

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

Richard Fitzgerald	-	President, District 11
Charles J. Martoni	-	Vice President, District 8
John P. DeFazio	-	Council-At-Large
Chuck McCullough	-	Council-At-Large
Matt Drozd	-	District 1
Jan Rea	-	District 2
James R. Burn, Jr.	-	District 3
Michael J. Finnerty	-	District 4
Vince Gastgeb	-	District 5
Joan Cleary	-	District 6
Nick Futules	-	District 7
Robert Macey	-	District 9
William Russell Robinson	-	District 10
Jim Ellenbogen	-	District 12
Amanda Green	-	District 13

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IN ATTENDANCE:

James Flynn - County Manager
Joseph Catanese - Director of Constituent Services
John Mascio - Chief Clerk
Jared Barker - Director, Legislative Services
Jennifer Liptak - Budget Director
Jack Cambest - Solicitor

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: I'm going to call the meeting to order. I would ask Jimmy Karam, a senior at Bethel Park High School, if he would please come up and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. First of all, welcome to the regular meeting of County Council on April 7, 2009. If everybody would please rise. And this community suffered a great tragedy the other day. And I would ask everybody to remain standing for a moment of silent prayer, and certainly keep in your prayers Officer Eric Kelly, Officer Stephen Mayhle and Officer Paul Sciullo, who protected this community and served us with the ultimate sacrifice as heroes to make us a safe community. So after the Pledge of Allegiance, please remain standing for a moment of silent reflection.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

(Moment of silent prayer or reflection.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Thank you. Please call the roll.

MR. MASCIO:	Mr. Burn?
MR. BURN:	Here.
MR. MASCIO:	Ms. Cleary?
MS. CLEARY:	Present.
MR. MASCIO:	Mr. DeFazio?
MR. DEFAZIO:	Here.
MR. MASCIO:	Mr. Drozd?
MR. DROZD:	Present.
MR. MASCIO:	Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN:	Here.
MR. MASCIO:	Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY:	Here.
MR. MASCIO:	Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES:	Here.
MR. MASCIO:	Mr. Gastgeb?
MR. GASTGEB:	Here.
MR. MASCIO:	Ms. Green?
MS. GREEN:	Present.
MR. MASCIO:	Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY:	Here.
MR. MASCIO:	Mr. Martoni?
MR. MARTONI:	Here.
MR. MASCIO:	Mr. McCullough?
MR. MCCULLOUGH:	Present.
MR. MASCIO:	Ms. Rea?
MS. REA:	Here.
MR. MASCIO:	Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Present.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Fitzgerald, President?

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Here.

MR. MASCIO: We have 15 members present.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Proclamations/
certificates. 4758-09.

MR. MASCIO: Proclamation declaring April 2009 as Fair Housing Month in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council President Fitzgerald, Council Vice President Martoni and Council Members Cleary, Drozd, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Green, Macey, Robinson and the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: And I'm going to ask Rich Ranii and Cassandra to come forward to accept this on behalf of the Economic Development and Housing Authority.

Whereas, the Fair Housing Act, originally adopted in 1968 and comprehensively amended in 1988, prohibits housing discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status and national origin.

And whereas, while this non-discrimination policy is the law, we recognize that proper enforcement requires the continued cooperation of all levels of government, real estate and home building industries and private citizens.

And whereas, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations and the Fair Housing Partnership of Greater Pittsburgh will mark a 41st anniversary of the Fair Housing Act during April, which is Fair Housing Month.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, Allegheny County Council Executive Dan Onorato and the Allegheny County Council members, Rich Fitzgerald, Chuck Martoni, Joan Cleary, Matt Drozd, Jim Ellenbogen, Michael Finnerty, Nick Futules, Amanda Green, Bob Macey and Bill Robinson, have used the authority vested in us to proclaim April 2009 Fair Housing Month in Allegheny County.

Furthermore, we do hereby recommend those --- commend those individuals for working to ensure fair, safe and clean housing for everyone in our county, Commonwealth and nation. And we, again, declare this on this 7th day of April, 2009.

And I'd like to have from the Housing portion of Economic Development, Cassandra, come up and say a few words. Cassandra?

MS. COLLINGE: Thank you, Councilman Fitzgerald, and thank you, all Council, for supporting Fair Housing Month. As you know, fair housing is a very important issue to all residents of Allegheny County. In addition, I'd like to thank you for your support of our ongoing efforts to develop and create more affordable housing opportunities for Allegheny County. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. RANII: Again, members of Council, just thank you for your support for this important work that those of us in Economic Development are able to carry out. Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4759-09.

MR. MASCIO: Certificates of Recognition honoring local chapters of the NAACP for their involvement with the national organization's 100th anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Robinson.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Councilman Robinson.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. This is the 100th anniversary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and I thought it would be a great opportunity for us to pay tribute to some men and women who are essentially volunteers, who work in our community to improve conditions for all people. And this organization has endured for 100 years.

Each of the branches in Allegheny County will receive a proclamation from this Council, and I thank my colleagues in advance for their support. Two of the branch presidents are with us today, Mr. Ocie Paige and Ms. Gayle Moss. I'd like you to join me. Mr. Paige is from the McKeesport Branch of the NAACP, Ms. Moss is from the Pittsburgh branch.

Each of the proclamations that we have recognized at the very end the specific branch. Well, in this case, the McKeesport Branch and Pittsburgh Branch are recognized in the proclamations that we have prepared. The other branches that could not be present with us today will receive a letter, per our custom, and it will go to the branch president so they might display it appropriately.

What I'm going to do is read one of the proclamations only and then ask Ms. Moss, and Mr. Paige to

share with us their perspective on this 100th anniversary. And of course, we will take pictures. In advance of that, I'd like to indicate to those people who came with Ms. Moss and Mr. Paige, when we come forward to have the pictures taken, please join us. We'll have pictures for the McKeesport Branch and the Pittsburgh Branch so that you might have a living memory of this auspicious occasion.

Whereas, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP, is built on the collective courage of thousands of people who are united on one premise: that all men and women are created equal.

And whereas, for the past 100 years, the NAACP has ensured for people of all races, nationalities and religious denominations that civil rights, educational excellence, access to healthcare and economic empowerment are given equally to all citizens of our nation.

And whereas, while the national organization has maintained its mission throughout a century of existence, the local chapters of the NAACP scattered in small towns have been an integral piece of the association's longevity.

And whereas, the local chapters have adopted the national message of the parent organization, and local men and women have produced voices within these chapters that are heard widely in the community.

Whereas, the local chapters have helped achieve equality and issues important to our hometown, which will empower the sense that all citizens of our nation are truly created as equals.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Allegheny County Council, on behalf of the citizens of this county, hereby honors the Pittsburgh Chapter of the NAACP for contributing to the message of our country's great equal rights organization. Furthermore, your dedication to the pursuit of equality is to be highly commended and followed by all members of our community.

As I said, each proclamation for each NAACP branch in Allegheny County is the same except the specific reference to that branch. And I have Ms. Moss to say a few words for the Pittsburgh Branch and also Mr. Paige. Both of these individuals are serving as presidents of their branch, serving without compensation, and in my opinion, doing a very fine job representing people who believe in the mission of the NAACP. Ms. Moss?

MS. MOSS: Thank you, Councilman Robinson. On behalf of the NAACP Pittsburgh Branch, we are very honored to receive this proclamation from you, Councilman Robinson, and the other members of County Council. This is a great time for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People because there's 100 years that we have been struggling for the rights of the disenfranchised in the minority groups. In honor of the 100th celebration, we in Pittsburgh will be celebrating starting with our human rights dinner, which is May 7th. It will be held at the Omni William Penn. And we have Congressman John Lewis, who is an activist, as you know, he's in Congress, will be our speaker.

Also, we have a new president who is very young and raring to go, which is Benjamin Jealous, who will be there with us also. So we would hope that all of you would come out, if you can, and be at our dinner. Also, we will be celebrating through the year. And on June 25th --- June 15th, I'm sorry --- we will be collaborating with the Gateway Medical Society. We will be doing things in the community for the medical society and the NAACP.

So we're just very honored. The branch that I represent has been in existence since 1915, which is six years after the national organized. And we have been ongoing. We've had 13 presidents. I am the 13th and the first woman to be elected to this position. So we are, as I've said, again, very honored to accept this proclamation.

(Applause.)

MR. PAIGE: Thank you. I'm Ocie Paige. I'm the newly-elected president. I'm almost the same as Obama. I've got about the same amount of days as he has in office, and I'm not moving as fast as he is. I'd like to thank you, Councilman Robinson, and the rest of the Council members up there, for this honor. I'm a man of very few words. I like to sit back and observe, and from there I go.

But I've really been with the NAACP about the last five years. And it's an organization that I highly respect and want to do a lot of work in our community where I'm at. I like to work with school districts, the mayor, the police force and everything. I'm the type of guy that is trying to bring the community together. That's my objective of being the president of our branch, is to get my community together so we all get on the same

page and work together. So like I said, I'm a man of few words, so I'd like to thank you again and Councilman Robinson.

(Applause.)

MR. ROBINSON: Ocie Paige and Ms. Moss, please join us for pictures. Anybody that wants to take pictures, our photographer is there in all black, and she will let you know when it's appropriate for you to take your pictures.

(Pictures taken.)

MR. ROBINSON: I just want to mention that Ms. Moss brought with her her vice president, Ms. Constance Parker, and some other individuals. If there are people here from McKeesport who have their cameras, please let us know. Don't leave before you talk to Mr. Macey. He's your Council representative.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4760-09.

MR. MASCIO: Proclamation honoring the 50th anniversary of the vocal harmony group, the Skyliners. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Councilman Macey.

MR. MACEY: Thank you, and welcome, everybody. It's certainly an honor to represent the area of the Mon Valley, especially one who is the home to Jimmy Beaumont, one of the Skyliners. I came to know Jimmy about 30-some years ago. Our kids went to school together. But I can always remember, even being younger, where I was when I heard This I Swear or Since I Don't Have You. I bet everybody can remember some place they were at some point with that wonderful music.

In my opinion, they're living legends, and we're glad to have them here in Allegheny County. At this time, I would like to bring up Jimmy Beaumont, Donna Groom, Mark Groom, Dick Muse and Nick Pociask. It's amazing. How can anybody do anything for 50 years? I don't know.

Whereas, Allegheny County citizens are privileged to have one of the greatest harmony groups of all time to call our region its home.

And whereas, composed originally of teenagers, Jimmy Beaumont, Janet Vogel, Wally Lester, Joe Verscharen and Jackie Taylor, the Skyliners formed in 1958 under the moniker the Crescents.

