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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

Monday, February 12, 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. MINUTES  
16 OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LACKAWANNA  
17 COUNTY LANDBANK HELD JANUARY 12, 2018.

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

20 MS. REED: 3-B. CHECK RECEIVED  
21 FEBRUARY 5, 2018 FROM COMCAST IN THE AMOUNT  
22 OF \$264,016.54 FOR QUARTERLY FRANCHISE FEE  
23 PAYMENT.

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

1 members have announcements at this time?

2 MR. EVANS: I have one. The Scranton  
3 Fringe Festival is proud to present it's  
4 first official encore performance weekend,  
5 three popular and unique theatrical fringe  
6 works return to Scranton. All shows have  
7 been presented at some point over the  
8 three-year history of the Scranton Fringe  
9 festival. Celebrate the year of 2018 and  
10 all of the amazing programs that they have  
11 planned. All performances will take place  
12 at the Afa Gallery at 514 Lackawanna Avenue  
13 Thursday, February 22, through Sunday,  
14 February 25. The program will be starting  
15 at 6 p.m.

16 I would also to personally  
17 acknowledge and thank Connor O'Brien and the  
18 organizers of the Scranton Fringe festival  
19 for all the excitement and commerce they  
20 have brought to downtown Scranton through  
21 the events of the Scranton Fringe Festival  
22 over the past three years.

23 MR. ROGAN: Does anyone have  
24 announcements?

25 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZEN'S

1 PARTICIPATION.

2 (THE FOLLOWING SPEAKERS GAVE PUBLIC  
3 COMMENTS: JOAN HODOWANITZ. LOUIS MARANGO.  
4 LEE MORGAN. RON ELLMAN. MARIE SCHUMACHER.  
5 DAVE DOBRZYN. CHRIS BEDNAR.)

6 MR. REED: FIFTH ORDER. 5-A.

7 MOTIONS.

8 MR. ROGAN: Mr. Perry, do you have  
9 any motions or comments?

10 MR. PERRY: Yes, I have a few brief  
11 comments to make. I'll be brief and then  
12 I'll save everything else for agenda items.  
13 On January 29, I made a request for a  
14 crosswalk to be installed on Olive Street  
15 and that was for the runners to get to the  
16 Heritage trail. This week I'm going to be  
17 having a phone interview with one of the  
18 guys from Lackawanna Heritage Valley trail,  
19 they have taken over some of the  
20 responsibilities of the crosswalks and we  
21 will get together and we are going to make  
22 sure that we get an additional crosswalk  
23 installed for the runners that actually do  
24 some parking or come from across Olive  
25 Street to there because I know there has

1           been some issues, and the last thing we want  
2           is someone that's going down there for some  
3           recreation to run and get hit with a car, so  
4           I am going to be speaking with someone from  
5           the LHVT this week and see if he can get  
6           that all squared away.

7                       Also, I just want to -- and it's  
8           very hard to single out one thing that the  
9           Scranton Police does because so many of them  
10          do so many things on a daily basis it's  
11          almost, you know, dare I say insulting to  
12          bring one thing out and thank them for it  
13          because they do so many things well, but in  
14          this particular case I just wanted to throw  
15          a big thank you and a job well done to the  
16          Scranton Police Department yesterday for a  
17          shot fired call down in Pittston Avenue. It  
18          was a very dangerous situation. They had  
19          streets for blocks and blocks closed off  
20          going both on Pittston Avenue and then on  
21          other side of the streets in South Side.  
22          The situation was resolved quickly and  
23          without any officers using a weapon and as  
24          peacefully as absolutely could be done. I  
25          know the citizens in that area were very

1 concerned. I have family that live down  
2 there, like most of us do, and it was a very  
3 scary situation for a brief period of time  
4 and the Scranton Police and some other  
5 police departments did a fantastic job and  
6 that's just one of the many things that they  
7 do well and it's a privilege to have them in  
8 our city and they really do a great job  
9 protecting us.

10 And, finally, before I wrap up, I  
11 just wanted to send a big congratulations to  
12 Adam Rippon, I know most of you guys watch  
13 the Olympics. You know, I was home texting  
14 my family back and forth. My mom is in  
15 Florida this week and, you know, we are all  
16 over but we all come together for the  
17 Olympics like a lot of the families do and  
18 it was nice to see his performance last  
19 night. It was fantastic and I know his  
20 community and as we and his family must be  
21 very proud of him, he did a great job. And  
22 that's all I have and I will reserve  
23 everything else for agenda items. Thank  
24 you.

