

SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

PATRICK ROGAN, PRESIDENT

TIM PERRY, VICE PRESIDENT

WAYNE EVANS

WILLIAM GAUGHAN

KYLE DONAHUE

LORI REED, CITY CLERK

KATHY CARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

AMIL MINORA, ESQUIRE - SOLICITOR

1 (Pledge of Allegiance recited and
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. Please dispense
14 with reading of the minutes.

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

16 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
17 MEMBERS OF THE SCRANTON HOUSING AUTHORITY
18 HELD JANUARY 8, 2018.

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

21 MS. REED: 3-B. CONTROLLER'S REPORT
22 FOR MONTH ENDING JANUARY 31, 2018.

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

25 MS. REED: 3-C. TAX ASSESSOR'S

1 REPORT FOR HEARING DATE HELD FEBRUARY 21,
2 2018.

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

5 MS. REED: 3-D. MINUTES OF THE
6 SCRANTON FIREFIGHTERS PENSION COMMISSION
7 MEETING HELD JANUARY 17, 2018.

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

10 MS. REED: 3-E. MINUTES OF THE
11 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING
12 HELD JANUARY 17, 2018.

13 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
14 If not, received and filed.

15 MS. REED: 3-F. MINUTES OF THE
16 SCRANTON POLICE PENSION COMMISSION MEETING
17 HELD JANUARY 17, 2018.

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

20 MS. REED: 3-G. MINUTES OF THE
21 COMPOSITE PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD JANUARY
22 17, 2018.

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

25 MS. REED: 3-H. AGENDA FOR THE

1 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING
2 HELD FEBRUARY 21, 2018.

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

5 MS. REED: 3-I. AGENDA FOR CITY
6 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD
7 FEBRUARY 28, 2018.

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

11 MR. DONAHUE: Yes. I'd just like to
12 announce the Scranton St. Patrick's Day
13 parade will be Saturday, March 10. The
14 days' festivities will kick off with a mass
15 at the cathedral at 10 a.m. The Brian Kelly
16 Memorial Foot Race will begin at 11 a.m. and
17 the parade steps off from in front of the
18 cathedral at 11:44. The deadline to put an
19 entry in the parade is this upcoming
20 Wednesday, February 28. If you wanted to
21 submit an entry to the parade you can go to
22 Saintpatparade.com. Thank you.

23 MR. ROGAN: Two items. One, an
24 executive session was held earlier to
25 discuss a matter of litigation. And,

1 secondly, a public hearing will be scheduled
2 for Item 5-C to establish permit parking in
3 the 900 block of Olive Street. This hearing
4 will take place on Monday, March 5, at 5:15
5 p.m.

6 Are there any other announcements?

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

9 (The following speakers gave public
10 comments: GERARD HETMAN. JOAN HODOWANITZ.
11 LES SPINDLER. RON ELLMAN. LEE MORGAN. BOB
12 BOLUS. FAY FRANUS. MARIE SCHUMACHER.)

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

15 MR. ROGAN: Prior to Mr. Perry
16 speaking and since I speak last, I'm going
17 to address the item of the transcription of
18 the public participation portion. This is
19 something that was discussed, as I mentioned
20 previously, two years ago when Granicus was
21 rolled out. This was in some member's minds
22 the offset to cut some of that cost. At the
23 time it didn't happen. During the
24 reorganization we did discuss this idea.
25 The majority of the council thought that it

1 was a good decision to save cost savings.

2 As I mentioned, every city council
3 meeting is broadcast live through ECTV.
4 Every city council meeting is on record at
5 the Scranton Public library. Every city
6 council meeting is permanently uploaded to
7 YouTube through the ECTV channel, and
8 personally, again, maybe it's because I'm
9 younger and I have been different
10 perspective on some of these things I think
11 video and audio is much more transparent
12 than the written word. Often times there
13 are things that may have been said in jest
14 or sarcastically that don't translate
15 through on pen and paper.

16 So I personally believe being able
17 to physically see the meetings from gavel to
18 gavel are more transparent than anything.

19 Secondly, council did look at what
20 other towns in Lackawanna County are doing
21 and there is not one council that's more
22 transparent than what Scranton City Council
23 is doing. From live meetings to repeat
24 broadcast of live meetings to being
25 available literally the next day on YouTube

1 for anyone to review what was said. All of
2 councils' motions and votes are still
3 recorded word for word. That's the most
4 important part of our meeting is the votes
5 of council. That is, like I said, the
6 legislative portion of the meeting.

