

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:

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. Welcome to the Tuesday, April 21st, 2009 meeting of County Council. I'm going to ask Natalie Ferraro, Carissa Pratts (phonetic) and Sarah Trechell (phonetic) to come up and do the Pledge of Allegiance. Natalie is going to be receiving the Girl Scout Gold Award tonight. She's a tenth grader at West Mifflin High School. Carissa Pratts is a tenth grader at McKeesport High School and Sarah Trechell is home schooled in the 11th grade. And after the Pledge of Allegiance, if you will please remain standing for a moment of silent prayer or reflection.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

(Moment of silent prayer or reflection.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Thank you. Please call the roll.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Burn?

(No response.)

MR. MASCIO: Ms. Cleary?

(No response.)

MR. MASCIO: Mr. DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Drozd?

(No response.)

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?

(No response.)

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Here.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Here.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. McCullough?

(No response.)

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 ten members present at this time.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4788-09.

MR. MASCIO: Proclamations from Allegheny County Council and the City of Pittsburgh honoring members of Allegheny County child abuse investigation units. Sponsored by Council Members Burn, Council President Fitzgerald, Council Vice President Martoni, Council Members Drozd, Futules, Green, Cleary, Robinson, Finnerty, Macey, Ellenbogen, Gastgeb and DeFazio.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: We want to honor the people who do this great work on behalf of our citizens of Allegheny County. I'm going to ask Superintendent Moffatt to come up, our police superintendent, along with Detective Cauley, Detective Kelly, Detective Kozlowski, Deputy District Attorney Laura Ditka, Tammy Patterson, Joanne Witkowski. Sergeant Mullen and Detective Fisher aren't here. But I'd like you all to come up, if you would, and join in this proclamation. And I'm going to have our superintendent speak after reading the proclamation into the record.

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

Whereas, specialized departments in Allegheny County dedicate relentless efforts to uncovering child abuse cases and preventing the terrible experiences these children endure.

Whereas, the Allegheny County District Attorney Child Abuse Unit and the Allegheny County Police Detective Unit have worked closely with innumerable divisions in the county and in the City of Pittsburgh to end and prevent child abuse.

Whereas, because of the incredible investigative endeavors of countless individuals in these departments, an innumerable amount of children have been saved from life-threatening situations.

Whereas, despite the dedication and sacrifice of these people, much more still needs to be accomplished to guarantee a childhood free of abuse and victimization.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Allegheny County Council, on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, hereby commends the District Attorney Child Abuse

Unit and the Police Detective Unit for their investigative efforts to eliminate child abuse. Furthermore, this Council supports your mission to end the abuse of innocent children in our county. And these folks work tirelessly and cooperate with many, many organizations to try to accomplish this, and we are very proud of the work that they've done. And I'm going to ask Superintendent Moffatt to come up and say a few words.

SUPERINTENDENT MOFFATT: I'd just like to thank Council for recognizing detectives of the Allegheny County Police Department as well as the City of Pittsburgh and the District Attorney's Office for the work that they do. These officers, although they see some of the most heinous crimes that are committed, they respond immediately and put all their personal feelings aside and trudge on with their investigation. We're very happy that the officers that are in that unit want to be in that unit, or they could not do the work that they do.

Again, I'd just like to say thanks to the District Attorney's Office, especially Deputy District Attorney Laura Ditka, because she's on call to us 24/7, and we call without hesitation for advice. Thanks again to Council for recognizing all the officers in that unit.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Now I'm going to invite Deputy District Attorney Ditka to come up and say a few words, and then after that, Joanne.

ATTORNEY DITKA: Thank you, members of Council. You have always been so supportive of the work that we do, and many of you have worked with us very closely on bills and different measures that we've undertaken. It is Child Abuse Awareness Month. Sadly, one in four boys and one in three girls will be abused by the time they are ten. By the time we leave this meeting, there will be about 200 children that will have been abused from beginning to end of this meeting, nationwide.

I'd like to thank the County Police. They work tirelessly with us. They don't let cases get cold when it comes to child abuse. They keep working. I'd also like to recognize the members of my staff who work around the clock and give a lot of their time and emotional energy to these cases: Debra Cavagiovanni (phonetic), Christopher Hoffman and Katrina Bridges. There are four of us. We do all the child abuse cases in the county, most of them from preliminary hearings straight through. It's a horrible

problem, but the county has always been extraordinarily responsive to our needs and our wishes, and we thank you for that.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Joanne.

MS. WITKOWSKI: Good evening. I want to thank County Council for this opportunity to speak on behalf of all the children in the county, Allegheny County, that have been abused and neglected, and to honor the detectives and the first responders who work tirelessly responding to the hospitals, homes and at any time, 24 hours, 7 days a week, for children that have fractured bones, broken bones, burns and broken spirits.

I'm a member of the City of Pittsburgh Youth Commission. And part of my responsibility is to address the needs of children and youth in the City of Pittsburgh. Last year, we honored at Pittsburgh City Council a city detective that responds to cases in the City of Pittsburgh for their child abuse and sexual abuse unit. We recognize their diligence in assisting the children in the city.

In many cases, there are children that have endured multiple victimizations, and many times cases cross jurisdictions. They're not only victimized in the City of Pittsburgh, but in the county as well, in each and every one of your districts. It's an overwhelming task. And at this time, we are seeing an increase in cases.

We wanted to recognize the county detectives. And on behalf of Mayor Luke Ravenstahl and the Youth Commission, we thank the detectives dedicated to child abuse prevention and encourage all the citizens of Pittsburgh to educate themselves in recognizing and preventing child abuse in their families and their communities. And I do hereby declare April 2009 National Child Abuse Prevention Month here in the most livable City of Pittsburgh.

I also wanted to recognize a phenomenal agency that we work with each and every day, and that is the Center for Victims of Violence and Crime. And I have with me this afternoon --- this evening Tammy Patterson. And Tammy works directly with these incredible detectives that have dedicated their life and their careers to protect children. The advocate assists the detectives to respond to those hospitals and hold the hands and help to wipe away the tears for children they are trying to heal from the tragedy and trauma that they have endured. So I want

to thank Tammy. I want to thank Detective Fisher, Kelly and Cauley. They're amazing.

As a survivor of child sexual abuse, myself, a run-away homeless youth to escape that abuse, there are no words to describe how a child responds to their abuse, and it takes a unique person to be able to work with that child and to help them heal and also go through the process to receive justice. So on behalf of all of the children that they have served and will continue to serve, to protect, I thank them. And I want to thank Council for your assistance to raise awareness and help us in this effort. Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4789-09.

MR. MASCIO: Please let the record reflect that Council Member Burn and Council Member Drozd are in attendance. Certificates of Achievement honoring CCAC professors for receiving 2009 National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Excellence Awards. Sponsored by Council Vice President Martoni and Councilman Robinson.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Councilman Martoni and Councilman Robinson.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President. As Dr. Martoni is coming to join me, I see the president of our community college, Dr. Alex Johnson here. I'd like him to join us. And of course, I'm sure you'll have some words in reference to these two fine gentlemen that represent the college. As you know, Dr. Martoni and I are not only supporters of the college, but great cheerleaders for the college and for all that it does. I think our two honorees today are, again, two examples of individuals at our college in whom we have invested time and money and resources who have proven once again that they're some of the best in the country. And I thank them for their dedication above and beyond what is normally required.

