

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

John P. DeFazio	-	President
Nicholas Futules	-	Vice President, District 7
Heather S. Heidelbaugh	-	Council-At-Large
Thomas Baker	-	District 1
Jan Rea (Via Telephone)	-	District 2
Edward Kress	-	District 3
Michael J. Finnerty	-	District 4
Sue Means	-	District 5
John F. Palmiere	-	District 6
Dr. Charles Martoni	-	District 8
Robert J. Macey	-	District 9
William Russell Robinson	-	District 10
Barbara Daly Danko	-	District 11
James Ellenbogen	-	District 12
Amanda Green Hawkins	-	District 13

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IN ATTENDANCE:

Joseph Catanese - Director, Constituent Services
John H. Rushford, Jr. - County Solicitor
Jared Barker - Director, Legislative Services
Walter Szymanski - Budget Director

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. The meeting will come to order. Would everyone rise for the Pledge of Allegiance --- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and remain standing for silent prayer or reflection; after me ---.

(Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.)

(Silent prayer or reflection.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Fifteen (15) members present.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Proclamations/
Certificates. 8065-14.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation recognizing and thanking South Fayette Township and Mr. Deron Gabriel, Commission President for South Fayette Township, for their efforts to protect local zoning authority in Allegheny County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Sponsored by

Council members Danko, Finnerty, Palmiere, Macey, Green Hawkins and DeFazio.

MS. DANKO: Well, good evening, everyone. This is Deron Gabriel from South Fayette, and a couple years ago he was the president of the South Fayette Township Commissioners. He's still on the South Fayette Board. And at the time, the Township took action that no other township or borough in Allegheny County took, and they joined the lawsuit against Act 13, specifically as it relates to zoning and the rights of local municipalities. As all of us know, sometimes being alone can be a very tough road to hoe, especially when you're talking about government. It's a lot easier to go along with the pack, and given that we have 130 municipalities in Allegheny County, to be the only one that joined the lawsuit, I think deserves this proclamation.

I'm going to put on my teaching hat for a couple minutes. We know there's the three branches of government, and every one has a role. You have the legislative branch that makes the law, the executive branch that administers the law and the judicial branch, which decides what the law is. We have checks and balances, and those are there for a reason. We don't just --- everybody jump on board on everything. This has to do with their legal challenge. And when I was teaching, someone once said to me --- you know, or I asked someone. I don't even remember if I read it or someone said it to me. And I'm looking at a court case and I said, what --- how did this even happen? And they said, you know, you can do whatever you want, as long as nobody challenges you.

And these communities stepped up and they challenged the law that was passed and signed by the governor. So this --- ultimately, this challenge was successful. The Supreme Court ruled in December, and that's why we're giving this proclamation. Before I read it, perhaps the other council members might want to say something.

MR. FINNERTY: I'm Councilman Mike Finnerty. South Fayette is part of my territory now in District 4, and Deron and the Board out there did a tremendous thing, because Act 13, part of it, the part they put before the courts, was taking away the zoning privileges of municipalities, which was totally, to me, absurd. And there was a lot of support for that. Robinson Township in

Washington County also was involved in that. And it took a lot of guts to do that, and we're really proud that not only did you do it, but you won. And it gave our zoning managers or directors in the municipalities and the councilmen and commissioners the rights that was bestowed on them by the Constitution of Pennsylvania, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. And I'd just like to say, I'm very proud to be standing here with Deron.

MR. GABRIEL: Thank you.

MS. DANKO: John, do you want to say anything?

MR. PALMIERE: No, not really. Deron knows that I have the utmost respect for him and I appreciate everything that he's done.

MS. DANKO: Okay. Well, I'm just going to read the proclamation, and then maybe Deron will have a couple words to say.

WHEREAS, on February 14th, 2012, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett signed Act 13 into law, amending the Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Act, in part, pre-empting the municipal zoning of oil and gas development; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's landmark decision upheld the Commonwealth Court's decision and nullified the portions of Act 13 that required local municipalities to allow oil and gas drilling as a permitted use in all zoning districts; and

WHEREAS, on December 19th, 2013, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruled that Act 13's statewide zoning rules are unconstitutional, with a plurality suggesting that the General Assembly, which grants the municipalities the right to enact zoning ordinances, cannot, in turn, withdraw that right; and

WHEREAS, on April 17th, 2012, Allegheny County Council passed Bill Number 6895-12, a motion expressing Council's support of the lawsuit filed in opposition to Act 13 of 2012, before the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania, on the basis that locally tailored zoning restrictions have historically been demonstrated to offer the best possible means of protecting the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the county and commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, South Fayette Township had the distinction of being the only Allegheny County municipality to challenge the shale gas law passed in 2012; and

WHEREAS, because of the leadership of Mr. Deron Gabriel, Commission President of South Fayette Township, municipal zoning authority has been restored, and local governments can protect their communities and natural resources through zoning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council, on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, does hereby recognize and thank South Fayette Township and Mr. Deron Gabriel for their outstanding efforts to protect the citizens and interests of local communities in Allegheny County.

(Applause.)

MR. GABRIEL: I want to thank Councilwoman Barbara Daly Danko, Councilman Michael Finnerty, Councilman John Palmiere and the rest of County Council that supported us. Thank you very much. It was a long road. We started out alone, I guess, in Allegheny County. However, we were joined by many municipalities, the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs, Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors, they all joined in with amicus briefs to the court. And it was very heartening to get the level of support we did. We got many e-mails, expressions of support, some resolutions, letters sent in to Commonwealth Court and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, and bipartisan decisions ruled in our favor.

We're happy to stand up for the rights of local governments to enact zoning ordinances we feel are reasonable and also to enact setbacks and other necessary means to protect the health, safety and welfare of our residents, so ---. I also want to thank Pittsburgh City Council and all the other municipalities, including my Board of Commissioners and the bipartisan that showed support --- supported our efforts. So thanks for having me here today. Again, thanks for all the support, and should you have any questions, feel free to contact me, and I'm certainly happy to interact and participate.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8066-14.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation honoring Marc Cherna, for receiving the Casey Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Child Welfare Leadership. Sponsored by Council members Palmiere, Baker, Daly Danko, DeFazio,

Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Green Hawkins, Kress, Martoni, Means, Rea and Robinson ---

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Add me, please.

MR. CATANESE: --- and Ms. Heidelbaugh.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President and members of Council, this gentleman to my right, in my opinion, exemplifies what public service is all about. Just on a personal note, I met Marc a few years ago. I was impressed with him then and even more compressed with him with the things that he's been able to accomplish on behalf of Allegheny County and the citizens. And before I let Marc speak, I'd like to read the proclamation, if that's okay with you, Marc?

MS. CHERNA: Sure.

MR. PALMIERE: WHEREAS, Casey Family Programs is the nation's largest operating foundation, focused solely on safely reducing the need for foster care and building Communities of Hope for vulnerable children and families across America; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County Department of Human Services director, Marc Cherna, accepted the Casey Family Programs Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Child Welfare Leadership, at the foundation's annual meeting on January 15 and 16, 2014. Although the agency often recognizes exceptional leaders in child welfare, this is the first time they have presented a lifetime achievement award; and

WHEREAS, Casey Family Programs acknowledges several factors leading to Director Cherna's selection, including demonstrated leadership which has worked to achieve improved outcomes in areas such as foster care, permanency and reunification; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cherna came to Allegheny County in February 1996, as a result of a national search to take charge of Children and Youth Services, now the Office of Children, Youth and Families, and immediately implemented system-wide changes, challenging the staff to achieve higher levels --- higher levels of excellence, resulting in better permanency outcomes for children and their families; and

WHEREAS, his innovative practice and leadership abilities have won Mr. Cherna prestigious awards from numerous child welfare and several organizations, including national recognition. And we are pleased to recognize his most recent accomplishment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council does hereby congratulate Director Marc Cherna as the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Child Welfare Leadership, from Casey Family Programs. Mr. Cherna's leadership and the department's impact on this community and its citizens, serve as an inspiration to us all. I present Mr. Cherna. Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MR. CHERNA: Thank you so much for this recognition. This award, although it's a leadership award, it really could never happen without the great partnerships we have in Allegheny County. And we tend to forget how special this place is to live and work. When you go around the country, you find out how out of the ordinary it is with the kind of things we do. So this award is only possible because of the strong support and partnership that I have with County Council, which I thank you for that, and the County Executive and the County Manager, and all of my staff who really do the hard work day in and day out, our 300 providers who do the work and, really, the community at large and everybody who really works together in this community to make things happen for the betterment of it. It's a very special place to live and work.

And although I receive this award, I really receive it on behalf of everybody else, because it really is a partnership, and I certainly couldn't do this work alone. So hopefully --- I've been here 18 years and hopefully we'll keep going for a while longer and continue to be partners to try to improve the services. So thank you very much.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8067-14.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation honoring in memoriam, Malvin Russell Goode, for bridging racial divides in journalism and broadcasting. Sponsored by Councilman Robinson.

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

MR. FINNERTY: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Yes, sir.

MR. FINNERTY: Is it all right if I co-sponsor that?

MR. ROBINSON: Yes.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: I'd like to co-sponsor it as well, please.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. I've been waiting to do this for a long time. While I never had the occasion to know personally Mal Goode, I heard a lot about him, saw him, experienced his goodness and his generosity vicariously. And one day I was at Club One exercising, and I looked up and I saw a lifeguard, and I knew that this young man was Mal Goode's grandson. So I swam over to him --- he didn't know me from a cake of soap --- and I said to him ---. I pointed at him; I said, your grandfather was an icon --- your grandfather is an icon; ask your dad. And I swam away.

And every time I would see him, I'd ask again about his family, his father, his uncles and everyone in Mal Goode's family. And that's when the idea germinated in my mind, that here was a man that deserved more than we had given him, a man who has gone home to glory. I had occasion to be at the funeralization of Mal Goode, and it still didn't impact me about his great contributions, not only to the Mon Valley, where he grew up, and the City of Pittsburgh where he did a lot of work, or even internationally when he went to work at the U.N. for ABC News.

I remember him when he was on WHOD Radio, which no longer exists. He and his sister, Mary Dee, were there. Right at the end of the Homestead High Level Bridge --- the Homestead Grays Bridge when you're going into Homestead, on the left-hand side, right down under the bridge, there used to be a radio station down there, WHOD. And at another point, it moved to the Hill District. It was right there at the corner of Centre and Herron Avenue. But a couple things I remember about Mal Goode --- and I shared these with his son and his daughter and others who are here, things that they didn't know, just like the things I didn't know.

But a couple things I'd like to mention before I read the proclamation and call his family up, Mal Goode was not a preacher. But if you ever heard him speak, you thought he was a preacher. He could preach. He never was afraid to indicate that God was his guide. Mal Goode has

gone home. Many people remember him as a hell raiser and a troublemaker. He was both of those, ain't no doubt. But a hell raiser and a troublemaker went all the way to the U.N. to be the first person of color to be an international correspondent at ABC News. I guess that's the only way to get him out of the country, much less out of Pittsburgh. But he would always --- he had a nice head of black hair. And he would be preaching, and he would throw his hair back; you know, wave it back. Some of that was cultural, because the kind of hair he had, we consider good hair; you know, it was slick, it was white people's hair so he would throw it back --- slick it back. He was sending a signal; trust me. He threw that hair back, and he went on preaching and carrying on. I heard someone say that today, a young person saying that someone in their family, a black person, had good hair. And I just wanted to chuckle. I didn't know young people even could remember that kind of reference to having slick hair that didn't kink up and nap up, like mine did when I had some hair. But Mal Goode, he had that good hair.

With us today is his son, Robert, who looks just like his dad, except he doesn't have black hair. He's wearing glasses, but he does not have a reputation as being a hell raiser and a troublemaker. He was a banker, a retired banker; worked at Mellon Bank. But some of that trouble that his father caused helped him get that job at the bank, guaranteed. Guaranteed. And I said to his grandson one day, I wouldn't be swimming in this pool, and you wouldn't be a lifeguard, without your grandfather, all the trouble he caused, all the hell that he raised. There was a time in this city when the relationship between the police department and the community was as bad as it is now, if not worse. Mal Goode took on the police department in Pittsburgh, because he felt they were not treating people of color properly. There's a famous case where a man of color was found hung in a cell in the City of Pittsburgh, under police custody. Mal Goode spoke against what he thought was a police murder. Things got so bad, Mal went to a rally and had to be put in the trunk of someone's car to assure his safety and be driven out of the area. He was an excellent journalist, outstanding individual, selfless.

His daughter told me he used to bring people home to the house that didn't have anything and give them a bath and give them some clothes. And she would say,

mom, daddy is bringing those guys in here. They're taking baths in the tub, leaving a ring in the tub. What's wrong with him? She said, well, you know how your father is; giving people his clothes to wear. When he went to ABC News, he didn't have a decent suit to go to the interview. And some of his friends, who will remain nameless, got together and bought Mal Goode a decent suit, so that he could represent not only his family and the Mon Valley, but the Pittsburgh area.

His son, Robert, told me that one time his dad -- they were driving somewhere in Pennsylvania, because Mal was very active with the NAACP --- and his son said his father would search out places where people like him were not allowed, where you couldn't eat, you couldn't stop, and go in there looking for trouble. And his son would say, dad, what are you doing? He said, I'm going in here because we should be able to eat wherever we want and stop wherever we want. Going in and knowing, might have got killed, might have got beat up, might have got thrown in jail, might have never made it to ABC News.

Mal Goode is ours. He belongs to us. We need him today. Believe me, we need him today. He was fearless, feared nobody and nothing, probably except his wife. Because you know, he got in some trouble bringing all those guys in there and messing up that bathtub on a regular basis. But I just wanted to share that with you. Somewhere in this county, there ought to be a statue erected to Mal Goode. There ought to be a plaque. There was a building named for him on Fifth Avenue, for him and Phyllis Haselgard, who was also a writer to the New Pittsburgh Courier. There needs to be a monument somewhere to Mal Goode. Trust me, this man is more than words, to do all he did on behalf of others and then go on to be a first seed.

Mal Goode grew up in an era when the first Negro or colored person --- to get a job, that was a big deal. That was a --- today that's not a big deal. If you're the first black person to go into a --- it's not as big a deal as it was in his day. To go all the way to the United Nations and be a correspondent, be on television, big deal, real big deal. That's our Mal Goode. He belongs to us, and we should be proud of him, in spite of everything. He left a family here and a legacy here that's underappreciated. When I tell people about Mal Goode,

people under 40 years of age, they just look at me like, well, who's that? Never heard of him.

And then I start reminding them of many of the things they probably take for granted every day. There was a guy named Mal Goode, who would raise Cain on behalf of them, sacrifice things he should have been doing for himself and his family, so that we can have some of the pleasures and some of the challenges that we have today. I'm going to ask his son, Robert, if he would join me here, and I'm going to ask him to do two things. One, I'm going to ask him to see me read this proclamation, then have his family members come up who are here, some young ones and some not-so-young ones who are here. And I'll ask him to introduce each and every one of them. This is important, and I thank him for accepting my invitation some time ago to come. And I told him that story recently about his dad, I believe was being locked up in that trunk of that car. He probably didn't know about it. His mom might have not known about it.