7 I would be interested in seeing if
8 what Mrs. Hodowanitz mentioned is something
9 that we can do if it's free of charge.

10 MS. HODOWANITZ: It's free.

11 MR. ROGAN: I don't see why we
12 wouldn't do it if it's something that's
13 legal and can be done so that's something I
14 am willing to looking into. Again, this was
15 strictly a cost saving measure because of
16 the duplication and how many different ways
17 the meetings are transmitted and I
18 personally believe the audio and video
19 component is the most strong and I will
20 continue to believe that. I'm sure there
21 will be more discussion on that. Mr. Perry,
22 any motions or comments?

23 MR. PERRY: Yes. I have a couple of
24 comments. The first one is I received a
25 call about West Hampton -- Hampton Street in

1 West Side. There seems to be an issue with
2 the six, seven and eight-hundred block with
3 parking on both sides of the street. If I
4 am remember correctly, this is just a
5 one-side parking section of Hampton Street
6 with no parking on the south side, but I'm
7 not 100 percent sure, I would have to go
8 back and check previous ordinances.

9 But if we could, Mrs. Reed, do a
10 follow-up with that and the issue is right
11 now the signs aren't there anymore, so I
12 don't know if -- I don't think they were
13 taken down by DPW or the Scranton Police
14 Department, they might have been taken down
15 other meetings so let's make sure that
16 ordinance is still on the book for single
17 street parking in the six, seven and
18 eight-hundred of Hampton and if is we are
19 going to need DPW up there to install some
20 new signs and then maybe just a follow-up
21 reply or e-mail to the Scranton Police
22 Department to do a follow-up on enforcing
23 the one-side street parking.

24 And, also, Mrs. Reed, I got an
25 e-mail, I think we all did, over the weekend

1 about streetlights, I don't know if anybody
2 forwarded it to you yet on the corner of
3 17th and Division. There was a pole down,
4 PPL replaced the pole and a light isn't on
5 the pole yet. The lights been ordered, but
6 it hasn't been installed yet. So if we can
7 do a follow-up with DPW to see if they
8 received the light and if that's going to go
9 up any time soon to get a status on that.

10 I want to thank Mr. Evans and
11 Mr. Gaughan for the idea session on
12 Thursday. I know they'll have more to say
13 about that. I thought it was a great
14 collaboration between business and commerce
15 to come together and for the sole purpose of
16 removing barriers that prevent current
17 businesses from succeeding and prospective
18 businesses from moving into the city. I
19 think it was a great first step.

20 Second step to that idea session was
21 having Mr. Durkin from the Greater Chamber
22 of Scranton come in today to caucus and
23 spoke with us. I thought he backed us up
24 greatly and I think his input as we go
25 though this is going to be fantastic. I

1 won't take too much of guy's thunder, I know
2 you want to talk about it, but it was great
3 to be a part of it and, you know, I
4 definitely want to look forward to this and
5 move on.

6 Finally, I just want to throw my
7 thoughts out to Tony DiBileo and his family
8 for that unfortunate event two nights ago.
9 His injuries were severe and, you know, we
10 are all pulling for him to get out and make
11 a quick recovery. God bless. That's all I
12 have tonight. Thank you.

13 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Mr. Donahue,
14 any motions or comments?

15 MR. DONAHUE: Yes. Just to keep
16 going with what Mr. Perry just said, I would
17 like to also offer, and I believe I'm
18 speaking from many people throughout the
19 city by offering our best wishes and prayers
20 for a speedy recovery to Tony DiBileo and
21 the entire DiBileo family. I can't begin to
22 imagine what they are going through, but
23 hopefully it will give them some comfort to
24 know that there are countless people across
25 the city and beyond that will be there to

1 support and assist them in their recovery.
2 One of the best things about our community
3 is our ability to come together to help
4 those in their time of need.

5 On Thursday night we had our first
6 idea session and I would just like to
7 commend the session's cochairs Councilman
8 Evans and Gaughan for a job well done. From
9 my perspective being new to council, I found
10 it to be tremendously informative as well as
11 productive. You know, we must put those
12 ideas into action. I think the main theme
13 that was expressed throughout the session
14 was the need for the city to be more user
15 friendly from a customer service perspective
16 and I look forward to working with my
17 colleagues on council and with the
18 administration to continually work to, you
19 know, solve that issue and to continuously
20 get better. And that's all I have for
21 tonight. Thank you.