Arthur Miller is a professor of heating and air conditioning at the community college, and Dr. Stephen Wells is associate professor of English. Both these gentlemen will receive recognition from us today, Certificates of Achievement. What I'd like to do is read some biographical information on each of our honorees, then I will read their certificate. And I'll ask Dr. Martoni to have comments after each person receives their

presentation. And we'll save the best for last with Dr. Johnson, and I appreciate him being here.

First, Professor Arthur Miller. As I said, he's a professor of heating and air conditioning. He earned his B.S. Degree in Education at California University and Master's of Education Degree from Eastern Michigan University. He has been with the Community College of Allegheny County for 33 years, teaching heating and air conditioning. While at the college, he has been active in several professional societies as both a trainer and a reviewer of society publications. Prior to his time with CCAC, he taught at Fairmont State College in West Virginia and then a private school in Pittsburgh. He also spent time in the HAC industry as a factory representative for both York and Gibson products. That's Professor Arthur Miller.

Allegheny County Council is proud to present this Certificate of Achievement to Arthur Miller in recognition of his reception of the 2009 National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Excellence Award. Peers and academic deans selected Mr. Miller because of his consistent ability to motivate and inspire students. His leadership and mentoring skills on campus and in community organizations represent the highest dedication to learning.

Mr. Miller has taught heating and air conditioning within the college for 33 years. His teaching longevity is a vital piece of what has made the institution an important figure in the county, and he serves as an inspiration to this Council and to the citizens of Allegheny County. I'm going to ask Mr. Miller to have a few comments, and then Dr. Martoni. Mr. Miller.

PROFESSOR MILLER: I want to thank Council for this opportunity to accept this award. And it has been 34 years now, going on. I got another year in here already somehow. Thank you for the award. And it's an honor to be able to serve the --- actually, the county in this capacity for these number of years. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. MARTONI: It's always an honor to recognize the faculty in the Community College of Allegheny County. We have what we call a teaching faculty. Their specialty teaching, not like in a large university where they teach three hours a week and do research for the rest of the time. And we are so proud of our faculty. They are

probably the best in the world, and we have two of the best here. So we're proud of them and we're happy to present them to you, so you all get to know them also. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. ROBINSON: Okay. Next is going to be Dr. Stephen Wells, Associate Professor of English. After serving in the United States Air Force, Dr. Stephen Wells earned an A.S. Degree from Community College of Allegheny County. He went on to earn a B.A. in English History and an M.A. in English and a Ph.D. in Literature from Duquesne University. Dr. Wells taught at Duquesne for seven years, both in the English Department and later the School for Leadership and Professional Development. He also spent a year working as an instructional consultant to teaching assistants in Duquesne's Center for Teaching Excellence. He began work at CCAC as an adjunct professor in 2001, was hired as a full-time faculty member in 2002.

In addition to his teaching, he has also served as the Professional Development Coordinator for the South Campus of the Community College of Allegheny County. He is currently a College Council representative and an American Federation of Teachers vice president for the campus. Doctor, if you will come forward.

(Applause.)

MR. ROBINSON: Allegheny County Council is proud to present this Certificate of Achievement to Dr. Stephen Wells in recognition of his reception of a 2009 National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Excellence Award. An academic dean selected Dr. Wells because of his consistent presence as a learner and as a professional within Pittsburgh's institutions of higher learning, acting as a representative on College Council and as Vice President of the South Campus, American Federation of Teachers. Dr. Wells' dedication to the institution is a vital piece of what has made the college an important figure in our county. He serves as an inspiration to this Council and to the citizens of Allegheny County.

DR. WELLS: I'd like to thank Council for this recognition and even more for your past and continued support of the Community College of Allegheny County. Your support allows us to focus on our mission of delivering quality education at an affordable price. Thanks very much.

(Applause.)

MR. MARTONI: I have the honor of introducing the President of the Community College of Allegheny County, a wonderful gift to us, Dr. Alex Johnson.

(Applause.)

DR. JOHNSON: First of all, let me thank the Council once again for taking time out of their busy schedules to honor individuals from the Community College of Allegheny County who are committed to our mission to access quality programming and educational excellence. Anything I would say in relationship to Art and to Steve would be superfluous. I think they've said it all in terms of their contributions academically.

But I want to remind the Council that these individuals are really contributing to the betterment of our communities. Steve works directly with the cohort of Pittsburgh Promise students that we have at CCAC, the largest among any college education entity in our region. And I want you to know that the persistence rate of our Pittsburgh Promise, particularly among African-American and white males, is higher than any in the general population of all, so we're doing a great job in that regard.

What I would say about Professor Miller is that he has been instrumental in developing programs that respond to the training possibilities through our stimulus package in cooperation with the Operating Engineers 95. And he was also involved in the visits from the Federal Department of Energy Secretary and also the Department of Labor. So both of these outstanding individuals not only contribute to overall academic excellence, but they also contribute to the betterment of our community as well. I thank all of you once again, as Steve has already pointed out, for your ongoing support. And I look forward to seeing all of you soon. Thank you so very, very much.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4790-09.

MR. MASCIO: Please let the record reflect that Council Member McCullough is in attendance. Certificates of Achievement honoring the Mt. Lebanon High School Varsity Girls Basketball Team for winning the Class AAAA WPIAL and the PIAA Championships. Sponsored by Councilman Gastgeb.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Councilman Gastgeb.

MR. GASTGEB: Thank you, President Fitzgerald. If I could have the Mt. Lebanon basketball team come in behind me with Head Coach Dori Oldaker. Also, if I could have the controller, Mark Patrick Flaherty, to come up and join me. Controller Flaherty is also a co-proclamation sponsor as well, so he'll say some words. As the girls are coming up --- I don't know if there's enough superlatives to mention how well you did this season, so many different aspects or avenues. In print I've seen in The Tribune-Review and then The Post-Gazette they're the perfect season, the undefeated season, and all the accolades you so richly deserve with regard to being not only the AAAA WPIAL champ but also the State PIAA title champ as well. And I think one thing that's important to note and bears repeating, if you look in today's society, oftentimes the youth of our region and county, city may find some disappointment in some of their actions. So it's great that we're able to find such great young ladies that are able to show the positive aspects of our community.

And it isn't just being the perfect season, if you will, or the undefeated season. It's the hard work and commitment and dedication it takes. Just recollecting --- I think Controller Flaherty will back me up on this --- the youth sports that you participate in ---. We were talking about the practices and the games at the north gym when you were younger. You know, your parents' involvement, your coaches' involvement, people in the community that wanted to give you the facilities that you need to be successful, what that means or what you carry on, I believe, is a tradition of excellence, a tradition of commitment and a tradition of teamwork.

So what you're able to do shines not only upon yourself, but your whole community. And I know being in Hershey or Penn State in the past, when you wear your name on your jersey and walk around that part of the state, that makes you feel good. You want people to see you're from Mt. Lebanon. And you know, being part of --- in the title game has to make you feel good because of the some of the notoriety they got. And now you richly deserve it as well.

So I can't say enough good things about yourself as players, as students. I believe your coach was recognized well beyond our region and is just fantastic. And I'm just so proud to be part of representing the

community like this. And Controller Flaherty and myself, we've had meetings and talks about what we can do to make things better. But when you've got kids like this, it's hard to improve upon their talents. Controller Flaherty.

