

SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Scranton City Hall

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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 moment of reflection  
2 observed.)

3 MR. ROGAN: Roll call, please?

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

5 MR. PERRY: Here.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

7 MR. DONAHUE: Here.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

9 MR. EVANS: Here.

10 MR. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Here.

12 MR. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

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

15 MS. REED: THIRD ORDER. 3-A. TAX  
16 ASSESSOR'S RESULTS REPORT FOR HEARING DATE  
17 HELD FEBRUARY 21, 2018.

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

20 MS. REED: 3-B. CHECK RECEIVED IN THE  
21 AMOUNT OF \$43,560.00 FROM THE COMMONWEALTH  
22 OF PA FOR 2016 ACT 47 GRANT REIMBURSEMENT  
23 FOR 2017.

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

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MS. REED: 3-C. MINUTES OF THE  
LACKAWANNA COUNTY LAND BANK REGULAR MEETING  
HELD FEBRUARY 9, 2018.

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

Do any council members have  
announcements at this time?

MR. DONAHUE: Yes, I have one. Just  
announced that the Consolidated Annual  
Performance and Evaluation Report or the  
CAPER report will be available in OECD from  
Wednesday, March 14, until Wednesday, March  
28, for public comment and review. The  
CAPER report cover the Community Development  
Block Grant program, the HOME investment  
partnerships and the Emergency Solutions  
Grant program. And that's all I have.

MR. ROGAN: Two announcements. An  
executive session was held, a brief  
executive session was held prior to our  
meeting tonight to discuss a personnel  
matter.

And, secondly, I would just like to  
remind all speakers that per the council  
rules any questions should be presented in

1 writing. One of my colleagues did remind me  
2 of that in our caucus today. Are there any  
3 other announcements?

4 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'  
5 PARTICIPATION.

6 (The following speakers offered  
7 public comment: Ron Ellman spoke on general  
8 matters. Edward Macarchick spoke on city  
9 business. Bob Bolus spoke on general  
10 matters. Les Spindler spoke on general  
11 matters. Joan Hodowanitz spoke on city  
12 business. Marie Schumacher spoke on city  
13 business. Fay Franus spoke on city business  
14 and general matters. Dave Dobrzyn spoke on  
15 general matters.)

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

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

19 MR. PERRY: Just Mr. Dobrzyn brought  
20 up a great point and that's something that  
21 in the last four years I know the City of  
22 Scranton did fantastic with making sure  
23 every officer has tasers. It's so important  
24 to have non-lethal form of enforcement and I  
25 I can't tell you how many times they saved

1 lived on both sides of the badge. They are  
2 just very important and I agree with you 100  
3 percent. It's always good to have that tool  
4 to a police officer. It just -- it just  
5 deescalates things very quickly without any  
6 over-the-top lethal force, and going back  
7 years and years officers didn't have tasers,  
8 and even up to a couple of years ago they  
9 were kind of trading off and when one person  
10 would end shift they'd go back and forth  
11 and, you know, now everybody has one,  
12 everybody is trained. The trained  
13 department does a fantastic job, they all  
14 know how to use them and that's just  
15 fantastic.

16 I have other some other comments I'm  
17 just going to save for agenda items and  
18 that's all I'm going to have.

19 MR. ROGAN: Thank you, Mr. Perry.  
20 Mr. Donahue, do you have any motions or  
21 comments?

22 MR. DONAHUE: Yes, I would like to  
23 first just thank the police department and  
24 other law enforcement agencies as well as  
25 DPW for a job well done on Saturday. DPW

1 did a tremendous job in getting the downtown  
2 cleaned up in a timely fashion, and as for  
3 the police department, you know, in addition  
4 to the parade they also had to deal with a  
5 concert in North Scranton and I think they  
6 did a fabulous job and it's truly a  
7 testament to their professionalism that  
8 there were no major issues at all throughout  
9 the day on Saturday.

10 And then I would just like to  
11 quickly address the ambulance BLS  
12 designation that was presented us in caucus  
13 last week. We weren't -- I wasn't aware of  
14 any issue until PA Ambulance brought it up  
15 last week, but now that we are aware of this  
16 issue we need for the city to do it's due  
17 diligence before making a decision and it  
18 has to be an educated decision, but that  
19 must originate within the administration and  
20 not by council, so I would strongly urge the  
21 administration to meet with representatives  
22 from both ambulance companies operating  
23 within the city to discuss their issues and  
24 to also obtain an independent analysis of  
25 ambulance coverage as was suggested in a

1 Times editorial last week if they conclude a  
2 change should be made, and that's all I have  
3 this evening. Thank you.

