

SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

PATRICK ROGAN, PRESIDENT

TIM PERRY, VICE PRESIDENT

WAYNE EVANS

WILLIAM GAUGHAN

KYLE DONAHUE

LORI REED, CITY CLERK

KATHY CARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

AMIL MINORA, ESQUIRE - SOLICITOR

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

3 MR. ROGAN: Roll call, please.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

5 MR. PERRY: Here.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

7 MR. DONAHUE: Here.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

9 MR. EVANS: Here.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Here.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

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

15 MS. REED: 3-A. MINUTES OF THE  
16 SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD  
17 MAY 30, 2017, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017 AND OCTOBER  
18 24, 2017.

19 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?  
20 If not, received and filed.

21 MS. REED: 3-B. CHECK RECEIVED IN  
22 THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000.00 FROM THE  
23 UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON, WHICH IS PAYMENT IN  
24 LIEU OF TAXES FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON.  
25 PILOT.

1 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?  
2 If not, received and filed.

3 MS. REED: 3-C. AGENDA FOR THE  
4 BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING HELD  
5 DECEMBER  
6 13, 2017.

7 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?  
8 If not, received and filed.

9 MS. REED: 3-D. CONTROLLER'S REPORT  
10 FOR MONTH ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2017.

11 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?  
12 If not, received and filed.

13 MS. REED: 3-E. MINUTES OF THE  
14 SCRANTON FIREFIGHTERS PENSION COMMISSION  
15 MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 15, 2017.

16 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?  
17 If not, received and filed.

18 MS. REED: 3-F. MINUTES OF THE  
19 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING  
20 HELD NOVEMBER 15, 2017.

21 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?  
22 If not, received and filed.

23 MS. REED: 3-G. MINUTES OF THE  
24 SCRANTON POLICE PENSION COMMISSION MEETING  
25 HELD NOVEMBER 15, 2017.

1 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?  
2 If not, received and filed.

3 MS. REED: 3-H. MINUTES OF THE  
4 COMPOSITE PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD  
5 NOVEMBER 15, 2017.

6 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?  
7 If not, received and filed.

8 MS. REED: 3-I. AGENDA FOR THE  
9 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING  
10 HELD DECEMBER 20, 2017.

11 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?  
12 If not, received and filed.

13 MS. REED: 3-J. MINUTES OF THE  
14 COMPOSITE PENSION BOARD SPECIAL MEETING HELD  
15 NOVEMBER 29, 2017.

16 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?  
17 If not, received and filed.

18 MS. REED: 3-K. TAX ASSESSOR'S  
19 REPORT FOR HEARING DATE TO BE HELD JANUARY  
20 10, 2018.

21 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?  
22 If not, received and filed.

23 MS. REED: 3-L. CHECK RECEIVED IN  
24 THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00 FROM COVENANT  
25 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WHICH IS PAYMENT IN

1 LIEU OF TAXES FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON.  
2 PILOT.

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

5 MS. REED: 3-M. SINGLE TAX OFFICE  
6 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
7 DECEMBER 31, 2015.

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

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, I just have one.  
12 I just wanted to mention that on January 27  
13 at Montage Mountain they will be holding the  
14 polar plunge for the friends of Shannon  
15 McDonough. This group has donated to over  
16 20 young individuals battling cancer right  
17 here in northeastern Pennsylvania. This  
18 will be the fifth annual polar plunge from 9  
19 a.m. to 3 p.m. on January 27, at Montage  
20 Mountain in Scranton.

21 This group is calling on caring  
22 businesses and individuals alike to support  
23 this community event. They are seeking gift  
24 cards, gift baskets which will be displayed  
25 and raffled at the event among a number of

1 other things.

2 There are prizes, a DJ, food, health  
3 related vendors and you can find out more at  
4 [www.friendsofshannonmcdonough.com](http://www.friendsofshannonmcdonough.com). Thank  
5 you.

6 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else? Next  
7 Monday, January 15, is Martin Luther King  
8 Junior Day. Council will not meet due to  
9 the holiday. City hall will be closed this  
10 day. DPW is also off on the 15th. Refuse  
11 and recycling will be one day behind next  
12 week. The DPW director notified us that  
13 crews will be collecting Christmas trees  
14 which are left on the curb until the end of  
15 the month. All trees will be recycled.

