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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

Monday, January 22, 2018

LOCATION:

Council Chambers
Scranton City Hall
340 North Washington Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania

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- 1 CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:
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- 3 PATRICK ROGAN, PRESIDENT
- 4 TIM PERRY, VICE PRESIDENT
- 5 WAYNE EVANS
- 6 WILLIAM GAUGHAN
- 7 KYLE DONAHUE
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- 9 LORI REED, CITY CLERK
- 10 KATHY CARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK
- 11 JOSEPH COLBASSANI, ESQUIRE - SOLICITOR
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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. Please dispense
 14 with the reading of the minutes.
 15 MS. REED: THIRD ORDER. 3-A.
 16 BREAKDOWN OF THE ELIGIBLE SALARIES FOR THE
 17 LIQUID FUELS ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTHS OF
 18 OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2017.
 19 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
 20 If not, received and filed.
 21 MS. REED: 3-B. SINGLE TAX OFFICE
 22 CITY FUNDS DISTRIBUTED COMPARISON REPORT
 23 2016-2017 YEAR TO DATE DECEMBER 31, 2017.
 24 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
 25 If not, received and filed.

1 MS. REED: 3-C. MINUTES OF THE
 2 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE
 3 SCRANTON HOUSING AUTHORITY HELD DECEMBER 4,
 4 2017.
 5 MR. ROGAN: Any comments? Received
 6 and filed.
 7 MS. REED: 3-D. CONTROLLER'S REPORT
 8 FOR MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017.
 9 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
 10 If not, received and filed.
 11 MS. REED: 3-E. MINUTES OF THE
 12 REGULAR MEETING OF THE LACKAWANNA COUNTY
 13 LAND BANK HELD DECEMBER 8, 2017.
 14 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
 15 If not, received and filed.
 16 MS. REED: 3-F. MINUTES OF THE
 17 SCRANTON FIREFIGHTERS PENSION COMMISSION
 18 MEETING HELD DECEMBER 20, 2017.
 19 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
 20 If not, received and filed.
 21 MS. REED: 3-G. MINUTES OF THE
 22 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING
 23 HELD DECEMBER 20, 2017.
 24 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
 25 If not, received and filed.

1 MS. REED: 3-H. MINUTES OF THE
 2 SCRANTON POLICE PENSION COMMISSION MEETING
 3 HELD DECEMBER 20, 2017.
 4 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
 5 If not, received and filed.
 6 MS. REED: 3-I. MINUTES OF THE
 7 COMPOSITE PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD
 8 DECEMBER 20, 2017.
 9 MR. ROGAN: Any comments? Received
 10 and filed.
 11 MS. REED: 3-J. AGENDA FOR THE
 12 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING
 13 HELD JANUARY 17, 2018.
 14 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
 15 If not, received and filed.
 16 Do any council members have
 17 announcements at this time?
 18 MR. PERRY: Yes, I have one
 19 announcement. This is going to be a public
 20 safety announcement. The Civil Service
 21 Commission would like to announce that they
 22 will be conducting an entry level exam for
 23 firefighter and EMT candidates. The written
 24 exam will be held on Saturday, March 3, 0
 25 a.m. The test location will be University

1 of Scranton DeNaples Center, room 407, which
 2 is located at 900 Mulberry Street.
 3 Interested candidates can pick up
 4 applications at the HR Department on the
 5 third floor of city hall starting today and
 6 continuing through Friday, February 2,
 7 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.
 8 There is a nonrefundable application
 9 fee of \$100 required for the testing.
 10 Candidates must be at least 20 years of age
 11 on the date of written exam, possess a valid
 12 driver's license, have a high school diploma
 13 or GED, give excellent moral character and
 14 be able to pass an extensive background
 15 check. The top 60 candidates on the written
 16 exam with the score of 70 percent or above
 17 will be able to proceed to the next level of
 18 the testing process.
 19 So if you want to be firemen now is
 20 the best chance that you have. Go sign up
 21 and take a test and good luck, everybody.
 22 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else? I have a
 23 couple of announcements to make. The first
 24 one, we had an executive session earlier
 25 this evening to discuss pending litigation.

1 Also, I'd like to remind people that
2 DPW crews are continuing to collect
3 Christmas trees that are left at the curb
4 until the end of this month. The trees
5 should not be in bags and they will be
6 recycled.

7 Another reminder that snow from
8 sidewalks need to be removed in 24 hours
9 after the event by city code. One of our
10 former inspectors wanted to announce that as
11 well.

