

SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

JOSEPH WECHSLER, PRESIDENT

PATRICK ROGAN, VICE-PRESIDENT

WAYNE EVANS

WILLIAM GAUGHAN

TIM PERRY

LORI REED, CITY CLERK

KATHY CARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

AMIL MINORA, ESQUIRE - SOLICITOR

1 (Pledge of Allegiance recited and  
2 moment of reflection observed.)

3 MR. WECHSLER: Roll call, please.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

5 MR. PERRY: Here.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

7 MR. ROGAN: Here.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

9 MR. EVANS: Here.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Here.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

13 MR. WECHSLER: Here. Dispense with  
14 the reading of th minutes.

15 MS. REED: THIRD ORDER. 3-A. TAX  
16 ASSESSOR'S REPORT FOR HEARING DATE TO BE  
17 HELD JUNE 6, 2017.

18 MR. WECHSLER: Are there any  
19 comments? If not, received and filed.

20 MS. REED: 3-B. PETITION FOR A  
21 STREET LIGHT IN THE 400 BLOCK OF 21ST  
22 STREET.

23 MR. WECHSLER: Are there any  
24 comments? If not, received and filed.

25 MS. REED: 3-C. AGENDA FOR THE CITY

1 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING HELD MAY 24,  
2 2017.

3 MR. WECHSLER: Are there any  
4 comments? If not, received and filed.

5 MS. REED: 3-D. TAX ASSESSOR'S  
6 RESULTS REPORT FOR HEARING DATE HELD MAY 17,  
7 2017.

8 MR. WECHSLER: Are there any  
9 comments? If not, received and filed.  
10 Do any council members have announcements at  
11 this time?

12 MR. PERRY: Yes, I have one. The  
13 Scranton Police Department is going to have  
14 hold their annual breakfast buffet  
15 fundraiser. That's going to be Friday, June  
16 2. Seating times are going to be from 6:30  
17 in the morning until noon. Locations at  
18 Trolley's at the Hilton, Scranton, which is  
19 100 Adams Avenue in Scranton. The cost is  
20 \$10 per person and it's a good time for a  
21 good cause and I hope for a good turnout.  
22 Thank you.

23 MR. WECHSLER: City Hall will be  
24 closed this Monday, May 29, in observation  
25 of Memorial Day. DPW will also be off on

1 Monday, therefore, refuse and recycling will  
2 be one day behind next week. Colts will  
3 also be closed as well with no bus service  
4 on Monday, May 29. Bus service will resume  
5 on the regular schedule on Tuesday, May 30.

6 This evening for the first time we  
7 will announce that the -- and keep doing  
8 this so everyone is aware of it, Electronic  
9 recycling program has been announced for a  
10 two-week period beginning June 12 through  
11 June 26. The items will need to be placed  
12 curbside for the DPW to collect. Each  
13 household will be allowed one television and  
14 one computer monitor.

15 At this time, the special  
16 collections should not interfere with your  
17 regular recycling during this two-week  
18 period. You should be aware that pickup of  
19 any of these items may occur at any time not  
20 necessarily on the scheduled garbage day.  
21 Please be prepared to have your items ready  
22 and placed curbside for June 12. As we  
23 receive any additional information, we will  
24 follow-up with those details.

25 One other announcement this evening

1 before public comment, this is usually  
2 asked, in regards to the city's property  
3 list for insurance coverage, the business  
4 administrator received the input from the  
5 department heads last week, he expects to  
6 meet with Knowles within the next two weeks  
7 to review the information and have them  
8 prepare a revised list following that  
9 meeting, so we should have that within the  
10 next if you add one week, plus two, probably  
11 within the next few week. Thank you.

12 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'  
13 PARTICIPATION.

14 MR. WECHSLER: Joan Hodowanitz.

15 MS. HODOWANITZ: Joan Hodowanitz,  
16 city resident and taxpayer. Reminder,  
17 tomorrow night, 5 to 8 p.m., Swingin' on  
18 Vine, 500 Vine Street in front of the  
19 Scranton public library. There will be  
20 alcohol served so you must be 21 or older to  
21 attend. And next week I'll talk about the  
22 upcoming book sale to raise money for the  
23 library.

24 I'm pleased to see we are making  
25 some kind of progress on the insurance list,

1 but with that this mind I'm extremely  
2 appreciative that Marie mentioned this  
3 report last week. Apparently, every May the  
4 city sends to the Honorable Judges in the  
5 Court of Common Pleas, to the city council  
6 and to the mayor this annual financial  
7 report, so Marie had pointed out that it's  
8 not been issued for calendar year 2015 yet  
9 and she inquired why, and I did, too, and I  
10 talked to several people starting with  
11 Roseann Novembrino and Roseann told me there  
12 are discrepancies, not further defined,  
13 between her numbers and the numbers given by  
14 SB & Company on their audit in 2015. Their  
15 audit was published on December 5, 2016, so  
16 I had couple of questions.

17 I don't think the report would be  
18 delayed if the difference in numbers was  
19 inconsequential. I would like to know what  
20 those discrepancies are. I would also like  
21 to know why we are hearing about this five  
22 months after we received the audit from SB &  
23 Company and there is something else very  
24 interesting in this document. I have been  
25 running around to the Law Department and to

1 the BA's Office and to the City Controller's  
2 Office trying to find out who can correct  
3 some of the obvious problems with this  
4 document. They have an organizational chart  
5 and this is the 2013 report, but it's the  
6 same for 2014. Under boards and commissions  
7 you have, among other things, the Scranton  
8 Public Library which is no longer owned by  
9 the city and hasn't been since 2010. You  
10 have the Golf Course Commission. When did  
11 that leave us? You have the Zoological  
12 Society, which I don't think we have had  
13 since we have had a zoo, and you have the  
14 Scranton Municipal Golf Course, but  
15 apparently nobody thinks that these are  
16 substantive problem and you won't worry  
17 about them. But Appendix V, which is real  
18 estate and buildings owned by the City of  
19 Scranton, which may be related to the  
20 Knowels Insurance list, the very bottom it  
21 says, "The the properties in this department  
22 were furnished by the City of Scranton Law  
23 Department," and on this page, page 43, the  
24 first three buildings are the Albright  
25 Memorial Library, the Silkman house library,



1 and the Greenridge library.

2 So I went to the Law Department and  
3 I said, "Ladies, who updates this document?"

4 And I got the infamous Hogan's  
5 Hero's, "I know nothing" go talk to the BA's  
6 Office. I went and talked and spoke to  
7 Nancy Krake and basically her response to me  
8 was, "Well, if Roseann Novembrino signed off  
9 on the document it's her fault."

10 You know, all I want to do is see  
11 this material published correctly. This is  
12 not hard to do. It makes us look like  
13 idiots, and maybe we are idiots for doing it  
14 this way.

15 Okay, the third party administrator  
16 RFP. I was here when they opened the bids  
17 on May 19. There was one bid, it came in on  
18 May 5. It was Access Medical Evaluations  
19 from Michigan. Now, we want a nationally  
20 recognized entity; correct? I never heard  
21 of them so I Googled them. This entity was  
22 formed in the year 2005. They have the  
23 staff of three people and their annual  
24 revenue, not profit but revenue, is  
25 \$119.100. Is this the nationally recognized

1           entity that's going to ensure we handle  
2           disability pensions correctly? So this is  
3           going up to the Law Department to see if  
4           they past muster. They may not because they  
5           were looking at some issues about signing  
6           certificates and other things.

7                         And with regard to yesterday's Sewer  
8           Authority meeting, Michael Parker made a  
9           statement that he did not feel it was  
10          necessary to bring the AG in,  
11          Mr. Depasquale, for a special audit because  
12          he said, "We are hiring our own independent  
13          auditor."

14                        I hope to God it's not Rossi & Rossi  
15          who audited the city going back at least to  
16          2002 and who somehow did not pick up on the  
17          double pensions. I want the Auditor  
18          General, and if during motions you would  
19          explain what's going on with the proposed  
20          town hall meeting and with the redacted  
21          invoices I'm sure the public would love to  
22          know. Thank you.

23                        MR. WECHSLER: Lee Morgan.

24                        MR. MORGAN: Good evening, Council.  
25          Lee Morgan. I'd just like to start off by

1           saying that, and not in a personal way,  
2           okay, nothing personal against any council  
3           member, but I think the voters are really  
4           onto something with the way the vote took  
5           place the other day. I mean, I do  
6           understand, Mr. Wechsler, that you will not  
7           be retained and I think that was a start,  
8           but for the life of me I just, and like I  
9           said it's not personal, I don't know how  
10          Mr. Rogan survived. And it's my hope, and I  
11          do mean this, that every councilman that  
12          voted for that sewer deal gets voted out and  
13          never holds public office again because I  
14          think it's time for people to realize one  
15          thing, we elect people to represent us and  
16          they don't do that, and our country if you  
17          take a look at what the president of the  
18          United States is talking about now about cut  
19          backs, anybody who pays attention to what's  
20          happening to our country now we have elected  
21          politicians for 50 years that kept borrowing  
22          money, kept doing crazy things. It's come  
23          to the point where a very large percent of  
24          your income disappears on the day you get  
25          paid.

