

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
Jared Barker - Director, Legislative Services
Jennifer Liptak - Budget Director
Jack Cambest - Solicitor

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: I'm going to call the meeting to order. If everybody would please rise and remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance, and then remain standing for a moment of silent prayer or reflection. I'd like to thank everybody for coming. Welcome to the Tuesday, June 16th, 2009 meeting of Allegheny County Council.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

(Moment of silent prayer or reflection.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Thank you. Please call the roll.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Cleary?

MS. CLEARY: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Gastgeb?

MR. GASTGEB: I'm here (via telephone).

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green?

MS. GREEN: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. McCullough?

MR. MCCULLOUGH: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson:

MR. ROBINSON: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Fitzgerald, President?

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Here.

MR. CATANESE: All members present.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Proclamations/
Certificates. 4930-09.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation honoring Doctor Joseph Lagana for receiving the National Child Labor Committee's Lewis Hine Award. Sponsored by Councilwoman Green and the Treasurer.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Councilwoman Green?

MS. GREEN: Thank you. I'm going to ask Doctor Lagana to join me. I'm going to read the proclamation and afterwards, Doctor Lagana, if you would say a few words.

WHEREAS, extraordinary men and women have produced outstanding organizations that have flourished in our community and that provide limitless services to those in our county who are less fortunate; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Doctor Joseph Lagana founded the Homeless Children's Education Fund, a non-profit organization, assuring that children who are homeless receive the same educational opportunities and experiences that their peers are given; and

WHEREAS, the fund's motto is, hope through learning. And by focusing on public awareness about homelessness, the organization is able to provide invaluable services to homeless children across this country; and

WHEREAS, Doctor Lagana volunteers for the Fund regularly, and because of his countless efforts and commitment to the organization, he has been given the Lewis Hine Award by the National Children's Labor Committee; and

WHEREAS, Doctor Lagana's mission was to help educate homeless children and to raise awareness in the community of the ill effects of homelessness. Today we can see with our eyes, Doctor Lagana's vision becoming a reality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council, on behalf of the citizens of the county, hereby recognize the enumerable efforts of Doctor Joseph F. Lagana, who has exhibited to better the lives of the homeless children. Furthermore, we congratulate him on receiving the Lewis Hine Award and hope others will continue to recognize his efforts, those foundations and proactive missions in continuing promoting and support. Sponsored by Allegheny County Council member Amanda Green, myself, and Treasurer John Weinstein, this 16th day of June, 2009.

DOCTOR LAGANA: I'm certainly humbled by this recognition and I certainly appreciate it. You may not

know, but today as we're here, there are about 600 children living in 17 shelters in Allegheny County. And what I want to tell you is that by the end of the year, probably 3,000 children will go through those shelters. Most of that money comes from the Federal government or the State government. Very little of it comes directly from the County coffers, although I want to tell you that I'm very proud of the relationship I have with County government. In fact, I have with me today, Mike Linzey (phonetic), who works with the county in its Department of Human Resources. And I want to tell you that I couldn't be prouder to have that relationship, because we are touching the lives of 3,000 children a year who, basically, are living in a shelter with their mother.

In ten years, we've probably touched the lives of 20,000 children, and making sure that they continue to get an education. I think that Allegheny County, as I do my work across the country, not only here in Allegheny County, is that Allegheny County has a continuum of care probably better than most of the continuum of care in other counties in other regions, as a country. We have certainly big holes and gaps where we need to fill our services. But I can tell you, I'm proud to be from Allegheny County because it's doing a very good job in the homeless population, given the fact that it is now increasing because of the foreclosure. We still have a lot of work to do. I want to thank all of you in Council for instilling this upon me. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Okay. We're going to skip ahead from 4931, for just a minute, and move on to 4952-09.

MR. CATANESE: Certificate of Achievement honoring the Shaler High School softball team for finishing their season as the runner-up in Class AAAA of the WPIAL and PIAA. Sponsored by Council members Burn and DeFazio.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Okay. Council members DeFazio and ---. I don't know what they're doing out there in Shaler, but these Shaler teams keep winning a lot of championships. We're seeing them a lot, so something's going on out there, John. I think you better investigate.

MR. DEFAZIO: I'm going to check on it. Will the coach and the team come up? All the coaches, please. Sounds like Christmas.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: You must have won something.

MR. DEFAZIO: Okay. Before we read the proclamation, I want to say a couple words. This team came in second in the state, which is unbelievable because they're all basically young kids. You have the catcher, first base, second base, freshmen. And then you have, like, a junior playing shortstop, third base is a sophomore. The pitcher and the outfielder, junior. So this is a real young team. It's unbelievable to come in second in the state. And it's one of them days. Some days you have better days, some days you should have won but you didn't. You came in second, which is a heck of an honor. And you really deserve it; it's unbelievable. When you make it to States, really, you get a lot of good competition out there. I'm going to --- first of all, I'll have Coach Palmer come up and he'll say a couple words before I read the proclamation.

COACH PALMER: You want me to say something?

MR. DEFAZIO: Yeah.

COACH PALMER: Thank you very much for having us here. I'm very proud of the young ladies and my coaching staff, and we are, you know, honored to be here honoring our --- you know, having us here for our school district and our young ladies. And they did a terrific job and we're very proud of them. Thank you, sir.

MR. BURN: Thank you, Johnny, for allowing me to co-sponsor this. As a resident of Millvale, I grew up with some of my best friends from Shaler. I know a lot of you would want to applaud your parents and your families. Johnny, let me understand ---. Let me be sure I understand what you said about this team; a lot of young players, a lot of potential. They're going to stay together --- the nucleus is going to stay together. It sounds like another team in Pittsburgh that we talked about last year when they got into the finals and came back this year and won it with a young team with enormous potential. You guys sound like you're going to be the Pittsburgh Penguins of Shaler Township, so keep it up, a good job this year.

MR. DEFAZIO: One last thing before I read the proclamation. I look up and I see one of the coaches here. I used to coach with him when his kids were small and mine were small. So we started this program. He's still with it. Okay. This here is the Certificate of

Achievement for Shaler High School for the 2009 softball team.

This Certificate of Achievement is awarded to the 2009 Shaler High School softball team, in recognition of the players' outstanding athletic abilities and coaches' excellent instruction. These skills were showcased throughout the team's fantastic season and in their second place finish in the 2009 Class AAAA WPIAL and PIAA playoff. Their impressive efforts and invaluable contributions to Allegheny County's sport legacy are to be commended. On behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, we join with the team in celebration of their outstanding and memorable season. Sponsored by Council members John DeFazio, Jim Burn, and presented on behalf of Allegheny County Council and the citizens of Allegheny County, this 16th day of June, 2009.

So what I have here is, one for the two coaches. I'll give you these. One is for the school, one is for you. And the players' names are on here, but what we'll do is just pass out ---. Everyone take one. You may have somebody else's name.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Coach, if you could read all of --- just mention all the names. If you just identify your coaches. Come to the mike and say all their names and the coaches' names. They're going to be on TV this week, so we want their names on there nice and loud.

COACH PALMER: First of all, freshman, Sarah Deible (phonetic), sophomore Sammi Montoya, sophomore --- Candace? I can't tell them apart. I have twins; the other one's over there, Kalwalski (phonetic), sophomore. Okay. This is --- DeFazio, remember? This is Britt DeFazio, she's a junior. Next to her is Jessie Vanuchi (phonetic). She's a freshman. Next one in, wave to me so they know who you are. Okay?

This is Chelsea Siar. She's a junior. Next to her is Abby Nichter. She's a junior. In front of them, number 16, is a freshman catcher, which is Lauren Hackett. Next to her is one of our two seniors. This is Marisa LaSante (phonetic). Back there --- the tall one back there, Jamie Roth (phonetic). She's a freshman. Next to Jamie is Holly Pefferman. She's a junior. In front of Holly is Sydney Smyer (phonetic). She's a freshman. And the other twin --- and I know if this is Shelby, that has to be Candace. She's a sophomore.