There was many times when his life, believe me, was in danger, and probably a lot of people threatened to kill him. I thank God that he was able to go home to glory peacefully.

WHEREAS, the late Mr. Malvin Russell Goode had the distinction of being the first African-American correspondent on network television news; and

WHEREAS, a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Mr. Goode was a grandson of slaves who worked in the steel mills to pay his way through the University of Pittsburgh, where he received a Bachelor's degree in 1931; and

WHEREAS, after college, Mr. Goode worked as a probation officer, director of the Centre Avenue YMCA. A lot of people don't know that. I was at a YMCA program Saturday. They didn't even mention his name. I had to get up, when I spoke, and talk about Mal Goode. They knew him when I left --- and a member of the management staff of the Pittsburgh Housing Authority before joining the Pittsburgh Courier in 1948; and

WHEREAS, in 1949, Mr. Goode joined KQV Radio News as a commentator, followed by a six-year stint as a television news co-anchor on WHOD, working alongside his sister, the late Mary Dee. I remember her playing those records back in the day. Wouldn't you know that we used to hear it, the dances and stuff --- she was a disc jockey, as well;

WHEREAS, in 1962, on the recommendation of his friend, the baseball player, Jackie Robinson ---. Mal Goode probably was as responsible as anyone in the United States of America who wanted Jackie Robinson to break the color line in baseball. Mal Goode; he talked about it all the time. They were personal friends. Mal Goode helped make baseball, all the good things about baseball, that there exists today.

ABC News hired him and assigned him to ABC's bureau at the United Nations. During his 11 years with ABC, Mr. Goode covered the Cuban missile crisis and the 1964 and 1968 Republican and Democratic national conventions, as well as many of the major events of the civil rights struggle, including the assassination of fellow fraternity --- Alpha brother, Martin Luther King, Jr., Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, the National Association of Black Journalists joined Mr. Goode in --- they inducted him, rather, into the Hall of Fame for breaking the color barrier in network broadcast journalism as ABC news reporter in 1962. Some people probably remember Max Robinson who used to be on ABC, and they thought Max was first. Mal was first. Max came long after that. Mal had been there and gone when Max showed up.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council does hereby honor in memoriam, Mr. Malvin R. Goode, for bridging racial divides in journalism and broadcasting. Furthermore, we acknowledge Mr. Goode as an inspiration to many for his dedication to civil rights activism in our community. Sponsored by myself, William Russell Robinson, member of Allegheny County Council, and those of you who have joined.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Please add me.

MR. ROBINSON: Sometimes --- Ms. Heidelbaugh would like to be a co-sponsor. Sometimes, because of circumstances, we can't remember people who went before us and who did courageous things. If we knew, we would honor them. If we knew, we would recognize them. Sometimes we simply don't know. And I'm so proud to be here today to recognize this man. I have friends that talk about him all the time. They always say, Bill, we need a Mal Goode. And I'll say, you mean someone to raise hell and be a troublemaker? They say, yes; yes, this is a special talent. The man, he could preach. He wasn't scared of nobody. I said, no, we have some people around here like

that now. No, there's nobody like Mal Goode. Here's Robert Goode.

(Applause.)

MR. GOODE: Bill, we love you and we thank you for this tribute to my dad. I also want to thank the entire County Council for recognizing this outstanding citizen. He was a fascinating guy, and he was the first black reporter on a national network back in 1962, when there were only three networks. And because Jackie Robinson went to ABC News, where his friend, Jim Hagerty, Eisenhower press secretary, was the head of ABC News. Jackie Robinson, then out of baseball, said to Jim Hagerty, Jim, when I come to visit you here at headquarters of ABC News, the only black people I see are mopping the floor. When are you going to get some on-air talent? And at that, Hagerty took up the challenge and did a nationwide search, and he found 20 to 30 black men --- I'm sure they were all men at the time --- who had some radio experience, like my father, and a little bit -- - tiny bit of TV experience. I'd like to read his prepared remarks about those events and just mention a couple of things that Bill said.

Well, first of all, being related to a fascinating guy like Mal Goode is great, because you always learn something new when somebody talks about him, because there's always another Mal Goode story to be told, so I really appreciate that, Bill. The other thing is, Max Robinson was the first anchorman --- black anchorman on a national network. And I guess some of what Bill said can be summed up in what some older lady in the Hill District once told me. She said, we used to call your dad, Mouth Almighty, because he just could not contain himself, so ---.

Mal Goode was an excellent father, husband and civic leader. He worked with other civil rights warriors, such as Byrd Brown, Alma Speed Fox, Father Donald McIlvane, Reverend LeRoy Patrick, Judge Henry Smith. My dad used to go up and down the Mon Valley giving speeches, and the local NAACP and getting in trouble with the local mayor for going into some places to get a cup of coffee where he wasn't welcome. It would be Henry Smith, his attorney, who later became judge, who would come and get him out of jail. And the picture was of Henry dragging my dad out to the car, and my dad still turning around and

running his mouth at the sergeant at the desk or whoever jailed him.

Nate Smith, Canon Carter, Bishop Foggie, Jim McCoy, Charles Harris, Hop Kendrick, Charles Kendall, the Reverend Herbert Wilkinson, whose grandchildren are here with me today, Matthew Moore and others; there were college-educated people, like Herb Wilkinson and my dad. And there were people that had not gone to college, I assume, like Jim McCoy and others, who altogether, along with the women, like Alma Speed Fox, and a white priests, like Father McIlvane, who would get on the picket lines together ---. Before Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., these Allegheny County residents and others, dead and alive, black and white, men and women too numerous to mention, fought for equality of treatment for all taxpaying and law abiding citizens during the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s. They ran afoul of Boss, David Lawrence and the Democratic machine. They ran afoul of the police department. They insisted that swimming pools, restaurants and other places of public accommodation be open to all. They picketed Duquesne Light, Kaufmann's, Isaly's and Mellon Bank, where because of them, I had a successful 38-year career before retiring from Mellon as a senior vice president in corporate banking.

My generation of young African-Americans drank from the wells that these men and women dug. They dug them without reward and without recognition and sometimes in the face of public scorn. This magisterial compilation of video interviews by Ralph Faulkner, Jr., Voices from the Firing Line, the first full account of the Pittsburgh Civil Rights Movement by Ralph Faulkner, Jr. --- he just completed this and self-published it at his own expense --- has the stories of many of these people, including my dad. And by the way, Bill, you're in here, too.

MR. ROBINSON: I get a free book.

MR. GOODE: This personal account of the civil rights movements is 422 pages long and one-inch thick, and it has a lot of interesting details. My dad worked, as Bill said, with boys at the Centre Avenue Y. He managed housing projects, and he managed circulation for the Pittsburgh Courier and reported news for the Courier and KQV and WEDO, in McKeesport, and WHOD, the Station of Nations at the time, which later became WAMO. And he did a couple of stints for Bob Prince on TV late at night.

However, he was repeatedly rejected by the managements of Channel 2, 4 and 11, because of his color.

When ABC TV, national network, at the prodding of retired baseball pioneer, Jackie Robinson, decided to break the color barrier, they, by picking the most promising black reporter for their national network --- they chose Mal Goode. So at age 54, in 1962, he embarked on a new career, moving his family from Pittsburgh to Teaneck, New Jersey, and he was immediately on the national stage as the first colored reporter of a national television network. He did a fantastic job in New York at the United Nations and around the country, interviewing ambassadors, presidents, civil rights leaders and newsmakers. He was on the Meet the Press show. He developed personal friendships with Malcolm X and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He served as an independent correspondent after retiring from ABC, and he mentored Max Robinson, Ed Bradley, Bernard Shaw and all the others --- black reporters who followed him onto the national stage.

An interesting thing happened when he first came up here, because ABC didn't put him at the headquarters, where he could have been assigned to any story. They put him at the UN behind a very experienced white-haired John MacVane, who was just the prince of the UN news people. And the weekend that the Cuban missile crisis broke, John MacVane was off hunting somewhere with his son, unreachable. And of course, when the Cuban missile crisis broke, they couldn't get ahold of John MacVane, and so my dad stepped into that spotlight and was on the air that day 17 times, standing in front of the UN saying, this is Mal Goode for ABC News, and here's what you need to know about what might happen.

And that was the moment, if you might recall, where we wondered whether or not the world would blow up. But that made him instantly famous, and from that moment on, he was all over the country, at ABC's expense, usually, speaking at NAACP banquets, speaking at most of the predominantly black colleges. And he had quite a reputation, as Bill had mentioned, as a speaker. I'll close by reading my dad's response to Ralph Faulkner's question at the end of the video interview. You guys need to get this book to read about Bill. The questions were, was it all worth the effort, and how would you like to be remembered? Goode responded, sure. One of the joys of my life was seeing a large number of blacks get jobs on

national television, and I played a role in that happening.

I would suggest that those of you who have risen in this country maintain a sense of gratitude, because you did not do it by yourselves. That's my reference to drinking from wells that you did not dig. How would I like to be remembered? I tried to do the best I could with the talents that God gave me, to open doors and encourage others and inspire them, because we are a great people. Mal Goode died in 1995. He was 87 years old. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. GOODE: Okay, everybody. We have --- okay. We have Mal's grandson, my son, Michael, Mal's niece, Stephanie --- Stephanie White. And then we have my sister, Roberta Goode Wilburn. And then we have Stephanie's daughter, Jackie. And then we have Jackie's son, Dominick. And then we have my brother, Ronald Goode, so ---. And then we have Zion (phonetic) and Messiah (phonetic) Wilkerson and Zora Wilkerson. These are grandchildren of Herbert Wilkerson, a good friend of my father's. Come on up. Who else is related? Okay. That's it, I guess.

MR. ROBINSON: We have pictures.

MS. WILBURN: Excuse me. I have something to say.

MR. ROBINSON: Yes, ma'am. If you'll come up here.

MS. WILBURN: Okay.

MR. ROBINSON: We're on television.

MS. WILBURN: I'm Mal --- Mr. Goode's oldest daughter, Roberta Goode Wilburn, and I want to thank Mr. Robinson and the Allegheny City Council. And on behalf of my cousins, my nephew, my brother --- my two brothers that are here, I want to thank you very, very much for this. And I want to remind you that there's an old African proverb that says, a man who is still being talked about years and years after his death, is something to be admired, and the bells are still ringing. My father would have been 106, had he lived, last Thursday, February 13th. And I am extremely proud of being his daughter every time I watch the news; and of course, I'm a news junkie. And every face of color that I see on there, I know whose shoulders they stand on.

So I want to thank you again for this award. And I also want to let you know that this is about his 20th reward posthumously --- I've been keeping up with them --- and he's been gone almost 19 years. We should all be so blessed. Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: The next --- we have a big bunch being read into the record. I'll start with one and then, Joe, you can take over. 8068-14. And the rest --- you can read them all into the record. Okay.

MR. FINNERTY: Excuse me. Could I co-sponsor this one for the Allegheny County Police Bureau retirees?

MR. CATANESE: Certificates of Recognition awarded to the 2014 Allegheny County Police Bureau retirees and thanking them for their many years of service to Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council members Ellenbogen, Finnerty and Macey.

8070-14. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Jeremy W. Carter, of Boy Scout Troop 248, for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Councilman Finnerty.

8071-14. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. William R. Supan, of Boy Scout Troop 248, for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Councilman Finnerty.

8072-14. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Nicholas K. Venturini, of Boy Scout Troop 248, for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Councilman Finnerty.

8073-14. Proclamation congratulating Pittsburgh Conroy School for earning a 2013-2014 Student and Teachers Achievement Results (STAR) award. Sponsored by Councilwoman Green Hawkins.

8074-14. Proclamation congratulating Pittsburgh's Whittier K-5 School, for earning a 2013-2014 Student and Teacher Achievement Award (STAR) award. Sponsored by Councilwoman Hawkins.

8075-14. Proclamation thanking The Honorable Nick Vay, for his many years of dedicated service to the Borough of Lincoln. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

8076-14. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur and Dolores Vidil, upon the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

8077-14. Proclamation honoring in memoriam, Ralph McPherran Kiner, a World War II veteran, Hall of Fame Pittsburgh Pirate player and broadcasting icon. Sponsored by Council members Means, Baker, Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Palmiere, Rea and Robinson.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: One second. We have a --- go ahead.

MS. MEANS: I just want to say a few words about Ralph Kiner. He died last week at age 91, and he's a great hero. First of all, he was a World War II veteran pilot who flew over the Pacific. And then he came --- and before he went and joined the Navy, he was in the Minor Leagues for the Pittsburgh Pirates. And then after he came back, he played for us. And our team wasn't winning. Baseball in America was not doing well, but people came to see Ralph Kiner. And he hit so many home runs, that they named the corner of left field, Forbes Field, Kiner's Corner.

People hung around the game just to see him hit. He has --- he ranks second in the Pirates All-Time Home Run List, of 301. His ratio of 7.1 home runs per at-bats, trails only Mark McGwire, Babe Ruth and Barry Bonds. He led the National League in home runs for each of his seven full seasons with the Pirates, from 1946 to 1952. He held the club record of 54 run homes in 1942. Even in his rookie year, he had 23 home runs. Any time a World War II veteran dies, a star dies. Any time a veteran dies, a star dies. So I just want to thank Ralph Kiner. And if any friends and relatives are out there, know that County Council thinks the world of you. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Joe?

MR. CATANESE: 8078-14. Proclamation congratulating St. Anne Church, upon the occasion of its 125th anniversary, and St. Anne School, upon the occasion of its 120th anniversary. Sponsored by Councilman Palmiere.

8079-14. Proclamation honoring in memoriam, Wendell Freeland, a Tuskegee airman of World War II, respected lawyer and pioneering civil rights leader. Sponsored by Council members Robinson, Green Hawkins, Danko, Baker, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere and Rea.

8080-14. Proclamation welcoming the Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education, Incorporated, to the Allegheny --- to Allegheny County, for their 44th annual conference, from February 26 to March 1st, 2014. Sponsored by Council members Robinson and Green Hawkins.

8081-14. Certificate of Recognition awarded to the University of Pittsburgh 2014 K. Leroy Irvis Black History Month Celebration of the Arts honoree, Nathan Davis, Toi Derricotte and Vernell A. Lillie. Sponsored by Council Member Robinson.

8082-14. Proclamation honoring in memoriam, Delphina Bray Briscoe, for her many years of service to the Pittsburgh Public Schools. Sponsored by Councilman Robinson.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Now we have Public Comment on Agenda Items.

MR. CATANESE: We have four.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, we have four. The first one is Jeff Martin.

MR. MARTIN: Good evening, and thank you for the time. My name is Jeff Martin, West Deer Township. First and more importantly, I'm asking for the council --- I'm requesting the council to override the Chief Executive's recent veto of Act 202. As you know, last --- at your last meeting, we had a majority vote that reinstated Act 202 as it was originally planned for. I have just some quick numbers for you. In 2002 and 2003, Allegheny County had a peak year for new home construction, single past homes, building 4,191 combined in those two years.