1                   Now, Mr. Evans, you are talking  
2                   about nuisances taxes the other day. Well,  
3                   you know, people can't afford their property  
4                   tax, okay? They can't afford the garbage  
5                   fees. They can't afford a lot of these  
6                   things, and it's this council and previous  
7                   council's fault, and the sale of all of our  
8                   assets goes back to this council and  
9                   previous councils, and mayors that we have  
10                  elected.

11                  And it's not a personal thing, but  
12                  when an asset belongs to a community it's  
13                  placed in trust to the elected officials to  
14                  protect it. It's not a personal thing. The  
15                  authorities, they were never designed to  
16                  create an asset and sell it off for pennies.  
17                  The reason no private business ever came  
18                  into this city and put sewer lines in the  
19                  city and created a plant is they didn't have  
20                  the money necessary to do it. Would have  
21                  never happened, okay? The reason it  
22                  happened is because the taxpayers made it  
23                  happen by the sacrifices they made for a  
24                  very long extended period of time.

25                  And when you talk today about the

1 assets that are gone, some people think it's  
2 comical whether it's the library or the golf  
3 course or anything else, they were all  
4 assets that belonged to the people of this  
5 community. The University of Scranton is  
6 over at the South Side Sports Complex which  
7 was illegally sold by the City of Scranton  
8 and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania because  
9 federal, federal law says the project 70  
10 projects cannot be sold.

11 So, now, should the federal  
12 government come in here and tell the city it  
13 wants it's money back and who will they come  
14 to for that money? And, you know, with the  
15 Sewer Authority gone who is going to fund  
16 these pensions? Is the LST going to fund  
17 that? Does anybody have any idea? See,  
18 this is very serious business in the city  
19 and anybody who voted for that should not be  
20 retained and anybody who puts somebody's  
21 yard sign up that had so much disrespect for  
22 the people in this community they are out of  
23 their mind. They really need to seek  
24 counseling of some type, okay, to realize --  
25 to find the root of why they would put

1           somebody's yard sign in their yard that just  
2           stole their assets and also further the  
3           mismanagement of their city.

4                     Take a look at all of the children  
5           in the Scranton School district that are  
6           getting a free or reduced lunch and grasp  
7           the poverty that's here, not the make belief  
8           world that the politicians live in when they  
9           are funding a renaissance of residential  
10          development in the downtown because the  
11          downtowns were never really designed for  
12          residential development, they were designed  
13          to be business hubs, to create money and  
14          jobs, but that's not what's going on here.

15                    And look at the boondoggle of the  
16          Scranton Lace building, they came in with  
17          torches, spent a couple of weeks, cut  
18          everything out of it, and it's sitting there  
19          they are waiting for more money. Just like  
20          the North Scranton project. That was all  
21          funded by the citizens. It's just  
22          ridiculous what's taken place, and the  
23          average person they don't have a chance  
24          because they have got you representing them.

25                    And, you know, you have got to ask

1 another question here today, where were the  
2 state representative and the state senator  
3 for 25 years when the City of Scranton did  
4 the silliest things you ever see, not just  
5 the tree house or the bridge down the gorge  
6 or the street signs that sun faded now that  
7 you can't see, all of the corrupt silly  
8 things that have been done in this city that  
9 moved money around, okay, but didn't help  
10 the general public, didn't create a better  
11 life for them.

12 And the board yesterday, it shows  
13 you where they are because I asked them if  
14 they'd go to the PUC and request a reduction  
15 in the Pennsylvania American Water's rates  
16 so that we could recapture the storm water  
17 collection revenue that this council and the  
18 Scranton Sewer Authority gave away. So, be  
19 proud of yourself, gentlemen, because you  
20 did a terrible job.

21 MR. WECHSLER: Bill Jackowitz.

22 MR. JACKOWITZ: Bill Jackowitz,  
23 South Scranton resident. Good, evening,  
24 Kathy. Good evening, Stenographer, Lori,  
25 Amil. Good evening to all of you. First of

1 all, I'm not a very good mood because I just  
2 paid my American Water bill, so thanks,  
3 city, I appreciate that. That Sewer  
4 Authority meeting yesterday I didn't go to  
5 it, I was going to go to it, the last minute  
6 I had another appointment and I had decide  
7 which one to go to and I decide to go to the  
8 other one because I already knew the outcome  
9 of the Sewer Authority meeting before I  
10 would even go to it. I knew that there  
11 would be a motion passed to pass --the -- to  
12 pass having them come in and do the audit,  
13 but I knew it would be voted down. I knew  
14 citizens, if citizens were allowed to talk  
15 that no one was going to be listening to  
16 them anyway, they were just going to be up  
17 there talking, and from talking to the  
18 people that were out Sewer Authority meeting  
19 that's basically what happened and also  
20 that's what I got out of reading the paper  
21 today.

22 So, again, you know, I don't know if  
23 you guys realize it or not but the City of  
24 Scranton is in serious -- has serious  
25 problems, serious problems. Difficult



1 problems. Problems that are hard to solve,  
2 and by selling off all the assets and  
3 everything that we own is not the solution,  
4 and it's too late to do anything about it  
5 now because it's all in the past. That's  
6 over and done with, there is nothing we can  
7 do to change it.

8 How much revenue do we get from the  
9 parking garages? When I say "we" I mean the  
10 residents? How much revenue do we receive  
11 from the parking garages?

12 MR. WECHSLER: Right now we receive  
13 none.

14 MR. JACKOWITZ: So we get none from  
15 the parking meters and we get none for the  
16 parking garages?

17 MR. WECHSLER: Not until a certain  
18 thresholds are met.

19 MR. JACKOWITZ: Not until when you  
20 say?

21 MR. WECHSLER: Thresholds are met.  
22 Later on towards the end of the lease  
23 agreement there may be profits that come  
24 into the city.

25 MR. JACKOWITZ: Do you have any idea

1                   how long that might be?

2                   MR. WECHSLER: 40 years.

3                   MR. JACKOWITZ: How many?

4                   MR. WECHSLER: 40 years.

5                   MR. JACKOWITZ: Four years? So for  
6 four years we have no revenue coming in.  
7 How are we going to pay -- fund the pension  
8 plans? We have no revenue coming in from  
9 nobody. Do we have any revenue coming in  
10 from the Marketplace?

11                  MR. WECHSLER: The taxes.

12                  MR. JACKOWITZ: Besides taxes?

13                  MR. WECHSLER: What else would there  
14 be?

15                  MR. JACKOWITZ: I'm asking you.

16                  MR. WECHSLER: No, they pay taxes.  
17 I don't understand. They pay mercantile tax  
18 and they pay property tax, I don't know what  
19 other revenue they should have to pay.

20                  MR. JACKOWITZ: So we are going to  
21 get taxes, is that starting this year or is  
22 that further on down the road?

23                  MR. WECHSLER: They have been paying  
24 taxes all along.

25                  MR. JACKOWITZ: Well, yeah, I know,

1 but since they took over new ownership I  
2 wasn't sure if there was some agreements  
3 made, you know, things around here are made  
4 without knowledge of the people so that's  
5 why I'm asking so I can get it straight in  
6 my own mind.

7 So we got no revenue coming in from  
8 the garages and parking meters and we have  
9 no revenue coming in from the Sewer  
10 Authority.

11 MR. WECHSLER: We have no debt from  
12 them. We were relieved of the receivership  
13 from the parking.

14 MR. JACKOWITZ: Yeah, well, at one  
15 time we were getting revenue; correct?

16 MR. WECHSLER: At one time we had  
17 major bills to pay, also.

18 MR. JACKOWITZ: Exactly. And,  
19 again, who is responsible for those major  
20 bills?

21 MR. WECHSLER: The Authority was.

22 MR. JACKOWITZ: Who appointed the  
23 authority? The mayor did; right? So it  
24 falls rate back o to our elected officials  
25 are responsible for it. When you look at

1 the overall picture of the whole thing  
2 everything boils down to the elected  
3 officials being responsible for it, because  
4 the appointment of the boards are made by  
5 the mayor, who is an elected official, and  
6 all departments should be approved by  
7 council. Did council approve all four of  
8 the board members of the Sewer Authority?

9 MR. WECHSLER: Except for the zoning  
10 board, all appointment are made by the  
11 mayor.

12 MR. JACKOWITZ: I know the  
13 appointments are made, but don't they come  
14 before council?

15 MR. WECHSLER: Council only has  
16 consent. They serve at the pleasure of the  
17 mayor.

18 MR. JACKOWITZ: Yeah, but council  
19 has to approve them; right?

20 MR. WECHSLER: No, they do not.

21 MR. JACKOWITZ: They don't come  
22 before --

23 MR. WECHSLER: They do come before  
24 us for a review, but our vote is not  
25 necessary.

1 MR. JACKOWITZ: But you do have the  
2 right to deny it and say no?

3 MR. WECHSLER: You can vote "no" if  
4 you care to.

5 MR. WECHSLER: Exactly. You could  
6 say no but obviously --

7 MR. WECHSLER: They serve at the  
8 pleasure of the mayor.

9 MR. JACKOWITZ: But obviously they  
10 get very few "no" votes because they make it  
11 through the voting; right?

12 MR. WECHSLER: Again, they serve at  
13 the pleasure of the mayor.

14 MR. JACKOWITZ: Yeah, they serve at  
15 the pleasure of the mayor but if council  
16 votes them down and they give a 5-0 vote no  
17 are they still placed on the board?

