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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

Monday, January 29, 2018

LOCATION:

Council Chambers

Scranton City Hall

340 North Washington Avenue

Scranton, Pennsylvania

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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
2 moment of reflection 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 the
14 reading of the minutes.

15 MS. REED: THIRD ORDER. 3-A.

16 AGENDA FOR CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
17 HELD JANUARY 24, 2018.

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

20 MS. REED: 3-B. AGENDA FOR THE
21 BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING TO BE HELD
22 FEBRUARY 14, 2018.

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

25 Do any council members have

1 announcements at this time? I have one
2 announcement. This is the last week that
3 DPW crews will collect Christmas trees if
4 they are left at the curb. They should not
5 be in bags as they will be recycled, so if
6 you do still have your Christmas tree up
7 this will be the last week for collection.

8 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'
9 PARTICIPATION.

10 (The following speakers gave public
11 comments: JOAN HODOWANITZ. LES SPINDLER.
12 LEE MORGAN. SAMANTHA MALONEY. MARIE
13 SCHUMACHER.)

14 MS. REED: FIFTH ORDER. 5-A.
15 MOTIONS.

16 MR. ROGAN: Mr. Perry, any motions
17 or comments?

18 MR. PERRY: Yes, I have couple of
19 quick comments to make. I want to thank ABM
20 for the quick response after our meeting
21 last night, getting meters taken care of.
22 It was a heartache on a lot of businesses
23 and people that use our downtown so thank
24 you for getting that taken care of.
25 Hopefully a lesson was learned and that

1 doesn't happen again. If there is any
2 issues with meters that definitely won't get
3 bagged and a tagged for not parking. I
4 don't think anybody here agreed with that.

5 Ms. Reed, I have a request for the
6 police station on Olive Street a crossing
7 path. It was brought to my attention from
8 the people that use the Lackawanna river
9 trail a lot of running groups down there,
10 every spot across the way has a nice marked
11 crossway, but actually going from the
12 parking lot to the beginning of the trail on
13 Olive Street and there have been some I know
14 issues in the past of runners getting hit
15 with cars and as was explained to me cars
16 will do a courtesy stop for people if
17 they're crossing the street there, but it
18 doesn't always happen so it becomes a little
19 bit of dangerous situation so if we could
20 get that off to the police station so we can
21 see if we can get that taken care of.

22 I'll touch on the Knowel's insurance
23 report because you brought it up in caucus
24 today, it was brought up today. I think I
25 speak for everyone on this board we are all

1 in agreement that this information should be
2 let out, but the issue is the proper
3 procedure for getting that information out.
4 We are not the ones that make that policy on
5 how that information is released. It was
6 given to us but we are not the ones that are
7 able to release it unless we are told it's
8 public information. Unfortunately, it
9 wasn't. We did get it released with
10 legislation last March, but once it becomes
11 part of the legislation it does become
12 public so are we splitting hairs here?
13 Probably. Do we all agree this should be
14 released? Yes. But as Ms. Hodowanitz has
15 mentioned, Ms. Reed is going to put in a
16 Right-to-Know Act and we hope to have that
17 information released as soon as next week.
18 We hope it's a five-day turn around and it's
19 done and it's over with. We all want this,
20 it's just put us behind us and not -- I
21 don't think we should be talking about this
22 anymore. It's just we should all have this
23 out, but unfortunately, it's a procedural
24 issue right now, it has nothing to do with
25 any one of our opinions on having it

1 released or not. And you know what, that's
2 it. That's all I have to talk about. The
3 ABM thank you, Knowel's insurance report and
4 then if we can get that crossway looked at
5 for Olive Street. That's all I have. Thank
6 you.

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

9 MR. DONAHUE: Yes. First, I'd like
10 to just echo what Mr. Perry said that, you
11 know, we would like to get that information
12 out as quickly as possible.

13 Secondly, on what Mrs. Maloney spoke
14 to about the gerrymandering resolution, I'm
15 100 percent in support of us passing a
16 resolution to Senate Bill 22, in support of
17 the Senate Bill 22 and House Bill 722, and
18 my hope is hopefully that maybe we would be
19 able to get it on the agenda for next week.
20 This is an extremely important issue on how
21 our system of government functions. Voters
22 should pick their representatives,
23 representatives shouldn't be picking their
24 voters and, I mean, I personally believe
25 that the continuing dysfunction in

1 Washington is the direct result of
2 gerrymandering across the country.
3 Representatives pander to the extreme
4 fringes of their respective parties instead
5 of where the majority of the people are,
6 which is right in the middle and then
7 although, you know, the PA Supreme Court has
8 just recently ordered the withdrawing of
9 congressional districts that only corrects
10 the previous wrong and it's going to be a
11 require a legislative fix to fix this issue
12 moving forward.

