gone to other

states --- they are here. And they stay here, and they've made that commitment. So they're good companies, and we'll explore that very seriously.

Let me say this, too. Again, remember this. My ordinance is not just about drilling in the parks. I've always been a strong proponent of letting the people have a say in their destiny when it comes to major issues. I want it. When I'm off this council, I want it. I want to have a say. And yeah, elected officials we entrust; in God I trust. But at times, I don't always trust, and you've seen it and I've seen it. Elected officials don't always go the way the constituencies go; I did. When I made that vote at the airport, I called 200, a random sample of my constituents. Out of the 200, 90 percent thought it was going to benefit. I quickly said drill. Only five percent said, like me --- I said, you know, I support it, but I want to know some more information.

I want to know more information. Five percent only said no. So I went the way my constituents went. In this case, let me tell you why this is so important I think it has to be in there. This county has no more money. There are five areas --- major areas that we get our money from. The first is taxes, second is fees, third is state funding, fourth is federal funding; and I'll tell you contributions, but it ain't coming to this county. It may go into some of the parks, but it doesn't come. Our parks are deplorable. They need repair. Our people --- there's nowhere to go in the future. They're crying and they're aching out there about assessments and about taxes. They can't bear any more.

So I'll tell you what I told one time when I was in a school district, to save that school district 50 to 60 million a year and 1.5 million in operating costs, that I started. I did the initiative. What I did was consolidate seven elementary schools into four. It not only reduced the cost of 50 to 60 million, it enhanced the quality of education. It reduced --- it reduced classroom size, and people thanked me later and they supported it. Those that were skeptical supported it later. But let me say this --- and what I said to them --- bring me a list of the majority of the people of this county that want their taxes raised, or you tell them --- you tell us, tell each and every one of these council members here today, the program you want cut. Maybe you might say it's for the children, maybe it's for the senior citizens. Just

tell us. Bring us your alternate Plan B, because I gave it to you here, right here and now. And when I look over my shoulder, I don't always see people here. I don't see people here. I'm fighting for you and my fellow constituents out there, at least to give them a say in their destiny. That's Plan B.

I don't think there's anything wrong with that. Just tell us that. I believe in this. I believe we have to explore it. We can't just turn our backs on it. I want to protect this gas, at least do that for the people of Allegheny County. I don't want to see what happened with the airport when the FAA took it from the people. And I don't want that to happen here. I want it to stay. As they say, what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas, and what happens in those parks, part of that money, a good bit of it, should stay there to improve those parks.

Take trips to other parks in the country, and you'll see. Look at what's out there now. Just that tower alone would be about \$100,000 to \$200,000 to repair. The people can go up and look. The pavilions are falling. I'll leave it with this, and I'll leave it in the committee. And I'm doing it because I want people to have more of a say and be able to weigh in more of the issues if, in essence, it gives them another alternative. And again, this is not just about drilling in our parks. I've always been a firm believer that people should have a say in their government and know more about what's going on in their government. And that's what referendums do. They have a say on one side; on the other side, they find out valuable information that's conveyed to them. And they know more about what's going on in their government and their destiny. The taxpayers have a right to know that. Thank you, sir.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you.

MR. DROZD: Thank you, my fellow council members.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. Go ahead, Heather, you're up.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I have to set the record straight. I want to comment. The money that is being generated from the gas at the airport is not going to the FAA. It is staying at the airport for Allegheny County citizens. That is just plain dead wrong, and it should not go out here on TV that way.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Jan, you had something.

MR. DROZD: I want to put this in committee, please.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: It's going to committee. I don't need to ---.

MS. REA: I just want to say I agree with Ms. Heidelbaugh, that that was total misinformation about the airport and the drilling at the airport and where the monies are going. The money goes back into the airport. And there are laws written about drilling on airports. It wasn't like it was snatched up from under us after that decision was made. We knew that that was the case. We looked into it legally, and that's the legal issue and that's just a federal law. So your information is incorrect, Matt. And when you're talking about the airport and the parks, they're two separate drilling issues. The parks issue is over with. We voted on it ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: No, the airport.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: The airport.

MS. REA: Oh, the airport, I'm sorry, and the parks. And that's all I've got to say, so thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you; just one more and real quick.

MR. DROZD: Yeah. I know that; I said that. I know the money stays here, whether they reduce landing fees or whatever. But that's --- again, I think it's unfair to the people of Allegheny County. They own the land. They conveyed the land. And we argued this here. We all discussed this. Yeah, the FAA is the one that made that decision. I know that. There's no difference on that. I know the money is staying there. But what I'm saying is, why should it stay there? Why shouldn't it be given back to the people of Allegheny County in the form of taxes?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: It's a federal law.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Anyway, we're sending it to Government Reform Committee.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Hold on a second.

MR. DROZD: I want it looked at legally.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We're going to move on --- go ahead. I'm sorry.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: No, I'm sorry. But I mean, I patiently waited for everyone else.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: You did, and I apologize. I guess I lost my patience.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: No, that's ---.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Go ahead, Jim, you're on.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: No, I just wanted to say. You know, the 500-pound gorilla sitting here is the fact that, you know, anybody that's been around government for any inordinate amount of time knows that committee sometimes is the elephant graveyard where things go to just --- I don't want to talk about it. But there was a young man that spoke up here earlier that really had something to say that makes a lot of sense to me. You know, there are, maybe, certain instances that maybe we should, you know, do referendums with. But you know what? Every one of us, except --- even the people at large have a lot bigger constituency, obviously.

