

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
Michael J. Finnerty	-	District 4
Joan Cleary	-	District 6
Nick Futules	-	District 7
Robert Macey	-	District 9
William Russell Robinson	-	District 10
Jim Ellenbogen	-	District 12
Amanda Green-Hawkins	-	District 13

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IN ATTENDANCE:

James Flynn - County Manager  
Michael Wojcik - County Solicitor  
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. Welcome to the Tuesday, February 2nd, 2010 meeting of the Allegheny County Council. If everybody would please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance and 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. CATANESE: Mr. Burn?

(No response.)

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?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green-Hawkins?

MS. GREEN-HAWKINS: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. McCullough?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Fitzgerald, President?

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Here.

MR. CATANESE: We have 12 present.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Proclamations/  
certificates. 5392-10.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation honoring the Racers for Tots program and Mr. Jim Steigerwald for founding the organization. Sponsored by Councilman Finnerty.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Councilman Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. This is a proclamation that's long overdue. Jim Steigerwald has spent --- he spends about 365 days a year raising money for Racers for Tots and puts on a huge event with Marines coming in to collect the toys in South Fayette at the South Fayette Fire Hall. He's been doing this for well over five years now and has raised a tremendous amount of money and toys for the children that don't have the wherewithal to have toys. So let me read the proclamation.

WHEREAS, Allegheny County citizens commit their time and energy to establishing charitable organizations that assist the less fortunate.

And whereas, Mr. Jimmy Steigerwald, the assistant pit steward at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania's Motor Speedway, started the Racers for Tots organization in 1999.

AND WHEREAS, throughout each year since its founding, the Racers for Tots organization collects toys for donation, events in the community and distributes them to the Marines' Toys for Tots Foundation.

AND WHEREAS, over the past 11 years, the Racers for Tots program has generated over half a million dollars through fundraisers, receiving help from a wide range of organizations and citizens, including many from the racing community.

AND WHEREAS, because of Mr. Steigerwald and Racers for Tots, less fortunate children have received toys on Christmas morning. We appreciate his unending efforts to help the needy children in our community and county.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny Council, on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, honors Mr. Jimmy Steigerwald for founding and presiding over the Racers for Tots program. We commend him for his commitment to this charitable cause, and we wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors. This is sponsored by myself, Council Member Mike Finnerty, on the 2nd day of February, 2010. Thank you, Jim.

(Applause.)

MR. STEIGERWALD: I'd like to thank the Councilman for presenting this to us and the Council for having us today. I want to thank my wife, first off. I mean, there are only three of us doing this, my wife and Donny Gorshoff (phonetic) and me. It just started out as a party and now it's a full-time job. So I thank you, and please support us in any way you can help us. We appreciate it. Thanks again.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 5393-10.

MR. CATANESE: The remainder will be read into the record.

Proclamation honoring the retirement and career of Mr. Roy Hermes, Chief of Crafton Volunteer Fire Department. Sponsored by Councilman Finnerty.

5394-10. Certificates of Achievement honoring teachers of Chartiers Valley School District for receiving national board certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Sponsored by Councilman Finnerty.

5395-10. Certificate of Recognition honoring the 80th birthday of Ms. Edna Dawida. Sponsored by Council Members Cleary, Ellenbogen and Green-Hawkins.

5396-10. Proclamation honoring Ms. Teri L. Glasser of West Mifflin for receiving two Blue Star Banners from VFW Post 914. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Okay. Thank you. Public comment on agenda items. We have actually two speakers this evening. There's a second person's name that should have been on the list that didn't. First, Mr. Harry Liller. Mr. Liller? Good to see you again, sir. We haven't seen you for a few years. Please come to the podium and state your name and address for the record, followed by Anita Bane-Renner, if I pronounced that properly. You'll be our next speaker.

MR. LILLER: My name is Harry Liller, 438 Ruxton Street, Pittsburgh, PA. I am here about issue 5386-10. It's about prevailing wages. I want this on record. Preacher James Simms cut this down, and the Republicans paid him off by making him Council president. That's what black preachers and black politicians and black media people do. They take advantage of the black community for their own personal gain and blame everything on white people. I am for this because the working poor needs

help. I've also sent around my 2010 Census Act where if you get mail, you get counted. I brought this up ten years ago. William Robinson was a State representative back then. He threw it away. Tim Stevens, NAACP president, threw it away. I went to Kweisi Mfume, NAACP president of the country. He threw it away.

