

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

Dr. Charles J. Martoni	-	President, District 8
Nicholas Futules	-	Vice President, District 7
Matt Drozd	-	District 1
Jan Rea	-	District 2
James R. Burn, Jr.	-	District 3
Michael J. Finnerty	-	District 4
Krista Harris	-	District 5
John F. Palmiere	-	District 6
Robert J. Macey	-	District 9
William Russell Robinson	-	District 10
Barbara Daly Danko	-	District 11
James Ellenbogen	-	District 12

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IN ATTENDANCE:

Joseph Catanese - Director, Constituent Services
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Walter Szymanski - Budget Director
Michael Wojcik - County Solicitor

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Welcome to the Tuesday, September 24, 2013 regular meeting of Allegheny County Council. Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?

(NO RESPONSE)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: 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?

MS. HARRIS: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

(NO RESPONSE)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here (via telephone).

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni, President?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Here.

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

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Proclamations/Certificates.
7745-13.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation recognizing the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh, Creative Arts Corner, and McAuley Ministries, for producing the original documentary, "Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve, The Story of Schenley High School." Sponsored by Council members Danko, Robinson, Ellenbogen and Green Hawkins.

MS. DANKO: Are the people from the Housing Authority here --- good. Okay. A lot of people in Allegheny County have heard of Schenley High School, and it's long and storied history. Three of us actually have pretty close ties to Schenley High School here on County Council. I had two children who graduated from there in 2006 and 2008. Mr. Ellenbogen's father went to Schenley, and Mr. Robinson is a proud alum. So, when --- last summer when I heard about the project that the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh had done with its new --- making the film about Schenley and its history, I thought, we're going to bring this to Council and have a proclamation.

I want to make sure that we're not just honoring Schenley, but we're also honoring these students that did such great work on this project. I've seen the film. I'm not sure how many of you have seen the film. Maybe, when you get a chance to speak, you'll tell people how they can get to see the film that talks about the wonderful history of Schenley High School. Before I read the proclamation, I thought, perhaps, Mr. Robinson might want to say a few words.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Councilwoman Danko. Not being a man of a few words, let me say, I'm a proud graduate of Schenley High School in the year of 1960. I felt very warm and elated when I saw the effort that was put into the film. I've seen it twice. While it does not cover the entire history of that great school, it covered enough, so that all of us who graduated, all who served, all who worked, can feel very proud that while good things do come to an end, Schenley High School will not come to an end until all of us are gone; and there are a lot of us, a lot of us that graduated, a lot that worked there, a lot who still carry the pride and honor of having gone to a very unique school with some very unique teachers.

On behalf of everyone who's ever entered the doors of Schenley High School, I thank the Housing Authority and the young people who put their time and effort into this. It was a master stroke, and perhaps some who hastened the demise of that great high school, should be required to look at the tape twice a week. Knowing that that's not going to occur, I ask them that they pay particular attention to the products of Schenley High School and where we are, not only here in this great city and this great county, but throughout the world, and

the pride with which we think back on our experiences, not just the athletic experiences, but the academic experiences and the social experiences, and how proud we are to know that Schenley High School will live as long as we live. And again, I want to thank the Housing Authority, the students, those that produced it, those that were inspired to do it. Thank you, very, very much. You can't imagine how it warmed the hearts of those who weren't even depicted, but when they heard that there was a film about Schenley High School, they wanted to see it and they embraced it. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

(APPLAUSE)

MR. ELLENBOGEN: As Councilwoman Danko had said, my late father actually played basketball for Schenley. I went to a city high school, but I went to Peabody and had my face put in the dirt enough by Schenley players, that I --- that I can tell you. I think this is wonderful. Particularly, you know, many of us that grew up in the City of Pittsburgh have watched a new emergence. I met more people in the last couple years who are from other areas, who have relocated to Pittsburgh, that those of us who were born and bred here, we're becoming a rare breed. To know that our history is being documented, I think, is wonderful; actually, not just Schenley but, you know, Peabody and Westinghouse, a lot of the great high schools when this city was almost 700,000 people. It's good to know that there are folks that are interested in that and to think about some of the wonderful athletes, actors and people who made such contributions to the city and the county over the years that have graduated from schools like Schenley. And my late father was a deputy police chief for the city many years ago, so I know that he would be very proud if he was alive to see that his school would have been remembered as. He talked about Schenley all the time and how they used to whoop our butts on a regular basis. Thank you.

MS. DANKO: Matt? I just found out, Matt has a connection to Schenley High, too. Council member Drozd.

MR. DROZD: My mother graduated from Schenley in the early '30s, and I taught the last students --- some of the last students in the last year of Schenley High School. That day I went to the principal and I said --- and think about this and look at yours ---; I said, "Do you have any of the yearbooks?" He said, "Yeah, yeah, we have some of the yearbooks." He pulled all of these

yearbooks. I found my mother's, 1930s. And make sure they went --- they were supposed to go the Heinz Historical Center. You might be able to find your father's. And I found out things about my mother, my mother never even talked about. It was really neat. So look at your yearbooks. It's a great high school. A lot of great students came out of Schenley, including your dad, and my mother, and other people that you know, and this guy right here (indicating).

MS. DANKO: All right. You want to read the proclamation? Okay.

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh's Creative Arts Corner, is a program that teaches multimedia skills free of charge to public housing residents interested in developing career skills in film production and music recording.

WHEREAS, with facilities in both Bedford Dwellings and Northview Heights, public housing communities in the Hill District and North Side, CAC students are provided with a unique opportunity to cultivate their creative strengths in a state-of-the-art studio environment; and

WHEREAS, with generous support provided by McAuley Ministries, the HACP and HACP's non-profit foundation Clean Slate E3, Creative Arts Corner students produced a 60 minute documentary film entitled, "Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve, The Story of Schenley High School"; and

WHEREAS, Schenley High School, a Pittsburgh public school located at Bigelow Boulevard and Centre Avenue, in North Oakland, opened in 1916 and served many of the City of Pittsburgh's residents for nearly 100 years. The building is listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places, and the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation Register.

WHEREAS, the film, which premiered on June 27th at Pittsburgh Filmmakers, explores the distinctive architecture of the building, the uncommon racial diversity that existed within', the success of its International Baccalaureate Program, the famed Schenley musicals, the achievements of its athletic programs, the notable alumni and, finally, the closing of the building.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council does hereby recognize and thank the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh, Creative Arts Corner,

and McAuley Ministries, for preserving the history and cultural importance of Schenley High School. Thank you very much.

(APPLAUSE)

MS. DANKO: Okay. And I'm going to ask Nathan Williams, the studio manager, to say a few words, and Michelle Jackson.

MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you. First of all, I'd like to thank, again, my staff. One of the key persons that who worked diligently on the documentary, along with the students who were there every day, who was my main man, my photographer back there, Mike Strati, mike raise your hand.

(APPLAUSE)

MR. WILLIAMS: A lot of long hours, but we got through it. And again, I'd like to thank McAuley --- the McAuley Foundation, as well, because without their funding, you know, we couldn't give the kids a stipend who actually worked on the video. So, they actually got paid to actually work on it. So they got some real-world experience, as well as monetary, which is always good for the kids. And also, I'd like to thank the kids, as well as thank my boss, Michelle Jackson, Michelle Jackson. It was her idea for the Creative Arts Corner from the beginning, her brain child.

And she came up with the idea and as an alternative for after-school programs, other than sports for, you know, youth but it's was not only for youth, but we have it for adults as well because we got a 73 year old student that works there and does stuff as well. He does cooking shows. But anyhow, it was definitely her, so I'd definitely like to thank her, as well, as --- and that's pretty much it. I appreciate the recognition for the award, and you also can still see it on our website, www.hacp.org, and you click on the media link, and you'll see a lot of other things we have on there, as well. But the documentary is on there as well, so you can still see that. Thank you.

(APPLAUSE)

MS. JACKSON: Thank you, member of council. I'm Michelle Jackson. I'm from the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh. It is a great honor to be recognized as it relates what we do for our residents in Public Housing. The Creative Arts Corners are open to all of our public housing residents, and the young people have

embraced the idea. It's a state-of-the-art audio/video production studio. If you go online, you'll be able to actually see the studio and see some of the great work. And I know everybody is probably thinking, oh, it's just a video, and, you know, it's probably something that was really done kind of elementary. But this is top-notch stuff.

We have entered our video in a number of contests, and so we hope to be hearing a number of things about our video. You can also see us on WQED on October 5th at 10:00 p.m. There's a feature as it relates to the video and program, and they will show it. So I thank you again, everyone, and good night.

(APPLAUSE)

(PICTURES TAKEN)

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation 7746-13.

Proclamation congratulating the graduates of the Community College of Allegheny County FireVEST Scholarship Program. Sponsored by the Chief Executive Fitzgerald, Council members Martoni, Ellenbogen, Burn, Danko, DeFazio, Drozd, Finnerty, Futules, Green Hawkins, Harris, Heidelbaugh, Macey, Palmiere, Rea and Robinson.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: This is a proclamation that we're really very proud to present. I want to read it, because there's some important information on this that a lot of people may not realize. Allegheny County is the home --- listen to this number, please --- is the home to more than 200 --- let me say it again, 200 --- volunteer fire companies; and

WHEREAS, in Allegheny County, volunteer firefighters protect over 910,000 people and save the taxpayers of Allegheny County an estimated \$60,000,000 a year; and

WHEREAS, to assure the safety and well-being of our communities, in the year 2008, Allegheny County Fire Volunteer Education Service and Training Scholarship Program, as we know it as FireVEST, was established through a partnership between the Allegheny County Fire Academy and the Community College of Allegheny County, through the CCAC Allegheny County Workforce Alliance; and

WHEREAS, 200 FireVEST scholarships covering tuition, fees and books, are offered each year. 150 of the new recruits, in exchange for five years of volunteer service and 50 for existing volunteer firefighters, in

exchange for an additional five years of service in Allegheny County; and

WHEREAS, the FireVEST scholarship recipients have majored in programs such as fire science administration, criminal justice, criminology, business management, nursing, and a whole lot of other programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council, in conjunction with the County Executive, Rich Fitzgerald, on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, does hereby congratulate the graduates of the Allegheny County Fire Volunteer Education Service and Training Scholarship Program. We commend you for your dedication, service and sacrifice to protect the lives and property of the citizens of Allegheny County. And we are blessed to have two members of that class with us tonight. We're going to have them speak in a moment.

MR. MACEY: Thank you, President Martoni. About five years ago, Councilman Futules came to me with a great idea, and that was to encourage our young people to get involved in fire service and first responders and medical services as volunteers. But I think we needed a hook. That hook became a college education, a free college education. That's books, tuition and fees. And I'm proud to say, one of my firefighters is a graduate of that program. And I think we need to continue to encourage our young people to be involved and to do what they do best, and that's make our communities a place to live and enjoy safely.

MR. FUTULES: I'm not exactly the person that started it, it was the Chief Executive, but I was implementing the fact to help --- to get it started. But it's definitely the Chief Executive. Dan Onorato and Jim Roddey; they got this started. It's a wonderful program. I can't emphasize enough that each fire company, each municipality, every high school, you should all talk to your students and say, "If you want an education at the Community College, become a firefighter," because it is certainly worth it, and had I had been a young man at the time, I had consider it myself. But I just want to congratulate our recipients and hope that this program continues to the betterment of the young children. Thank you.

ALVIN HENDERSON: Thank you, Councilman. To the County Executive and members of Council, I personally want to say thank you, because this is a phenomenal program for

public safety in Allegheny County. As you heard from the proclamation, our volunteer fire companies within Allegheny County are the lifeblood of providing public safety to residents and businesses of Allegheny County. At the heart of each volunteer fire station, are the volunteers themselves. This program allows them to not only obtain an associate's degree, but also help give back to the community, as well.

It takes all the members of the volunteer fire company to be able to have a sustainable fire company which, in turn, provides a sustainable county for us from the perils of fire, and also to help rescue people and provide emergency medical services to our residents and businesses. Through this program, they are getting top education, to be able to have new skills and abilities to provide, not only to our fire stations, but to us as residents, as well. So it's a great program for us. It's a win-win situation for all that are involved in the program, the fire companies, and us as citizens, as well. The challenge I'd like to give to each of you today is don't stop with that associate's degree.

There are some great Bachelor's and Master's programs out there now for public safety that weren't there a few years ago. So don't stop with this associate's. Keep going for the Bachelor's, the Master's, and be the next leaders of public safety in Allegheny County. Thank you and congratulations.

(APPLAUSE)

DR. CHARLES BLOCKSIDGE: Let me just express my gratitude to County Council who, over the years, for the support of the FireVEST Program. And of course, this program is very unique. It's been emulated in other jurisdictions --- or attempted to be emulated in other jurisdictions throughout the country. It's a signature program. It's one that the college has been very, very proud of, and I think it's a standard for advancing the College's image as regional assets in this community. And it could only --- it could only have come about by this strong relationship and partnership that the college has with the county, and also the support that we have from Council, and also from County Exec., Rich Fitzgerald, who has certainly, lead his leadership to this program over the years.

So again, I want to extend my gratitude. And the individuals that are here with us today. We all serve

in an advisory capacity to the program. And we also have Liz Dantowski (phonetic), who is here from the college that's a member of the advisory board, as well as Joe Catanese, that represents the county on that advisory board. So again, thank you for the support, and it's really --- I think it's really heartening to be here today on the 225th anniversary of the county and, of course, the --- what is it, John, 25th anniversary of the construction of this Courthouse, which --- I think I was working here at that time if I'm not mistaken. Again, thank you all and I really appreciate your support. Thank you.