In 2012, 2013, the most recent full years, we built 2,673. That's a decrease of 37 percent less homes in that time period. Despite the fact that the population in Allegheny County is on the rise, new homes have gone down and not gotten back to where they were. I have several residents in the community that live here, that are here this evening, all with the same concern. In the past two years, there are 24 home sales in my community --- new home sales that have generated, and I can tell you to the number, 24. The majority of those people bought because of the tax abatement, and it helped them come in.

And just real quick, I want to tell you, our community is mostly empty nesters. They moved there to be in a community where they didn't have to maintain their

home. So the money that you are effectively taking away from them --- because it's my understanding, anybody that was pre-approved last year or thought they had the tax abatement, it's going to be taken from them. You're taking effectively out of a \$250,000 assessed home --- and I have a tax bill here to prove --- you're taking \$100 a month. That's a lot of money for somebody that is looking into retirement. And if they're not in my community, a lot of people, the younger generation, have bought homes. They bought based on the fact that they were going to have a two-year tax abatement in their favor. That means an awful lot, because effectively, \$100 a month equals \$20,000 more they could have either spent on their home or borrowed money-wise. So now they're going to be asked to come up with this \$1,200, which they do not have, they never planned on. And if you have kids or grandkids, you know they don't look ahead. You know, they're counting on their pay increasing in the next two years to make up for this difference. So I implore you to override the Chief Executive's veto of Act 202. Thank you very much for your attention.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. The next speaker is Dion McMullen.

MR. MCMULLEN: Thank you for letting me speak again; Dion McMullen, Londonbury Homes in Carnegie, a resident of Mt. Lebanon. I'm a single-family home builder, building in the municipalities of Upper St. Clair and Moon Township and several others. In your packet you have there, on the chart on the left you'll see the top ten municipalities in the region, and you'll see that only four of them are in Allegheny County for building permits for new construction, then Pittsburgh predominantly in 2013 were apartments, as opposed to single-family homes. That's the 509. And the other three townships, along with probably four or five other townships that have thrived in Allegheny County in the last ten years, you'll find that their taxes have either been lower or have been stable for the last ten years, because they've been able to appreciate the new growth.

And I believe the rest of the county has been able to appreciate that new growth, because those are new tax dollars put on their tax rolls. So that money is newfound money, and we need to continue to grow with new construction and the municipalities, that have grown with new construction have proven that they've been able to

stabilize their taxes, because they're bringing in new dollars. I think that's very important. The other chart you see also shows that new construction, although some people think it's come all the way back --- if you look at the graph, you'll see that new construction is still way down below the 2002 to 2205 numbers in Allegheny County. So we need to promote people that are going to be turning around in the market, to come into Allegheny County and build, as opposed to the surrounding counties to build. I build in Upper St. Clair right on the edge --- I mean, literally, this plan is on the edge of Peters Township. I walked into that plan a year ago with one contract. I have a spec home. I have lost all four of my buyers to Peter and --- Peters and Strabane, because after they looked at the taxes, they didn't buy my model. They bought in Peters and Strabane. And I haven't sold a pre-sale contract in St. Clair with --- we have the top five school system in the State of Pennsylvania, people are still choosing to go to Peters and North Strabane because of the taxes.

Sure, they appreciate the schools but not to the tune of the dollars they have to pay additionally to live in Allegheny County. So I think it's very important to keep the full abatement and to override the veto of Mr. Fitzgerald. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Next is Jim Eichenlaub.

MR. EICHENLAUB: Thank you. My name is Jim Eichenlaub. I live at --- in the Borough of Sewickley. I also have the pleasure and honor of serving as the executive director for the Builders Association of Metropolitan Pittsburgh. We represent over 600 companies, over 10,000 employees who work in southwestern Pennsylvania building the shelter and remodeling the shelter people who now live in our region. I refer to you on the right-hand side of the packet that was given to you, and seeing what kind of cards are stacked against the people who are considering moving into Allegheny County, in comparative to just one town, Adams Township and Butler County.

And as you can see, the tax burden of an individual of an average \$350,000 home is more than over \$3,000 per year in Allegheny County, compared to adjoining Butler County. Adjacent to that is also a spreadsheet dealing with the tax abatement. And frankly, you know, the Chief Executive's statement that one-half of a percent

of property owners utilize 102 --- or 202, that's because that's how little construction is going on in Allegheny County. And money is not lost. It's just like you do your LERTA programs where downtown was seeing a huge influx of multi-family. They're getting a ten year abatement. You're giving them ten years worth of incentives. We're asking for two years on residential construction. And if you can see here, without the abatement, yes, he would receive that extra revenue of \$11,588. The abatement is really --- when you consider the lot increase, is really only \$2,600. So in result, that's really only 100 homes you're talking about that you need to bring back to save that revenue. We don't believe that's the case. The next two scenarios that we show in this graph shows that if those homes and those lots that are currently developed delay two years, trying, as Mr. McMullen said, to get people to come to their lots, you would lose ---. It would take you only two years and still not make up that revenue.

Now, we're not talking about the sales tax. The only sales tax that's in this report is the sales tax on the cost of construction. We pay a one cent extra sales tax in Allegheny County, that if you built the house across the border, you don't pay. So that's \$1,200 on top of the taxes that they have. Finally, if you look at the total loss of revenue if they don't develop --- and we will have homes that will permanently --- obviously, once you've built in another county, it's built permanently --- you're talking about \$496, compared to \$8,987, in that short time frame, until 2020. That home's built well beyond that, as you know. So again, please repeal the ordinance. Please repeal the override and support home construction in this county.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Kierran Young?

MR. YOUNG: Thank you, Mr. President. My name is actually Kierran (changes pronunciation) Young. I live at 5047 Somerville Street, in the City of Pittsburgh. I want to talk to you today about Bill 8043 and 8093. They deal with the legalization and taxation of marijuana on a statewide level. We have a Senate bill --- two of them, actually --- 528 and 1182, which 1182 provides for the legalization of medical use and 528 provides for the tax and sale of marijuana. I believe that both of these things are going to be beneficial for our community, as it pertains to new investment in our school system. We'll

have more revenue to spend. Instead of spending money to incarcerate young people, we can spend that money to educate young people.

And the dollars spent on education are a much better investment than a dollar spent in a prison. I believe that taxing marijuana can bring us a lot of revenue here in this state. I think it's about a windfall of \$300,000,000, once you add in how much we won't spend on incarceration. It can be very, very beneficial, but we have to watch that if they do allow for the sale of marijuana that we don't have too many stores. I've been to Oakland, California, and I do believe that they have an over-saturation of stores. We need to make sure that as a community, that we protect against things like that. That can be detrimental.

I like the way that we do our liquor control. We don't have liquor stores on every corner here in Allegheny County, nor in Pennsylvania. I believe that is a model for what we want to do with cannabis. And I believe that it can be done, and it can be done and controlled in a way that will not be detrimental to the community. I thank you for your time. Have a very nice day.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 80 --- this is Approval of Minutes. 8083-14.

MR. CATANESE: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Allegheny County Council, held on January 2nd, 2014.

MR. KRESS: So moved.

MR. BAKER: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any remarks? Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Presentation of Appointments. 8051-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Timothy M. Hazel, to serve as a member of the Property Assessment Appeals and Review Board, for a term to expire December 31st, 2016. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That would go in the Appointment Review Committee. 8052-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Dr. Rhonda Harrison, to serve as a member of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee, for a term to

expire on December 31st, 2016. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That would go in the Appointment Review Committee. 8053-14.

MR. CATANESE: Do you want me to take them in order? They're all the same committee.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah; okay.

MR. CATANESE: This would be 8053-14 through 8064-14. It's approving the reappointment of Dorothy Antonelli, Chester Babst, III, Esquire, Daniel K. Bricmont, Esquire, David Cannon, Jeanne Clark, Dr. Michael Finewood, Steven Hvozdoovich, Mark Jeffrey, David P. Mazzocco, Robert Orchowski, Joe Osborne, Esquire and Councilman John Palmiere, to serve as members of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2014. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. You went all the way down to 64?

MR. CATANESE: Yes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. Unfinished Business.

MR. CATANESE: Do you want to put that in committee?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. We'll put in the Appointment Review Committee. Okay? All right. Unfinished Business. 8084-14.

MR. CATANESE: Communication from the Chief Executive vetoing County Council Bill Number 7958-14.

MS. MEANS: I'd like to make a motion to override the veto.

MR. ROBINSON: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks, any remarks?

MS. MEANS: Oh, I would like to make some remarks.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I would, too.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MS. MEANS: First of all, I want to thank the builders and the owners of homes that came tonight. I am so proud that you came and participated in a democratic process. You called, you wrote, and that just --- I'm so proud. And I'm proud to fight for you. I look at this money, this tax abatement money, as seed money. What if a farmer came to you and said, hey, I've over-extended myself on my contract to buy a new tractor or farm equipment, and so this year I'm going to save on buying

seeds? That would make no sense. That's what this is, seed money. These contractors --- and thank you for investing in Allegheny County. Thank you for building in Allegheny County. And in a sense, you rescue all of us.

New homes shore up the tax structure in this county. You bring --- you bring revenues. This is shortsighted by the County Executive --- wants to cut here. He's going to save a mere \$2,000,000, which is a tiny --- let me look at the number --- a tiny little bit of money. Our yearly revenue is --- for tax revenues is \$336,000,000. It constitutes only six percent of our property tax revenue. And it doesn't make any sense. Here is a man, a County Executive, who in --- just hold on with me a second --- in 2008 said when he was president of County Council, I think it's so important to note that this is a real estate board or industry has not had a better friend --- or better friends than this council.

It goes on to say, I think the record is clear, and the signal is that if you're going to build and invest in real estate in Allegheny County, you have friends here. You don't have people that are going to raise your taxes, so it's a good and safe and economical place to build. I have also --- it doesn't make sense, too. Two years ago, this motion 202 was passed by an unanimous vote of the councilmen present. And every time --- every time --- it's been voted on, it's been passed unanimously --- unanimously --- except maybe one time Amanda abstained --- I think she was just new --- and sometimes the people weren't --- they were absent.

It's interesting that two years ago, Mr. Finnerty and Mr. Macey were co-sponsors of this bill. And you know, when I look and see who co-sponsored this bill, it was Macey, Finnerty, Gastgeb, Rea, Palmiere, DeFazio, Drozd, Ellenbogen, Futules, Green, Martoni, Robinson and Burn. Yes, they all voted yes a mere two years ago. What changed? Well, the County Executive says we need the revenues, but two weeks ago we called Willie McKain up to the microphone and he said, we're doing just fine. And we actually have even calculated the money was in the budget for the tax abatement, 202 and Act 42. It's already there.

So what is the problem? What aren't they telling us? Well, if you really want to save money, then maybe today we better take a hard look at Mr. Robinson's home exemption. And let's get rid of all the exemption.

You want to save money. Why, the home exemption alone would save us \$26,000,000 a year. I'm not saying I'm for it. I'm just saying, if you want to look for some money, there's some money. And here we have another bill we're going to see tonight sponsored by Mr. Macey. He had --- he wants --- and I'm not saying that I'm not for your bill, Mr. Macey, but it just doesn't make sense. We have this bill --- House bill --- Bill Number 8089. It's on the agenda for tonight. Mr. Macey is asking the General Assembly and the governor to alter the maximum income allowable for senior citizen property tax abatement program, from \$30,000 to \$35,000. Hey, maybe that's a half a million dollars. Why are we going to support his bill and go against families. These are families moving into our county, shearing up our tax system, giving us revenue dollars. And these builders came here tonight. They're the ones that sell the property. They're the ones that get the buyer to sign on the bottom line. If they use that tax abatement to sell a house, and they say they do, then guess what they do? And I'm not finished. Bear with me a little bit longer.

Okay. Last summer, I was sitting in the audience here, and I saw County Council pass a LERTA --- a LERTA --- calling a parking lot down in Oakland blighted, so they can have a tax abatement of \$99,000 a year. Now, listen. I'm all for building, and we all pass legislation all the time. We're encouraging people to build in Allegheny County. If they build, that's --- that gives us a bigger tax revenue. It gives jobs for workers. So why, oh, why, can't this council continue to support families?

These are families coming here, build their homes, investing in our town and our county. They're families. And I don't want to hear ---. I have heard some of my council members say to me, you know what, they're building a new house. They can afford the taxes. Well, let's talk about this. We just heard these people. And how many did he say there was, 24 families who weren't counting on an extra \$100 a month. Hey, maybe they didn't sell their old house, and they still have to sell --- they have two houses that they're paying on right now. Hey, maybe they have college loans or a car loan. But don't ever minimize what \$100 a month means to a family.

And I'm not done. One more thing. I think we have a class action lawsuit on our hands; yes, I do. You look at the state statute, which overrides our statute,

and it clearly looks like to me, like these people have a right because our --- the county solicitor says, it ends, it ends. And I think, according to the state statute, it doesn't. Thank you very much for bearing with me.

(Applause.)

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I'd like to join Ms. Means' comments. I have a few comments and questions of my own. In November of 2011, the County Executive was elected, and this is the first veto, I believe, that has occurred since he was elected. The majority of Council passed Ms. Means' legislation. And I'd like to ask Mr. Fitzgerald some questions, but I don't see where he is. I guess he's not here tonight. We have first veto. There's going to be an enormous amount of families affected, but he's not here to answer any of my questions. So I'm going to put these ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Heather ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Let me finish.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Wait a minute. Wait a minute. No, let me finish. He's not mandated to be here, you know, so there's nothing he's doing wrong. He comes every quarter or else when we set him up to be here. But go ahead, finish.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Well, he certainly could be here.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Anybody could be here; but I'm just saying, he don't have to be.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Well, you know what? I understand you're the apologist for him. But what I'm saying ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'm just telling you the facts. You can say what you want to say. I go by the fact, and I go by the rules of council. You can make all the innuendoes; you can play all the games you want.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I'm not making an innuendo.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah --- yes, you are.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I'm saying he's not here. That's not an innuendo.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I know that.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: He's not here, and he should be here to answer that.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Neither is President Obama here.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: That's true. Okay. So he sent a letter to us, dated February 14th, 2014 --- and

what he said was, quote, my goal is to try to continue to hold the line on property taxes. Now, in fact, what happened was, he was elected in November of 2011. Immediately, this council passed a one mill increase, increasing taxes in terms of \$50,000,000 of revenue. I filed a motion asking that we spend some time trying to find some additional revenue. We weren't allowed to do that. Within six months, we found \$12,000,000, which was the exact amount we needed by raising one fee --- one fee, the Recorder of Deeds fee --- and we raised \$12,000,000. So I don't understand that question, he's trying to hold the line on property taxes. We just --- he just raised them two years ago. And then he said, this is why I continue to look for ways to save money and find new revenue sources. Well, we've been talking on this council about saving money and having hearings to save money. We can't seem to do that. We can't seem to raise any of the other user fees and talk about that.

We have a situation here in which we're going to pass what is a small amount of money in the grand scheme of things, \$2,000,000 that's going to affect a number of families. And then he says, recognizing that without new revenues --- which is what new homes will produce in two years --- the millage will have to be raised at some point in the future. Well, the millage was just raised two years ago. We just raised the millage on every single person in Allegheny County. Is the County Executive now saying that he's predicting a new tax increase? Why? Why would we have a new tax increase, when we've never legitimately looked at the expenditure side of things.