12 And, finally, since our meetings
13 have changed ECTV wanted to announce the new
14 broadcast schedule for city council
15 meetings. So, obviously, Monday at 6:00,
16 those who are watching now the meetings will
17 be broadcast live. They will also be
18 broadcast Tuesday at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday at
19 10:00 a.m., Saturday at 12:00 p.m. and
20 Sunday at 8:00 p.m. So that will be the
21 schedule ongoing.

22 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'
23 PARTICIPATION.

24 (The following speakers gave public
25 comment:

1 GERARD HETMAN. JOAN HODOWANITZ. BOB
2 BOLUS. LEE MORGAN. DAVE DOBRZYN. RON
3 ELLMAN. MARIE SCHUMACHER.)

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

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

7 MR. PERRY: I just have one quick one
8 from one of the speakers brought up parking
9 meter, parking was a hot topic this last
10 week and I know we met with NDC which
11 referred us to ABM and we were sold a
12 professional bill of goods and that's what a
13 we anticipated operating with and working
14 with as a public and private company. I'm
15 just asking for them to hold up to their
16 bargain just a little bit more, especially
17 when it comes to communication on what's
18 happening with our meters as of of right
19 now.

20 And I think the suggestion that was
21 brought up about posting downed meters on
22 their website is at the very least something
23 that they could do. So if there is not any
24 objections to sending a letter from council
25 to ABM. I would just like it stating that

1 we would like any and all down meters on a
2 go forward posted on a website with a an
3 approximate date of correction. I mean, I
4 don't think that's too much to ask and I
5 know there has been discussions going on, I
6 know Councilman Evans will talk more on this
7 but, yeah, it's a private company but they
8 are working with the public and they need to
9 understand that and one of the things that I
10 felt comfortable with this company was that
11 they -- this isn't their first rodeo. They
12 have done in other cities and bigger cities
13 so they know the game plan.

14 So, again, all we are asking for a
15 little courtesy, keep us up-to-date what's
16 happening so we can relay that to the people
17 who ask us. Sometimes we feel like we are
18 in the dark here way too often when it comes
19 to situations like that and in today's day
20 and age we really shouldn't be. There
21 shouldn't be -- you know, information should
22 be supplied like that, so I'm just asking
23 for them to keep us in the loop so we can
24 keep everybody else in the loop. Mr. Rogan,
25 that's all I have for tonight.

1 MR. ROGAN: Thank you very much. Mr.
2 Donahue, any motions or comments?

3 MR. DONAHUE: Yes, I don't have much
4 tonight, but I'd like to briefly touch on a
5 few different issues. First is the last
6 meeting I was able to review the engineering
7 report regarding the Young/Kennedy property
8 and also sit down with Mr. Young to go over
9 his concerns. There was a meeting held last
10 week between the Youngs, Kennedys,
11 representatives from O'Reilly Associates as
12 well as Councilman Evans and Gaughan. I did
13 not attend because if there were three
14 council members present it would have to be
15 be publically advertised, which would have
16 further delayed the project and I wanted
17 Mr. Young to be able to express his
18 concerns. So I'll just let Councilman Evans
19 and Gaughan go into further detail regarding
20 that meeting.

21 I would just like to say that I'm
22 looking forward to working with the
23 administration over the next coming weeks
24 and month to move this project forward so
25 that it's acceptable to all parties.

1 Secondly, I would just like to touch
 2 on the situation that arose last week
 3 regarding the downtown parking meters.
 4 Unfortunately, you know, irresponsible
 5 financial decisions by prior councils forced
 6 the city to give up control of parking
 7 assets in order to stave off the city's
 8 financial collapse, but we have to deal with
 9 the cards we are dealt, but I think moving
 10 forward we need to work with AMB to first
 11 make sure that absolutely no parking spaces
 12 have been or are taken out of commission
 13 just because the meter is being serviced.
 14 There are downtown business that rely on
 15 that continuous flow of traffic in and out,
 16 you know, for their businesses.

17 Secondly, I think we need to start
 18 to develop a process to more importantly
 19 facilitate communication between ABM and the
 20 city, downtown businesses and residents as
 21 well as the public at large.

22 And then, lastly, I would just like
 23 -- I would like to make a motion to draft a
 24 letter to Auditor General DePasquale in
 25 support of his request to expand his

1 office's authority to include the municipal
 2 authorities -- to expand his office's
 3 authority to include municipal authorities
 4 as well as the state legislature. The lack
 5 of authority to perform those audits without
 6 being asked to do so undermines the primary
 7 role of the Auditor General as the public's
 8 fiscal watchdog, and I'd also like to copy
 9 Senator Blake as well as State
 10 Representatives Flynn and Haggerty along
 11 with that.