We're elected to make tough decisions. We're elected to have the guts to do it, stand on it or fall on it. You know, just to give you an example, if I had to vote on a referendum tomorrow, whether the two healthcare giants --- which one was right, there ain't a snowball's chance in hell that I'd know who's right, because of the money and the power that gets involved in these kinds of things. Like that young man said in referendums, it's our job to find out the truth and to sort through it. And up or down --- you know what? I'm not afraid. You know, even if it costs me my seat, everybody knows I got a big mouth, anyway. So you know what? I believe in my heart that that's what our job is. So I just wanted to say that before it went to committee and probably went with all the other things I never saw again; so thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you very kindly. Public Comment on General Items. We have a number of speakers. Our first speaker is Lester Ludwig.

MR. LUDWIG: Thank you, Mr. President. My name is Les Ludwig. I live at 6589 Rosemoor Street, in Squirrel Hill. There's a time and place for everything, as we all have been told. There's a time and the time, actually, is right now. Right now we're at a critical point in a discussion with the county. And I was a person who started down a path of finding a new way to solve some of the finance problems that Matt talked about. And let me go back and recite what happened at City Council. I pointed to the wall and I said, what is it? And of

course, nobody could answer. And I said it's a wall, but it's also a surface. And if that surface belongs to the government and faces the public, why not lease it? Now from that little statement six and a half years ago, according to Bill Peduto, has come seven cities, little cities --- Philadelphia, Baltimore, Pittsburgh and so on --- all the way out to the West Coast to Huntington Beach, California, where Coca-Cola earned the right to an exclusivity for pop machines and for the right to name the cabanas on the back of the --- the beach cabanas that says Coca-Cola.

But that exclusivity, it's a small matter of \$65,000 a year for ten years. Well, wait a minute. That's only one idea. And what I propose, frankly, is that if someone from this group who's here, or any citizen, would come forward, that they should be paid some percentage of the money that's taken in for a period of five years, because we're going to need the ideas, so that we end up building up a pile of money that satisfies the fact that Matt --- as Matt says, the taxes and the other things aren't really cutting it completely. We're far short of the goal of good finance in government. And we see it as an argument ongoing, with nothing happening in Washington, D.C., because --- taxes, taxes.

I don't want to pay --- you're a Republican, I'm a Democrat --- no. Can we rise in this room, 15 of you, above party affiliation and say, we need the money that could be produced from these ideas? And therefore, when Chuck, who is the chair of the city program, comes forward tomorrow at a meeting and myself, I hope that we'll find that you have lifted up above that barrier called party differentiation. I thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We thank you. Chuck Durham? Chuck, are you here?

MR. LUDWIG: Durham (corrects pronunciation).

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Durham (changes pronunciation). Chuck Durham?

MR. LUDWIG: He's not here.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. Timothy Ludwig? Timothy Ludwig?

MR. LUDWIG: My name is Tim Ludwig --- no relation --- 18 Greismere Street. As a resident of the Borough of Etna, I come before you to ask today, not just to protect our county parks, but to protect the area that surrounds them. The problem with air pollution is that it

does not stay in the area where it's produced, it travels. You heard that gentleman that's gone now say 60 percent from outside areas. This is a key fact that County Executive Fitzgerald and the Chair of the Parks Committee, Councilman Futules, fail to realize when they stress no drilling will be done in the park, just around the park.

It's been shown in many non-biased, independent studies that contamination is known to cause respiratory and neurological problems, and they are found at elevated levels around hydraulic fracturing sites. I'd like to point out to the Council again that air is not contained at the drilling site. I hope the Council members that attended the PR campaign with Executive Fitzgerald took what's enjoyable. But hopefully, you can make another trip to our neighboring county and talk to the residents affected by drilling and not simply the company benefiting. Luckily, all our residents are understanding and can tell you about the ailments that they are suffering since drilling came in.

They might even be able to tell you that they have some of the highest levels in the state of gas drilling air pollution that's found right in their county. This is not a fact that they put on their Welcome to Washington County signs. Perhaps you should tour the homes of residents that now have four times the local average of air pollution in their homes. Talk to the residents that breathe in the toxic fumes produced from the MarkWest plant for years, with the company stating that they appreciate the community's continued patience and understanding and are working diligently to identify a long-term solution.

For years, residents had to breathe in toxic fumes. The DEP looked at the black smoke rising from the plant and knew that that should not happen and fined them. That photo, though, was taken by concerned citizens. They're doing the job that our regulators are failing to do. I can certainly take a picture of black smoke on my phone; but please, tell me how can I document the toxic hydrocarbons in the air, such as ethylene, ethylbenzene and toluene. I can barely pronounce them, certainly can't spell them. And my phone does not have an app to detect them. Leaks from pipe contain --- leaks from pipe contains fumes from pumps, dryers and compressors. These all go unnoticed by our average citizen or council member walking through a PR campaign. They do not always escape

into the air in a big cloud of black smoke. You might not even know they're around you until your residents, constituents and family all start having their health affected by the toxic hydrocarbons which are produced by drilling.

Can you put a price on health? If you fix the tower in North Park, would it be worth the children waking up with bloody noses? If you throw out another idea that they had a new fishing dock and trails, is that going to be worth the risk of contaminating constituents and having after effects? I love where I live, where I can play. Please protect the air quality around me by not leasing public land for drilling.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Brian Englert? Brian Englert?