MR. FLAHERTY: Thanks, Vince. I'm not going to talk long, because this is all about the girls. What an accomplishment they had. Every season begins with high hopes, and they certainly began the season with a lot of motivation from what started on last year's state championship game. And they just --- every single game they carried that through. There's not too many teams that I can remember that can stake claim to an unblemished record and WPIAL State Championships.

So I'm certainly very proud. And on behalf of the whole Allegheny County, as well as all of Mt. Lebanon residents, I just want to congratulate all the girls and especially the coach, Coach Dori. She also was the Coach of the Year. And I think that just exemplifies the whole team in terms of her accomplishments and what all the girls were able to do. So what I'd like to do is just get Coach Dori up here and say a few words and maybe two seniors, Jess and Emily, to say a few words as well. So Coach Dori?

MR. GASTGEB: We're so excited. We've got to come here and practice first. We need Steven Spielberg to script us, I think. Let me read the proclamation and Dori can come up.

This is a Certificate of Achievement and is awarded to the 2008-2009 Mt. Lebanon High School Girls Basketball Team in recognition of their outstanding athletic abilities, which were showcased throughout the team's undefeated season and the team's capture of the 2009 Class AAAA WPIAL championship as well as the PIAA State 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 with the team in celebration of their historic 31-0 season. Sponsored by myself, Vince Gastgeb, as well as Controller Mark Patrick Flaherty. Dori, richly deserved. Congratulations.

(Applause.)

COACH OLDAKER: First of all, I'd like to thank you for inviting us here this evening, Council members. This is quite an honor for us to be here, and what an experience for our young ladies to be here this evening.

I'd like to personally thank Mr. Gastgeb and Mr. Flaherty for this invitation. And I just cannot say enough about these young ladies, their attitudes, their academics, and obviously, their talented performance on the floor. And they're fine young ladies, and I am so proud of them. It is an honor for us to be here again, so thank you very much.

(Applause.)

COACH OLDAKER: Introducing our players, we have Natalie Kinderman, Cathy Guerra, Andie Gaetano, Rosie McClain, Jessica Babe, Sarah Nydes, Cissy Woodyard, Anna Kestler, Coach Carla Sateer (phonetic), Liz Tommasi, Manager Allie Gatamer (phonetic), Manager Liz Duretta (phonetic), Lauren Arbogart, Madison Cable, Courtney Holmes, Coach Shannon Crum(phonetic), Paige Kassalen, Emma Pellicano, Chelsea Apke and our two fine seniors, Jess Wen and Emily Miller.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Any parents, if they want to come up and take pictures while the girls are lining up, please feel free to do so.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4791-09.

MR. MASCIO: Certificate of Achievement honoring Natalie Ferraro for receiving the Gold Award from the Girl Scouts. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Councilman Macey.

MR. MACEY: Thank you, President Fitzgerald. This may be a first. We know many times we've brought Eagle Scouts up here for awards, but the counterpart to that is the Gold Award for the Girl Scouts. And I'd like to invite Natalie Ferraro up here, please. The Gold Award is the highest achievement within the Girl Scouts of the United States of America. Only 5.4 percent of eligible Girl Scouts successfully earn the prestigious Gold Award. Awardees are honored at countywide ceremonies. But most importantly, they demonstrate the capacity for leadership, organization and commitment to community. What's interesting here is that although Natalie has won the award, she has not received it. So I'm going to ask her mother, who's a Girl Scout troop leader, to come up and present her with her Gold Award.

TROOP LEADER: First off, let me thank you for inviting us, Mr. Macey and Council. This is a first for us, too. It's been a lot of years in the making. So on

behalf of the Western Pennsylvania Girl Scout Association, I truly am honored to present my daughter, Natalie Ferraro, with the Gold Award.

(Applause.)

TROOP LEADER: And since Natalie does not like public speaking, I'm just going to take one moment to just tell you exactly what she did.

MR. MACEY: It's unofficial.

TROOP LEADER: Oh, I'm so sorry.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: We do need a rehearsal.

MR. MACEY: This is awarded to Natalie Ferraro from Troop Number 50576. This Certificate of Achievement is awarded to Miss Natalie Ann Ferraro in recognition of receiving the Girl Scout Gold Award, Scouting's most distinguished honor. This Council commends Miss Ferraro's diligence and skill, which she has displayed throughout her Scouting career and throughout the growth as a troop leader.

We praise Miss Ferraro for her service as a Girl Scout, including her remarkable Gold Award project, creating 50 Hygiene for Heroes kits, which were hygienic kits sent to United States soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Miss Ferraro's dedication to scouting has set a high standard of commitment and dedication to that of our youth and our great country that they may follow. She serves as an inspiration to this Council and to the citizens of Allegheny County. Sponsored by myself and presented on behalf of Allegheny County Council. Miss Ferraro.

(Applause.)

MS. FERRARO: You kind of said everything. I was going to talk about my project, but it's right there. I'd like to thank you and my parents. And the reason why I did this is because both my brothers are in the military, and I wanted to help them out somehow. So me and my mom put our heads together and came up with this, and I'm pretty sure that helped them out over there. So thank you.

(Applause.)

TROOP LEADER: These are two of the girls ---. These are also two of the girls from the Girl Scout troop who got their okay letters to start their Gold Awards. This is Carissa Pratts and Sarah Trechell.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4792-09.

MR. MASCIIO: Proclamation honoring Lanny Frattare's career in sports broadcasting. Sponsored by Council President Fitzgerald.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: I would ask Mr. Frattare, Lanny, to come up here and ask Vince Gastgeb to join me and say a few words. Baseball season has begun, but there's something much different this year than there has been in many years. And it's not the fact that the Pirates are one game over 500. Okay. Two things, but one is not so good. Lanny Frattare's voice is not describing the games to the citizens of western Pennsylvania. They're called the Pittsburgh Pirates. They're certainly bigger than Pittsburgh, bigger than even Allegheny County. It's really all of western Pennsylvania and the tri-state area.

And the Pirates have been such a terrific organization for this region, been around for 122 years. And there have been many, many notable players, managers, owners, from Honus Wagner, Pie Traynor, the Waners, Ralph Kiner, Roberto Clemente, Bill Mazeroski, Willie Stargell, Barry Bonds. You can go on and on. But there's really only been three announcers in all of that time. I never got to listen to Rosie Roswell. I heard about him from my father and my grandfather. He was a legend for many years. And then there was Bob Prince, who most of us heard as young kids listening to the game, listening to him describe it. You know, I remember on a transistor radio laying in bed listening to the Gunner.

But longer than anybody has been Lanny Frattare. And Lanny stepped into a very, very difficult situation, replacing a legend in Bob Prince. And he did it with dignity and he did it with grace and he did it in a way that made us feel connected to the game. Whether you were at the game or not, you felt like you were because of the way he painted the picture of the stadium or PNC Park or the ball field. His words created --- got into our lexicon. Rosie Roswell, you know, open your window, Aunt Minnie. We all remember the Gunner, kiss it good-bye and we had him all the way. But Lanny's words about chasing a ball, go ball, get out of here, and when the Pirates won a game, no doubt about it, it was something we all remember and it just became part of our language.

It would have been unfortunate for us as a county, as a Council, not to recognize the great work that he did and the great memories that he brought to this

region and this county. Again, he did it with dignity. He did it with class. A month or so ago, we had Art Rooney here describing the Steelers and how they were great ambassadors to the country in representing us. And I think it also speaks for what Lanny did representing this region, not only around the state but around this country. Before I read the proclamation into the record, I'm going to ask Vince Gastgeb to come up and say a few words.