And he's saying here that if we enact this tonight, if we go ahead with the proposed legislation, he's saying it will result in a property tax increase for all taxpayers. What is the basis for that? We have a balanced budget. I asked Mr. McKain last week to come up. He said everything was fine; we have a balanced budget. So you know, I think here that this is a scare tactic, and I don't appreciate the fact that the County Executive, when the legislative branch voted in a majority vote and said that this is a policy that we want to continue, the veto says if you don't go --- if you don't --- if you override it, you're going to force a tax increase on every citizen in Allegheny County, when we know that not to be true. So I really would have appreciated if he would have been here on his first veto. And I think the failure to

do so also sends a message. You know, if he was very strongly in favor of that, he would have been here.

And I also want to add to what Ms. Means said, in terms of the LERTAs, we also were presented for council with a LERTA for Sewickley, but that was a blighted area and we gave a parking lot in Sewickley --- Sewickley a tax abatement. I regularly vote against most TIFs and tax abatements, because I feel like everybody should pay their fair share of taxes. This is a situation where a very short abatement will encourage, especially around the periphery, new homes being built. The number one thing I heard when I ran at large was, I'm moving out of Allegheny County because the taxes are too high. That's the number one comment I hear from constituents all the time. And what does this do? This sends a message, we don't care.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Bill, you were next.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. Mal Goode is alive and well, and his name is Sue Means. I thank Ms. Means for being so forthright. I've thanked her in the past. She's a breath of fresh air. I like her diligence, her hard work and her ability to think for herself. It seems to me that this issue is really about revenue. I said on numerous occasions that the county, in my opinion, does not have enough revenue to do the things we would like to do --- all of us would like to do, and that we need at least another \$50,000,000 to do so.

It would appear that I'm starting to convince Mr. Fitzgerald that we need more revenue, particularly if he's talking about a potential millage or tax increase in the near future. Do you know who's going to have to make that vote? Not Mr. Fitzgerald, with all due respect. It's going to be the 15 of us up here. He's going to dump it, dump it on the body that's already responsible. It was this council, not Mr. Fitzgerald, that voted for the last millage increase. It will be this council, if it chooses, that will have to vote for another millage increase, not Mr. Fitzgerald, not any successor --- successor chief executive. That's a fact.

It seems to me that it would be wise for us to revisit all of the discount abatement programs that we sponsor, LERTA, TIF, 202, Homestead exemption, et cetera.

MR. FINNERTY: In your district.

MR. ROBINSON: Yes, yes; because we're not talking about me.

MR. FINNERTY: No, sir.

MR. ROBINSON: We're talking about the citizens of Allegheny County and our fiduciary responsibility to look out for their best interests, not our best interests. Some of these programs in the '90s, when they were initiated, were very popular. The economy in this country and around the world was much more robust. Some of us experienced the negative of an economy that went sour. Governments experienced that, as well. These programs are politically popular, but governmentally they are a pain in you know where when times are hard. If we're serious, we'll be working with Mr. McKain and his staff to determine what's going to be the fiscal impact, not only of what we're discussing here today but the revenue projections for our county.

If Ms. Means and Ms. Heidelbaugh are correct, in the very near future, this council may be confronted with considering a millage increase. I'm one, as you know, who advocated a higher millage increase two years ago than this council chose to approve. That's the past. If we revisit it again, how high does it have to go until we have enough money to run this county today, tomorrow and into the future? There's about \$70,000,000 that we are foregoing every year to invest in our citizens, which is politically correct. Give the abatements, give the tax breaks, give the incentives, but now this county, I believe, cannot afford all of that.

We need some of that \$70,000,000 to run this government. If we have to wait until someone turns the lights out around here and turns the gas off to get the message that we simply don't have enough revenue unless we raise taxes, we're going to be in for a rude awakening, or our successors are going to be in for a rude awakening, because we can't kick this can down the road much further. The Chief Executive and this council can't have it both ways. It would seem to me that Mr. Fitzgerald is saying he wants it both ways. He wants the revenue, but he's not going to support it openly he's going to have us do that part, but he wants us to believe that the county is fiscally sound.

I've said on several occasions, I don't believe it is, and sooner or later, we're going to have to confront that. I'd rather confront it in a cooperative fashion, between the administration and this council. I've said on many occasions, Mr. McKain and I have a

beautiful relationship. We talk about everything. I can't convince him to support the Ohio State Buckeyes, and he never congratulates me when they win, but I'll work on him on that one. But we have a way of working through the difficult issues by trying to cooperate. Sometimes we agree, sometimes we disagree. But we have never shied away from any difficult challenge. This is a difficult challenge. And I respect what Mr. McKain and his staff are attempting to do. But he might even admit in some other venue, that working together on the revenue issues of this county, is worth our cooperation. I ask my colleagues again to reconsider all these abatement and incentive programs and not allow whatever we're going to do here tonight to dissuade us from focusing in on the revenue issue and asking the Chief Executive to adjoin --- to join us in a joint discussion where he is present, Ms. Heidelbaugh. I agree with you.

I'm not saying he should be here tonight. That's his choice for not being here, and I don't --- I don't chide him for that. But this situation is serious enough that he needs to be with all the council members in a room, to seriously discuss the revenue situation in this county. And we ought to be respectful enough of each other, that we don't have to dash out and tell the media everything we're talking about, until we can stand behind it. So this is not about my constituents. This is about what's best for everybody in Allegheny County. Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I think Mike, then --- oh, go ahead.

MR. FINNERTY: I can go after him.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Boy, I don't know where to start. But when I get called out by name, I'm going to react. As Strother Martin told Paul Newman, what we have here is a failure to communicate. You know, you have a stick here, and I'm just --- with all due respect for my colleagues, I'm coming from a different end of the stick. You know, when people --- and I had an argument the other day with a gentleman who told me that --- you know, I'm building a \$350,000 home, and you're not going to give me that abatement? Well, you know what? If you can afford to build a \$350,000 home, I have to say to you, the people in my district, the people in the Hill District, the people in Rankin and the Mon Valley and Beechview and

Brookline --- you see, we're in here tonight with people who are saying, let's build.

But I suggest to my colleagues, to be in this room when Sheriff Mullen has the sheriff sales of the senior citizens that can barely afford to pay their taxes, they're losing their homes. That's who I'm concerned of. I wish I could build a \$350,000 home. And if I could, I wouldn't mind paying the extra money. But let me say this; with all due respect to folks, I will not ask the people who have to cut their medicines in half because they can't afford it. They're seniors that maybe have lost a spouse, widows, widowers that can't afford because they're dependent on that money to barely be able to, you know, pay their mortgage, to ask them to pay for it.

The point I'm trying to make here is, I bear no malice or anything toward folks that have been successful. But this is the second oldest population in the United States. And there are a lot of people out there in my district and in a lot of my colleagues' districts who are hurting. And if you're fortunate enough to be able to build a new home, then God Bless You. But do not ask from me to make the folks who are barely making it, to pay for it, because reality, that's what's going on here. You're asking people who are the lower middle class in this county to pay for it; because as we sit up here and we struggle to try to find money, \$2,000,000 is nothing, I got news for you.

If I had \$2,000,000, I'm out of here, you know.

MR. FINNERTY: Key West again.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: You got that right. So you know, my point is --- and like I said, you know, everybody got to look at their district. My district --- if you could find somewhere to build a home in my district, God Bless You. You know what I mean? But there's a lot of people out there hurting. Pull back the weeds and look at the people who are suffering; you know, the senior citizens that come to me and say to me, you know, I can barely make it. Come up here and watch the mortgage foreclosures of those folks, and then tell me with a straight face --- you know what, if you can build a half a million dollar home, \$300,000 home, and you can't do it yourself, you know what, then maybe I'll think about it, if you can do it with a straight face.

So like I said, my vote --- and let me just say this before I close. In deference to my colleagues, I was

against anything. But for the sake of cooperation in trying to do it, I was willing to go 50 percent. You know, I applaud Councilman Finnerty, the budget chair, for trying to at least give the folks that are builders --- at least give them half. But like I said, that's where I stand and, you know, so be it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mike, you were next.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to make a few comments in relation to this. Number one, that you have this chart here, and that's a great chart, because in 1996, that was the beginning of this loss of revenue for the county. And if you look across there, you'll see that it stayed about the same, no matter what, until we got into trouble financially because of the banks in '07, '08, '09, '10. And now it's starting to go up.

My point is, this incentive that we're foregoing revenue on, is not doing what supposedly it was going to do. It's not driving families out of here. You buy a house, not because of that incentive. I buy a house --- and I bought a brand new house 20 years ago --- because of the school district it was in. It was Chartiers Valley School District. The taxes weren't cheap, but that's where I wanted to live. Upper St. Clair; you buy your house in Upper St. Clair because of the school district, if you have a family. That is important. It's location and it's the school district that keeps the value of the property up.

It's --- when I bought my house, the lot cost \$20,000. Today a lot in Scott Township costs at least \$80,000. So things have gone up because of the school district and because it's a good place to live. So location and school district are important when you're buying a house. You don't look at this. You can try to sell it because this is an incentive that you're going to get \$100 a month. It's going to be more than that, by the way, if it's a \$300,000 house. But that's not --- a person is buying a house on that amount of money. He's not worried about that incentive. They're worried about their location. They're worried about the school district.

Once --- and a lot of people in Allegheny County, the people that have left Allegheny County, have left not because of county taxes whatsoever. It's the school district taxes that drives people out, because our

school districts have high maintenance. You can take a look at South Fayette for an example of that, a great school district, but the taxes have kept going up because it takes a lot of money to run a great school district and to build buildings. So this is one thing you have to consider here. No, we're not driving families out, and I resent that remark about families. My children all live here. I have four grandchildren. We're proud to live in Allegheny County. It's a great county. It has a tremendous amount of amenities. You have to pay for those amenities. And that one percent you pay is a RAD tax, and that takes care of the museum and all these other --- that people come here to go to see. That's what that RAD tax does. So I understand that. I mean, it was --- I wasn't too much in favor of it many years ago, but as you look at the things that happen here, you see that it's really good for Allegheny County, for the people in Allegheny County.

Now, we want to talk about people that have said things up here that personally are not true. They're not true. It's an opinion; and remember that, it's an opinion, an opinion that we need tax money desperately, that we're going to go broke. That's an opinion. This opinion has been said for five years. It keeps coming up. I'm chairman of the budget committee now. We're doing fine, but we have to look at things. And we have to keep looking at things and say, hey, is that doing what it's supposed to do? Our tax in Allegheny County is extremely low, and I believe that the counties around us have raised their taxes 22 percent or better, every one of them. So that's something to think about, what's been going on.

So that's one of the things. Another one that's been said up here, is we haven't looked at fees and we haven't raised fees. Well, that's totally wrong, because I have a Parks man sitting right here, and we just raised fees in the park, and we've raised fees over in the courts. So we've looked at these things, and we have raised what we should have raised, we think, anyhow. Now we're getting things said about, you know, our Chief Executive that are totally bizarre. I'm budget chair. This council has final vote on all budget matters, so if the Chief Executive wants to raise something, it has to come through us, that's a fact.

This compromise that I proposed was done by me and --- I won't name the other person, but it was done by me. And I went and tried to get support for it. And I

went to the Chief Executive to try to get support, because I wasn't going to put through something like this without his support. And I got his support, and I worked with the assessment office and everyone else to make sure it came out right. That is what a compromise is about, to go and look at things and try to come together on something, not to sit staunchly at one thing and say, if I don't get it, I'm not going to do it. That's not my way. So you know, these things you say about the Chief Executive are totally false in here. It was me, so blame it on me. All right? It's always, like, Mikey did it. Yeah, Mikey did it. All right?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I'll vouch for that.

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah, that's what they always say. But that's what we're looking at. We're looking at something that's going to cost --- we're not taking away the whole ball of wax; like it would be --- at \$300,000, I think it's, like, \$1,400. We're cutting it in half. We're getting a compromise here on something. No other county does that, no other taxing body; 130 municipalities. One does. I think that Pittsburgh does it. All right? But that's the only one. So that's what we're looking at. We're not looking at making a grand lot of money here, but every little bit helps. And I think it's important that we all recognize that fact.

And don't be saying what I can say and can't say, because that's what we're looking at. And I think it's important that we all look that way, because we're talking about everyone in Allegheny County, not just a certain segment, as Councilman Ellenbogen said. You know, he has people in his district that are having trouble even making their mortgage payment or making the tax payment. So when you give revenue somewhere and give an abatement, it has to go --- somebody has to move it. So that's what we're looking at. And I appreciate your attention. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Amanda, you were next.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Like I said the last time we voted on this, and I voted in favor of it, I do have people in my --- in my district who carpool five, six o'clock in the morning, out to the suburban areas, even out to suburban areas in nearby counties, for work. And I do believe that the lack of the abatement will have an impact on construction and, therefore, jobs of my constituents who get in the van 5:00

in the morning, ten strong, to go to work. I do honestly believe that it will impact their ability to work and to take care of their families. And while we're talking about this, we have to think, is this a class battle, like rich against poor, because it's a \$300 house --- \$300,000 house versus a \$30,000 house, or is it a --- an age battle we're talking about people in their 30s and 40s with kids or seniors who are retired; or is it about fairness? And the way I see it, we're talking about fairness for all taxpayers. So if certain taxpayers are getting tax incentives to do things or take advantage of things because they live in a certain area or because they're closer to certain resources, why wouldn't we want to also see that other members of our county also take part in some kind of tax benefit?

And while we're talking about the money not necessarily being a whole lot to them because, hey, they can afford a \$300,000 house, I think we need to be mindful of some of the information that Councilwoman Means mentioned. Often, people are paying for two homes, so they're probably paying two mortgages while they're waiting to sell another one and paying student loans and all that other thing --- all things like that. Excuse me. And when we talk about things like LERTAs and TIFs, you know, those are things that often big business or developers can take advantage of. What is there for the little guy, for lack of a better phrase. And I thought that this was a great benefit for the little guy, even if they're in a \$300,000 house.

I'm not upset with them if they can afford a \$300,000 house. But what I know is that them being in a \$300,000 house benefits the entire community. When someone's in Allegheny County, whether they're in a \$30,000 house or \$300,000 house, I believe that that benefits our entire community, our entire county, more than it would if they lived in a neighboring county. I'd rather have them here. People move or they don't locate here. The financial situation looks bleaker and bleaker for all of us, even those who are having trouble paying their mortgages, even those who are having trouble paying their taxes. The fewer people there are, the situation has become increasingly dire for those who are left.

So what can we do to encourage someone to move here? I think this is a great way to do it, because I do know plenty of people --- work with some, as a matter of

fact --- who have gone to neighboring counties simply because of the taxes. And while you talk about \$200 or \$300, something like that, is not a lot, you're saying, but what they're looking at is the total tax bill. They don't care how you break it down. They just want to know, could they pay their total tax bill for the municipality, the school district and the county when those bills are due, what's the total amount. And when they see the total amount for one county and you know, a total amount for another county, and there's a \$200 difference, it might be the school district that's causing the difference, but they don't care it's the school district. They're going to move to where it's lower.