Back there, my coaches ---. I have two that are not here, Kim Keenan (phonetic) and Brad Stone are not here today. But I have John Arndt (phonetic), Tommy Wisor (phonetic). And this is the president of my boosters, Kevin Worth (phonetic). And can I also mention that the principal --- our principal is here today. Would you please stand up wherever you are, Mr. Suit.

MR. DEFAZIO: Okay. Just take them all and give everybody one. Does anyone want to take a picture up front? Just move up front.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: If any parents are here, please come forward if you want to take pictures of the team. Please don't be shy.

COACH PARKER: Excuse me. Two of our kids were unable to come here. They had things that they had to take care of. They're both out of state. One is Markie Milnich (phonetic). She's a senior. And the other one is Gina Goss. Markie's in California, and I think Gina is in Seattle. So they're part of this team, and I'll take their notes. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Okay. 4932-09.

MR. CATANESE: Certificate of Achievement honoring Shade Side Academy's baseball team for winning the WPIAL Class AA championship. Sponsored by Councilman Burn.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Councilman Burn.

MR. BURN: Thank you, Mr. President. I'll invite the coach and the players to come up here for the proclamation, if they wouldn't mind. Thanks. Coach, what I'd like to do, sir, is I'll read from the proclamation, the general proclamation that goes to the academy, and the language is repeated in a proclamation to you, specifically, and also to the players. And then we'll do the same thing. I'll give the proclamation to you and invite you to say a few words to introduce the team. And if anyone wants to say a few words.

The Shady Side Academy has been here before. It is a fantastic institution, and it's an academy which helps to educate and train the future leaders in this region, in this country. And in all the athletic fields, whether it's baseball, tennis, you guys are always up in the top. You always do very well. And one of the things I like to say to the teams that win championships is, you'll appreciate this over time as you go through life.

You'll be 85, 90, 95 years old, sitting on your rocking chair.

You'll remember this team. You'll remember guys that you played with. You'll remember some of the great plays that helped you to become champions. And no one will ever be able to take that title of champion away from you. So congratulations. And that teamwork that you exhibited is something that you'll take with you as you go through life. Well done.

This Certificate of Achievement is awarded to the 2009 Shady Side Academy baseball team in recognition of their outstanding athletic abilities, which were showcased throughout the team's fantastic season and in the team's capture of the 2009 Class AA WPIAL championship. Their indelible 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 outstanding and memorable season. Gentlemen, congratulations. Well done. Are you a player, Coach?

COACH GRANDIZIO: Those days are over. I want to thank you for having us. On behalf of Shady Side Academy, this is a great honor for us to be down here. I want to thank these great players who are not just great baseball players but incredible students and future leaders in this community, for sure. So it's a great honor for us. And the best thing I can say about these guys, they won the WPIAL. But as excited as they were about that, they were even more disappointed that they weren't able to go further in the State playoffs. I think that tells you a lot about what kind of character they have.

So I'll go down the list here and introduce them. This is one of our captains, senior Shawn Hannon (phonetic). Senior Scott Royston (phonetic), another one of our captains, senior Zach Jones, senior Sam Coletz (phonetic), senior Scott Majesky, freshman Michael Holsinger (phonetic), junior Matt Giel, freshman Andrew Geisler (phonetic), junior Joe McCullough (phonetic), sophomore Grant Foley (phonetic), sophomore Zach Sufran (phonetic) and another one of our senior captains, Tim Giel; and then one of my assistant coaches, Jason Toller (phonetic).

We have two other assistant coaches, John Kappa (phonetic) and Harry Ficon (phonetic), who are incredible

and do a great job for us. Unfortunately, they could not be here today. But we also have two parents here with us today who happen to be employees of the school. We have Tim Giel, Sr., way in the back, who's our director of health and safety and also our athletic trainer, and his wife, Donna, who also moved somewhere. Oh, there she is. Okay. She's our school nurse, so happy to have them here. We also have an alum here --- and I'm embarrassed --- back in the back, Barb Rush, who happened to show up here, too. So thanks very much, once again. I guess that's it; thank you.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4933-09.

MR. CATANESE: Certificate of Achievement honoring Vincentian Academy's softball team for winning the WPIAL Class A championship. Sponsored by Councilwoman Rea.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Councilwoman Rea.

MS. REA: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to invite the Vincentian Academy's 2009 softball team to the podium and their coach, please. I'm honored to stand here today with these young ladies who are the 2009 WPIAL Class A champions. These gifted student athletes are the reason why we have the brightest of futures for this great county. I'm going to read the proclamation into the record and then ask the coach and Nina Melvin --- Coach Scanga and Nina Melvin of this team to speak.

This Certificate of Achievement is awarded to the 2009 Vincentian Academy's softball team in recognition of the players' outstanding athletic abilities and the coach's excellent instruction. These skills were showcased throughout the team's fantastic season and in their capture of the 2009 Class A WPIAL championship. Their indelible 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 the celebration of their outstanding and memorable season. And I'm going to ask Nina Melvin to speak first and introduce the team.

MS. MELVIN: This is Crea (phonetic) Maharajha (phonetic), she's a freshman, then Deanna (phonetic) Moore (phonetic), freshman, Bridget Melvin, my sister, freshman, Ashley Darby, freshman, Amanda Slyer (phonetic), sophomore, Kayla Huston (phonetic), sophomore, Tracy Donjuly (phonetic), junior. We're also missing Nicole Lindner, senior, Ashlyn Mallison, also a senior, Emily

Bechny (phonetic), senior; and Ally Joseph (phonetic), as a junior. Oh, and Lexie Reinhardt (phonetic). She's a freshman.

Good evening. My name is Nina Melvin, and I'm one of the captains of the Vincentian Royals softball team. We want to thank Allegheny Council for honoring the Lady Royals softball team for winning the WPIAL championship. We are so proud to be here. We want to thank Sister Camille, our principal, Jim Bockstoce, our athletic director, Coach Pete Scanga and the assistant coaches, as well as our parents and families for all their support. They are always there in good times and bad.

I also want to thank my aunt, Senator Jane Clare Orie, a former Vincentian Royal star. She inspires me to work hard and never give up. We were very excited and proud to win the WPIAL championship this year, just like we won it last year. Although we won the PIAA State championship last year, we came up one game short this year. We are focused for next year.

As former Super Bowl champion, quarterback Doug Williams, said, never give up; never give in. And when the upper hand is ours, may we have the ability to handle the win with the dignity and absorb the loss. It is very exciting to be a part of the City of Champions and the Town of Titles, with the World Champion Steelers and Penguins. Hopefully, we will be back here next year. Again, thank you very much.

MS. REA: Thank you. Coach, would you like to talk about this season?

COACH SCANGA: Sure. First, I want to thank Jan Rea and County Council for this honor. It's a big honor to be here; myself, my team. My one coach here has been Brad Swiger (phonetic); my other two coaches couldn't make it. And without these guys, this program wouldn't be where it is. After last year we won the WPIAL, and the States, this was supposed to be a rebuilding year for us. Apparently, it was and we did excellent. And we are so proud of these girls for the way they played.

And I want to thank a few people. We got --- since I've been at Vincentian, I've got two alumni here who actually pitched for me and were my captains, Casey Melvin and Trish Melvin. And a lot of our parents are here today, and I just want to thank them because without their support ---. I mean, we come from a very small school and a very small squad, and I just want to thank

them; without their support, we wouldn't be where we are. And thank you, again; thank you to everybody for this.