MR. GASTGEB: Thanks, Rich. And I appreciate your allowing me to share part of this. To me, I've had the honor of representing Lanny as a constituent for as long as I've been on County Council. And everything Rich said about Lanny is true, the dignity, the class, the grace. You will find no greater gentleman. I look at Lanny because of actually two things. One, I've been in a private sector job a sponsor of the Pirates since 1970. My company has been. So I've had a chance to know Lanny through business ventures and what have you.

And every year, he puts on a charitable golf outing. It takes a lot of work. He asked me to help share that in various years. And to me, that's just the type of man Lanny is, giving to the community, giving to ourselves, if you will, as a region, and also just someone who is very much a Pittsburgh --- very much an Allegheny County citizen who sees the good in our community. I've also had the privilege of knowing a lot of mutual friends. And you know, Lanny is a Pittsburgher. He's a legend. He's an icon. My children have a generation of Lanny Frattare, and my son is going to the baseball game tonight. And you know, Lanny Frattare will live with him, hopefully forever as he lived with me and the other announcers that there has been. So it's been a privilege to be associated with such a classy person, and this is very richly deserved, Lanny.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Let me read this into the record. And Lanny, now you're back in the game coaching. He's coaching Camden High School. So he has a chance to come back here if his team wins the championship. It might not be your only time here.

Whereas, Allegheny County serves as a homestead for innumerable figures who have made invaluable contributions to the sporting world.

And whereas, in October of 2008, upon Lanny Frattare's retirement from broadcasting games for the Pittsburgh Pirates, he was and still is regarded as one of baseball's most recognizable play-by-play voices.

Whereas, in his illustrious career, which spanned 33 seasons, Lanny relayed over 5,000 contests, including 24 National League Championship Series. He will be remembered by listeners for his joyful personality and distinctive voice that tended to resonate over the airways.

And whereas, Lanny has supported our community with his charity golf classic, which benefits Family Links, and has raised in excess of \$1.8 million for children, families and mentally challenged individuals.

And whereas, by accepting a teaching position in the communications department of Waynesburg University, Lanny will continue to impact the future of our community with his unique perspective on life.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Allegheny County Council, on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, hereby honors Lanny Frattare for his impressive career as the Pittsburgh Pirates play-by-play announcer. Your voice will undoubtedly be forever remembered by baseball fans everywhere. Furthermore, we thank you for your years of service. We wish the best of luck to you and your family in all of your future endeavors. Sponsored by Allegheny County Council. And Lanny, congratulations.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: And I'm glad to hear his voice again. So that's why we brought him in, so we could hear his voice one more time.

MR. FRATTARE: President Fitzgerald, thank you very much. And Councilman Gastgeb, thank you for your kind words. And thanks also to the members of Council for this opportunity to be before you. And I thank you very much for this honor. I have long been an individual that holds in high regard those men and women that dedicate their lives to public service. So I congratulate all of you for the great work that you've done and continue to do on behalf of the residents of Allegheny County.

I couldn't help but think as I was standing here, if I had known that I was going to receive this honor, I would have retired five years ago. I'm also somewhat ambivalent about stepping aside, because I'm

extremely confident that the Pirates are going to have a winning season in 2009 and everybody's going to blame me for --- now that I've stepped aside --- he's gone, we win.

I wanted to be a baseball announcer since the time I was 12 years old, and so the good Lord has blessed me in so many ways, giving me this opportunity to not only become a baseball announcer, but to have had the opportunity to do it for 33 years. And I want to thank the residents of Allegheny County for allowing me to announce Pirate baseball for all of this time and also for opening up their hearts and their ears to my broadcasts, but also to my family. My son and his wife have just ---. My son and daughter-in-law's two children, my two grandchildren, are very much a part of this community, as is my daughter, Megan. So I thank you all for the tremendous hospitality that we received as a family. And be rest assured that even though I'm retired as a Pirates broadcaster, I will continue to do whatever I can to enhance the citizens of this great community.

I am deeply honored to have been a Pirates broadcaster. I thank the Pittsburgh Pirates organization for allowing me to broadcast Pirate baseball for 33 years, and again, most importantly, the people of this community, because there's no doubt about it. I would not have been afforded the opportunity had it not been for their great, great hospitality. And I long believe that baseball is a game that transcends generations, that it's sewn deeply into the fabric of American life. And therefore, I am honored to have been a part of this great game and honored to accept this award and honored today, not only for myself and for my family, but also for the game of baseball and the Pittsburgh Pirates organization, because I sincerely believe that baseball is so important to western Pennsylvania. And Pirate baseball has been and will always be important to our community. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4793-09.

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

Certificate of Achievement recognizing Thomas Stephen Waruszewski for reaching the Eagle Scout ranking. Sponsored by Councilman Drozd.

4794-09. Certificates of Achievement recognizing six Boy Scouts of Troop 184 for reaching the Eagle Scout ranking. Sponsored by Council Vice President Martoni.

4795-09. Certificate of Recognition honoring Brentwood Cares for their efforts to send care packages to soldiers serving overseas. Sponsored by Councilwoman Cleary.

4796-09. Certificate of Achievement honoring South Allegheny Middle School for receiving the Schools to Watch award. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

4797-09. Certificate of Recognition honoring William Trimbath of Pleasant Hills for being named the 2009 Councilman of the Year by the Pennsylvania Borough Councils Association. Sponsored by Councilwoman Cleary.

4798-09. Certificates of Achievement recognizing the Sewickley Academy Boys' Basketball Team for winning the WPIAL Class A championship. Sponsored by Councilman Drozd.

4799-09. Certificate of Recognition honoring Lee Barth's 100th birthday. Sponsored by Councilman Finnerty.

4800-09. Certificate of Achievement honoring wrestler Zack DeLuca of Penn Hills for capturing the Pennsylvania Junior Championship. Sponsored by Councilman Futules.

4801-09. Certificate of Recognition honoring broadcaster Steve Blass' 50th anniversary with the Pittsburgh Pirates. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

4802-09. Certificate of Recognition honoring the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Kass. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

4803-09. Certificate of Achievement honoring Vince Provenza for reaching the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Councilman Futules.

4804-09. Certificate of Recognition honoring John Tarka and Jack O'Malley for receiving distinctive awards from the Allegheny County Labor Council. Sponsored by Council Members Cleary, Green, Futules, Robinson, Vice President Martoni, Macey, Finnerty, DeFazio, Ellenbogen and President Fitzgerald.

4805-09. Proclamation recognizing Allegheny County's 911 Communications Department during the National Public Safety Telecommunications Week and honoring them for their services to our community. Sponsored by Council

Members Burn, Green, Robinson, Vice President Martoni, Drozd, Macey, Finnerty, Cleary, Futules and Ellenbogen.

4810-09. Certificate of Recognition honoring Bridget Byrne for being named 2009 Ms. Smiling Irish Eyes. Sponsored by Council Members Green and Finnerty.

4813-09. Proclamation declaring April 28, 2009 as Workers Memorial Day in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Councilman DeFazio.

4814-09. Proclamation declaring April 24, 2009 as Workers Memorial Day in the Philadelphia area. Sponsored by Councilman DeFazio.

4815-09. Proclamation declaring May 1st, 2009 as Workers Memorial Day in Johnstown. Sponsored by Councilman DeFazio.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Public comment on agenda items. I believe we have two speakers this evening. Kenneth Miller? Mr. Miller, please state your name and address for the record, please.