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

24 MR. EVANS: Just a few things. On
25 the minutes, our intent with the \$5,000 we

1 are saving was to actually increase some of
2 our ways we can use Granicus even more and
3 create a more transparent meeting in place
4 of that, but I will agree that if Mrs.
5 Hodowanitz can take that up and we can find
6 a way to make that work then we should
7 absolutely take her up on her offer, so
8 we'll definitely look into that.

9 In many ways it's been kind of both
10 tragic and hopeful week in our part of the
11 world. You know, the senseless tragedy of a
12 young 28 year old being struck and killed by
13 a car by walking near the Heritage Valley
14 Trail a view days ago still resonates with
15 me. For one, I'm a regular walker in that
16 area and mostly because one of my sons is 28
17 years old, so I can only begin to imagine
18 the pain the family is going through. My
19 deepest thoughts and prayers for all of his
20 friends and his family.

21 And then this morning you wake up
22 and see another tragic occurrence to read
23 about in the morning paper, another
24 senseless shooting. One troubled life is
25 over, another life changed forever. Another

1 senseless shooting. I count Tony DiBileo as
2 a friend. He served many years ago on the
3 Home Rule Charter Study Commission, and I
4 think we have mutual respect and friendship
5 ever since then. Tony is a decent guy and a
6 caring person among his many attributes, and
7 thankfully according to his brother Gary he
8 is responding positively so we will continue
9 it pray for Tony and his family, and we
10 should continue to pray for an end to this
11 seemingly unending violence that we have in
12 our society day in and day out.

13 On another note, while it doesn't
14 quite seem important in light of those
15 events, our idea sessions were encouraging,
16 well-received, positive, and yes they were
17 hopeful. We will begin working on several
18 of those intentions very soon that some of
19 the work has already begun.

20 So thank you again for all who
21 participated, my fellow councilmen who have
22 supported this idea from the very beginning,
23 and members of the administration who
24 attended. It was remarkable to have such a
25 positive meeting within these chambers last

1 Thursday evening.

2 And finally, Thursday is March 1.

3 It is St. David's Day, the patron saint of

4 Wales. I would like to wish my family and

5 all of those of Welsh descent in our

6 community a very happy St. David's Day.

7 Cymru am byth. Wales forever. Thank you.

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

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. Thank you.

11 First of all, I was unaware that

12 transcription of public comment had ceased.

13 I wish somebody would have told me that.

14 And I would like to know who authorized the

15 solicitor to sign off on it and what was

16 signed off on. Now, I will say that there

17 were several discussions held about -- and I

18 actually brought this up about automating,

19 possibly automating that process to save

20 money, but it wouldn't -- it would have

21 taken place after we would have talked about

22 Granicus first, which I was in the process

23 of doing and possibly linking the video with

24 the transcription which would have been

25 automated through the audio, if that makes

1 sense to anybody, but it would have been a
2 way to save money. But, no, I do not agree
3 with, first of all, not publically
4 discussing making a move like that, number
5 one; and number two, doing it without making
6 members aware because I was not aware that
7 apparently since January 1 the public
8 comment portion of the meetings were not
9 being transcribed, so I do not agree with
10 that, number one.

11 Number two, there were several
12 issues with the Greenridge senior apartments
13 off Dickson Avenue that I mentioned a month
14 or two ago, and I have been in contact with
15 the Lackawanna County Department of Human
16 Services Area Agency on Aging. There will
17 be a meeting held with Jason Kavulich, who
18 was the director of that department and
19 Nancy Barrasse, who is the solicitor. She
20 specializes in elder law. That meeting will
21 be held Monday, March 5, at 3 p.m. a 2300
22 Adams Avenue on Marywood campus the Tony
23 Domiano Center for Student Life. There is
24 parking behind the building and all of these
25 seniors who were sharing their concerns with

1 me are urged to attend and there will be
2 flyers passed out at the apartment building.

3 The Arcadis storm water study came
4 up tonight. It's my hope that when that is
5 complete we attempt to schedule a public
6 caucus with both the administration and
7 members of Arcadis so that they can present
8 their report to city council and give us an
9 opportunity to ask questions.