MS. REA: Thank you. I'd just like to mention that Judge Melvin is one of the parents here. If any of the parents want to take pictures, please do. Thank you. Congratulations, girls.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Parents, please come forward, including Judge Melvin. Please, Judge, come up to the camera. You're a parent tonight, not a judge. 4934.09.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation honoring Theresa O'Leary's career of service to the community and CCAC. Sponsored by Councilmen Robinson and Martoni.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Councilman Robinson and Councilman Martoni.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. As Doctor Martoni comes to join me, let me say just a couple things. One --- you know, Doctor Martoni and I are like a tag team, the way Doctor Martoni and John DeFazio used to be back in the day when they were wrestling. But we're an academic tag team. We're a tag team that's constantly telling you how good community college is. And we want to continue to bring people to you for an example of the goodness.

I recently said that we had not reached greatness at the community college. Someone reminded me that we had a lot of great programs. My response to them was, you're right. But I want us to have undisputed greatness, not cheerleading greatness. That's what I'm doing. I'm talking about when those agencies at a great community college, when our peers and other admissions say we're great, we will be there. We're on our way to that kind of greatness, and alumni is a very, very important part of our effort. If we can have --- Susan Gall from the back. She is always shy. She heads up our Alumni Program, and we thank her.

But I'm going to have Doctor Martoni, of course, read this, because I'm doing the sales pitch here. But I need you again, colleagues, to think about the real jewel we have with our community college. Recently, within the Academy and within the rating agencies, they re-rated --- is that a word, Doc? They re-rated the community college. It is now. There are 1,200 community colleges in the United States of America. When they re-rated them, we

moved up. We are in the top five community colleges of the United States of America.

The young lady we're going to recognize today is part of that history, that legacy, part of why we are great ---. Doc, you're on.

MR. MARTONI: He always gives me the tough jobs. This is really an honor to recognize Terry O'Leary, one of the young ladies at the college who really works hard. Gets people like me out of trouble a lot of times. We appreciate that. Let me read the proclamation and have Terry come up.

WHEREAS, Theresa M. O'Leary, a 1998 graduate of the Community College of Allegheny County, has exemplified the definition of a dedicated contributor to the institution of higher learning and to the community of Allegheny County, over the course of her impressive career; and

WHEREAS, as an employee of the Community College of Allegheny County, Ms. O'Leary has provided over 30 years of unwavering service to the school and invaluable assistance to the development of the Alumni Program and the alumni database; and

WHEREAS, Ms. O'Leary has established two scholarships at the college, the Williams/Rhoads Memorial Scholarship, which was established in September of 2008 and has raised nearly \$6,000 to date, and the Brill/Erdner scholarship, which was established in March of 2003 and has raised nearly \$25,000 to date. Those scholarships provide assistance for students that are determined to further their education at CCAC; and

WHEREAS, Ms. O'Leary devotes herself as a community volunteer to Pennsylvania Connecting Communities, an organization empowering disabled individuals to improve the quality of their lives, and Susan G. Komen for the Cure, a breast cancer awareness foundation where Ms. O'Leary has volunteered for the past ten years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Council, on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, recognizes Theresa M. O'Leary, a 1998 graduate of the Community College of Allegheny County, for her proactive service within the college and within the county. Her ambition and fine leadership should be adopted by residents of the county for the betterment of our community. Sponsored by myself, Mr. Robinson and the rest

of Allegheny County Council. Terry, could you come up and say a few words?

MS. O'LEARY: Hi. Thank you very much. It's a pleasure to be here and it's a wonderful honor. I'd like to thank Allegheny County Council for this proclamation and for the continued support of the Community College of Allegheny County and the Alumni Program. I'd also like to thank the following: the Alumni Board, Nancy Hersch (phonetic), Doctor Charles Martoni, William Robinson and Mrs. Frances Dice. My career at CCAC has given me the experience and the opportunity to develop and dedicate interim college into its alumni educational practices.

I have taken the opportunity to earn a degree and to establish these scholarships to help others advance academically and to exemplify the standards that CCAC has. This in turn will give more students and alumni a chance to be successful and to serve as other role models while representing the college, as well as the county of Pittsburgh --- I'm sorry, the community of Pittsburgh in Allegheny County.

I'd also like to thank my extended family. Every time I come up with an idea to put together a scholarship, I make these nice young gentlemen stuff envelopes and mail them for me; plus they'll work for pennies. Trust me, all I do is feed them. But I'd like to thank my family for coming, all of you --- it's a pleasure --- and community college. I've grown up there ---. I've grown up under the auspices of Doctor Martoni and Fran Dice, and I appreciate it so much. Thank you.

MR. ROBINSON: There's two other young ladies here that I want to come up and say something. Nancilee Burzachechi, who is our Vice President for Institutional Development, and Susan Gall, who heads up our Alumni Program. We have the most developed, sophisticated alumni program of any of the community colleges in Pennsylvania. That's a fact. I think we probably have one of the premier alumni programs across the United States. These ladies will tell you more about it.

MS. GALL: Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Robinson and Councilman Martoni. And County Council, thank you, always, for your support and your generosity and spirit in recognizing us. But I think your statement is largely because --- the reason we've been able to develop the program is because of the generosity of County Council and your belief in us. So thank you very much;

otherwise, we would not have been able to develop it to this point.

And I just wanted to extend greetings on behalf of Doctor Alex Johnson, who's not able to join us tonight. We're very proud to have Terry as part of our staff and as an alumna. Her undying efforts on our behalf are just truly --- really, we're very proud of her. So thank you very much.

MS. BURZACHECHI: And I want to thank you, also, for the honor that you bestowed on Terry O'Leary today, to Bill Robinson, to Chuck Martoni, for their ongoing support, and to County Council and the county for continuing to really support the community college and the work we're doing. We really are transforming the future of Allegheny County with your help. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4935-09.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation recognizing Carnegie Mellon University, Carlow College and Duquesne University for leading in the struggle against sweatshops. Sponsored by Councilman Martoni.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Councilman Martoni.

MR. MARTONI: Earlier we recognized a lot of athletes. What really --- what really made western Pennsylvania world class, though, although we have the greatest athletes in the world --- we really became world class because we have the greatest workers in the world. And we have a history of that. I'd like to tell the story about World War II where the Pittsburgh area produced more steel than any other country in the world, okay, western Pennsylvania as an example.

But we could only do that because we have people out there that work very, very hard to make sure that we have a well balanced economy and everything's right. And I have the privilege tonight of doing three proclamations of people who are deeply involved in this kind of entity. Okay? They're all fundamentally the same, so let me read one, and we'll have them, each of them, say something.

WHEREAS, a global apparel industry is rife with the abuse of human and workers' rights, which are compromised by brands and labels in order to make a profit; and

WHEREAS, Carnegie Mellon University, Carlow College and Duquesne University have become leaders in the struggle against sweatshops by protecting the rights of workers who sew collegiate apparel; and

WHEREAS, these universities have committed to protecting the rights of their workers by reviewing the conditions in which they operate, responding to workers' testimonies and calling the public's attention to the problems; and

WHEREAS, we commend the universities for their effort in quelling human rights abuse and for joining the Workers Rights Consortium, an independent non-profit monitor of workplace conditions, that allow the universities to assure social responsibility; and

WHEREAS, because of their efforts, these institutions lead in the struggle against sweatshop abuse and promote the value and importance of human rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council, on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, recognizes Carnegie Mellon University, Carlow College and Duquesne University, for working tirelessly to end the abuse of workers who create this apparel. Their efforts lead to the struggle to establish social responsibility in the clothing factories and to help expose this important issue to the entire world. I'd like each of the universities that have a representative here to speak. We'll start with you. You're on the firing line.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'd like to thank Doctor Martoni for sponsoring this proclamation. On behalf of Carnegie Mellon University, I'd like to thank Council for recognizing our university's work to fair labor standards in the manufacturing of our brand of merchandise. Thank you.