So I think that this is a great program, and I would hate to see it come to an end. I think it's a great thing for the county and for developers and for people who want to locate here in Allegheny County. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Nick, did you have your hand up before?

MR. FUTULES: No.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Then it's Macey --- I'll get you --- Macey, you, Heather and Sue; so Bob Macey.

MR. MACEY: Yeah. Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. It's always nice to be recognized by fellow council persons. And I think that the argument with regard to new home construction and senior citizen relief is apples and oranges. New home construction, although it does bring new families, possibly --- there's no guarantees there --- new home construction isn't happening in the areas that have been blighted, areas that have a smaller or less housing stock. We believe that --- trying to keep our senior citizens in their homes by having parity with the state senior relief program at \$35,000. Obviously, in the last ten or so years, we've seen the cost of living gone up, so another \$5,000 to be in parity with the state, because a lot of people get confused.

You know, in my district, I'm being asked to do this. I represent those people in my district, although there's other areas, like Councilman Ellenbogen's areas, that also would like to have this type of program instituted. Now, remember, these abatements are always done with the state's approval. It's just not something that we can go ahead and do on our own. These programs

will have to be either approved by the state or, in some cases, taken away. I think that in some of our older neighborhoods, there's plenty of housing stock. And I believe that being able to keep people in their homes, to give them that extra few bucks so they can stay in their homes and continue to at least have some quality of life, is very important. So you know, while you talk about new construction, we have plenty of people who would like to just stay in their homes and keep what they have without being let go or, in some cases, sent from their homes by the banks. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. I made a mistake, a slight mistake in order. I think, actually, Heather's next, Sue, then Nick. Go ahead.

MR. RUSHFORD: Mr. President, if I could speak before them?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah; go ahead.

MR. RUSHFORD: I was just going to say that at this vote, according to the Code, that the Rules of Council requires a 2/3 vote, so it's ten votes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, yeah. Yeah, some of us already realize that. Yeah.

MR. RUSHFORD: I just wanted to be clear on that parliamentary.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. RUSHFORD: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I just wanted to address one of the concerns of my fellow member, Councilman Ellenbogen. And I do understand your concerns, but I want to address them formally and why I disagree with your premise. I don't want it to be unsaid that myself, or perhaps, others who might agree with me, do not share the concern that you have voiced, that the senior citizens and/or people of lower economic means, may not be able to pay their taxes, and therefore, we have to be fair to all. That is always at the front of my mind, and I'm always looking, especially in the TIFs and in the LERTAs, that we are not granting those all the time without being very vigilant about how much taxes we're giving up.

But I have to say, Councilman Ellenbogen, that in my two years here, it appears to me that our votes on those are always --- almost always a yes. We're almost always giving a tax break to companies, to encourage them to build. Now, there's a philosophical view of that.

Okay? But we do, in fact, do that. And I think the votes would, you know, bear my view of it out. And so if that is, in fact, what we're doing, then we're often giving corporations a tax break, because we view philosophically that we want them to come and we want them to build. Then that's almost no different than what we're doing today. But I think if you look at the raw dollars, the tax breaks that we're giving to the companies far, far exceed what we're about to do for the homeowners. And my point on this, although your comments are very, very well taken, and I know that they come from a place where you're caring very much --- and I'm not being pedantic. You're very much caring about the citizens in your district.

In a larger sense here --- and this has been said, but I want to say it just one more time --- when a builder chooses to build that home across the county line, it is a decision that we can never get back. And when it's built on the side of the line, it is a base of tax revenue for a hundred years. And it's an opportunity that we lose forever, which, when it is built on this side of the line, the revenue then decreases the burden on the people that you are legitimately very concerned about. So I think that, one, to --- in conclusion, that if we are concerned about tax breaks, we have to remember now this conversation when we're talking about LERTAs and TIFs.

We're going to have to be much more circumspect in how we're passing this. And I don't think we have been in the past. And number two --- and I say this respectfully to you, because I do respect you very much and your opinion --- is that I believe a no vote on this is a penny-wise pound-foolish, because in the short run --- in the very short run, we're giving up some income, but much different than the corporate context on a TIF or a LERTA. We're losing an enormous number of years of taxes. And I just thought it was important to address it, especially for the people who are watching this, who may feel that we are not seriously taking an equal spreading of the tax burden, which I am very concerned about, and I think I voiced that in a number of Council meetings; so thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Sue?

MS. MEANS: Heather, I want to thank you for pointing that out. When people build in Allegheny County, they're really rescuing us. They're increasing the tax revenues for us all, and they're saving the people and

their poor neighbors from having to have their taxes raised. I wanted to point out that it's the County Executive that made his veto based on delaying future tax increases. That's the only point to make. The other thing I want to point out, too, is that there's 800,000 properties in Allegheny County, 500,000 residential and 300,000 commercial. Dividing the whole of Act 202 and 42 exemptions among them, means a subsidy that amounts to \$2.62 per taxpayer per year. Now I'm not minimizing that. Some people, that's a meal. Really, I understand that. But as a whole, it's right what Heather said. It's penny-wise pound-foolish. It's --- you're going for a little bit of money now that ends up to be a big --- a lot of money down the line.

That wasn't grammatically correct, forgive me, a big --- a lot of money. The other thing I wanted to point out is, I just believe with my whole heart, we're investing in families. And families are our greatest resource. And 202 has been a welcome mat for 18 years to new residents that come and build in Allegheny County. We want you here. And I don't want to pull the welcome mat. And for 18 years, the county has --- the Council has unanimously approved this bill, and I don't understand what two years --- how two years has changed anything. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Nick?

MR. FUTULES: Yes. Thank you. Well, I really don't think we're going to be changing anybody's minds up here, based on what happened two weeks ago, from what I'm looking at. But I want to thank you, Sue, for bringing up our co-sponsorships two years ago. I'd just like you to know that things do change; they do change. Not everything stays the same, our opinions. Being in the majority is sometimes difficult, because maybe two years from now I'll bring up the fact that you gave money away when we're looking to raise the millage. You may not be the first to raise your hand, but the majority may have to. That's a tough decision the majority has.

And I'd like to address the bill on a different note. Today I'm a businessman, just like you fellows. You're not lambs, you're lions. In business, you have to be a lion. You have to adjust to what is. In 2007, this council voted to put a ten percent drink tax on my business. Did I lose money? Absolutely. But what did I do? I didn't sit back and cry about it. I made an

incentive on my own to my clients to get my customers back. I did what I had to do as a lion, not a lamb. So I gave the incentives and proved to them that I was a better choice to come back to Allegheny County for your daughter's wedding. And I believe you gentlemen will do the same. You'll do what you have to do, because you're lions. You're not lambs. You'll stay in business. This will not put you out of business, not that you claimed it will, but I truly believe that giving an incentive like this for somebody that can afford a \$250,000 --- that's a pretty cheap house nowadays, by the way folks. You know, they're \$350,000, \$400,000, the one that I'm looking at, I've seen.

When we're telling them, we're going to buy you a new carpet, new refrigerator when there's people that can't even --- they can't even buy groceries, that bothers me. If I can afford a \$300,000 home, I don't think the incentive is going to bother me, because I've got money. And I truly believe that builders, people that build homes outside the county, those are people I hear that want a bigger, better house and pay the same amount of taxes or maybe a little bit less. But let's keep in mind that that person that sold his house, somebody else bought it. It's not like they left the county and somebody replaced their house. So we're not really losing on that side, as far as population and things; but you know, other communities, other boroughs, like Cranberry, a wonderful place to build; easy access to the airport, great road infrastructure, great schools. Sure, it's a great place to move. They moved there because of the school district in the area, not necessarily because of the taxes or incentive maybe. But everybody has a choice. I truly believe that we're not going to hurt anybody by lowering this to half what was. And that's my opinion. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Yeah, I just have a brief ---. I just wanted to thank my colleagues for their comments. I know they're very heartfelt, and I know that they strongly believe in what they do. And I think in the long run, that there's some merit to what they're saying. My point is, I would have been against it totally and for --- in the spirit of cooperation, I was willing to go, you know, at 50 percent. The only thing that I will say that I disagree with is, you know, a lot of senior citizens don't have the kind of time --- and a lot of people that

are struggling don't really have the time to wait, you know, before they lose their mortgages. I think that there's a balance between people that are losing their homes or we wouldn't have foreclosures, and there's a balance between people who are building their homes, just on a --- on an even keel. Councilman Futules, I think --- you know, he was very eloquent in what he said, that you know, the folks that are successful like that will find a way. A lot of seniors who are physically, you know, challenged or lose a loved one or whatnot, that can't wait that time, I'm willing to take the gamble that --- that these builders are what --- are the lions that Councilman Futules said, and that we can benefit, both. So that's what I want to say. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Okay. Like our Council stated, look, everybody up here has a right to vote, do what you have to do; whatever we think is right, do it. But remember one thing. The motion was on the floor. Mike, did you put the motion ---?

MR. ROBINSON: I seconded it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You seconded it; okay. You got to get ten votes, okay, so we'll go from there, then so everybody understands what's going on here. And we'll take the roll call.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Is this voting in favor of her ---?

MS. MEANS: Overriding ---.

MR. CATANESE: Of overriding ---.

MR. RUSHFORD: Motion to override.

MR. FINNERTY: If you vote yes, you're voting for overriding it.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: So a yes vote overrides.

MR. FINNERTY: If you vote no, you're voting ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: And like I said, I'm not influencing anybody, but if you don't --- if his thing isn't changed, it'll go to 50 percent and it winds up being --- this goes back to where it was and there's nothing. So you got to consider that.

MR. FUTULES: That's not on the table.

MR. FINNERTY: All right. We're voting.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: No.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: No.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: No.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: No.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?
MR. MARTONI: No.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: No.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?
MS. REA: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No.
MR. CATANESE: Yeses; we have 8. Noes, we have

7. The motion fails.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8085-14.

MR. CATANESE: Communication from the Chief
Executive vetoing Council --- County Council Bill Number
7959-14.

MR. RUSHFORD: Is there a motion?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: There's no motion to
override?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Can you do an oral motion?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You can do a motion. Just
say it.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yeah. I have a motion to
override.

MR. ROBINSON: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any remarks? Seeing ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I'll remark.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Let's vote yes on my motion.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Do you want to call roll?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: My most eloquent speech so far.

MR. CATANESE: Once again, you will need ten votes to override. Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: No.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: No.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: No.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: No.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: No.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: No.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 7, noes --- ayes, 8, noes, 7. The bill fails.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 7953-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Dr. Edith Shapira, to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Board of Health, for a term to expire on January 12th, 2017. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go in the Appointment Review.

MR. CATANESE: No, we have to vote on that.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That's a second --- okay.
Second Reading.

MR. FINNERTY: Second Reading.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MS. REA: Mr. President?

MR. CATANESE: That's Councilwoman Jan Rea.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MS. REA: The Appointment Review Committee met and recommended that Dr. Shapira be reappointed to the Health Board. So I make a motion to reappoint.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any remarks? Seeing none, we'll take the vote. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
7954-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Dr. Lee Harrison, to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Board of Health, for a term to expire on January 12th, 2017. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Jan?

MS. REA: Yes. The Appointment Review Committee met and interviewed Dr. Harrison and recommended that he be reappointed to the Health Board. And I make a motion to reappoint him.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any remarks?

MR. FINNERTY: I just want to say one thing. Both of these people that were appointed by the Health Board are extremely well qualified and great people. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing no more remarks, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
Okay. We have 8037-14.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny, amending the 2008 Capital Budget for Allegheny County. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead, Mike.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. We had a meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee, and we moved this to the full council with an affirmative recommendation. I make a motion that we approve it.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Second. Any remarks?
Seeing none, we'll have a roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

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

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8038-14.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny, amending the 2011 Capital Budget for Allegheny County. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mike?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. Again, we had a meeting, also on the same day, and we recommended this with an affirmative recommendation to full Council. I make a motion that we approve.

MR. ROBINSON: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any remarks? Seeing none,
we'll have a roll call vote.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?
MS. DANKO: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?
MR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?
(No response.)
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 14, noes, 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8039-14.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny, amending the 2014 Capital Budget for Allegheny County. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mike?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. Again, the Budget and Finance Committee met, and we moved this to full Council with an affirmative recommendation. I make a motion that we approve it.

MR. MARTONI: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any remarks? Seeing none, we'll take the roll.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 14, noes, 0. The bill passes. Can we take a break so she can change the paper?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Go ahead.

SHORT BREAK TAKEN

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. What were we on, 8040-14?

MR. CATANESE: 8040-14.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny, amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2014 (Submission 02-14). Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

MR. FINNERTY: That's me, again.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead, Mike.

MR. FINNERTY: We also met and discussed this and released this with an affirmative recommendation. I make a motion that we approve it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: So ordered.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Second. Any remarks? Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye. (Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed?

MR. CATANESE: We have to take a roll call.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Sorry. You're right. Take a roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

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

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Liaison Reports. Does anybody have any?

MR. FINNERTY: I do.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd just like to point out something that's going to be happening Sunday, February the 23rd, at one o'clock at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum. This is celebrating the service of a generation of vets. The keynote speaker will be there. His name is Bart Wom (sic), and the people are going to share their stories and show that you're not alone. But veterans are a member of the biggest family in our country. So if you get a chance --- it costs \$5, by the way; I'm going to tell you that --- stop by Soldiers and Sailors the 23rd at 1:00 p.m. It will be well worth it, and you can tour the place. It's tremendous. It's a tremendous building, and it has tremendous artifacts. Thank you.

MS. MEANS: I have something.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Wait a minute. Wait a minute. Go ahead, Sue.

MS. MEANS: Unfortunately, President, I would like to speak to Andy Szefi, and he just left the room.

MR. BARKER: He'll be back.

MS. MEANS: He'll be back in a moment? Okay. Then I'll get a chance to address him, or should I address the council? I could address William McKain.

MR. FINNERTY: I don't understand. These are liaison reports; correct?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah; that's correct.

MS. MEANS: Well, I have something very important I want to bring up.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: What does it pertain to?

MS. MEANS: I'm going to bring it up. Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, wait a second. What does it pertain to?

MS. MEANS: It has to do with --- I need a copy of the deeds and mineral rights of the parks, if I'm going to make a good ascertained --- my decision on drilling under the parks. And I remember this summer ---.

MR. FINNERTY: It's not a liaison report.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No. No, wait. Sue, here's what we could do.

MR. FINNERTY: It's not a liaison report. Your can request it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We could have you talk to --- it's not a liaison report, but you could talk to the --- Szefi or ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I have a ---. I can get you -- he's already given that out.

MS. MEANS: Oh, good. All right. Thank you. Thanks. That's all I wanted.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. Heather, you're next.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Thank you. Thank you. This is a liaison report. This is an absolutely dead-to-the-water liaison report. You can't object to this.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: That's what we like to hear.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I want to commend Bill Robinson, because we now are having a lovefest, he and I. And the reason I want to commend him is because American history has failed to recognize great Americans, and he has, I think, brilliantly and extremely --- in a fascinating way, brought to the county's attention Americans whose history has been ignored. And today we saw an excellent example of that, and I commend him. And I also have recognized that what he's doing, I have failed to do; and that is, bring to the attention of Allegheny County citizens the history of women.