MR. MILLER: My name is Kenneth Miller. I live at 7125 Thomas Boulevard. My friend, Rosemary, and I are coordinating our testimony tonight so you will have an opportunity to think about it together. One of the things that has happened tonight is you're passing a renewed resolution --- ordinance combining Pittsburgh and Allegheny County procurement. The last time you did that, you responded positively, as our request, that you rise up to the standards set by the City of Pittsburgh when it comes to the anti-sweatshop ordinance for apparel. We've been in many conversations with city --- with the county in recent months about that.

Yesterday, the subsidizing sweatshops report came out, and I'm appreciative that Mr. Fitzgerald made copies of all of that for you. I presented it to Mr. Fitzgerald earlier this evening, very specific additional information linking Allegheny County to the procurement of boots made at Rocky Apparel. So you have an absolute rock-hard sweatshop in China that you are procuring from here in the City of Pittsburgh. And I wish you would have used tonight's renewal of the procurement agreement to remind the county how important it is to enforce that in a way that would have an impact on the workers sewing our apparel.

The other thing that's going on here tonight as an interest to us is that you're voting on some initiative relating to our MWBE policies. It's our understanding

that these new ordinances will strengthen the reporting and streamline the reporting of MWBE policies throughout the county. We did --- the Regional Equity Monitoring Project did an information request on each of the municipalities and school districts in Allegheny County to see which ones of them had MWBEs. The vast majority of tax dollars in this region are spent through the municipalities and the school districts.

The only three MWBE policies in Allegheny County are that of this County Council, the City of Pittsburgh and Pittsburgh public schools. Every other tax dollar that is spent here in Allegheny County never sees an MWBE policy. I appreciate the fact that the members of this Council think it's important enough to have one of these policies. If it's important enough for you to have them, it's also important for the school districts, the municipalities from which you're elected. And we would ask that you'll go back to the local legislators, to those municipalities and those school districts, and talk to them about why you enforce an MWBE policy and urge them to do something similar. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. Miller. Rosemary Prostko? Ms. Prostko, if I'm saying that right, would you state your name and address for the record, please?

MS. PROSTKO: Very good. You dropped the T, like it's supposed to be. My name is Rosemary Prostko. I live at 1700 Forestview Drive. And Mr. Gastgeb should know where that is, Bethel Park. Okay. I speak as a member of the Regional Equity Monitoring Project. REMP is a non-partisan, non-profit civic engagement campaign intended to address the issues of economic and social inequality in Pennsylvania. I have information cards for everybody here tonight. I've come to thank Mr. Robinson, primarily, for sponsoring Ordinance 4727-09 and 4753-09, to require Allegheny County contracts to require the reporting of minority, women and disadvantaged business enterprise participation in County and Port Authority contracts.

Why is this important? As I read the agenda, I noticed three appointment approvals, all males. Couldn't tell how many were minorities. I'm sure you've all heard about Governor Rendell's oversight board of 14 members. One woman, one minority. The playing field is not level. Without tracking and reporting of women, minority and

disadvantaged participation, the field will never be level. Can you look in the eyes of these girls who are here this evening, the basketball players and the Girl Scouts, and tell them that they're going to go into an equal world? I don't think so. And unless we do start tracking who's getting what, it's an old boys, white network, fellows. Look among yourselves. Where do we start changing? Where do we start making a difference? It's with things like that. So I really ask you, Mr. Drozd, if you want to --- have any comment.

MR. DROZD: I'll have a comment.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Not now.

MS. PROSTKO: Okay. All right. So anyway, the point is, until we start doing this ---. We all say, oh, well, you know --- it's not a level field. When everybody hires people they know, they hire people that look like them, they do their neighbors, they do this, they do that, they do the guys ---. We make these phone calls. We call every district, every municipality and every school district in this county to find out what they're doing. And you know what? They're not doing anything. They were very defensive. They thought we were trying to make trouble. We're not trying to make trouble for anybody. We're just trying to see that the laws are ---. You know, there are some laws out there, just like the old gun laws. If they enforce the laws we have, we wouldn't have this problem. Part of that's true. But nobody is required to do the tracking, to tell us what's happening, to tell us what is happening, where it is happening. We're going to move nowhere. And I will say this, Mr. Robinson, with another of your bills I'm very interested in. It is another step in this to making things a fair playing field. And I'd like to know where is your --- the fair treatment of gender/gay/lesbian review board, where that stands. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Thank you, Ms. Prostko.  
4806-09. Approval of minutes.

MR. MASCIO: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Allegheny County Council held on March 3rd, 2009.

(Motion made.)

(Motion seconded.)

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? The motion carries. 4807-09.

MR. MASCIO: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Allegheny County Council held on March 17th, 2009.

(Motion made.)

(Motion seconded.)

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? The motion carries. Unfinished business. Committee on Appointment Review, second reading. 4692-09.

MR. MASCIO: Approving the reappointment of Victor H. Diaz to serve as a member of the following authorities: Allegheny County Industrial Development Authority, Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority, Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority and the Residential Finance Authority, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2013.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Chair DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes. I was absent. Mike Finnerty chaired the meeting.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to make a motion to approve.

MR. FUTULES: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? The motion carries. Mr. DeFazio, is this the same on all of them?

MR. DEFAZIO: All of them, yes.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: All of them? Okay. All right. 4694-09.

MR. MASCIO: I do believe that Council Member Green is participating by phone. Council Member Green, are you with us?

MS. GREEN: Yes.

MR. MASCIO: Thank you. 4694-09. Approving the reappointment of Louis A. Naugle to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31st, 2009.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. I'd like to make a motion to approve.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second.

Discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? The motion carries. Mr. Naugle is approved. 4702-09.

MR. MASCIO: Approving the reappointment of Chester R. Babst, III to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2009.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Mr. Finnerty?

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

MR. FUTULES: Second.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second.

Discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? The motion carries. Mr. Babst is approved. 4706-09.

MR. MASCIO: Approving the reappointment of Peter Czuczman to serve as a member of the Authority for Improvements in Municipalities, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2013.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Mr. Finnerty?

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

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Second.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second.

Discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? The motion carries. Mr. Czuczman is approved. Committee on Budget and Finance, Second Reading. 4698-09.

MR. MASCIO: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the 2009 Capital Budget for Allegheny County.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Chair Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Move for approval.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: So moved.

(Motion seconded.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Second. Discussion? Please call the roll.

MR. MASCIO: On Bill Number 4698-09, Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Yes.  
 MR. MASCIO: Mr. DeFazio?  
 MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.  
 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: No.  
 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 13, noes 1. The bill passes.  
 PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4746-09.  
 MR. MASCIO: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2009, Submission Number 06-09.  
 PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Chair Robinson?  
 MR. ROBINSON: Move for approval.  
 PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: So moved.  
 MR. MACEY: Second.  
 PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Second. Discussion? All in --- sorry. Mr. Gastgeb?  
 MR. GASTGEB: Yes. During the committee meeting, we had a really good discussion, I thought, concerning this grant application. And certainly, everything in here is worthwhile and needed for our DHS service. However, I think it's important under this public meeting to bring up the Gaming Control Act with regard to the Sheriff's Office and the video poker

machines out there. And you know, this is getting a lot of play right now because of what the Governor stated, and I think there is bi-partisan support.