25 MR. ROGAN: Thank you, Mr. Perry. Mr.

1 Donahue, do you have any motions or  
2 comments?

3 MR. DONAHUE: Yes. Thank you.  
4 Really the only comment I have is in  
5 relation to the Girdo's complaint last week  
6 about the situation on Meadow and Birch  
7 street. Myself and Mr. Gaughan went up and  
8 talked with the Girdos yesterday, and the  
9 only way to describe the situation is just  
10 unacceptable. The main issues I have with  
11 it is the the fact that PA American Water  
12 only give them a two-day notification and I  
13 think the scope of the project required a  
14 lot more communication between PA American  
15 Water and the neighborhood.

16 Also, you know, the notification  
17 they did give was like a flyer that you  
18 would get if they were cutting up your  
19 street or, you know, putting in a new water  
20 main on your street which, although, the  
21 inconvenience is significantly more minor  
22 than what they are actually dealing with.

23 And another issue I have with it is  
24 also, you know, how does the city allow this  
25 to happen? So one of the things I would



1           like to request is that we put a request in  
2           for the permits that were issued for this  
3           project and could we also see if there is a  
4           policy in place that would require work  
5           sites of this magnitude to be inspected  
6           during the course of the work? And that's  
7           all I have tonight. Thank you.

8                     MR. ROGAN: Thank you, Mr. Donahue.  
9           Mr. Evans, any motions or comments?

10                    MR. EVANS: Yes, thank you. First of  
11           all, I would like to echo Councilman Perry's  
12           remarks. My real estate is on the corner of  
13           Pittston and Hickory Street in the corner  
14           block of Pittson Avenue, so I was pretty  
15           much at ground zero what was happening  
16           yesterday and we were very lucky to have as  
17           a professional police department as we have.  
18           They're exceptional. I don't think we all  
19           appreciate them as much as we should and I  
20           just wanted to make that comment. I really  
21           do appreciate what they do on a daily basis  
22           and put their lives at risk and yesterday  
23           was a perfect example.

24                    Finally, one brief comment, I want  
25           to make sure everybody knows that the first

1 of the revised idea sessions will be next  
2 Thursday February 22 at 6 p.m. in council  
3 chambers. Scranton City Council will be the  
4 host. Councilman Gaughan and myself will be  
5 the cochairs of that particular session. The  
6 subject for the session will be small  
7 business retention and recruitment, what can  
8 we do better? And, by the way, when I say  
9 "we" I mean a collective "we". The city  
10 council, this administration, the business  
11 community, the small business observer, the  
12 citizens and the consumer, we all have a  
13 stake in trying to grow our small business  
14 community so what ideas do you have that  
15 will make the environment better for small  
16 business owners please bring them, because I  
17 previously explained the format is quite  
18 simple, the first 30 minutes or so the  
19 meeting will be dedicated to drawing out  
20 ideas on what we can actually do better and  
21 the final 30 minutes or so will be to put  
22 those ideas into six workable and doable  
23 ideas that we as a council and the city and  
24 the community get behind and make happen, so  
25 it will be six ideas in 60 minutes. So I

1 would urge anyone who has an idea on the  
2 subject to attend and participate. I remind  
3 everybody, everyone that this is not an idea  
4 session, it's not a complaint session, so  
5 come prepared for positive a brainstorming  
6 session and leave your complaints at the  
7 door. That's all I have tonight. Thanks.

8 MR. ROGAN: Thanks, Mr. Evans. Mr.  
9 Gaughan, any motions or comments?

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, thank you. I did  
11 ask had caucus tonight for an update on the  
12 issue we are having in the 700 block of  
13 Pittston Avenue. Several residents have  
14 complained about a property there, a  
15 storefront property, so we are continuing to  
16 reach out to the DPW and Licensing and  
17 Inspections there.

18 The 1300 block of Brook Street, I  
19 continue to receive complaints on East  
20 Mountain about blight up there and have been  
21 talking for quite some time with a gentleman  
22 who is very knowledgeable about the  
23 situation and what has really gone on there  
24 in the past few decades. So, Mrs. Reed, if  
25 we could get in contact with the DPW again I

1 can -- I failed to mention this in the  
2 caucus, but I can give you his information.  
3 Hopefully someone from the DPW will get in  
4 touch with them.