And because of your example, I think that I will be redirected in my efforts to try to bring to the attention of citizens here, the American history of women in Allegheny County that has not been written and has been forgotten. And I just wanted to commend you on the efforts that you've undertaken to educate us and educate the citizens and to sort of, you know, give a pat on the back to people who are heroes, who have stood in the way of opposition and have tried to do the right thing. And so thank you, and I hope that you will enjoy ---. Maybe my other female colleagues --- we can begin to highlight some of the achievements of another sector of the community that have been forgotten, the efforts of women.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: John, do you have a ---?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council, a couple things. One, I'd like to compliment our people in Public Works --- Allegheny County, the City and everyone else --- because this has been a very difficult and trying time here with the weather. And with or without salt, I thought they've done a heck of a job these past --- these past several months

in keeping us active and on the road here. It's been a --- it's taken a real Herculean effort on your part to get that done. And I just want to be on record, Mr. President, to say that I, for one, appreciate it, and I'm sure everyone here does, too. their marvelous efforts and work that they've done.

And also, I wanted --- on a lighter note, Mr. President, I had the --- I had a privilege and occasion to attend the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre production of Swan Lake on Saturday night, at the Benedum Center. And I want to tell you, it was one of the most wonderful evenings that we spent in a long time, and we are so fortunate and blessed in this area to have the ballet theatre be able to do and put on a performance like that. It was absolutely superb and one of the few things that I've been able to get my wife to go to and attend, and she --- we just had a marvelous time.

And I just want to get it mentioned on public record the fact that we do appreciate the efforts of the ballet theatre and all the --- all the people here in Allegheny County and Pittsburgh. And our theatre --- you know, we really have a great theatre section down here now, and I try to attend as much as I can. And we would -- also would attend the Pops --- we have a subscription for the Pops every year. And it's just wonderful to be a part of all that, Mr. President. I just wanted to make that known. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Bob Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yeah. Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. You know, I'd also like to echo what Heather said about Councilman Robinson. I do learn something from you once in a while. Thank you very much. I'd also like to reiterate what I've said before about our volunteer fire companies, the 200-plus fire companies we have in Pennsylvania. We're having a hard time recruiting new members. And of course, in Allegheny County, what we've done is, we've created an incentive for young people to join the fire department. So all we ask you to do is join on for five years, and we'll put you through the FireVEST Program; that's Fire Volunteer Emergency Services Training. And for that, you get two years of college education for free; books, all the fees and tuition. It's just a wonderful, wonderful thing. Keep in mind, I think we've all been to a wedding or two or been to a fire hall where an event is going on --- we have car cruises at West

Mifflin Number 3 --- and it's a way of raising money. Equipment, trucks, everything, doesn't come cheap, and it's getting more and more expensive every year. And while we continue to have increased regulations on what we have to wear, who has to be there, the ages, the training, it takes quite a commitment.

So at least in Allegheny County, we thought that the community college could provide our young men and women --- firefighters, that is --- a college education. Now, just to give you an example of what some of the fire companies do, Buena Vista Volunteer Fire Company, you know, they've fallen on some hard times. Now, they're managing to, you know, take care of their equipment and make sure that they can first respond when they have to. But they have something that's rather unique to a lot of these small communities. And Buena Vista is down by the Youghiogheny River. They have a community swimming pool. That community pool --- they've spent as much as \$15,000 a year just to maintain that pool.

They're on a little hard times right now, and there's a question of whether they're going to keep that community pool. That community pool provides recreation for young people. It keeps them out of the Youghiogheny River, from swimming. And it's just a great place for people to recreate. And so if you have a couple extra bucks in your pocket, I think the Buena Vista Volunteer Fire Company would really appreciate that. So remember, when you see a volunteer fireman, thank them for what they do. They're doing it at no cost to you. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Let's start with Barb at the end.

MS. DANKO: Okay. I just want to announce two events that are coming up. One is the annual --- Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank and Just Harvest have their 19th Annual Empty Bowls dinner on Sunday, March 2nd. If you want to have more information, go to the pittsburghfoodbank.org website. And on that same date, some of you --- if you're of the Irish persuasion, you've probably been there, but they have Irish Night at Central Catholic, also on March 2nd, where they raise money for the crew teams for Central Catholic and Oakland Catholic, in memory of a student who was on a crew team who died tragically, Brandon --- Brandon Fuller; so two good events.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Jim?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: A couple things; first of all, Councilman Robinson, that was stellar. There's no other word for it, I'm telling you. If anybody remembers that I had brought up the County Hall of Fame to recognize some of the people who had contributed all the great things that have made this county what they are and went on to national providence, people like Jonas Salk, Mr. Goode. In conjunction with some of the things that are going on, I intend to bring that back up and bring it to fruition. And that gentleman, Mr. Goode, would be a great candidate, someone who should be honored.

On another note and to echo Councilman Palmiere, I'm very proud to say that the county snow guys --- and they are still the best. And I'm proud to say that when I was chief of special services, 90 percent of those supervisors that were my guys, are still on the job, still doing the job every day. And many of those drivers that went out and risked themselves working for me, I know many of them personally. And a lot of them texted me during that, teasing me; like, you sure you don't want to come out? So I'm very proud of the work that they've done over the years, and they should be commended for always, you know, keeping our roads safe.

I just have one other Point of Order, Mr. President, and this is in reference to --- you know, Councilwoman Means had brought something up, and different presidents that I have sat under, some would rather you bring up these things under the liaison reports, others under public business, as President, do you prefer --- you know, if you have an issue that has nothing to do with the agenda, when would you prefer that they be brought up?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, I'd like to try to keep it --- try to go by the rules. If we have liaison reports, I think we should go to liaison reports.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Would you rather it be under, like --- like, I know, like, a lot --- like, President Martoni and former President Burns, I mean, we would love to do it before we went into public comment. Is that okay with you?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, that would be fine.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Okay. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mike?

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah. I'd just like to mention one thing, that Director Jerry Tyskiewicz has sent an e-mail to us in relation to the questions that were asked of

him at the last Budget and Finance meeting. So if you get a chance, Walt has sent you an e-mail in regard to those questions; so check your e-mail. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Seeing no more, we'll go on. New Business and Ordinance, Resolutions.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President? I'm sorry. I'm interrupting you. I'm sorry.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, okay.

MR. PALMIERE: I just thought --- I would like --- if it's possible, I would like ---.

MR. FINNERTY: We have to get it on the record.

MR. PALMIERE: We got to get it on the record first; okay.

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah.

MR. PALMIERE: I jumped the gun. I'm sorry.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. 8086-14.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance amending Chapter 215 of the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances entitled, Boards, Commissions and Committees, Article III, entitled Councils of Friends, Section 215-12, entitled Election of Officers, in order to expand the terms of the Chair and co-chair served on the Council of Friends organizations, for each of the nine county parks. Sponsored by Council members Means and Palmiere.

MR. FINNERTY: I make a motion that we put it on the ---.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. It's in second. Now go ahead.

MR. PALMIERE: Okay. Mr. President, thank you. I would like, if it's possible, for us to waive the second reading here, Mr. President. This has been kicked around for a while as to what we're going to do about the Council of Friends situation pertaining to their officers. And at the present time, they're elected for a year, with a year option. And we've had several requests from them to extend that to two years, with a two-year option. And that's what this particular ordinance is about. And if we can, I'd like to have the second reading waived.

MR. FINNERTY: I'll make --- I second that.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any remarks? Sue?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you.

MS. MEANS: I think Barbara Danko has a question.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: That's up to the President of Council.

MS. MEANS: I'm sorry; sorry.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Just call my attention to which ---.

MS. DANKO: Is that the only thing that this legislation does, is just extend the ---?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes. Yes, it is.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Because I've now seen other versions of legislation that did a lot more than this.

MR. PALMIERE: No, this is just this particular issue.

MS. DANKO: All right. Thank you.

MS. MEANS: President, may I say a word?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Wait, one second. We've got --- one, two three. Go ahead.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I have a question. This is for the Council of Friends. Does this legislation pertain to all the Council of Friends?

MR. PALMIERE: Absolutely.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Okay. So it's the whole county then?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. Now, Sue, then ---.

MS. MEANS: Well, I just wanted to say, at the present --- just to clarify, at the present time, you can be elected as president for one year and then re-elected a second term. So this changes one word, from one year as Chair or co-chair of the Council of Friends, to two years. And then the second term remains. So the Chair and co-chair would be able to serve four years.

MR. FINNERTY: Yes, that's right.

MS. MEANS: Yes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Bill?

MR. FINNERTY: Well, I'd like to --- oh, sorry, Bill. Did you want to say something?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Let Bill ---.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. I think that this --- it makes a lot of sense to waive the second reading, because it addresses probably a day-to-day problem that we're not even aware of, but it also teases up the question of, what are the duties of the Chair and the Vice Chair? And also, are the

Council of Friends required to make any reports to this council? If so, I've never seen one.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I don't think they make one.

MR. FINNERTY: No, they're not.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Hold on a minute. Okay. Mike, and then ---.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. What I'd like to do is just read what the Chair --- what's changing. If you take a look at the ordinance, A is staying the same, elected officials. B is where the change is. And it says, all officers shall be elected by the members for a term of two years, and no officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms in that office. That's the section that changes, okay, so that's where we're at. That's all.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. Who had another question down here? Jan, you? Jim? Somebody? Go ahead.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: It sounds like discussion is going on, on the merits of the motion. Is this something where we need to vote to waive second reading first?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Okay. Then we don't need ---. There will be two votes?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes. Then we can discuss it.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Thank you. I've seen the confirmation. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Heather?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yeah. I just want to say --- and I don't mean to say this again, but --- I philosophically am opposed to waiving the second reading of most legislation. I just think that due process requires us to allow the public to come in and give us a viewpoint. And when we rush to do that, I think we're not doing what we should be doing. Unless it's an emergency --- this clearly isn't --- they should go to a committee to run through the process. And I see --- to me, I see what is an alarming increase in waiving the second reading. And I just think that, as a body is not good for us. So I'm going to vote against that, for that reason.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just have one comment. One of the problems I have with this is --- you know, the Council of Friends is a great thing, this and that; however, you know, there's a lot of maintenance issues in the parks. And you know, Councilwoman Green just brought

up some serious merit a lot of these things --- and Councilwoman Heidelbaugh. Some of these things I'd like to hear vetted, for the simple fact that, you know, I don't like to just unilaterally give power to people who may decide that they want to interfere with some of the things that are maintenance issues, or whatnot, in these parks. So you know, I'm a little hesitant here, only based on the fact that I'd probably like to hear more about it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. These are a host of unsung heroes. These people are volunteers. They come out because of the love for the parks and are appointed not because of politics, but because these people want to see something done with the park. And in many cases, they're doing what we can't do, they're raising money, they're raising awareness and they're doing things for the parks that I think should be commended. And therefore, I'm going to vote in favor of waiving this. I don't see it to be a real technical issue, other than we're encouraging people to continue to volunteer. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Nick --- Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Well, jeez, it seems that I'm the chairman of the parks. I would like to say this ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Do you have anything to say about the parks?

MR. FUTULES: Yeah, I'll give it. I agree with what Mr. Macey just said, and quite frankly, I'm okay with waiving the second reading because I believe this is pretty much an easy vote. I don't think there's anything detrimental to the community by not going to the committee process. So I'm okay with waiving the second reading as the chair.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I like to bring these things to real life, so I'm going to do so. When the parks were under me, I had situations where groups decided that they wanted all these nice little --- up at the wave pool, these nice little islands of grass and then all these other little tree things in the middle where we used to cut the grass with batlings (phonetic). Well, let me tell you, that costs the taxpayers money, because I had to --- now I couldn't just use guys on mowers just --- with these big batlings to go through those fields. I had to put

other laborers up there and trim the grass, to go up around the wave pools and that.

Yes, these are very real maintenance issues. And when you let groups ---. And although --- you know, I appreciate their volunteerism, I really do. I think it's great. But they're no less than these folks here that volunteered for --- to be here every meeting. The point is, is I need to make sure that it's done in a structured way that, you know, Mr. McKain doesn't pull his hair out of his head saying, now I got to hire 15 more laborers because everybody decided these trees would be really pretty, but who's going to --- who's going to trim the trees? I need another arborist, you know. And to sit there and say that, you know, these issues of what these folks do don't affect that; I mean, I ran those parks.

They were under my auspice, the maintenance of them. So I speak to what I know. And they always interfered with stuff. I appreciate what they do. I think it's great that they volunteer. They love those parks. But with him sitting there, Mr. McKain is responsible for the taxpayer money, to make sure that he can do it in the most efficient way. So I don't think waiting two weeks should be a problem here. And the fact that everybody wants to push this through without waiting two weeks, really raises my antennas on this one. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Jim, I understand your point, but I'm not sure where your argument is going because all we're doing is extending their term to two years versus one, and that's the way I see it. But as far as waiving the second reading, we've got quite a few. You can ask them now. That's fine. But I just don't see a need to go to committee on this. Quite frankly, let's let everybody vote, and we'll make a decision.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Mr. Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. First of all, this --- we are working on a handbook, and this has been going on for --- since I'm down here --- about what the role of the Friends of South Park and all the other parks are, what their role is. We're addressing this. This is just the first step. They've requested that they would like to have some kind of balance here with their officers and some continuity. That's all we're doing here. As far as them making decisions down that

park or in any of the parks, that's not happening. Everything goes through this council. There is nothing ever going on in those parks that doesn't come through here first, through the chair --- the parks chairman and so on.

So I would --- and all we're asking for here is step one, just to give these people an opportunity to have their officers be --- have some continuity with their officers, and that's it. This is just the very first step. We are working on a handbook and it will be presented in committee. And it will be presented to this full council in due time. We are working on this. And I just --- I would --- please help --- you know, please understand, we're not trying to pull anything here. This is just an honest request to move things forward, period. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Ellenbogen, then Amanda.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Yeah. With all due respect, if I put up an issue to say that I'm going to extend my term for another year, boy, I'd like to see what the public would say about that, without it being vetted.

MR. PALMIERE: Well, I'll tell you, you won't get too popular.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I got the floor. I have the floor. And I have --- I've been --- no one has run against me for the last two terms, so maybe I shouldn't even run. You know, why don't we just vote to extend my term? What I have to say to you, that if the president of the South Park Friends wants to go in front of Mr. Futules and Mr. Macey and explain why he needs to have his term extended --- because the way I see it, if he's that good, they'll want to put him back in, just like they want to put me back in. So that's how I see it. I don't see anything wrong with --- you know, there's a lot of things that come through this council, a lot of things. And you and I both work full-time jobs and, I mean, you know --- all I'm saying is, you know, bring it down here and explain it, because --- you know, let me tell you something. You know, there's a lot of examples in history without me going into them, where a guy said, you know, I just --- maybe just need to move my border just this much (indicating). So with that, I'll just close.

MR. PALMIERE: Can we call the question, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Wait a minute. You're going to need two-thirds for that.

MR. CATANESE: You need ten votes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Two-thirds, that's what I said.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: He needs a second first.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, I stopped him ---. Here's why I stopped this. We have one more speaker, Amanda.