12 MS. EVANS: If that would be in the
 13 form of a motion, I would second that.

14 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.

16 I am in full support of Senate Bill 597 and
 17 the effort by the Auditor General Eugene
 18 DePasquale to gain greater oversight over
 19 municipal authorities throughout the State
 20 of Pennsylvania. The fact that the Auditor
 21 General currently doesn't have the authority
 22 to simply come in and audit an authority
 23 without being invited is absurd.

24 The Auditor General's efforts are
 25 particularly important for the City of

1 Scranton in light of the stonewalling that
 2 city council, the public and the media faced
 3 when asking questions about the sale of the
 4 Scranton Sewer Authority and Pennsylvania
 5 American Water. In May of 2017 after months
 6 of stall and delay tactics by this
 7 administration and the Scranton Sewer
 8 Authority, I asked the Sewer Authority board
 9 to invite the Auditor General in to audit
 10 the sale of the Scranton Sewer Authority to
 11 Pennsylvania American Water, a very simple
 12 request. In one of the most egregious,
 13 appalling and spineless acts that I have
 14 ever seen the mayor's appointees to the
 15 Scranton Sewer Authority board voted against
 16 the request. They voted against
 17 transparency. If everything was done above
 18 board, as Mayor Courtright and others so
 19 often have suggested, then what is the harm
 20 in shining a little light on the deal to
 21 make sure and verify. I would urge Mayor
 22 Courtright in addition to the others that
 23 Councilman Donahue has asked, to sign onto
 24 this letter and to fully support the Auditor
 25 General in his quest to increase

1 transparency and accountable in local
 2 government. Thank you.

3 MR. ROGAN: Anybody else?

4 MR. PERRY: Yes, on the question. I
 5 have no issue with this whatsoever. We have
 6 asked the Auditor General to take a deep
 7 look at this and other issues and it could
 8 have prevented and would have prevented a
 9 lot of questions that we had if we did have
 10 an independent third party audit the
 11 situation. I can't stress that enough and
 12 to have it refused so many times, you know,
 13 it's kind of unthinkable, but, yes I'm
 14 absolutely in favor of this motion.

15 MR. EVANS: On the question, quite
 16 frankly, this is really a no-brainer and
 17 long overdue so I welcome this legislation
 18 and I applaud the Auditor General for
 19 bringing it forth. Truly he is somebody who
 20 has the best interest of all of the citizens
 21 of Pennsylvania at heart, so I absolutely
 22 will vote for this.

23 MR. ROGAN: All those in favor
 24 signify by saying aye.

25 MR. PERRY: Aye.

1 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.
 2 MR. EVANS: Aye.
 3 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.
 4 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
 5 have it and so moved.
 6 MR. DONAHUE: That's all I have.
 7 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Mr. Evans,
 8 any motions or comments?
 9 MS. EVANS: Yes. Briefly on the
 10 Young property, I don't want to get too deep
 11 into this because we are still -- it's still
 12 a work in progress, but Councilman Gaughan
 13 and myself met with Reilly Associates and
 14 the Youngs and the Kennedys and we feel like
 15 we developed a framework to resolve this
 16 issue once and for all. So we are waiting
 17 on the administration to respond. So far
 18 from what I -- the people I have talked to
 19 within the administration has been
 20 favorable, but we haven't heard from the
 21 mayor yet, but I expect a positive response
 22 and finally we will be able to put this
 23 issue behind us and get this think taken
 24 care of for the Youngs.
 25 On other news, our Monday meetings

1 will I think in my view open up additional
 2 opportunities for more work sessions and the
 3 revisions of the idea sessions that we
 4 started a few years ago. Previously our
 5 Thursday meetings and scheduling conflicts
 6 played a role in delaying renewal of the
 7 sessions, so I would expect because of the
 8 change to Mondays that he will have more
 9 meetings than in past years and we will have
 10 more informative work sessions as well as
 11 more members of the public involved through
 12 work sessions and the idea session format
 13 that we expect to start soon.
 14 With that said I would like announce
 15 the first idea session for 2018 on February
 16 22 at 6:00 p.m., that's a Thursday. It is
 17 our goal to have at least one per quarter in
 18 2018, a total of at least four meetings this
 19 year to meet with the public and come up
 20 with real ideas and real solutions.
 21 The format will be quite simple. We
 22 will meet here in council chambers. The
 23 sessions will be approximately one hour or
 24 longer. The public will be invited and
 25 there will be a clear subject objective for