(APPLAUSE)

ADAM MCKNIGHT: Thank you. It was an honor to be able to go to the FireVEST program, and it really helped me out going through college, and getting my degree.

(APPLAUSE)

MEGAN WICHELMANN: I just want to say thank you for the opportunity. I am moving forward with mine and working on my Bachelor's degree in Fire Protection Engineering online, which you could never do five, ten years ago. It's a newer program, but it's very amazing. And I know Councilman Macey, being at the fire department with him, we kind of both pushed the FireVEST program, trying to get more people interested in it, so --- it's a great program. I enjoyed it, and I thank everybody for giving me the opportunity to do that.

(APPLAUSE)

(PICTURES TAKEN)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7747-13.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation honoring Ms. Fay Morgan for the significant impact she has made upon Allegheny County as Executive Director of the North Hills Community Outreach and wishing her well in her new role as CEO and President of the Passavant Foundation. Sponsored by Council members Rea and Burn.

MR. BURN: Thank you, Joe. Thank you, Mr. President. And thank you, members of Council, Chief Executive Fitzgerald, directors, friends and guests. Fay --- Jan and I, when we found out the good news for you, that you were moving into the new role as President of the Passavant Foundation, we wanted to take an opportunity to look back and reflect on the great work that you've done in your capacity as a director of the North Hills Community Outreach.

This past week or two, Millvale celebrated the 20 year anniversary of the Millvale Community Days, and you've been a part of that since its inception. When they first rolled out the anniversary of the 125th in the first Millvale Days, this operation was setting up shop in the Borough of Millvale, called the North Hills Community Outreach. The objective of the organization was to help folks who may need some assistance, whether it's with utilities, clothing, employment opportunities, or any other type of guidance which may help the demographic that was not just indigenous to the Borough of Millvale, but to other similarly situated communities, that they had a beacon of light, a beacon of hope and a real opportunity --- a real opportunity --- for folks to make an improvement and the betterment in their lives. It was that fall that I was elected to office as mayor, and Fay and I began to work together diligently with many other interested groups, in order to help to rebuild that community and to move in a positive direction. And the demographic of our borough truly fit the model for what the North Hills Community Outreach was attempting to accomplish.

And if it wasn't for their presence in our borough, and if it wasn't for Fay's leadership, not just to Millville, but in the other communities that you've made a positive difference there, we would not be this far ahead in our development and our rebirth, as if you had not been there. And we still, with your presence in that borough and other townships, look forward to continuing to make that type of progress. You know, the theme here today, since we were out in the hall with Rich and Chuck, and we started the ceremony of ringing of the bells, there's been a theme tonight with these proclamations of community.

And it's so appropriate and fitting that these proclamations have been read tonight with that underscored. And it's also appropriate that the word community is used in the description, in the name, of North Hills Community Outreach. When you look at the word --- I'll be very --- I'll wrap with this, you break it into its Latin root which is either *communis*, or *communitas*. It's two separate English words, with together, plus gift, and that's the important part of the description, the Latin root, the gift, the gift that you brought to the Borough of Millvale, the gift that you

brought in such a positive way to so many lives and so many families and so much hope and opportunity that you and your organization provided, that Jan and I and our leadership, just wanted to take a moment as you make a transition to thank you so much for the great work that you have done and all the positive differences that you have made and all the lives that you've influenced.

So on behalf of a former mayor and a councilman who can take your message here and advocate for you when I got here, thank you so much. And Jan will read the proclamation.

MS. REA: Thank you, Jim. WHEREAS, Ms. Fay Morgan will conclude 20 years as Executive Director of North Hills Community Outreach on September 13th, which you've done; and

WHEREAS, under Ms. Morgan's leadership since 1993, the NHCO has significantly increased its level of services to meet the needs of struggling families and individuals in the North Hills area; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Morgan has expanded NHCO's presence in the community by forming partnerships and adding satellite offices, including one in Bellevue and one in Millvale;

WHEREAS, the creative fundraising initiatives a number of donors have grown under Ms. Morgan's tenure, and in 2011, the NHCO earned the Alfred Wishart, Jr. Award for demonstrating a sustained commitment to excellence in management in governments;

WHEREAS, Ms. Morgan has also taken strides to strengthen NHCO by developing a dedicated staff and organizing the generosity of more than 1,300 volunteers; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that we recognize Ms. Morgan as an exceptional leader that successfully engaged the entire North Hills region into one sharing community in which NHCO remains true to it's mission of neighbors helping neighbors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council does hereby honor Ms. Fay Morgan, for the significant social impact she has made upon the North Hills and Allegheny County, and we thank her for her service for the North Hills Community Outreach, wishing her the very best in her future role. Thank you.

(APPLAUSE)

MS. MORGAN: Jim and Jan, everybody on Council, Council President Martoni, Mr. Fitzgerald, it was really an honor and a pleasure for me to lead North Hills Community Outreach for 20 years, working to see that the citizens of our county are able to move from economic troubles to economic stability. And of course, I have bittersweet feelings about leaving the organization, but I know I'm leaving behind a very strong team who will continue to serve families who are struggling and to help them move forward.

And we wouldn't have been able to do that for the past 20 years without the support of the county. That's very important, the partnerships between county and the community based, the faith-based organizations. I want to especially thank the Department of Human Services --- I see Marc here --- and the Department of Economic Development, for all of their help through the years. Now as I leave to become president of the Passavant Hospital Foundation, I will just be serving the community in a different way and looking out for the health of our citizens, and making sure that they have the services they need.

Every community wants a good hospital, or needs a good hospital, and every community wants a great hospital. So I will be working to ensure that the North Hills has that in UPMC Passavant. Thanks, everybody.

(APPLAUSE)

(PICTURES TAKEN)

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

MR. CATANESE: 7714-13. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mt. Lebanon High School Boys' Lacrosse Team, for winning the 2013 WPIAL Division 1 Championship. Sponsored by Councilwoman Harris.

7748-13. Certificate of Achievement award to Mr. Michael Adam Jones, of Boy Scout Troop 99, upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

7749-13. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Tullio and Helen Tozzi, upon the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

7750-13. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Alan and Karen Kemper, upon the occasion of

their 50th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

7751-13. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Darryl and Barbara Segina, upon the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

7752-13. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas and Barbara Sowko, upon the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

7753-13. Certificate of Recognition awarded in memoriam to Prisoners of War/Missing in Action from WWII of the Chalfant Borough, including Joseph Bisaha (POW), James Joyce (POW), Steve Minnaji (POW), Nicholas Mogus (MIA). Sponsored by Councilman Martoni.

7754-13. Proclamation honoring Mr. Frank Kravetz, of Chalfant Borough, an Army Air Corps Gunner and POW in World War II, for his service and sacrifice for the United States of America. Sponsored by Councilman Martoni.

7755-13. Proclamation recognizing the Reverend Donald L. Marbury, a native of Pittsburgh, and Senior Pastor of Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, in Brunswick, Maryland, for his exemplary service to others. Sponsored by Councilman Robinson.

7756-13. Proclamation commending the Steal Brothers, from Western Pennsylvania, and proclaiming November 9th, 2013 as, "Could It Be I'm Falling In Love" Day in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Councilman Robinson.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Presentations and Addresses. Today we're very honored to have the quarterly address from Chief Executive Rich Fitzgerald.

(APPLAUSE)

MR. ELLENBOGEN: You mean all these people aren't here to see us? I didn't think so.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. It's always good to be back in the place where I spent so many Tuesday nights for the 12 years I was on honored to serve here. But since our last visit, which I was here in June for my quarterly visit, you know, many, many good things have happened. I guess one of the biggest things that happened is the Pirates. They're going back to the playoffs for the first time in 21 years, so I want to congratulate them. And

it's a great thing for this city and for this region, all the excitement that they have generated with a lot of original Pittsburghers that Mr. Ellenbogen talked about, and certainly, a lot of those new folks that have come into town, you know, over the last few years, seeing what an exciting place we have.

I want to talk, I guess, about a few things, and I'm going to start with some of the exciting things, really, with economic development. And you know, we've got so many great things happening in this community that are happening. You saw the announcement just yesterday, that PPG has made a large acquisition and will be moving approximately 500 people here to Western Pennsylvania. About 70 or 80 of them will be moving into our Harmarville location. The balance will be moving up into the Cranberry location near where Westinghouse is. We also made an announcement yesterday that Gordon Food Service is breaking ground on an \$80,000,000, 480,000 square-foot distribution facility near the airport. It will be their first in the region and will employ over 200. So good things continue to happen in our community.

Just some of the private ones we've done, or some of the more local ones, we sold 23 acres of industrial land in Stowe Township to a private developer, putting more light industrial on there. And quite frankly, what's going on out and around the airport area is tremendous, and it continues to happen. And I have to thank what County Council did in approving that billion dollar deal that CONSOL and us put together. The amount of interest and the amount of growth that's going to continue to happen out there is tremendous. You saw with Chevron purchasing property in Moon Township; it's going to be adding a significant presence out there with a national/international corporation.

The census numbers are absolutely terrific. You know, one of the census numbers that we're really very proud of is, over the last two years, while the national age --- well, the under five age population nationally went down more than one percent. In the State of Pennsylvania, it went down more than one percent but in Allegheny County, it went up one percent. We have young families and young parents moving into this region in ways that we haven't in decades. You know, the job numbers have been terrific in this region. We've been in the top three, top four, top five, over the last couple of years.

So our numbers are pretty high to begin with. But one number that just came out last week, an organization called Simply Hired, which are a national search engine, reported that Pittsburgh had the biggest increase in new job openings in the month of August in America. So even with a very, very high number, we had more --- we have more job openings that continue to occur, outpacing the rest of the country, something we can be very, very proud of.

Another thing that, jointly, we did together and we got good word on is our bond rating. It got upgraded. The outlook got upgraded from Standard and Poor's. I think that happened in July, since the last time I was here. A lot of that had to do with the fact that we finally got our fund balance moving in the right direction. As you know, when we begin this term, we were down to \$5.7 million, which is way too low. We should be around \$40,000,000. At the close of last year, we were over \$12 million. And you know, the budgetary work that this council has done, was a big part of what we were able to do.

Some of the exciting things we did, again, since this summer, the renaming of the McCullough Bridge. I know many of you were there for that ceremony. It was an absolutely terrific ceremony honoring David McCullough, a Pittsburgh historian. You know, he was born here, went to the Pittsburgh Public Schools, and was educated here. The Knit the Bridge ceremony; the Knit the Bridge, the one month's time, the bridge --- the Andy Warhol Bridge was covered in yarn. It was absolutely a success. Over 1,800 people participated in this. It was a great community coming together of people all over the region, and it got national attention, something we can be very, very proud of.

The Tuskegee Airmen exhibit that we just opened at the Pittsburgh International Airport last week honoring the heroes who fought --- really, when you think about it --- a couple different wars, a war at home with discrimination and then a war overseas in World War II, and some of those remaining veterans who were there, I can tell you, were absolutely touched. These are men in their late 80s and early 90s who were, you know, getting their recognition, long overdue recognition, for some of the heroic work that they did. And Allegheny County's had

a higher percentage of Tuskegee Airmen than any place in the country, something we're very, very proud of.

We also opened the Great American Passage that finally opened linking a trail that will take you all the way from the Point in downtown Pittsburgh to Washington, D.C. The final link opened in --- over in West Homestead by Sandcastle. And it's been absolutely terrific, what it's been able to do. Also moving forward in this region, I'd like to identify --- we have three new directors that are on board tonight. I'd like to introduce Dr. Karen Hacker, our new Department of --- the Health Department. I'd like Karen to stand up, Dr. --- Mr. Bill Stickman is here, our Shuman --- acting director at Shuman and Lillian Reese-McGhee --- I don't know if Lillian's here --- I think she had to travel; she's out of town --- deputy director. So we have three new folks I wanted to address. I wanted to talk about the health department in just a minute. Some of the things we've been able to do, the county manager, through the Human Resources, we talked about this, I think, the last time I was here --- a dependent eligibility audit in which the county manager looked at all the employees to make sure that they were putting people on our healthcare that were eligible. Many of them weren't, and that audit has resulted in more than \$1,000,000 in savings in our healthcare cost, because of the initiative that County Manager McKain had put in.

I mentioned Dr. Hacker, who came on board early this month, reorganizing the Department of Health. We want this health department to be the best in the country, and I think with Dr. Hacker's leadership, we will. She's going to be getting an obesity prevention campaign that's going to kick off in 2014. We're certainly going to invite all folks in the community to be part of healthy -- - it's going to be walking that we're going to be doing all over in the neighborhoods and in communities throughout this county. I certainly intend to participate to try to get a little healthy, and we'll --- as through leadership, we want Council and all of our employees to do so, as well. I think Karen is really going to promote this and be able to talk about this with good lifestyle, work with nutrition and exercise.

We're also going to be, with Dr. Hacker and Dr. --- and Marc Cherna with the Department of Human Services --- we're going to be helping roll out the Affordable Care Act. The ACA is going to begin --- the

marketplace will begin October 1st, next week. We have over --- almost 100,000 people in Allegheny County that do not have healthcare. We want to be able to make sure that those people who don't have healthcare, are knowledgeable in how they can access the marketplace that is going to be available with the Affordable Care Act. So we're going to be announcing things in early next week, bringing stakeholders together getting out into the community, particularly some communities which have a high percentage of people without healthcare, to let them know what is available and how they can provide it for themselves and their families.