At the time of the committee meeting, I was uncomfortable with --- in regard to how this grant was going to be administered. It's only because I don't want mom and pop restaurateurs as well as volunteer fire departments and the American Legions to suffer any more than they have. However, in talking with the staff, I think that the nature of what the Sheriff's Office is going to do with regard to policing this falls within the guidelines of what I think I would deem as acceptable. Plus I don't think it's prudent to hold up a whole bill in favor of this one line item. So I just wanted to bring it to your attention. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Thank you. Please call the roll.

MR. MASCIO: On Bill Number 4746-09, Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Yes.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.

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, noes 0. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Committee on Government Reform, second reading. 4162-08.

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

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. You know, I emphasize quite a lot about why I'm very, very emphatic about this. I have a letter that went out to the legislators to see and ask them, in essence, if they feel it was their efforts or the efforts of the lobbyists that brought money into Allegheny County. The times are austere in Allegheny County, and a lot of people out there are losing their homes, and they want their tax dollars spent very --- with good care. And I don't believe this --- you know, by paying lobbyists by our government bodies ---. I mean, if you look at this ---. Does everyone have a copy of the form that I had ---? I want everybody to have a copy of that. Please, would you pass that out?

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Would you please bring that to me? Because we're not going to do a committee meeting here, Mr. Drozd. No, just keep that. That's fine.

MR. DROZD: Wait a minute. This is part of my --- you know, my presentation. Why wouldn't you want people to have them?

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: No.

MR. DROZD: Well, why? Why?

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Because we're not running a committee meeting here.

MR. DROZD: This is not a committee meeting. This is people ---.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Mr. Drozd, we have discussed this bill now for the third time --- fifth time, couple times in committee and for the third time. Make your case, make your motion and see if you can get ---.

MR. DROZD: Other people --- other Council members have presented information, written information, to members of Council. I don't see why this is any different. This is part of the ordinance. This is part

of --- to see the monies that are expended on behalf of these authorities.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Okay. Moving on. 4695-09.

MR. DROZD: Wait a minute.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: You didn't make a motion. Are you done?

MR. DROZD: No, I'm not done.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Okay. Are you going to make a motion to approve?

MR. DROZD: I'm being discriminated against.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: You're not being discriminated against.

MR. DROZD: Yes, I am.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: You've got more ---.

MR. DROZD: Yes. All right. ALCOSAN spent \$325,000 in the last four years. The Airport Authority spent approximately \$340,000. The Housing Authority is \$540,000. It goes on. Even Allegheny County spent \$712,000. And our individual agencies within the economic development group is spending money on lobbying. And I feel that it's wrong. I feel that if you would poll the people out there and our constituents, they all would agree that this is not in their best interest of expenditure of their tax dollars. They feel that --- and people I've spoken to are really upset about this. They feel that they're paying the legislators, both their state senators and their state legislators, good money to represent --- and their Congress, congressmen and senators, good money to represent them and bring monies into Allegheny County.

If you take expenditures for just a state legislative office or a state senate office or a congressional office or senate office, it just goes beyond comparison as far as the monies that are expended for them to represent our interest. Now here's an additional approximately \$2 million that have been spent by agencies and authorities and our county on lobbying. I don't understand what they're going to bring to table that our legislators are not or should be doing, that we're paying them for. That's what we're paying them for.

So I would urge Council to adopt the ordinance and to recognize the fact that people --- many, many people out in Allegheny County feel that their monies should be better spent elsewhere, and that that's the job

of the legislators, the state senators, legislators, congressional and U.S. senators. That's their job. And I dare say if you ask any of them do they feel that it was their efforts or the efforts of lobbyists, I would say that it's their efforts. And I think that they do an admirable job of bringing money into Allegheny County. And I don't think that we ought to be spending any of our county money, especially now. You see what appeared in the paper recently. You see what our cash flow projection for Allegheny County is, budget situation and crisis that we're facing over the next period of five years or more --- even shorter term than five years, I should say. It was reported by our county controller. He's noted it. We're in a serious situation.

So it adds up. It starts adding up, a dollar here, a dollar there, \$2 million there. It starts adding up. And now it's time to start saving wherever and whenever we can and to put more --- in essence, if these authorities and the county feels that the legislators aren't doing what they're supposed to be doing, then bring them in and find out why not. But I dare say that they were doing the job they need to do and I think they've been commendable in bringing monies in wherever and whenever they can. And I don't believe this is necessary spending on behalf --- it's not good, sensible spending. It's not good common sense when people out there --- not only that, when our budget crisis is so serious in Allegheny County over this period of time, that these are monies that we could use elsewhere, especially in fixing our roads, our infrastructure, doing those services that we contracted with the people of Allegheny County to do. That's what we're supposed to be doing. And this is not part of that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Are you going to make a motion to approve?

MR. DROZD: I make a motion to approve my ordinance.

MR. GASTGEB: Second.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Second. Mr. Gastgeb?

MR. GASTGEB: Thank you, President Fitzgerald. I can't begin to speak for Matt on this, but I do know that there are certain issues that all of us are passionate about here. If there's 15 of us, maybe 15 different issues. But Matt is passionate about lobbying, lobbyists and what happens locally. Certainly I don't

think there's anything wrong with that. Our President ran on what some would say was a somewhat out of the box anti-lobbying campaign, and many believe he was correct, and I'm one of them. Matt's trying to put some direct control, I believe, that this Council could have over authorities, not our partners, but authorities. And somebody said two weeks ago and rightly so, if these are fee based anyhow, we really don't have authority over this. In fact, one dollar of taxpayer money, the way Matt's bill would read, is that one dollar could conceivably be withheld when we do appropriation. And that's all it is. And sometimes you have to start somewhere. And if we're looking for authority reform, lobbyist reform, it may not be perfect. Sometimes the first step seldom is, but you got to start somewhere. So I'm not sure why the rocky road to this. It's not even in our packet tonight even referenced. But from my perspective, that's kind of where I thought this bill would be. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Please call the roll.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: No.

MR. MASCIO: Ms. Cleary?

MS. CLEARY: No.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: No.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Aye.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: No.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: No.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: No.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Gastgeb?

MR. GASTGEB: Yes.

MR. MASCIO: Ms. Green?

MS. GREEN: No.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: No.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: No.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. McCullough?

MR. MCCULLOUGH: Aye.

MR. MASCIO: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Yes.  
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Robinson?  
MR. ROBINSON: Nay.  
MR. MASCIO: Mr. Fitzgerald, President?  
PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: No.  
MR. MASCIO: Ayes 4, noes 10. The bill fails.  
PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4695-09.  
MR. MASCIO: An ordinance of the County of

Allegheny 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: This bill was in committee a couple of times. We got good information from both our Administrative Services Department and the Solicitor's Office. This is basically a kind of expansion of the purchasing agreement that occurred a couple of years ago in which this Council was involved along the ratification lines. It just kind of expands that to some contracted services. The city is going to be paying the county a fee of about a couple hundred thousand dollars to do some of the legwork, purchasing work, RFP work that goes into putting the contracts together. The committee affirmatively recommended this and I will move for approval.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second.

Discussion? Please call the roll.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Burn?  
MR. BURN: Yes.  
MR. MASCIO: Mr. DeFazio?  
MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.  
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, noes 0. The bill passes.  
PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4726-09.