18 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

19 MR. JACKOWITZ: Why do we have a  
20 city council then? You guys do nothing.

21 MR. WECHSLER: The city is the  
22 executive --

23 MR. JACKOWITZ: You have no  
24 authority.

25 MR. WECHSLER: The city is the

1 executive form -- an executive form of  
2 government. The mayor is responsible for  
3 all the decisions.

4 MR. JACKOWITZ: I know that. So why  
5 do we have a city council? Why do we pay  
6 you guys \$12,500 a year? You have no power.  
7 You have no authority. You have no say so.  
8 You invite people to come the meetings and  
9 they don't show up or they turn you down, so  
10 why -- besides passing legislation why do we  
11 even have a city council?

12 MR. WECHSLER: Anyone else?

13 MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening, Council.  
14 Dave Dobrzyn, resident, taxes paid, fees  
15 paid, not like friends of certain public  
16 officials that got away from 15 years  
17 without -- a multiple landlord without  
18 paying a dime of his trash fees.

19 The North Scranton apartments came  
20 up and I'd like to remind everybody that  
21 every apartment in that complex cost  
22 \$414,000, and question yourself how much  
23 would it cost in labor and materials to  
24 build a ranch-style house for \$120,000  
25 retail, probably half that much, so do the

1 math. We could have seven or eight  
2 ranch-style houses in Scranton for what  
3 every apartment costs in North Scranton.

4 Now, on the sewer, we did have a  
5 storm water study, it was conducted years  
6 ago. It was conducted by the Lackawanna  
7 River Corridor Association and their  
8 associates, and they assume that your humble  
9 home would cost you about two bucks a month,  
10 God only knows what it's going to cost in  
11 the future, who knows, and I'm not  
12 religious, by the way, so we can skip him  
13 and leave him out of it.

14 And hangover legislation was brought  
15 up tonight, you know, for years, for  
16 centuries if you go back to the books if I'm  
17 not mistaken we take our elderly into  
18 nursing homes and pay with Medicaid, well,  
19 you better get down to the people's law  
20 school because when they start with  
21 withdrawing these institutions then the  
22 Courts are going to come in, and Orphan's  
23 Court and laws are probably still on the  
24 books and they can require you to take in a  
25 relative irregardless of what trouble they

1 can cause trying to cook supper, burn down  
2 your house because they have Alzheimer's or  
3 whatever and you will just have to take them  
4 in by Court order.

5 You know, let's get to what I'm  
6 really interested in tonight, and I'm  
7 furious on 7-A, pay as you throw. What do  
8 you do with people with throw and don't want  
9 to pay? They just come your Honor and toss  
10 a television off onto your property. I see  
11 televisions all over right now and they just  
12 come up and when you are asleep or whatever  
13 and throw trash or garbage or garbage bags,  
14 Ma Schumacher went out one day, and I think  
15 if I remember the story right, she put her  
16 one bag of garbage out, and came back and  
17 there were several bags sitting in front of  
18 her house. Who pays for that? Who pays for  
19 that? I'll tell you who pays for that. I  
20 took 21 bags of partially burnt and scorched  
21 cans and God only knows what, Pampers, you  
22 name it and put it in my boss' dumpster, at  
23 his permission, but, you know, who pays for  
24 that.

25 And then ever Sunday night in this



1 town they used to sneak out because they had  
2 an ordinance against burning, every Sunday  
3 night when you are sitting there it's a nice  
4 summer Sunday night for a night on the porch  
5 and sneaking out and burning trash.

6 You come home and your porch is  
7 loaded up with trash, the police are at your  
8 house a week or two after you move in and  
9 the neighbor upstairs has 51 bags of garbage  
10 that they didn't pay to throw and they turn  
11 around and said -- they actually lied to the  
12 mayor and the policeman that it was ours,  
13 and the policeman was standing there  
14 screaming at my wife. Well, you know, I  
15 have to bring her down here I guess. She  
16 could tell you the story better and she  
17 showed him the coupon book that we got as  
18 soon as we moved in, but, you know, it just  
19 gets -- nobody is going to pay to throw and  
20 it will just be a mess.

21 But I'm having a hard time voting  
22 for anybody anymore, over all of the  
23 instances from Amoroso to cigarettes in the  
24 parks, you name it, Duce for dictator,  
25 tyranny with equality for all.

1 MR. WECHSLER: Anyone else?

2 MS. JEFFERIES: I'm Norma Jefferies.  
3 I'm not here about my list of street names  
4 and the signs because they are still vacant,  
5 but I was approached by a news channel that  
6 showed up my door, I don't know how they  
7 found my address, but I didn't think that  
8 was necessary, I refused that because I have  
9 confidence in you guys that you going to  
10 take care of it, that there is going to be  
11 money found. You don't have be a great big  
12 thing on the TV and all, you know, I  
13 presented the list and I'm having confidence  
14 that it will be done.

15 What I'm here tonight for is the  
16 first thing I want to say is to thank  
17 whoever takes care of the Lackawanna parks  
18 at McDade Park. I was up there this week, I  
19 have been there before on other occasions,  
20 but this time it was my venue, and I made my  
21 reservation in January so that I could have  
22 a particular pavilion. It was excellent.  
23 The weather even cooperated. It rained in  
24 the morning and in the afternoon the Sunday  
25 came out. The kids had a great time in the

1           little play area up there, and I have to  
2           mention his name Jerry took care of us  
3           because there was a little trash there when  
4           I first got there and he cleaned it up and  
5           made everything really nice with the lady's  
6           rooms and everything. It was a great day  
7           and if anyone doesn't know how great that  
8           park is it's a great park.

9                         The second thing, can I give you  
10           another list? And this is on -- I think I  
11           called the Office of the Council today and  
12           no one could help me and I called before so  
13           I sort of wrote it up and maybe you can help  
14           me with it. It's on poison ivy, and I don't  
15           know whose responsibility it is to spray for  
16           poison ivy, but there is a location, and you  
17           will see the address on here, Stanley Place  
18           in north side in North Scranton, and they  
19           have terrible problem with poison ivy there.  
20           It's right in back of the Weston Park there,  
21           there is a little street that goes through  
22           there. They do cut it down, but as anyone  
23           knows with poison ivy, it comes back. I've  
24           had poison ivy, it's not fun, so I need some  
25           help. Who is responsibility is it to spray?

1 It needs to be sprayed, not cut down?

2 MR. GAUGHAN: I received your  
3 message late this afternoon and I knew you  
4 were going to be here tonight so that's why  
5 I didn't call you back, but we can forward  
6 this to DPW, I believe that would be their  
7 responsibility? I'm not sure if there is  
8 spray for something like this, I imagine  
9 there is, but we'll definitely look into it  
10 and try to take care of it.

11 MR. JEFFERIES: Because I know I  
12 sprayed my property with it and it works but  
13 it's a bugger of a thing and, you know, kids  
14 are going to be out of school soon and they  
15 are going to use that shortcut to go up  
16 there. And that's all I have tonight.  
17 Thank you.

18 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you very much.

19 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you very much.

20 MS. JEFFERIES: And I want to say  
21 one other thing, I have a little folder  
22 where I'm collecting things. I'm collecting  
23 articles that are appearing in the paper  
24 that are of interest to me. I'm not ready  
25 to did discuss them now, one of my -- my

1 career was data gathering and that's what  
2 I'm doing now and I'll be back probably in  
3 the fall with some of this stuff.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you.

5 MS. SCHUMACHER: Marie Schumacher.  
6 First off, I intended tonight to wear a red  
7 nose in memory of Mr. McGoff who I think the  
8 very first time it arrived in the United  
9 States I bought it, I did not into the room  
10 where I left it, but I was remembering him  
11 in thought anyway.

12 And I just want to say publically, I  
13 don't know if Ron Ellman and Andy Sbaraglia  
14 watch ECTV, but they are missed. I hope  
15 they come back soon. We need them and we  
16 need other people as well.

17 On agenda Item 5-H that is the  
18 putting the outdoor seating at 404  
19 Washington Avenue. I don't know if you read  
20 the backup, the schematic was not there, but  
21 what I'm curious about I believe they said  
22 they would still have a five-foot walkway  
23 after they put these tables. I find that  
24 hard to believe unless they are going to  
25 change the front of the building, and if

1           they change the front of the building to  
2           accomplish that do they have to go through  
3           the Historical and Architectural Review  
4           Board because that's going to make a big  
5           change in that building if they have to take  
6           away part of that?