16 City council will have their next  
17 regularly scheduled meeting on Monday,  
18 January 22, at 6 p.m.

19 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'  
20 PARTICIPATION.

21 (The following speakers offered  
22 public comment:

23 JOAN HODOWANITZ. LAWRENCE SYKES.  
24 ALBERT YOUNG. JIM MCCRONE. LENNY SREBRO.  
25 RON ELLMAN. GLYNNIS JOHNS. JOHN FOLEY.

1 LYNN LABROWSKI. DAVE DOBRZYN. MARIE  
2 SCHUMACHER.)

3 MS. REED: FIFTH ORDER. 5-A.  
4 MOTIONS.

5 MR. ROGAN: Mr. Perry, any motions  
6 or comments?

7 MR. PERRY: Yes, a few comments.  
8 The business administrator got in touch with  
9 our office and, Ms. Jeffries, you will be  
10 happy, he agrees with the idea of using cell  
11 towers lease funds to help infuse our much  
12 needed street sign project, so that's  
13 something that be will going forward in the  
14 near future. We don't have the nitty-gritty  
15 on it yet on how we are going to do it, but  
16 just spit balling it with fellow councilmen  
17 it feels like the best course of action  
18 being go to the areas of the city that  
19 actually need it the most and use the money  
20 as we get it from those funds to replace  
21 everything. So funding is always the most  
22 difficult thing so it seems like at least we  
23 do have some infusion of the funds to get  
24 that project off the ground and running and  
25 then we just have to keep it going. It



1           seems like it's now getting down to the  
2           manpower and how we are going to implement  
3           it. Very happy with that.

4                     Also, there will be -- I believe,  
5           Mr. Rogan, I forgot to bring this up in the  
6           caucus, you are going to be meeting with the  
7           business administrator on refuse. If you  
8           could include in your meeting about credit  
9           card payments.

10                    MR. ROGAN: Absolutely.

11                    MR. PERRY: I know that our former  
12           BA Bulzoni said that's something that the  
13           city felt necessary to move forward to just  
14           help increase revenue and he was going to  
15           bring that back. I guess it was such an  
16           antiquated system to we have to get funds  
17           that city hall on the credit card payment  
18           plan was just it was going to be difficult  
19           to do, but we are a year into it now and  
20           that would be something I think would be  
21           beneficial for the city.

22                    I want to thank on motions and Fifth  
23           Order it is, and I just want to thank  
24           Mr. and Mrs. Burns. They donated \$1,000 to  
25           the Scranton Fire Department. For those of

1           you not familiar, their son Collin went  
2           missing for several hours and was found by  
3           the Scranton Police Department after search  
4           up in Montage Mountain. It was a very grave  
5           situation and he was found, he is safe and  
6           just to give their thanks and gratitude,  
7           which is absolutely not necessary, the  
8           family did donate \$1,000 to the Fire  
9           Department. We had a letter from Chief Pat  
10          Desarno and he intends to use that money for  
11          much needed equipment that the Fire  
12          Department needs.

13                        Finally, oh the census was brought  
14          up, there was a question on the census. The  
15          census I do believe there is a good and --  
16          there is a good opportunity for a really  
17          properly accounted for census to really help  
18          the city, especially a city like Scranton  
19          and 2020 is going to be an important year.  
20          The Census Bureau plans, they are probably  
21          in the final stages of getting everything  
22          where they need. You can contact the Census  
23          Bureau at [Census.gov](https://www.census.gov). Our regional office  
24          for this area that takes care all of  
25          Pennsylvania and most of northeast is in

1 Philadelphia, and you can contact their  
2 office off of that Census.gov page and they  
3 are doing hiring, they are always looking  
4 for volunteers, and if there was a  
5 subcommittee formed by the city to help the  
6 Census Bureau I'm all for that because  
7 anything we can do to help move that along  
8 and get more accurately accounted for the  
9 biggest funds count me in.