MR. MASCIO: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Section 5-905.04 entitled Allegheny County Professional Services Review Committee Reporting Obligations, to clarify the ongoing reporting obligations of the Professional Services Review Committee.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: This was in the Government Reform Committee. The last time was the 14th of April. It was affirmatively recommended. I'm going to ask for a motion to approve and then I'm going to ask Mr. Robinson, the sponsor, to comment. Do I have a motion?

MR. FINNERTY: So moved.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved. Second?

MR. ROBINSON: Second.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. For those of you who were in attendance at the Professional Services Review Committee and have looked at the documentation I shared with you, you'll know that this closes the loop in terms of the kind of reporting that our Professional Services Review Committee needs to make to this Council and to the public relative to any professional service contract awarded by this county that's under the purview of the Committee. This will clarify what contracts need to be reported, what information should be reported. And it also speaks to a website being created so that there's transparency in the process. And I appreciate the members of the Government Reform Committee for giving this bill consideration.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Please call the roll.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Yes.  
MR. MASCIO: Mr. DeFazio?  
MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.  
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, noes 0. The bill passes.  
PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4727-09.

MR. MASCIO: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 435, entitled Minority Business Enterprise Program, through the creation of a new Section 435-13 entitled, Allegheny County Contract Reporting Obligations, in order to establish a requirement for reporting the M/W/DBE status of parties to contracts with Allegheny County.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: This was in the Government Reform Committee meeting on a couple of occasions, the last of which was the 14th of April, was affirmative recommended. During the discussion period, there was advice from the Solicitor's Office, consultation with the Manager's Office and consultation with the sponsor, Mr. Robinson, that it probably would be best to

have an amended bill with the Controller. I believe Mr. Robinson then e-mailed all members and gave members that amendment. So I think we're going to probably discuss that in just a minute, but I'm first going to ask for a motion to approve.

MR. FINNERTY: I'll make that motion.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: So moved. Do I have a second.

MR. MARTONI: Second.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Second. Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. I do have an amendment, and if it's appropriate, Mr. President, Mr. Barker could share that.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Mr. Barker, do you have a problem with that?

MR. BARKER: No.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Please hand it out.

MR. ROBINSON: And with your assistance, I'd like to just point out to the members the changes. These changes were discussed with the Manager, County Manager, and with our Controller and I believe we're on the same place --- the same page of the same book in terms of making sure that the reporting responsibilities, information gathering responsibilities are not only consistent with our commitment to provide opportunities for minorities and women and disadvantaged business owners, but also consistent with the general contracting of the county. This will help, I believe, the Administration, this Council and the Controller better appreciate the challenge of all the contracts that come through the county and how best to manage those contracts and create any kind of reports that we want. I want to thank the Controller and the Manager for their cooperation in helping to prepare this amendment.

If every member has a copy of the amendment, let me ask you to turn to the second page. Those changes that were made are identified in two ways: one, a line through what was changed and a line under what was included. Wherever you see Allegheny County Manager, that has been changed to Allegheny County Controller. The responsibility for generating the reports and gathering the data will now rest with the Controller, who, as you all know, has total control over --- every contract in this county must go through the Controller's Office. And the Controller is independently elected. We agree that

this would be a proper function for him in conjunction with the Administration.

The other change relates to when these reports will be due to this Council so that we might know how the law is being enforced. Instead of seven days after contract is signed, we think it would be more appropriate to have it no less frequently than every three months so that we can give these reports consistent with other reports to Council as to either quarterly, biannually or annually. It also speaks to the practicality of trying to get all the contracts that are approved to the Council in a timely fashion so that you can see the body of work as opposed to individual contracts. And again, we agree that this made sense from a management standpoint.

Lastly, there was a change made to make sure that the Chief Executive also gets copies of this report. We want to make sure the Chief Executive, the Council and the Controller are in the loop on what is being produced and what, if anything, we choose to do with those reports. Those are the changes, Mr. President, and that is the substance of the amendment. I'd like to move that the amendment be accepted.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second.

Discussion? I'm just going to do a voice vote on the amendment. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? The amendment --- the motion to amend carries. Now there's a motion on the floor for the bill itself. Please call the roll.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Yes.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.

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, noes 0. The bill passes.  
PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4753-09.

MR. MASCIO: An ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny approving the M/W/DBE participation policy of the Port Authority of Allegheny County.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: This bill was also in committee on the 14th of April and it was affirmatively recommended. I'm going to ask for a vote to approve.

MR. MARTONI: So moved.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Second?

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Mr. Martoni, do you wish to comment?

MR. MARTONI: No.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Any other comment?

Please call the roll.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Burn?  
MR. BURN: Yes.  
MR. MASCIO: Mr. DeFazio?  
MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.  
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, noes 0. The bill passes.  
PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Committee on Public

Works, second reading. 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.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Chair Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, President Fitzgerald, members of Council. At the April 15th, 2009 meeting of the Committee of Public Works, Bill Number 4740-09 was referred to the full Council for consideration with an affirmative recommendation.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Move for approval?

MR. MACEY: I'd like to have a motion on that.

MR. MARTONI: Second.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second.

Discussion? Please call the roll.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Burn?  
MR. BURN: Yes.  
MR. MASCIO: Mr. DeFazio?  
MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.  
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?

(No response.)

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 13, noes 0. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 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.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Chair Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, President Fitzgerald, members of Council. The Committee on Public Works met on April 16th and Bill Number 4741-09 was referred to full Council for consideration with an affirmative recommendation.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Move for approval?

MR. MACEY: Somebody should. I'll move for that.

MR. FUTULES: Second.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Second. Discussion?  
Please call the roll.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Burn?  
MR. BURN: Yes.  
MR. MASCIO: Mr. DeFazio?  
MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.  
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?  
(No response.)  
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 13, noes 0. The bill passes.  
PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4742-09.

MR. MASCIO: An ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to convey real property interest to the City of Pittsburgh.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Chair Macey.

MR. MACEY: Thank you, President Fitzgerald and members of Council. Also at the April 16th, 2009 meeting of the Committee on Public Works, Bill Number 4742-09 was referred to the full Council for consideration with an affirmative recommendation. I move for approval.

MS. REA: Second.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved, second.

Discussion? Please call the roll.

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Burn?  
MR. BURN: Yes.  
MR. MASCIO: Mr. DeFazio?  
MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.  
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?  
(No response.)  
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 13, noes 0. The bill passes.  
PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 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 and Coxcomb Road in Plum Borough to T.D. Holdings, LLC, for consideration in the amount of \$5,000 upon approval by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. I received notification from the Administration this morning that the Chief Executive intends to withdraw this bill.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: This bill is withdrawn.  
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.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Chair Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, President Fitzgerald, members of Council. The Public Works Committee met on April 16th and discussed Bill Number 4744-09. It was referred to the full Council for consideration with an affirmative recommendation. I move for approval.

MS. REA: Second.

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

MR. MASCIO: Mr. Burn?  
MR. BURN: Yes.  
MR. MASCIO: Mr. DeFazio?  
MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.