Some of the other things that we're working on, the Parks --- I want to talk about Go Ape, which is one of the initiatives that this Council approved a number of months ago. It's been extremely successful, and let me give you just some numbers that can talk about that; Go Ape has over six courses around the country. This is, so far, the second most successful one already in just a few months. We've had over 10,000 people participate in this. And the nice thing about this is over 1/5, over 20 percent of the people who participated, came here from out of state. They're coming here to participate, to use the Go Ape. So when you think about our tourism and the amount of money and wealth that that brings into the community, it's a tremendous achievement, and you know, it continues to get busier and busier; August, over 3,000 people used it.

One other thing, and I know it's something that Councilwoman (sic) Rea and I have been talking about, the trailer out there that's not the most beautiful thing in the world, is going to be going away. They're going to be breaking ground this fall to put a new cabin in there. It should be open by next spring, and then that would be a cabin that would be used by them and then part of the parks would make it much nicer. Another park initiative that I think is very, very important, that I don't know if a lot of people know about --- I think Councilman Finnerty probably does --- but we have had a stream, acid mine drainage, in Settler's Cabin that runs into a pond that runs in --- literally, with water that's so acidic, the pH is down near one. If anybody knows much about water chemistry, you know that's not very healthy.

And nothing lived in there; nothing grew, no plant life, no fish, no anything. Well, working with the

folks at the Botanic Garden, an initiative that we've been working on together for a number of years, they put in an acid neutralizing pond that runs the water through an acid neutralizing filtration system. It brought that pH back up to a neutral pH. And within a matter of weeks, life has now returned to that pond. It's a pond that then runs into Chartiers Creek. So instead of dumping acid water into Chartiers Creek, we're doing some really good things out there to help clean up the environment, something we can all be pretty proud of.

You've been reading a lot about the Deer Lakes initiative. That RFP will be going out later this week, and you know, we'll certainly be back to talk about it. But you know, the comments that have been made, I have no initiative or no interest at this point in drilling in the park, so that the RFP that we're sending out is for work that's going to be done outside of the park, up in that corner of the county, up in the Northeast section of the county. At this point, there are a dozen wells that have already utilized --- excuse me --- a dozen pads, I think it's about 40 wells that are drilled up in that region in the county. The drilling companies, it's my understanding, are going to be doing three wells outside -- right around the park. And they will be inviting us -- we'll be inviting them, I guess, deciding which way to participate and to see what kind of revenues, what kind of impact positively, or negatively it could have on us. So we're going to be putting that RFP out later this week. And then once that comes back and we see what kind of offers we get, obviously, we'll be writing an ordinance, bringing it to Council and going through the process that you choose to --- that you choose to utilize.

Talk about the Kanes a little bit; we talked about this before. The Scott-Kane Memory Unit dealing with Alzheimer's patient. Construction is set to begin next month. The bids were back, and that's going to go, and that should be completed some time in late January, early February of next year. So that's moving forward another initiative that the county manager has been very instrumental of.

Administrative services; we talked a little bit last time about the assessment, the appeals. There are still a little over 14,000 appeals that are open. They continue to lower the total valuation in Allegheny County. We also continue to move forward with the non-profit

reviews, as that continues to be very successful, as does the Homestead exemption review for people that have been double-dipping on the Homestead exemption. I'd also like to give a shout-out --- I know Alvin Henderson was up here before --- but the Emergency Services Center, the great work that they did in July and August with some of those floods, some of those storms and flooding that we have had throughout the county, I know many of you have been affected. I know Councilman Macey out in Elizabeth, out in that area, got hit pretty hard. Absolute kudos to what they were able to do. We heard nothing but great response from our community leaders out in the --- out in the municipalities, for the work that Alvin and his crew did. And it was really something to --- something to behold.

But let me just say this. Back in 9-1-1, because we have challenges as we always do. Because of the landline --- the reduced usage of landline phones, and because it changed in the funding formula, where we typically ran about a \$2,000,000 deficit --- maybe, a little over a \$2,000,000 deficit at the 9-1-1 center, we're looking at over a \$5,000,000 deficit. And again, it's because of some of the changes, through no fault of the operation. In fact, the operation has continued to streamline costs. And this is a service that we provide for almost every municipality in Allegheny County.

We've saved them over \$6,000,000 in their municipal budgets, so that cost has come on to us. And we're going to be working with PEMA and our state legislature to address that. That law sunsets next year, and we're going to be working to make sure that we can fully fund our 9-1-1 operation through whatever fees we need to charge, whether it be on cell phones, whether it be on smart phones, or whatever new technology comes out. And in doing that, Director Alvin Henderson hosted a tour. We had a tour of the legislature of the Emergency Preparedness Committee in the House. They were there last week going through to see some of the terrific things that we're doing. This is an initiative that, again, the state is pushing to consolidate, work with other counties, and it's something that I certainly support, and I hope you support as well.

Public Works, just a brief update, the morgue restoration continues, and the date of completion is supposed to be towards the middle of next year. The Fourth Avenue Garage, which also this council voted to

proceed with, next month will be done --- starting the demo, which will be done --- should be done in late May, early June of next year. And then Settler's Cabin, the expected occupancy of that maintenance garage should be by the end of November of this year. So those are some of the things that we're working on.

And as you remember, last year we split up Public Works and the Facilities Department. And I got to tell you, with record costs and what they've been doing, if you have been seeing the work that's been going on around this courthouse, you know, some of the painting, some of the cleaning, some of the wonderful restoration and improvements that are being done here; that's being done throughout the county. It's something I think we can be, again, very proud of. Some of the things that are going on --- as you saw, with the bells and some of the work that's being done up there at the bell tower. It's something we can really, again, be proud of what we're doing.

The jail; you may know that we --- the county manager executed a contract with Corizon, but we're looking hopefully at a savings of about \$1,000,000 in our healthcare costs at the jail. I know that's something that this council has been talking about and concerned about for many years and something that we wanted to address.

I wanted to also talk a little bit about the Port Authority and some of the challenges that we have there. You saw yesterday, we held a press event with the Port Authority, based on, you know, really the challenges that we had this weekend. I don't ever remember when they were closing the ramps off of the bridges and off of the Interstate, to keep people from coming in because of the volume of folks that were coming from the Pirate game, to the Steeler game, all the folks that were converging on the North Shore. Well, one of the big solutions we were part of was the subway extension. They were able to do an absolutely terrific job and get all those fans, all those people that visited for the Pirates, for the Steelers, The Lion King was in town, and it went through without a hitch. So I think what the Port Authority did was really beyond yeoman's work. And I want to thank our friends at Local 85, the drivers who really pitched in and were a great contribution to that.

Also, another initiative that this council has been talking about is more advertising, more revenues for the Port Authority. That's an initiative that I've been pushing. And this year, the fiscal year that ended in June 30th, ended with a 12 percent increase in advertising revenue, and to be honest with you, next year is going to look even better, and we've done --- you know, there's some significant advertising that's going on. The North Side Station is sold out through the end of the year. The Greyhound Corporation bought advertising for the Steel Plaza Station. Miller Brewing just bought four bus wraps with Penguin themes, which will be, you know, noticed throughout the hockey season. And then we have 20 more vehicles that have full advertising wraps on them for the next month. Typically, we only had about five. So it's something that they're really, really doing and really pushing.

There's a board restructuring, as you know. I know you approved the two board members that we sent over, and I appreciate that. State Bill 700 is law. It's something that I supported. I think it's going to be very, very positive for the state legislature as well as the Governor and PennDOT to have a seat at the table to help be part of the solution and making sure that we maintain a good solid transit system. Also, you saw that we came out with real-time information, where people can now check on their cell-phone, on their smart phone, where their bus is. It's rolled out into the busway, so if you're checking a certain bus, you can check it on your smart phone and know where your bus is and when it's due to come. It's been running on the East Busway now for a number of weeks and within the first quarter of next year should be available on all routes throughout the county.

The final part of that is, though, we have a challenge. And if the state does not deal with transportation and transportation funding, both the Port Authority, SEPTA --- in fact, all transit agencies around this county are going to be in --- are going to be in big, big trouble. They have to make significant and severe cuts, and that also affects our roads and bridges that need to be done. Senate Bill 1, which passed 45 to 5, was very significant. The governor supports it. We certainly hope that the legislature in a bipartisan manner supports investing in our infrastructure and in our funding.

Finally, the last thing, just real quick on the airport again, I talked about, you know, all the great things that are happening out with CONSOL, you know, the project is moving ahead very well. We had an open house, I guess, about a month ago, to let people know how it's going to be affected --- I think there's about six pads that they're going to be drilling around the airport. The money that's come in has already resulted in some very, very positive things. Number one, the bond ratings have gone up in the airport.

I know Councilwoman Rea, who sits on the board, is aware of these things. We were able to reduce fees; landing fees, boarding fees, the fees that we're charging to the airlines. And the other part of that is we're able to use some of that money for some of the economic development activity that we talked about out there, putting in the infrastructure, building the shovel-ready sites that can help grow --- continue to grow jobs in this region. The other thing that I think is very positive is CONSOL, at our urging, has really increased the amount of minority businesses that have been involved in this project, continuing to do an initiative that we're concerned about, to make sure that all folks are participating in some of the good things that are happening in this region.

And I guess the final thing I'll say about this, is we've talked about this cracker plant, you know, that's going to be coming into --- about 10 miles from the airport. It's going to be about a \$7 billion --- and that's a big, big word, if you think about how we built stadiums 15 years ago that were \$200 million, and that was a pretty big project --- \$7 billion. Well, one of the big reasons that Shell located it there is because it inked to deal with CONSOL, to be able to use that wet gas to be able to feed their plant. So all those jobs out there and all that economic activity that's provided there, you know, we were a big part of that. And I think we can be very, very proud of all the economic activity that's happening here.

We continue to add more flights --- not as many as I would like to see --- but Delta is adding a non-stop to Nassau and to Punta Cana. They're going to continue the Paris flight, which we were concerned about, but has been very, very successful. American has added non-stop to L.A. and an additional flight to Chicago. JetBlue has

added additional flights to Boston; Southwest to Houston, Nashville and Palm Beach, and continue to be adding some more flights. We're very excited about that. Our concern about the merger --- the potential merger between US Airways and American, there was a lawsuit that was filed by the Department of Justice, as well as many attorneys generals, including ours, Attorney General Kane. We've been working with her office to make sure that any merger will have a --- not a detrimental impact on this county and this region.

So I guess the last thing I will say is I'll be back before you in a couple weeks to bring the budget. I will be presenting the budget at your next meeting. The county manager, the budget department and the directors continue to work on it. We're going to try to, you know, make sure we hold the line on spending and keep things, you know, fiscally sound, and try to prevent tax increases for the citizens of Allegheny County. And with that, Mr. President, I'll open up for any questions you or your council may have.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Any questions? Are your hands up?

MR. FUTULES: Rich, thanks for coming in. You talked about --- the three things I'd like to just mention --- Dr. Hacker and the Health Board, congratulations. Thank you. Three years ago, I think we were about to implement some sort of a grading system in the Health Board, and then all of a sudden it disappeared without any knowledge. Is there any anticipation that we may reconsider that?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Yes. I believe the Health Board is going to move forward with that, with Dr. Hacker coming on board. I think she'll be very instrumental in part of that discussion. It is something that I support. It's something I believe the board supports, and I believe it's something that Dr. Hacker supports. So working with the community with some of the groups and some of the restaurant tours around this county, we want to make sure we put a system in that's fully transparent, gives the consumer the information that they need, but is also fair to the industry.

And I'll also add, because of the growing economy that we have, restaurant openings are really happening at a record pace in this county. Every month a number are opening throughout the region. And obviously,

it's something that we're, you know, very concerned about, to make sure that we're following best practices.

MR. FUTULES: Okay. And the other question was --- the Cycle Café, you mentioned the Go Ape. It's scheduled to open soon. Do you have an open date for that at the Boat House at North Park?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Yeah. I think we're probably looking at some sort of an opening, maybe, some time in October; maybe, some sort of a soft opening to get up and running. And then we'll have a --- maybe, a more official ceremonial opening after it's been opened. But it seems to be going well. I've seen some of the photographs and, you know, had contact with --- you know, our directors and the county manager have been working on this. It seems to be going very well. It's very exciting. I think you're going to like what you see. I think the public is going to really like what they see when they go out there.

MR. FUTULES: Okay. Third one, then I'm done. You did mention, there's about 14,000 more people to have their hearings for the reassessment. We obviously had set a millage rate. When that's all over, and if you can answer this, I'd like you to give me the Daily Number if you could, because I don't really, truly believe anybody can answer it right now. But I would assume that once this is finished, that this council will have to come back and re-visit a millage of some sort, adjustment, once the reassessment is over, or do you feel that we're going to be able to just hold the line?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: I think we're going to be pretty close. We made some pretty good estimates last year. I know some might have thought it was too high, too low, but based on past history and the number of appeals that were out there, we felt that the 4.73 was a pretty good number. We'll find out, Nick, you're absolutely right, when it's all done. Some of these are big properties; you know, much high-value properties that will go to the Board of Viewers, and that takes, actually --- it probably won't be done even by next year at this time. Some of those are very, very complex and they take a long time to go through the system.

You know, \$100,000,000 buildings are --- there's not a lot of comparables from those. And it does take a while for those to go through the system.

MR. FUTULES: So then we're looking at another year, at least, with the ---.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, for some of the big ones. I think for the residential ones and most of those, they should be done. You've also got to remember, people --- we did something in --- where we gave people another chance to appeal, to give people one more chance to try to be as customer-friendly to the taxpayer as we could. So there were some people that took another shot at it in 2013, and that's probably adding to the numbers, as well.

MR. FUTULES: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Matt?