MR. ENGLERT: My name is Corrections Officer Brian Englert. I live at 710 Corbin Street, West Mifflin, Pennsylvania. Thank you for your time today. We've heard the bad news. We need to get revenue somehow to support our county. I'm here to bring some good news and tell you that we can save \$900,000 in the county budget. The issue I can speak about affects part-time officers at the jail effective December 1st. I'm a part-time officer. The Affordable Care Act mandates that any employer with 50 or more employees must provide healthcare benefits to workers considered full time.

Full time is defined as 30 hours per week or more. Part-time officers at the jail have worked a 32-hour week for years and will see it reduced to 24 hours. Elimination of an extra day among 73 part-time officers will create ten overtime shifts per day. The information I provided to you shows a cost analysis of the overtime that will be created due to the cuts. If no current part-time officers are promoted next year, the extra shift will generate an additional \$873,000 per year in overtime. Overtime this year is on track to hit \$3.45 million.

I use the rate of \$30 an hour, but considering 81 percent of the full-time staff is at top pay, that is a low number. If we get the approval to promote 30 officers to full time, then the additional overtime drops to six shifts per day, at a cost of \$524,000. My prior background is in cost analysis with AT&T for 16 years. I researched a solution and presented it to my chain of

command. Healthcare benefits cost the county \$60,000,000 a year to cover 6,000 employees. The county pays this upfront and recoups two percent of the employees' annual salary as a contribution, reducing the cost significantly.

The provider allows a flow of a few percent over or under, to cover new hires and terminations without a rate increase. Currently, 61 part-time officers need benefits. Offering the benefits may cost nothing and save the county anywhere from \$600,000 to almost \$900,000 in overtime. Even if the cost amounted to \$1,000 per officer, the county collects two percent back, reducing the total cost per year of \$33,000. I'm sure that you agree a \$33,000 investment and saving the increased costs I speak of is worthwhile. The Affordable Care Act also mandates that providers spend 80 percent of the premium dollars on care. Any amount under 80 percent mandates a rebate.

Highmark would let you have 1,000 employees to avoid cutting a check. We all know that. They don't want to give you any money. This problem is one that I urge the Budget and Finance chair and the Public Safety chair to consider doing for budget needs. Perceiving that the costs will take \$450 a month gross out of our pay, many of the officers who just got relieved --- creating additional overtime, overtime which will cost more because of increased call offs due to employee fatigue of being forced to work the extra eight-hour shifts, not to mention the overtime created that the county cannot successfully recruit new officers to work 24 hours per week at \$14.50 an hour, with no uniform allowance or vacation days, no reasonable expectation of full-time employment and working in a dangerous environment.

Many officers find it difficult to obtain extra work in the schedules required at the jail. The county can fully expect under-employment claims to be filed. Even worse, you will hear of some of us at the welfare office in line for benefits. My mortgage company calls daily because of late payments, which will soon be missed payments when they cut our hours. We are dedicated to our jobs to ensure the safety of our citizens, but will be forced to leave or sacrifice the lives of our families by staying. Many of us have been part time for 33 months or more. That's a long time. There are many days when we see inmates who have more money on their inmate account than I have in my checking account at any time during the

month. We're talking \$1,000, \$500. Overtime this year is expected to hit \$3.5 million and has increased each year since 2010 when the controller did an overtime analysis study.

I ask you to consider this when you go into your budget discussions and your Public Safety Committee meeting. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Ronald --- did you want to say something? Ronald Lynn Miller?

DR. MILLER: Dr. Ronald Lynn Miller, 40 Beltzhoover Avenue, Pittsburgh, a letter for the record. State of Pennsylvania, Office of the Governor, Governor Thomas Corbett, 225 Main Capitol Building, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 17120, facsimile, 717-772-8284, 12 August, 2013. Governor Corbett, I write to inform you of a problem with the 2013 election of the Mayor of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. My name is Dr. Ronald Lynn Miller, the Global Intelligence Society candidate for mayor, 2013. I claim that an inconsistency in petition signature numbers required for mayor candidate ballot listing, which were provided by David Boi (phonetic), 895, and Gina Knee (phonetic), 250, of the Allegheny County Department of Administrative Services, Election Division, ACDASED, compromises the integrity of the Pittsburgh election process in 2013, with specific reference to the Office of Mayor.

Via facsimile, I transmitted nearly identical letters, 31 August, 2013, through the ACDASED, and to the Pennsylvania State Bureau of Elections --- Division of Elections, Jessica Mathis, Director, the PCBEED, requesting response on this problem. I attach these letters. As of 12 August, 2013, I have no reply from the ACDAS or the PSBE. I view any information from the ACDASED as unreliable if not supported in writing by the PSBE. Therefore, unless the petition signature requirement is removed for ballot listing for the mayor part on the general election ballot, the probability is high, .7 to .9, that I and the Global Intelligence Society will sue the state and county for fraud in court. And I will seek judicial intervention to prevent a vote for mayor, 5 November, 2013. I will agree to no arrangements to solve this problem, which apply to me alone. They must apply to any or all candidates who want listing on the November ballot. I will engage in no non-public exchanges with anyone on this matter. Everything with me is on the

public record. The possibility of action by the County of Allegheny or by the State of Pennsylvania will not change the certainty that I am sharing and will continue to share information about this problem, countywide, citywide and statewide. I request reply from you on this matter. Reply via post mail only. I expect reply from the ACDAS and the PBE within five work days of the transmission of this letter to your office.

Reply must be via post mail only. As founder of the Pittsburgh Democratization Initiative, it is now experientially (phonetic) clear to me that the election processes at the county and state levels must be democratized. I have yet to hear from the governor.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Good luck. Jennifer Myers? Jennifer --- I'm sorry.