MR. PALMIERE: Oh, I'm sorry.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No, look. Technically, if you say you want to have --- go ahead. Go ahead.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Thank you, Mr. President, and I heard those seconds. But in any event, while this is something I can understand and be in favor of, because I understand the reason for continuity and high turnover tends to diminish growth or harm growth in some ways. I would, out of respect for my colleagues who have concerns about it, ask that we do discuss this in committee. It is just two weeks. I do appreciate the bipartisan nature of it, but we do have council members who want to talk about it more fully in committee. And they do bring up a good point where maybe members of the public ---. It might be highly unlikely in your mind that members of the public will comment on it, but let's afford a member --- any member of the public that opportunity, because we're here for them and not for ourselves; so thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. We could take a voice vote.

MR. CATANESE: No, it has to be a roll call.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No, no. We'll take the roll call, then we'll take the roll call we have to take; at least I thought.

MR. CATANESE: This is waiving the second reading. Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: No.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: No.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Nope.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: No.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: No.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?
MR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?
(No response.)
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: No.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Yeses are 8. Noes are 6. It

fails.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. It will go into the Parks. Okay. 8087-14.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, in order to decrease the amount of assessed value of each homestead and farmstead property within Allegheny County, to be excluded from the Allegheny County property taxation. Sponsored by Councilman Robinson.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. This will go into Budget and Finance Committee. Bill, do you have something to say?

MR. ROBINSON: Mr. President, thank you very much --- and members of Council. I don't want to belabor the point, but the purpose of this bill is to essentially reduce the amount of the homestead exemption to reduce it by 50 percent. This relates to my concern that this is the biggest discount program we have, \$26,000,000. I think at least \$13,000,000 of those million would be better applied to our current and future economic situation. And as we consider if we want to keep these programs in place --- I think this is the largest program might give us an opportunity to fully review what we might want to do in the future. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. 8088-14.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to acquire by condemnation, a certain 0.195 acres of required right-of-way, 0.098 acres of required aerial easement and 0.035 acres of required drainage easement, of A.W. and Ester F. Levine, Allan M. and Deanne L. Hirshberg, Deanne L. Hirshberg as Custodian for Lawrence M. Hirshberg, Deanne L. Hirshberg as Custodian for Sally R. Hirshberg, Deanne L. Hirshberg as Custodian for Ellen I. Hirshberg, Ellen --- Lawrence Levine, Lawrence Levine as Custodian for Richard Benjamin Levine, Lawrence Levine as Custodian for Harry Edward Levine, Lawrence Levine as Custodian for Barbara Ruth Levine, Stanley Levine, Stanley Levine as Custodian for David Robert Levine, Stanley Levine as Custodian for Howard Edward Levine, Stanley Levine as Custodian for Betsy Ruth Levine and Stanley Levine as Custodian for Susan Harriet Levine, required by reconstruction of Thompson Run Bridge Number 5, also known as Homeville Viaduct (TS05-0510), carrying Homeville Road (5149-02) over Thompson run, Grant Avenue Extension and tracks of Union Railroad Company in West Mifflin Borough; and to take such further actions as may be necessary under applicable law, including the Eminent Domain Code. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We're going to put that in Public Works. 8089-14.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, urging the General Assembly and the governor to amend 16 P.S. Section 6171-B(A)(4)(iii), to authorize the county to revise the eligibility standards for its program establishing Senior Citizen Relief from County real property taxes, in order to render such standards consistent with those contained within the Commonwealth's Senior Citizens Rebate and Assistance Act eligibility guidelines. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That would go into Government --- Government Reform. Mr. Macey, do you want to say anything at this point?

MR. MACEY: Yeah. I'd just like to reiterate that we have a lot of housing stock in my neck of the woods in my district of 94,000 people. And many of the people that live in those homes are seniors. And what we're trying to do is just get in parity with the state,

so our seniors can enjoy the --- you know, the twilight of their life in their home that they've so enjoyed over many, many years. And I think this is a way of doing it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. 8090-14.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny, amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2014 (Submission 03-14). Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go into Budget and Finance. 8091-14.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny, amending the 2014 Capital Budget for Allegheny County. Sponsored by Councilman Robinson.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Robinson, do you have anything?

MR. ROBINSON: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. This is a follow-up to my concern that we provide a protective vests for our building guards. A minimal amount of money is being requested so we can start that process. There are protective vests now that have cameras in them, that some of our police officers throughout Allegheny County utilize. Our building guards are very vulnerable. It seems to me that if we want to prevent some tragedy, giving to our building guards who are not authorized to carry weapons some protection. Protective vests will give them some protection, because most of them are the first people that our visitors meet. A lot of things happen in this building where our building guards are completely exposed to citizens before they enter the building. And there could be a tragedy. Let's not wait until an incident occurs, to at least provide these men and women with some protection. That's the purpose of this bill, to take a small portion of our Capital Budget and direct it towards buying vests for our building guards. Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8092-14.

MR. FINNERTY: Are you sending that to Budget and Finance?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. That will go to Budget and Finance. I thought I said that.

MR. FINNERTY: All right.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution amending the New Home Construction/Improvement Program Resolution, enacted

May 23rd, 1996 by the Board of Commissioners of Allegheny County, at Agenda Number 700-96, subsequently amending by Resolutions Number 22-00, 6-01, 61-02, 04-04-RE, 49-05-RE, 07-08-RE, 25-09-RE and 30-11-RE, by providing for the continuation of the Allegheny County New Home Construction and Improvement Exemption Programs. Sponsored by Council members Finnerty, DeFazio, Futules, Ellenbogen, Macey and Palmiere.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. Yes. I'd like to waive the second reading and move this forward. We've discussed this forever at the last meeting. This is ---. Yeah --- well, we didn't discuss it tonight, but it's --- what it's doing is, it's raising the Act 42 amount from \$36,000 to \$66,000. Act 42 is a remodeling or adding an addition onto your house. It's also taking Act 202 and giving it --- cutting it back to 50 percent of the total.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks ---.

MR. ROBINSON: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. ROBINSON: I'd like to raise the point that this legislation concerns two subjects, and therefore, is outside the purview of our discussion tonight. I believe our rules prohibit legislation being presented that addresses two subjects. As Mr. Finnerty has so eloquently indicated, it addresses two subjects.

MR. FINNERTY: If I could respond to that, please?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. FINNERTY: This is what it's --- this is a state mandate, and it isn't two --- two by the state mandate.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Let's do it this way.

MR. FINNERTY: That's exactly why the Chief Executive had to veto both, because it is a state mandate.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'd like to ask our solicitor to weigh in on this.

MR. RUSHFORD: The issue is that the original legislation, Act 202, and the other bill, 42 --- that's a part of one --- one motion --- or one resolution, rather. So in order for it to be amended, as is proposed, to address both of those actions, it would need to be addressed in one resolution, as is done here, if that makes sense.

MR. ROBINSON: Mr. President, if I might?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. ROBINSON: If the solicitor is finished, I'd just like to make a comment on what he said and what Mr. Finnerty said. I don't believe that in this instance, state provisions supersede the rules under which this council is operating, which prohibits what our solicitor has said. And if we made a mistake in the past, shame on us. I don't think we ought to repeat that. And it might serve us better if the bill is sent back to committee until this issue is resolved, because in the future we're probably going to face legislation where two subjects are in the same legislation, and that is obviously contrary to our rules and regulations.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: I'd just like to mention one thing to Councilman Robinson, which I believe --- he's bringing that up, and that's a very good point. But Mr. Robinson has introduced a number of legislations that have two things in them. One is opening a budget; the other is supplying vests, just to mention one thing. That's two things in one. The other one was the operating budget, to opening the operating budget to do vests, again. That's two things.

The next is opening the Capital Budget, so that he can get \$25,000 to do a survey of Shuman Center. That's two things. Now, if we're going to follow these rules, let's do it, but this is something that can be in one thing, as our solicitor has stated. So let's make sure if we're going to say something like this, that it's followed through, because I look at it because I'm in the budget department, and I get these legislations.

MR. RUSHFORD: If I could just add to what I was saying ---

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. RUSHFORD: --- and to cite for purposes of the record and those watching this, the Administrative Code of Allegheny County provides under Section 5-311-02, Subsection B, no ordinance or resolution shall contain more than one subject. So that's what we're talking about here that Councilman Robinson has been talking about. With this issue of abatement, it's my opinion --- and I think this was probably the opinion of County Council and the staff in drafting the initial legislation --- that the issue of abatement be one subject, whether it be abatement

for a renovation project or renovation for new construction. I think that was the interpretation there and I would suspect and I would follow with it that --- on the issue of abatement and being one subject.

I think, though, if you were to say that you were passing legislation that would be tax abatement and, you know, putting money into the Pittsburgh Zoo, those would clearly be two separate subjects. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Based on that, I think we're going to move forward. So is there any more comment? This --- do we have a ---? Do we have a motion to waive the second reading?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes, I did, and I had a second.

MR. MACEY: I seconded.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Is there any other comment? Yeah?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: The only comment I want to say is that, you know, Councilman Finnerty worked very hard to come up with a compromise, so that nobody walks away from the table empty handed.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Is there any other comment? Mike?

MR. FINNERTY: I'd just like to mention one thing, that it's important that we pass this. It's getting close to the time where we can't do this if we don't pass it. I mean, it's going to be too tough on our assessment office. And we've talked about it forever, and I think everybody understands what it is. So I'll leave it at that, and we have a second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Heather had a comment.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: The solicitor has ruled and ---. The solicitor has ruled, and therefore, that is the ruling. But I just want to make the record clear for the citizens that a vote does not necessarily mean, in acquiescence, that we're in agreement with your ruling.

MR. RUSHFORD: That's correct.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Sue?

MS. MEANS: I just want to say, I'm going to vote in favor of it because half a loaf is better than none. But I think I demonstrated my allegiance 100 percent.

MR. FINNERTY: And you did; very eloquently, by the way.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Heather? I mean --- I'm sorry --- Amanda.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: That's okay. Thank you, Mr. President. And I just wanted to say that I will also support this motion that's been co-sponsored by many of my colleagues here because, indeed, half full is better --- is better than none. And we want to make sure that people have some form of incentive, because without the legislation, there is absolutely nothing. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Let's take the vote.

MR. FINNERTY: So it's going to be ---?

MR. CATANESE: This is to waive the second reading.

MR. FINNERTY: Waive the second reading.

MR. CATANESE: And you need ten votes.

MR. FINNERTY: We need ten votes.

MR. RUSHFORD: That's correct.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: No.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Nay.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 12, noes, 2. It passes, so
it waives.
MR. FINNERTY: We waive.
MR. RUSHFORD: We waived the second reading.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Now, let's go with a
motion.
MR. FINNERTY: I make a motion to approve.
MR. MACEY: Second.
MR. ROBINSON: Mr. President, if I might?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, go ahead.
MR. ROBINSON: I can appreciate the
aggressiveness of our budget chairman, but I need to
remind him that suggesting a personal affront to a member
is also in violation of the rules. We can disagree. We
can even be disagreeable. But at all times, we should be
respectful, tolerant and willing not to make accusations
and statements simply because we disagree with somebody.
And I would simply remind the gentleman who is chairman of
the Budget and Finance Committee, that I was feeling
personally affronted by some of his comments and
insinuations. Thank you, Mr. President, and members of
Council.
MR. FINNERTY: Could I respond to that?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.
MR. FINNERTY: I think I'm feeling the same way
by some of the things you've said. Thank you.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. All right. I think
we're ready for a vote. We're ready for the vote.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?
MS. DANKO: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: No.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?
MR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?
(No response.)
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Nay.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 12, noes, 2. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Notification of
Contracts. 8094-14.

MR. CATANESE: You missed one.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, we didn't do 8093?

MR. CATANESE: Yes, we didn't do it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Okay.

MR. CATANESE: Okay. 8093-14. Expressing the
Sense of Council of Allegheny County, calling for the
General Assembly to support legislation allowing for the
compassionate use of marijuana for legitimate medical
purposes. Sponsored by Councilman Robinson.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go in Government
Reform Committee, unless you want to say something.

MR. ROBINSON: If I might. I think there is
enough evidence, some of which has been presented to
members of Council to support the use of medical marijuana
in our Commonwealth. I would hope at some point when this
bill is in committee, that we will ask Dr. Hacker, the
director of our health department, to join us in a serious
conversation. It's obvious that some members of this
council probably would like to support the medical use of
marijuana, if for no other reason, than you have
constituents whose family members are suffering.

And there's medical evidence that the controlled
use of marijuana would be helpful. All of us who have had
any medical procedure, including dentistry, have been
affected by a controlled substance; cocaine, heroin,

Fentanyl, to name a few. These are used regularly by doctors and dentists under the control of the Drug Enforcement Administration. To not consider asking the General Assembly to put in some of their time to see how we can help little children and others who might be helped by the medical use of marijuana, I think is not a wise use of time. And hopefully, Mr. President, once this bill goes into committee, that we will avail ourselves of Dr. Hacker's extensive expertise. Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council.

MR. FINNERTY: John?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. FINNERTY: I'd just like to say I agree with that.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Let's go to 8094-14.

MR. CATANESE: Summary of the approved executive actions for all departments, from 1/1/14 through 1/31/14, to be received and filed. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Does somebody want to make a motion?

MR. MACEY: So moved.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Somebody wants to second?

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Any remarks? Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We now go to Public Comment on ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: You indicated, Mr. President, that before public comments, in response to Mr. Ellenbogen's question ---. Mr. Szefi, don't leave yet.

MR. SZEFI: What's that?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: We could ask a question.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Szefi?

MR. FINNERTY: Mr. President, I have to leave. I have to be in Carnegie. I was supposed to be there an hour ago.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Do you want to come up and ---?

MR. SZEFI: Sure, sure.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I want to --- I want to be very careful. There's been some recent reports in the press, and I'm wondering if you would agree to meet with --- because it's legal, I was wondering if you would

agree to meet with Council regarding those reports. And I don't know if we can do it privately or not, executive session, not tonight, but at your convenience to discuss some of the reports in the press.

MR. SZEFI: Well, I think we're in the process of addressing those reports, so I think there will be a more substantive update here, hopefully after tomorrow. So I --- I don't know how that would work, Councilwoman, with all of you together asking me questions about the department. If anybody has any questions about it, they are, of course, free to call me. I'd be happy to answer questions about it. I don't know --- I would defer to your solicitor here on whether --- if you guys all got together in executive session on a personnel matter or that's beyond Council's purview.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Well, I'm trying to be sensitive here, but these reports have surfaced.

MR. SZEFI: Uh-huh (yes). I appreciate the sensitivity, I do. I mean, I'd be happy to talk to you about it or anybody else, I really would.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: And you know, it is --- the problem is the sanctions, that the county has been sanctioned.

MR. SZEFI: Correct.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: And so, you know, you are a very serious man, and this is a serious issue.