10 Finally, with that one question  
11 about the zoning, the zoning complaints, can  
12 we just make contact Mr. Sweeney just to  
13 give the council an update on the visit that  
14 he had there and see if there is any zoning  
15 infractions that are happening, what he  
16 found just so we can just get on the same  
17 page. If he gives us a call that can be his  
18 responsibility, put it in an e-mail or if  
19 it's a letter just make sure we are all  
20 copied on that and that way we are all on  
21 the loop and we can kind of get on the same  
22 page and see where we are at with it and we  
23 can from there. Do yo guys need these  
24 pictures back?

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER: No, you can keep

1           them.

2                   MR. PERRY: Well, I'll keep them in  
3           our Clerk's Office that way if we need to  
4           refer to them again we'll keep them there.  
5           And that's all I have today, Mr. Rogan.

6                   MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Mr. Donahue,  
7           any motions or comments?

8                   MR. DONAHUE: The only comment I  
9           have at this time, Mrs. Reed, would you be  
10          able to get me a copy of the Reilly  
11          engineering report on the Young's property  
12          so I can review that, please? And that's  
13          all I have this evening.

14                  MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Mr. Evans,  
15          do you have any motions or comments?

16                  MR. EVANS: Thank you. First of  
17          all, I am very sorry to see the Youngs here  
18          again. I'm embarrassed, I'm ashamed that  
19          it's taken this long, that we are almost  
20          back to where we started from. There is no  
21          reason in the world that we can't have that  
22          meeting that you're requesting and have that  
23          meeting soon. So all of us are in  
24          concurrence with that, we are going to do  
25          everything we can and make that happen. I

1 think if reasonable people get together we  
2 will come to a reasonable solution and we  
3 will move on with this project and get it  
4 done for you.

5 Again, I'm sorry that you have to be  
6 here again after 18 months of all you have  
7 done to try to get this to a conclusion, but  
8 hopefully we are almost there so I promise I  
9 will do my best to get that meeting as soon  
10 as we can, and I'll let you know if I hear  
11 anything at all between now and next week.

12 Earlier this evening, Council  
13 President Rogan signed a proxy that he  
14 appointed me as designee to the board that  
15 oversees NDC and ABM parking assets. Of  
16 course, that's something I have been very  
17 interested in since the agreement between  
18 the city and NDC was forged. I have  
19 appeared at the Scranton Parking Authority  
20 meetings to discuss this issue, my concerns  
21 and offer suggestions on parking. I met  
22 with principals of NDC and ABM on numerous  
23 occasions and I have strong opinions on the  
24 current rates within the parking garages as  
25 well as expanding and creating a better

1 system for on-street parking in the downtown  
2 and other areas under NDC's purview.

3 The walkability, vitality and growth  
4 of our downtown are very much linked with  
5 the progressive parking program, one that  
6 works and allows for a positive experience  
7 parking on the street as well as in the  
8 garages. I'm not only a city councilman,  
9 I'm a downtown resident. In one of those  
10 apartments that are vacant, by the way, to  
11 my knowledge, there is waiting list in  
12 almost every single building downtown for  
13 apartments just to make that point. But,  
14 again, I'm a downtown residents and I'm also  
15 a parking garage customer so my perspective  
16 is not only unique but also relevant.

17 After a slow start, I've seen  
18 progress made by NDC and ABM in the recent  
19 months, but the dialogue and conversation  
20 have to continue and it will. I would like  
21 to formally request, if my colleagues  
22 concur, that we ask ABM representatives and  
23 NDC representatives to come to a work  
24 session to discuss what they have done so  
25 far up-to-date and what's in store fro the

1 future for the garages as well as on-street  
2 parking, so if that's okay we'll send a  
3 letter out. I know Councilman Wechsler was  
4 initiating that, but I will take another  
5 step further out and contact them.

6 MR. ROGAN: If we can add Solicitor  
7 Johns as well from the Parking Authority.

8 MS. EVANS: Sure. Absolutely. Not  
9 a problem. Another issue, some of you  
10 remember my numerous comments quite a few  
11 years ago about a NIZ, which is the  
12 neighborhood improvement zone, which has  
13 completely turned around the Allentown  
14 business district. To date because of the  
15 designation over \$2 billion has been  
16 invested or will be invested in the  
17 designated areas of downtown Allentown and  
18 the Lehigh River corridor.