Now, Philadelphia Congressman Chaka Fattah's office actually gave me a hard time and laughed at me. On page three, you will find out that his clerk said, if you want a career in politics, keep your big mouth shut. This clerk actually told me that he was part of Reverend Simms' church back here in Point Breeze. So from the preacher to the congregation, that's what goes on.

Here at City Council, Preacher Dick Burgess threatened all the City Council people not to bring this up. If you look at page two, there's an article that states that the black community was undercounted by two percent. This is money and millions of dollars they're entitled to but they never got because the Congress calls it sampling. The black Congress calls it sampling. The Republicans beat them in Congress and in the courts because the Constitution says you have to have a single head count. Sampling does not do it. President Obama has a sampling specialist in the White House right now. They're going to do the same thing. It's going to happen in the courts. The Republicans are going to be victorious and the black caucus is going to say, racism.

It's amazing how this white man cares more about the black community than the black politicians, like you and Tim Stevens. Where's the justice? Now, I brought it to you guys. We'll see if any of you put this in the law, because I guarantee you, you're not going to because you all don't like me. I've been treated like crap from this Council. I've had one certain councilman insult my dying mother, lies about me and called me a homosexual and has guards on me. So I look forward to judgment day, and we'll see who's telling the truth.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. Liller. Anita Bane-Renner. Have I pronounced your name right, Ms. Bane-Renner?

MS. BANE-RENNER: Yes.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: If you'd come and state your name and address for the record, please.

MS. BANE-RENNER: My name is Anita Bane-Renner. I live at 892 Parkwood Road, Pittsburgh, PA. I've worked

at the Mellon Arena for over 27 years. My mother had retired from there 11 years ago. She worked over 29 years plus. And my husband is still working there. He's been there for over 30 years. I am with Local 57 Unite Here, and we have represented workers in the hospitality industry for decades. We support the prevailing wage tax --- wages for the other workers in our industry --- excuse me. I'm very nervous --- in our industry of hotels and food workers in Allegheny. Our union has fought for better wages and benefits for many years, and we will continue to do so. But we would like to thank you for all your support for the service workers in the Allegheny County. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Thank you, Ms. Bane-Renner. Approval of minutes. 5397-10.

MR. CATANESE: Let the record show that Councilman McCullough is present. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on January 4th, 2009.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

MR. MCCULLOUGH: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Opposed? The motion carries. Presentation of appointments. I would like to take 5360-10 and 5363-10 together.

MR. CATANESE: Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato submitting his recommendation of Michelle Pagano Heck and Vera Kelly for appointment to the Allegheny County Housing Authority for a term to expire on December 31st, 2014.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Appointment Review. 5361-10.

MR. CATANESE: Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato submitting his recommendation of Dennis Davin for reappointment to the Allegheny County Airport Authority for a term to expire on December 31st, 2014.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Appointment Review. 5362-10.

MR. CATANESE: Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato submitting his recommendation of Joseph Serrao for reappointment to the Allegheny County

Property Assessment Appeals and Review Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2012.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Appointment Review. Please take 5364, 65, 66 and 67-10 together.

MR. CATANESE: Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato submitting his recommendation of Gregory K. Peaslee, Jesse W. Fife, Jr., Thomas J. Santone and Alex M. Keddie for reappointment to the Allegheny County Community College Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2015.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Appointment Review. Please take 5368, 69 and 70-10 together.

MR. CATANESE: Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato submitting his recommendation of John A. Brooks, Mavis Rainey and Guy A. Mattola for reappointment to the Allegheny County Port Authority for a term to expire on December 31st, 2014.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Appointment Review. Please take 5371, 72, 73 and 74-10 together.

MR. CATANESE: Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato submitting his recommendation of Dr. Lee Harrison, Paul King, Lidia Comini Turzai, M.D. and Al Ahmed for reappointment to the Allegheny County Board of Health for a term to expire on January 12th, 2014.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Appointment Review. Please take 5375, 76, 77, 78 and 79-10 together.

MR. CATANESE: Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato submitting his recommendation of Laura Richeson Zinski, Regina E. Jones, Cynthia Moore, Dr. Oladoyin Desalu and Alexander M. Dow for reappointment to the Community Services Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31st, 2011.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Appointment Review. Please take 5380, 81, 82-10 together.