13 In caucus tonight we had Chief
14 Graziano, and I would just like to
15 publically just commend him on his
16 leadership of the police department.

17 And another thing we talked in
18 caucus was possibly I have been going back
19 and forth with a few school board members
20 about the possibility of setting up some
21 sort of working group committee to explore
22 areas where the city and the district can
23 share services. Me, personally, I'm fully
24 aware of financial issues of the school
25 district. I mean, I spent two years on the

1 board warning about their deteriorating
2 situation but when my term was up in 2015 I
3 wasn't very confident that the board would
4 sufficiently address the issues, but all
5 that steep hill decline moving forward, I
6 believe the combination of new board members
7 and some logically thinking former members
8 sort of creates a situation where we could
9 maybe start to work together to find some
10 savings. And that's all I have.

11 MR. ROGAN: Thank you, Mr. Donahue.
12 Mr. Evans, do you have any motions or
13 comments?

14 MS. EVANS: Yes, I do. Tonight I'm
15 going to talk briefly about a very important
16 topic, one that is integral to the lifeblood
17 of the community, in fact, this is a subject
18 that in many ways defines a community and
19 how we treat this issue says a lot about who
20 we are as citizens of free society, that
21 topic is the arts. There has been a lot of
22 noise lately about the arts in our community
23 I want to be clear and reinforce my opinion
24 on this matter. I have always been and
25 always will be a supporter of the arts. I

1 have the utmost respect for the creative
2 class and we all should in our way
3 appreciate the talents and sacrifices of
4 those who make the arts their calling.

5 One of the most visionary moments in
6 the history of Lackawanna County government
7 occurred when the county established a
8 modest arts and culture tax. While I'm
9 never a fan of any new tax, this one not
10 only created a sustainable recurring fund
11 for great institutions like the Everhart
12 Museum, the Lackawanna County Library system
13 and the Scranton Cultural Center, it also
14 created funding to promote and assist
15 hundreds of artists throughout our
16 community. Additionally, this generated
17 significant economic and cultural growth in
18 Scranton and throughout Lackawanna County.

19 The mission statement of Lackawanna
20 County Office of Arts and Culture reads in
21 part: We will advocate and support high
22 quality arts opportunities and programs for
23 people of all ages throughout Lackawanna
24 County. The office provides services and
25 grants for artists and art organizations

1 throughout our region. After more than a
2 decade, they are been brought in these
3 services. I have one word for the work of
4 the Lackawanna County Office of Arts and
5 Culture, bravo.

6 And, finally, the arts should always
7 transcend politics. I would like to read
8 two quotes about the arts to reinforce that
9 belief, the first from John F. Kennedy who
10 said, "If art is to nourish the roots of our
11 culture, society must set the artist free to
12 follow it's vision wherever it takes him."

13 And the second quote is from Ronald
14 Regan who said, "In an atmosphere of
15 liberty, artists and patrons are free to
16 think the unthinkable and create the
17 audacious. They are free to make both
18 horrendous mistakes and glorious
19 celebrations. "

20 I think people would agree where
21 there is freedom art succeeds. That's all I
22 have for tonight. Thank you.

23 MR. ROGAN: Thank you, Mr. Evans.
24 Mr. Gaughan, any motions or comments?

25 MR. GAUGHAN: Yeah. I'd like to

1 make a motion to place a resolution in
2 support of the Citizens' Commission for
3 Legislative and Congressional Redistricting
4 on the agenda for next week.

5 MR. DONAHUE: I could second that.

6 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, On the question.
8 I am going to BE supporting this next week.
9 I agree with Mrs. Maloney and others who
10 have also supported it tonight and in the
11 past. I do think that gerrymandering is a
12 political weapon to maintain political power
13 at the expense of voters throughout the
14 state and I think in the interest of
15 fairness and transparency that should end so
16 I will be supporting that.