And whereas, after the group recorded their greatest hit, Since I Don't Have You, they changed their

name to the Skyliners, and the single quickly sold 100,000 copies shortly after it was released in December of 1958.

And whereas, the Skyliners enjoyed national success throughout their hot career and have been sought to perform nationally in many famous venues as the landmark group of that musical era.

And whereas, the current lineup of Jimmy Beaumont, Donna Groom, Mark Groom, Dick Muse and Nick Pociask continues the group's legacy by playing concerts nationally, which helps preserve one of the greatest eras of rock and roll history.

Now, therefore, be it resolved the Allegheny County Council, on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, hereby honors the Skyliners as one of the greatest harmony groups our nation has ever heard in singing. And furthermore, we are lucky to have you consider our county your home. We hope you continue to build on the Skyliners' already monumental history. Sponsored by myself and the rest of Council.

(Applause.)

MR. BEAUMONT: Thank you very much. This is a great honor. Thank you, Council members. When I started as a young man, I just wanted to have one record to show my grandchildren some day, and now I have four grandchildren 50 years later. This is a great honor, and thank you so much.

(Applause.)

NICK POCIASK: On behalf of the Skyliners, we would like to thank all Council members and especially Mr. Bob Macey for sponsoring this proclamation for the Skyliners. And we truly appreciate all the citizens of Allegheny County for their support of the Skyliners throughout the years. And just to take a line from the song, if we didn't have you all, we wouldn't have anything.

(Applause.)

MS. GROOM: Thank you, Council members. My name is Donna Groom. I've been with the group 28 years, and I have to say, yeah, I was four. But I just want to tell you that we are proud of the city that we live in and everything that we accomplished. And everywhere that we go and all the major news that comes across the country, we do tell people that Pittsburgh is a wonderful place and they have wonderful people. And we're always told that any time people have visited here, they love the people,

and I have to agree. So we do support our city and we thank you, again.

(Applause.)

MR. MUSE: I'm Dick Muse. I've been with the Skyliners 11 years. I don't think I've ever been through this. But anyway, I was born in Pittsburgh, East Liberty, and I had a thought. I've been singing for about 50 years, as long as Jimmy, and with the Skyliners 11 years. I was with a group in McKeesport named the Condors. I was with a group named the Laurels from McKeesport. And Pittsburgh has always been my home, and I'm so proud to accept this award, along with Jimmy Beaumont and the Skyliners. Thank you so much.

(Applause.)

MR. MASCIO: Bob Macey is supposed to sing.
(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4761-09.

MR. MASCIO: Proclamation declaring April 2009 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Allegheny County and recognizing A Child's Place at Mercy for their efforts to help abuse victims. Sponsored by Council President Fitzgerald, Council Members Cleary, Finnerty, Futules, Green, Council Vice President Martoni and Council Members Macey and DeFazio.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: I'd like to have Joan Mills and Dr. Mary Carrasco of A Child's Place at Mercy come up. And it is important to recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month because of the need and the critical nature of the issue. I'd like to read the proclamation.

Whereas, each year more than 1,000,000 children in the country are documented as child abuse victims, and at least 1,500 children die as a result.

Whereas, organizations throughout the county dedicate their missions to raising awareness of child abuse to prevent its occurrence.

And whereas, A Child's Place at Mercy of Pittsburgh's Mercy Health Systems is the Allegheny County child advocacy center, a fully accredited center of the National Children's Alliance.

And whereas, the center has been a team for almost 20 years and has been involved with over 20,000 cases of suspected child abuse, providing advice and guidance for those who seek help for children suspected of abuse.

Whereas, by maintaining an open door policy, A Child's Place at Mercy has helped thousands of abused children. Their commitment to abolishing child abuse is a mission that should be adopted widely by everyone in our community.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Allegheny County Council, on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, hereby declares the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Allegheny County. Further, this Council commends A Child's Place at Mercy for helping to treat and prevent child abuse in our county. Sponsored this 7th day of April, 2009.

And really, you can't think of a more important issue than protecting the children of our community. And I'm going to ask our guests, Joan Mills or Dr. Mary Carrasco, to please say a few words. Congratulations.

MS. CARRASCO: I just want to say thank you. At times, working in this particular arena feels very lonely, and we feel that kids are often forgotten. I'm glad you're aware that this is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and I want to make a plea that child abuse is everyone's issue and it should be a community response, not just a few isolated people. So we do appreciate this very much.

(Applause.)

MS. MILLS: To quote a good friend of mine who recently left us, Commander Gwen Elliott, let's all in Allegheny County go about the business of saving these babies. And I just want to mention on a personal note, as the mother of a zone five police officer, I want to thank all of you for your prayers. And I hope you continue to pray for all the police officers in the City of Pittsburgh and in the County of Allegheny and across this country. Because when you go to bed tonight, rest assured there are police officers patrolling and keeping all of you safe. But thank you for this really lovely proclamation for all the children of Allegheny County. Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4762-09.

MR. MASCIIO: Proclamation recognizing Brenda L. Frazier for her efforts in fighting for women's rights, which were recognized during Women's History Month last March. Sponsored by Council Member Cleary.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: And it's always a pleasure to recognize and welcome back a distinguished colleague, Councilwoman Frazier. Councilwoman Cleary.

MS. CLEARY: Thank you. Come up, Brenda. Yes, this is an honor. It's always an honor to give recognition to a colleague and especially one that's well deserving as Brenda. Let me read the proclamation.

Whereas, this county has beard witness to some of the most recognizable activists who have fought diligently for equal women's rights, which were recognized in March for Women's History Month.

Whereas, Brenda Frazier embodies the relentless qualities of an activist, unafraid of voicing her abilities, which call for equality and demanding to be heard.

Whereas, Ms. Frazier has come a long way since growing up in segregated public housing with her mother, a school teacher, telling her to fight injustice rather than bemoan it.

Whereas, Ms. Frazier became a school teacher and engulfed herself in civic affairs related to racial and gender inequalities in healthcare and education.

Whereas, by continuing her persistent pursuit of change, Ms. Frazier broke barriers in 2002 as the first African American female elected to Allegheny County Council, where she helped the county progress into the future during her seven years of service.

Now, therefore, let it be resolved that Allegheny County Council, on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, hereby recognize Brenda Frazier for her lifelong dedication to fighting for equal women's rights. Furthermore, we hope she continues to remain active in our community, where many citizens use her as an iconic figure. Presented by myself and the rest of Council on this 7th day of April, 2009. Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MS. FRAZIER: And it's always a pleasure to come back to Council. This is like home. I would just like to say thank you to Council and thank you to Joan for honoring me with this proclamation. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4763-09.

MR. MASCIO: Certificate of Achievement honoring the Bethel Park High School Wrestling Team for winning the

WPIAL Class AAA Team Wrestling Championship. Sponsored by Councilman Gastgeb.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Councilman Gastgeb.

MR. GASTGEB: Thank you, President Fitzgerald.

If I can have the AAA WPIAL champion, Bethel Park wrestling team, come in behind me with Coach Stewart, Coach Bonaccorsi and all the coaches. As they're coming up, I'll speak to what I believe is a shift in the wrestling title coming back to the South Hills area. This particular team of outstanding students as well as athletes, half of them won their division championship last year and this year. They're back-to-back division champions. And they won the AAA WPIAL title over --- semi-finals against Hempfield and the finals against Connellsville. Come on. Come in behind me.

So what's very interesting to note, I think, very noteworthy, is that this is the first high school in the AAA level from Allegheny County to win the title since 1990. Outlying school districts have been able to win it, and it's really an accomplishment for this Bethel Park Black Hawk team to come through in this fine fashion. I don't have to tell you the extraordinary commitment it takes to be a wrestler, the demands on your body, your mind, juggling the different things that high school kids do, a tremendous amount of dedication and commitment. So to be able to win back-to-back division titles, to be able to be the AAA champions of WPIAL for the first time, really bring this county into the fullest since 1990, just speaks volumes about the talent that these youngsters have. So I do have a proclamation I'd like to read on behalf --- to this outstanding team. And everybody here has a proclamation, as well as the athletic director, principal and coaches.

I also want to mention, too, there's a few athletes here that also won the WPIAL title in football. So to be able to do that in one year, you should be proud of yourself to have not only the football championship, but a wrestling champion. You're one of them; aren't you, Santo? I will say one thing about the night in Hershey that that State title game was. You took it pretty hard, because I saw you. I was by your room. But this hopefully makes it feel better, to come back and do such a great job in wrestling after the season was done in football.

Allegheny County Council is proud to present this Certificate of Achievement in recognition of the team's outstanding athletic ability and for showcasing a winning season when the team earned the WPIAL Class AAA wrestling team championship. The team's contributions to Allegheny County's long legacy of sports champions are to be commended. On behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, we join you in celebration of these distinguished accomplishments. Sponsored by me, Councilman Vince Gastgeb. Coach Stewart, would you say a few words? And when you're done, if you'd introduce the team, I'd appreciate it. Congratulations.

(Applause.)

COACH STEWART: Well, first, I just want to thank Councilman Gastgeb and the rest of Council for honoring us. On behalf of the kids, the other coaches, parents and boosters, it's a great honor to be here. I just want to, you know, thank everybody for having us. For the hard work these guys put in, it's nice to be rewarded. Like you said, wrestling's kind of different than any other sport. It's more --- I mean, it's individual, also team. So these guys, you know, sacrificed a lot, and we came through in the end. You know, I couldn't be more proud of these guys. Hopefully we can keep it going. I just want to congratulate the rest of the individual wrestlers that are here for winning the WPIAL as an individual and some State champions. So on behalf of Bethel Park and Bethel Park wrestling team, I just want to thank everybody. Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: And Coach, if you would mention their names publicly so we could know them individually?

COACH STEWART: Senior Jordan Bonham, senior Josh Ricciuti, sophomore Santo Scarillo, sophomore Logan Reilly, senior Jimmy Karam, senior Jake Ricciuti, senior Anthony Bonaccorsi, junior Adam Lazenga, sophomore Rob Heuler, sophomore Phil Kail.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4764-09.

MR. MASCIO: Certificate of Achievement honoring Nick Carr of South Fayette High School for winning the WPIAL Class AA Wrestling Championship in the 145-pound weight class. Sponsored by Councilman Gastgeb.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Councilman Gastgeb.

MR. GASTGEB: Thank you, President Fitzgerald. If I could have Nick and Coach Ladick come up here. And I mentioned when I introduced Bethel Park, it seems like a resurgence in the South Hills with regard to the great sport of wrestling. Nick was able to win the 145-pound weight class. I can't imagine being 145 pounds, and as you can see, Nick here was able to do so. I'm trying to lose a few pounds. I can use some tips in the meantime.