10 I also received several complaints
11 about the area of North Scranton on West
12 Market Street turning into East Market
13 Street, the intersection where the
14 cobblestone meets the pavement is
15 treacherous and people are actually losing
16 the front end of their car from the bump
17 there. So Mrs. Reed did reach out to DPW
18 and hopefully that situation is taken care
19 of.

20 I would also like, as my colleagues
21 did, send my prayers out to Tony DiBileo,
22 the tragedy that occurred this past weekend.
23 Just senseless violence and he is a good
24 family man and I think we are all pulling
25 for him to pull through.

1 And also the recent tragedy down in
2 Florida. You know, this may not be the
3 forum to talk about this, but I feel it's
4 necessary. To me, it just seems like we
5 have plunged into this darkness of violence
6 and just this crazy, crazy world that we
7 live in where everything seems backwards at
8 this point, but if there was any good that
9 came out of the tragedy in Florida it was
10 the movement that is occurring across the
11 country with the young people who survived
12 the tragedy as part of what they are calling
13 March for Our Lives. So I would like to
14 take a second and read the mission statement
15 because I think it is important for this
16 council and for any elected official, for
17 any leader, and all of the people in this
18 community to be aware of the movement that
19 is taking place.

20 Not one more. We cannot allow one
21 more child to be shot at school. We cannot
22 allow one more teacher to make a choice to
23 jump in front of a firing assault rifle to
24 save the lives of students. We cannot allow
25 one more family to wait for a call that

1 never comes. Our schools are unsafe. Our
2 children and our teachers are dying. We
3 must make it our top priority to save these
4 lives. March For Our Lives is created by,
5 inspired by and lead by students across the
6 country who will no longer risk their lives
7 waiting for someone else to take action to
8 stop the epidemic of mass school shootings
9 that has become all too familiar.

10 In the tragic wake of the 17 lives
11 brutally cut short in Florida, politicians
12 are telling us that now is not the time to
13 talk about guns. March For Our Lives
14 believes that time is now. On March 24, the
15 kids and families of March For Our Lives
16 will take to the streets of Washington, D.C.
17 to demand that their lives and safety become
18 a priority. The collective voices of the
19 March For Our Lives movement will be heard.

20 School safety is not a political
21 issue. There cannot be two sides to doing
22 everything in our power to ensure the lives
23 of futures of children who are presently
24 dying when they should be learning,
25 planning, and growing. The mission and

1 focus of March For Our Lives is to demand
2 that a comprehensive and effective bill be
3 immediately brought before Congress to
4 address these gun issues. No special
5 interest group, no political agenda is more
6 critical than timing the passage of
7 legislation to effectively address the gun
8 violence issues that rampant through the
9 United States. Every kid in this country
10 now goes to school wondering if this day
11 might be their last. We live in fear. It
12 doesn't have to be this way. Change is coming
13 and it starts now. Inspired by and led by
14 the kids who are our hope for the future.
15 Their young voices will be heard. Stand
16 with us on March 24. Refuse to allow one
17 more needless death.

18 And I bring this up and I read that
19 mission statement because I believe a vigil
20 and a march is being organized in the City
21 of Scranton on March 24 to coincide with the
22 march on Washington the same day and this
23 march in Scranton from what I understand is
24 being organized by our local high school and
25 college students and, obviously, I'll

1 announce more information when it becomes
2 available.

3 But just to end my comment on this,
4 you know, I refuse to accept this. As a
5 leader in our community, I refuse to accept
6 this violence as a new norm, you know, that
7 we have to live with this. I think we can
8 do better. Violence breeds violence and it
9 starts with our community, it starts with
10 the City of Scranton and places where those
11 children live down in Florida, so I think we
12 can do far better than we are doing now.
13 Thank you.

14 MR. ROGAN: Thank you, Mr. Gaughan.
15 I did mention this during the prayer at the
16 beginning of the meeting, but I do want to
17 mention again my thoughts and prayers with
18 Tony DiBileo and his family. I grew up just
19 a couple of blocks away from Bigsy's. My
20 mom still lives a couple of blocks away from
21 Bigsy's where the shooting occurred and it's
22 very scary that something like this is
23 happening in our community, just a
24 completely senseless, you know, completely
25 random. So, again, our thoughts and prayers

1 are with especially Tony and his entire
2 family.