17 MS. EVANS: On the question, my
18 question is procedural, would we require
19 that to be on the agenda as a resolution or
20 it something we can maybe have a motion made
21 and voted up or done? I'm not sure. Amil,
22 maybe you can touch on that or what are your
23 thought on that?

24 MR. MINORA: Well, there is
25 certainly nothing wrong with a written

1 resolution, but I think a voice vote on a
2 motion, you know, also would be appropriate
3 so it's I guess it's the discretion of the
4 board and the council.

5 MR. ROGAN: Well, it's your motion,
6 Mr. Gaughan, so --

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Yeah, the resolution
8 is already been written up, I don't know, we
9 would probably wouldn't want to make any
10 changes to it. I can just, to be proper, it
11 should probably be voted on.

12 MR. MINORA: Okay. I mean, a
13 written resolution is fine and you would
14 have to vote on it, obviously.

15 MR. EVANS: I'm fine with that. I
16 just want to make sure that it was a matter
17 of procedure because it's not our
18 resolution, it's obviously a resolution
19 written for us, but if we put it on as our
20 resolution.

21 MR. ROGAN: So just to be clear the
22 motion is to vote on the motion, to vote on
23 that resolution next week?

24 MR. GAUGHAN: Yeah, place it on the
25 agenda.

1 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else on the
2 question?

3 MR. PERRY: I'm in favor for that.
4 That will give us the time to take a look at
5 it, and again, gerrymandering at it's root
6 is, as we all said, it's political
7 manipulation. It has been used for that by
8 whoever is in office, whether it's a
9 Republican or whether it's a Democrat.
10 That's just something you look at and I'm
11 sure you are very familiar with it. If you
12 look at the state map or any state map or
13 time after time after time it just changes
14 by how they want it to change based on data
15 and the more data that you have, which is
16 right now pretty much everything that you
17 could have at your fingertips, it's pretty
18 much going to get edited right down to the
19 street on where they want it, so I have no
20 problem with that, obviously we can take
21 look at it and we can vote on it next week.

22 MR. ROGAN: On the issue, obviously,
23 I'll have more comments on the materials.
24 Next week I don't know have a problem giving
25 it a vote. I'd just like to remind all of

1 the councilmen, any type of motion should be
2 given to the members in advance though prior
3 to the meeting if possible. Anyone else?

4 MR. ROGAN: All those in favor
5 signify by saying aye.

6 MR. PERRY: Aye.

7 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

8 MR. EVANS: Aye.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Just a
13 follow-up on Councilman Donahue said about
14 working together with the school district,
15 as the chairperson of the subcommittee on
16 intergovernmental relations, I am very much
17 looking forward to being a part of a city,
18 school district shared services committee.
19 I also think we should eventually include
20 the county. I think a jointly legislative
21 committee on government consolidation and
22 shared services is not only a good idea but
23 a necessity especially in light of the
24 condition of the Scranton School district.

25 As the school district goes, so goes

1 the city so any areas that we can meet
2 together on, work together and collaborate
3 is a good thing. We need to look within
4 ourselves as a city and to our neighbors to
5 share, partner and collaborate to better
6 meet citizens' needs and make progress
7 towards the future. Shared services and
8 collaboration is sometimes met with
9 suspicion and resistance. That's the way we
10 have always done it attitude. We need to
11 make sure to look past this and recognize
12 the opportunities that are present.
13 Municipalities across the state and across
14 the country are sharing services to deal
15 with lagging revenue and fewer resources.
16 Sharing services allow local governments and
17 school districts to decrease both the cost
18 and the complexity of the services they
19 provided their constituents while providing
20 a higher level of service overall. I
21 believe that it's time that we explore
22 innovative ways to control costs by
23 eliminating duplicative services and we
24 should also seriously explore providing
25 services at a regional level. Some of the

1 areas in which we can work together are
2 through administrative functions, joint
3 procurement of professional engineering
4 services is one example. It will allow us
5 improved purchasing power if we work
6 together with the school district. Legal
7 counsel, sharing legal counsel, health
8 insurance, general operations, IT functions,
9 public safety, storm water issues within the
10 city and the county. One of the examples of
11 intergovernmental cooperation that we have
12 been a part of over the last few years is
13 the land bank, a great example. Almost 50
14 properties so far have gone through the land
15 bank and they have and put back on the tax
16 rolls.