NICOLE: Hello. My name's Nicole. I am a Carlow alum and this is Francesca and Elena. They're students at Carlow. I would like to thank the County Council for this honor, and I'd just like to say, it's been a lot of hard work for us to join the WRC, but it's just the first step. So we're pretty excited to move forward and, hopefully, can work all the other great colleges in the city.

MS. REIDELL: I'm Mary Fran Reidell. I am the Director of Health Services at Carlow University. That's the only thing, it is Carlow University. But we are a university, just to put that down on the books. And the staff advises students for peace and justice, and I have a lot of pride in the work that they did. And I really want to thank the Council for recognizing the work, and we plan

on working together with these universities in continuing to help support human and worker rights. Thank you.

MS. TARKEN (phonetic): I'm Fran Tarken, Assistant Director of Admissions at Duquesne University. I'm very pleased and honored to accept this recognition from the Allegheny County Council on behalf of Duquesne. Thank you very much.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'd like to just say a few words by way of explanation. I'm one of the founding members of United Students Against Sweatshops and co-founder of Workers Rights Consortium with these colleges and universities. They've done something truly courageous by calling attention to what is going on in these factories. And every week, they have piles of investigatory reports that show up on their desk from Workers Rights Consortium, and they're faced with very difficult questions about what to do about those reports. They're faced with very tough questions that --- do they have enough power based on their license agreements and the work being done in these factories, to have an impact there.

And it's a tremendous task that they've taken on, and they're going to need your support and the support of their communities, to understand that when we talk about sweatshops sewing university apparel, we're not accusing them of anything, we're calling attention to the fact that they're honest about it and that they have a real investigator on the ground that's independent. And that they're trying hard to do due diligence. And if they don't have enough power on their own to figure out how to remediate these factories, then it comes back to us and the communities that identify with their logos, to figure out what we could do to support them.

Let me just briefly introduce some of the other important folks that are here. We're so proud to have a group of Carlow University students here today. You know, its students working with the universities that help precipitate this important body of work. Jeff Parker, the VP of the Three Rivers Community Foundation, and Anne Lynch, their office manager, is here. They've done very important support for the Pittsburgh Anti-Sweatshop Community Alliance over the years that helped facilitate. This is the only time anywhere in America where local universities that are affiliated with the Workers Rights Consortium, are getting together and trying to figure out

what to do about that and how to address the power dynamics. Without Three Rivers Community Foundation, we wouldn't have been able to do that work.

The Black Political Empowerment Project is in the house. It's both a civil rights and a human rights organization, and that's very important when you wonder how an agenda gets this sophisticated and over-thinking. It's because they keep all the balls up in the air. They all have to be up in the air, because they were connected to ---. This community is connected, and we're connected to other parts of the world. BPEP stands for that eloquently. Bonnie Ellsworth (phonetic) is a long-time member of the Pittsburgh Anti-Sweatshop Community Alliance, who does an eloquent job of explaining to the labor community here in Allegheny County, what the Pittsburgh Anti-Sweatshop Community Alliance is all about. And I don't want to take away from the honor the university is receiving today. They really deserve to be congratulated.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4931-09.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation recognizing the Obediah Cole Foundation for Prostate Cancer, for sponsoring the 7th Annual Father's Day Run and Walk to raise awareness for prostate cancer. Sponsored by Council President Fitzgerald, Councilmen Martoni, Drozd, Ellenbogen, Futules, Macey, Robinson, DeFazio and Cleary.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: And I'd like to bring founder, Jerry Livingston, and events coordinator, Theresa Kauffman (phonetic), to come up with me. In my district, at Schenley Park for the last 20 years, a Mother's Day celebration, a Mother's Day tradition, has grown up in which it celebrates the survivors and the progress being made in breast cancer awareness. And literally, 30,000 to 40,000 people come, sons and daughters, marching, running, walking with their mothers, to find a cure for breast cancer.

For the last seven years, we've begun a Father's Day tradition which is occurring in this region, as well, in Allegheny County. And it's to identify and find a cure for prostate cancer. And I think I read a statistic where it's almost an exact balance, that as many people die --- as many men die from prostate cancer as women who die from breast cancer. And we'd like those to be equal, but we'd like those to be equal around zero with progress.

If you see --- if you walk past the fountain out in the courtyard, you notice it is blue. And I want to thank the administration, County Manager Flynn and Public Works Director Olczak, as well as Chief Executive Onorato, who were very supportive in our efforts on this Council to turn it blue in significance --- in recognition of the race that is going to occur on Father's Day. We turn it pink leading up to Mother's Day, and I appreciate their efforts to turn it blue this week. So I'm going to read this proclamation into the record and then ask Jerry or Theresa to come up and say a few words.

WHEREAS, nearly 186,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and, overall, about one in six men has a lifetime risk of being diagnosed with prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, the Obediah Cole Foundation for Prostate Cancer was founded in 2006 by prostate cancer survivors, Jerry Bortman, Jerry Livingston and former Pittsburgh Steeler, Robin Cole; and

WHEREAS, the foundation is dedicated to educating people about prostate cancer and to alerting about the importance of early detection; and

WHEREAS, the foundation will boast its 7th Annual Father's Day 5K/10K Run and Walk on June 21st, 2009, at North Shore Park, over by Heinz Field. Thousands of people are expected to attend, and the goal is to increase awareness about prostate cancer, which will be achieved; and

WHEREAS, because of the efforts of the organization, people have become more aware of the importance of being tested for this deadly disease. They have been able to live longer and healthier lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Council, on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, recognize the Obediah Cole Foundation for Prostate Cancer for its continuing efforts to raise awareness of prostate cancer. Furthermore, the Annual Father's Day 5K/10K Run and Walk is a successful event that our county is proud to host. We hope the foundation continues its impressive efforts to fight prostate cancer. Sponsored by all members of Council, as well as the Chief Executive, on this 16th day of June, 2009. And number one, congratulations to their diligence for doing this. I want to ask Jerry Livingston with Theresa to come up and say a few words. Thank you.

MR. LIVINGSTON: And I'll be brief, if I may. Thank you very much to County Council for inviting us to speak to you and for the proclamation. We appreciate that from Council President which --- sir, I saw you at the Greenfield live race last weekend. And he's out in the community helping us of the racing community. I'd also like to thank County Executive Dan Onorato and, also, the Public Works people for helping us. I forgot the third person administratively was involved. And that was important and symbolic in its hope for lots of people. And you have no idea, but we send that out to a lot of people. Right now we have two people that are dying, two volunteers are dying as we speak and another person died two weeks ago from prostate cancer.

More importantly, we have thousands of people right here in Allegheny County being diagnosed. In fact, since this Council meeting started, every three minutes a man is diagnosed. And you can figure the math, how many people have already been diagnosed with prostate cancer. We exceed breast cancer with a number of deaths, that we have a number of people that are diagnosed. They actually for the first time, about two years ago, exceeded breast cancer. But breast cancer their race has 34,000 people. We started in 2003 with our first event with 200 people. We will greatly exceed 2,000 people this year. We've having 100 people a day register for our event.

I am a prostate cancer survivor. I had it in '99. It came back in 2002. And at that time, we had a race for everything in this county, except for the men on prostate cancer on Father's Day. So I walked up to Mayor Murphy at the Great Race and I said, it's time for us. It's our day. It's Father's Day; it's time for us to start and fight this disease. A lot of people don't know about it, but I can assure you, with the numbers I just told you, this many people are being impacted about it. Not one sponsor, not one corporate person have I spoken to, not one meeting have I ever attended, somebody has not been touched by prostate cancer, either in their own family or someone they know.