But I think what makes it especially interesting or very noteworthy, again, is that South Fayette has not had a champion in any weight class for ten years. And to make it even a little bit more compelling, this is the first year that South Fayette really is back with a full wrestling program. I believe they had a cooperation agreement with other school districts. So you know, Nick really came through with flying colors. Again, the commitment, the dedication, everything it took for him to be a champion ---. There was other impediments here as well, so you really ought to be commended for your hard work and ability to prove to the rest of the county and the school districts of your noteworthiness of being champion in the AA class. So without further ado, I'd like to read you your proclamation. I'd also ask Coach to say a few words when I'm done, and hopefully you can say a few words as well.

Allegheny County is proud to present this Certificate of Achievement in recognition of the outstanding athletic ability which you showcased in a winning season when you captured the 2009 WPIAL Class AA wrestling championship in the 145-pound weight class. Your contributions to Allegheny County's long legacy of sports champions is to be commended. On behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, we join with you in celebration of these distinguished accomplishments. Sponsored by me, Councilman Vince Gastgeb. Nick, congratulations on an outstanding season.

(Applause.)

MR. GASTGEB: Coach, if you could say a few words, too. Then we'll bring Nick up.

COACH LADICK: First of all, I'd like to thank the Council for having us here today. I would also like to thank all the other coaches for what they've done this season. On behalf of South Fayette School District for helping to convert our athletic director, Joe Farkas, I

would like to say thank you very much for having us here, and of course, the Carr family, who has come with us everywhere. There's a minimum of 15. I'm surprised I only got eight in here today. But they are with us everywhere they go, and they are very supportive of Nick, and of course, of all. I would like to thank Nick Carr for all his hard work. He is truly a constant example of hard work, dedication and what it takes to be a champion. And I cannot take credit for what he has done. I can say that he is truly a champ for a reason and it is because of himself. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

MR. CARR: First, I'd like to thank the Councilmen for having me here. I would like to also thank my coaches and wrestling coaches, my family members, especially my mother and father. I'd also like to thank my friends who support South Fayette School District. Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4765-09.

MR. MASCIO: Certificate of Achievement honoring Anthony Zanetta of Keystone Oaks for winning the WPIAL and PIAA Class AA Wrestling Championship in the 119-pound weight class. Sponsored by Council Members Cleary and Ellenbogen.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Councilwoman Cleary and Councilman Ellenbogen.

MS. CLEARY: Thank you, Rich. Anthony, would you like to come up, please? This is really an honor, because we've had Anthony here before. So Anthony is doing a fantastic job. He's only 119 pounds, but I touched his arm and he got muscles, so he can wrestle. I'd like to read the recognition.

Allegheny County Council is proud to present this Certificate of Achievement in recognition of your outstanding athletic ability, which was showcased in your winning season, during which you earned the 2009 WPIAL and PIAA Class AA wrestling champion in the 119-pound weight class. Your contributions to Allegheny County's long legacy of sports champions is commended. On behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, we join you in celebration of your distinguished achievements, on behalf of myself, Councilman Ellenbogen and the rest of the Council. Congratulations, Anthony.

(Applause.)

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Once again, it's getting to be a ritual every year, Anthony coming up here and getting a resolution and trying to get his mom up here to have a picture taken with him. But I'd like to congratulate him. And more importantly, I'd like to congratulate all the coaches and all these great athletes. You know, one of the things about this, we read so much about the terrible things that our youth do. And I think it's such a credit to these coaches who take the time to teach these kids how to be more than just athletes, but to have the discipline to be great citizens. And I think that's the real important thing here. Anthony is truly an example of that, as all you coaches and all you athletes are.

I don't know if you know Anthony, but this Council is composed of a lot of ex-jocks up here. You can tell by the way we walk. But more importantly, there's two great professional wrestlers that are up here, John DeFazio and Chuck Martoni. So this should be truly an honor to you, because they were truly members of the wrestling sport. Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MR. ZANETTA: First of all, I would just like to say thank you to the Councilmen for inviting me here. It's an honor to be recognized, not only for myself, but everybody here. And I think it's a great thing to do. But once again, thank you very much.

(Applause.)

MR. ELLENBOGEN: A yearly ritual. Come on, mom.
(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4766-09.

MR. MASCIO: Certificate of Achievement honoring Jordan Roussos of Carlynton High School for winning the WPIAL and PIAA Class AA Wrestling Championship in the 285-pound weight class. Sponsored by Councilman Finnerty.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Councilman Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. Could you come up, Jordan, your father and coach? Also, I'd like to congratulate all the wrestlers here and all the coaches. You know, it takes a lot of dedication and a lot of discipline. And wrestling's a unique sport. It's probably the ultimate individual physical sport in high school. It demands so much of the individual. Even though it is a team sport, once you get in that circle, it's you and the other man. And you better be stronger,

swifter and smarter, or something bad is going to happen. So I congratulate you all. And Jason here was 39 and 1, and I guess he's the aircraft carrier of the fleet, a 285-pound champion, also, of WPIAL and the State. So let me read the proclamation.

Allegheny County is proud to present this Certificate of Achievement in recognition of your outstanding athletic abilities, which was showcased in your winning season when you captured the 2009 WPIAL and PIAA Class AA wrestling championship in the 285-pound weight class. Your contributions to Allegheny County's long legacy of sports champions is to be commended. On behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, we join with you in celebrating your distinguished accomplishments. This is sponsored by myself, Councilman Mike Finnerty, and is presented on behalf of Council and the citizens of Allegheny County this 7th day of April, 2009.

(Applause.)

COACH KNOX: I'm Jason Knox. I've had the honor of coaching Jordan over the last six years. And I can't tell you how extremely proud I am of him. And also, I speak on behalf of the school district and our family and our supporters and our community, what a fine young man and some of the great accomplishments Jordan has reached. So I'd like to thank him, because it truly has been an honor and a privilege to be his coach. Jordan is --- I'm not sure if you knew this or not, but he is the second State champion in Carlynton School District history, the first we've had since 1973. So it's an incredible accomplishment in our school district, and we're very, very proud of him.

And I'd also like to congratulate the rest of the athletes here today. Congratulations, guys. It's been a great year and you've done a fantastic job for the county. So congratulations.

(Applause.)

MR. ROUSSOS: There is, indeed, a height difference between me and Coach Knox. I'd like to thank Councilman Finnerty and the rest of the Council. And I'd first like to congratulate all the other wrestlers here. I've gotten to know most of them throughout the years. They're a great group of guys, and I'm glad they all got the recognition they deserve. I'd also like to recognize and thank --- our principal, Dr. Susini is here, and our athletic director, Dave Oddi, and my family, the whole

Carlynton School District, Coach Knox, my coach this year. And I guess thanks to all of Allegheny County. Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4767-09.

MR. MASCIO: The remaining certificates and proclamations will be entered into the record.

4767-09. Certificate of Achievement honoring Sam Sherlock of West Mifflin High School for winning the WPIAL and PIAA Class AAA Wrestling Championship in the 125-pound weight class. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

4768-09. Certificate of Achievement honoring Joe Waltko of North Allegheny High School for winning the WPIAL and PIAA Class AAA Wrestling Championship in the 130-pound weight class. Sponsored by Councilwoman Rea.

4769-09. Certificate of Achievement honoring Troy Reaghard of West Allegheny High School for winning the WPIAL Class AAA Wrestling Championship in the 171-pound weight class. Sponsored by Councilman Finnerty.

4770-09. Certificate of Achievement honoring Jake Leninsky of West Allegheny High School for winning the WPIAL Class AAA Wrestling Championship in the 189-pound weight class. Sponsored by Councilman Finnerty.

4771-09. Certificate of Achievement honoring Geoff Alexander of Shady Side Academy for winning the WPIAL Class AA Wrestling Championship in the 112-pound weight class. Sponsored by Councilman Burn.

4772-09. Certificate of Achievement honoring Frank Martelotti of Shady Side Academy for winning the WPIAL Class AA Wrestling Championship in the 130-pound weight class. Sponsored by Councilman Burn.

4773-09. Certificate of Achievement honoring Dane Johnson of Shady Side Academy for winning the WPIAL and PIAA Class AA Wrestling Championship in the 140-pound weight class. Sponsored by Councilman Burn.

4774-09. Certificate of Achievement honoring Matthew Cunningham of Shady Side Academy for winning the WPIAL Class AA Wrestling Championship in the 160-pound weight class. Sponsored by Councilman Burn.

4775-09. Certificate of Achievement honoring Roman San Doval of Shady Side Academy for winning the WPIAL Class AA Wrestling Championship in the 189-pound weight class. Sponsored by Councilman Burn.

4776-09. Proclamation commending William Gelzhiser of Pleasant Hills for his life-saving efforts on January 27, 2009. Sponsored by Councilwoman Cleary.

4777-09. Proclamation honoring the Massaro family for their community service and for receiving the Ad Lucem Award from La Roche College. Sponsored by Council Members Cleary and Rea.

4778-09. Certificate of Achievement commending Zachary Kevin Parks for reaching the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Councilman Gastgeb.

4779-09. Proclamation recognizing Neighborhood Academy as a landmark school in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Councilwoman Green.

4780-09. Certificate of Recognition honoring the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Huey. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

4781-09. Certificate of Recognition honoring the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

4782-09. Certificate of Recognition honoring the 50th wedding anniversary and community service efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Oberle. Sponsored by Councilwoman Cleary.

4783-09. Certificate of Recognition honoring the 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Public comment on agenda items.

MR. MASCIO: We have none.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Presentation of appointments. 4748-09.

MR. MASCIO: Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato submitting his recommendation of Reverend Dr. William H. Curtis for reappointment to the Sports and Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2013.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Appointment Review. 4749-09.

MR. MASCIO: Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato submitting his recommendation of Dr. James McLemore for reappointment to the Allegheny County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Advisory Board, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2011.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Appointment Review. 4750-09.

MR. MASCIO: Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato submitting his recommendation of Mr. Scott Federbusch for reappointment to the Allegheny County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Advisory Board, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2011.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Appointment Review. Unfinished business. Committee on Appointment Review, second reading. 4616-09.

MR. DEFAZIO: All the people that were seeking to be appointed or reappointed was recommended by everyone present, so we can go from that that they were all approved by everyone.

MR. MASCIO: So the following will be approvals of these appointments. 4616-09. Joyce Murray to the Drug and Alcohol Planning Council.