1 each meeting. The first 30 minutes are so
 2 of the meeting will be to develop as many
 3 ideas as we can on the specific topic and
 4 the last 30 minutes or so will be to develop
 5 and reduce those ideas to manageable,
 6 workable, doable ideas as a council and the
 7 community that we all can get behind.
 8 So the idea session will be simply
 9 called 6 in 60. So we are looking for six
 10 ideas in 60 minutes. The first session will
 11 be inviting the small business community,
 12 and quite simply the charge for that evening
 13 will be what ideas do they have that would
 14 make the City of Scranton more business
 15 friendly for the small businesses that are
 16 currently operating in the city and to
 17 attract more small business into the city.
 18 Of course, my fellow council will be
 19 asked to participate and while the first
 20 meeting will be co-chaired by myself and
 21 Councilman Gaughan, future meetings will be
 22 chaired by two different councilmen and the
 23 subject for those sessions will vary
 24 depending on need and the interest of the
 25 chairs.

1 Finally, I want to make one thing
 2 perfectly clear. These are not complaint
 3 sessions, they will be idea sessions. So if
 4 you chose to participate we will be asking
 5 to leave your complaints at the door and
 6 join us for a positive session on making the
 7 city the best it can be. That's all I have
 8 right now.
 9 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Councilmen
 10 Gaughan, any motions or comments?
 11 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, thank you. First
 12 of all, I want to thank Councilman Evans for
 13 bringing up the idea sessions again, I think
 14 it's a good idea and I think what we saw the
 15 last time when we went through these
 16 meetings was a lot of good things came out
 17 of them. Specifically, we were taking a
 18 look at technology, Councilman Wechsler and
 19 I, and one of the ideas that came out of the
 20 meeting was the program that we have now
 21 Granticus, so we now -- the public can see
 22 everything that we see up here where in the
 23 past you would have to come down and ask for
 24 a copy of the legislation, now everything
 25 that your councilmen up here see you can see

1 online, you don't have to request it
2 anymore. So we are opening up the lines of
3 communication between the governing body and
4 the public so hopefully we will see more of
5 of that.

6 I just have a few citizens' request,
7 the first one, Mrs. Reed, we received a
8 letter from a gentleman about 623 Crown
9 Avenue, apparently the property is
10 collapsing. He provided pictures to city
11 council so I'd like to know if this property
12 is not currently on the demolition list and
13 if we could find out what the status is from
14 Licensing and Inspections.

15 Also, just a brief update on the
16 land bank. To date, the land bank has sold
17 43 properties in the City of Scranton and
18 were previously on the Tax Claim Bureau of
19 Repository or unsold properties.
20 Mr. Pappas, the business relations manager
21 for the Department of Planning and Economic
22 Development reported to city council that
23 they also have several additional properties
24 at different stages of the disposition
25 process. So to date, in my opinion, I think

1 that the land bank program has been pretty
2 successful, so we look forward to more
3 properties being sold in 2018.

4 Solicitor Minora had sent a letter
5 out after our request two weeks ago, January
6 16, asking the Attorney General for an
7 update on their sewer sale review so we'll
8 look forward to a response from the Attorney
9 General.

10 Also, the NDC meetings, we were
11 discussing this in caucus and it's my belief
12 that these meetings should be public. There
13 has been a lot of conversation about the
14 parking meters and other things related to
15 the parking system in the city and in the
16 downtown and I think that if you are going
17 to have public officials, the mayor, the
18 city controller, and others on the board
19 that they should be open to the public and
20 the fact that NDC is a private company
21 doesn't mean anything to me because they are
22 dealing with a public entity. They are
23 dealing with taxpayer dollars. So it's my
24 belief that these meetings should be open to
25 the public. And that's all I have this

1 week. Thank you.

2 MR. ROGAN: Thank you very much.
3 Just a couple of the items, my colleagues
4 already touched on the issue about the
5 meters being down, and I did have a number
6 of people that reached out to me and I know
7 Councilman Evans was right on the spot with
8 getting the ball rolling with this, but the
9 downed meters really is a serious issues for
10 the business owners in downtown Scranton.
11 So if it's agreeable to my colleagues, I
12 would like to send correspondence to ABM
13 that in the future when meters are down that
14 they are not bagged, that people are just
15 allowed to park for free as has been past
16 practice when the meter is inoperable.