So what we're going to do is talk about saving lives. Our Obediah Cole is Robin Cole's father. He died of prostate cancer. Robin's father's brother died of prostate cancer. Robin Cole has seven brothers; five of the seven brothers have prostate cancer already. Robin is a survivor like me. Robin, like he is, is out trying to

help another charity today, since he's always serving the community. That's why he's not here today. But he is with us as the three survivors who started this. So here we go. We're going to start number seven coming up. It's coming up in just a few days. You can help me by turning the fountain down at the Point blue. We were turned down, even though it's pink during October. It isn't pink during --- it isn't blue during September. And you can help me by helping me in my appeal to the State for turning that fountain our color in September, symbolic to lots of people and hope to lots of people. So with all the thanks that I've given to everyone, I can tell you, you have a great County Health Department. I don't think I have to tell you that's news. They help us screen, as does UPMC. We have offered screenings in 2000 --- chauffeurs and teamsters and their picnic in August. We did it last year. Robin signed autographs, but we screened guys there.

We offer screenings to Consol Energy, who's a sponsor of ours, and we screen at least 200 to 300 coal miners at the mines themselves with --- for prostate cancer. We also have offered screenings for all Pittsburgh public school employees. We attended four health fairs this year and screened at least 75 guys and told a few guys, you better get checked because they have a serious problem and they need to see their doctor. That's how they save lives.

We offer screenings to the County employees. If you choose to do so --- how you can help us, we can screen any of the County employee agency that you want; we can do that. We can offer health fairs. Again, through your County team, Doctor Dickinson has been fantastic for us. And also, not only in the screenings, we offer this race that's coming up this weekend, and we need you there. We need you to come out, form a team; encourage your employees to come out and make a statement. Once you practice 2,000 this year, some day we will be the Race for the Cure with 34,000. It takes teams. They've got 400 teams; we've got 20. But we had only four last year. So we will some day be big, and we are the voice for men in Western Pennsylvania about this disease.

Many, many guys are affected by it. You can name quite a few of the celebrities' right here in this town that have been affected by prostate cancer. But we are going to put Pittsburgh on the map as the spokesperson

for prostate cancer. When you listen to a Pirate game, the first run that they score, they announce the Obediah Cole Foundation's going to receive money. So far they gave us 10,000 bucks. Whenever you listen to Savran before the Pens games and after the Pens games, they mention us. And they also mention --- all are asked to come out. So we would like you to be there. In conclusion, we want you to take some action to help us promote the fact of early detection does save lives, and it is killing men right here. And the African-American community --- by the way, the death rate is twice as high and the incidence of getting prostate cancer is 30 percent, 40 percent greater. This is the reason why two years ago at the Marriott, we did a breakfast for 200 men. Screening 92, we found that 7 had possible problems with prostate cancer. So it impacts this community. It's not time to be buried. It's not time to look the other way and walk out tonight and say, well --- okay. Fine. You know, I'm aware of prostate cancer and the impact. Let's do something about it. It starts right here, right now, today. This is our day coming up on Sunday; it's Father's Day.

When you celebrate Father's Day, hopefully you're not the father or grandfather or uncle or brother; but I can assure you, one in six men is struck by prostate cancer. And as I said, every 3 minutes someone is diagnosed; every 18 minutes someone is dead. If I'd have waited, six more months I would have been dead. And it's a question of finding it early and getting it taken care of. Thank you for having us. My friend, Theresa; do you have any remarks? Robin thanks you; our foundation thanks you. We have a brochure for all of you who wants to come and a program. And hopefully, you'll come. Thank you. Theresa --- we've been blessed. I haven't said anything about her. She's a blessing. She came to us from the Steelers. She's been involved in many community activities, and she is a God send. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4936-09. It will be read into the record.

MR. CATANESE: A proclamation honoring American Legion Post 106 for the post's handicapped-friendly renovations. Sponsored by Councilman Burn.

4937-09, A Certificate of Achievement honoring the Sewickley Academy boys tennis team for wining the

WPIAL AA championship. Sponsored by Councilman Matt Drozd.

4938-09, A Certificate of Achievement honoring members of Quaker Valley High School track and field team for winning the PIAA and WPIAL AAA 3200 meter relay. Sponsored by Councilmen Mike Finnerty and Matt Drozd.

4939-09, A Certificate of Recognition presented to the retirees of Allegheny County Police Association. Sponsored by Council President Fitzgerald, Councilmen Burn, Gastgeb and Macey.

4940-09, A Certificate of Recognition honoring the 50th Anniversary of Thomas and Patricia Thompson. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

4941-09, A Certificate of Recognition honoring the 50th Anniversary of Donald and Patricia Smith. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

4942-09, A Certificate of Recognition honoring the 50th Anniversary of Joseph and Darelle Perciavelle. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

4943-09, A Certificate of Recognition honoring the 50th Anniversary of Daniel and Nancy Vortolomeis. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

4944-09, A Certificate of Recognition honoring the 50th Anniversary of Frank and Charlene Graham. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

4945-09, A Certificate of Recognition honoring the 50th Anniversary of the Three Rivers Arts Festival. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

4946-09, A Certificate of Recognition honoring the 150th Anniversary of St. John of the Cross Lutheran Church in Dravosburg. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

4948-09, A Certificate of Achievement honoring the North Allegheny High School Boys' Baseball Team for winning the WPIAL AAAA Championship. Sponsored by Councilwoman Rea.

4949-09, A Certificate of Achievement honoring North Allegheny High School Boys' Volleyball Team for winning the WPIAL AAA Championship. Sponsored by Councilwoman Rea.

4950-09, A Certificate of Achievement honoring the North Allegheny High School Boys' Tennis Team for winning the WPIAL AAA Championship. Sponsored by Councilwoman Rea.

4951-09, A Certificate of Recognition honoring Marie Tortorice, Beatrice Dykes, Paulette Bradford and

Nakia Reddick for receiving Hats Off to Mom awards from Sisters Place. Sponsored by Councilwoman Cleary.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Public Comment on Agenda Items.

MR. CANTANESE: We have two.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Heather Arnet? Heather is here. Ms. Arnet, please state your name and address for the record, please?

MS. ARNET: Heather Arnet, and my address is 1114 Winterson Street. And I'm so pleased to be here. I am speaking about 4924-09. And I first want to first start out thanking County Chief Executive, Dan Onorato, and County Councilman, Rich Fitzgerald and Councilwomen Cleary and Green for cosponsoring this legislation. It's very exciting. I also wanted to share that I wanted to also thank Councilman Robinson who in fact years ago first started conversation with us also on this topic. So I know there are several supporters in the room. And it's really very exciting what you are about to do and this first step you're about to take is really quite historic.

For those of you who may not have read all the details, what you are about to do is really instruct and mandate the county to engage in a race and gender wage equity audit, the first to occur next year, 2010 and consistently occur thereafter. As we discuss this topic I want to also acknowledge our friends and colleagues over at the City Council who also work very hard with similar kind of legislation back a couple of years ago. And as you all know, in fact today we were supposed to have an agenda on the release of our report which now is scheduled for next week. But it's a very important piece of information and an opportunity for City and County employees. But what you're about to do is in fact even more profound and more exciting than even what the City did. Because they planted the seed and you're really putting in the water and fertilizer for equity because what you're doing is really institutionalizing. You're saying we as a council think that this is a priority but we're institutionalizing it in legislation so that it occurs every five years.

So even if the people change, the ideas will stay the same and will be law. We just wanted to add that this is really a critical development as you've already --- nationally we only make 81 cents per dollar at Pittsburgh Metropolitan and Allegheny County less than 70

cents per dollar. Right now we're offering --- less dollar for dollar than almost any other place in the country. And that is certainly not the best way to try to try and retain or attract it elsewhere. So I applaud your efforts, thank you for your partnership and you should know that the Women and Girls Foundation, we and others are firmly in your court as friends and supporters help along the way. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Thank you, Ms. Arnet. I believe Adriana is not here this evening. She's not. So moving on to Unfinished Business, Committee on Appointment Review, Second Reading, 4851-09.