5 Mrs. Schumacher brought up the exit  
6 plan recommendations. I have read those.  
7 They are not something that I think should  
8 sit on a shelf and gather dust because I  
9 think they are important, but if you  
10 remember during the 2018 budget discussions  
11 I asked the administration for an update on  
12 each one of those recommendations and what  
13 the status was and I haven't received that  
14 yet, Mrs. Reed, so if we can send a letter  
15 asking for an update on each recommendation  
16 I would appreciate that because I do think  
17 it is important.

18 Also, Mrs. Schumacher, you asked  
19 about last week I believe about or the week  
20 before about storm basins and how many storm  
21 basins are in the city and how many storm  
22 drains, the city planner replied that he  
23 doesn't think anyone has a real handle on  
24 that number. The latest information that  
25 the city received from Pennsylvania American

1 Water Company was 1,491 storm inlets,  
2 however, many of these drains -- many of  
3 these drains that are combined sewer system  
4 and would remain the responsibility of the  
5 water company. The database also lists  
6 quite a few inlets that are unknown so some  
7 of them are most likely a city  
8 responsibility, and Mr. King reported that  
9 in the very near future the city is  
10 proposing to issue an RFP for mapping  
11 services to find out and he lists a whole  
12 paragraph of regulations here so I can give  
13 that to you, if you would like.

14 The other request that I made in  
15 past week was regarding an article that was  
16 in the newspaper February 2 concerning the  
17 Scranton Civil Service Commissions  
18 postponement of a fire department  
19 promotional test, so I had a few questions  
20 about that. We sent a letter to Jeff  
21 Mackey, who was the chairman of the Civil  
22 Service Commission. I would like him to  
23 explain the current process for the  
24 dissemination of information to union  
25 members regarding civil service tests. I

1 would like to know how that process has been  
2 handled in the past. I would like to know  
3 the list of individuals other than the  
4 deputy fire chief who had access to the  
5 distribution of the testing material  
6 information. I'd also ask for a copy of all  
7 e-mails between the current Scranton Civil  
8 Service Commission members and city  
9 employees and then an explanation on the  
10 process for selecting test books.

11 Also, in looking at that information  
12 and becoming curious about the Civil Service  
13 Commission I asked for a copy of the rules  
14 and regulations. Mrs. Reed was looking for  
15 that and in that process we found that the  
16 last copy we received is dated May 25, 1999,  
17 so we did ask the Civil Service Commission  
18 for a complete set of rules and  
19 classifications that governed their  
20 decisions and that those would be updated  
21 so I would appreciate that.

22 As Councilman Donahue mentioned, he  
23 and I met with some of the neighbors on  
24 Meadow Avenue who were here last week and  
25 who have been effected by the American water

1 drilling project, and to say that their  
2 lives have been turned upside down because  
3 of that project is a complete  
4 understatement. As I mentioned last week  
5 and it was confirmed in our meeting  
6 yesterday, neither the water company nor the  
7 city in my opinion did their due diligence  
8 in sitting down with these families and  
9 explaining the major inconvenience they  
10 would be facing for months due to this  
11 project. And in conversations with them  
12 yesterday and last week it was passed off to  
13 them as it would be another run of the mill  
14 water line replacement project that we often  
15 see throughout the city.

16 It turns out, after being on the  
17 property that heavy equipment, drills among  
18 other things, rattle their homes from 7:00  
19 in the morning until 7:00 at night with  
20 constant vibration and extremely loud noise  
21 that makes living conditions simply  
22 unbearable and, quite frankly, unbelievable.  
23 Not to mention the fact that there are quite  
24 a few elderly people in this vicinity who  
25 are homebound and already had trouble

1 getting out of their houses.

2 The quality of the life at these  
3 neighbors' homes has been diminished so  
4 greatly that I really don't know how they  
5 are able to live there at this point. Does  
6 this project need to be completed? Yes,  
7 there is no question. Did the city and  
8 water company consider the lives of these  
9 people who this project would be effecting?  
10 In my opinion absolutely not.