MR. CATANESE: Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato submitting his recommendation of Bobbi Britton Tucker, Steven B. Silverman and Bonnie Sandman for reappointment to the Personnel Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2012.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Appointment Review. Please take 5383 and 84-10 together.

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

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Please refer to Committee on Appointment Review. Unfinished business. I see there's none this evening. Liaison reports. I have a couple. First of all, we had formed, a month or two ago, a committee dealing with the non-profit community and having discussions/negotiations with them. There's two other committees I'm going to form tonight, one being an outreach committee to ALAW (phonetic) and our municipalities throughout the community. And I'd like to thank Councilman Martoni, Councilman Burn and Councilman Drozd for that committee.

I'd also like to form a Marcellus Shale committee dealing with all of the issues, whether they be at the State level and at the local level, with the drilling that could possibly go on with Marcellus Shale. And I would like to name Councilman Futules, Councilman Macey, Councilman Burn, Councilman Gastgeb and Councilwoman Rea to the Marcellus Shale Committee.

Also, I think it was a wonderful day today in this county, and I would very much like to praise Councilman Chuck Martoni for the work he has done on behalf of the citizens of Braddock. As you know, a couple of months ago when the announcement was made that UPMC was going to close the Braddock facility, many of us on this Council, the least of which was not Dr. Martoni, who led the fight to try to make sure that the people of Braddock were made whole, as whole as they could be, for what has transpired and really left a hole in the community.

An announcement was made today with the Chief Executive and Dr. Martoni and the work that they have done behind the scenes literally from that day. It's been a couple of months. I've sat in a couple times for Dr. Martoni, and I know the work he has done in fighting for this community. But really, it's a victory for all of us on this Council, led by Dr. Martoni, but we all were part of this, I know Councilman Finnerty's Committee on Economic Development and all of us. I know John DeFazio, I think, made a statement a couple weeks ago when the bond issue was brought up for a vote, that this Council was

working on behalf of the people of Braddock and were going to get something. We didn't have an answer right then.

And what we found out tonight is tremendous. We'd love to see the hospital stay, obviously. But in light of that not happening, I think the next best thing has happened. First of all, they're going to be paying --- UPMC has agreed to pay the taxes that they would have paid to Braddock for the next five years, pay them a little taxes. They have agreed to cover any and all demolition costs of that site, up to \$5,000,000, if that's what would occur. They have agreed to put \$6,000,000, the \$3,000,000 they got from the State plus \$3,000,000 that they are going to match, towards building new construction on that site, new independent senior living, senior care. The dental service is going to stay, shuttle service to Forest Hills, it goes on and on, in addition to moving some of the Community College work to be done there. A primary healthcare facility. This was handed out earlier by the work that Dr. Martoni and Mr. Onorato did.

I really think this Council should be extremely proud of the work that was done through these negotiations, a lot of hard work behind the scenes, holding their feet to the fire and making them come up with what I think is some real help to a community that will need it. So Dr. Martoni, I would just like to congratulate you and thank you for the work that you did. Councilman Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. Several weeks ago, this Council, with your assistance, suggested that Dr. Martoni be allowed to continue with what he was attempting to do in bringing people together in the Braddock community. And notwithstanding what anyone else has done, certainly Dr. Martoni lived up to our expectations, particularly because he is well respected, hard working and does have the ability at the end of the day to bring people together. But also, we need to congratulate the people in Braddock who were concerned enough about their community that they presented their concerns to us and to other interested parties.

And while today's announcement is not the end for Braddock, it certainly is a bright new beginning. And Mr. President, I would hope that you would find a way to continue to utilize Dr. Martoni, who represents Braddock, but also has given us some insight into his particular

skills honed over many, many years. He's too modest to accept much credit for what he has done, but he is valuable to the continuing progress in Braddock. And very frankly, I think he needs to be assigned the task of seeing this agreement to its final conclusion. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. Robinson. Any other comments or liaison reports? Mr. Drozd --- Councilman Drozd?

MR. DROZD: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I have a young man here, Mr. Kevin Minuckle (phonetic), who's in the audience, who job-shadowed me today. Kevin, stand up, if you would. He's been quite a nice young guy, and we went and had an opportunity to visit with the City Council as well as here and many of the offices within County, including --- Councilwoman President Darlene Harris had a shadow when we were over there. And it was really quite a day.