7                   MR. EVANS: I doubt they are going  
8           to take part of the building away, but I  
9           would imagine they definitely have to go  
10          before the HARB. That's a historical  
11          building.

12                   MS. SCHUMACHER: There is, as I say,  
13          they mentioned -- the backup mentions a  
14          schematic that I think the zoning officer  
15          looked at, but I didn't see one, so I would  
16          like to see that before you vote for it  
17          because I have a hard time believing they  
18          can be between the parking meters and  
19          the ---

20                   MR. EVANS: There is some pictures,  
21          but they are not very good.

22                   MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay. And then  
23          moving along, did anybody take the time,  
24          maybe you, Mr. Rogan, to find out what you  
25          UNC is doing renting the federally funded

1 units to drug dealers and --

2 MR. ROGAN: I do have that on my  
3 list to follow up with UNC, but I haven't  
4 gotten to that yet, but I do have that on my  
5 list.

6 MS. SCHUMACHER: I noticed another  
7 recipient from the former group that OECD is  
8 now being charged by the US Labor Department  
9 for not even paying minimum wage, but we  
10 were very generous with them, also. So I  
11 think we need to be very wary if you are  
12 thinking about going ahead again with  
13 economic development loans that you have to  
14 do some deeper thinking.

15 And then does anybody look at the  
16 back up before you come? Did you look --  
17 anybody look at I believe 3-D, which is the  
18 report of the last assessment appeal board  
19 meeting. Of that, you might notice 13 of  
20 the properties or had 42 percent of the  
21 properties that were being appealed that  
22 particular day are from Scranton, which is  
23 not unusual, that's about the percentage we  
24 have in the city. However, in total, the  
25 amount of the assessments of the Scranton

1 properties were reduced 26 percent.  
2 Individually, the reductions range from  
3 zero, one of the 13, to 50 percent.  
4 Individual percentages of reduction were  
5 zero, one. 4.8 percent, one. 5.2 percent,  
6 one. 8.1, one. 18.1, one. 32.1, another  
7 property. 22.8, one. 27.6, one. 33.3  
8 reduction, two. 42.9 percent reduction,  
9 one. 47.1 percent reduction, one. 50.0  
10 reduction, one.

11 That tells you a lot about how bad  
12 our properties are assessed in this city  
13 and, see, I don't know, I saw something in  
14 the paper recently that Jermyn, wherever  
15 they are, a Borough township was going to  
16 vote to send something, but I think it's  
17 time you guys consider doing something more  
18 than talking about the need for the  
19 reassessment and maybe act as a body to  
20 request that something be done overall  
21 because it's really bad out there.

22 Next, the condemnation, we have  
23 rental registration done and we were told  
24 that the condemnation legislation everybody  
25 agrees it's needs help, but where is it?



1 MR. EVANS: Well, we are going to  
2 have another work session on that alone, so,  
3 I mean, that's the plan right now to have a  
4 work session. We have several people we  
5 want to invite like the Ron Koladjeski of  
6 the Tax Claim Bureau, there is several  
7 attorneys in town, developers want to be  
8 involved in that so we are going to --

9 MR. ROGAN: I'm sorry, Wayne.

10 Additionally, I met with Commissioner  
11 O'Malley and Ron Koladjeski about four weeks  
12 ago regarding how the city's condemnation  
13 policy affects the county tax sale so there  
14 is some issues there that we are going to  
15 try to include in this proposal.

16 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, I would hope  
17 you get that moving before you take off your  
18 monthly August -- are you still meeting in  
19 those small groups, by the way? You  
20 announced them two weeks ago and then there  
21 was something and then you quit.

22 MR. EVANS: Yeah, we do have some,  
23 but I think what we want to do is, we talked  
24 about it, bring it back to city hall and  
25 city council to have a lot more

1 participation, so we are going to create the  
2 subject and have the meetings here.

3 MS. SCHUMACHER: And then if I may  
4 indulge one more item, SAPA.

5 MR. EVANS: Yes.

6 MS. SCHUMACHER: What is happening  
7 with SAPA? Is that going to be a general --  
8 a general across the board for SAPA redo  
9 of --

10 MR. EVANS: Well, we are going to do  
11 our own individual zoning code, but it's  
12 going to be part of the overall SAPA  
13 footprint. They all will be working  
14 together.

15 MS. SCHUMACHER: What's the time  
16 line for that?

17 MR. EVANS: September is the time  
18 for getting -- for applying for the grant  
19 and we expect that to start in the first  
20 quarter of 2018. We've already had -- we  
21 got a letter already that indicates what the  
22 cost to us would be, I think it's going to  
23 be \$19,000, I think, for us to do our --

24 MS. SCHUMACHER: Did you \$90,000?

25 MR. EVANS: Nineteen. \$19,000.

1 MS. SCHUMACHER: That's all?

2 MR. EVANS: Yeah. Well, it would  
3 have been almost 50,000 if we weren't in the  
4 group, so we are going to grant money from  
5 the county and grant money from the state  
6 because of our participation with SAPA so  
7 it's more than affordable.

8 MS. SCHUMACHER: Thank you. Oh, one  
9 more.

10 MR. WECHSLER: No, I'm sorry.

11 MS. REED: FIFTH ORDER. 5-A.

12 MOTIONS.

13 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Perry?

14 MR. PERRY: Yes, thank you,  
15 Mr. Wechsler. I do have a couple of quick  
16 things to talk on tonight. Since this was  
17 just brought up about the variance on North  
18 Washington about Posh, I do have some  
19 handwritten schematics in front of me. I  
20 have a very firm position on outside dining  
21 areas. You know, I'm all for them, but not  
22 to sacrifice any kind of safety. Our  
23 downtowns are busy enough, there is parking,  
24 there is cars from curb to curb whether  
25 parked or moving and to not have adequate

1 walking lanes is just too much of a hassle,  
2 so I'm sure you saw this in the back page,  
3 but for everybody else I don't know how  
4 visible it is, there is going to be two  
5 tops, two-top dining tables that's going to  
6 hug the wall. There is also going to be a t  
7 four-foot barrier, barrier fence that's  
8 going to separate the walking traffic from  
9 the dining traffic. Now, with that being  
10 said, the question again is there enough  
11 room for people to walk on that sidewalk  
12 safely without somebody, you know, having to  
13 veer off onto the street.

14 This says there is seven feet from  
15 curb to the -- from the separation wall.  
16 Now, whether that's true or not, I don't  
17 know, I'm not taking this off of this value,  
18 so I have no problem accepting the reading  
19 of this tonight, but, you know, there will  
20 be -- I will find out a firm answer if I  
21 have to walk the tape measure myself to make  
22 sure it's allowed because there are a couple  
23 outside dining legislations on the docket  
24 tonight and while it gives businesses in the  
25 city, you know, the upper hand and levels

1 the playing field in some for the almighty  
2 dollar that's out there, we can't do that at  
3 anybody's safety. So, you know, that's  
4 something I am going to be looking at this  
5 week. It just to make sure we have adequate  
6 walk space there because that does seem  
7 awful tight and they are marking it at seven  
8 feet, which it's tough to tell from a hand  
9 drawing which, you know, it's honestly not  
10 to scale.

11 And Ms. Schumacher, staying with  
12 you, you had a question about the  
13 possibility of the six police officer's  
14 retirement and if they accepted that. I do  
15 have some information thanks to Chief  
16 Graziano and Mrs. Reed, they did a lot of  
17 legwork for me, so I want to thank you for  
18 all of that, so we do have some information.  
19 I have the MOU in front of me, and the  
20 resolution 118 that was adopted January 29th  
21 of 2015. Since that resolution has been  
22 adopted, this has been a total of four  
23 work-related disability pensions given and  
24 two non-work related disability pension. In  
25 2017 there has been zero. Now, since that

1 time there only has been one year's of  
2 service pension given out since January 29,  
3 2015, and these numbers are according to the  
4 minutes from the police pensions and  
5 commission board meeting.

6 So when we sent this off we got a  
7 response from Chief Graziano and his  
8 response says that based on the question  
9 that I gave him that the police department  
10 does not have an early retirement incentive  
11 in their contract. There is a sliding scale  
12 bonus in the contract if an officer retires  
13 in the first six months following the  
14 retirement anniversary date, however, the  
15 officer still needs to reach full retirement  
16 eligibility to qualify. Officers must have  
17 25 years of service and a minimum of 55  
18 years old to obtain a regular pension.

19 You know, so we did pull that MMO  
20 and it's gets kind of deep but, you know, we  
21 do have it here and I'll just kind of  
22 highlights what it says in Section V of  
23 service. Section A, "Within 120 days of  
24 ratification of currently eligible or within  
25 120 days of retirement eligibility it's

1           \$10,000. "B", within 150 days it's \$7,500;  
2           and "C", 180 days they stay on it's 5,000."

3                   And so there is a sliding scale but  
4           as far as incentives to retire earlier there  
5           is none of that in the current contract.