11 And the most concerning part of the  
12 visit yesterday was the fact that many of  
13 the safety issues that Mrs. Garigo pointed  
14 out, some of the holes that had opened up in  
15 the back yard and in other places that were  
16 unsafe were only addressed with fencing and  
17 other things once she had complained. So  
18 thankfully there is somebody that is  
19 watching what's going on there.

20 I would urge, as Mr. Donahue  
21 mentioned, that the city and the water  
22 company make sure that this work is being  
23 done safely and with the best interest of  
24 the neighbors in mind and at least have the  
25 common courtesy not to drop off a one-page



1 sheet of paper that makes it look like this  
2 is a run of the mill project when it, in  
3 fact, is not.

4 Finally, I would just like to take a  
5 minute and respond to a statement that Mayor  
6 Courtright put out the other day in response  
7 to the Attorney General's limited review of  
8 of the Scranton Sewer Authority deal and the  
9 professional services. The mayor said that  
10 he and his administration were adamant from  
11 the very beginning that everything was done  
12 above board. However, critics and a lone  
13 council member, who I'm assuming they are  
14 referring to me, were adamant on making it  
15 look like things were done improperly.

16 First of all, let me be very clear  
17 that the mayor and his administration did  
18 more than enough on their own in the past  
19 year to make it look like things were done  
20 improperly. Let's not forget, and this  
21 wasn't included in the mayor's statement,  
22 the many months of stonewalling that this  
23 council and the public experienced at the  
24 hands of the mayor and the Scranton Sewer  
25 Authority. They continuously evaded

1 questions and stubbornly withheld public  
2 information. One of the mayor's biggest  
3 campaign contributors and a chairman of his  
4 campaign, who also happened to be special  
5 counsel to the deal to the tune of \$200,000  
6 via a verbal agreement, not written  
7 contract, went even as far as suing me for  
8 slander, defamation and liable when I simply  
9 requested backup documentation detailing the  
10 work that he did. And keep in mind, I had  
11 been respectfully requesting this for  
12 months.

13 The lack of transparency, coupled  
14 with a lawsuit, with the public outcry for  
15 answers let this council, not just the lone  
16 critic, all four members up here, all five  
17 of us, along with all five of Dunmore's  
18 councilmen and Mayor Tim Burke, to request  
19 that Mayor Courtright and the Scranton Sewer  
20 Authority board invite the Auditor General  
21 in to provide a complete and full review of  
22 the sale. The Sewer Authority board, Mayor  
23 Courtright's appointees, voted against it  
24 not once, but twice. That's certainly not a  
25 great way to instill any confidence from

1           this legislative body or Dunmore or the  
2           current mayor of Dunmore, Tim Burke, and the  
3           people of Scranton to let us know that this  
4           deal was, in fact, done above board.

5                       Also, let's keep in mind the Auditor  
6           General, his statements in May of 2017 he  
7           said, and I quote, "While the Scranton Sewer  
8           deal is done, it is possible the results of  
9           our review could serve as example for other  
10          Pennsylvania municipalities should they  
11          decide to privatize their utilities."

12                      As recently as the January 8, 2018,  
13          the Auditor General said, and I quote, After  
14          five years the number one consistent request  
15          that I receive and am legally barred from  
16          conducting is to audit municipal  
17          authorities. He sent a letter to all state  
18          legislators encouraging their support for  
19          Senate Bill 597, which this council also  
20          sent a letter, past a motion supporting,  
21          which would allow the Department of the  
22          Auditor General to audit municipal  
23          authorities closing a major gap in  
24          accountability and transparency in municipal  
25          water, parking and sewer authorities.

1                   The Auditor General goes onto say  
2                   that, "The lack of the state review of the  
3                   authorities that manage billions of dollars  
4                   and provide critical services such as water  
5                   supply, does a great disservice to all  
6                   Pennsylvanians. When the Philadelphia  
7                   Parking Authority and Pittsburgh Water and  
8                   Sewer Authority responded to public pressure  
9                   to allow my team in we uncovered wide  
10                  ranging problems that lead to two dramatic  
11                  reforms at both entities.

12                  By authorizing my department to  
13                  conduct financial and performance audits of  
14                  various municipal authorities, the Bill  
15                  would give my qualified auditors the ability  
16                  to dig deep so we can recommend changes that  
17                  could possibly cut costs and potentially  
18                  reduce the need for the authorities to  
19                  increase fees for the residents they serve."