What I wanted to emphasize was that Kevin hopes to be an attorney someday and comes from one of the schools that --- he's hardworking in his community. He's very interesting. As I walked through here, I thought to myself, it would be really great if more of us would get involved in these type of programs. We really need to. One day. That's all it takes, is one day to have someone that really is interested and wants to really participate someday in our government or at least be able to see what maybe their future might be, how it may evolve and may develop. Kevin is a great guy and great family background. And there are a lot of young people out there that don't have the same opportunities, you know, the same maybe in their family life.

And I think that if each of us would take that one day out of our life --- and not only that one day. I always say --- and Kevin, I mean this --- you can call me anytime. On that card is my home number. Anything I can do for you or any thoughts or any ideas, you call me. And I think that we really need to reach out to more young people in our communities, be more mentoring. Just one day. That's all it takes out of your life. Think of that, one day. And maybe some calls and maybe follow-up visits or whatever it might be. What a difference. What a difference you make in a lot of people's lives out there, young people that we can help mentor and guide through some of the tough times that may have occurred.

Luckily, Kevin doesn't have that, you know, in that essence. There are a lot of young people that do.

So Kevin, it was really great being with you today. I want you to know that. Okay? You're always welcome back here to Council, and maybe someday you may sit in one of these seats. By the way, here's your councilman, Councilman Ellenbogen. Watch him. Anyway, by then, we'll probably all be retired anyhow, by the time you reach it. But listen, you're always welcome back here. Anytime we can do anything --- any ideas you have or any of your classmates, take that back to them and tell them what we're about. Tell them that we're here if there's anything we can do. Thanks ever so much for coming over. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Councilman Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd just like to also heap some praise on Dr. Martoni for his work to bring people together down in Braddock, and the Chief Executive and Dennis Davin and all the staff that came together to formulate this. It's a win-win situation for the community of Braddock. Again, I'd like to thank you for participating and doing so much work there.

I also would like to, on a different note, just pass along to the viewers that the Joint Apprenticeship Committee, Local Union 5, IBEW, is starting an apprenticeship program again. And the number you can call if you're interested is 412-432-1400. And I believe they are going to start accepting applications around March 9th. But you should give them a call. It's 412-432-1400. Also, the Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee is also opening up an apprenticeship program, and their number is 412-262-1830. And I believe they're going to start beginning to accept applications March 1st. But again, I think you should give them a call and make sure. It's 412-262-1830. And lastly, the Steamfitters Local 449 are also opening up their apprenticeship program. And the number there is 412-481-0333. It's 412-481-0333. If you're looking for a job that has a tremendous amount of potential and has a wage that you'll be able to take care of your family, actually, very well, I think you should consult these apprenticeship programs. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. Finnerty. Before I forget, Mr. McCullough, you arrived while I heaped praise on this Council and Dr. Martoni. There were

a lot of people that were involved in those Braddock negotiations, starting with the Chief Executive and Director Davin, Dennis Davin, who really took the lead on pulling everybody together. But we had congressional help from Congressman Doyle, Senator Logan. State Senator Logan was extremely influential, as was State Representative Paul Costa. They were at those meetings. They rolled their sleeves up and worked, along with elected officials from Rankin, from Braddock and from North Braddock. So it truly was an effort of people coming together. Councilman McCullough?

MR. MCCULLOUGH: Just a clerical point. Joe, put me down for an abstention on those minutes, because I wasn't there at that meeting on January 4th.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Please note that in the record. New business, ordinances and resolutions. 5385-10.

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

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Public Works. 5386-10.

MR. CATANESE: Ordinance amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 2, County Government Operations, through the creation of a new Chapter 280 entitled, Wages: County and County-subsidized Projects, to require contractors who provide building service and food services to Allegheny County to pay prevailing wages to employees employed pursuant to such contracts, and to require that building service, food service, grocery and hotel employees employed on projects receiving County subsidies be paid prevailing wages. Sponsored by Council Members Cleary and DeFazio.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Economic Development and Housing. Councilwoman Cleary or Councilman DeFazio, do you wish to comment?

MR. DEFAZIO: No.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: 5387-10.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the 2007 Capital Budget for Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Members Gastgeb and Martoni.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Budget and Finance. Councilman Martoni, do you wish to comment?