6                   I know Mr. Evans is going to bring  
7           up a graffiti subject coming up soon, sooner  
8           than later, and I just want to go on record  
9           right now that if there is one thing that  
10          will bring a community down it is once  
11          graffiti goes up and it's left up it's a  
12          sign that the neighborhood and the citizens  
13          have given up, and once people realize that  
14          it doesn't get any better from there. While  
15          some people might see a tag mark on a stop  
16          sign or a mailbox and just kind of walk by  
17          it, that's definitely not the society or  
18          community that I want to live in. So, you  
19          know, I'll be there in full force for you,  
20          Mr. Evans, and, you know, I'll definitely  
21          deploy men in my neck of the woods and my  
22          couple of block radius because it's going to  
23          be take a community to fix a community  
24          problem. It's not going to done by two or  
25          three people, it's going to take people from

1 all parts of the neighborhoods to stay on  
2 top of it. We have send out a clear and  
3 concise message that this is not going to be  
4 tolerated. As fast as it goes up, it needs  
5 to come down. That was always my philosophy  
6 on graffiti in my home or around my house or  
7 in my businesses that I worked at. There is  
8 just no place for it.

9 7-A, is Mr. Dobrzyn still here? You  
10 know, we are going to butt heads on 7-A, you  
11 know, we going to have that study done and  
12 we want to know, you know, if pay as you  
13 throw concept it needs to be explored fully  
14 because what we have right now does not  
15 work. The \$300 flat does in the work. It  
16 is just -- there is no equality in it and I  
17 just I hope never to have to vote on a \$300  
18 garbage fee flat across the board again  
19 because it just does not make any sense for  
20 the amount of -- for the demographics that  
21 we have in the city to have just tier of  
22 refuse removal fee it just -- we can do a  
23 lot better than that and we owe the citizens  
24 a lot better than that and this is step one  
25 of seeing what is out there and what can we



1 offer.

2 I was always in favor of a hybrid  
3 system where there is a lower yearly fee  
4 plus a bag per bag fee where it's a lot more  
5 manageable. It encompasses everything if  
6 you are a one bag person a week or two bag  
7 it's going to be a heck of a lot easier.  
8 With that being said, you know, I  
9 desperately want to see this study done and  
10 get on with this what I call archaic way of  
11 collecting garbage and refuse fees.

12 Mrs. Reed, I haven't heard back from  
13 Director Hinton on 120 Columbia. Last week  
14 I made a request that if the owners of the  
15 condemned property have been attempted to be  
16 contacted. Just to kind of reiterate from  
17 last week, I know the neighbors in that area  
18 they were having some issues, they were able  
19 to get someone on scene to cut the long  
20 grass, but there is still an issue with  
21 getting in the house and it's not just very  
22 well boarded up, and as we know condemned  
23 houses in our neighborhood they are not  
24 desirable to say the least and, you know,  
25 there is only so much we can do to a

1 condemned house, we don't actually own it,  
2 we can't really do much too it, but we do is  
3 owe to the citizens as a city to do our due  
4 diligence and try to track the owners down  
5 to get them to do whatever they have to do  
6 to at least secure the property. If they  
7 don't want anything to do with it and they  
8 just want to let it go, whether it's the tax  
9 sale or whatever, but they still are on the  
10 hook for it and they still should maintain  
11 it as least safe as possible. I'm not  
12 talking -- we are just talking about putting  
13 a couple of boards up, so at least if we can  
14 get back to the citizens that we have -- the  
15 city has done their dual diligence to  
16 contact the owners that we would be great.

17 And I'm going to end this with last  
18 night at the Scranton Sewer Authority  
19 meeting. I was perplexed, as most people  
20 were, this was, as I thought, their chance  
21 to bring almost certain closure to what has  
22 been, you know, an auspicious part of our  
23 city for the last months. I was really,  
24 really hoping and I thought they would agree  
25 with Dunmore council and Scranton council,

1           the citizens of both Dunmore and Scranton,  
2           to get an independent audit in their and end  
3           this once and for all. Mayor Courtright  
4           went on record this week saying everything  
5           was above board. Why won't the Scranton  
6           Sewer Authority just do an audit and let's  
7           end this. I know they voted for -- against  
8           the motion to get an independent auditor in  
9           there and the reason was, well, they are  
10          going to get an audit done anyway based on  
11          their annual review. Well, what's not going  
12          to fly with the citizens or with this board  
13          is that audit is going to be done by someone  
14          they pay to do the audit and that is not a  
15          third party, that is not an independent  
16          person. That is a hired -- really it's an  
17          employee that you hire to do work for you  
18          and, you know, unfortunately, it just  
19          doesn't -- the citizens and this board will  
20          see right through it. It's not good enough  
21          for our standards. We have been brought  
22          along on this issue way too long, between  
23          redacted issues -- I'm sorry, redacted  
24          records, Right-to-Know questions and papers  
25          just not being answered by the newspaper,

1           there is too much out there left not  
2           answered.

3                       So I am going to make a plea to them  
4           once again if you want to this end and over  
5           with because if you think the spotlight has  
6           been turned off after last night's meeting,  
7           the spotlight just got brighter and hotter  
8           and they have all of the power to end this  
9           and this is just to get an independent  
10          auditor in there and end it once and for  
11          all. That's all I have tonight. Thank you.

12                      MR. WECHSLER: Thank you, Mr. Perry.  
13          Mr. Rogan?

14                      MR. ROGAN: Yes, thank you.  
15          Mr. Perry mentioned almost everything I  
16          planned on mentioning tonight so I'm going  
17          to request we switch seats.

18                      MR. PERRY: You got it.

19                      MR. ROGAN: But on the SSA, I agree  
20          whole-heartedly. I was very disappointed  
21          that the Sewer Authority Board did not agree  
22          with the unanimous decisions of Scranton  
23          Council and Dunmore Council to have the  
24          Sewer Authority deal audited by the Auditor  
25          General. It makes sense, it's an

1 independent person and the taxpayers deserve  
2 to know what happened with every dime in the  
3 transaction. I did hear coming in that  
4 there is a schedule of having a town hall  
5 meeting and that unredacted documents are  
6 going to be released, which I think is some  
7 good news, but I do hope that the Sewer  
8 Authority board will reconsider their  
9 decision and allow for that audit to be  
10 completed and released to the public so  
11 everyone can know exactly where everything  
12 stands.

13           Regarding the graffiti, I agree as  
14 well with everything that was mentioned and  
15 I'm a big believer in the broken windows  
16 theory with Rudy Guilliani used in New York  
17 City to revive New York City and when you  
18 have graffiti and broken windows and all of  
19 these problems in neighborhoods it attracts  
20 a criminal element, and when you have well  
21 maintained properties and, you know,  
22 everything looks nice it attracts homeowners  
23 and people who want to live in a nice  
24 neighborhood, so it's very important to keep  
25 our neighborhoods looking good and the ones

1 that aren't to get them back on track.

2 Very pleased to hear what Councilman  
3 Wechsler mentioned at the top of the meeting  
4 about the electronics recycling, one of the  
5 biggest problems in our neighborhoods is  
6 that people aren't able to get rid of old  
7 TVs, computer, and particularly the old  
8 heavy console TVs because the recycling  
9 center charges a per pound fee to get rid of  
10 them, so I would urge everyone to take  
11 advantage of this opportunity to get rid of  
12 these items free of charge because the DPW  
13 legally cannot take them so because of the  
14 rules at the dump this is your opportunity  
15 to get rid of those items so please take  
16 advantage of it. I know I'm going to and I  
17 know my neighborhood there are some TVs that  
18 have been out on the curb for quite sometime  
19 so that's something we are definitely  
20 looking forward and I want to thank the  
21 county commissioners for getting that  
22 together for us.

23 And finally on the rental  
24 registration, bids were opened for a rental  
25 registration database. Now, I wish that

1           this had been done prior to a number of the  
2           rental registration bills being sent out  
3           erroneously, but there were two bidders. I  
4           did get a chance to review those bids  
5           earlier today. One firm is an out-of-town  
6           firm that currently handles foreclosure  
7           registration for the city, and the other  
8           firm is a local firm which had a very good  
9           proposal as well. Now, from glancing at it,  
10          it seems there is a big difference in the  
11          price between the two firms, but I'm hopeful  
12          that this will help get the rental  
13          registration program on track and really  
14          have those letters targeted to people who  
15          own rental investment property, not being  
16          sent to people with single family homes, not  
17          being sent to people who have a double, who  
18          live in one side and rent the other, really  
19          we get into the targeted rental properties,  
20          particularly the ones that are owned by  
21          out-of-town landlords. So that is all I  
22          have for tonight. Thank you.

23                         MR. WECHSLER: Thank you, Mr. Rogan.  
24                         Mr. Evans?

25                         MR. EVANS: Thank you. As a

1 reminder, a graffiti work session will be  
2 held in city hall on June 5 at 4:30.