17 Another example of working together
18 with the municipalities and boroughs around
19 the county is SAPA, the Scranton Abington
20 Planning Association. That's also been
21 successful. So I think that she should use
22 a great challenges that face the city and
23 the school district and the county as an
24 opportunity through this committee to work
25 together towards the common goal of insuring

1 our stability into the future while
2 lessening the financial burden of our
3 citizens. And that's all I have this week.
4 Thank you.

5 MR. ROGAN: Thank you very much.
6 Just two quick items, I guess one of the
7 benefits of being president is everything
8 that mostly everything that needed to be
9 said was said but I do want to thank ABM
10 again for their quick work on getting their
11 meters back up and running for our downtown
12 business district. I think last week every
13 council member addressed that issue and it
14 shows that, you know, you get public
15 attention on something and things get done,
16 so I'm very happy to hear about that.

17 A couple of comments, it is an
18 agenda item but I'll bring it up now, it is
19 the alternative to arrest community policing
20 legislation and one comment that was made
21 that kind of bothered me in reference
22 comparing this program to what Philadelphia
23 is doing. For those who don't know,
24 Philadelphia is considering allowing safe
25 zones where people who are addicted to drugs

1 can go and do the drugs in a safe manner.
2 This is the exact opposite of that program
3 where instead of encouraging people to
4 continue to use drugs it's encouraging them
5 to seek help to go into rehab to better
6 themselves, but to do that by giving them a
7 second chance. Not every person who is
8 arrested for a minor drug issue deserves to
9 be in jail. Many people deserve a second
10 chance. We have all had second chances
11 throughout life. I'm proud to support this
12 program and I really think Scranton has a
13 number of great departments, but one of our
14 best is our police department and Chief
15 Graziano does an amazing job at looking at
16 programs like this that many of other police
17 departments aren't even looking at. This is
18 something that's innovative that can help
19 the community, and if you think an issue
20 doesn't touch you it does. There is
21 countless stories every day of people who
22 are effected by opioid addiction.

23 There is also a crime component.
24 Somebody who is addicted to drugs needs to
25 fund their habit, whether that's through

1 property crimes, whether that's though more
2 serious crimes, but the cure to this problem
3 is by programs like this and if they work
4 and they are successful at something I think
5 we can expand and really make it into
6 something that can be a national model for
7 other citizens to follow, so I do want to
8 thank Chief Graziano for that -- for coming
9 in and explaining this to us once again and
10 be very happy to vote "yes" on this
11 program.

12 I did mention property crime, I
13 forget to mention this earlier, if we can
14 send a letter to the police department. I
15 have been in touch, I have heard from a
16 number of residents, a couple of people in
17 South Scranton that there were burglaries
18 again to steal copper out of the homes.
19 This was a big problem a number of years ago
20 when the price of metals was much higher.
21 It did seem to dissipate as the price of
22 copper and other metals dropped. We are
23 seeing once again in vacant homes and homes
24 is that have under renovation project so if
25 anyone is watching if you can keep an eye

1 on your neighbors and just so our police
2 department knows that this is something that
3 is unfortunately rearing it's head again.
4 And that is all. Thank you.

5 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION -
6 AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL
7 NO. 58, 2016, (AS AMENDED) ENTITLED
8 "ESTABLISHING A REGISTRATION PROGRAM FOR
9 RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTIES; REQUIRING ALL
10 OWNERS OF RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTIES TO
11 DESIGNATE A PROPERTY MANAGER FOR SERVICE OF
12 PROCESS AND PRESCRIBING DUTIES OF OWNERS,
13 PROPERTY MANAGERS AND OCCUPANTS" BY AMENDING
14 SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS, TENANT, TO ADD A
15 DEFINITION UNDER THE LETTER (H).

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

19 MR. PERRY: So moved.

20 MR. EVANS: Second.

21 MR. ROGAN: On the question? On the
22 question, this is a very small amendment to
23 the rental registration program. Actually
24 there was -- in last year's version there
25 was a difference of interpretation between

1 what council passed and the administration
2 enforced and the purpose of this correction
3 is to ensure that people who own a property
4 say they own a duplex and they rent out the
5 other half that they are not being assessed
6 a rental registration, which was never the
7 intent of this ordinance to go after
8 homeowners, but there were some
9 discrepancies on interpretations so this
10 will clear that up and so if you are out
11 there and you own a two-unit property and
12 live in one unit and rent out the other,
13 both units will be exempt from the rental
14 registration.