3 I do want to read a postcard that we
4 received, I think we all received it. It
5 was addressed to the city council members,
6 Mayor Courtright, Police Chief Carl
7 Graziano. This was regarding the
8 alternative to incarceration program that
9 was set up. It says, "Thank you for setting
10 up an alternative to incarceration for drug
11 addicts. My nephew died of a drug overdose
12 last May and might be still be alive if he
13 had this opportunity."

14 I'm not going to read her name, but
15 it is pretty powerful that, you know, people
16 are recognizing that this program may save
17 somebody's life and give them a second
18 chance versus just locking them up and
19 throwing away the key.

20 I want to thank Councilman Evans and
21 Councilman Gaughan for hosting the idea
22 session last week, I apologize, I wasn't
23 able to make it, I was out of town part of
24 day for work, but I did communicate with
25 Councilman Evans and did receive a list of

1 items that took place at that idea session
2 and I really do think that it gives us some
3 different perspectives, you know, on the
4 weekly meetings we do tend to hear from some
5 of the same people, not that that's a bad
6 thing, but it is nice to hear from other
7 people sometimes, so I'd like to thank them
8 for a job well done with that idea session
9 and it's definitely something that, you
10 know, I'll continue to support and continue
11 to do as the years go on.

12 Today Bob Durkin did give us a brief
13 overview on some of the economic development
14 items that are going on in the city and in
15 the county. I would like to thank
16 Mr. Durkin for his leadership of the Chamber
17 of Commerce and for coming in to give us
18 this update. There are a number of items
19 where I think the city and the Chamber of
20 Commerce can work together much more
21 collaboratively to achieve these goals.
22 There are many different items, some of them
23 that we tried to do and tried to initiate
24 over the last few years, different tax
25 incentives for development in this city, but

1 I think we need to work with the chamber and
2 take that a step further. Nationally the
3 economy is very strong, even within our
4 county the economy is very strong and,
5 unfortunately, it seems that Scranton for
6 decades has been left behind, so anything
7 that we can do that's creative working with
8 the Chamber of Commerce to help attract good
9 family sustaining jobs to our area is
10 something we have to do.

11 One of the items that really struck
12 out that Mr. Durkin mentioned to me is that
13 in the past when a business was looking to
14 locate to a city it was more of what are you
15 going to give me or what are you going to
16 get for us and now it's more based on
17 workforce. So it really starts with our
18 education and our educational systems, and
19 within the City of Scranton we are very
20 fortunate to have great universities, great
21 medical school, trade schools. We need to
22 continue to work to keep that talent here.
23 Unfortunately, many of the people I went to
24 college with at the University of Scranton
25 don't live in the city and many them don't

1 live in the state anymore and, you know,
2 that, unfortunately, is the norm and that's
3 something we have to work to change to help
4 foster economic development within our city.
5 And that is all for tonight. Thank you.

6 MS. RED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION - AN
7 ORDINANCE - CREATING AND ESTABLISHING
8 SPECIAL CITY ACCOUNT NO.02.229625 ENTITLED
9 "SERRENTI EMERGENCY CENTER" FOR THE RECEIPT
10 AND DISTRIBUTION OF GRANT FUNDS FROM
11 THE PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE LAW
12 ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES APPROPRIATIONS GRANT
13 FUNDING IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO
14 CONVERT THE SERRENTI MEMORIAL ARMY RESERVE
15 CENTER INTO AN EMERGENCY SERVICES CENTER.

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? All
22 those in favor of introduction signify by
23 saying aye.

24 MR. PERRY: Aye.

25 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

1 MR. EVANS: Aye.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

5 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -
6 AN ORDINANCE - ESTABLISHING PERMIT PARKING
7 ON THE EVEN SIDE OF THE 900 BLOCK OF OLIVE
8 STREET FROM 912 OLIVE STREET EAST TO QUINCY
9 AVENUE AND ON THE ODD SIDE FROM 915 OLIVE
10 STREET EAST TO QUINCY AVENUE.

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

14 MR. PERRY: So moved.

15 MR. EVANS: Second.

16 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

17 MR. EVANS: Second.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.
19 In the backup it says that obviously the
20 parking study was conducted but I don't see
21 a copy of that, so if we could ask for that
22 before final vote I'd appreciate it.

23 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else on the
24 question? All those in favor of
25 introduction signify by saying aye.