MR. DROZD: Thank you, Mr. President. For those of us that ride --- bike the trails, it's really a great feeling that you don't get hit by a train between there and West Homestead. Two comments, and then a question; on the Kanes, we really have to start looking at it because the loss was about \$1,000,000, and the capacity, you know, I have attended all of those meetings where they came into town and they had a national organization on those nursing homes. And the capacity is 92 percent. We're operating below. You may want to look at consolidation, one --- or whatever. It will make it more efficient, make it more profit-oriented and make it more user --- accessibility for those who use those Kanes. Competition is very stiff. Beaver just sold its 500-bed nursing home facility. They just came to the conclusion that was it. I don't think we have to do that. I think we have to look at consolidation and to eliminate some of the competition.

Second, on the funding of the 9/11, it seems like we would balance her because, you know, we save --- the municipalities save \$6,000,000, we absorb five. So there's a trade-off here. You might want to check with CCAP. I go to the governor's meeting. Maybe your staff could check. And they talk --- this issue comes up every meeting about the cell phones. And maybe we can work with them, you know, and join in what they're doing.

The question I have, besides the Pirates --- hopefully they're going to win --- is the fact that --- the question I have is on this --- you know, all our concerns are our parks. And they're really deplorable, a lot of our pavilions and facilities in those parks.

What are your projections? First and foremost, is there going to be a serious environmental impact study,

if we go forward with this? That's first and foremost important, to protect the people in and around those parks, and I know we will do that. Secondly, the revenues that come in on that park, were those revenues cover --- not only covered in maintenance in that particular park, but throw more monies towards doing innovated things like we're seeing in other parts of the country, as well as flow into some of the other parks, you know, to absorb some of the costs of the other parks for that --- just that one park, and the revenues maybe projected from those gas --- you know, taking the gas?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Let me take those in order. I'll do the Kanes first. Yes, there is a movement around at state, certainly to sell the nursing homes to private nursing homes. Beaver County just did it. Montgomery County did it, the third largest county in the Commonwealth. I don't have any intention on doing that. I think we will continue to look for innovated ways, like the county manager and manager beyond those did, in looking at an Alzheimer's unit to be able to provide an unique service that's maybe a nitch in the market that's not being served. We're also going to be doing an outreach and an advertising/marketing campaign, to bring people in to talk about some of the great things that are happening in our Kanes. You know, Kanes sometimes has sort of an image that might be, for certain people --- but quite frankly, it's one of the best care -- - some of the best care you can get. So we're going to try to, you know, make sure we get that word out to people and let them know that that's something --- something we'll continue to look at ways to cut costs. We're working with the employees, working with the management, and working with home staff, everything. There's certain regulations we've got to provide under the Department of Health's initiatives --- statewide Department of Health initiatives. So yeah, we continue to work with that.

On the 9-1-1 center, we are working with CCAP. We have been working with some of the fellow county commissioners. It's a challenge that they all face. You know, one of the options, I guess, would be --- you know, are we going to send the bill to the municipalities? I mean, if we can't --- I don't want that. That's not what we want to do.

MR. DROZD: Nobody wants that, right.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: But I think if we can capture the fees that are legitimately, you know, incurred, I think it can be run in a revenue-neutral way, still keeping the costs down but providing the service that everybody wants. I mean, we want to be able to provide great, quick, you know, reliable service when somebody calls 9-1-1. I think that's one of the core functions of government, and we want to do that, and the State's looking at this. We've met with Director Cannon from PEMA. He understands what needs to be done; the governor's office does as well. So this is something that I think the legislature, as well as the governor's office, are very concerned about.

And then finally, on to your --- around the parks, you know, I don't think there's any questions. Since I've been on this council, and started in 2000, we did a study, probably in my first year on council that showed, at that time, that the county parks had a deferred maintenance of over \$100,000,000; 12,000 acres is a lot of acres. How do we pay for that? How do we do that? Well, one of the ways is to try to find and generate revenues. You know, and that's something working with you, we can continue to do that. My sense is --- and by the way, we get an awful lot of calls from companies that come in that want to drill in our parks. I have rejected that. Probably, a dozen different parks, from South Park to Round Hill, to North Park to Settler's Cabin, et cetera, have wanted to come in and do that. And I've not been interested in doing that at this point. This one with Deer Lakes is intriguing to me because they're already doing it. They're going to do it. We're not going to be able to stop it, no matter how we vote, much different than what we did at the airport.

So there are ways in which we can be a positive influence, and you talked about some of the --- whether it be water testing, environmental impacts, the DEP and the EPA have several regulations that have to be followed. Are there enhancements that us participating can make it better? Can we do things or ask the drilling companies to do things that will make it better for a system that's going to go on anyway? I don't know. That's an open question, but I think it's one of the things we can certainly look at.

And the money --- I think a significant amount of the money should go to the community that has it. And

that's kind of been my, you know, philosophy; that you know, half of that money should go towards the folks that live in that community, that might want that to happen in their town. And then the rest of it can go on and do some of the innovated things that you talk about, more to the general parts budget throughout other parks.

MR. DROZD: Well, a quick follow-up on that. On those plumes --- that plume park out there --- and that's why I've always said about protecting what belongs --- you know, that gas belongs to the people of Allegheny County. What you find is, when those plumes are going and those wells are around that park and they take that plume --- what's in that plume, then it's an argument in court. Who does that gas belong to? And we can lose some of that gas if we don't protect it or we don't take it. So you know, we got to look at it. We can't let that gas be taken from the people of Allegheny County.

Second, on 9/11, when those --- a lot of the blackouts were happening in my area --- I went to Duquesne Light, you know, because the calls came in and overloaded the system. What happened was, the 9-1-1 phone calls were not getting through to our 9-1-1 when someone's having a heart attack, because it was --- Duquesne Light wasn't being able to respond. When I went there, there was approximately, I don't know, 100, maybe, 150 people in that call center. Maybe on their down time, we can utilize some of that and --- our costs. Maybe they can work with us and take some of those calls and some way, I don't know. You know, some of the power companies, maybe we can work on that, because when they have down time, they have down time. The only time they have up time is when it gets lit, you know --- I mean, the center gets lit when it's black outside. So it's something you might want to look at. It's just a suggestion, just to throw out there.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: We'll run that to Alvin and the department and see if there's other ways we can certainly improve the operation.

MR. DROZD: Sure. Thank you for your answers. I appreciate it very much. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. Rich, I'd like to thank you, as Chairman of the Transportation Committee, for being over there and making sure that everybody got home all right. Anyhow, it was the last

time, and I'm glad we didn't have it this time. You took a strong stance, and they straightened everything out. And I think it's because of your stance. In relation to the Kanes, I think you have to look at what's been going on at the Kane Hospitals. I've been there. This is my -- - I think it's my 8th year; feels like it's my 20th. But when we --- when I started, we had a \$10,000,000 deficit out at the Kanes. We don't have that anymore. It's down to --- I think that Matt quoted \$1,000,000. I don't know exactly what it is. But it's very minimal compared to what it was.

I think we've been doing a great job with the Kane Hospitals. And the people I know that work at Scott-Kane, they're very happy to be there. And people I know that have been patients there think it's the best care that they ever got. So I think this is important. And the Kane Hospitals themselves, they're there for a reason, and the reason is, these people can't afford to go somewhere else. They're a last resort, and they give tremendous care. So it's something that every time I hear someone say something that has been said, that I, like cringe and say, here we go again. We don't really care about people that have --- are down and out, that need help. And I think that's important that we do that and we spend that extra money, just like we do in the parks, because the parks are the people's place. You don't see millionaires and billionaires in our parks. You see people that are out there, and this is where they can enjoy themselves, like myself.

So I think that's an important thing to always consider when we talk about revenue and what we're doing. I mean, we're a government. We're here to serve the people and to help the people out. And I think that's always very important to keep that front --- right there. That's why you're here. And I thank you.

(APPLAUSE)

MR. DROZD: Just a quick point. I'm not in favor of closing Kanes like you. What my point is, though, we got an answer ---.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Wait, I'm not in favor of closing Kanes ---.

MR. DROZD: No, no. Like you, I said --- like you, I'm not in favor of closing the Kanes. Let's clarify that right now. What I am in favor of is making this service more accessible and more quality-oriented, and the

way that you do sometimes is through consolidation. We did it in North Hills School District. It enhanced the quality of education, reduce classroom size and cut operating costs by 50 to \$60,000,000. We have to look at that, because if we're going to serve and we're going to be there, we have to look at that. There's nothing wrong with looking at that. It's important to look at that, and remember, it's 92 percent capacity.

I like your idea about the marketing. Marketing is important. We got to tell --- if we have something good, we have to tell people it's good. And the return on that investment is going to far exceed what the costs are going to be, so I want to clarify that. I'm looking at where we can enhance the accessibility, the quality of the service and reduce operating costs. There's nothing wrong with that. When we don't look at that, we're in trouble, we're in trouble. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. That's it. Jim, do you have something?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Yeah. I have a couple things I want to talk about. You mentioned Director Cannon or the head of PEMA. Well, as you well know, the emergency services, public works, the parks and general services were all one department, and I was the Chief of Operations, so I just caution you directors; don't try to BS me, because I already know the answer before I ask you the question. That being said, I just want to say that, you know, being the public safety chair, I'm not somebody who just likes to go off at the hip. I, like, try to solve things and I want to give credit to County Manager McKain, particularly for issues that have come up in Shuman that --- in the jail, and other various things. It could have turned into media circuses, but you know, we talked and we tried to come to some resolve and tried to solve problems, and I appreciate the cooperation, that you mentioned Chief Henderson and others --- Chief Moffatt. You know, you got a great staff, and they are more than willing to cooperate and help us. And I think that that in itself, you know, in trying to get things done, and I know there is a credit to your leadership.

One of the things I think that --- you know, I always tease you about, like you never sleep; I'm wondering where the wires are, but what a lot of people don't realize, and I think it's important --- he would never say it to himself --- he spends an inordinate amount

of time networking other elected officials, not only here but in Southwest Pennsylvania, because this is an exciting time. You know, I always talk about the new people that I meet all the time. For the first time since David Lawrence and John Kane, we're going to actually have a mayor and a Chief Executive who are --- who will work together for a unison --- in the area. And I think it's an exciting time, and I just wanted to give credit where credit is due.

I actually only have one issue. It's actually not your issue, but I need some help here. Yeah, on Friday the tunnels into the South Hills were a nightmare. They were backed up to --- I don't know if it was a game or whatnot, but there's that Port Authority tunnel. I was fortunate enough that I had someone else in the car and I thought, you know, I don't like sitting on the bridge. We'll go through that. There's been millions of dollars that were spent on that bridge and that tunnel. And I kid you not, I went up through Station Square and through that tunnel, and I was the --- now mind you, these bridges were backed up to God knows where --- I was the only one in that tunnel. And I brought this up to --- when, you know, Director Graham was in charge of Port Authority, and he kind of just blew it off. But there should be something that we should be able to do to try to relieve some of the traffic, particularly the people who actually reside in the South Hills. I mean, we get a lot of through traffic that goes all the way to West Virginia; I know that. But I think there should be something that should be done. And I mean, I just think it's just awful that we have a multi-million dollar tunnel and bridge sitting there that nobody uses, so I just need a little help.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, you're absolutely right, and you're actually on top of something that we are working on. I would love to open the Wabash Tunnel now because of some of the work that's being done on West Carson Street. In fact, that was brought to my attention by State Senator Wayne Fontana and the state representative out there, Erin Molchany. But we are working with the Port Authority. The Port Authority needs to get permission from the federal government. That's the hold-up at this point. We think that's going to happen relatively soon, and we're hoping to make an announcement on that.

But yeah, we've heard from your constituents, as well, who have been sitting in some of that snarled traffic over there with the work that's being done at the Liberty Tubes, West Carson Street; certainly, that the Wabash Tunnel could be a safety valve to allow that to happen. So that's something we're working on.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I should have known that you were already on it.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: No, I'm glad you brought it up. But Director McKain from the Port Authority, Ellen McClain, is working on that. That's something --- we hope to make an announcement sometime soon.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Thank you, again. I appreciate it.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Barbara, you had your hand up?

MS. DANKO: Yeah. I do want to echo what Council Member Ellenbogen said. There's no one that works harder for this county than Mr. Fitzgerald, and I want to recognize that right off the bat. That doesn't mean we always agree on everything, and you know, clearly right now, we have a disagreement about Deer Lakes and the urgency of going forward. You mentioned that you're going to have --- the RFP (sic) will be issued by the end of the week. I think it would be useful to the audience --- many of whom are here, many of them are watching on --- will watch on TV --- how the public can view that RFP. Does it show up on the county website? Will it be issued publicly?

Second, I want to know --- I'm assuming it's like a 30-day timeline. If it's not 30 days, I'd like to know that. And I'm also curious about --- since you'll be coming in two weeks to talk about the budget, what kind of timeline you're thinking that you're going to bring this ordinance to Council?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, first of all, the RFP will be put out publicly. It will be online ---
(APPLAUSE)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: --- and it will be presented to, obviously, to council but it will be out there publicly for anybody to view. It will be advertised, probably, in the next couple of days and then, yes, it will be public, so anybody can view it.

The 30-day timeline is, you know, what it's intended to be. So there will be a 30-day time in which anybody who's interested can put in their proposal, bring it to the county, and then at that point, there would be probably about a 30-day negotiation period in which, quite frankly, I'd like to ask Council --- and I know many Council members have already been giving us suggestions -- - we went to Cross Creek Park in Washington County. We learned an awful lot during --- how Washington County has dealt with this. We talked to their planning people, their solicitor, their parks people, a whole bunch of folks who have been dealing with this. They gave us a lot of good information, so if there's any input or any suggestions you have when it comes to the negotiations and things we want to ask for, feel free. Let us know. Let the County Manager, Andy Szefi, the County Solicitor, on how we will do that. So that's also part of what we'd like to do. Your third --- you had a third one, maybe I - --

MS. DANKO: How this is going to fit into your budget.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Oh, the timeline; the timeline. Yeah, I don't think we're going to probably put it into the budget, because you know, one of the things we've been pretty --- you know, something that's been an initiative of mine, is when we put revenues into a budget, I want them to be real revenues. We have not been putting fictitious one-time revenue sources in the budget the last couple years. We're going to continue that practice, which I have directed the county manager and the budget department to do. So any kind of revenues we get would be above and beyond what we're going to budget --- to spend.