MR. DEFAZIO: So I would like to make a motion that we agree with Joyce Murray, her appointment.

(Motion seconded.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second.
Discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? The motion carries. 4618-09.

MR. MASCIO: Jack Shea to the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority.

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes. I would like to make a motion for the reappointment of Jack Shea.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second.
Discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? The motion carries. 4619-09.

MR. MASCIO: Evelyn Benzo to the Allegheny County Housing Authority.

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes, I'd like to make a motion for Evelyn Benzo, her reappointment.

(Motion seconded.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second.
Discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? The motion carries. 4620-09.

MR. MASCIO: Eddie Edwards to the Allegheny County Port Authority.

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes. I'd like to make a motion for the reappointment of Eddie Edwards.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second. Discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? The motion carries. 4621-09.

MR. MASCIO: James Dodaro to the Allegheny County Port Authority.

MR. DEFAZIO: I'd like to make a motion for the reappointment of James Dodaro.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second. Discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? The motion ---.

MR. MCCULLOUGH: No.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Please make a note of a no from Mr. McCullough. 4622-09.

MR. MASCIO: Dr. Helen Cahalane to Children, Youth and Family Advisory Committee.

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes. I'd like to make a motion for the reappointment of Dr. Helen Cahalane.

(Motion seconded.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second. Discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? The motion carries. 4623-09.

MR. MASCIO: Avis B. Kotovsky to Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee.

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes. I'd like to make a motion for the reappointment of Avis B. Kotovsky.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second. Discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? Motion carries. 4624-09.

MR. MASCIO: Dr. Mary Carrasco to the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee.

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes. I'd like to make a motion for reappointment of Dr. Mary Carrasco.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second.
Discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.
(Chorus of ayes.)
PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? Motion carries.
4625-09.
MR. MASCIO: Georgia Hernandez to Children,
Youth and Families Advisory Committee.
MR. DEFAZIO: Yes. I'd like to make a motion
for the reappointment of Georgia C. Hernandez.
(Chorus of seconds.)
PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second.
Discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.
(Chorus of ayes.)
PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? Motion carries.
4626-09.
MR. MASCIO: Lisa Coluatti to Children, Youth
and Families Advisory Committee.
MR. DEFAZIO: Yes. I'd like to make a motion
for Lisa M. Coluatti.
PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Second?
(Chorus of seconds.)
PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second.
Discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.
(Chorus of ayes.)
PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? Motion carries.
4627-09.
MR. MASCIO: Dr. Diego Chaves-Gnecco to
Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee.
MR. DEFAZIO: Yes. I'd like to make a motion
for the reappointment of Dr. Diego Chaves-Gnecco.
(Chorus of seconds.)
PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second.
Discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.
(Chorus of ayes.)
PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? Motion carries.
4674-09.
MR. MASCIO: Senator Sean Logan to Sports and
Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh.
MR. DEFAZIO: Yes. I would make a motion for
the reappointment of Senator Sean Logan.
(Chorus of seconds.)
PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second.
Discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.
(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? Motion carries.
4681-09.

MR. MASCIO: Eva Bednar to the Allegheny County
Mental Health/Mental Retardation Advisory Board.

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes. I'd like to make a motion
for reappointment of Eva Bednar.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second.
Discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? Did I hear ---
I'm sorry. Motion carries. 4682-09.

MR. MASCIO: Richard Jevon to the Allegheny
County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Advisory Board.

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes. I'd like to make a motion
for reappointment of Richard Jevon.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second.
Discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? Motion carries.
4683-09.

MR. MASCIO: Linda Ehrlich to Children, Youth
and Families Advisory Committee.

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes. I'd like to make a motion
for reappointment of Linda Ehrlich.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second.
Discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? Motion carries.
4684-09.

MR. MASCIO: Susan Gove to Children, Youth and
Families Advisory Committee.

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes. I'd like to make a motion
for the reappointment of Susan Gove.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second.
Discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? Motion carries.
4685-09.

MR. MASCIO: Kathleen Musante DeWalt to the
Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee.

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes. I'd like to make a motion for the reappointment of Kathleen Musante DeWalt.

MS. CLEARY: Second.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second.
Discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? Motion carries.
4686-09.

MR. MASCIO: Ronald J. Seyko to the Drug and Alcohol Planning Council of Allegheny County.

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes. I'd like to make a motion for the appointment of Ronald J. Seyko.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second.
Discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? Motion carries.
4687-09.

MR. MASCIO: David Minnotte to the Allegheny County Airport Authority.

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes. I'd like to make a motion for reappointment of David W. Minnotte.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second.
Discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? Motion carries.
4688-09.

MR. MASCIO: Jeffrey Letwin to the Allegheny County Port Authority.

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes. I'd like to make a motion for the reappointment of Jeffrey Letwin.

(Motion seconded.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second.
Discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed?

MR. MCCULLOUGH: No.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Make a note Mr. McCullough votes no. Motion carries. Committee on Government Reform, second reading, 4695-09.

MR. MASCIO: An ordinance authorizing the county to enter into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with the City of Pittsburgh under which the County will

provide purchasing and procurement services on behalf of the City.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: In fact, I'm sure information needs to come forward, so we're going to send that bill to back to committee. 4729-09.

MR. MASCIIO: Motion expressing a sense of Council of Allegheny County supporting the Employee Free Choice Act which would authorize the National Labor Relations Board to certify a union as the bargaining representative when a majority of employees voluntarily sign authorizations designating that union to represent them, provide for the first contract mediation and arbitration and establish meaningful penalties for violations of a worker's freedom to choose a union.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: I'm going to ask Councilman DeFazio as the prime sponsor to speak to this.

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes. Just to explain a little bit about the Employee Free Choice Act, it gives people a right to vote if they want representation from a union either to vote by card check or the way they're doing presently with the National Labor Relations Board. When this started out, it was always that the employees had the option --- up until about 1974, the employees had the option either vote by card check or the way they're doing it now. U.S. Steel, all the big places always voted. They voted by card check. And then it changed in '74. Now people are trying to change it back.

And what it does, when you go through an election with the NLRB right now, it takes a longer period of time. There's a lot of intimidation. A lot of things have been happening which is on record. For example, on every complaint of the union, there's 13 times that many from the company. There's a lot of reasons why people --- a lot of people want to get this changed. I don't see how anyone could be against this. First of all, it gives the employees, not the company ---. The company's one person we'll say or a handful of people. The employees might be a lot of people. It gives them the opportunity, do you want a secret ballot or do you want a card check? Vote either way. They have that option.

Number two, if a plant strikes --- a lot of people used to complain that unions liked to strike. Well, that's not true, first of all. And secondly, in this particular situation under this Free Choice Act, that prevents a strike. There's no strike. If you can't

settle, you go to mediation. And then after that, you go to arbitration. Then it will be final and binding, so that prevents the strike. It gives some teeth to the bargain.

Right now, if you're involved with a company and you can't get something settled and you get hit with --- PLRB with failure to bargain or surface bargain, they slap you on the wrist and ask you to change. In other words, you'll have to put a sign up. There's really not that much teeth in it. Let's throw some more teeth in it. A bargain refusal --- I don't want to speak too long on this, but to go over it real quick, for every campaign, for every campaign, a company illegally fires at least one person 25 to 30 percent of the time. Companies have consultants and union busters 75 percent of the time. Companies force employees to attend mandatory closed door meetings against the union 92 percent of the time. Companies threaten to close the door if the plant goes union 51 percent of the time. And actually, less than one percent of the time it happens. The percentage of cases, first of all, when you agree, when you get the verification of the people wanting the union, only 44 percent of the time it's a contract the way it is now, because what they do is continually fight and fight, don't want to settle, don't want to settle. People get disgusted. So you only get your contract, that first contract, the way it is now, 44 percent of the time.

So when you look at everything, in my opinion, I think it's crazy not to go along with this. It gives the employees the opportunity. This prevents a strike. It puts some teeth in the bargaining. So I'd like to make the motion that we go along with the Employee Free Choice Act and take a vote on it.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second.

Discussion? Please call the --- I'm sorry. Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm going to abstain on this at this point in time. There's just a lot flowing through Congress yet as far as the changes within this bill through Congress, is what I understand. Until it formulates, I think we have to see --- I believe --- I attended the meetings. I believe I was --- only know of one party that attended the labor meetings over in the church in the North Side. And I believe the majority of everything. I believe people have a right to organize.

They have a right to be heard, to join collective bargaining units. I believe in all that.

The only one area that concerns me, because I fought so hard for this, like a lot of veterans did, and those in the service now, is the freedom to protect your rights. And you know, I experienced something like this, in the essence, that I don't care if you want your vote known. I don't. I want my vote protected. If I want it protected, I want it protected. I don't care if you want to do it. That's your business if you want to stand up and say here's how I'm voting. But I don't believe any one person, whether the majority of those or whatever, any one person not to have their right protected, the right to protect the way they vote. And that's one of the only areas that concerns me about this.

Secondly, I want to make this statement. You know, again, I so believe --- I want to support labor in a lot of issues. I'm worried about --- concerned about losing jobs, not only in this County, but we've lost a lot of jobs in the region. We've lost a lot of jobs in America. And I don't want to chase more jobs out. I want to make sure that those jobs that we have here stay here. I want to bring back a lot of those jobs. You know, you pick up the phone and you talk to someone overseas, whoever it may be. Those jobs are so critical. Even though they don't pay them a lot, there are people out there that really need those jobs.

Lastly, I'll state this, that I'd like to see organized labor as well as --- we've seen recently in the papers --- I hold no reserves to say this, whatever side or whatever, you're in a collective bargaining unit or you may be in an organization that represents industry. I saw in the paper recently that there was a hiring of changing of the guard in one of our regional conferences in Allegheny, which is a conference overall. But the salaries you see paid anymore --- and there are people out there that are really hurting in the street that don't have jobs. It concerns me very much. I want to see that organization. I have yet to see it. And I want to see labor, too, joining together to bring jobs here. I want to see --- and I said this over at the North Side. I think we really need to stand up. Labor needs to stand up and conferences need to stand up to bring jobs here. There are a lot of people right now in America --- if you

look at the drug abuse in prisons and all those areas, that's a big factor.

So I'm going to withhold my vote, because again, I want to support where I can. At the same time, I want more information. I still haven't had --- I need to see a little more information on this and see where we're going as far as Congress, see if I like it. And secondly, I want to see also what we're going to do to bring jobs and how this will affect that, to retain and bring jobs, attract jobs in this country. So that's my reason for holding my abstention. I want to support, but at the same time, I want more information because I want to make the right decision here and I want to see more input from both sides of the house, both industry and labor, to show what --- and to stand up even that much stronger, to bring jobs in this region. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thank you, my fellow Councilmen.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Councilwoman Green.

MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. President. In response to Councilman Drozd's concerns about saving jobs, I hear a lot of people against the Employee's Free Choice Act speak about losing jobs and the effect it would have on the economy if the Employee's Free Choice Act was passed. But my response is always that I have never seen people receiving some government benefit because their jobs went away because of unionization or the ability to unionize.

But what I have seen is something called the Trade Adjustment Assistance Act that has been implemented and enacted by Congress some year ago. And it's designed to provide people with a financial benefit, with relocation benefits to find jobs, perhaps some retraining. These are benefits that are provided. Congress saw the need for it because of our trade policies which are and have been driving jobs out of the country and also causing us to lose jobs. That's what I would say in response to that.

And I think like Councilman DeFazio was saying, the Employee's Free Choice Act is the way that organized labor has been organizing from the beginning, and because of policies of various administrations, it is now what we see it has become. And if federal elections were run in this country the way elections are run where people want to organize, it would be illegal. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Councilman Burn?

MR. BURN: Thank you, Mr. President. Please add me as a cosponsor.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Mr. Drozd, Mr. Finnerty.

MR. DROZD: I just wanted to add something. I've come from the Steel Valley, as I've said many times before. I believe there should be protected classes and industries and workers and labor, one of which I very strongly believe that we have to look at our tariffs because what's fair to one side isn't fair to this side. We lost a lot of our steel jobs. Our steel workers --- I used to cross there. If you go, there's still a sign when you go across Highland Bridge, the center of the steel industry. All those jobs are gone. And we so badly need to protect those industries like our steel industry and jobs that are a high-paying base. Those are the ones, the manufacturing base. The steelworkers helped build this country. And we need to have some protective tariffs, I really believe that, to protect those jobs and those industries, because not in addition just for the jobs itself and the industry itself, its defense. It's defense of this country. And we need those steel operations that have gone along the way. So you know, I think we need to do that and look at those areas. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Mr. Finnerty and then Mr. Robinson.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. This act is doing nothing but leveling the playing field in regard to unions and management. Unions in this country have made little cost. Today if we look at a situation where companies come in and hire lawyers to try to break the union, and it's done because of this supposed period from the time you sign your card to the time that the vote is taken. This act does not say there can't be a secret ballot. This act is saying that it's up to the employees to petition for the secret ballot. The way it is now, it's the employer the petition is for. So that's one of the big changes. And I think that's just leveling the playing field.

If you get the majority in the card check, that majority of the employees decided they want to have a secret ballot, it can't be done. But it can be done by the employer alone demanding one, which they changed the law in '74 or '75. I'm not sure exactly. So it was more towards management. And we're just attempting --- and I

think this only affects the level of the playing field. I worked in the mill. I worked on the railroad. And I also was a union president when I taught for 30 years. And that's all there is to it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Councilman Robinson and then Councilman Ellenbogen.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President. Would you add me as a cosponsor, please?

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Please add Mr. Robinson as a cosponsor. Councilman Ellenbogen.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: First, I'd like to thank Councilman DeFazio and Councilwoman Green for bringing this bill to Council. Just by way of a story, when I was a very young man, a company that I won't name hired me. And my second day on the job, a union clerk sitting there trying to organize a union came up to me and offered me a pamphlet. And that afternoon I got called in and got a little friendly warning. Well, you know, as a young man, or as any one, that's quite a message, and that's something that stuck with me all these years. And it's nice to know that there's people out there fighting against that kind of stuff. So I'm very proud to be part of this bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Please call the roll.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Burn?
MR. BURN: Yes.
MR. MASCIO: Ms. Cleary?
MS. CLEARY: Aye.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. DeFazio?
MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Drozd?
MR. DROZD: Abstain.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Gastgeb?
MR. GASTGEB: Abstain.
MR. MASCIO: Ms. Green?
MS. GREEN: Aye.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Aye.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Aye.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. McCullough?
MR. MCCULLOUGH: Abstain.
MR. MASCIO: Ms. Rea?
MS. REA: Abstain.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Fitzgerald, President?
PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Yes.

MR. MASCIO: Ayes 11, nos 0. We have four abstentions. The motion carries.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4162-08.

MR. MASCIO: An ordinance amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division One, entitled Administrative Code, Article 203, entitled County Authorities, through the creation of a new Section 5-203.10 governing lobbying activities by the County authorities.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Sponsored by Councilmen Drozd and Gastgeb. It was in the Committee on Government Reform. We had the meeting on the 26th. And as you recall at our last meeting, Councilman Drozd had made a motion to bring the bill out of committee. And we had a discussion on it then. And then we also had a discussion on it in committee on the 26th. It was released from committee without a recommendation. I think --- not to put too fine a point on it, but I think most of the members on the committee did not recommend that they bring it out for a vote, to give it a vote. And I think the reason, if I could sum up, is we certainly get an awful lot of money from various governmental agencies, federal and state, for our various authorities. The Port Authority is certainly a good example. Act 44 last year brought us \$55 million to keep our buses running. It provided a way in which we could get away from property tax to fund transit and also brought us a tremendous amount of money for the North Shore Connector. The Airport Authority is probably the most recent example. I think they got \$12 million, Mr. Macey, if I'm right?

MR. MACEY: That's correct.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: \$10 million for the International Airport and \$2 million for the county airport. I could go on and on, and the SCA and ALCOSAN and the other authorities. It's very important, even in normal circumstances, to have experts, not lobbyists, but

they're experts at getting money and helping us get money for some of these major projects. And we're talking millions and millions of dollars. Even more so now with the confusing stimulus package and the money that's out there in various pots, we are putting literally hundreds of millions of dollars at risk if we didn't have experts there to help us procure that money which moves this region forward, helps people to learn, helps with economic development.

So we're bringing this bill out and I'll ask Mr. Drozd to make a motion to approve. And again, the committee recommended that --- there's no recommendation. The discussion pretty much was not to get rid of our lobbyists. Now I'll ask Mr. Drozd if he wants to make a motion to ---.

MR. DROZD: First and foremost, I have comments and I'd like to hold this bill and to vote next time, and let me explain why. Can I do that, Mr. Chairman? I have concerns.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: I think we're going to take a motion to do a vote. I'm going to ask for a motion from somebody to bring this bill out. But go ahead.

MR. DROZD: Basically, it's this. I believe that each and every one of us that sits here around this semicircle table all have equal elective rights of those people they represent within Allegheny County. I asked, specifically made requests to the authorities to provide me information on this. They did so. Then I asked --- was sent to the Economic Development group and the answer came back, as I understand, was given to one Council member who's the chair of that committee. This is not a committee issue. This is an issue that I requested the information. I was told I was going to be given that information today. It was given two or three days ago, I would assume. And to this minute right here now, I don't have that information. And I believe that information is pertinent to making these decisions.

And also --- and I have no problem with that. In essence, we asked the county, too, and they asked for a letter. That's fine. I can send that letter. I'm sending that letter out along with a letter of my concerns. Presently I'm concerned that, you know, a Council member asked for information that's pertinent to an ordinance that they are presenting here and the information is not given directly to that Council member.

I don't believe any one of us, any one of us --- and I'll support your efforts in getting that information. And due diligence should be given to that information, to that individual.

Now, you know, I don't know if it's time to comment on the bill itself, you know, if I wish to do that. I'll hold my comments why I so strongly believe in this, not spending taxpayers' money for lobbying, if in essence, we can vote on it at the next meeting. If not, then I'll make my comments why I so strongly believe in this ordinance.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: I guess, Mr. Drozd, I'm really confused because last week we went through this bill --- referred to it, I guess. When you didn't have that information, you really made, I'll use the word fuss, about getting this bill voted on. So we had a committee meeting. We've got all the information. I'm perplexed. Three weeks ago you wanted this thing voted on no matter what. We're acceding to your wishes and now you're pulling a switch here.

MR. DROZD: No, no. No, no. I said that based upon that I was given the word that we were going to receive that information --- I was going to receive that information by yesterday.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: No, no. Three weeks ago you wanted a vote.

MR. DROZD: No. I understood that part of my argument tonight ---.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: You wanted to vote that night without any information.

MR. DROZD: No. Part of my argument tonight was going to be that I was promised I was going to be getting that information as of Monday evening. And I heard that at the time I asked this to come forth from the committee. Everyone deserves the information when they request --- put a request in. And to date I still do not have that information. It's pertinent to me to bring --- first the committee itself, how many members were there, Mr. Chairman? How many members were at that meeting? How many?

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Four or five. I don't know.

MR. DROZD: Fifteen (15) votes here. And that should have been presented tonight. It should have been able to be presented tonight for the vote. There are 15

votes. The committee only puts the ordinance through, and there's further argument here on the basis of information ---.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Mr. Finnerty and I just want to respond.

MR. FINNERTY: First of all, I'd like to make a motion.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: So moved.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Second. Discussion? Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. Councilman Drozd, with all due respect, I'm chairman of the Economic Development Committee. That information was given to me. And it's in your mailbox and it's in everybody's mailbox. It's here. I don't know how many people went down and checked their mailbox, but that information is there. This was put in today.

MR. DROZD: Today. How long have you had it, Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: I'm not answering your questions at all, brother. I have the floor. You interrogate somebody else, but don't you dare interrogate me.

MR. DROZD: I'm talking ---.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: You're out of order.

MR. FINNERTY: You're out of order again.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Mr. Finnerty, continue.

MR. FINNERTY: I got that information. I will believe it was Thursday. We went up to Seven Springs Friday. I came in and got it to you today. Now, it's not my fault that you can't check your mailbox. That's something you should do because there's pertinent information in that mailbox, especially in regard to what you want to do. Now, I don't understand. None of us understand this at all. We're sitting here and we went through all kinds of shenanigans last time up here because you wanted to pull that bill from committee. It's sitting right here, right in front of you, and now you don't have enough information. Before you had no information. Man, you're upside down. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Mr. Macey and then Mr. Drozd.

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of Council. As a liaison for the Airport Authority and I've been on the Airport Authority for three and a half years,

I can assure you that not one penny of taxpayers' dollars are going towards any lobbying issues. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: There were four authorities that responded in due ample time. And I'm only keeping Council members --- and I think you'd all have a shot. If you would ask and check with the staff, I normally pick up my mail every day. In fact, if you check the records here, you'll see I come in on a Saturday night, sometimes a Sunday, to pick my mail up. So I don't understand, you know. Today, how many Council members made it in here maybe before four o'clock or whatever have you? That's not ample enough time. If you knew that information was valid to my question and it was supposed to be given to me by Monday, I'm sorry, I won't accept that. I don't accept the fact that you put it into my mail today. You could have e-mailed it if you had my e-mail. I don't know.