19 Another version of that is known as  
20 a CRIZ, or city revitalization and  
21 improvement zone, and Bethlehem has that  
22 designation as well, so two cities in the  
23 Lehigh Valley have that same designation.  
24 Because of the CRIZ designation completion  
25 is nearing on a six-story building, a mixed

1 use building in downtown Bethlehem called "A  
2 Gateway at Greenway Park." It's a \$20  
3 million project, 127,000 square feet and it  
4 would not have happened without that CRIZ  
5 designation. As a reminder, Allentown is  
6 one city -- the only city that has a NIZ.  
7 Bethlehem and Lancaster currently have the  
8 CRIZ designations. The CRIZ was established  
9 to spur new growth in cities that have  
10 struggled to attract development. Helping  
11 to revive downtowns and create jobs for the  
12 residents of the area. The CRIZ is an area  
13 of 130 acres comprised of parcels designated  
14 by an authority to capture state and local  
15 taxes for the purpose of improving and  
16 development within that zone.

17 Similar to a tax incremental finance  
18 or TIF program, it is structured to protect  
19 the assisting state and local tax base while  
20 providing incremental funding for tax  
21 revenues based on the new growth generated  
22 over and above and established business  
23 baseline and new revenue generated in the  
24 zone by new businesses. The CRIZ allows  
25 certain state and local taxes generated by



1 the business in the zone to be used to be  
2 paid debt service, thereby spurring economic  
3 development projects into that zone.

4 So where do we stand on CRIZ? Well,  
5 I have been talking about this for about  
6 three years and as we exit Act 47 any  
7 success that will achieved post-Act 47 will  
8 be through growth, not maintaining the  
9 status quo, so it's important more than ever  
10 that we begin to put into place those  
11 initiatives that will bring and maintain our  
12 growth.

13 So it's my understanding that much  
14 of the decision making on this issue lies  
15 squarely in the Governor's Office, so I  
16 would like to send a letter to the governor  
17 asking him to consider support a CRIZ  
18 designation for the City of Scranton. If  
19 everyone concurs, or we are able to discuss  
20 it I'm glad to, but that's something I think  
21 is very, very important. The governor has  
22 -- I'm not sure if it's because of the  
23 economical climate in Pennsylvania right now  
24 he has been slow to expand the CRIZ, but  
25 again, we are the poster child for this as

1 we exit Act 47. So I'm hoping that he takes  
2 a good hard look at this and we can have a  
3 dialogue and conversation because it's that  
4 important for the City of Scranton as we  
5 enter, again, that time that we are going to  
6 be exiting Act 47. So that's all I have for  
7 tonight.

8 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Councilman  
9 Gaughan, do you have any motions or  
10 comments?

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, thank you. First  
12 of all, I just want to say that I disagree  
13 with not having a meeting next week and  
14 cancelling because of Martin Luther King day  
15 and I brought this up in the caucus. You  
16 know, I think we should reschedule that  
17 meeting. There is lot of holidays that fall  
18 on Mondays, and as Mrs. Schumacher correctly  
19 pointed out, there is a lot of important  
20 issues to discuss even if there is nothing  
21 on the agenda. I mean, we are getting sued  
22 by everybody and their brother, so I don't  
23 think that we should take meetings off  
24 because of holidays. You know, we take a  
25 few weeks off in August and I think that's

1           enough.

2                       Second thing, I just want to remind  
3           everyone that the DPW will be picking  
4           Christmas trees up today through the end of  
5           the month and they would ask that you do not  
6           put the Christmas trees in bags.

7                       I also wanted to point out, just  
8           before Christmas in a December 16 article, I  
9           was kind of just astounded by it, the  
10          Scranton Sewer Authority is paying nearly  
11          \$40,000 to the DeNaples trucking firm for a  
12          bulldozer the agency rented last year but  
13          failed to return. The Authority, which had  
14          no written contract for the rental, it was  
15          done by way of verbal agreement, did not  
16          transfer the bulldozer rental agreement with  
17          N & L Transportation of Dunmore to the buyer  
18          of the sewer system Pennsylvania American  
19          Water in the December 29 closing of the  
20          sewer sale, said authority executive  
21          director and Solicitor Jason Shrive.

22                      You know, there is a few issues with  
23          this. I requested from Mr. Shrive how many  
24          other verbal agreements are there currently  
25          and in the past? How many handshake

1           agreements, pat on the back agreements are  
2           there for \$40,000, and if a bulldozer could  
3           slip through the cracks what else could slip  
4           through the cracks?