1 MR. PERRY: Aye.

2 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

3 MR. EVANS: Aye.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

5 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
6 have it and so moved.

7 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION -
8 AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
9 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO DISBURSE
10 SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,000.00) FROM THE
11 UDAG REPAYMENT ACCOUNT INTO WHICH URBAN
12 DEVELOPMENT ACTION GRANTS (UDAG) REPAYMENTS
13 ARE DEPOSITED. THIS WILL COVER THE CITY OF
14 SCRANTON'S SHARE OF COSTS FOR THE UNITED
15 NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS OF NORTHEASTERN
16 PENNSYLVANIA TO ADMINISTER THE CONTINUUM OF
17 CARE FOR LACKAWANNA COUNTY DURING THE PERIOD
18 JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018.

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

22 MR. PERRY: So moved.

23 MR. EVANS: Second.

24 MR. ROGAN: On the question? All
25 those in favor of introduction signify by

1 saying aye.

2 MR. PERRY: Aye.

3 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

4 MR. EVANS: Aye.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

6 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
7 have it and so moved.

8 MS. REED: 5-E. FOR INTRODUCTION -
9 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF
10 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY
11 OF SCRANTON TO SIGN AND SUBMIT THE
12 PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
13 ("PENNDOT") APPLICATION FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL
14 APPROVAL FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL PERMIT NO.6358
15 TO UPGRADE EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT
16 GREEN RIDGE STREET (SR 011) AND SANDERSON
17 AVENUE.

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

21 MR. PERRY: So moved.

22 MR. EVANS: Second.

23 MR. ROGAN: On the question? All
24 those in favor of introduction signify by
25 saying aye.

1 MR. PERRY: Aye.

2 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

3 MR. EVANS: Aye.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

5 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
6 have it and so moved.

7 MS. REED: 5-F. FOR INTRODUCTION -
8 A RESOLUTION - RATIFYING AND APPROVING OF
9 THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT
10 APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON, ON
11 BEHALF OF THE UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS
12 (UNC)/UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY
13 DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (UNCDC), TO THE
14 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ACTING THROUGH
15 THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY FOR A
16 LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT, PURSUANT TO THE
17 PA RACE HORSE DEVELOPMENT AND GAMING ACT
18 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$120,000.00 FOR THE PROJECT
19 TO BE KNOWN AS "SOUTH SCRANTON WOMEN'S
20 BUSINESS INCUBATOR PROJECT" LOCATED AT
21 26-530 CEDAR AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA,
22 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
23 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF
24 SCRANTON TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF SUCCESSFUL
25 AND EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A LOCAL SHARE

1 ACCOUNT GRANT CONTRACT AND COMMITMENT LETTER
2 WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA TO
3 ACCEPT AND UTILIZE THE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT
4 OF \$120,000.00 AWARDED BY THE COMMONWEALTH
5 OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR SUCH PROJECT.

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 just wanted to say what a remarkable
14 transformation this block of Cedar Avenue
15 has gone through and I support his project
16 100 percent and I think that only good
17 things will come from it. Thank you.

18 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else?

19 MR. EVANS: A lot of people don't
20 know with this project, too, is that
21 People's Security actually donated this
22 building to UNCDC so they deserve a lot of
23 credit as well for their participation in
24 this and I think the concept of a women's
25 business incubator idea is far overdue, so I

1 am very much in favor of this project.

2 MR. ROGAN: All those in favor of
3 introduction signify by saying aye.

4 MR. PERRY: Aye.

5 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

6 MR. EVANS: Aye.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

8 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
9 have it and so moved.

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

11 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.
12 3, 2018 - AN ORDINANCE - ESTABLISHING PERMIT
13 PARKING ON THE EASTERLY (EVEN) SIDE ONLY OF
14 THE 300 BLOCK OF TAYLOR AVENUE FROM 316 TO
15 330
16 TAYLOR AVENUE.