15 On the question, anybody else all?
16 All those in favor of introduction signify
17 by saying aye.

18 MR. PERRY: Aye.

19 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

20 MR. EVANS: Aye.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

24 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION – A
25 RESOLUTION – RE-APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT

1 TIMLIN, 325 WARREN STREET, SCRANTON,
2 PENNSYLVANIA, 18508, AS A MEMBER OF THE
3 BOARD OF THE SCRANTON REDEVELOPMENT
4 AUTHORITY FOR AN ADDITIONAL FIVE (5) YEAR
5 TERM. MR. TIMLIN'S PRIOR TERM EXPIRED ON
6 FEBRUARY 14, 2017 AND WAS HELD OVER TO
7 JANUARY 16, 2018. MR. TIMLIN'S NEW TERM
8 WILL BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 16, 2018 AND WILL
9 EXPIRE ON FEBRUARY 14, 2022.

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

13 MR. PERRY: So moved.

14 MR. EVANS: Second.

15 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

16 MR. PERRY: Yes, on the question. I
17 served on the Authority with Mr. Timlin a
18 couple of years ago and he definitely is an
19 asset to that Authority and I'm sure they
20 welcome him back.

21 All those in favor signify by saying
22 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-D. FOR INTRODUCTION – A
5 RESOLUTION – APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH
6 WECHSLER, 1315 CRONKEY AVENUE, SCRANTON,
7 PENNSYLVANIA, 18505, AS A MEMBER OF THE
8 BOARD OF THE SCRANTON PARKING AUTHORITY
9 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 19, 2018. MR. WECHSLER
10 WILL BE REPLACING MAUREEN MCNICHOLS WHO
11 RESIGNED EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2017. MR.
12 WECHSLER WILL FULFILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF
13 MRS. MCNICHOLS WHOSE TERM IS SCHEDULED TO
14 EXPIRE ON JUNE 1, 2020.

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

18 MR. PERRY: So moved.

19 MR. EVANS: Second.

20 MR. ROGAN: On the question? I'd
21 just like to congratulate Mr. Wechsler for
22 this appointment. I know four of us had the
23 privilege of serving with him on council and
24 as he said at one of his last meeting he
25 will continue to serve the community. It

1 didn't take him long to get involved in
2 another endeavor so wish him the best of
3 luck.

4 MS. EVANS: On the question, I'm
5 glad to see former Councilman Wechsler back
6 in the fold. He will do a great job at the
7 Parking Authority. It only took him 28 days
8 to get back so that's good news and I'm very
9 happy to see he is going to serve the public
10 once again.

11 All those in favor of introduction
12 signify by saying aye.

13 MR. PERRY: Aye.

14 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

15 MR. EVANS: Aye.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

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

20 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.

21 1, 2018 - AN ORDINANCE - CREATING AND

22 ESTABLISHING SPECIAL CITY ACCOUNT NO.

23 202.229624 ENTITLED "CONTRACT FOR RECOVERY

24 PROGRAM" FOR THE RECEIPT AND DISTRIBUTION OF

25 GRANT FUNDS FROM NEPA HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION

1 AND ANY ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDS APPLIED FOR
2 AND
3 RECEIVED THAT WOULD ALLOW THE SCRANTON
4 POLICE DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT AN EFFECTIVE
5 PROGRAM IN THE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE TO
6 DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS.

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

9 MR. PERRY: I move that Item 6-A
10 pass reading by title.

11 MR. EVANS: Second.

12 MR. ROGAN: On the question? All
13 those in favor 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: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR
21 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
22 SAFETY - FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 4,
23 2018 - ACCEPTING A ONE THOUSAND (\$1,000.00)
24 DOLLAR DONATION FROM MR. AND MRS. JOHN BURNS
25 PRESENTED TO THE CITY OF SCRANTON POLICE

1 DEPARTMENT.

2 MR. ROGAN: What is the
3 recommendation of the Chair for the
4 Committee on Public Safety?

5 MR. PERRY: As Chair for the
6 Committee on Public Safety, I recommend
7 final passage of Item 7-A.

8 MR. EVANS: Second.

9 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll
10 call, please?