MS. MYERS: Hello again, everyone. I'm Jennifer Myers, 5431 Carnegie Street, Pittsburgh, PA, 15201. So I'm here tonight to repeat our message from last week, which is no drilling in or under our county parks. That's the same message that I brought to you last week. My work is to try to convince each and every single one of you that our county parks are not the place for this hydraulic slickwater drilling, also known as fracking. As has been said earlier, you are our elected representatives. And like Mr. Ellenbogen said, this is one of the hardest decisions you may possibly face.

But I sincerely believe there is no greater threat to our parks than fracking and our health, the whole county. What we want you to understand --- what I want you to understand is that this is not a short-term decision that we are asking you to make tonight or whenever you decide. This is a decision you are making for the next 50 to 100 years, the next 100 to 1,000 years. This is a very long-term decision that you will be making. Could that possibly change the way that you see things? Suddenly, \$3,000,000 for a park today looks like nothing tomorrow if the park has been turned into a toxic site.

Basically, there really is no price you can put on these parks, as they truly are priceless. They are the gems of our community. They are the places where everyone comes together, no matter how different we all are, to enjoy the same things, hiking, biking, fishing, swimming, picnics, athletics. It's the place we all remember from our childhood and the place we bring our own children. These places are places of joy and health and

togetherness. These 12,000 acres are not for sale, nor should they ever be. I am interested in the comment that Ms. Heidelberg (sic) made about possibly that's not even on the table. You also all seem very concerned about air quality when you were speaking to the representative about the coke plant. A new study that just came out poses the question, fracking's real health risks may be from air pollution.

So these studies are coming out day after day and the effects --- we don't know the effects yet. But if you're concerned about air quality, this is a big reason to be concerned.

Another point that I wanted to make is, we will not be solving long-term budget issues with this decision. What you've still got is, you'll end up with a long-term problem, plus a park that's no longer usable. So it's just a short term --- my whole point is short term versus long term. I appreciate your time, again. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Sergio Garcia Chavez?

MS. CHAVEZ: Good evening. My name is Sergio Garcia Chavez. I'm a part-time officer at the Allegheny County Jail. I've been a part timer for 41 months there. And like my fellow officer mentioned there, my main concern is the financial situation of my family. We have no benefits; part timers have no benefits. If anything happens to me, who's going to take care of my family, you know? That's one example that I can, you know, tell you about, you know. I mean, we as part timers, we have no --- no healthcare, no paid vacations. We have no sick days; you know, nothing at all, no health at all. All the uniforms that we have are handed --- they're being handed down to us or we have to pay out of our own pockets.

The other thing is, you know --- I mean, they're going to cut our hours --- our hours, you know, on December 1st, to 24 hours; and if it will be possible that it can --- you know, pushed back to December 22nd, that way we can at least get a full pay, you know, for Christmas, you know. Also, you know --- I mean, the full-time officers after, you know --- because I mean, this is what's going to happen. After they cut our hours, they're going to lose a lot of part-time officers down there. We have 60 part-time officers down there waiting to get a full-time position. And after they cut our

hours, a lot of guys are going to leave because --- as me, you know, I had to work two full time --- well, not full-time jobs; but you know, I mean, basically, you know, almost two full-time jobs. And it was difficult. It was difficult on my family. It was difficult on me, on my health. But I had to do it because, you know, I want to do it. I want to keep doing this. And I like what I do, you know. Yeah, I mean, you can see on the news on the TV, you know, what happens to, you know, people and people that do the wrong things and take wrong, you know, decisions in life.

They end up in there, and people forget about them, you know. And that's where --- that's my job. That's what I do down there, you know. You know, I practically, you know, take the care and the control and the custody of these individuals in there. And we get put on, you know, deadly situations and hazardous, you know, situations. And we handle ourselves, you know. We try to handle ourselves in a professional manner all the time, at all times. And I just ask you for your help. I'm asking for your help, so you can, you know, help us get our full-time position down at the jail. That's it. That's all I have to say. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Terri Supowitz? Terri Supowitz, are you here?

MS. SUPOWITZ: Could you say that again?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Supowitz.

MS. SUPOWITZ: Okay. Supowitz (changes pronunciation).

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Sorry.

MS. SUPOWITZ: Good evening. I'm Terri Supowitz. I live, breathe and garden at 310 Hay Street in Wilkinsburg. For those of you who voted against drilling at the airport, thank you. I have to comment on the irony of having someone here talking about the air in the county. Drilling, you have to know, is only going to add to the air pollution. I mean, that's one of the things that it does. I'm going to talk about some of the spills and accidents that have happened at well sites. And I want you to imagine any one of these accidents occurring in the county parks. There will be accidents. There will be spills, there will be injuries, there will be fires. How many? I don't know. But there will be, because

that's what happens at these industrial sites. Something will happen. My question to you is who's going to clean it up? Who's going to pay for the cleanup? Who will be responsible? Allegheny County? So Washington County, October 31st, 2001, Hopewell Township, temporary wastewater line break spills 16,800 gallons. Recycled water used for natural gas drilling was spilled on Farare School Road in Hopewell Township. Pipeline accident, May 2011, in Buffalo Creek; a pipeline accident in heavy rains led to clay and foam polluting at least 25 miles of Buffalo Creek in Washington County, stretching to the Ohio border.