MR. CATANESE: 4851-09, Approving the reappointment of James E. Barrick to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire December 31st, 2009. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Chair DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes. Everyone participating was in agreement with the reappointment. At this time I'd like to make a motion to approve.

MS. CLEARY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes).

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? Motion carries, Mr. Barrick is approved. 4852-09.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of David P. Mazzocco to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31st, 2009. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: It's my understanding Mr. Finnerty pinch-hit for this meeting?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes, I did. This has also been approved by the committee and I'd like to make a motion to approve it.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? Motion carries, Mr. Mazzocco is approved. 4854-09.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Gwen Ogle to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Area

Agency on Aging Advisory Board for a term to expire December 31st, 2011. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Chair DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes. At the meeting everyone was in agreement with the appointment. At this time I'd like to make a motion to approve.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? Motion carries, Ms. Ogle is approved. 4856-09.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Reverend David H. Taylor to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2011. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Chair DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes. Everyone at the meeting was in agreement with this appointment so I'd like to make a motion to approve.

MS. CLEARY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? Motion carries. Reverend Taylor is approved. 4857-09.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Frank Petrich to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2011. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Chair DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes. Everyone at the meeting was in agreement with the appointment. At this time I'd like to make a motion to agree with the appointment.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: So moved.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Second. All in favor signify by saying --- excuse me, Discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? Motion carries. 4858-09.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Morton Coleman, Ph.D., to serve as a member of the

Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board for a term to expire December 31st, 2011. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Mr. Finnerty, I believe you filled in?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes, I did. Everybody at the meeting approved of this and I'm going to make a motion to for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? Motion carries. Dr. Coleman is approved. 4859-09.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Stephen M. Alberts, Ph.D., to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2011. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Chair DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: I guess that's the one I had. At the meeting everyone was in agreement with the appointment so at this time I'd like to make a motion for the appointment.

MS. CLEARY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? Motion carries, Dr. Alberts is approved. 4860-09.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of John M. Daley to serve as a member of the Plumbing Advisory Board for a term to expire December 31st, 2013. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Chair DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes. Everyone at this meeting was in agreement with the appointment. I'd like to make a motion at this time to approve.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? Motion carries, Mr. Daley is approved. Committee on Budget and Finance, Second Reading, 4892-09.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2009, Submission 09-09. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Chair Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Move for approval.

MS. CLEARY: Second.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Move second. Discussion?
Please call the roll.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Cleary?

MS. CLEARY: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Gastgeb?

MR. GASTGEB: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green?

MS. GREEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. McCullough?

MR. MCCULLOUGH: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Fitzgerald, President?

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 15, nos, 0, the bill
passes.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4898-09.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget

for 2009, Submission 10-09. Sponsored by William Russell Robinson.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Chair Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Move second. Discussion?

Please call the roll.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Cleary?

MS. CLEARY: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Gastgeb?

MR. GASTGEB: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green?

MS. GREEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. McCullough?

MR. MCCULLOUGH: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Fitzgerald, President?

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 14, nos, 0, the bill passes.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Committee on Economic Development and Housing, Second Reading, 4893-09.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the Council of the County of Allegheny extending the duration of time for the exemption of certain taxes within a specified geographic area designated as a Keystone Opportunity Zone

within the Township of Neville, Allegheny County.
Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Chair Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. This was released
with an affirmative recommendation and I make a motion for
approval.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moved.

MS. CLEARY: Second.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Second. Discussion?

Please call the roll.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Cleary?

MS. CLEARY: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Gastgeb?

MR. GASTGEB: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green?

MS. GREEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. McCullough?

MR. MCCULLOUGH: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Fitzgerald, President?

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 15, nos, 0, the bill

passes.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4894-09.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the Council of
the County of Allegheny extending the duration of time for

the exemption of certain taxes within a specified geographic area designated as Keystone Opportunity Zone within the City of Duquesne, Allegheny County. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Chair Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: This again was released with a firm recommendation. I move for approval.

MR. BURN: Second.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Move second. Discussion?
Please call the roll.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Cleary?

MS. CLEARY: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Gastgeb?

MR. GASTGEB: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green?

MS. GREEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. McCullough?

MR. MCCULLOUGH: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Fitzgerald, President?

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 15, nos, 0, the bill
passes.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4895-09.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of Council of the
County of Allegheny extending the duration of time for the

exemption of certain taxes with a specified geographic designated as a Keystone Opportunity Zone within the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Chair Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. This was released with an affirmative recommendation. I make a motion to approve.

MR. BURN: Second.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Move second. Discussion?
Please call the roll.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Cleary?

MS. CLEARY: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Gastgeb?

MR. GASTGEB: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green?

MS. GREEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. McCullough?

MR. MCCULLOUGH: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Fitzgerald, President?

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 15, nos, 0, bill passes.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 4896-09.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the Council of the County of Allegheny extending the duration of time for

the exemption of certain taxes within a specified geographic area designated as a Keystone Opportunity Zone within the Township of West Deer, Allegheny County. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Chair Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Again, this was released with an affirmative recommendation. And I make a motion to approve.

MR. FUTULES: Second.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Move second. Discussion? Please call the roll.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Cleary?

MS. CLEARY: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Gastgeb?

MR. GASTGEB: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green?

MS. GREEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. McCullough?

MR. MCCULLOUGH: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Fitzgerald, President?

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 15, nos, 0, bill passes.

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PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Chair Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. This was also released with an affirmative recommendation and I make a motion for approval.

MR. FUTULES: Second.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Move second. Discussion? Please call the roll.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?

MR. BURN: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Cleary?

MS. CLEARY: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Gastgeb?

MR. GASTGEB: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green?

MS. GREEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. McCullough?

MR. MCCULLOUGH: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Fitzgerald, President?

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 15, nos, 0, bill passes.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Moving on to Liaison Reports. I guess I'm going to begin with the recent announcement that we were selected to host the G20 Summit.

I just think that is absolutely a huge feather in our cap in this region, this city, this county, that the President of the United States would single out Pittsburgh as a city of the future for the economic growth and the economic --- the new jobs of the 21st Century. I just think it's incredible for us. And it's something we should all tip our hats to, the work that this Council has done over the last ten years promoting the green jobs and the renewal of this region and rebirth of the decline suffered years ago from factory and industry. I'd also like to single out one person whose name is not being raised during all this and I know the Chief Executive is going to take a lot of credit, he deserves some, and Mayor Ravenstahl will certainly do the same but I'd also like to single out former Mayor Tom Murphy who's very much ahead of the curve in pushing green initiative and green jobs in the Convention Center which is probably one of the highlights of why they chose to come here. And its lead certified, I think it's the only lead certified convention center in this country.

We could be the only indeed certified hockey arena in this country which fits our Champion Penguins so congratulations to them over the last weeks. So it's going to be very exciting this September as we all work towards working with visitors at the Convention Bureau. We met with them earlier this afternoon, if we can help them in any way we can. It's again something we can be very proud of. And another ranking we got last week, the Economist, a magazine out of York, stating Pittsburgh is the best city in America. Again, these are outside agencies. This isn't the Chamber of Commerce. This isn't just the Mayor saying this. These are outside agencies coming in and singling this out.

I'd also like to congratulate Democratic Chairman, Jim Burn, who recently hosted the Democratic State Convention a little over a week ago. About 600 or 700 people came to our city and enjoyed the hospitality and our restaurants and our hotel rooms, again showcasing our city and our region as a great place to be. Certainly a massive spotlight where Senator Specter made his first major speech since making the switch he made a few weeks ago. So congratulations to our Chairman on that. Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: I'd just like to say congratulations to the Penguins on being the world champions and let's do it again.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Any other liaison reports? Mr. Burn and then Mr. Futules.