The timeline; I would anticipate that there would be an ordinance brought to this council, probably after the first of the year. I don't know if it will be done by the end of the year. If you have 30 days from now, you're already towards the end of October. Another 30 days, you're toward the end of November. You know, we could bring in ordinance. By the time you do a couple readings, go to committee, whatever process, public hearings you're going to be doing, I don't know that that gives you enough time, with only two meetings in December. So you know, whether we bring it by the end of the year or not, I'm not sure.

And as far as the timeliness of it, I guess the issue is that this is something --- we could certainly have this discussion later as this goes on --- but this is something that's going to happen anyway and if we don't participate ---.

(BRIEF INTERRUPTION)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: There's about a dozen initiatives that are already happening up there. The properties around the park have all leased their properties. There's a permit that's going to be probably issued relatively soon, on one parcel for drilling pads, and there will be two more going on. So you talk to the folks up there, they're going to do this. They're going to do this no matter what. So it will be our initiative --

(BRIEF INTERRUPTION)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Please. Please, let's keep an organized meeting here.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, I guess --- let me just answer that; I'm going to be meeting with a bunch of folks tomorrow that are probably not happy about this. I met with many groups. To be honest with you, I've had more meetings with groups that were against this, than I have with groups that are for it.

(BRIEF INTERRUPTION)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We're going to ask people to leave if you keep that up. Please stop it.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: And we'll continue to dialogue with people, to learn about it, to educate ourselves about it, and see if it's something that we're interested in doing. So again, I've probably had a dozen or more opportunities to drill in the parks that we have turned down, that we have said no to. This is one out of a dozen that we're looking at, so --- and I don't think anybody should be under the impression that we're in some drill-happy or drill-mad-happy way of going when we're going to do one out of a dozen. So anyway, that's part of the process.

MS. DANKO: I just want to make a brief comment in response. You know, as someone who is trained in economics --- and I know several of my colleagues were, too --- I do question your assertion that this is inevitable, you know, even with the people having adjacent leases, because the big piece of land is the county park. You know, if you get a little sliver here and a little

sliver there, it may not be economic to drill and to go under --- you know, without having the acreage of the park. So I think there is an argument to be made both ways on this, and that's, you know, again, a discussion.

I also recently learned that you're considering doing coal mining at South Park. I was wondering if you could talk about that a little bit.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, actually, it was an idea that the folks in South Park had brought. There's going to be some work done, about \$1,000,000 worth of work, at the oval --- in and around the oval or South Park. And working with Councilman Palmiere, they found out that there's coal under the field in South Park. So we think --- we've been told that the amount of money could be approximately \$3,000,000 to the county in doing that. It's about a five-foot seam, about three or four feet under the field at South Park. So we went out and talked to the folks at South Park, the Friends of South Park and folks in the community at one of their monthly meetings.

They have a list of projects that probably total about \$10,000,000 or \$12,000,000, things they would like to be done in South Park; money that we don't have unless Council wants to, you know, raise property tax to come up with that. So Councilman Palmiere and I just discussed the fact that, do they want to go forward with an RFP to take a look at it? There was much discussion that night. They took a vote. I think their vote was about 22 to 3, to move forward. And then the Board of the Friends of South Park took a vote. They asked us to go forward with an RFP, to see what would be available. So this was a decision that was made by the community, not by me.

MS. DANKO: Okay. They're an advisory board. Okay, and has there been an RFP drafted to do that?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: I don't know if that's --- it's probably being drafted right now. So it's probably something that's being done. I don't know that it's out yet.

MS. DANKO: Okay. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Go ahead, yes.

MR. FINNERTY: Rich, I'm glad you mentioned that about the acid drainage out there in Settler's Park. That's iron oxide, and it's one thing the Chartiers basin has to deal with tremendously. I mean, that's one --- one time out there that they've been able to use limestone to

run the water over it, to bring the acid --- acidity back down. They also out there, in case you didn't know --- and I'm sure you do --- that they've also strip-mined, not only the Botanical Garden, but also across from the Botanical Garden, across the parkway. And they've taken the coal out.

And what you do when you do something like that, as you take the coal out, and you cap it, and you refill it --- and that gets rid of the acidity that drains from the mines. And that's probably one of the only ways that you can really do that. And it's really helping Campbells Run area out, which is where Settler's Ridge is, if you know where that is out there. You might have been able to even see that. There's been a number of places out in the basin of Chartiers Creek, when that has happened. Once it happens, you'd never know it, because they backfill it. It's not like it was 30 years ago, where they left the land and they left the cuts and everything. It doesn't happen that way anymore. Once they finish, they have to go back and put it back the way it was and plant it and everything.

In case you don't know, Quicksilver Golf Course is one of the best golf courses around. It's built on a strip mine. These are things that are done today that are entirely different than the way they were 30 years ago. And it's an important thing for that basin, that where it's possible --- and I say where it's possible because it's not possible in a lot of places --- that that Pittsburgh seam is taken out, not just because it's money, but because it is pollution that's going into the stream, and if you know anything about Chartiers Creek Basin --- and it's where I grew up --- there's one side of that creek that's orange. The other side is coming from Rennerdale, it's turning white, because it's ammonium oxide that's in that --- aluminum oxide; I'm sorry, so that these --- none of those could ever sustain life. But they have now, because of people cleaning up the acid mine drainage. I mean, it's still there, but it's not as concentrated as it was when I was young. And things are coming back to life.

And that is important to think about this. When we're talking about something like that --- you have a stream that goes right around that oval out there, right around the oval, and if you're going to move ground to fix that oval, then you ought to take the coal out. You ought

to get it out of there, because all it's doing is causing acid to go into that stream. And there's not a whole lot of life in that stream out there at South Park. Thank you.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: And real quickly, Councilman, yeah, we are mining in our parks now. We are coal mining in Settler's Cabin Park. That's happening right as we speak.

MR. MARTONI: Thank you, Mr. Fitzgerald.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, members of Council. We'll see you in a couple of weeks.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you.

(APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Public Comment on Agenda Items --- Public Comment on Agenda Items.

MR. CATANESE: We have none.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We have none. Approval of Minutes. 7759-13.

MR. CATANESE: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Allegheny County Council, held on August 20th, 2013.

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

MR. CATANESE: Make the motion.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved. Second?

MS. DANKO: Second.

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

(CHORUS OF AYES)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered. Presentation of Appointments. 7757-13.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Barbara Parees, to serve as a member of the Minority Business Enterprise Advisory Committee, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2016. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. Committee on Appointment Review. 7758-13.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Ann Ostergaard, to serve as a member of the Authority for the Improvement in Municipalities, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2016. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Committee on Appointment Review. Unfinished Business. Committee on Budget and Finance, Second Reading. 7729-13.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny, amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2013 (Submission 07-13). Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Move for approval.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved in second. Question?

Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?

(NO RESPONSE)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

(NO RESPONSE)

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Harris?

MS. HARRIS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

(NO RESPONSE)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

(NO RESPONSE)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni, President?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 11, noes, 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Liaison Reports. Any liaison --- go ahead. You can go first.

MR. FUTULES: I get to go first today. In the AK Valley, if anybody remembers a movie --- I believe it was a Star Trek movie --- the voice said, "Something wonderful is about to happen; the birth of a new son." It's been 110 years, and since I've been in high school, they've been talking about replacing the Hulton Bridge. It's the most economic drive in the AK Valley. The Construction has started this month of September. It will take three months --- three years to complete the bridge, a new four-lane bridge, but the most important thing I want to emphasize is the fact that the existing bridge will remain open until the new bridge is complete. And only for about 30 to 60 days, will the bridge be closed to connect the ramps, so that we can go to the future for the AK Valley. So it's wonderful news for us up in the valley. That's it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Mike?

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. Thank you. I just wanted to say two things; number one, that Collier Township tomorrow is dedicating the solar panels that they put on their maintenance. They plan on saving a considerable amount of money with solar panels. Also, Heidelberg Borough is having its Oktoberfest, and that will be Saturday, and I believe it's from 10:00 to 8:00. And it's really a grand celebration. Scott Township also --- sorry, three things --- Scott Township is also having an Oktoberfest, but it will be October the 5th. So those are two things --- three things I wanted to mention. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Jim?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just want to say, anybody that knows my youngest daughter, Laura, knows that she's a fireball that is actually involved in everything, and is probably one of the sole reasons my hair is turning white as it is this fast. And I just realized that my daughter, Laura, who has a partner in crime and works in tandem and I just realized she's the girl that's taking notes. So I just wanted to --- this lovely young lady, Sarah Hunt, I'd like to thank her and my daughter for keeping me young, I guess. I don't know. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Anyone else, anyone else; one more time, anyone else for liaison? Okay. New Business; Ordinances and Resolutions. 7760-13.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the conveyance of the County of Allegheny's interest in the four parcels known as Block 643-B, as in boy, Lot Number 207, Block 643-B, as in boy, Lot Number 209, Block 643-B, as in boy, Lot 215 and Block 643-B, as in boy, Lot 217 (the Properties), located in the Borough of Wall, East Allegheny School District, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to George Mrjenovich. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Economic Development and Housing Committee. 7761-13.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing new schedule of fees and charges for services and items rendered and provided by the Allegheny County Department of Public Works and the Office of the Medical Examiner. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Budget and Finance Committee. New Business, Motions. 7762-13.

MR. FINNERTY: Excuse me, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay.

MR. FINNERTY: I have something I'd like to be added --- some resolutions that I'd like to be added to the agenda.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Go ahead. I didn't know that.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. I'm sorry. I was dreaming over here.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: That's what I thought.

MR. FINNERTY: One of them is Resolution 7654-13. I'd like it added to the agenda. And I believe that you should have this in front of you. I believe it was sitting in front of you. It's a resolution of the Council of Allegheny, adopting and authorizing participation in the Hazelwood-Almono Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Plan, as presented by the URA of Pittsburgh and authorizing related agreements. You should have the entire agreement in front of you. And I'd ask that we pull this from the Economic Development and Housing Committee, because there's a timeliness about this.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. That's a motion, right?

PRESIDENT FINNERTY: That's a motion.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Do we have a second on a motion?

MS. DANKO: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We have a motion and a second. Question? Do we have to do a roll call?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. MARTONI: Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: We will need ten votes on this;
MR. BURN?

MR. BURN: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?

(NO RESPONSE)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Harris?

MS. HARRIS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

(NO RESPONSE)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni, President?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 11, noes, 0. It can be pulled.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. Go ahead.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. I'd like to make a motion to approve this resolution.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We have a motion to approve this resolution.

MS. HARRIS: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Do we have a second? Okay. Any questions on that motion?

MS. HARRIS: I'd like to make a comment.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Certainly. You're welcomed to.

MS. HARRIS: Thank you. I just want to make a comment that, in general, I usually do not support TIFs. But I'd like to say that because this one involves the Brownfield site, I do feel that it is important to encourage renovating the Brownfield site. And I would like to encourage to support it.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Yes?

MR. FINNERTY: I think that possibly we should have Maurice come up and explain what it is.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Maurice, would you mind coming up and explaining to us what this is because it has a lot of pages, and it will probably be difficult to read in the next minute-and-a-half.

MAURICE: What would you like for me to ---

MR. MARTONI: I'd like you to say where it is, exactly what the project is, the amount of money that it's going to cost and what the TIF is for.

MAURICE: The project is located on the former J&L site in Hazelwood.

MR. FINNERTY: Hazelwood; yeah.

MR. STRUL: It is a very large TIF proposal, a maximum amount of \$80,000,000. It will be funded initially by the owners of the property, which is called The Ahmono Group, which is a group of five foundations and the redevelopment of the RIDC, of Southwestern Pennsylvania. The funding will go towards a significant amount of on-site and a significant amount of off-site improvements that are required by this development. It is a mixed --- the plan is a mixed-use development, which will include residential, commercial and light-industrial. There will be three connecting the community to the site, which has been essentially the associate of the site since it was a steel mill location. There will be a substantial amount remediation on the site. I think in total, over, probably a 20 year period, the expected value of that project would be about 300 to one billion dollars.

MR. FINNERTY: So it is an awful big project?

MAURICE: It's an awful big project.

MR. FINNERTY: Yes, it is. I think --- myself, I think this is an extremely important project for that area, Hazelwood. It reconnects the community with the riverfront, since they haven't been connected to for quite a while, since J&L has been there, and the blast furnaces

were there. It is a Brownfield, which means that there's going to have to be a lot of remediation done to the area. And I would ask for approval of that. I think we already have the motion and a second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We already have a motion and a second. We're going to do a roll call; roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Aye.

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. Harris?

MS. HARRIS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni, President?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 11, noes, 0. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: The motion passes. Do you have a second one?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes, I do. I'd like to pull this one, also, from Economic Development and Housing. This is 7763-13, and you should have that in front of you also. It's a motion of the County of Allegheny, respectively requesting the Council consider naming alternative organization to be designated as --- this is not --- I'm reading the wrong thing. I didn't realize I'm on the wrong page. I was reading it right. It's the wrong thing. 7741-13. I'm sorry.