3 Numerous stakeholders have been invited that  
4 we feel will be helpful in trying to address  
5 this issue. I'd like to thank Councilman  
6 Perry as well as Councilman Rogan, and I  
7 think all of us up here may talk about this,  
8 I think there is a real passion on city  
9 council to get this thing eradicated and  
10 taken care of so I'm looking to come up with  
11 a multi-prong approach to solve the graffiti  
12 problems for all or at least get control of  
13 it.

14 There were two recent votes by  
15 elected officials and appointed officials  
16 that I would like to discuss tonight. First  
17 is the recent vote by the Jermyn Borough  
18 Council to adopt a resolution to call on the  
19 Lackawanna County Commissioners to conduct a  
20 countywide reassessment. I would like to  
21 personally thank the Jermyn Council for  
22 joining Scranton City Council in recognizing  
23 the need for a reassessment. Only a  
24 countywide reassessment will create a true  
25 tax equality as well as foster economic



1 development. I would also urge every  
2 Borough, township, city, and school district  
3 to let your voices be heard. Join Scranton  
4 City Council and Jermyrn Borough Council and  
5 let the two county commissioners who oppose  
6 the reassessment know loud and clear no  
7 excuses, no more waiting, it's time to do  
8 what is one of the fundamental  
9 responsibilities of county government.

10 The second vote took place last  
11 night in the Governor's Room in city hall  
12 right behind where we are meeting tonight.  
13 Myself, Councilman Wechsler, Councilman  
14 Rogan -- or Councilman Gaughan attended.  
15 After the three to one vote not to request  
16 the Auditor General come in to audit the  
17 transaction, quite frankly, I was shocked.

18 I generally feel that when given the  
19 opportunity good people will usually do the  
20 right thing. And I'm not suggesting the SSA  
21 board members aren't good people, but by  
22 every criteria I can think of, this was a  
23 wrong decision. The SSA board had an  
24 opportunity to allow for a qualifying  
25 independent voice to be heard. They had an

1 opportunity to prove beyond a shadow of a  
2 doubt, as a mayor stated, that everything is  
3 above board and allow us to finally move  
4 beyond the lack of transparency and the lack  
5 of forthcoming information.

6 This city council as well as Dunmore  
7 city council voted unanimously for the  
8 Auditor General to review this transaction  
9 and all it's components. The appointed SSA  
10 board rejected the wishes of the elected  
11 officials as well as the wishes of the  
12 majority of the taxpayers, ratepayers and  
13 citizens from Dunmore and Scranton. So now  
14 those board members that voted "no", as well  
15 as the Mayor of Scranton, who also did not  
16 feel the audit was necessary, own this  
17 decision and all of it's consequences.

18 Scranton City Council should  
19 continue and will continue to press for  
20 answers and we will continue to do  
21 everything in our power to get those  
22 answers. Yes, the SSA board voted "no", but  
23 none of us should take that no for an  
24 answer. That's all I have for tonight.  
25 Thank you.

1 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you, Mr. Evans.  
2 Mr. Gaughan?

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, thank you.  
4 Yesterday's decision by the Scranton Sewer  
5 Authority board to deny the request for the  
6 Auditor General of the State of Pennsylvania  
7 to perform a full review and independent  
8 audit of the sale of Scranton Sewer  
9 Authority, the Pennsylvania American Water,  
10 was a blatant slap in the face to every  
11 single ratepayer, every single taxpayer in  
12 Scranton and in Dunmore.

13 The meeting and the decision to  
14 close the door on the Auditor General was a  
15 shocking display of ignorance and a complete  
16 dereliction of duty on the part of the  
17 members of the Scranton Sewer Authority  
18 Board.

19 Keep in mind, that there were two  
20 legislative bodies, this city council,  
21 Dunmore city council and Dunmore Mayor-elect  
22 Tim Burke, who requested that they invite  
23 the Auditor General in. Mr. Packer,  
24 Mr. Wayland, and Mr. Boccadori, are supposed  
25 to be independent and represent the interest

1 of the ratepayers and no one else. Their  
2 lack of regard for transparency and utter  
3 disdain for openness, which was evident in  
4 their denial of inviting the Auditor General  
5 in, leaves no doubt in my mind that they do  
6 not have the best interest of the ratepayers  
7 and taxpayer of Scranton and Dunmore in  
8 mind.

9 Mr. Parker, who is the chairman of  
10 the Sewer Authority Board, said yesterday  
11 that there is no need for the Auditor  
12 General to come in because the Scranton  
13 Sewer Authority is hiring their own  
14 independent auditor. That statement in and  
15 of itself is laughable at best. How can it  
16 truly be independent when the board members  
17 have the final say on who comes in and  
18 audits?

19 Mr. Parker also said that he does  
20 not agree with waiving all attorney/client  
21 privilege to release completely unredacted  
22 document. He didn't want to give up that  
23 right. Well, here's a news flash for  
24 Mr. Parker and the rest of the board, the  
25 client here is the ratepayers. The client

1 here is the taxpayers of Scranton and  
2 Dunmore. We have a right to see those  
3 invoices, we have a right to see what 50  
4 attorneys did in relation to this  
5 transaction, we have a right to see what  
6 someone did for \$200,000, \$800 an hour, over  
7 \$100,000 in a month in some instances. And  
8 I'd still like someone to explain to me how  
9 attorney/client privilege fits in here and  
10 how you can redact almost all of these  
11 documents and use that as an excuse, and I  
12 ask Executive Director Shrive and never  
13 received a response.

14 It's time to stop hiding behind  
15 attorney/client privilege. Also, it's my  
16 belief that Mr. Parker should have strongly  
17 considered recusing himself last night from  
18 both of those votes because of his personal  
19 and professional relationship with  
20 Abrahamsen, Conaboy and Abrahamsen of which  
21 he used to be an associate attorney and who  
22 was a law firm involved in a part of this  
23 transaction. Mr. Parker is supposed to  
24 protect the ratepayers, not the law firms.

25 So based on the statements and

1 actions yesterday of Mr. Parker,  
2 Mr. Wayland, and Mr. Boccadori, I would ask  
3 for their immediate resignation from the  
4 Board of the Scranton Sewer Authority. It  
5 is crystal clear that they do not have the  
6 best interest of the ratepayers in mind and  
7 their continued service on the board can  
8 only be a detriment to openness and  
9 transparency and I would hope that my  
10 colleagues would join me in calling for  
11 their immediate resignation.

12 Absent from yesterday's meeting with  
13 Mayor Courtright, which at this point should  
14 not be surprise to anyone who has been  
15 following local government for the past  
16 three and a half years. Now, apparently we  
17 learned in the caucus that the mayor had a  
18 press conference earlier today, I don't know  
19 the exact details of it, but from what I  
20 understand they are now going to release the  
21 legal invoices and they are going to -- and  
22 the mayor is going to have a town hall  
23 meeting. Too little too late. Where was  
24 Mayor Courtright for the last six months  
25 when this council has been asking these

1           questions and we were stonewalled. So now  
2           all of a sudden after the board members of  
3           Scranton Sewer Authority vote against  
4           inviting the Auditor General in, now all of  
5           sudden they want to have a town hall  
6           meeting. Now all of a sudden they are going  
7           to release all of these documents. Well,  
8           I'm sorry, it's a little suspicious to me.

9                         What's really surprising about Mayor  
10          Courtright were his comments in the  
11          newspaper. When asked if we thought an  
12          audit of the transaction should occur, he  
13          said, and I quote, "If they think there is a  
14          need I certainly can't stop them.  
15          Everything was done above board. Nothing  
16          underhanded was done."

17                        And his comments beg the question,  
18          how does the mayor know if everything was  
19          done above board and nothing underhanded was  
20          done? If that is the case, as he suggests,  
21          then why not invite the Auditor General in.  
22          It will not cost the city a dime and the  
23          Auditor General, Mr. Depasquale, has said he  
24          would have no problem performing the audit.  
25          If everything was done above board, as the

1           mayor assert, why has the Sewer Authority  
2           Board fought me tooth and nail over the last  
3           six months when I have requested document  
4           after document and asked questions?

5                        On the city's website under the  
6           Office of Mayor it says, "Mayor Courtright's  
7           pledge is to be transparent, fiscally  
8           responsibility, honest and to represent the  
9           City of Scranton with integrity that is  
10          beyond reproach."

11                      I would respectfully request that  
12          that statement be taken down immediately.  
13          The mayor has broken his pledge to be  
14          transparent along with the board members of  
15          the Scranton Sewer Authority. At this  
16          point, if the mayor of our city and his  
17          appointees to the Scranton Sewer Authority  
18          Board want to slam the door on the Auditor  
19          General, then I am officially asking our  
20          solicitor, Mr. Minora, to review and examine  
21          what kind of jurisdiction the Attorney  
22          General of the State of Pennsylvania would  
23          have and what kind of purview he would have  
24          over coming in taking a look at and  
25          examining the transaction of the Scranton



1 Sewer Authority and Pennsylvania American  
2 Water.

3 It's my belief that the Attorney  
4 General does have jurisdiction under Chapter  
5 56 of Municipal Authorities, Title 53,  
6 subsection 5612, where he has -- it gives  
7 him the right to examine the transaction,  
8 accounts and all records of municipal  
9 authorities. So I expect that Attorney  
10 Minora will look into this and will have an  
11 answer by next Thursday.