That's a lot of miles. Bradford County, April 21st, 2011, Leroy Township, Chesapeake Appalachia, a gas well blowout --- okay. Washington County, Avella fire, February 23rd, injuring three workers; Washington County, 2010, tanker truck wrecked and wastewaters were spilled. That's going to be a terrible mess in a park. Washington County, fish kill; Range Resources said Friday that a temporary aboveground water transfer line connection failed. Dunkard Creek, fish kill, Washington County; again, Cross Creek, fish kill, Cross Creek Lake. A leaking wastewater pipe from a Range Resources Marcellus Shale gas drilled in Washington County's Cross Creek has polluted an unnamed tributary of Cross Creek. Okay. I'm leaving; I'm leaving.

So my question is, who's going to pay for this? The money that you get, if you get any from the gas, is going to pay for the problems that it's created.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mike Stout? Michael?

MR. STOUT: My name is Mike Stout, 4223 Willow Avenue, Castle Shannon, PA. And I've taken Ms. Heidelbaugh's suggestion up from the last appearance we had here, that she wants to see scientific evidence; that she wants to see proof. And I've included a packet of information for you, and I'm going to bring a packet of information every single month on the science that you're referring to --- alluding to and requesting. Specifically, in this packet, I'd just like to explain what's in this packet. The first thing in the packet is a study on fracking in national parks that was done by the Center for Research at the National Parks Conservation Association. They studied six national parks in four

states and showed the effects. And I want to tell you that the fracking that's going on is not inside these parks, it's around these parks. And the study is on the effects that the fracking has had on the wildlife, on the water, on the air quality inside the parks. It's an in-depth study. It's about 48 pages, and I think it's worth reading. Please read it.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I will.

MR. STOUT: Secondly, I included a couple of documents for you. And I think the best thing to do, instead of always just hearing from us --- you know, the people that are speaking from our hearts and from our heads --- maybe you can hear from the people who have been in the industry for 30 or 40 years. I included two documents. One is a Dr. Ingraffea up at Cornell University. Dr. Ingraffea has been doing research for the fracking industry --- in technology for the fracking industry for 35 years. The second document I included was by the former vice president of ExxonMobil, and his name is Louis Allstadt.

Louis Allstadt, engineer --- he was for 35 years a head of production for ExxonMobil in Latin America and all of the United States. He gives his impression and his knowledge and his opinion on fracking and the difference between conventional drilling and fracking, huge difference. And I beg you to read this. This is a guy for 35 years that did fracking. Read what he has to say about it. Thirdly, the document I referred to last time on asbestos, on the history --- brief history of asbestos --- and just to recap, in 1930, the industry knew that asbestos was killing and poisoning people, and for 50 years they allowed it to go on.

The analogy is these people in this industry know these chemicals are dangerous and that they're killing people, they're poisoning people, and they're hiding it from people like you. And they know it, and we will show you the proof. And furthermore, I've included again the document which you've been given several times on the shale field (phonetic) story. I'd like to ask you to please read that document. And also, I would like to ask you, instead of these little three-minute blurbs coming up here, that members of Council sit down with us and meet the people who have been poisoned and sit down and listen to their stories.

(Applause.)

MR. STOUT: But I want to bring you the information and the scientific knowledge that you requested, and I hope you take the time to read it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you, Mike.  
(Applause.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Elizabeth Donohoe?  
Elizabeth Donohoe?

MS. DONOHOE: Elizabeth Donohoe, 220 Overdale Road, in the Forest Hills section. Thank you in advance for your hospitality. As you are beginning to carefully study the proposal by the industry to compromise these exquisitely beautiful last pieces of undisturbed programs in Allegheny County. Rather than my revisiting all of the evidence against fracking that is now in packets in front of you, for those who have eyes to see it and the attention to put to reading it, I want to make reference to two studies related to seeing.

The first is an experiment by Alexi Puborsky (phonetic), a researcher who wanted to test what people see when they're looking at something. His team attached electrodes to people's eyes to track what the eye itself tracked, what the eye is tracking when it was presented with an image. Puborsky found that if photos shown for discipline contained morally objectionable material or something that threatened the participant's world view, whatever that world view was, their eyes would not track, would not --- literally not see what they were seeing, whatever that image was, not even once during the viewing, so ---.

In one study, participants were shown a photo of a man reading a newspaper. In the foreground in the photo, there was a very obvious silhouette of a woman's breast. It turns out in those who found it to be objectionable, the participants' eyes never once tracked to that clearly visible silhouette. And when asked later, these people did not remember even seeing a breast. The second study from the Language Older Than Words, from Eric Jensen, a study of Holocaust survivors revealed a pattern of active resistance to unpleasant ideas and an acute unwillingness to face the seriousness, the seriousness of Hitler; as late as --- in fact, as late as 1936 when Jews, who had the fortune enough to leave Germany, continued to return on business. Others simply stayed at home, escaping on weekends into the countryside, so they did not

have to think about what --- those negative experiences that they were experiencing. One survivor recollected that his orchestra did not even miss a beat in a Mozart piece they were playing, as they pretended not to notice the smoke from the synagogue being burned right next door. So in conclusion, in the time I have remaining, like participants in the eye tracking experiment, do we simply choose not to see what is right there among the half-truths and misrepresentations in the oil and gas industry's self-serving ads, what's right there at their conferences, at their Marcellus Shale festivals? Is it because it's so much easier, so much more politically expedient in a short time to see only jobs and parks as resource for funding, so much so that we will simply not see the silhouette of destruction that's right there in the picture that we're looking at?

And like --- or like the Jews who --- the German Jews in Germany who distracted themselves from what they actually did see and despite --- so that despite the evidence in front of us, are we going to ignore the smell of the fires, like they did the burning of the synagogue and the compromising of what is not wholly in our eyes to destroy? The parks are not ours to destroy; so that --- hoping that nothing awful will happen. Basically, there has to be a threshold beyond which we will no longer ignore the destructiveness of our way of living. No fracking in the park. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Claudia Kirkpatrick?  
Claudia Kirkpatrick?