20                  And he finally noted that the first  
21                  authority where he would send his team would  
22                  be the Scranton Sewer Authority. I would  
23                  like to remind Mayor Courtright that asking  
24                  questions, requesting information on one of  
25                  the largest and most complex deals that

1 involved privatizing a utility in  
2 Pennsylvania is not being a critic, or it's  
3 not impeding progress it's called doing my  
4 job. Criticism, asking questions, debating,  
5 dissenting, these are necessary for any  
6 functioning democracy. One of city  
7 council's many roles, which the mayor should  
8 understand since he was a councilman for  
9 many years, is to be able to freely and  
10 independently exercise it's legislative  
11 oversight. After all, we work for the  
12 people to ensure that their money is being  
13 spent responsibly not for campaign donors or  
14 special interests. I appreciate the  
15 Attorney General's review of professional  
16 services, but it was, as noted in the  
17 letter, limited in it's scope. The office  
18 did not conduct a full audit of the  
19 authority. Why has Mayor Courtright's --  
20 why has Mayor Courtright along with his  
21 appointees to the Sewer Authority board  
22 refused to invite the Auditor General in for  
23 a full complete audit of the authority? If  
24 the mayor is so adamant that everything was  
25 done above board then why not ask the

1 Auditor General to come in and audit the  
2 Authority? Again, I ask why not,  
3 Mr. Mayor? I would ask him again to invite  
4 the Auditor General in and let's put this  
5 thing to bed once and for all. And that's  
6 all I have this week. Thank you.

7 MR. ROGAN: Thank you, Mr. Gaughan.  
8 I only have one comment tonight and it was  
9 already mentioned by Councilman Perry and  
10 Councilman Evans, I do want to thank our  
11 police department. I don't think they get  
12 enough credit a lot of times for risking  
13 their lives. It was a very scary situation  
14 in South Scranton the other day and luckily  
15 it was a happy resolution, the individual  
16 was apprehended without anyone being  
17 seriously hurt so I want to thank them for  
18 all of of their professional hard work to  
19 keep the residents of Scranton safe, and  
20 that is all. Thank you.

21 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION - AN  
22 ORDINANCE - ESTABLISHING PERMIT PARKING ON  
23 THE EASTERLY (EVEN) SIDE ONLY OF THE 300  
24 BLOCK OF TAYLOR AVENUE FROM 316 TO 330  
25 TAYLOR AVENUE (316-322, 324-326 AND

1 328-330).

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

5 MR. PERRY: So moved.

6 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

10 MR. PERRY: Aye.

11 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

12 MR. EVANS: Aye.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

16 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
17 AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL  
18 NO. 17, 1994 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS  
19 AMENDED) AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNING BODY OF  
20 THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO ENACT 'A WASTE  
21 DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION FEE' FOR THE PURPOSE  
22 OF RAISING REVENUE TO COVER THE WASTE  
23 DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION COSTS INCURRED BY  
24 THE CITY OF SCRANTON FOR THE DISPOSAL OF  
25 REFUSE", BY IMPOSING A WASTE DISPOSAL AND

1                   COLLECTION FEE OF \$300.00 FOR CALENDAR YEAR  
2                   2018 AND THE SAME SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE  
3                   AND EFFECT ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

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

7                   MR. PERRY: So moved.

8                   MR. EVANS: Second.

9                   MR. ROGAN: On the question? All  
10                  those in favor of introduction signify by  
11                  saying aye.

12                  MR. PERRY: Aye.

13                  MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

14                  MR. EVANS: Aye.

15                  MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

18                  MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION – A  
19                  RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER  
20                  APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS FOR THE CITY OF  
21                  SCRANTON TO ENTER INTO A LOAN ASSUMPTION  
22                  AGREEMENT WITH CARL VON LUGER, LLC, WHEREIN  
23                  CARL VON LUGER, LLC WILL ASSUME THE LOAN  
24                  AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00 TERRA PRETA, LLC  
25                  RECEIVED FROM THE CITY OF SCRANTON THROUGH



1 THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
2 PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 150.34.