12 Ladies and gentlemen, from what I  
13 have seen over the last six months where  
14 there is smoke there is usually fire and  
15 there is a whole lot of smoke surrounding  
16 this deal. People still want answers and if  
17 Mayor Courtright wants to have a town hall  
18 meeting that's great, but where was he for  
19 the last six months? If they want to  
20 release the records, why did the Sewer  
21 Authority Boards in one of most bizarre  
22 meetings I have ever seen in any entire life  
23 vote against releasing all of the documents,  
24 vote against allowing the Auditor General to  
25 come in? It begs the question what is

1 really going on here? I don't think anybody  
2 knows.

3 So, again, I think that people need  
4 to continue to demand answers with this  
5 transaction and I know myself, I will  
6 continue to ask these questions and I will  
7 continue to demand transparency,  
8 accountability, and integrity. Thank you.

9 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you  
10 Mr. Gaughan. I did attend the meeting  
11 yesterday and I also was quite surprised  
12 that the vote was not taken to ask the  
13 Attorney General the Auditor General to come  
14 in. The fact that the Scranton City Council  
15 and Dunmore Council have both asked for this  
16 and requested it I believe it gave the Sewer  
17 Authority Board the proper, I don't -- I  
18 want to the right term cover, but the right  
19 encouragement to take this vote and to put  
20 this matter to rest.

21 I did speak to Mayor Courtright  
22 earlier this evening and he informed me that  
23 they are planning to release the unredacted  
24 documents, give them to the public in time  
25 for review them and then have a town hall

1 meeting sometimes a few weeks after their  
2 records are released. From talking to the  
3 mayor this evening, the questions there will  
4 be an open forum for the public to ask  
5 questions, I haven't heard any restrictions  
6 on the questions, I haven't heard any  
7 restrictions on the amount of time that the  
8 town hall will take. He has provided -- in  
9 speaking to him he has provided me with a  
10 list of the people that he is going to ask  
11 to attend and I do believe that this will be  
12 an opportunity to get these questions  
13 answered that this council has been asking  
14 since January.

15 Unfortunately, the focus has been on  
16 council to get these answers. Recently,  
17 this evening, a Times reporter asked us --  
18 for council to request the Auditor General  
19 to come in, we have already done that. I  
20 reached out to Dunmore Council to get them  
21 to ask the auditor to come in. Council has  
22 been trying to do this all along. I wish  
23 that this town hall meeting had been held  
24 sooner. I think we kind of spun our wheels  
25 on a deal that had to happen. If the

1 Scranton Sewer Authority was not sold there  
2 is a strong possibility that Scranton could  
3 be facing receivership as we move into 2018.  
4 Along with receivership would be tax  
5 increases, reduction in services, I stand by  
6 my vote to sell the Scranton Sewer  
7 Authority. We had to do it. We needed the  
8 money. Do I wish there was more  
9 transparency in the deal? Obviously. We  
10 are still talking this, it's five months  
11 later.

12 In order to get the true benefit of  
13 this sale, this matter has to be put behind  
14 us. I still think that the Auditor General  
15 coming in even after the town hall meeting  
16 is still the best way to go. I think we  
17 still need that independent third party to  
18 go through this and make sure that  
19 everything is done properly.

20 In regards to the electronic  
21 recycling, this is something that we are to  
22 going to have to come together in the city  
23 as a city. I think every home in Scranton  
24 has some type of electronics that has to be  
25 removed. I believe in our city right now

1           there is lot of people that are going to  
2           need assistance in getting those to TVs and  
3           monitors to the curb, so I'm going to reach  
4           out to the neighborhood associations and see  
5           if they can help us out. I know I had a big  
6           TV that ten years ago I couldn't move by  
7           myself and right now I can't move it by  
8           myself anymore, so I'm looking for  
9           assistance with my TV as well.

10                         But it is something that the people  
11           in the city are going to have to come to  
12           together, and as Mr. Rogan said it's very  
13           expensive if you missed in opportunity to  
14           recycle your electronics I think they are  
15           charging almost \$2 a pound, so if you take  
16           one of these huge televisions to the  
17           recycling center it's going to cost you  
18           several hundred dollars to recycle and  
19           that's why they are out on the streets.

20                         As a community, I do thank the  
21           county commissioners for putting this  
22           together and working through the state and I  
23           also thank the input that's been given by  
24           our Director of Public Works to come up with  
25           a plan to make best use of this program.

1                   Also, this evening, I received a  
2                   call from Mr. Peter Cameron from the  
3                   Scranton Times informing us that some census  
4                   data was released today where Scranton is  
5                   one of the fastest growing cities still in  
6                   the area. While other communities are  
7                   having a reduction in population growth,  
8                   Scranton is having an increase and I think  
9                   that's a testament to the development that's  
10                  happened in our downtown in terms of  
11                  residential apartments, and I also think  
12                  it's part of the good housing stock that we  
13                  have in our city for renters and I do  
14                  appreciate that news this evening.

15                  That's it.

16                  MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION – A  
17                  RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
18                  OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE  
19                  AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN  
20                  THE LACKAWANNA HERITAGE VALLEY AUTHORITY AND  
21                  THE CITY OF SCRANTON PERTAINING TO THE  
22                  MAINTENANCE OF THE TWO (2) STAMPED  
23                  BITUMINOUS ASPHALT CROSSINGS AT THE  
24                  INTERSECTION OF OLIVE STREET CROSSINGS AND  
25                  THE LACKAWANNA RIVER HERITAGE TRAIL.

1 MR. WECHSLER: At this time, I'll  
2 entertain a motion that Item 5-B be  
3 introduced into its proper committee.

4 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

5 MR. EVANS: Second.

6 MR. WECHSLER: On the question? All  
7 those in favor of introduction signify by  
8 saying aye.

9 MR. PERRY: Aye.

10 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

11 MR. EVANS: Aye.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

13 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The  
14 ayes have it and so moved.

15 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION - A  
16 RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
17 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE  
18 AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN  
19 THE LACKAWANNA HERITAGE VALLEY AUTHORITY AND  
20 THE CITY OF SCRANTON PERTAINING TO THE  
21 MAINTENANCE OF THE STAMPED BITUMINOUS  
22 ASPHALT CROSSING AT THE INTERSECTION OF NAY  
23 AUG AVENUE CROSSING AND THE LACKAWANNA  
24 RIVER HERITAGE TRAIL.

25 MR. WECHSLER: At this time, I'll

1 entertain a motion that Item 5-C be  
2 introduced into its proper committee.

3 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

4 MR. EVANS: Second.

5 MR. WECHSLER: On the question? All  
6 those in favor of introduction signify by  
7 saying aye.

8 MR. PERRY: Aye.

9 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

10 MR. EVANS: Aye.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

12 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The  
13 ayes have it and so moved.

14 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
15 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
16 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE  
17 AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN  
18 THE LACKAWANNA HERITAGE VALLEY AUTHORITY AND  
19 THE CITY OF SCRANTON PERTAINING TO THE  
20 MAINTENANCE OF THE STAMPED BITUMINOUS  
21 ASPHALT CROSSING AT THE INTERSECTION OF  
22 ALBRIGHT AVENUE CROSSING AND THE LACKAWANNA  
23 RIVER HERITAGE TRAIL.

24 MR. WECHSLER: At this time, I'll  
25 entertain a motion that Item 5-D be



1 introduced into its proper committee.

2 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

3 MR. EVANS: Second.

4 MR. WECHSLER: On the question? All  
5 those in favor of introduction signify by  
6 saying aye.

7 MR. PERRY: Aye.

8 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

9 MR. EVANS: Aye.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

11 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The  
12 ayes have it and so moved.

13 MS. REED: 5-E. FOR INTRODUCTION - A  
14 RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
15 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE  
16 AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN  
17 THE LACKAWANNA HERITAGE VALLEY AUTHORITY AND  
18 THE CITY OF SCRANTON PERTAINING TO THE  
19 MAINTENANCE OF THE STAMPED BITUMINOUS  
20 ASPHALT CROSSING AT THE INTERSECTION OF  
21 POPLAR STREET CROSSING AND THE LACKAWANNA  
22 RIVER HERITAGE TRAIL.

23 MR. WECHSLER: At this time, I'll  
24 entertain a motion that Item 5-E be  
25 introduced into its proper committee.

1 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

2 MR. EVANS: Second.

3 MR. WECHSLER: On the question? All  
4 those in favor of introduction signify by  
5 saying aye.

6 MR. PERRY: Aye.

7 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

8 MR. EVANS: Aye.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

10 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The  
11 ayes have it and so moved.

12 MS. REED: 5-F. FOR INTRODUCTION – A  
13 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
14 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE  
15 AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN  
16 THE LACKAWANNA HERITAGE VALLEY AUTHORITY AND  
17 THE CITY OF SCRANTON PERTAINING TO THE  
18 MAINTENANCE OF THE STAMPED BITUMINOUS  
19 ASPHALT CROSSING AT THE INTERSECTION OF EAST  
20 MARKET STREET CROSSING AND THE LACKAWANNA  
21 RIVER HERITAGE TRAIL.