This is a resolution of the County of Allegheny, made pursuant to the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act. It's called LERTA. And I need a motion to pull that ---

MR. FUTULES: Second.

second. PRESIDENT MARTONI: We have a motion and a Question?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Well, you got to give a motion.

second. MR. FINNERTY: I'll make the motion. It's

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay. That will take a roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: 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. Harris?

MS. HARRIS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

(NO RESPONSE)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni, President?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 11, noes, 0. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay.

MR. CATANESE: The motion passes.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. I'd like to make a motion to approve this.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We have a motion in order for it to be approved. Do we have a second?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Second.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay.

MR. FINNERTY: I'd like also if we could --- This is a new --- this is a new LERTA, so we also have the Boards back there; so if we could have the Boards up here,

so the people can see what exactly we're talking about. I think that's important.

MAURICE: This is a project located on the South Side. The property that we're talking about is ---

MR. FINNERTY: Could you turn it so they can see it on TV?

MR. FINNERTY: We know what it is.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: We know what it looks like.

MR. FINNERTY: We want to see --- the TV.

MAURICE: The property is --- this is the Hot Metal Bridge, South Side Works. This is the property that is across the way from the IBEW. The proposal is to provide tax assistance to the developer to build a project --- its a hundred and --- how many units ---

AUDIENCE MEMBER: 173.

MAURICE: --- 173 units of apartments. There's two floors, parking below. A number of public amenities associated with the development, but it's a site that has not been developable now for over 30 years. And it's one that, actually development come forward, as a primary partner in this development proposal to building this --- how many stories is this? Seven? Six-story apartment building.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. Any other questions in regard to this? I'd just like to make --- this is another Brownfield. This is J&L's other side of the river, of the Mon. So I think that's important and that is a --- just a dirt lot right now, yeah. And I did want to make a point, so that people that are listening understand certain things, that the LERTA is giving them a tax break for a number of years. It goes by percentages for ten years. But the land itself, as it sits right now, has an assessment on it, and that has to still pay. The only thing that isn't is a new development. And that's the same way with the TIF. Okay? The land has an assessed value. That's paid continually. Okay? Okay. Thank you. I think I said that right, didn't I, Maurice?

MAURICE: I think, probably --- tax exempt ---

MR. FINNERTY: Oh, that one --- okay. All right. Well, it's not going to be. Is this still going to be ---

MAURICE: No. It will become taxable as soon as they acquire.

MR. FINNERTY: As soon as they acquire, right. Yeah, and it's tax exempt right now.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Maurice, I wanted to ask you, as far of the, you know, any of the hazardous and whatnot that's in the ground, has it all been removed already, or is it still there, what ---

MAURICE: I don't know that it's been totally remEDIATE. I know it's been capped. Presumably, the developers are going to do some soil testing to make sure they're not ---

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Will they remove --- they'll remove what's there?

MAURICE: It's possible do that, or else they'll find a way to cap it and remediate it.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: And I just --- and I only bring this up so the public is aware that in leaving that ground with a potential of any hazardous stuff that's left from the mill, it's important that --- to remove it and --- so I'm kind of just using you --- thank you, Maurice.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Roll call. Oh, I'm sorry. Nick, go ahead. I apologize. That was my fault.

MR. FINNERTY: You didn't put your hand up.

MR. FUTULES: No. I just want to emphasize the fact that it was talked about in the committee, but really, we didn't discuss it here, the fact that this building was put up for a couple great reasons; the fact that it's attracting younger people that want to live in the city and who also, right across from the Allegheny, Trail passage. And they're making this building conducive for people that want to bike. So they have an area in that --- in the building itself for those people for biking. So when you talk about trails, now you'll see this is one of the reasons why trails are good, because now here we are putting up this beautiful facility for those younger people that want to come to the City of Pittsburgh. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Aye.

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. Harris?
MS. HARRIS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?
MS. REA: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni, President?
PRESIDENT MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 11, noes, 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: 7762-13.

MR. CATANESE: Motion of the Council of Allegheny County, authorizing the Budget and Finance Committee to conduct public hearings, pursuant to Section 801.05 of the Administrative Code, on Tuesday, November 12th, at four p.m. and Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at five p.m., in the Gold Room of Allegheny County Courthouse. Budget and Finance Chair, William Russell Robinson, will serve as the presiding officer. Sponsored by Councilman Robinson.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Mr. Robinson.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. This motion is offered pursuant to our normal procedure, to make sure that the public has input into our budgeting process. We have done this every year that this council has existed. And I certainly encourage my colleagues to adjust their schedules to participate in this process. No final decision has been made relative to who should come before us. We'll use --- the committee will use last year's process and procedure as a template.

If there are specific individuals that Council members would like to be a part of this process, be it in front of the administration or affiliated agencies, please let myself or Mr. Szymanski know, so that we can do our very best to accommodate you. Move for approval.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved in second.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

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

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Opposed? So ordered. 7763-13.

MR. CATANESE: Motion of the Council of Allegheny County, respectfully requesting that Council consider naming an alternative organization to be designated as the Tourist Promotion Agency for Allegheny County, pursuant to the Tourist Promotion Act of 2008, for the purpose of carrying out promotional programs and projects designed to stimulate tourism for the region. Sponsored by Councilman Drozd.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Government Reform Committee. Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Yeah. This is something I brought out before Council before. It was brought to me and others by the news media. This is the Tourism Bureau that --- it comes through tax money, the hotel tax money. Approximately, \$4,000,000 out of the \$8,000,000 is spent on salaries and bonuses. And this is where it gets me; you know, non-profits to me --- I was in a non-profit. We weren't paid a bonus. We did our job, and we did it well. We were successful at it because we cared about our region. This one time it was sighted in Harrisburg, where staffers were actually paid bonuses for doing that which they should do, and that's the people's business. And I believe whether you're a non-profit or you're a government agency, you're doing the people's business. And the mission should be what you were brought to do, not necessarily because it's going to better your position financially, necessarily. They're paid in high salaries, the top six --- approximately one hundred sixty-some thousand dollars, bonuses in excessive of thirty-some thousand. They kept, literally, the executive director on staff to train the new executive director, which was there for 11 years.

And they pay him approximately --- the existing executive director, I tallied up approximately --- about a half million dollars in benefits, plus the bonus. Now think of that one. Similarly, they have extravagant offices. The extravagant offices, to me, are questionable.

MR. FUTULES: Point of Order.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay.

MR. DROZD: All right. Well, let's put this into committee. I don't understand that I can't, you know, elaborate.

MR. FUTULES: You're elaborating on ---

MR. DROZD: Let's bring it out of committee; I mean, let's bring it to committee and let's talk about this. We need to really talk about it.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: The committee is the proper form for that. But thank you. Public Comment on General Items.

MR. CATANESE: We have 21.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Please, as I call your name, please come to the podium. We want your name and address. And if I mispronounce a name, correct me. Okay?

MS. DANKO: Mr. President, could I ask that people say their neighborhood or what their borough is, you know, in addition to their address, because sometimes it's confusing.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: I think you all heard that. Okay. Carlana Rhoten? And correct me on pronunciation.

MS. RHOTEN: Yes, that's correct. I have an eyesight problem, so ---

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Take your time. We're okay. We'll help you as much as we can.

MS. RHOTEN: Thank you very much. First, I should --- I live in East Liberty and my address is 5485 Hays, 15206. And in the '70s I was a staff person for the Washington County Planning Commission, your next door neighbor. And in 1979, I was a consultant in Washington, D.C., for the U.S. Department of Energy on the topic of energy emergency planning. And I had my contracts through the Americans for Energy Independence.

I first have to say that multi-national corporations and groups such as the Marcellus Shale Coalition regard elected officials and the media as country bumpkins who can be bamboozled, bribed, or bullied into meeting their demands. And I have to say that I'm very proud that this council has at least five members who are not just rolling over and accepting everything that the Marcellus Shale Coalition is feeding you. There is advertisements on television and the radio 24/7 for the past several years telling us what a wonderful thing fracking and natural gas is, but we do not have truth in advertising like the pharmacies have to comply with. The pharmacies, when they put an ad on television or on the radio, they have to tell you what the side effects are.

But the Marcellus Shale companies do not, under any circumstances, ever tell you what the side effects

might be. And I'd like for you to consider two other locations; one, Germany. The German government, since 1980, promoted several financial arrangements in which practically that everyone has the solar panels or windmills that are generating electricity, and they have to buy back the excess energy that these are producing. As a result, in Germany they don't have to build new power plants. And the frackers tried to sneak into Germany and the beer makers caught them --- and were not happy about the idea of messing with German beer. And they went to Parliament, and Parliament was stopped from complying with the wishes of the frackers in Germany.

And Germany is on the route for ahead of us, far advanced in terms of renewable energy. And they are even going --- they are even planning to shut down their nuclear plants, because they figured out how to keep their country, which is very advanced, much more advanced than the United States, going full without depending entirely on fossil fuels which, of course, we haven't figured that out yet. The second place I'd like you to consider is Colorado. What has happened in Colorado in the month of September, it went from drought to forest fires to floods. And right now Colorado is full of fracking fluids that are loose in the floods. We won't know probably for another year how much damage the floods have done to the fracking in Colorado.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you very kindly.

(APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Lisa Jordan? Lisa Jordan?
One more time, Lisa Jordan? Donna Fisher? Donna Fisher?
Lester Ludwig?

MR. LUDWIG: Thank you. My name is Lester Ludwig. I live at 6589 Rosemoor Street, in Squirrel Hill; that's 15217, and I have two subjects for you. One is the fact that the Chevron Corporation, as we already heard this evening, is moving into this area, and why is that important to Allegheny County beyond just the business aspect? It happens that Popular Science Magazine carried on its back cover an ad by the Chevron Corporation, which spent \$100,000,000 in three years, according to the ad, influencing middle and high school students to go into engineering because they need engineers. Now I wanted to bring it to Rich's attention because now that they're moving in, are we going to go ahead and just sit on the side and let them give the money to everybody else, or

should Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh benefit? So that's number one.

Number two; as you know, I'm the father of an idea to produce alternative income, new way to finance government. Some time ago, I had the pleasure of meeting with the Finance Committee, Bill Robinson, Mr. Szymanski, and I made an error. And I have to admit, I'm human, I made a mistake. And Dr. Martoni, you should be aware. What I said at the time was that Huntington Beach, California, who is one of seven cities that are involved in the type of finance that I'm talking about, was receiving \$65,000 for an exclusivity contract with Coca-Cola; add another zero.

And so I'm saying to the county, wake up. If we put all the pop machines in government buildings, from the county, with the city, and have just a very simple percentage relationship, we might be talking about adding another zero or going into the millions to benefit the finance of government where we don't have to ask the taxpayer for an increase. So that's why I'm here tonight as the father of that thinking, to ask you to be sure. Don't sit back. Let's become pro-advocates of a new way to finance government, because it's there and it's waiting for us. We're actually behind Philadelphia, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Indiana, Las Vegas, Huntington Beach, California, Dana Beach, California and soon coming on board is San Francisco. I thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you, sir. Amanda Maloney? Amanda Maloney? Brian Feeney? Brian Feeney? Ronald Miller?

DR. MILLER: Dr. Ronald Lynn Miller, 40 Beltzhoover Avenue, Pittsburgh, 412-381-3753, Founder of Center for Global Studies International Interdisciplinary, incorporated in Pennsylvania in 1998, and the Global Intelligence Society in 2008. I am the Global Intelligence Society candidate for mayor of the City of Pittsburgh 2013, committed to advancing Pittsburgh as a global city and Allegheny as a global county, for which the introduction of global intelligence, into the political cultures of the city and county as necessary.

By culture, I mean a framework of meanings shared by a group of individuals and institutions, a city or county. By political, I mean a descriptive signifying control over individual or institutional action of your corrosion or choice. I think that the present dominant

political culture you used to establish and interpret control over the residents of Allegheny County is a form of social, psychological pathology. Allegheny County political culture is systematically bipolar. Government of office holders, such as county councilors, relentlessly offer to mutually exclusive positions, sometimes the same sentence. Sometimes to different individuals with opposing views, who are in different places, seeming to solve one, as well as the other, sometimes by brutally, not recognizing the merit of an opposite view by refusing to recognize that the individual or his or her view even exist.

I think that the behavior of County Council has represented a framework of being accepted by constituents or their municipalities or their districts or their county used to establish control over actions or proposals for such actions by county residents --- drilling or proposals to drill in county parks, for example. If I am right, all of us trying to participate in the politics of county governments are caught in the bipolar pathology, dominating Allegheny political culture led by our County Executive and Councilors. Example, on 10 September 2013 in this room, Councilman Robinson said that Pittsburgh City Council and a Democratic mayoral candidate, William Peduto, had signed on to what Robinson referred to it as The Black Agenda. I think that if I signed on to a white agenda, I would be called a racist. The position of Councilman Robinson and Peduto is pathologically bipolar, in that it allows on a racial aspect for the liking disallowed, even rhetorically, for others. The pathology was reinforced at the county level political culture, in that no other county councilor, not one present, took issue with Councilor Robinson.

I think that the Robinson-Peduto advocacy of a Black Agenda is racist. I repudiate it. I advocate the system with the best of King and Malcolm X, a human agenda inclusive of black, white, gold and red, brow, infused with the idea that all of us Alleghenians must become more intelligent by using the paradigms or frameworks of interpretation, of the 21 primary disciplines to acquire information and reason with it and think with it, if Allegheny is to be advanced as a global county. The global intelligent resident in me, lawyer or not, wants what Councilwoman Heidelbaugh wants: a document, a factually-based foundation for drilling in our parks.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Joni Rabinowitz?
Joni?