MR. BURN: Thank you, Mr. President, for your remarks. With respect to public safety committee, there is a meeting tomorrow at four o'clock in Conference Room One regarding Shuman Center. Director Simmons will be here. I would urge all my colleagues on the committee if they can to please attend. I know Director Simmons is looking forward to your questions and I also know he's prepared to answer them in a direct candid fashion as he has done the last two times he has been here to see us. I'll reserve any other comments about the situations that are going on out there until tomorrow's meeting. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Thank you. The Flag Retirement Ceremony, while it was a beautiful day, although it rained. It was a beautiful day when people show up to retire the flag. You had to be there for that speech. But it was a very nice event, too bad the rain did shorten it a little bit. I want to thank our staff for doing a wonderful job in setting that up and all the other people that were involved. There were a lot of singers and military and it was a great event. And everybody should attend because it was so wonderful. And in the future, this is a park event, I'd like to actually take this to the Parks Committee for approval of our agendas on these future events. Thank you.

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

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President, members of Council. You may have read in the news or have heard on the radio that the Allegheny County Airport was going to sell the parking rights at the airport. Under FAA Rules that can't happen. But on the other hand, the Airport Authority is commissioning a study on the long-term lease. And what they could do with this is raise additional cash flow which would help off cost the parking fees as well as landing fees which will lower the cost at the airport and certainly the consumers will benefit from that.

I'd also like to mention the fact that the G20 Summit is coming here. That's going to bring 40 to 60

airplanes, large aircraft to our airport, not only the International Airport, but also the Allegheny County Airport, with five hotels and with support groups they're not all going to use the International Airport Site. I think West Mifflin is going to benefit from this. But the G20 is going to help not only Pittsburgh, but surrounding communities. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: I'll defer Councilman Burn addressing --- I'll defer to my motion that I have.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Any more reports? Moving on, New Business --- I'm sorry, Mr. Gastgeb?

MR. GASTGEB: Thank you. I also wanted to kind of piggyback what you said. First, I agree with my colleague Mr. Futules, what a great event the Flag Retirement Ceremony is. South Hills people are still talking about. In particular, I keep thinking I also want to thank Executive Dan Onorato who was very generous with his time and also with who the speakers were. Moving forward I think there's things we can do to kind of look out in advance. There's no doubt Joe Catanese did a great job as well as the rest of our staff. I want to thank him and the members.

Secondly, with regard to the G20 Summit, I know Mount Lebanon made a request that we won't have --- outside of Pittsburgh. I think that's going to be a possibility because the people that are coming in --- going to be mobile. They're going to be staying around town, sometimes outside the town. So it might be a good opportunity for those of us suburban residents and some of the business districts in our county to show the international community what we have here as far as our business district. That's also a good highlight. And also, working behind the scenes I want to thank former Chief Executive, Jim Roddey, who really worked with the business community to help put this together. So we have a lot of things going on with a lot of people. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: New Business, Ordinances and Resolutions. I'm sorry, Mr. Drozd, did you have ---?

MR. DROZD: No, sir.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: New Business, Ordinances and Resolutions. 4923-09.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, authorizing the incurrence of nonelectoral debt by the issuance of one, its general

obligation bonds, Series C-62, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$80 million. And two, general obligation refund bonds, Series C-63, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$30 million. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Budget and Finance. 4924-09.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division One, Administrative Code by adding an additional Article 1016 entitled Gender and Race Equity Audit authorizing and establishing protocol to undertake a Gender and Race Equity Audit of the workforce of the County of Allegheny to be completed and published by December 31st, 2010, and every five years thereafter. Sponsored by the Chief Executive, Council President Fitzgerald, Councilmembers Cleary and Green.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Government Reform. Just real briefly we're going to have a meeting on this at the Board meeting this Thursday with this on the agenda as Ms. Arnet so eloquently stated the importance of it. So we'll defer that to that committee. 4925-09.

MR. CATANESE: Residents of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2009, Submission 1109. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Budget and Finance. 4926-09.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the 2009 Capital Budget for Allegheny County. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Budget and Finance. 4927-09.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution closing out the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Community Conservation Partnerships Grant Project used in part to fund the Allegheny County Comprehensive Plan and specifically, to fund the Parks, Greenways and Open Space Element of the Plan. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Parks. 4928-09.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution ratifying certain year-end transfers pursuant to Section 805.03 of the Administrative Code. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Budget and Finance. 4929-09.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, requesting the Chief Executive work with Council to draft a revised anti-sweatshop ordinance requiring the collection of factory locations and wage data prior to entering into contracts for apparel procurement, participate fully and to represent our community assertively in the Sweat-Free Purchasing Consortium of school districts, cities, counties and states and encouraging participation in the Workers Rights Consortium to present the consortium's findings to other institutions throughout the region. Sponsored by Councilman Martoni.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Councilman Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: It will go into committee.

MR. MACEY: I'd like to cosponsor.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Please add Mr. Macey as a cosponsor, add Mr. Robinson as cosponsor, Ms. Cleary as a cosponsor, Mr. DeFazio, Mr. Finnerty, Mr. Futules and myself. And refer to the Committee --- I'm sorry, Ms. Green. Refer to Committee on Government Reform.

New Business, Motions. Mr. Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to introduce a new motion if you'll allow me to. I'll go through it so I don't delay while Mr. Barker's passing this out. This is in support and reference to Councilman Burn's upcoming meeting tomorrow night. And this is at least a discussion point. And basically, what it is, you've appointed me as liaison to the Shuman Center, I have been in phone conversation with the director there and after thinking this out I'd like to read this statement. In the wake of a news reports regarding the Shuman Center describing possible shortcomings in Shuman Center procedures, I along with numerous Councilmembers here have expressed this morning and I've spoken to I think it's time we call for a full and transparent overview of the center's operations. A recent issue at the Shuman Center is the most recent set of trouble reports dating back several years. This is not just one happening, it's many.

The Chief Executive along with County Council and the county as a whole have made diligent efforts to correct problems as they have arisen but clearly we are beyond the point of crafting individual remedies to individual problems. We absolutely must conduct a thorough analysis and that's why I'm glad to see that Chairman Burn called for this tomorrow night along with council what exactly is going on at the Shuman Center in terms of staff, process, supervision and performance. And then use the information we gather to make changes at the center that will proactively --- not reactively, we can't be reactive and unfortunately Council a lot of times is caught in that situation because we rely on those out there in the trenches to provide information before something happens so we can correct the situation. But in this case it's been more reactive than proactive. And we'll proactively address potential issues.

I'm introducing this motion to call for a performance audit and I'm going to go through two specific general areas I think we can look at and to maybe ask the support of the Chief Executive. I'm introducing this motion to call for a performance audit at the Shuman Center by our very credible County Controller Flaherty as well as the formation of the Shuman Center Study Group by the Chief Executive and County Council. My motion requests that the study group be composed of representatives from the administration and council and more importantly, and equally more so importantly, as well as representatives from outside entities having expertise relevant to the Shuman Center. This will include probably we ought to look throughout the state and other parts of the country where these centers or similar centers have been very successful in bringing someone new in. I think we ought to look at that. It's better to do benchmark sometimes than those that have the best form. And the group meeting immediately.

We can't delay this any longer. To review all aspects of the Shuman Center's operation including personnel duties, responsibilities and supervision. You must remember this involves lives. It's not just about money. It's not about anything, it involves lives and the youth of our region that are in trouble areas and at risk. And we can't hesitate any longer because look where our prisons are now, 2,700, 85 percent drug and alcohol related. And I say it all the time and I got to keep

saying this, we need to do something about it. Sixty (60) percent repeat offenders. We can't allow this to happen any longer. The bottom line is that lessons must be learned. We have the opportunity as a council, as a body, in the administration. We have the opportunity to reach the comprehensive revenue issues that have beset Shuman Centers for years.