MS. KIRKPATRICK: Thank you. Thank you for this opportunity. To follow up, the ---.

MR. CATANESE: Your name and address, please.

MS. KIRKPATRICK: Pardon?

MR. CATANESE: Your address; name and address.

MS. KIRKPATRICK: Oh, sorry. Thank you. My name is Claudia Kirkpatrick. I live at 3763 Orpwood Street in Pittsburgh, 15213. So I wanted to remind everyone that according to Section 27 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which is the natural resources and the public estate, the parks are the property of all the citizens of the --- of Allegheny County. Quote, the people have a right to clean air, pure water and the preservation of the natural, scenic,

historic and aesthetic values of the environment. Pennsylvania's public natural resources are the common property of all the people, including generations yet to come. As trustee of these resources, the Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all the people, end of quotation.

Thus, the parks belong to everyone and not to for-profit organizations. As people have mentioned, as the recent history of commercial hydraulic fracturing operations show, it is not possible to pretend that there will not be consistent and significant damage done to the parks by these operations. According to citation records from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, from 2008 to 2013, 6,466 wells were issued 219 violation notices for well construction problems. Thus, such problems afflict roughly three percent of all wells, according to Scientific American, May 17th, 2008.

And there are many examples which you have all talked about. So to address Matt Drozd's comment about a proposed referendum, it would be tough to have those of us who object to fracking near the parks, affecting the parks, to put up as much money in advertising to sway voters as the government organizations --- in the for-profit organizations; not government, obviously --- would be likely to do. So it's a worry to try to do it by referendum.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you, Claudia.

MS. KIRKPATRICK: Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Daniel Luchman? Daniel?

MR. LUCHMAN: Hi. I'm Daniel Luchman, and I live at 5431 Carnegie Street, Pittsburgh, 15201. And I just have a brief statement regarding the fracking in the county parks. What I'm concerned about is the precedent of these negotiable negotiations, that the fracking in the county parks will be negotiable in the future. It will make it easier for arguing this activity or increased activity in other parks as time goes on. And it will make it more difficult to say that this is something that we don't allow in the future, if we let it happen once.

I'm against fracking on or below the public park property, even if much of the land around the park has already been leased and the health of the park has already been compromised; and even if there will be no visible signs of activity on or in the park. So I reiterate that

this sets a bad precedent for our future parks and this --- it's a statement that we're willing to compromise. So the parks need to be protected from ourselves and our short-term interests, regardless of how popular the incentives may seem. Thanks.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Sarah Scholl? Sarah Scholl?

MR. CATANESE: She called. She will not be attending.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: She will not be attending. Peri Unligil? I probably said it wrong, Peri, if you're here; U-N-L-I-G-I-L. Teri, are you --- Peri, are you here?

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Peri is not here.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: He's not here? Thank you. Douglas Shields? I can see him; he's here.

MR. SHIELDS: Mr. President, the lady before me is Cecilia (sic) Janosik, who was here for the earlier comment. I was wondering if she would be able to speak first?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: She was here for the earlier ---?

MR. SHIELDS: She missed the public comment at the beginning, but this is all related.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: She's on our list for ---?

MR. SHIELDS: At the beginning of the meeting, there was a list of public comments.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Oh; okay.

MR. SHIELDS: These two ladies just arrived late.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Sure.

MR. SHIELDS: I was wondering if you would give them a ---.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Sure. Yeah, be happy to.

MR. SHIELDS: She just provided her statement to the ---.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you.

MR. SHIELDS: Thank you, Mr. President.

MS. JANOSIK: My name is Celia Janosik, 305 Hoenig Road, Sewickley. I thank you again for allowing me to speak today. I hold in my two hands two of the most important items that are affected by slickwater hydraulic fracturing. The first is money, coveted by many, needed by all in a fair amount. In my other hand is a young

child, full of innocence and completely dependent on an adult at all times. The healthy development of a child or a fetus depends on the availability of clean air, clean water and uncontaminated food, along with a healthy dose of nurturing.

I suggest you Google Tedx, T-E-D-X, Dr. Theo Colborn's site showing the slickwater hydraulic fracturing process and the causes of endocrine dysfunction. The people who live downwind, and especially within three miles' radius of all aspects of drilling, have health effects from drilling. How many children who live around the parks who go to the park are you willing to sacrifice? How many children are we willing to sacrifice so that the remainder of us can have all the things we want, such as large cars, large houses, plastics, plastics, plastics? The more plastic packaging; toys, appliances, large and small --- the more drilling we continue until --- the more the drilling will continue until we are all a short distance from either a well with a condensate tank, a compressor station permitted on DOD (phonetic) when one engine instead of how many engines are in place.

The pipelines of varying sizes that are under very high pressure, and they eventually leak, noting that gathering lines, the ones connecting the wells, are not noted on maps or inspected at any times. The cryogenic plants and cracker plants are another form of horrendous pollution, and they are all part of the drilling process. We will be like Louisiana and parts of Texas, the poor sections, because the property values are down and the pollution and the stench is up. What sort of science do you need, seismic? Do you realize that the charges for seismic testing are set down 30 feet in a three-inch pipe, and the explosives can be left there for 120 days before detonating?