MR. SZEFI: That's correct.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: And I appreciate your serious response, and I'm trying to do it in a manner in which is appropriate. But I think that as stewards of the county's money, because it's going to come out of the county's money and the taxpayers' money, I think it's an appropriate issue to discuss. Now, I don't want to ask a lot of questions here in a public forum, so ---

MR. RUSHFORD: I was going to say, I think the ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: --- I would appreciate if you would --- if you could get back to us ---

MR. SZEFI: Sure.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: --- and in a way that suits your schedule, have a time in which you're available for some of us to ask you questions. Now, someone else much smarter than me will have to figure whether that could be a closed door session or if Sunshine requires it to be open. But I would not have asked this question had it not

been in the paper. And I think we need to understand it. I'll tell you where it is.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: She'll tell you afterwards. Okay. We'll vote.

MR. RUSHFORD: I was just going to say, in terms of the issue because it involves personnel, it's our opinion that it's executive session material. That's not to be --- that's not to say that the questions cannot be asked, but it is not because of the personnel issues involved, which are clear. It would have to be in an executive session. So we will work with the law department on that sanction.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Thank you. Okay. Public Comment. We have Lester Ludwig.

MR. LUDWIG: My name is Les Ludwig. I live at 6589 Roseworth Street in Squirrel Hill. And I want to take you on a trip. I want to take you back 12 years when I went into city council for the first time in Mr. Furlough's prime. And first let me interrupt and thank Amanda for recognizing me. And I was seated at the Council table on the subject of I had brought up the idea of three cents per personal check to support education. And that was before the Promise program. And I'm not making any fun of the Promise program. Gosh, it's going to be a difficult scene if Bill Gates would throw us his support. What's the reason for bringing it up? I was trying to fill a need. Let's move forward.

I spent from 2005 roughly to --- 2003 to 2008 on another need. What was that need? I paid for the trips to Washington, D.C. I paid for the trips to all the surrounding counties to the police departments. Why? Because Dave Adams and I said this area, looking at a national map, has no HIDTA office. What's a HIDTA office? A high intensity drug trafficking office of the federal government.

And if you look at a map, from the Carolina Coast all the way up to Buffalo there is no HITDA office even to this day. Dave's currently trying to fill that need. What have we had as a result? 22 ODs. Now, trying to be a visionary is an extremely difficult job. I came here again because there's a need. And everything you said tonight, folks, has been about that need and --- and that is, money. And I came here and asked --- and Mr. Szymanski and Mr. Robinson sat with us, with the Chair of the City of Pittsburgh because not one city,

15 to 20 cities have picked up my idea of how to finance government with less taxation, the subject that you spent the whole evening on. When is Mr. Finnerty, who I've called and left a message for or anyone else going to contact me?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Summarize up, please.

MR. LUDWIG: I have ---

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Are you done then?

MR. LUDWIG: --- during your interruption, sir.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, no, your interruption. Look, you take overtime every time. We have rules.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: President DeFazio, we need a change of a position that goes back 1,000 years. We have to turn away from taxation as the only base of government. Good day, sir.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: See ya later. Chris West?

MR. WEST: Hello. Chris West with Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. I just wanted to raise awareness about a couple of programs. I appreciate the Empty Bowls shout out, that's an important fundraiser. We also have the Great Garden Giveaway where we're giving plants to folks and produce to people, distribution, so they can grow their own food and plant a row, where we're asking folks to plant an extra row, donate produce to the food bank. So we're working with Councilwoman Heather Heidelbaugh and her law firm Leech Tishman on this. And that connection came about because I spoke here last year. Ms. Heidelbaugh contacted me to set up a meeting. And she's very passionate about ending food insecurity and wanted to do more on that issue.

So as a result, she's now coordinating fundraisers for this event, for the Great Garden Giveaway and Plant a Row. She's getting her law firm to donate volunteer hours as well. This is going to be the --- we're going to do it at five different produce to people distributions giving away plants. This is going to be the most ever. We're also --- with Plant a Row I think this is going to be the best year ever for that. So a big thank you to Councilwoman Heidelbaugh. And that's going to be some exciting stuff coming up.

And the last thing I wanted to mention is the Summer Food Program. I have some folders here. It has my business card and it has a little bit of info about the Pittsburgh Food Bank. So for folks that don't have that, please grab one. I'll leave them here. But one thing

that we could definitely partner on is the Summer Food Program. So we have kids in low income areas eat free. It's a USDA program. And we're looking for more summer feeding sites and we're looking to outreach and just get the word out more about these sites. So we have some new posters, brand new that we have so we'd love to partner with anybody to get this to you, social media, in a mailing, handing out fliers to you constituents, just so we can get the word out about Summer Food, about these sites. And make sure more kids are getting that nutritious meal all summer. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I just wanted to invite all my councilmembers to the five giveaways. It's going to be on Saturdays in May. And we're going to be actually handing out seedlings and plants. And members of my law firm are going to be there. And I wanted to specifically invite each of my colleagues. I think it would be a huge public statement for us to be there, to be present and to say that we care about hunger in our community and we care about people growing their own food. So Chris, would you please be so kind as to send an e-mail to all my colleagues telling them the dates and locations and inviting them?

MR. WEST: Sure.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Pia Colucci?

MS. COLUCCI: Hi. Pia Colucci from 4725 Wallingford Street in the Shadyside. So we're familiar with this picture here. I'm quoting from the Pittsburgh Tribune Review a few of the eyewitnesses' accounts. The thunder of a natural gas well explosion on Tuesday morning in rural Greene County shook Charlie Grim awake, yanked John Kuis away from the television and rattled Michelle Hurley's home as she dressed for work. It sounded like a jet engine that was parked in my driveway, said Koontz, 57, who scrambled outside to see fire and smoke rising above the treeline near his home about 70 miles south of Pittsburgh. The fire at the Chevron Corp. well in neighboring Dunkard raged on into the night shooting flames several stories into the air and preventing authorities from getting closer than 300 yards because of blistering heat. One worker suffered minor injuries and another remained missing, the company officials said.

So last week has been really shocking and I'm sure that it's been shocking for you guys as you deliberate what's going to happen with our county parks. It's a potentially lethal consequence at this point. We see this gas well raging out of control. And I wonder, you know, this young man that died, who is he? I tried to look up where is he from, was he one of the local jobs that Mr. Fitzgerald says, you know, go with the fracking, we're going to have all these local jobs. Is it a high-paying job that's going to contribute to the state coffers? He was a young lad from Warren, Ohio. And he was 27 years old. His name is Ian McKee. Chevron has not acknowledged that he's deceased yet, just missing. He lived in West Virginia so he wasn't a Pennsylvania resident up until the explosion took his life. So not a local boy and not a local job.

When Chevron reported the fire, they called in their expert fire well extinguisher team. And you would assume that since we live in Fracksylvania, that they would be nearby. But no, a team had to be assembled and flown in from Texas. So those are some of the local jobs maybe that Fitzgerald is talking about? No, they're not. I now imagine this fire blowing for days on the farm in Tarentum next to Deer Lakes Park. Can you imagine that?

Another thought that I had that if another country came in and did to our land what the gas industry is doing and has done, including the deaths of livestock, unusable water, the unbreathable air, wouldn't it be considered an act of terror? We went to war with less evidence and on a whim. This is terrorism in my book. My mind still doesn't understand. Where do you think we're all going to go to live? Clean water is a right. It's not a commodity. And that's it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Gwen Chute? I'm sorry, Joni Rabinowitz first. I'm sorry, my mistake.

MS. RABINOWITZ: Before I begin --- I'm Joni Rabinowitz. I live at 7721 Egerton Avenue, Pittsburgh. Before I begin, I want to call your attention and Ms. Colucci spoke to it already. I wanted to second what she said, that this Marcellus well explosion in Dunkard Township where there was a massive fish kill in that same stream some years ago. It's still spewing gas into the air. They can't get it out and we surely wouldn't want such an accident to happen on the Gullick Farm where range

plans to put the wells that would be part of the Deer Lakes experiment.

Now, to my main point. There have been many individual discussions about Council holding a public hearing before making any decision about fracking in or under Deer Lakes. And we trust you will have one or two hearings. Several of us have talked with you about the process of such a hearing but we have never laid out the procedures we want to offer in order to make such a hearing as fair as possible. So here are suggestions from members of Protect Our Parks. One, the hearing should be in a location with a large enough capacity. The venue in Moon for the airport was totally inadequate. People had to stand in the hall and even some speakers never got inside. If you can't accommodate everybody in one location, you should have two public hearings.

Number two, you should allot one-half hour at the beginning for those opposed to fracking action on Deer Lakes to present expert testimony from known experts in the field. We would choose how that one-half hour would be used. Three, there should be adequate advance notice, at least three weeks. And four, you should invite Bob Donan, a resident of Washington County to show you his videos of the process in Cross Creek Park. His pictures are like night and day compared to what you saw there in your tour there last year. Or you can look at this video online and lots of others on his website. And I've listed the name of the website there.

And number five, the public should be allowed to ask specific questions and get answers from you at this public hearing. Thank you for your consideration.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Gwen Chute?

MS. CHUTE: Thank you, councilmembers, for giving us --- tonight. My name is Gwen Chute. I live at 904 Valleyview Road in Mt. Lebanon and I am Chair of the Sierra Club's Allegheny group representing over 5,000 members. Having recently moved from Westmoreland County to the more urban setting of Mt. Lebanon, I look to our parks for recreation, exploration and renewal. The county park's master plan refers to the parks as quality of life assets and emphasizes the preservation of significant habitat areas and open spaces, including those next to the parks. Mention is made of the increase in property values of homes near the parks. But all of these benefits are now put at risk by the County Executive's breathtakingly

bold but superbly reckless plan to give the land beneath the parks over to an entirely different purpose, fracking for gas. He says we need to do so in order to provide funds to maintain and improve the parks. But if his plan is approved by this body, I believe that the parks as we know them will cease to exist. Rather, they will become profit-generating, industrial sites complete with the noise, the dirt, air pollution, water contamination, that are a constant and integral part of the fracking process.

And what about the safety of the people who use the parks and those who live in homes next to them? Explosions are now commonplace, two of them in the past week alone. The first in Greene County on February 11, one worker injured and one missing. Should we assume vaporized? On February 13th an explosion in an underground gas line near Columbia, Kentucky, two homes destroyed and many others damaged. The list goes on. Four more 2013 explosions in Pennsylvania and surrounding areas are included in the written comments I've submitted. And there are many more. So ask yourselves, please, is this really the future you want for our parks? How would you feel when the explosion is under park land set aside for the people of Allegheny County. And how will you respond to such a disaster when it could have been prevented by a simple no vote. What will you say to citizens whose homes may be destroyed or damaged? Before you decide whether or not to support Mr. Fitzgerald's plan, will you hold a public hearing, meet with experts and listen with open minds to scientific information about the health risks and environmental impacts of fracking. Will you act in good faith based on what you hear. And will you as promised meet with the Controller's Office to discuss alternative fundings streams for the parks. They are ready and waiting to talk to you. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mel Packer?

MR. PACKER: I'll save my comments for a later date. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Bridget Shields? Timothy Ludwig?

MR. LUDWIG: Tim Ludwig, 18 Greismere Street. Unfortunately, we've been reminded this past week about the dangers of fracking. But let's not pretend this is a freak accident that only happens once a year. An oil and gas worker dies about one in every three days. In 2012,

138 deaths. Put that to comparison, 127 U.S. soldiers died in Afghanistan in 2013. The Pipeline Safety Trust, when talking about pipelines which all these sites are connected to, say on average there's a significant incident somewhere about every other day and someone ends up in the hospital or dead about every nine or ten days. So that begs to question, what are leaders like Governor Corbett and Executive Fitzgerald looking at when they say drilling is safe across the country.

What would an accident look like on our public lands. If you look at the airport drilling plans, there are wells that would shut down runways if an incident occurred. The trip estimates, \$14 million a day would be lost. Like the trip, I think that is conservative. Personally my business depends on the airport at times. I'm a florist and we fly in flowers through the airport much like other florists in the area. I wonder what that loss would be to local florists if the airport was shut down this past Valentine's week. Apply that to other industries shipping around Christmas. That \$14 million could be a lot more. One accident takes away all the monetary benefits of potential revenue. Now we see how the drillers apologize to local residents when an incident occurs. Chevron mailed out coupons for free pizza and a two-liter pop to a hundred residents around the well. One worker is dead, others injured, a fire burned for about a week and the well is still not capped and Chevron is throwing a pizza party.

I don't want a pizza party. I want safety. Officials are quoted in saying that they have around the clock emergency response to deal with the fires. That's a bunch of crap. Ask my representative who left early who's on the volunteer fire department how they deal with well fires. They don't put them out. They surround them to stop them from spreading. You and I don't want anyone from Fawn or Rural Ridge Fire anywhere near a burning well. And let's not pretend like a response team from the industry is going to be located in Allegheny County. Look at the number of wells here compared to other counties. Why would a company locate an emergency well response team here. Please, protect my safety, protect my neighbor's safety and protect our public lands, say no to leasing on public lands. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Edward Chute? I'm sorry, Alexander Wood? Alexander Wood is not here. Okay. Edward Chute?

MR. CHUTE: I am Ed Chute and I live at 904 Valleyview Road in Mt. Lebanon. Thank you, Councilman Robinson, for your personal letter after my initial appearance at County Council in January. Incidentally, I grew up in your district. Thank you, too, Councilwoman Means for meeting with me and several other constituents. We value your candor and your openness to us. I have read Council's comprehensive plan for the County parks and visited Deer Lakes Park. I conclude Richard Fitzgerald's personal proposal uses Deer Lakes as a politically expedient commodity in his variation of a pay to play scene.

In Shakespeare King John the main character interestingly named the Bastard, has the only memorably famous speech during which the Bastard considers which of the two ideas in the play to choose, honor or commodity. Accordingly, I'd ask therefore that each of you members of the Council take Cicero's cui bono test. Where I grew up we knew it as the stink or smell test. The cui bono smell test, of course, means that you ask who profits from the leasing of public land. Will it be the park itself and its owners, the public, or will the profiteer be Range Resources. Might it be Rich Fitzgerald. Will it be the parks' neighbors. Will such a lease only be a short-term, non-solution for what may very well be a non-existing problem. Apply the cui bono stink test about what profit lies in treating public land as a political commodity for the good of a private corporation and expedient politician and not a park for the people.

The cui bono perk test applies also to your own behaviors. How well have you followed your own comprehensive plan and just how does such a lease fit into that plan. Have you maintained the County parks appropriately and pursued the various funding streams described in your own plan. Have you followed up with the County's Controller to see if other revenue sources exist or are available for the parks. I find nothing in your plan that suggests that the parks are to be used as a commodity to fund other aspects of County government. Don't forget the cui bono smell test about who is the public and who owns the parks. We the people do.

Finally, ask yourselves will such a series of cui bono smell tests reveal your public servant aroma as valuing honor rather than commodity for political expediency. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Our last speaker is Terri Supowitz.

MS. SUPOWITZ: I'm going to pass for this evening.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Does someone want to make an adjournment?

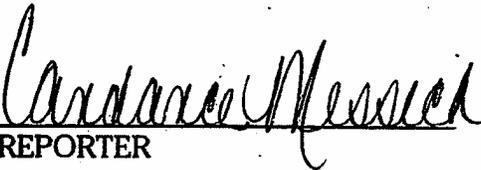
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