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

6 MR. PERRY: So moved.

7 MR. EVANS: Second.

8 MR. ROGAN: On the question? All  
9 those in favor of introduction signify by  
10 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-E. FOR INTRODUCTION – A  
18 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER  
19 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND  
20 ENTER INTO A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
21 COUNTY OF LACKAWANNA, A POLITICAL  
22 SUBDIVISION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF  
23 PENNSYLVANIA (“COUNTY”) AND THE CITY OF  
24 SCRANTON, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE  
25 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA (“CITY”) TO

1 PERMIT THE COUNTY TO USE UTILITY POLES OWNED  
2 BY THE CITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF HANGING FIBER  
3 OPTIC COMMUNICATION LINES FOR THE NEW  
4 LACKAWANNA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER.

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

8 MR. PERRY: So moved.

9 MR. EVANS: Second.

10 MR. ROGAN: On the question? All  
11 those in favor of introduction signify by  
12 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: 5-F. FOR INTRODUCTION - A  
20 RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER  
21 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS FOR THE CITY OF  
22 SCRANTON TO ENTER INTO A LOAN TO GRANT  
23 AGREEMENT AND MAKE A LOAN/GRANT FROM THE  
24 CITY OF SCRANTON'S BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY  
25 LOAN TO GRANT PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 150.42 IN

1 AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00 TO DELTA  
2 MEDIX, P.C. TO ASSIST AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT.

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

6 MR. PERRY: So moved.

7 MR. EVANS: Second.

8 MR. ROGAN: On the question? All  
9 those in favor of introduction signify by  
10 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-G. FOR INTRODUCTION - A  
18 RESOLUTION - RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE  
19 SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE  
20 GRANT MANAGER OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON,  
21 LACKAWANNA COUNTY, FOR A PENNSYLVANIA  
22 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GREEN LIGHT GO  
23 PROGRAM (ROUND 3) GRANT TO REPLACE THE  
24 TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT GREEN RIDGE STREET AND  
25 WYOMING AVENUE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND

1 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO ACCEPT  
2 AND DISBURSE THE GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT  
3 OF \$135,200.00 TO REPLACE THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL  
4 AT GREEN RIDGE STREET AND WYOMING AVENUE.

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

8 MR. PERRY: So moved.

9 MR. EVANS: Second.

10 MR. ROGAN: On the question? All  
11 those in favor of introduction signify by  
12 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. NO  
20 BUSINESS AT THIS TIME.

21 MS. REED: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR  
22 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY  
23 DEVELOPMENT - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF THE  
24 COUNCIL NO. 2, 2018 - AMENDING FILE OF THE  
25 COUNCIL NO. 58, 2016, (AS AMENDED) ENTITLED

1 "ESTABLISHING A REGISTRATION PROGRAM FOR  
2 RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTIES; REQUIRING ALL  
3 OWNERS OF RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTIES TO  
4 DESIGNATE A PROPERTY MANAGER FOR SERVICE OF  
5 PROCESS AND PRESCRIBING DUTIES OF OWNERS,  
6 PROPERTY MANAGERS AND OCCUPANTS" BY AMENDING  
7 SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS, TENANT, TO ADD A  
8 DEFINITION UNDER THE LETTER (H).

9 MR. ROGAN: What is the  
10 recommendation of the Chair for the  
11 Committee on Community Development.

12 MR. DONAHUE: As Chairperson for the  
13 Committee on Community Development, I  
14 recommend final passage of Item 7-A.

15 MR. EVANS: Second.

16 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll  
17 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: Yes.

1 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

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

4 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION BY  
5 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -  
6 RESOLUTION NO. 10, 2018 (AS AMENDED) - A  
7 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A CITIZENS  
8 COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL  
9 REDISTRICTING.

10 MR. ROGAN: As Chair for the  
11 Committee on Rules, I recommend final  
12 passage of Item 7-B, as amended.

13 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

14 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

15 MR. PERRY: Yes, on the question, I  
16 wasn't here to comment on this when it was  
17 introduced, but when Mr. Gaughan brought  
18 this up as I am now without hesitation to  
19 support this. This is far too long by both  
20 sides used as a political weapon and, you  
21 know, does this go far enough? Possibly  
22 not. There are other things we can do, but  
23 this is a good first step and I do support  
24 this.

25 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else on the

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question? Roll call, please.

MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

MR. PERRY: Yes.

MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

MR. EVANS: Yes.

MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

MR. ROGAN: 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. PERRY: Motion to adjourn.

MR. ROGAN: Meeting is 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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