MS. RABINOWITZ: Rabinowitz (changes pronunciation).

MS. RABINOWITZ: Joni Rabinowitz. I live at Park Place section of Pittsburgh in Barbara Danko's district. My address is 7721 Edgerton Avenue. I would like to make a three general process points about the discussion that's been going on about the drilling in the county parks. First thing is, I hope that you will hold a public hearing, not at the last minute like the last time, and not run by Rich Fitzgerald, which seemed to me, the way the last one was, it was embarrassing the way he pushed you around at that hearing. I mean, he came in, took a whole hour to tell us how wonderful it was going to be. And I don't know that you even knew in advance that he was going to do that. But anyway --- so you need to have a public hearing, and it needs to have enough publicity so the people can schedule it and know about it. We've been talking to people in the Seventh District, Mr. Futules, and I'm finding lots of opposition to the drilling. We've been --- we've been visiting with residents and businesses and workers out there, and we're finding a lot of questions that people have. So that's one reason why --- I mean, that's one argument for having a well-advertised public hearing.

Secondly, I hope you'll hold a meeting of the committee where Barbara Danko's moratorium bill was sent to. My understanding of the committee --- I don't remember the name of it --- is that it may or may not actually with meetings, and it may not be reported out. But I think it's important that there be a committee meeting where this moratorium bill is discussed by the committee members and where the public, again, can come and listen to your deliberations at the county --- at the committee meeting.

Thirdly, I don't know how to say this, but I hope that you don't let Rich Fitzgerald push you around like he did last time at the airport. I talked to several of you, and I know that some of you have doubts about the way the airport vote went down. I beg of you, don't go by politics. I know there's a lot out there he can do. He can give a job to your relative. He can appoint you to an authority or a board. He can support your future ambitions. He can do a lot of --- he can offer you a lot

to vote for this drilling, but --- and I know, I know how politics work, and I know that that has a lot to do with the way people make their decisions. But I beg of you, make your decisions on this issue based on what you have learned and I know you've done a lot of studying ever since the airport vote, and I know a lot of questions have been made raised in everybody's mind. They must have been, and I know they have. So I just hope that you will make your own decision, regardless of what he has to say. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you.

(APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Carrie White? Carrie White? Aaron Booz, B-O-O-Z? Aaron, pronounce your name right if I didn't, okay?

MR. BOOZ: You do it right every time, and I appreciate it.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Okay.

MR. BOOZ: Aaron Booz, Whitehall. Who is Range Resources? Let's take a --- yes?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: We always like an address.

MR. BOOZ: Sure, absolutely; 3181 Bel Air Drive, Pittsburgh, 15227. Let's take a look at the company that Mr. Fitzgerald is pushing you to do this deal with. I'm going to e-mail to you this report that I pulled from the Pennsylvania DEP website yesterday. Since 2008, Range has racked up 446 violations of 297 shale gas wells here in Pennsylvania. I only printed the first ten violations on the list, and in just that many, I found drilling, altering or operating a well without a permit, failure to restore site, failure to take measures to mitigate spill impact and/or clean-up within 15 days, discharge of pollution into waters of the Commonwealth.

Now Range might say this is just how business is done; of course, we violate the law. But that's not acceptable, not with the lakes and the health and safety of the kids and families in our parks. Earlier in the meeting, Mr. Fitzgerald was talking about water pollution at Settler's Cabin. I can assure you that toxic fracking chemicals are a much bigger deal than a low pH level. And over the past ten years, the state government has cut the DEP's funding by 41 percent. How many violations, spills and accidents are being missed on Range's behalf? Now for those 446 violations over 5 years, Range has only been fined a few million dollars. When you consider that they

have close to a billion dollars in revenue every year and tens of millions in profit, maybe this causes Range to say, hey, fines are just another expense on our balance sheet and we don't want to incur the cost of operating more safely.

I have three more for you about Range. Number one, Range is the company that did such harm to one family's health with air pollution that they ended up buying their property, paying them a large settlement and imposing a lifetime gag order on them. But they didn't admit fault publicly. They claimed then, as they claim now, that they're doing everything right. Number two, Range is the company whose PR director bragged at the conference about how the company has hired ex-military psychological operations officers, to convince Pennsylvanians that shale gas fracking would be good for them. He said at this conference, quote, having that understanding of PSYOPS in the Army and in the Middle East, has applied very helpfully here for us in Pennsylvania.

Number three, Range is the company that --- South Fayette Township officials publicly and sued that township for daring to try to have zoning in their municipality. Considering all this, do you really believe that Range would have the incentive to prevent pollution in the parks, once they have your signature on the lease? Fitzgerald talked tonight about convincing them to fix their polluting practices. Regardless of what they tell you, they're not going to do that, folks. Do you want to put yourselves between this violating company and the harmed residents?

Considering all this, I hope you support Ms. Danko's moratorium ordinance, and I hope it's gathering support. But if some of you can't agree with a specific wording, I hope that you can at least agree with her intent, which is that this decision must not be made without studies and hearings and all the information and very clear scrutiny of exactly what Range is telling you, compared to their record. January is way too soon. Please protect our parks. Thank you.

(APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Kate St. John? Kate St. John?

MS. ST. JOHN: My name is Kate St. John. I live at 731 McCaslin Street, Pittsburgh, 15217, which is the

neighborhood called Greenfield. I am a birder and a hiker, and I use the county parks. I'm speaking tonight in favor of Councilwoman Danko's moratorium on drilling in the county parks. I agree with her that things are happening too fast. Deer Lakes Park is already under negotiation. Round Hill and Settler's Cabin Parks have been mentioned in the papers, as well. There are many thorny, legal, and environmental issues surrounding this industrial process. A three-year moratorium will allow time for these issues to shake out and give the county time to get the best deal, not a rushed deal.

Here's why I urge you to support the moratorium. A moratorium is the perfect time to talk, learn and negotiate. It is not a ban; it has an end point. County Executive Fitzgerald has said that a moratorium will give the county no say in how nearby drilling affects the parks; I disagree. The county has huge acreage to discuss during the moratorium, and it is the local government responsible for air quality. So yes, the county has something to say. The airport deal was supposed to be to test bed for drilling county land, but the test has not drilled yet. A moratorium gives time for this test to run and the county to learn from it. If you want the county to make money from Marcellus Shale, then what's the rush? Natural gas prices are at historic lows. The prices will rise in a few years when the U.S. can export gas using Allegheny terminals. But signing a lease now is not going to be as lucrative as in the future.

Notice that the drillers are in a rush to sign now because their cost is low. The statement, "They are going to drill anyway," is not always the case. Without parkland under a lease, the drillers may not have the distance they need to make their underground lateral runs. With parkland under lease, you will guarantee that the nearby industrial process will be much larger and more disruptive, with more pipelines in the parks than would have happened otherwise, because more gas will be pulled.

Open frack pits, which are huge and air polluting, could be replaced by closed-lid systems. Some drillers voluntarily use these closed-lid systems; Range Resources does not. The legal standing in municipalities regarding zoning in this industry is muddy right now due to Act 13, which is being challenged in court. A moratorium gives time for that to work out. And you don't know what you've got until it's gone. This industrial

process is anti-factual to the purpose and use of county parks. Appreciate the value in the county parks before you change them. As Fitzgerald did say, they do generate tourism as they are today. Thank you.

(APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Briget Shields? Briget?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Not here; Steph Gonzales? Steph? Steph, are you here? Pia Colucci? I got you now. I got you now.

MS. COLUCCI: My name is Pia Colucci, 4725 Wallingford Street, Pittsburgh, PA, in Shadyside. Good evening, members of Council. Thank you for listening to all of us tonight. I know it's late. I started out by noting something that truly took me by surprise. After our last meeting here on September 10th, I saw in the Post-Gazette the next day, an article by Andrew McGill covering the debate on the parks drilling. And one of the final paragraphs of the article, however, really kind of shook me. In it Andrew McGill states, quote, "Council members Drozd and Ellenbogen spent a chunk of Tuesday's meeting pulling their colleagues aside to see if there was any support to limit public comment." Not from President Council --- Council President Charles Martoni, who says he's perfectly content to sit all night until the public has had its say. Thank you. "Everyone's afraid of public comment," he said; "I'm not," end of quote.

Limit public comment, really, on the subject of fracking? Let me say, this is the only subject that really matters. Jobs don't matter. Taxes and budgets don't matter. Infrastructure doesn't matter. Development doesn't matter. Finances don't matter. Property values don't matter. Transportation doesn't matter. When you boil it down, only water matters because without it, there is no life. You are aware of the community just a few miles from here that have no water because of fracking. Will you allow Mr. Fitzgerald to ride roughshod all over you with his decision to prostitute our lands and water for corporate profit?

I have a family. I have two young college kids. I want them to have water to drink right here in Allegheny County. You all have families, too. I ask that you please think about that. The draconian effects on our environment due to fracking are not hearsay, nor junk-science. They are facts. They are true. Industry mouth

pieces who tell you differently are liars. Each frack well takes between 2,000,000 and up to 10,000,000 gallons of fresh water that will never be returned to the aquifers. It's gone forever.

So I ask you, how can this even be a debate at this point? This is the fourth meeting that I've attended and spoken at. I, too, have a very busy life. I'm a single mom, but nothing to me is more important than being right here, right now, to have my Democratic opportunity to speak, to urge all of you to be shining examples as stewards of our Earth and to ban fracking from this point on. Let the world look at each of you in admiration as forward thinkers and not as corporate --- this is your legacy, and we are here to support you and urge you on to do the right thing. Ban fracking in Allegheny County and we thank you, and we thank you for not silencing the public comment, as well.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you.

(APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Terri Supowitz? Terri, correct me if ---

MS. SUPOWITZ: It's a long evening.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: It is.

MS. SUPOWITZ: My name's Terri Supowitz. I live at 310 Hay Street, Wilkinsburg, 15221. I wrote something, but that --- I have to comment on Rich Fitzgerald's --- so bear with me. First of all, I'm here to ask you to support Barbara Daly Danko's moratorium. I think it's crucial. There's no rush. The gas is going to stay there. Nobody's going to get it. So Rich keeps saying drilling is going to happen anyway. It's not going to happen anyway. It doesn't have to happen anyway. The City of Pittsburgh said no. The State of Vermont said no. They've got a ban. There's a moratorium in New York. There are countries that have banned this. We don't have to do this in Allegheny County.

(APPLAUSE)

MS. SUPOWITZ: You truly can say no. And when you start stepping away from that and looking at what other options are, which I don't have listed at the moment, there are other options. There's the --- it's Go Ape at one of the parks where you had 10,000 people and some of them were from out-of-state. Can you imagine them coming to the park once there's fracking there and industrial sites? On Settler's Cabin, that acidic water,

that's child's play, compared to what's going to happen after the fracking. It won't happen immediately, but it will happen, because everything about it leaks. If you don't have explosions and fires, you would at least have leaks. So that's what you're going to give to your kids and you're going to give to your grandchildren.

The Brownfield remediation for \$80,000,000: nothing, compared to what's going to happen to the parks and all of Allegheny County. We're not going to have water to drink. Deer Lakes Park, Barbara Daly Danko --- and a lot of us have been thinking this, that yes, there are these permits and there are the leases around the parks. But we kind of think, and Barbara brought it up, that they're not --- they can't drill there without the land --- the parkland. So say no to that, you're saying no to drilling in that whole area. You really, really have to look at that very, very closely. And it means lots and lots of hours, and I'm sorry that it's so time-consuming.

We need public hearings, and we need public hearings about this from the beginning. As soon as this starts, whatever the process is, the public has to be involved. And one other thing; younger people coming to the city when we have fracking? I mean, Rich Fitzgerald talked about fabulous things that are going on in Allegheny County. I'm really proud to live here, but are people going to come here when you got industrial sites near our county parks? No, they're not. Vote for the moratorium.

(APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Elizabeth Donohoe? Elizabeth Donohoe?

MS. DONOHOE: Elizabeth Donohoe, 220 Overdale --- Overdale Road, Forest Hills. Thank you for your attention in advance. I'm here speaking for many who cannot make these meetings. I'm here also representing people who don't even know, residents who would be appalled if they knew what this council is contemplating in our parks. They don't know about it because Range Resources goes into their living rooms and gives them all sorts of information that I, personally, can't afford to buy the air time to tell them what else goes on.

Anyway, so I'm here talking about the people. Again, as you think about the fracking decision, keep your blind spots in mind, those pesky parts of our world views

that keep us from seeing what doesn't agree with the underlying assumptions that we're operating from. Of course, we all have particular perspectives from which we see and interpret what's in front of us. But in our civilization, modern western civilization, there are some hidden subconscious assumptions operating that I want call your attention to after all the science and Range, and that sort of thing.

From the moment a baby sits upright, we are bathed in subtle messages that condition us to believe that our particular way of life here in the developed world is the ultimate human success story, the one that everyone else will logically aspire to. The big assumption, how we live, including how you perceive that this fracking question is based on the assumption that we are in actual dominion over anything that is not us, anything that is not human. That is why the non-human is regarded as resource for human consumption or use.

Second, an inescapable truth in reality; our way of living, including fracking, ignores the simple, scientific biological reality that we are completely dependent on and are completely connected to a so-called matrix of air, water, soil and organisms that literally sustain us. Critically, the reason we've been able to survive until now is the existence of enough disposable resources to consume or use, plus the amazing ability of this earth to absorb the abuses that we've given to the water, the air and the soil.