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, noes 0. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Liaison reports, I have one this evening. Regarding the stimulus dollars coming from the federal government, I think it's probably confusing in most years to know where all the money is coming from. And with the new Administration and changes going on this year, it's certainly even more so. So I have asked Chairman Macey, Chairman Finnerty and Chairwoman Cleary, the three of them will joint meeting, because it appears most of the stimulus money is going to be going for roads and bridges, economic development projects and health and human service funding. So I've asked them and they are going to be scheduling a meeting in the near future. I guess we can hold it in the Gold Room with the various directors to kind of find out so that we understand and convey that to our constituents how monies are available, what monies we will be eligible to request and how we can access that. Any other liaison reports this evening? Mr. Robinson and then Mr. Macey.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. The Allegheny County Controller, Mark

Flaherty, will be in attendance next Tuesday at our Budget and Finance Committee meeting, that's April 28, 2009, at 4:00 p.m., to provide members with an overview of the 2008 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. I encourage members to please be in attendance. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. Robinson. Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, President Fitzgerald and members of Council. I do have some good news for you, at least for the taxpayers and travelers in Allegheny County and this region. There are no residents' tax dollars spent on lobbying efforts at the Allegheny County Airport Authority. There's one thing we need to get straight.

There is a target date of June 1st for lowering fees at the International Airport, which will certainly help our consumers as well as the airlines. Another significant date to remember is June 3rd, which is the return of the Pittsburgh to Europe nonstop flight with Delta to the Charles de Gaulle International Airport. At the Charles de Gaulle International Airport, there are 120 cities that you can reach in Europe by plane. And there's countless cities you can reach from the Charles de Gaulle Airport by train. But keep in mind, if we don't use this service, we may lose it. And Delta Airlines, by the way, is excited and pleased with what they're experiencing. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. Macey. Any other liaison reports this evening? Moving on, new business, ordinances and resolutions, 48 --- do you have a liaison report, Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: I have a question that was brought up by Mr. Macey.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: I didn't hear him ask a question.

MR. DROZD: On the Airport Authority lobbying.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: No.

MR. MACEY: That's correct. I didn't report that they had spent in the last three years, but they did spend money on lobbying efforts in 2004, the Airport Authority.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Duly noted. New business, ordinances and resolutions, 4808-09.

MR. MASCIO: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances through the creation of a new Chapter

575 entitled Elder Care in order to create protections for the county's vulnerable elderly residents living in nursing homes and other assisted living environments. Sponsored by Council President Fitzgerald, District Attorney Steve Zappala and Councilman Ellenbogen.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: And I've been working with the District Attorney and I know Mr. Ellenbogen has as well, regarding identity protection. Identity theft is a problem, potential problem. As you saw earlier this evening, the District Attorney's task force on protecting children --- and I think as public officials, we probably have no better duty than protecting children who are vulnerable and our elderly who are vulnerable. And that's what this bill attempts to do. It will be referred to the Health and Human Services Committee. 4809-09. Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: I wanted to be added.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Please add Mr. Finnerty.

MR. MACEY: I'd like to be added as well.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Add Mr. Macey. 4809-09.

MR. MASCIO: An ordinance amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances through the creation of new Chapter 720 entitled Energy Resources in order to establish county policy for the use of energy resources derived from property owned by Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council President Fitzgerald.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: I've been working on this bill for some time and this idea for some time. We as representatives of the taxpayers --- the taxpayers are sitting on literally a gold mine in this county with respect to energy when it comes to natural gas. This county spends about \$50 million a year through its county agencies and authorities to heat, light, cool and operate our buildings and fuel our vehicles for transport. I won't go through all of the details, but that's a whole lot of money, as everybody knows. \$50 million represents about one mill of property tax. I want to put forth this effort. It's going to go into the committee and we're going to have committee meetings I hope weekly bringing in people from DEP, energy experts, et cetera. I'm excited about this bill. It's actually what I do during my day job, so I feel very comfortable in working on this. An energy policy with our buildings, with our land could save the taxpayers a tremendous amount of money.

The two roles that this county has is certainly budget and land use. And that's what this bill gets involved with a lot. Other states, Alaska and Texas come to mind, in which they use their natural resources to help the taxpayer. And that's what I want this bill to do. I'd like the savings in this bill to be used for property tax reduction. We own tens of thousands of acres in this land, in this county, the taxpayers do, and I think this is a way to return some of the assets and resources that the taxpayers are sitting on to them.

It also has enormous economic development potential. One of the things companies look for when they want to locate is energy. And we have an abundance. Over 100 years ago, this county grew, this region grew because of the energy. We added coal and oil and natural gas. A clean fuel is going to be one of the energy sources of the future. The price is down right now because of the economy, but that price is going to go back up. And when it does, we're either going to be paying somebody else for our energy with a big increase or we're going to be using our own and selling that energy on the open market. So I look forward to working with everybody on this bill, no pun intended, drill down on what we're going to be doing and getting expert opinion on how we can use our land in the Kanes, in the parks, the Shuman Center, et cetera, I could go on and on, and in our authorities. So I look forward to moving this. This will go to the Committee on Government Reform. 4811-09. I'm sorry, Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: I'd like to be added to that, please.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Please add Mr. Macey as a cosponsor.

MR. DEFAZIO: I'd like to be added.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Add John DeFazio as cosponsor.

MR. FUTULES: I'd like to be added as a cosponsor.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Mr. Futules, Mr. Gastgeb, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Finnerty, Mr. Ellenbogen. 4811-09.

MR. MASCIO: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2009, Submission Number 06-09. This is sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Budget and Finance. New business, motions, 4812-09.

MR. MASCIIO: Motion of the Council of Allegheny County urging the General Assembly and Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as well as the United States Congress to establish federal and state programs of state (sic) relief for industries adjudged to be endangered within the United States and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Sponsored by Councilman Drozd.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Councilman Drozd.

MR. DROZD: This is related specifically to those industries that are becoming a very rare, endangered species, one of which is the steel industry. I've made it known now and many, many times I was born and raised in the Steel Valley and many of my neighbors were steel workers. And their jobs, many of their jobs were lost overseas, companies and industries. And I think it is time, as we can see in today's economy with the loss of jobs, that people in pursuit maybe lost their job and are trying to find other jobs. And many of these jobs, as basic as some of them may be, which is not a steel production job --- some of even the basic jobs that are even on the scale of the lower paying jobs that are very, very critical to support these families ---. Case in point, what results when there aren't jobs and employment, you see more of the issues where our jails are becoming increased in the number of inmates.

So this is very important, I think, that we start to look at this. I want to put this in committee and make it stronger than it is. I want to protect these jobs. I want to protect these industries. And I think it's time for Congress to stand up and look for ways to do that as well as our state. We can't continue to lose jobs overseas and sustain an economy that's going to put us into the growth, future growth. You can see what's happening in China. You can see what's happening in a lot of the Third World countries, India. They're all surpassing us. And it's not getting any slower, believe me, the pace that they're moving on. The pace is becoming that much faster. So we got to look at ways to protect ourselves because they, in turn, are protecting themselves in some areas in different ways. They got to reciprocate. They've got a fair --- make it a level playing field.

And we cannot afford to lose industries like the steel industry, because by the way, that's a defense industry. As you will note, during World War II, we were very fortunate to have the steel industry still healthy as

it was and able to produce what we needed to defend this country, defend our freedoms. Nowadays it would be very difficult to expand that. And depending who would be supplying those steel products from overseas, we as a nation can be put in very, very serious jeopardy. I would like to put this into Council (sic) and give it opportunities to look at ways we can strengthen this wherever and however we can. I would like to see it go from a motion into a law to the federal side and the state side. I think it's very important and I think it's time. It's time to protect those jobs.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Economic Development. Public comment on general items, there was one speaker this evening, Les Ludwig. I don't see Mr. Ludwig here this evening. But he's the only speaker. Do I have a motion to adjourn?

(Chorus of motions.)

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Meeting adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:36 P.M.

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