We absolutely cannot afford this chance or delay the opportunity to learn from the center's past in order to craft a better future and infect those very young lives so they will become good citizens of our society and they, too, will have the same chance that each and every one of us have had all these years. We can forgive them and we've got to remember that. We've got to do something to help them. And that's it. Thank you. I look forward to the meeting tomorrow night that will be chaired by Councilman Burn. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Public Safety. Public Comment on General Items. We have three speakers this evening, Mr. Nathaniel Bunn. Please, come to the podium. State your name and address for the record, please.

MR. BUNN: Nathaniel Bunn, 116 9th Street, Braddock, PA.

MS. HARVEY: Allene Harvey, 128 Cambridge Square, Apartment E.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: We have you listed as our third speaker so you'll get to speak as well. Nathaniel, did you have anything to say or not?

MR. BUNN: Actually the other speaker already left and ---.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Lauren.

MR. BUNN: She had to leave. I had it set up that she would speak first and then I ---.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: However you want to do it. That's fine. Go ahead.

MS. HARVEY: Greetings, Councilmen. First off I would like to thank you, Allegheny Council, for giving us the opportunity to share our ideas on our nonprofit organization. We're called Gathered People's Movement. We are an organization who would like to do our love for God. We're all put here on earth to take care of each other. Our main goal is to create an aspect of happiness in people's lives by relieving them from the tasks that they have to do or may not be able to do due to the lack

of support systems such as family and friends or physical mobility. Gathered People's Movement would like to tackle these issues and make an impact on people's lives in our local communities. We want to go beyond our personal duties and reach out to others in need. This will relieve stress and ease people's minds hopefully we can spread it all across the Pittsburgh area and encourage others to do so as well.

By doing this we'd like to start our Do a Favor For Your Neighbor Project. It's all about giving a helping hand by taking on a small task or responsibility of someone else to make their lives a little easier. And these small tasks may consist of grocery shopping, important local errands, laundry assistance, taking out trash, meal prep or pretty much any act of generosity. We want to let these communities know that there is an organization willing to give back with no money being profited from it. And at this time I wanted to draw bylaws as well. The plan for Do a Favor For Your Neighbor Project will follow as this. A volunteer will select one person from their community to get acquainted with and who could use a helping hand. They would then choose one day out of the week and dedicate three hours of their time to help the person they have selected. This act will be performed once a week every week for as long as they are a part of Gathered People's Movement.

If one would like to be a volunteer and does not have an acquaintance a board member can assign them someone to get acquainted with. All volunteers will and are expected to be dependable, dedicated, reliable and respectable, kind and generous to whom they are serving. At no time will any volunteer expect any type of compensation or tip from client. Volunteers will be required to use their own source of transportation and funding to transport to and from for the client. The Gathered People's Movement is strictly a nonprofit organization and the clients of the community should understand and reap the benefits of that concept. At the end of each month chosen volunteer or volunteers will pay a visit to each client and conduct evaluation reports. This report will include what the volunteer helped them with each week and how it was satisfactory for them. This will be used to report the success in our communities.

To introduce ourselves to the communities we will be holding special events within each community such

as cookouts, bake sales, festivals. We wish to have our kick-off event held in the Braddock community. Some of our main board members are from Braddock and it's a highly poverty stricken community and we want to strive to bring back the economic boom the community once had and move for the success across the communities in Pittsburgh and surrounding areas. These events will bring social activities in the communities. Also, it will help us recruit more volunteers and observe possible clients. And at this time our president of the company is going to take over and speak.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Mr. Bunn?

MR. BUNN: I just wanted to say thank you to Council for letting us speak again once again. The first thing I was going to bring up was the cookout which we had planned but we didn't know how to go about getting it started. The cookout was \$30 a team and three persons to a team, we were going to give a \$300 cash prize for ten teams. For control of the game we had to have six different referees which were people from the community who were older and would be given respect to a higher degree than would be their younger counterparts. Our work is nonprofit and we are still in the beginning phases. It's a complex entity which is Gathered People's Movement. So to avoid any miscommunications, all included in the cookout at the tournament/basketball game, it will be free. There will be hotdogs, chips and Huggie brand juice. We'll just give that out. That's something we do out of our own pocket. My church, Resurrection Baptist Church, me and Lauren actually go to the same church but she had to leave. They'll let us use tables to issue food on. In order to keep more crowd control, we would ask Council if it's possible to have a Pittsburgh police officer and Braddock police officer maintain a post throughout the procession of the entire event. I would also like for a dog to be present with a muzzle. This is to protect and serve the community. And I'll feel that there are one or two officers willing to volunteer their time.

We want to sponsor a group cleaning day in Braddock or as many people as we can get together, it doesn't matter, can walk along and pick up stuff for one whole day so that the children and the people can see a huge difference in what one day of picking up garbage would be. We would also like to purchase a lot of this

property being let go to waste or torn down. I heard that most of these houses are on sale for a dollar and I have a list of addresses and the conditions of these dilapidated settlements. We are hoping to take these homes and with our own work and money fix them and sell them to Braddock residents. If there is a way to get money from our government or council, then we will gladly look into that. But I figure we need to acquire the property first off.

There's a specific store on 4th and Colby that a friend of mine owns the deed for the property that the store is on and there's a lot also next to it. I want to open a store and put a park next to the store also. The store was closed down in 2005. My friend was shot in the midst of ignorance. The Braddock council said that he couldn't open the store ever again and we believe this is because he did not tell the name of the young boy who shot him. That was neither here nor there to the gentlemen of the council.

There is not a store in Braddock open past seven o'clock. I'm not sure what community --- there's no way that in the community you shouldn't be able to shop for something after 8:00 p.m. without you having to leave your neighborhood, spend gas. I propose to open this store at 4:00 p.m. and maybe keep it open. I propose to have bullet proof windows. I propose to have barbed wire fence at the top and next to it a Pit Bull. I would also like a cop to volunteer until revenue can be acquired to have a security officer. Drugs and violence are not something that anyone would like in the prisons. There are also no laundry mats in Braddock. I also wanted to do a laundry mat in Braddock and Pittsburgh. A car wash would also be something that would be a very booming economic success in Braddock if you would put it down by the steel mill.

The money you put into that --- instead of letting something be torn down, let us improve our neighborhood. The vast majority of the jobs in Braddock are being worked by people from different states. That is not right in the eyes of the citizens, the honest, hard-working taxpaying citizens that we represent. We are asking for the support of the Council as far as helping construct these businesses. To see that these plans work along with the rapport and comfort level that we build within our community along with the huge increasing drugs and violence would be a statement that I would not agree with. We ask you to help us in any way, shape or form to

aid the unity of the minority neighborhoods. We start with Braddock because we are from there but we want to go worldwide. I believe there is enough here for the Stanley Cup and the Superbowl. The time is right to urge youth to put their guns down now.

We would also like every member of our community to be involved with a child or children in their community. Everyone should be doing this. You can take a child to your grandma's or your mother's home. We can't force people to put guns down but we can give them a reason for doing it, like job opportunities, and just get rid of a lot of the nonsense that's going on. This is what we're praying for, ladies and gentlemen of the Council. This is what we're speaking for. And I thank you once again for letting us speak today and that's our closing.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. Bunn. We'll be glad to take that to our Economic Development and Public Safety Department. Do I have a motion to adjourn?

(Chorus of motions).

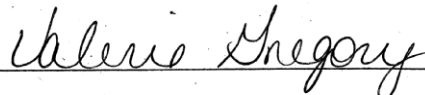
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PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Meeting adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:41 P.M.

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