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

12 MR. PERRY: Yes.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

14 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

16 MR. EVANS: Yes.

17 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

19 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

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

22 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION BY
23 THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - FOR
24 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 5, 2018 -
25 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE

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

11 MR. ROGAN: What is the
12 recommendation of the Chair for the
13 Committee on Community Development?

14 MR. DONAHUE: As Chair for the
15 Committee on Community Development, I
16 recommend final passage of Item 7-B.

17 MR. EVANS: Second.

18 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll
19 call, please?

20 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

21 MR. PERRY: Yes.

22 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

23 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

24 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

25 MR. EVANS: Yes.

1 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

3 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

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

6 MS. REED: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION BY
7 THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - FOR
8 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 6, 2018 -
9 RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND
10 SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE
11 CITY OF SCRANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR A LAW
12 ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES GRANT BY THE
13 GOVERNOR'S BUDGET OFFICE FOR GRANT FUNDS TO
14 CONVERT THE SERRENTI MEMORIAL ARMY RESERVE
15 CENTER, 1801 PINE STREET, INTO AN EMERGENCY
16 SERVICES CENTER TO BE USED BY THE SCRANTON
17 POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND AUTHORIZING
18 THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY
19 OFFICIALS TO ACCEPT THE GRANT AND DISBURSE
20 THE GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175,000.00
21 TO CONVERT THE SERRENTI MEMORIAL RESERVE
22 CENTER TO AN EMERGENCY SERVICES CENTER.

23 MR. ROGAN: What is the
24 recommendation of the Chair for the
25 Committee on Public Safety?

1 MR. PERRY: As Chair for the
2 Committee on Public Safety, I recommend
3 final passage of Item 7-C.

4 MR. EVANS: Second.

5 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

6 MR. PERRY: Yes, just on the
7 question, Chief Graziano was in our caucus
8 today and I believe Mr. Evans is the one
9 that brought this up, this project is still
10 -- we are still committed to having this
11 being grant fed. I know there was some
12 questions on whether this was going to come
13 from our general fund or move budgetary
14 money to keep the keep the Serrenti building
15 up and running, but as of right now all the
16 monies that we'll be using for any kind of
17 upgrades have been coming through federal
18 grants.

19 And, also, it was brought up by Mr.
20 Evans whether we are still on track with if
21 we sell the building, the property on Ash
22 Street, which is now being used as a
23 training facility, once we have the Serrenti
24 building up and running we get everything
25 out of there and that property, wheat we

1 would like to do, and the chief is not
2 against us putting that money aside to use
3 for occurring costs that the Serrenti
4 bidding will generate as far as utilities.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question, I
6 have provided objections to this project
7 before we voted on it so I'll be voting
8 against this tonight just for the simple
9 fact that I don't think that we should be
10 converting the reserve center to an
11 emergency services center for the pure fact
12 that it's going to add additional stress,
13 maintenance, especially maintenance stress
14 on future budgets moving forward. Thank
15 you.

16 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else on the
17 question? Roll call, please?

18 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

19 MR. PERRY: Yes.

20 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

21 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

22 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

23 MR. EVANS: Yes.

24 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: No.

1 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

2 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare
3 Item 7-C legally and lawfully adopted.

4 MS. REED: 7-D. FOR CONSIDERATION BY
5 THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - FOR
6 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 7, 2018 -
7 RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND
8 SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE
9 CITY OF SCRANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO THE
10 NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA HEALTH CARE
11 FOUNDATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CONTRACT
12 FOR RECOVERY-ALTERNATIVE TO ARRESTING
13 ADDICTS PROGRAM (AAA) AND AUTHORIZING THE
14 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
15 TO ACCEPT THE GRANT AND DISBURSE THE GRANT
16 FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00 FOR THE
17 CONTRACT FOR RECOVERY-ALTERNATIVE TO
18 ARRESTING ADDICTS PROGRAM.

19 MR. ROGAN: What is the
20 recommendation of the Chair for the
21 Committee on Public Safety.

22 MR. PERRY: As Chair for the
23 Committee on Public Safety, I recommend
24 final passage of Item 7-D.

25 MR. EVANS: Second.

1 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll
2 call, please?

3 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

4 MR. PERRY: Yes.

5 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

6 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

8 MR. EVANS: Yes.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

12 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare
13 Item 7-D legally and lawfully adopted.

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

16 MR. PERRY: Motion to adjourn.

17 MR. ROGAN: This meeting is
18 adjourned.

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