5                     You know, this is why months ago I  
6           sat up here and I was yelling at the top of  
7           my lungs in this room and in the room over  
8           there where they had the Sewer Authority  
9           meetings to bring the Auditor General in to  
10          audit the sale of the Sewer Authority. Lo  
11          and behold, a few months later a bulldozer,  
12          a big bulldozer, somehow falls through the  
13          cracks and guess what there is another  
14          verbal agreement. We saw a \$200,000 --  
15          actually a \$400,000 verbal agreement with  
16          Ned Abrahamsen, now we see a \$40,000 verbal  
17          agreement for a bulldozer with N & L  
18          Transportation. So I would like to know  
19          from Mr. Shrive what other verbal agreements  
20          are there and I would like to know that  
21          immediately.

22                     And I also ask, I have been asking  
23          for a number of items, I asked were RFPs  
24          issued for all of the mandated work  
25          performed by the Sewer Authority between

1 December 2015 and December 2016, and I have  
2 been asking for a list of the companies that  
3 perform the mandated work assigned by the  
4 Authority. I have asked for this November  
5 1, September 15, and I have yet to receive  
6 any of that information so we did submit  
7 another request.

8 In the caucus I brought up, I'd like  
9 to ask the Attorney General for an update on  
10 the review or investigation, whatever you  
11 want to call it, into the sale of the Sewer  
12 Authority. A number of months ago he had  
13 written Attorney General Josh Shapiro a  
14 letter to the editor in which he said that  
15 he was, you know, reviewing it, his office  
16 was taking a look at it and investigating  
17 it, it's been a few months now so I would  
18 like to know is there a timeline, what's  
19 going on with that.

20 Also, it's been brought up here the  
21 past few months and in tonight's meeting,  
22 but I am extremely concerned over the very  
23 real possibility that the city may lose one,  
24 if not more, of the lawsuits that have been  
25 brought against it and if that happens that

1 will all be repeal the chances of the city  
2 exiting Act 47 and send us over a fiscal  
3 cliff. Act 511, where the Commonwealth  
4 Court just rejected the city's appeal, the  
5 trash lawsuit, which was just certified as a  
6 class action, the Scranton Sewer Authority  
7 where the legality of the whole entire deal  
8 has been called into question, and I'm not  
9 an attorney, but the state law seems to be  
10 very clear on the issue. The problem is we  
11 have already spent almost all of the  
12 proceeds, and rental registration.

13 So apparently we are having an  
14 executive session next week with the city  
15 solicitor and I'm going to interested to see  
16 what the mayor and his administration's Plan  
17 B is on this. My other concern is that we  
18 are going, or we already have or we are in  
19 process of depositing millions of dollars  
20 into the pension funds while we are still  
21 engaged in lawsuits by the police unions  
22 which could have devastating effects on the  
23 funds viability in we should lose these  
24 cases.

25 Now, I want to remind everybody what

1           these cases involved. The first one is a  
2           class action lawsuit brought in 2006 by  
3           retired police officers who are seeking  
4           recovery of longevity increases to which  
5           they contend they were entitled to in  
6           addition to their pension payment. If the  
7           plaintiffs are successful, there will be a  
8           material impact on the pension funds for  
9           police and fire firefighters. The city  
10          believes and is confident that it will  
11          prevail on the merits with respect to this  
12          litigation, however, given the size of the  
13          class involved and the number of years in  
14          question in the event the litigation has  
15          decided in a manner adverse to the city, the  
16          impact on the pension funds for police and  
17          firefighters would be material. So that's  
18          number one.

19                       Number two, the Fraternal Order of  
20          Police has filed a grievance regarding the  
21          retirement age required under the police  
22          pension fund. The FOP is taking the  
23          position that there is no age requirement as  
24          a result. If the FOP's position is  
25          sustained, the actuarial calculation will

1           require a substantial increase in the city's  
2           annual pension contribution for the police  
3           fund. The grievance has been heard by an  
4           arbiter and the city and the FOP are  
5           awaiting the arbitration decision. If the  
6           matter is decided in a manner adverse to the  
7           city, the impact on the police pension fund  
8           could be material.