MR. MARTONI: Yes. The next three --- the next two --- I forgot. They're all related. And really, Vince Gastgeb accomplished this. We were not allowed to do anything under the Municipal Life Synchronization. So what we're going to do --- I think it's a total of \$225,000 between those two. We wanted to put that on paper. And the County can really use it. Okay? Because we can't use it here where it is. And Mr. Gastgeb really should take credit for that. He brought it to my attention. Does that make sense to you?

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: We'll find out. I don't know the details.

MR. MARTONI: He does. He does.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: So we'll go to Mr. Robinson's committee and we'll learn about the use of this money. 5388-10.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the 2008 Capital Budget for Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Members Gastgeb and Martoni.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Budget and Finance. 5389-10.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the 2009 Capital Budget for Allegheny County. Sponsored by Councilmen Gastgeb and Martoni.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Budget and Finance. 5390-10.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny authorizing the acceptance of the fiscal year 2008-09 distribution from the Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund for the restricted purpose of distribution to a community infrastructure development fund of a county of the second class, to fund construction, development, improvement and maintenance of infrastructure projects through the Allegheny County Economic Development, Community Infrastructure and Tourism Fund established and administered by the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County, as agent for the County of Allegheny, appointing the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County as agent for Allegheny County for the purpose of administering the fiscal year 2008-09 funds provided for use in the County under the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act, and approving an Agency

Agreement with the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County regarding the fiscal year 2008-2009 funds. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Economic Development and Housing. 5391-10.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2010, Submission 01-10. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Refer to Committee on Budget and Finance. New business, motions. None this evening. Notification of contracts. None of those this evening. Public comment on general items. We have four speakers signed up this evening. Mr. Lester Ludwig? I don't see Mr. Ludwig here this evening. Mark Brentley? I don't see Mr. Brentley here, either. Carmen Brown? Is Ms. Brown here? We're zero for three. I do see Mr. Miller. Ken Miller is here. Didn't strike out all together. Mr. Miller, if you'd come and state your name and address for the record, please. Mr. Miller, if you'd state your name and address for the record, please.

MR. MILLER: My name is Kenneth Miller. I live at 708 North Taylor Avenue. I have some handouts for you this evening. The first one is a report on a Martin Luther King Day event that occurred in Bangladesh. Mr. Degan (phonetic) and Mr. Tim Johnson have been forwarding the names and addresses of factories from which we procure apparel, and three of them are in Bangladesh. And a group of workers that work in those factories wanted a way to codify their testimony, and they chose to do that on Martin Luther King Day this year. We had a representative there. The U.S. Embassy sent a human rights officer to that event. That was at the request of Senators Casey and Specter.

Those workers are coming to Pittsburgh to deliver their testimony here in April. We would like it if the Chief Executive, who has the obligation to meaningfully enforce our ordinance, prepares for that testimony so that we can implement our policy in such a way that these workers actually receive some support. And we're really asking you. You know, many of you have worked with us over the years, urging and nudging and smooching the Chief Executive, trying to convince him that he do something other than the absolute minimum.

The workers now have --- from the factories that have made apparel that has already been procured by the City of Pittsburgh, celebrated Martin Luther King Day with us this year, to present their testimony at the U.S. Embassy. And they're coming to Pittsburgh in April. We really need the Chief Executive to focus on how we are meaningfully going to implement our policy in such a way as these workers receive support as you intended when you passed our anti-sweatshop resolution.

So I ask you to please think about how you can talk in a convincing way to the Chief Executive about this policy, not let him give one or ten answers about how difficult and confusing it is for him. And I also ask that you find a way to be a part of our event in April, and celebrate and embrace the testimony that these workers are coming to Pittsburgh to deliver. They need --- they're asking for a civil rights bridge from PNC Park, from Pittsburgh, to the floor of the global sweatshop. They're coming here to ask. They've got a list of the factories that we've already procured from. They are currently conducting an investigation there. They celebrated Martin Luther King Day with us. Please consider how we can talk to the Chief Executive about this in a different way. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. Miller.  
Do we have a motion to adjourn?

MR. FINNERTY: I'll make that motion.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: So moved. Meeting adjourned.

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 5:34 P.M.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify, as the stenographic reporter, that the foregoing proceedings were taken stenographically by me, and thereafter reduced to typewriting by me or under my direction; and that this transcript is a true and accurate record to the best of my ability.

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