17 Secondly, regarding the recycling
18 bins, which Mr. Dobrzyn has brought up at a
19 couple of meetings, if we could see if the
20 city does do any enforcement regarding that.
21 I have noticed a lot of people using the
22 city recycling bins more so for garbage than
23 recycling, particularly blue bins more so
24 than the red bins.

25 A couple of questions came up

1 regarding the meeting date changed to
2 Monday, I believe, and our office did look
3 into this, there is currently I think it's
4 three less meetings than last year, and as
5 Councilman Evans mentioned, filling in with
6 idea sessions throughout the course of the
7 year more than likely council will meet more
8 this year than last year.

9 And regarding the meeting date, the
10 meeting date is selected by the members of
11 council to the date that works the best for
12 their schedule. Since I have been on
13 council, I believe we met on Tuesdays,
14 Thursday, possibly Wednesdays and now
15 Mondays, so we have met every day but Friday
16 for the most part, so there has been changes
17 as different people come on council to fit
18 all of the schedules of the different
19 members, so Monday was what worked best for
20 the five members of council.

21 On the agenda tonight there is quite
22 a bit of legislation for our police
23 department, and I just wanted to take this
24 opportunity to commend Chief Carl Graziano
25 for all his hard work on behalf of the city.

1 The first piece of legislation we are going
2 to vote on is a grant to allow the police
3 department to implement programs for the
4 prevention and response to drug overdose
5 deaths. As we all know, that in
6 Northeastern Pennsylvania, and all
7 throughout the country, drug abuse has been
8 a growing issue and I'm glad that our chief
9 is being proactive on that.

10 There is also further legislation
11 regarding the Serrenti Center, which I know
12 we have debated this at length at our
13 council meetings, so I will just touch on it
14 very briefly, but this is a great program, a
15 great building the city is attempting to
16 acquire from the federal government to have
17 a lot of training and to have an additional
18 police presence in the Hill Section. Not to
19 mention just a storage issue, it was cheaper
20 to acquire this building for free from the
21 federal government than to construct even a
22 pole barn.

23 So I just wanted to comment briefly
24 on some of these items and really all of the
25 legislation as pertaining to the police

1 department and I want to thank our chief and
2 all our officers for all of their hard work.
3 That is all.

4 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION -
5 AN ORDINANCE - CREATING AND ESTABLISHING
6 SPECIAL CITY ACCOUNT NO. 02.229624 ENTITLED
7 "CONTRACT FOR RECOVERY PROGRAM" FOR THE
8 RECEIPT AND DISTRIBUTION OF GRANT FUNDS FROM
9 NEPA HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION AND ANY
10 ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDS APPLIED FOR AND
11 RECEIVED THAT WOULD ALLOW THE SCRANTON
12 POLICE DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT AN EFFECTIVE
13 PROGRAM IN THE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE TO
14 DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS.

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

18 MR. PERRY: So moved.

19 MR. EVANS: Second.

20 MR. ROGAN: On the question? All
21 those in favor of introduction signify by
22 saying aye.

23 MR. PERRY: Aye.

24 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

25 MR. EVANS: Aye.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

2 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
3 have it and so moved.

4 MS. REED: 5-C. 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 POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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

12 MR. PERRY: So moved.

13 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

17 MR. PERRY: Aye.

18 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

19 MR. EVANS: Aye.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

23 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION - A
24 RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
25 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO APPLY

1 FOR AND EXECUTE A GRANT FOR THE
2 REDEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE CAPITAL PROGRAM
3 (RACP) THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH OF
4 PENNSYLVANIA'S OFFICE OF THE BUDGET
5 IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION (\$1,000,000.00)
6 DOLLARS; AND ACCEPTING AND DISBURSING THE
7 GRANT AND COORDINATE THE USE OF THE GRANT
8 FUNDS WITH SCRANTON-CHERRY, LP, FOR THE
9 PROJECT TO BE NAMED THE "SCRANTON COUNSELING
10 CENTER."

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

14 MR. PERRY: So moved.

15 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

19 MR. PERRY: Aye.

20 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

21 MR. EVANS: Aye.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

25 MS. REED: 5-E. FOR INTRODUCTION - A

1 RESOLUTION – RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE
 2 EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT
 3 APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON POLICE
 4 DEPARTMENT FOR A LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES
 5 GRANT BY THE GOVERNOR’S BUDGET OFFICE FOR
 6 GRANT FUNDS TO CONVERT THE SERRENTI MEMORIAL
 7 ARMY RESERVE CENTER, 1801 PINE STREET, INTO
 8 AN EMERGENCY SERVICES CENTER TO BE USED BY
 9 THE SCRANTON POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND
 10 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
 11 CITY OFFICIALS TO ACCEPT THE GRANT AND
 12 DISBURSE THE GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF
 13 \$175,000.00 TO CONVERT THE SERRENTI MEMORIAL
 14 RESERVE CENTER TO AN EMERGENCY SERVICES
 15 CENTER.