9                        So even on top of the other lawsuits  
10           that I just mentioned if we lose one of  
11           these, and we don't have the best success in  
12           court in arbitration, we are throwing all of  
13           this money into the pension fund and these  
14           two lawsuits could take us right back where  
15           we started.

16                       So the mayor has said to rely on the  
17           lawyers. I said this before, that's one of  
18           the scariest statements I have ever heard  
19           since I have been on council. We should be  
20           having serious conversations about this and  
21           what we are going to do in the very likely  
22           event we come out on the bottom of one of  
23           these suits. The answer cannot be to go  
24           back to the taxpayers again and ask them for  
25           a bail out. Thank you.



1 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Just one  
2 brief comment following up on what  
3 Councilman Evans mentioned, past council  
4 president Joe Wechsler did serve on the  
5 advisory board for the Parking Authority and  
6 Councilman Evans did reach out to me a few  
7 weeks ago expressing an interest to serve as  
8 my proxy for my position and as a resident  
9 of the downtown and a member -- and a patron  
10 of the garages, Councilman Evans does have a  
11 little more perspective on the condition of  
12 the garages than anyone sitting on this  
13 board, so I will forward to looking with him  
14 in that respect and, you know, I think will  
15 work very well on that. So I just wanted to  
16 just to follow up on that item.

17 As was mentioned, we are having a  
18 meeting, a very large meeting on Friday  
19 regarding garbage fee billing and rental  
20 registration issues, so there is -- I mean,  
21 I'll have a lot more to say on that at next  
22 week's meeting and I do appreciate the  
23 suggestion Councilman Perry regarding the  
24 credit card billing. The city is behind the  
25 times when it comes to electronic payments.

1           That's definitely something that we need to  
2           get caught up on. That is it tonight.  
3           Thank you.

4                   MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION - A  
5           RESOLUTION - ACCEPTING A ONE THOUSAND  
6           (\$1,000.00) DOLLAR DONATION FROM MR. AND  
7           MRS. JOHN BURNS PRESENTED TO THE CITY OF  
8           SCRANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT IN APPRECIATION FOR  
9           THE RESCUE OF THEIR SON.

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

13                   MR. PERRY: So moved.

14                   MR. EVANS: Second.

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

18                   MR. PERRY: Aye.

19                   MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

20                   MR. EVANS: Aye.

21                   MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

24                   MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
25           A RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF BRIAN FALLON,

1 719 RIVER STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA,  
2 18505 TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE  
3 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION EFFECTIVE  
4 JANUARY 1, 2018.

5 MR. ROGAN: At this time, I'll  
6 entertain a motion that Item 5-C be  
7 introduced into its proper committee.

8 MR. PERRY: So moved.

9 MR. EVANS: Second.

10 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question,  
12 I just want to wish Mr. Fallon the best of  
13 luck in his new position and in dealing with  
14 him over the last four years he has been  
15 nothing but professional and I think will  
16 continue to do a great job for the city.

17 MS. EVANS: On the question, I would  
18 agree with that. I have known Brian  
19 forever, since he was born probably, and the  
20 entire Fallon family, they are great people,  
21 Joanne and Jack, his parents. I have seen  
22 Brian did a great job so far I think this is  
23 a wise move to create a position back into  
24 the budget and he is the right person for it  
25 and so I'm looking forward to some real

1 positive results in our park system.

2 MR. PERRY: Yes, on the question, I  
3 agree with both councilmen on that, I spoke  
4 with Mr. Fallon this week and he is excited  
5 to get to work and this really will free up  
6 his time to dedicate it on all the needs  
7 that the parks have, which are plenty,  
8 including taking care of our tree house that  
9 is in need of repair, so he is up for the  
10 challenge and definitely the best person for  
11 the job.

12 MR. ROGAN: All those in favor  
13 signify by saying aye.

14 MR. PERRY: Aye.

15 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

16 MR. EVANS: Aye.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

18 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
19 have it and so moved.

20 MS. REED: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A. NO  
21 BUSINESS AT THIS TIME.

22 SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. NO BUSINESS AT  
23 THIS TIME.

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

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MR. PERRY: Motion to adjourn.

MR. ROGAN: Meeting is adjourned.

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