Wouldn't that be nice in a park? I call for a moratorium on slickwater hydraulic fracturing in and around the parks and the Pittsburgh International Airport. The Pennsylvania DEP will be revising and adopting new oil and gas regulations, and it makes no sense to make arrangements to frack them at this time. How many sacrificial lambs are we going to have to benefit the fossil fuel empire? We need renewables; we need them now. Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you.

MS. COLUCCI: I'm going in front of Doug. My name is Pia Colucci, I'm a realtor, 4725 Wallingford Street, Pittsburgh, PA. I'm going to speak real fast, like says on commercials, so ---. How fracking ---.

MR. CATANESE: She's not on the list.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: You're not on a list; are you?

MS. COLUCCI: I was; I was on the list.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: She's on the list.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Go ahead. You're on it; go ahead. Speak.

MS. COLUCCI: How the fracking mess is about to make the mortgage mess worse. This is an article I'm paraphrasing from Kurt Cobb, originally published in Resource Insights May 20th, 2012. Wells Fargo and Company is both the largest home mortgage lender in the United States and a major lender in the country, the second largest producer of natural gas, Chesapeake Energy Corp. And it refuses to make home loans for properties encumbered with natural gas leases. This fact comes from an article written in the New York State Bar Association Journal by Attorney Elisabeth N. Radow.

Quote, signing a gas lease without lender consent is likely to constitute a mortgage default. Her conclusion stems from something which most homeowners probably don't even realize. Standard residential mortgages prohibit hazardous substances, including gasoline, kerosene, other flammable toxins, petroleum products, volatile solvents, toxic pesticides, herbicides, material containment, asbestos and formaldehyde and radioactive material.

Of course, homeowners have some of those above-mentioned materials, but the lenders may invoke their right, should industrial seismic activity, such as fracking, occur. Most mortgages are sold on a secondary market to federal lenders, such as Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and some are packaged into groups of mortgage-backed securities and sold to investors. The mortgage lenders make the representations to those buyers in the secondary market, that the mortgages they are selling conform to the widely-accepted standards that prohibit the kind of activities listed above. In Radow's opinion, it's likely that many residential mortgages with natural gas leases have made their way into the books of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac or into investor portfolios.

There are likely to be many more compromised mortgages sold in the secondary market in the future. Homeowners insurance almost always excludes damage from industrial operations in one's residential property. And that's what natural gas drilling is. It's an industrial operation. For those who escape the problems of water contamination and human and animal health effects, there remains the ever potential possibility of damaging explosions and fires from drilling and production operations.

Homeowner insurance will not pay for that, either. Surely, the drilling companies are responsible for explosions and fires linked to their operation. Don't count on it, Radow seems to think, since the natural gas drillers admit in their regulatory filings that they may not carry enough insurance to pay for damages due to such mishaps. Now we come to who will ultimately pay for the cleanup of abandoned and under-insured properties, contaminated or otherwise uninhabitable; at least, undesirable. Perhaps you've already figured it out. In almost all cases, it's going to be the U.S. taxpayer who now owns the two largest mortgage companies in the country, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

When these mortgage giants finally take possession of all the contaminated and impaired property, they will be obliged to clean them up and simultaneously bear the loss of the value of the mortgages issued on those properties. In this way, the average citizen will be subsidizing the natural gas industry by bearing the costs associated with devalued properties and hazardous waste cleanup. When all of this starts happening in a big way, you can count on those in charge saying nobody saw it coming. Here in Council chambers, I'm letting you know in front of everybody present, it's coming. Ban fracking now while you still have a chance. You represent us, not the gas industry. And I beg you, please do your jobs.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Douglas Shields.

MR. SHIELDS: Thank you for allowing those speakers to comment. My name is Douglas Shields. I reside at 2329 Tilbury Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15217. Thank you, Honorable Members, for staying to listen to our comments today. What I would like to present to the Council is a little bit different from what you've heard tonight. I would like to ask you to begin to look at your

process. And some things that I have seen and heard and what have you, public comments from government officials and whatnot, cause me to really kind of --- let's step back a moment. Let's get away from the issue and let's get to the process.

First of all, when I was a member of Pittsburgh City Council, if there was an initiative to go forward --- let's say, taxing from a financing deal --- the mayor of the City of Pittsburgh could not, nor could the URA, begin to initiate negotiations on such a matter until such time that the council itself, the governing body, authorized the mayor or the URA, or some other authority, to proceed. That didn't give them --- I didn't say we approved it. We said, well, okay, you can start looking.

Now I have no --- I can't find anything in the records that authorized the Allegheny County Executive to begin to negotiate leases with CONSOL Energy and Huntley and Huntley, which are the only two names I see in public. Somewhere in last week's comment was made, we have no proposal. We have nothing to discuss. We do have plenty to discuss. You do not have formal legislation before you, but the County Executive, after last week's meeting, on KDKA said, there is no proposal. In the Post-Gazette the very same day, we hear a whole recitation of what the proposal is from the County Executive.

Let's back up. Who authorized the County Executive to begin the negotiations? No one; you're the governing body. Let's step back. As my father used to counsel me, when all else fails, let's read the directions. Some of you are members of the Bar and practice in courts of law. You know that the rules of procedure and the rules of evidence from all. If you don't get that right, you don't get your evidence in, you don't get to --- you don't even get to the merit of the case.

The other problem is this; Allegheny County is not a municipality. Back in the Dunn and Cranmer and Dawida days, they got rid of your planning department. You have no planning department. You have nobody on staff to help you work through these land-use issues. And if want to ask about your committee, it's a Parks issue, it's a Parks matter. In today's paper is a map of the plan for the airport. Now do you show the map after the fact or before the fact? And in a zoning matter, when I was in Pittsburgh City Council, everything was on the table, the

proposal and everything. This council, nor anyone else in the public, had the ability to see where the well pad two is, where the --- you know, all this is located on the site. Nobody had the benefit of that. Most of the members told me they didn't see the lease.