16 MR. ROGAN: At this time, I'll
 17 entertain a motion that Item 5-E be
 18 introduced into its proper committee.

19 MR. PERRY: So moved.

20 MR. EVANS: Second.

21 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

22 MR. EVANS: On the question, when we
 23 had this discussion originally I had asked
 24 they look into selling the Ash Street
 25 firehouse that's currently being used by the

1 police department for storage basically and
 2 then using that money from the proceeds for
 3 recurring cost at the Serrenti Center. So
 4 if we can send a letter to Chief Graziano to
 5 see where we are exactly on that process, if
 6 that's been started or something we can get
 7 started.

8 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else on the
 9 question? All those in favor of
 10 introduction signify by saying aye.

11 MR. PERRY: Aye.

12 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

13 MR. EVANS: Aye.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

15 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
 16 have it and so moved.

17 MS. REED: 5-F. FOR INTRODUCTION – A
 18 RESOLUTION – RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE
 19 EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT
 20 APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON POLICE
 21 DEPARTMENT TO THE NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
 22 HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR
 23 THE CONTRACT FOR RECOVERY-ALTERNATIVE TO
 24 ARRESTING ADDICTS PROGRAM (AAA) AND
 25 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE

1 CITY OFFICIALS TO ACCEPT THE GRANT AND
 2 DISBURSE THE GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF
 3 \$40,000.00 FOR THE CONTRACT FOR
 4 RECOVERY-ALTERNATIVE TO ARRESTING ADDICTS
 5 PROGRAM.

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

9 MR. PERRY: So moved.

10 MR. EVANS: Second.

11 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.

13 I also want to commend the administration
 14 and Chief Graziano for the initiation of
 15 this project. I think this is extremely
 16 unique and innovative and I think what's
 17 going to happen here is you will avoid this
 18 stigma of arrest that usually follows a
 19 recovering addict post-treatment.

20 I think that the other thing that
 21 this program is going to do is build
 22 community trust. The last thing that
 23 someone needs who is addicted to drugs is to
 24 be thrown this jail. They need help. So I
 25 think this contract for recovery will build

1 that trust and I think it is extremely
 2 unique, and again, I commend Chief Graziano
 3 and the Scranton Police Department. Thank
 4 you.

5 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else on the
 6 question? All those in favor signify by
 7 saying aye.

8 MR. PERRY: Aye.

9 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

10 MR. EVANS: Aye.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

14 MS. REED: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A. NO
 15 BUSINESS AT THIS TIME.

16 SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR
 17 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
 18 SAFETY - FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 2,
 19 2018 – ACCEPTING A ONE THOUSAND
 20 (\$1,000.00) DOLLAR DONATION FROM MR. AND
 21 MRS. JOHN BURNS PRESENTED TO THE CITY OF
 22 SCRANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT IN APPRECIATION FOR
 23 THE RESCUE OF THEIR SON.

24 MR. ROGAN: What is the
 25 recommendation of the Chair for the

1 Committee on Public Safety?

2 MR. PERRY: As Chairperson for the
3 Committee on Public Safety, I recommend
4 final passage of Item 7-A.

5 MR. EVANS: Second.

6 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll
7 call, please?

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

9 MR. PERRY: Yes.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

11 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

13 MR. EVANS: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

17 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare
18 Item 7-A legally and lawfully adopted.

19 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION BY
20 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -
21 RESOLUTION NO. 3, 2018 - APPOINTMENT OF
22 BRIAN FALLON, 719 RIVER STREET, SCRANTON,
23 PENNSYLVANIA, 18505 TO THE POSITION OF
24 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
25 RECREATION EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018.

1 MR. ROGAN: As Chair for the
2 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
3 passage of Item 7-B.

4 MR. EVANS: Second.

5 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll
6 call, please?

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

8 MR. PERRY: Yes.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

10 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

12 MR. EVANS: Yes.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

16 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare
17 Item 7-B legally and lawfully adopted.

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

20 MR. PERRY: Motion to adjourn.

21 MR. ROGAN: Meeting is adjourned.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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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