22 MR. WECHSLER: At this time, I'll  
23 entertain a motion that Item 5-F be  
24 introduced into its proper committee.

25 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

1 MR. EVANS: Second.

2 MR. WECHSLER: On the question? All  
3 those in favor of introduction signify by  
4 saying aye.

5 MR. PERRY: Aye.

6 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

7 MR. EVANS: Aye.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

9 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The  
10 eyes have it and so moved.

11 MS. REED: 5-G. FOR INTRODUCTION – A  
12 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
13 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE  
14 AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN  
15 THE LACKAWANNA HERITAGE VALLEY AUTHORITY AND  
16 THE CITY OF SCRANTON PERTAINING TO THE  
17 MAINTENANCE OF THE TWO (2) RECTANGULAR RAPID  
18 FLASHING BEACON'S ("RRFB'S"), STAMPED  
19 BITUMINOUS ASPHALT CROSSINGS AT THE  
20 INTERSECTION OF BROADWAY STREET AND THE  
21 LACKAWANNA RIVER HERITAGE TRAIL.

22 MR. WECHSLER: At this time, I'll  
23 entertain a motion that Item 5-G be  
24 introduced into its proper committee.

25 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

1 MR. EVANS: Second.

2 MR. WECHSLER: On the question? All  
3 those in favor of introduction signify by  
4 saying aye.

5 MR. PERRY: Aye.

6 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

7 MR. EVANS: Aye.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

9 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The  
10 ayes have it and so moved.

11 MS. REED: 5-H. FOR INTRODUCTION - A  
12 RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
13 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO GRANT A  
14 SPECIAL ENCROACHMENT PERMIT TO POSH @ THE  
15 SCRANTON CLUB TO OPERATE OUTDOOR SEATING AT  
16 404 NORTH WASHINGTON AVENUE, SCRANTON,  
17 PENNSYLVANIA.

18 MR. WECHSLER: At this time, I'll  
19 entertain a motion that Item 5-H be  
20 introduced into its proper committee.

21 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

22 MR. EVANS: Second.

23 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?

24 MR. PERRY: Yes, on the question.  
25 This is the property that was brought up

1 earlier today so, again, I'll get  
2 clarification on this and if I have to walk  
3 it off myself with a tape measure I will,  
4 but right now in the legislation they have  
5 allow for a seven-foot easement for a  
6 walkway.

7 MR. WECHSLER: On the question, I  
8 also believe that since there will be other  
9 requirements of this it's going to be  
10 alcohol related. It will be PLCB  
11 requirements for that other, so their  
12 dimensions are going to have to be accurate  
13 I know for those type of permits.

14 All those in favor of introduction  
15 signify by saying aye.

16 MR. PERRY: Aye.

17 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

18 MR. EVANS: Aye.

19 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

20 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The  
21 ayes have it and so moved.

22 MS. REED: 5-I. FOR INTRODUCTION – A  
23 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
24 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO GRANT A  
25 SPECIAL ENCROACHMENT PERMIT TO DAVINCI'S

1 PIZZA TO OPERATE AN OUTDOOR RESTAURANT AT  
2 505 LINDEN STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

3 MS. REED: 5-J. FOR INTRODUCTION - A  
4 RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
5 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO GRANT A  
6 SPECIAL ENCROACHMENT PERMIT TO CAPAA C/O THE  
7 RITZ BUILDING TO OPERATE AN OUTDOOR  
8 RESTAURANT AT 222 WYOMING AVENUE, SCRANTON,  
9 PENNSYLVANIA.

10 MR. WECHSLER: At this time, I'll  
11 entertain a motion that Item 5-J be  
12 introduced into its proper committee.

13 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

14 MR. EVANS: Second.

15 MR. WECHSLER: On the question? All  
16 those in favor of introduction signify by  
17 saying aye.

18 MR. PERRY: Aye.

19 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

20 MR. EVANS: Aye.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

22 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The  
23 ayes have it and so moved.

24 MS. REED: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A.

25 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.

1 100, 2017 - AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF  
2 TRANSPORTATION TO ACQUIRE RIGHT-OF-WAY  
3 NECESSARY FOR THE WEST LACKAWANNA AVENUE  
4 BRIDGE DOCUMENT NO. 04M173 AS PART OF THE  
5 CITY OF SCRANTON OWNED BRIDGE PROJECT.

6 MR. WECHSLER: You've heard reading  
7 by title of Item 6-A, what is your pleasure?

8 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-A  
9 pass reading by title.

10 MR. EVANS: Second.

11 MR. WECHSLER: On the question? All  
12 those in favor signify by saying aye.

13 MR. PERRY: Aye.

14 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

15 MR. EVANS: Aye.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

17 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The  
18 ayes have it and so moved.

19 MS. REED: 6-B. READING BY TITLE -  
20 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 101, 2017 -  
21 AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION  
22 TO ACQUIRE RIGHT-OF-WAY NECESSARY FOR THE  
23 ELM STREET BRIDGE DOCUMENT NO. 04M171 AS  
24 PART OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON OWNED BRIDGE  
25 PROJECT.

1 MR. WECHSLER: You've heard reading  
2 by title of Item 6-B, what is your pleasure?

3 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-B  
4 pass reading by title.

5 MR. EVANS: Second.

6 MR. WECHSLER: On the question? All  
7 those in favor signify by saying aye.

8 MR. PERRY: Aye.

9 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

10 MR. EVANS: Aye.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

12 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The  
13 ayes have it and so moved.

14 MS. REED: 6-C. READING BY TITLE -  
15 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 102, 2017 -  
16 AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION  
17 TO ACQUIRE RIGHT-OF-WAY NECESSARY FOR THE  
18 NORTH MAIN AVENUE BRIDGE DOCUMENT NO. 04M172  
19 AS PART OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON OWNED BRIDGE  
20 PROJECT.

21 MR. WECHSLER: You've heard reading  
22 by title of Item 6-C, what is your pleasure?

23 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-C  
24 pass reading by title.

25 MR. EVANS: Second.



1 MR. WECHSLER: On the question? All  
2 those in favor signify by saying aye.

3 MR. PERRY: Aye.

4 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

5 MR. EVANS: Aye.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

7 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The  
8 ayes have it and so moved.

9 MS. REED: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR  
10 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC  
11 WORKS - FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 151,  
12 2017 - RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE  
13 SUBMISSION OF A PENNSYLVANIA RECYCLING  
14 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION SUBMITTED  
15 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
16 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
17 PROTECTION ("DEP") FOR A TECHNICAL  
18 ASSISTANCE GRANT TO CONDUCT A  
19 RECYCLING/REFUSE PROGRAM EVALUATION, AND  
20 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE  
21 CITY OFFICIALS TO ACCEPT THE GRANT FUNDS  
22 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,500.00 FOR THE  
23 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING COMPANY SCS  
24 ENGINEERS SELECTED BY DEP TO PROVIDE  
25 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR

1 THE PAY AS YOU THROW (PAYT) COLLECTION  
2 PROGRAM.

3 MR. WECHSLER: What is the  
4 recommendation of the Chairperson for the  
5 Committee on Public Works?

6 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for the  
7 Committee on Public Works, I recommend final  
8 passage of Item 7-A.

9 MR. ROGAN: Second.

10 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?  
11 Roll call, please?

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

13 MR. PERRY: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

15 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

17 MR. EVANS: Yes.

18 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

19 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

20 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

21 MR. WECHSLER: Yes. I hereby  
22 declare Item 7-A legally and lawfully  
23 adopted.

24 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION  
25 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - FOR

1 ADOPTION – RESOLUTION NO. 152, 2017 -  
2 ACCEPTING A DONATION OF THREE THOUSAND SEVEN  
3 HUNDRED NINETY-NINE (\$3,799.00) DOLLARS  
4 FROM AMOS TOWERS MANAGEMENT ENTERPRISES,  
5 INC. PRESENTED TO THE CITY OF SCRANTON FIRE  
6 DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF MUCH  
7 NEEDED EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

8 MR. WECHSLER: What is the  
9 recommendation of the Chairperson for the  
10 Committee on Public Safety?

11 MR. PERRY: As Chairperson for the  
12 Committee on Public Safety, I recommend  
13 final passage of Item 7-B.

14 MR. ROGAN: Second.

15 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?  
16 Roll call, please?

17 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

18 MR. PERRY: Yes.

19 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

20 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

21 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

22 MR. EVANS: Yes.

23 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

25 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

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MR. WECHSLER: Yes. I hereby  
declare Item 7-B legally and lawfully  
adopted.

If there is no further business,  
I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

MR. ROGAN: Motion to adjourn.

MR. WECHSLER: Meeting adjourned.

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I hereby certify that the proceedings and evidence are contained fully and accurately in the notes of testimony taken by me at the hearing of the above-captioned matter and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the same to the best of my ability.

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