So we have structural issues here. The third thing that I find interesting is that this park is in a municipality. What's the zoning code in Frazer and Fawn Township? Does their zoning code allow for the use in the park or around the park, or what happens in Fawn and Frazer Township? Has anybody on Allegheny Council --- you're partners in their township. Their township is the law as far as land use, not the Council of Allegheny County. You have big problems here on just --- how do you move this forward?

The final thing is --- and if you'll bear with some indulging --- we don't have a process. Councilwoman Heidelbaugh has expressed to me, she's not satisfied with what this process is, and neither am I. I agree, this cannot be a shouting match. It can't be a fist fight. And I would implore the council president to form a special committee. Most Robert's Rules will allow for that. I would counsel you to have a committee of at least four to five members and begin to engage in a process, to design a process to allow answers to come forward. You have a host of issues here, the land use, the air quality, the real estate. It is a Pandora's box of issues that this council is not equipped by design to deal with at this point. You must go back and start.

And the other thing is, who authorized the Allegheny County Executive to begin negotiations? That's been done. These are procedural questions. I ask for that, and we stand ready to help you. We're citizens for you, and we have a wealth of information that can be tested and tried in forums wherever you choose. And we're here to help, so thank you very much for your time.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Joy Sabl? Joy? I recognized --- thought I'd seen you here.

MS. SABL: Joy Sabl, 7008 Willard Street. I think a lot of us, when we're wondering about wells, how good they are and how many of them fail and at what percentage, we have a hard time centralizing that because you have this concrete pipe going down deep in the

ground and you don't see it. So let me compare it to something else. You all go over bridges every day going back and forth. Bridges are also concrete. Bridges are also subject to salt solutions. Bridges are also subject to constant and sharp vibrations. If I asked you what percent of bridges are going to fail, you'd look at me like I was nuts, because every bridge will eventually fail.

But because a pipe, a concrete pipe that protects the surrounding water and ground from the fracking solution going down into the well and coming back up, because that's down in the ground, we just take the assertion that it's good forever and ever and ever and will be protecting us forever and ever and ever. Yet all of our daily lives tell us that this simply is not so. So instead of saying, oh, well, those are fairly safe or not so safe, or well, you know, two percent have failed or one percent have failed catastrophically or maybe only a tenth of a percent. That's not the question.

It's not the question, what goes wrong in the first six months. It's not what goes wrong while the drilling is happening. These things have to be secure going forward, and we know that they're not. There will be costs. They will be major costs. And I want you to imagine a disintegrating bridge going down into the ground at every single one of these well pads and ask yourself how comfortable you are with them. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Marie Kocoshis? Are you here, Marie?

MS. HARKINS: I'm here to speak for her.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: This is the last speaker.

MR. CATANESE: That's not her.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Oh, I'm sorry. I thought you were Marie.

MS. HARKINS: I'm here to speak for her from her notes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: All right. That's okay; because we don't have your name on here.

MS. HARKINS: I'm speaking for her.

MR. CATANESE: You can't do that under the rules. You can speak for yourself.

MR. FUTULES: We want your name and address.

MS. HARKINS: My name is Fran Harkins. I reside at 3700 Venango Avenue, Munhall, Pennsylvania. One

second. I'm unprepared to speak for myself, but I did speak last week. I totally oppose the idea of fracking in our public parks because of the incredible amounts of air pollution, water pollution and soil pollution that will come of it. I think you are entrusted with this, and it's a safety trust. And we've had these parks, I believe, starting from at least the 1920s or earlier, and that's coming up on 100 years. And they haven't been full of --- filled with toxics, as this kind of situation would do.

I apologize, but I had Marie's --- who was past president of GASP and owns land in West Deer Township and is --- wants to leave it in a trust that would be sort of continual for ever, as I would assume a lot of the startups of these county parks got their --- you know, aggregated the amount of land, because people gave them to entrust. And she is willing to give her ten acres --- she and her husband, who still own land in West Deer, even though they now reside in Cincinnati, Ohio. So that's all I want to say for now.

I do think you've got an incredible trust. A lot of these people have, as I have --- have studied this and read ---. I've been to about 100 meetings. I've read thousands of articles over the past few years, and they all tell me this is bad. I own two homes, two duplexes. I rent. I'm thinking about selling both, because I don't think it works in your behalf if you're a landowner in Allegheny County. In Munhall, this is coming closer and closer and closer to me, the fracking and the pollution. And I cannot even --- a friend of mine who's in a nursing home on Route 51 --- without seeing a lot of the trucks coming closer. So I think you've got to think about the future of the county. We don't want to be sitting around and polluted and will --- some of us will move elsewhere, if we have to. Thank you.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: President Martoni?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Can we please accept this written statement and have a copy for all of us?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes. Okay. I believe we have covered all speakers. Thanks for --- am I correct? Okay. I suppose they're recognized. Motion for adjournment?

MR. DROZD: So moved.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: All in favor?

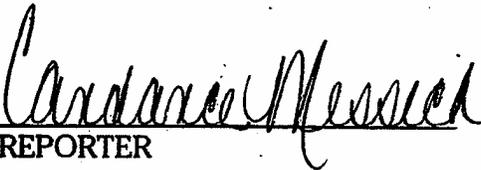
(Chorus of ayes.)

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:12 P.M.

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