So no, I'm sorry --- no, I'm not sorry. I don't accept that. I think if someone has information --- secondly, it shouldn't be given to the Chair. This was not a question of the Chair. This was a specific question of me asking as an elected official and a right to do so and to receive that information, any one of us. No one here should be denied information given directly to them if they so ask. That's the bottom line, regardless of whichever or whenever it was given. It is pertinent and it should have been given in due time. So I don't know --- I mean, you saw me yesterday. You could have handed it to me then if you had it. We were there. You could have told me that you had it. I didn't know that we didn't have it until I think it was yesterday from one of the staff members who told me --- I asked, where's that information. And then that's when I was told.

So no, I think that it's not acceptable. I think any one of us deserves that information if we're going to make valid decisions and make valid presentations and valid arguments to support the ordinance. I think that's a right and it's a right to the constituents you represent. So I don't accept it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Mr. Finnerty and then Mr. Martoni.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. I didn't ask if you accept it. That's the way it is. This information coming from Economic Development came to me

because I'm the Chair of Economic Development and Housing. And you got the information. You also got a letter, I wrote it, that said that that information was out. Because I did a CC on this letter. And at the bottom of this letter it says, Honorable Matt Drozd, County Council, without attachment. So you knew as of April 2nd that this information was out there. So you know, you keep going around in circles. You didn't have this information since you didn't go down to your box and get it. And if you look at the second sheet, you will see that you were CC'ed on it.

Now, for one thing, we're talking about the bill. And a lot of people have a problem with lobbying. It was in the paper, I guess, about three weeks ago in regard to lobbying. And really, if we stopped and thought about it and said if we want to save a lot of authorities --- and by the way, Economic Development does not use one penny of taxpayers' money to lobby. Not one penny. Nor do we as the County of Allegheny pay anyone in Economic Development. They are paid by fees to Economic Development. Now, let's be sure about this because it's the same for the Airport Authority. We don't pay for this.

But getting back to lobbying, we're talking about lobbying in Allegheny County that's going to outlaw lobbying for our authorities for our different objects that we need, our Human Services, et cetera. We have to stop and think. Now, if we don't have somebody keeping our issues in the face of the state legislators and our federal congressmen and senators, we probably wouldn't get as much. Now, if we're going to outlaw lobbying, we're going to have a lot of people from other places in the country lobbying for their concerns. So why should we put our county at a disadvantage? If we're going to outlaw lobbying, let's make sure it's outlawed in the entire United States or the entire State of Pennsylvania so that we're all playing on equal grounds, on level fields.

Because by doing this, we have put ourselves and our people in the County of Allegheny in a situation that I don't think we could win them the funds, which in turn puts us in a predicament because we have to get those funds somehow. Remember that two thirds of this county budget is Health and Human Services. And that money is pass-through money. If we were in a situation that those funds slowed down, it would hurt a tremendous amount of

people in this county. And I don't think any of us up here want that to happen, nor does anyone up here want to put a tax somehow or a fee to make up the money that we lose because we have outlawed a lobbying situation for our concerns. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Mr. Martoni and then Mr. McCullough.

MR. MARTONI: As usual, I'm sitting here and I don't know what the hell we're talking about.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Talking about lobbying.

MR. MARTONI: Okay. Let me remind everybody that lobbying is as old as the republic. Okay. It's as old as the United States of America. Okay. And I can't believe that we get into these kind of situations where we spend a half hour for absolutely nothing, wasting our time. There is no question in my mind that there's not a government agency, there's not a human being in the United States of America that doesn't lobby for something. Okay. If we don't lobby, others will. Okay. I think we ought to discuss the merits of whether we should have our authorities and everybody else lobby for money. That's the issue. Obviously, I think we should, because I don't have a number in my head, but I would guess that our authorities bring in millions of dollars a year through lobbying. Okay. And I would also guess that if they didn't, somebody else would. It would probably go to Philadelphia or Harrisburg or Rankin or Brown. I'm not sure. Because they're probably smart enough to lobby.

I think we get tied down in these --- I've got to watch the words I say --- because I think we get tied down in nothing. Okay. There's no question that as a government agency, as an authority, we all should have lobbyists running out and getting us everything they could get us. And first of all, it doesn't cost us one penny. They all make their money --- and I could be wrong on this, but I don't think I am. They all make their money based on what they get --- what they get for us.

So I'm saying let's cut this out and let's just vote and let's decide whether or not we're going to have lobbyists or not. If we're not, and we might go back to the Stone Age. I'm not sure. But if we are, we might start to go toward the future, moving that direction. Forgive me for being so cynical, but I don't believe we get into these kind of discussions all the time.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Mr. McCullough and then Mr. Drozd.

MR. MCCULLOUGH: Well, Dr. Martoni makes a lot of good points. And I just want to make an observation. We have black crepe hanging in front of us tonight for a very good reason, for a very somber reason. And I don't think any of us really want to get into a protracted cat fight over an issue like this. And that leads me to my next point. I'm still relatively new here. Is it not a matter of privilege if a sponsor doesn't want to conform to something? We generally respect that. And maybe that just ought to be done in this instance. I don't know if we want to force the sponsor to vote on a bill he doesn't want to go forward with. By the same token, if that's the way he feels, I don't think he should be expecting to see this any time in the near future. Maybe we just ought to pass on this thing for right now, because frankly, I'm not up for extended discussion about this tonight either.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Mr. Drozd and Mr. Ellenbogen and Mr. Gastgeb.

MR. DROZD: The last four or five years, there were four authorities paid out \$1.5 million of our tax money. This is not about eliminating --- not lobbying. This is not about eliminating lobbying by those that necessarily pay out of their own pocket. This is saying if you want to lobby, then dollar for dollar of the taxpayer money will be withheld for you for other purposes within Allegheny County. That's what the ordinance reads. It doesn't eliminate their right to lobbying. It says you want to lobby, it's not going to be done with taxpayer money. There are a lot of people out there right now --- and by the way, that's the legislators' job. And I did have a chance to talk with a couple of them. And I said, do you believe that you are responsible for bringing monies into Allegheny County or do you think it was the lobbyists? What do you think their answer was? I would dare to say if you polled every Allegheny County rep in this area plus the state senators, they'd say it's their efforts, not the lobbying efforts. And that's their job and that's what they're paid to do.

If you want to take a staff, not just individual payment to a state legislator, let alone their own pays in essence of where you work and your own hard tax dollars --- if you would take that pay, which is approximately worth \$150 when you talk about all the perks and

everything else, then all those staff who are supposed to be lobbying on your behalf, that's their job. And then you take our Congress people and then you take U.S. senators. If you would ask any of them or their staff if it was their effort or the lobbyists that brought money into this county, what do you think their answer would be? Start adding that up. Start adding that up and then you justify to me if we're spending --- four authorities are spending --- that's not including --- and that's just starting the count, \$1.5 million to four authorities. Hard earned taxpayer dollars.

You dare say --- you go to your constituents and you ask them if they want to pay for lobbyists when they're paying these legislators to represent us and they're doing their job and you believe they're doing their job, you bet your constituents would say no, I don't want my money put for lobbying. That's why I'm paying the legislators. And by the way, we've got twice as many legislators as Texas and California, who has over twice the population we do, and that's what they say they do. They didn't bring home more things because they concentrate their efforts. And I believe it's the legislators, the senators to bring --- and the U.S. Congress and the senators to bring money into Allegheny County and to their constituents, not the lobbyists. A lobbyist --- I don't believe any tax ---.

So I'm not saying eliminate --- if they want to do it, fine, but not with my tax dollars or any of the constituents out there tax dollars. If you want to pay them, pay them. But I'll dare say to you, you go and you poll your constituents out there. They'll say, not with my tax dollars. I'm not paying any lobbyists. I'm already paying the legislators and our Congress. So I don't want to hear that it's trivial. It's not trivial. Go ask the person out there that's paying the taxes, the hard earned taxes every day. See if they say it's trivial. I don't think so. I doubt it very much. They're being paid. Why should the taxpayers double pay?

Right now for the past four years, \$1.5 million, and a lot more --- and still counting. I don't have all the stats yet. I'm waiting for it. And that's why I think we have to care about --- go ask your constituents. Maybe it's a good poll for KQV. Do you want to pay lobbyists out of your own pockets? Do you want the taxpayer dollars to be used for lobbyists? I dare say

they would say definitely not. If it's a solid vote without people padding the --- I'm not saying they do. And I would say anybody could take a poll of those constituents. They'll say ---.

MR. MARTONI: There are places in the world that they don't allow this. I think Russia, China. There are places ---.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Councilman Ellenbogen and Councilman ---.

MR. DROZD: Wait a minute. Mr. Martoni ---.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: We're going to go in order. Councilman Ellenbogen, Councilman Gastgeb, Councilwoman Green.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Okay. I've got a couple things to say. First of all, everybody knows I pretty much speak my mind, so Rich, you and I --- you know, you and I have mixed it up a few times, but I will say in deference to you, you know, you respected the wishes of the sponsor. You brought it out of committee. You went to all that trouble. And I don't think it's fair for you to be painted that, you know, you're unwilling to take it up. You went to all this trouble. The bill should be voted on. If the sponsor was unsure, I think at that time he shouldn't have went to all the trouble, you know, and disturbance to bring it back out. I mean, we don't have so much time.

As far as our senators and legislators, I mean, let's face it. The reality is they have so many things that they have to lobby for that, you know, if we don't have our own lobbyists, a lot of the monies that are out there we're just not going to get. That's the reality. Because even though the senators or legislators lobby for it, somebody has to lobby the senators and the legislators to vote on it. So that's also an issue.

But I think, you know, the main thing is --- and it might be the real issue behind all this. I know it kind of is to me. Lobbying is a necessity in life. I mean, some of the greatest medical discoveries and some of the Nobel Prize winners in society have had to lobby for money. Nobody gives away money. You got to really go out there and get it. Try to raise money even to run for office and you'll see what I'm talking about.