The words of the CEO of Weyerhaeuser, the massive paper company, provided a great visual of this assumption. That CEO said when he looks at a forest of trees to be cut down, what he sees are dollar bills standing up straight, waiting to be harvested. Earth is resource for all powerful humans, especially the ones in charge. But it's that inconvenient fact, that inescapable inner-dependence that we have on our Earth that ruins the CEO's blissful profit dream. But the Weyerhaeuser CEO and all the CEOs ignore at our peril, is that in the case of trees, they're literally our plants' lungs. They breathe in a way that allows us to then, in turn, breathe.

Cut the trees, you destroy the air. Frack the Earth, you ultimately destroy the air, water and the soil. It's a very poor, long-term strategy. Finally, I wish to leave you with --- it's very short --- the early days of man's flight before the Wright Brothers succeed. Lots of

guys with funny-looking contraptions strapped to their back, jumping off cliffs to test their flying machines. During these experiments, many --- who thought many who were airborne, they were the airborne for quite a while flying, they thought, before they crashed. Living on fossil fuels is like that. It's literally being nearly airborne while assuming that that equals flying. It does not mean we're flying. We're in the air, yes. But the ground beneath is coming up fast, and we are not immune to the laws that govern life on this planet. No to any more fossil fuel assumptions in the county parks.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you.

(APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Douglas Shields? Doug?

MR. SHIELDS: Douglas Shields. I live at 2329 Tilbury Avenue, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15217. A few more things to consider, and I appreciate all of your willingness to listen and there's been an awful lot of good dialogue going on in between these meetings, and I certainly thank all of you and appreciate that. One is the presumption of the money. Money is always an issue in this thing. What we're finding, by serving all reports that are filed with the state, is the production. And you've got to remember, this is not natural gas, this is drilling for unconventional gas. And it's unconventional because it's so hard to get. And so what else we're finding is --- well, you know, if you're looking forward to royalties in the future and projecting money out --- the Hawskins (phonetic) unit. It was drilled on 9/24/13. It shows a 64 percent decline in production in 41 months. So that's the date that the report came in on that; 57 percent production decline in 41 months at the Currens (phonetic) Unit; Oboros Unit, 41 percent production decline in 41 months; 59 percent production decline in 38 months at the Lois Miller Unit.

You'll find that drilling unconventional gas is a very risky proposition and, also, just --- I was reading Seeking Alpha, the other day in a report on Chesapeake was, the FCC took away from their reserves hundreds of trillions of cubic feet of gas that they said was there because now they're saying it isn't there. So that's certainly effected share pricing at Chesapeake and so forth, so, you know, measure twice, cut once, and understand that just because one well is drilled in the fracking operations, certainly is one of the most

pronounced intensive moments for a community to go through while they're doing it, the flaring and so forth. They got to keep coming back, and they got to keep injecting. And that means more truck traffic and loads of traffic coming into the neighborhoods around the park, as well.

Then I ask you --- I'm going to leave this with the clerk. This is a report from the European Union, and in there they look at due to the absence of systemic baseline monitoring in U.S., for a lot of literature and sources in this report, the lack of comprehensive and centralized data on well failure and incident rates and the need for further research. It goes on --- this is what the European Union's talking about. Surface groundwater contamination, air emission, water resources, land use, biodiversity losses, noise, traffic, 7,000 to 11,000 trucks for a single well --- unless you've been in a war zone, you don't know what that kind of truck traffic looks like; I have been --- visual impact and seismic activity, adequacy of the existing environmental legislation; and then they give the recommendations.

This is just the executive summary. The report is 272 pages. I hope you avail yourself to it. Finally, here is a list --- and the bans worldwide. Is everybody wrong? Is France wrong? Is Bulgaria wrong? Is Pittsburgh wrong? Is Vermont wrong? Consult with these officials, as well, and gain their perspectives. And finally, The Netherlands today, on Friday put a ban out, as well. Again, everybody's taking a cautionary approach and I hope you do, too. And finally, I want to thank Councilman Finnerty for saying the magic word. Call your townships saving the money by putting --- let's take this council into a different place.

(APPLAUSE)

MR. SHIELDS: Let's be the renewable county, the first one in the country, just like we did the first air quality laws in the United States, the first clean stream --- were right here. Be a leader. Let's take this county and turn it into the solar county, the sustainable county. And like Collier, let's put these panels up on everything you've got, including --- and everything else, and we can make some money on it. There you go.

(APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thaddeus Popovich? Mr. Popovich?

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Sorry about the name.

MR. POPOVICH: You got it right. And I, this time, have copies for everybody. My name is Thaddeus Popovich. I live at 6606 Virginia Avenue, and that's in Ben Avon. And I just handed out a two-sided piece of paper. I'm only going to read from the first side. Yesterday, I sent an e-mail to my good friend, Dr. John Stolz, Director and Professor of Duquesne University's Center for Environmental Research and Education. I said in my e-mail, "At tomorrow's Allegheny Council meeting, I intend to talk about your symposium and suggest that all Council members attend it."

In reply he said, "Thanks; and yes, they are all welcome." How about that? Please clear your calendars for November 25th and 26th, 2013, so that you all can attend a symposium on shale gas extraction research at the Duquesne University Power Center. More than two dozen academic researchers will present their findings on biological, geological and environmental investigations, fugitive methane migration and climate change, air and water quality, human and animal health, social, political and legal aspects. It covers a lot of ground. The symposium is sponsored by the Heinz Endowments, the Claneil Foundation, the Colcom Foundation and the George Gund Foundation. You can register online, and it is free and open to the public. Academic institutions represented include no slouches here; Carnegie Mellon University, Cornell University, Duke University, Duquesne University, Juniata College, New Jersey College of Technology, Penn State University, University of Pittsburgh, West Virginia University, Wheeling Jesuit College and Yale University. Science, when you need it most and it's coming to Pittsburgh. Thank you.

(APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Jennifer Myers? Jennifer Myers?

MS. MYERS: Hi. You know me; Jennifer Myers, 5431 Carnegie Street, in the neighborhood where Council member Ellenbogen is from. Once again, I come before you to say no to fracking in any county park, and to support Council member Daly Danko's proposal, for the three-year moratorium on drilling in these parks. Happy Birthday, Allegheny --- happy --- yeah, happy birthday, Allegheny County, you are 225 years old today; just found that out. I want to quickly address one concern and actually finish with a song, just to spruce --- spice things up.

First, I have heard that many of you are not hearing directly from your constituents. That is upsetting to me, and to protect our parks, we're working really hard to get the word out and encourage your folks to come and talk to you. But you need to do the work, too, and hold public hearings and hold public meetings where --- close to where your folks are living. It took me, like, 35 minutes to get here tonight, and I live in Lawrenceville. It's just, like, the time of day, the traffic; it's really hard.

Obviously, we all know this matter is of utmost importance, and there is no one in this room, and you represent thousands and thousands of people, and they all, if possible, should be here, and I am sure want to be there if they even knew what we were doing. Basically, you don't know this about me, but I love to sing ballads, the older, the better. I love to sing in the park, and I love to sing in the woods. I wanted to finish this little moment here with a song about our land. You probably have heard of it. Basically, what I want you to think about is, it's not just a county land that's being threatened right now, it's the entire country. All of our public land is up for grabs right now. We're in an energy war, I know that. That's why renewable energy is really important to talk about. That's why renewable energy is really important to talk about now, versus later.

This land is our land. It's still our land, and it's always going to be our land, poisoned, not poisoned. And I know we could do better than poison it. I believe this is true because we all love this land too much to let it go. I don't believe what Mr. Fitzgerald said. I don't buy it. It's not here yet. We can stop it. This is a historic moment. You can sing along. I'm not going to get through very much.

This land is your land, this land is my land, from California to the New York Island, from the Redwood Forest to the Gulf Stream water, this land was made for you and me. As I was walking a county highway, I saw above me an endless skyway, I saw below me a golden valley. This land was made for you and me. I've roamed and rambled, I followed my footsteps to the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts, and all around me, a voice was sounding. This land was made for you and me. The sun was shining as I was strolling, the gas-rig burning, the pipes exploding, the smoke was lifting, a voice was

singing, this land still made for you and me. I'm going to end there. Thank you.

(APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Timothy Ludwig? Timothy Ludwig, are you here?

MR. LUDWIG: Tim Ludwig, 18 Greismere Street, in Etna. Sorry, I usually have a prepared speech, but hearing everyone else's threw that out. I promise I won't sing my part either. Mr. Fitzgerald came in and stressed, drilling will not be done inside a park. He threw out 16, whatever, offers of people staying in the park. Everything is in the park. If it's outside the park, the air is inside the park. Every time someone comes in here they say nothing's in the park. Well, the air's in the park, the water's in the park. Yes, maybe the land on top won't be touched; the land underneath won't be touched. But the air, the water, that's in the park. And I keep on reminding you guys that pollution keeps on traveling air. It doesn't just affect Deer Lakes region, it affects everything around it.

We can stop it. He said we can't stop it. You're the largest land holder the area. It's not profitable to frack this little piece here without this huge land that's the park. We can stop it. He was referring to --- well they'll follow the DEP regulations. Let's look at the DEP regulations. Washington county right now, there's a lawsuit going on with a couple that had their water tested by the DEP, and then they came back saying, "Oh yeah, it's good." Well, they withheld all the toxic chemicals that were in it. There was just six things that the drilling company reported and the DEP reported to the family and withheld the toxic chemicals that were found in this person's body that is now harming their health.

That is taking two, three years in court, and we're going to decide this in 30, 60 days, January? Let's wait three years. Let's get this organized. Let's see the impact. Everything legally is not being worked out right now. In the councilwoman's proposal, she --- I'll outline a big one, Act 13. Who knows what's going on with Act 13? We've just had a judge appointed that's probably going to say, "Oh, yeah, yeah, we're just going to reverse all this crap." Let's take three years; let's take three years. Let's look at this. January is way too quick.

We've seen it. It's in the courts right now. Lawsuits take forever.

Sorry I keep jumping around. Another thing that the Executive kept on saying is that, "Oh, we held an open house." He's talking about CONSOL and him as we. Did the county hold an open house, or did CONSOL hold an open house? We, we; no, this is a government body. This is a company. We're not together. Also, thank you a lot --- I have seven seconds left --- for not limiting our time. I think that is a travesty --- displeased that Council people that won't limit our time to hear this. But thank you for letting us speak three minutes of our time, twice a month. Six minutes, I greatly appreciate that. Thank you.

(APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Lucas Lyons? Lucas? You're a pro here, Lucas. You know how to do it.

MR. LYONS: All right. Lucas Lyons, 1902 Meadville Street, from the wild and wonderful North Side. All right? So like Tim, my friend, my speech kind of got thrown out the window as soon as I heard Mr. Fitzgerald tonight. Mr. Futules, I appreciate the words you said tonight. Ms. Danko, I appreciate you standing up, the voice of everyone else here. We're not ready for this. And Mr. Fitzgerald comes in here with such --- he had 30 yes men walking out the door with him. It looks like Al Capone is walking out the door. We have one voice on the entire council that questions him --- oh, RFP, two weeks, one month. It's like, wait, wait, wait; we have a three-year moratorium in committee. Can we talk about that first? Okay; like, what is going on here? We are not going to sit through what happened at CONSOL again.

So I want to talk a little bit about CONSOL; actually, no, let me talk about Range Resources because that was brought up first. Range Resources, a Texas company, \$143,000,000 in profit in 2012. 20 percent of that, or \$29,000,000, went to six people. You want to sell our land rights to --- 20 percent of that, of the money they make --- 20 percent of their profit is going to go to six people? Allegheny County wants to enrich six people in Texas? Are you guys --- okay. That's Range Resources. Someone mentioned the Hallowich family, which I mentioned last time. They paid gag money to shut them up, so their first amendment rights were --- a 9 and an 11-year-old child are not allowed to talk about the

sicknesses they had. They had to get \$750,000 to not talk about it. All right.

So CONSOL Energy has put out an impact report. And it's so funny that --- first of all, it's from CONSOL, so I would expect some --- you know, some glossing over a few things. But if you actually sit down and read what they put up on their website, it's amazing. Here we go; 12 well pads, \$5,000,000 --- 5,000,000 gallons of water each well pad, 60,000,000 gallons of water to frack the airport. Okay? That means, according to their own documents, they give you the break-down of the percentages of the things that they put into their fracking fluid, there's going to be 73,000 gallons of acids into the wells out there, okay, into the impoundment pools. There's going to be 52,000 gallons of hydrocarbon, petroleum distillate, and if you don't know what that is, the Consumer Product Safety Commission says, "Petroleum distillates and other hydrocarbons affect the respiratory system. Aspiring small amounts of these chemicals into the lungs directly induce vomiting and ingested can result in chemical pneumonia, pulmonary damage and death."

52,000 gallons is what's going to be out in the air, and this is the first 4 of the 13 they list, but we know there's, like, 300 of them. Okay? Let me go real quick, isopropanol used in anti-freeze. It says that on their website. They're going to put 51,000 gallons of chemicals used in antifreeze. And last, but not least, potassium chloride. Okay? I put, seriously? Do you know what potassium chloride is used for? It's used to kill people for the death penalty. 2.5 grams of potassium chloride will kill a man. That's what they put into --- that's what they're going to put into Poplawski over in the county court. 6.7 grams of potassium chloride are going --- ingested can kill a man. Guess what? You got 36,000 gallons of this going into the land, going through the water table and sitting in impoundment pools over at CONSOL Energy. So I think three years might be a good idea. We might need to step back and rethink this. I consider this chemical warfare. I'll be honest, I consider this chemical warfare.

(APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Thank you. Celia Janosik? Celia Janosik? That ends our speakers for tonight. Motion to adjourn?

MR. FINNERTY: I make a motion to adjourn.

PRESIDENT MARTONI: Moved in second. The meeting stands adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:54 P.M.

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