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

19 MR. PERRY: I move that Item 6-A
20 pass reading by title.

21 MR. EVANS: Second.

22 MR. ROGAN: On the question? All
23 those in favor signify by saying aye.

24 MR. PERRY: Aye.

25 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

1 MR. EVANS: Aye.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

5 MS. REED: 6-B. READING BY TITLE -
6 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 4, 2018 - AN
7 ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.
8 17, 1994 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED)
9 AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY
10 OF SCRANTON TO ENACT 'A WASTE DISPOSAL AND
11 COLLECTION FEE' FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAISING
12 REVENUE TO COVER THE WASTE DISPOSAL AND
13 COLLECTION COSTS INCURRED BY THE CITY OF
14 SCRANTON FOR THE DISPOSAL OF REFUSE", BY
15 IMPOSING A WASTE DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION FEE
16 OF \$300.00 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018 AND THE
17 SAME SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT
18 ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

19 MR. ROGAN: You've heard reading by
20 title of Item 6-B, what is your pleasure?

21 MR. PERRY: I move that Item 6-B
22 pass reading by title.

23 MR. EVANS: Second.

24 MR. ROGAN: On the question? All
25 those in favor signify by saying aye.

1 MR. PERRY: Aye.

2 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

3 MR. EVANS: Aye.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

5 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
6 have it and so moved.

7 MS. REED: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR
8 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY
9 DEVELOPMENT - FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO.
10 11, 2018 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
11 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS FOR THE CITY OF
12 SCRANTON TO ENTER INTO A LOAN ASSUMPTION
13 AGREEMENT WITH CARL VON LUGER, LLC, WHEREIN
14 CARL VON LUGER, LLC WILL ASSUME THE LOAN
15 AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00 TERRA PRETA, LLC
16 RECEIVED FROM THE CITY OF SCRANTON THROUGH
17 THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
18 PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 150.34.

19 MR. ROGAN: What is the
20 recommendation of the Chair for the
21 Committee on Community Development?

22 MR. DONAHUE: As Chairperson for the
23 Committee on Community Development, I
24 recommend final passage of Item 7-A.

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-A legally and lawfully adopted.

14 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION
15 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -
16 RESOLUTION NO. 12, 2018 - AUTHORIZING THE
17 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
18 TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A LICENSE
19 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LACKAWANNA,
20 A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE COMMONWEALTH
21 OF PENNSYLVANIA ("COUNTY") AND THE CITY OF
22 SCRANTON, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE
23 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ("CITY") TO
24 PERMIT THE COUNTY TO USE UTILITY POLES OWNED
25 BY THE CITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF HANGING FIBER

1 OPTIC COMMUNICATION LINES FOR THE NEW
2 LACKAWANNA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER.

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

6 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

10 MR. PERRY: Yes.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

12 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

14 MR. EVANS: Yes.

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

17 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

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

20 MS. REED: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION
21 BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -
22 FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 13, 2018 -
23 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
24 CITY OFFICIALS FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO
25 ENTER INTO A LOAN TO GRANT AGREEMENT AND

1 MAKE A LOAN/GRANT FROM THE CITY OF
2 SCRANTON'S BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY LOAN TO
3 GRANT PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 150.42 IN AN
4 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00 TO DELTA
5 MEDIX, P.C. TO ASSIST AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT.

6 MR. ROGAN: What is the
7 recommendation of the Chair for the
8 Committee on Community Development?

9 MR. DONAHUE: As Chairperson for the
10 Committee on Community Development, I
11 recommend final passage of Item 7-C.

12 MR. EVANS: Second.

13 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll
14 call, please?

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

16 MR. PERRY: Yes.

17 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

18 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

19 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

20 MR. EVANS: Yes.

21 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

23 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

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

1 MS. REED: 7-D. FOR CONSIDERATION
2 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - FOR
3 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 14, 2018 -
4 RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF
5 THE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE GRANT MANAGER
6 OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, LACKAWANNA COUNTY,
7 FOR A PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF
8 TRANSPORTATION GREEN LIGHT GO PROGRAM (ROUND
9 3) GRANT TO REPLACE THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT
10 GREEN RIDGE STREET AND WYOMING AVENUE AND
11 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
12 CITY OFFICIALS TO ACCEPT AND DISBURSE THE
13 GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$135,200.00 TO
14 REPLACE THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT GREEN
15 RIDGE STREET AND WYOMING AVENUE.

16 MR. ROGAN: What is the
17 recommendation of the Chair for the
18 Committee on Public Safety?

19 MR. PERRY: As Chairperson for the
20 Committee on Public Safety, I recommend
21 final passage of Item 7-D.

22 MR. EVANS: Second.

23 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll
24 call, please?

25 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

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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-D 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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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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