But some of the articles that we have read in the newspapers in the last six months is, you know, the pay to play kind of things, impropriety. So the question

that I'm kind of asking myself is are certain Council members more concerned about the act of lobbying or who's getting the contracts and how the contracts are being given out? That's one kind of --- in the mix here. And if that is the issue, this isn't the place to vote. I mean, lobbying is a necessary evil or not. I mean, like I said, it's something we do need. I mean, there's no way that a lot of monies that come into this county that we would get if we just left it to fate. So like I said, I'm wondering if that's the real issue. If that is the case, I wish somebody would say so. Just outlawing lobbying, I think, is ridiculous. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Mr. Gastgeb and then Councilwoman Green.

MR. GASTGEB: Thank you, President Fitzgerald. There's so many twists and turns with this. I'm going to take them, I guess, in the order that I think it's important. If a member asks for information in writing, I'm not sure why that member's request wouldn't be fulfilled. I've never had an issue with asking for anything in writing. It's always gotten back from the proper county director or agency or whatever. I do know that if it goes in committee, that oftentimes the committee does take the lead and the member agrees to let the committee take the lead and firsthand knowledge and firsthand response. So I'm not sure, but I will go on record to say I think the collective individuality of our Council is more important than our committees we serve on.

What really is --- not upsetting, but I really have to get an answer. Mr. McCullough asked and you had answered. The sponsor always has the right to pull a bill. Again, a committee is a group of people. There's nothing more important than 15 of us being elected as equal members. To think that a sponsor can't pull a bill --- we may not like it in this case. We might find it distasteful. We may not understand why. That doesn't negate the fact that any member has a right to bring a bill forth or to suspend that or withdraw.

For instance, Councilman Fitzgerald withdrew the very first bill tonight, Bill Number 4695. It was in committee and he pulled it. So I would never think of taking his bill and saying well, wait a minute, I want to bring it forth, nor do I think any members would do that tonight. If it isn't down in writing that way, it would be a courtesy that we offer everybody. If Mr. Drozd for

whatever reason wants to withdraw it, it's going to come back in two weeks. I'm sure we can wait.

The other thing, specific to this bill as I understand it, I don't see anything in here, if you read the last subsection, 4-203.10 under lobbying activities, that outlaws lobbying at all. It's a fiscal bill. For every dollar that goes out in lobbying, that dollar is conceived to be withheld from the county.

Now, if there is no tax money involved, then there would be no point to the bill. If it is fee based, none of this would pertain. Mr. Drozd has in his language, in the event that any authority does pay for such lobbying activities in any calendar year, the authority's budget for the following year shall be reduced by the amount paid. So if it's a dollar in, it's a dollar out. If there's no tax money involved, then there's no money at all. If there is tax money involved and people here tonight say there isn't, really it's moot because this bill isn't operational at all. It's only in the event that county taxpayer money is being used for lobbying efforts. Now, you may not agree with the dollar in, dollar out. That's fine. But nowhere does this bill say it outlaws lobbying, at least as I read it and understood it and Mr. Drozd put it forth to me.

So again, just to recap from my perspective, I hope that the way this government started where there's open dialogue between members and any administration or whatever continues. I hope the sponsor is looked at as very sacred in this body. It's the most important --- legality is the most important thing here. If you read the bill, it's only a fiscal bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: I want to ask Mr. Cambest to answer any questions Mr. Gastgeb posed regarding the rules of a sponsor referring or taking a bill back to committee.

MR. CAMBEST: Well, I don't think that's what happened this evening. As I heard Mr. Drozd, he said I want to talk for a minute, but I'm going to make a motion to hold. To me that's a motion to table. That should be voted upon by the forum. You can't table it on your own. That's what I heard Mr. Drozd say.

MR. MCCULLOUGH: Rich?

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Chuck, a point of order, I'll let you.

MR. MCCULLOUGH: Right. I'm not sure that that's right, Jack. I thought I heard him say pull. I mean, we have a stenographer here if you want to ask her to go back and ---.

MR. CAMBEST: You can read it back.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Pull I think denotes withdraw the bill, meaning drop the bill. I think he wanted it to go back to committee. That to me is ---.

MR. CAMBEST: That's a different story.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Yes, that's a different ---. Mr. Drozd, which do you wish to do? Do you wish to withdraw your bill in its entirety? Do you wish to table your bill? What do you want to make a motion to do?

MR. DROZD: I'd like to hold it until --- whatever it takes to put it back until I get the information that I requested.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: That's a motion to refer back to committee or a motion to table.

MR. DROZD: I'll make a motion to ---.

MR. CAMBEST: Why don't we read it so there's no confusion? In lieu of a vote of approval, Council may hold, Council may hold any piece of legislation until a future designated time by an affirmative vote and the majority of the seated members of Council. That's really a motion to table, a motion to hold. All motions to hold must contain a specified period or condition upon which the bill will be dropped before the full Council for reconsideration. The reason why that's in there, if you do not and you withdraw a bill and you don't bring it up at the next meeting, it's gone. That's Robert's Rules of Order. Council may also table any piece of legislation by an affirmative vote of the majority of the seated members of Council. An affirmative vote of two thirds of the seated members is required to untable the bill. All right. All proposed motions, resolutions, ordinances may be withdrawn by the primary sponsor or primary sponsors at any time before a vote is called. I think that's what Mr. McCullough is referring to.

What I heard was a motion to hold. And then after the motion to hold, there was a discussion. There was no second to the motion to hold, no motion. Mr. Finnerty, I believe, made a motion to approve the bill as brought out. There was a second and there was proper discussion. So right now you have a motion to approve the bill on the floor and it's been discussed.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Correct. And a motion to table will take precedence; right? Would we have to vote on that if Mr. Drozd wishes to do that?

MR. CAMBEST: Right. Motion to table now will take precedent, needs a second, no discussion, vote.

MR. MCCULLOUGH: If he wanted to withdraw, that basically negates all of it.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: He can withdraw the bill at any time.

MR. MCCULLOUGH: Why don't we just ask him then what he wants to do?

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: He already said that he wants the bill to go back to committee, which is basically holding the bill. So if he makes that motion and we get a second, that will become an immediate vote without discussion. John?

MR. MASCIIO: You can make a motion to hold a bill without it going back to committee. It doesn't have to go back to committee. He said ---.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Then what happens to the bill?

MR. MASCIIO: It just comes up whenever ---.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: By whose designation?

MR. DEFAZIO: Well, it says right here, a specified period of time or condition.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: But by whom, the committee chair, a majority of the Council, the President? Who brings the bill out of, I'll call it limbo?

MR. CAMBEST: Technically there will be a motion to hold until the next voting session of Council.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: At the next meeting.

MR. CAMBEST: And that would need to be voted upon by the majority of the seated members.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: That's a majority.

MR. CAMBEST: He can't do it on his own. Now, if that is voted down, then it's back to are we going to table it or are we going to vote to approve it or is he going to withdraw the bill.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Those are the options. Correct. Point of order. Mr. Gastgeb?

MR. GASTGEB: Thank you if I have the floor. And Jack, walk me through what we did on the very first bill tonight, 4695, and Councilman Fitzgerald said he was going to hold it. There was no vote. There was nothing.

MR. DEFAZIO: Point of order.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Jared and I have had a discussion.

MR. DEFAZIO: Point of order. First of all, you got to remember if Rich was wrong, you had the opportunity when he did it. If you don't call him on it, that's gone. We're on this now. That's past. So if someone does something wrong and you think it's wrong, then you can call it then. Okay.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: And let me state, I had a discussion with Jared and John about doing just that. And they indicated as President I have the ability to do that.

MR. CAMBEST: He does. The President can refer all proposed legislation to the proper committee of Council.

MR. GASTGEB: My question wasn't right or wrong. It's just to get the answer. I'm not trying to go retroactively. I'm just trying to figure out ---.

MR. CAMBEST: Once again, I thought Mr. Drozd said I want to make a motion to hold. And I'm going to make a comment. I mean, that's what happened. And then the comment went on. Mr. Finnerty then made a motion to approve, I believe, is what he meant. There was a motion, then there was a second and then we had a discussion on it.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Mr. Drozd, do you wish to make a motion to hold?

MR. DROZD: Yes, I'd like to make a motion to hold.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Is there a second?

MR. REA: Second.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Please call the roll on Mr. Drozd's motion to hold.

MR. MASCIO: On the motion to hold, Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Yes.

MR. MASCIO: Ms. Cleary?

MS. CLEARY: No.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Let me ask you a question on the hold. What's your interpretation, Jack ---?

MR. CAMBEST: If there's going to be a motion to hold, we need to specify.

MR. GASTGEB: You have to vote yes or no. Point of order.

MR. DEFAZIO: That's an improper ---.

MR. CAMBEST: It's an improper motion as it stands right now because there is no specified time.

MR. DEFAZIO: Right.

MR. GASTGEB: I thought it was the next voting meeting.

MR. CAMBEST: You didn't say that.

MR. GASTGEB: Yeah, I said next --- hold the vote ---.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Is that a motion to hold for the next meeting?

MR. CAMBEST: That's the motion, to clarify --- we've clarified the motion with regard to ---.

MR. FINNERTY: Start all over?

MR. CAMBEST: Yes.

(Motion seconded.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: We have a second. We have a motion to second. Just so everybody understands, it's a motion to hold until the next meeting.

MR. CAMBEST: Would you like to start all over with the vote?

MR. DEFAZIO: You have to.

MR. MASCIO: Okay. Motion to hold the bill until the next regular meeting of Council. Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Yes.

MR. MASCIO: Ms. Cleary?

MS. CLEARY: No.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: No.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Yes.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: No.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: No.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Gastgeb?

MR. GASTGEB: Yes.

MR. MASCIO: Ms. Green?

MS. GREEN: Aye.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. McCullough?

MR. MCCULLOUGH: Aye.
MR. MASCIO: Ms. Rea?
MS. REA: Yes.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Fitzgerald, President?
PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: No.
MR. MASCIO: Ayes 10, nos 5. The bill is held
until the next regular meeting of Council.
PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Committee on Budget and
Finance, second reading, 4699-09.
MR. MASCIO: A resolution amending the Grants
and Special Accounts Budget for 2009, Submission Number
5-09.
PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Chairman Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Move for approval.
MS. CLEARY: Second.
PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved. Discussion?
Please call the roll.
MR. MASCIO: On Bill Number 4699-09, Mr. Burn?
MR. BURN: Yes.
MR. MASCIO: Ms. Cleary?
MS. CLEARY: Aye.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. DeFazio? Sorry. Mr.
Drozd?
MR. DROZD: Aye.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Aye.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Gastgeb?
MR. GASTGEB: Yes.
MR. MASCIO: Ms. Green?
MS. GREEN: Aye.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Martoni?
MR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. McCullough?
MR. MCCULLOUGH: Aye.
MR. MASCIO: Ms. Rea?
MS. REA: Yes.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Fitzgerald, President?
PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Yes.
MR. MASCIO: Ayes 14, nos 0. The bill passes.
PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Committee on Economic
Development and Housing, second reading, 4696-09.
MR. MASCIO: An ordinance of the County of
Allegheny authorizing the conveyance of the County of
Allegheny's interest in a parcel to the American Ukrainian
Citizens Club.
PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Chairman Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd
like to make a motion.
MS. CLEARY: Second.
PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second.
Discussion? Please call the roll.
MR. MASCIO: On Bill Number 4696-09, Mr. Burn?
MR. BURN: Yes.
MR. MASCIO: Ms. Cleary?
MS. CLEARY: Aye.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. DeFazio? Mr. Drozd?
MR. DROZD: Aye.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Gastgeb?
MR. GASTGEB: Yes.
MR. MASCIO: Ms. Green?
MS. GREEN: Aye.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Martoni?
MR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. McCullough?
MR. MCCULLOUGH: Aye.
MR. MASCIO: Ms. Rea?
MS. REA: Yes.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Fitzgerald, President?
PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Yes.
MR. MASCIO: Ayes 14, nos 0. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4697-09.

MR. MASCIO: An ordinance authorizing the development of certain portions of County-owned property known as the Kane Regional Center-Ross and the transfer of the County's interest in such property to the developer in phases through deed or ground lease.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Chairman Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. This was released with an affirmative recommendation from Committee on Economic Development and Housing. It's a great project and I'd like to make a motion that we approve.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second.

Discussion? Please call the roll.

MR. MASCIO: On Bill Number 4697-09, Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Yes.

MR. MASCIO: Ms. Cleary?

MS. CLEARY: Aye.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Aye.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Gastgeb?

MR. GASTGEB: Yes.

MR. MASCIO: Ms. Green?

MS. GREEN: Aye.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. McCullough?

MR. MCCULLOUGH: Aye.

MR. MASCIO: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Yes.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Fitzgerald, President?

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Yes.

MR. MASCIO: Ayes 14, nos 0. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Committee on Public Safety, second reading, 4660-09.

MR. MASCIO: An ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to acquire the Municipal Courts Building located at First Avenue, City of Pittsburgh, County of Allegheny, from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for \$1.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Chairman Burn?

MR. BURN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. I move for approval.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second. Discussion? Please call the roll.

MR. MASCIO: On Bill Number 4660-09, Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Yes.

MR. MASCIO: Ms. Cleary?

MS. CLEARY: Aye.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Aye.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Aye.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Gastgeb?

MR. GASTGEB: Yes.

MR. MASCIO: Ms. Green?

MS. GREEN: Aye.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Aye.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Aye.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. McCullough?

MR. MCCULLOUGH: Aye.

MR. MASCIO: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Yes.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Fitzgerald, President?

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Yes.

MR. MASCIO: Ayes 14, nos 0. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Executive Committee, second reading, 4634-09.

MR. MASCIIO: Motion of the Council of Allegheny County approving an Allegheny County Council policy governing access to public records.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Chairman Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: I move we approve the motion.

(Motion seconded.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second. Let's call for a voice vote on this. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? Motion carries. Liaison reports, anyone have any liaison reports this evening? Mr. Burn and then Mr. Drozd.

MR. BURN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. Briefly, next Wednesday at eight o'clock, the Public Safety Committee will be convening in Hearing Room One. Chief Full is our invited guest. We are going to discuss the 911 policy and procedures. The Chief has been very candid in his statements to the Executive's Office, to myself in a conversation today and to the media, print and radio, regarding the situation this past Saturday and with the specific dispatch call in question.

I commend him for his candor and for statements that he has made. I commend him for the fact that he has agreed to look at the system in and out, up and down, to quote him --- or to paraphrase his words. He is willing to come to the Public Safety Committee meeting next Wednesday and meet with myself and my colleagues and committee members who you wish to attend to answer any questions that we may have with respect to the comments he's made about human error being involved in the situation Saturday where specific communications and information were not conveyed to the officers who were called to Stanton Heights. He will talk with us about what measures, if any, he has taken or that he recommends once he takes a more detailed analysis of the situation and those protocols that are currently in place.

So I look forward to a very candid conversation with Chief Full. He has never --- he has always been straightforward with us when he's come to our committee. And I look forward to the discussion next week. Other than that, I don't have anything else to say about it other than to explain what he's coming for and why he's going to be there. And I'll have no other comments about

it until next week. I'd rather honor the memory of those three fallen heroes from now until then. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: I just wanted to add, you know, that many a time I heard the volleys of gunfire to salute those fallen comrades in arms at Arlington when I was serving. And sometimes I had a chance to go out and see the faces of those family members, how much hurt there was, how much loss. And I would like to add to --- God bless heart, those three fallen officers. There was two that were also injured. And one, I think, believe took a shot to the hand and the other one broke a leg in line of duty. And all those police officers that rallied to help and to serve and to back up, provide backup support, I'd like to remember them, too, along with those three fantastic officers that paid the ultimate price. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: New business, ordinances and resolutions, 4740-09.

MR. MASCIO: An ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to clear the right-of-way for and to acquire by condemnation certain parcels of land for this project and to take such further action as may be necessary under applicable law, including the Eminent Domain Code. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to the Committee on Public Works. 4741-09.

MR. MASCIO: An ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to sell a 4.23 acre parcel of excess land for the amount of \$461,070 plus a \$1,000 administrative fee to Parkway Park Associates and refund to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation the sum of \$461,070, representing the Bayer Corporation approved donation credit for construction of Settler's Cabin Interchange. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Public Works. 4742-09.

MR. MASCIO: An ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to convey real property interests to the City of Pittsburgh. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Public Works. 4743-09.

MR. MASCIO: An ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to sell a .787 acre parcel of excess land at the intersection of Hulton Road, formerly LR677 in Plum

Borough, to T.D. Holdings, LLC, for the full consideration in the amount of \$5,000 upon approval by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Public Works. 4744-09.

MR. MASCIO: An ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to sell excess rights-of-way and easements to Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for Mt. Nebo Road in Ohio Township and for Greensburg Pike in North Versailles Borough. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Public Works. 4751-09.

MR. MASCIO: An ordinance authorizing the disposition of a county-owned vehicle to the Spring Garden Fire Company, Reserve Township, Station 240 for use in providing emergency services. Sponsored by Councilman Burn.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Public Safety. Mr. Burn, do you wish to comment?

MR. BURN: Not at this time, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4752-09.

MR. MASCIO: An ordinance amending the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 435 entitled Minority Business Enterprise Program, Section 435-3 entitled Advisory Committee, in order to clarify the organizational structure of the county's MBE Advisory Committee. Sponsored by Councilman Robinson.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Government Reform. Mr. Robinson, do you wish to comment?

MR. ROBINSON: Not at this time, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4753-09.

MR. MASCIO: An ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny approving the MWDBE participation policy of the Port Authority of Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Vice President Martoni, Council Members Finnerty, Macey and Robinson.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Government Reform. Please add me as a cosponsor. Mr. Martoni, do you wish to comment?

MR. MARTONI: No comment.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4745-09.

MR. MASCIO: A resolution authorizing the Allegheny County Police Training Academy to apply for and to accept a grant from the Municipal Police Officers'

Education and Training Commission and agreeing to adhere to all rules, regulations and training standards established by Commission.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Public Safety. 4746-09.

MR. MASCIO: A resolution amending the Grants and Special Accounts for 2009, Submission Number 06-09. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Budget and Finance. 4754-09.

MR. MASCIO: A resolution designating the month of April 2009 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Members Cleary, Finnerty, Robinson, President Fitzgerald, Council Members Gastgeb and Macey.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Ms. Cleary, do you wish to waive the second reading on this and the motion go through ---?

MS. CLEARY: Yes, I'd like to waive the second reading.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: That's a motion to waive.
(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Second. Discussion? All in favor signify ---.

MR. MASCIO: Just a point of order. This is for the resolution?

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: No, no. The waiver. The motion to waive.

MR. MASCIO: I'm so sorry.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Motion to waive. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? The second reading having been waived, do I have a motion to ---?

MS. CLEARY: I'd like to make a motion.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second.
Discussion? Please call the roll.

MR. MASCIO: On Bill Number ---.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just want to be added as a cosponsor.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Add Mr. Ellenbogen as a cosponsor, please.

MR. BURN: I would also like to be added, please.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Add Mr. Burn.
MS. GREEN: I would like to be added.
PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Add Ms. Green.
MR. MASCIO: On Bill Number 4754-09, Mr. Burn?
MR. BURN: Yes.
MR. MASCIO: Ms. Cleary?
MS. CLEARY: Aye.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Drozd?
MR. DROZD: Aye.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Gastgeb?
MR. GASTGEB: Yes.
MR. MASCIO: Ms. Green?
MS. GREEN: Aye.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Martoni?
MR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. McCullough?
MR. MCCULLOUGH: Aye.
MR. MASCIO: Ms. Rea?
MS. REA: Yes.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Fitzgerald, President?
PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Yes.
MR. MASCIO: Ayes 14, nos 0. The bill passes.
PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: New business, motions,

4756-09.

MR. MASCIO: A motion of the Council of Allegheny County to convene a working group with representation from the Executive and Legislative branches of the County of Allegheny to review and as appropriate revise Allegheny County's existing facilities master plan. Sponsored by Councilman Burn.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Mr. Burn, refer to Public Safety?

MR. BURN: Yes, please.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Please refer. Did you wish to comment?

MR. BURN: Just briefly. As I think about it, I don't even know we really need to do that. We had a conversation at a Public Safety meeting a couple weeks ago with Councilman Robinson and we talked about the Shuman Center and about the issues up there. We talked about the possibility of a feasibility study at the Shuman Center specifically. And Manager Flynn can talk a little bit about that. And as we continued the conversation, we expanded it to the concept of perhaps reviewing the master plan and our existing facilities plan, which I understand may not have been looked at for 15 years plus. So we thought instead of just looking at specifically the Shuman, why don't we take a step back and look at the entire master plan and just kind of give ourselves a diagnostic here of what's working and what isn't? So if we were to put this in committee, Mr. President, I don't know that there would be anything else to add. So I would ask for a motion ---.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Make a motion to approve?

MR. BURN: Yes. Exactly.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Second. Any discussion?
All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? Motion carries.
Public comment on general items.

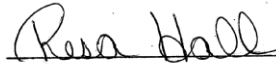
MR. MASCIO: We have none.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: No speakers this evening.
Anything for the good of the order? Seeing none, meeting adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:03 P.M.

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