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

6 MS. EVANS: Thank you. First on the  
7 garbage fee, currently it's in litigation,  
8 as we all know. As much as we would all  
9 like to do something about it right now  
10 sadly we can't because of that.

11 On the dangerous dog ordinance if  
12 legislation was brought before us we would  
13 vote it up or down, so if the administration  
14 would like to draft legislation then it  
15 would come before us and we'll vote on it.

16 I returned last night from a short  
17 vacation in Charleston, South Carolina. In  
18 recent years, I have made the habit of  
19 visiting great American cities each winter  
20 when I can. Number one, to get out of the  
21 cold our little part of the world, but  
22 secondly to see what they are doing so well  
23 and why growth in some cities is so  
24 impressive. What I found in Charleston  
25 continues to confirm what I already known.



1 Cities, especially the downtown or  
2 commercial areas, must be walkable, they  
3 must be clean, they must tell a story. In  
4 Charleston's case it was a story of their  
5 history and architecture. They also have a  
6 vibrant arts and cultural scene. This has  
7 been a common scene of great American cities  
8 that are successful. They attract tourists,  
9 they attract residents and they attract  
10 business. People simply want to live, work  
11 and visit places like that, and we have a  
12 story to tell here. We have architecture in  
13 our downtown that compares with any city our  
14 size in the country. We have a history that  
15 goes along with those buildings and those  
16 that designed them, built them and inhabited  
17 them. We have a walkable downtown that  
18 needs to be even more so. We have a clean  
19 downtown that also needs to be even cleaner.  
20 We have an arts and cultural community that  
21 needs more of our support to grow even  
22 stronger, but we are at a crossroads. Quite  
23 frankly, we either grow or we economically  
24 die. We, and I mean all of, next to make  
25 the next step to make Charleston, like

1 Savanna, Georgia, like Portland, Oregon, or  
2 even Austin, Texas, and there many, many  
3 more examples like that. If we grow and  
4 strengthen our downtown core we grow our tax  
5 base. That is good news for the city and  
6 for our neighborhoods. It's simple  
7 economics. To that end, I have been working  
8 for months with several local organizations  
9 to bring Jeff Speck, a renowned expert on  
10 walkability in downtowns for a speaking  
11 engagement. Jeff Speck is the author of a  
12 book called, "Walkable City. How Downtown  
13 Can Save America." My goal and the goal of  
14 others would be to open the eyes of the  
15 community and government leaders to the  
16 endless possibilities for our downtown and  
17 our city. I'm hopeful this could take place  
18 sometime in the next few months depending on  
19 Mr. Speck's schedule.

20 Again, and I have said this before,  
21 all of the demographics are telling us that  
22 urban living is preferred by millennials and  
23 empty nesters. The choice is ours if we  
24 embrace the challenge to do what is  
25 necessary, continue to attract those groups

1 and others and we can choose to do nothing  
2 and let this opportunity pass by or we can  
3 chose economic vitality.

4 One final thing, since I'm the  
5 Welshman up here, happy St. Patrick's Day  
6 this Saturday, March 17. That's all I have.

7 MR. ROGAN: Thank you, Mr. Evans.  
8 Mr. Gaughan, do you have any motions or  
9 comments?

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, just a few. I  
11 requested in the caucus just some follow-up  
12 requests with the Civil Service Commission,  
13 the Scranton Sewer Authority and ABM  
14 regarding some information that I had  
15 requested for the past few months. I  
16 received a few requests from citizens in the  
17 area of Roseanna Avenue about potholes  
18 there, so Mrs. Reed sent that over to DPW.

19 Also, residents in the Pinebrook  
20 area sent a few complaints in about the  
21 softball field, apparently the locks were  
22 broken on the gates there and there were  
23 vehicles driving on the field. I did have a  
24 chance today to speak to the Parks and  
25 Recreation director and that will be taken

1 care of as soon as the weather permit.

2 We did get a request in for an  
3 update on the West Lackawanna Avenue bridge  
4 so we did send that to DPW as well, and  
5 that's all I have this week. Thank you.

6 MR. ROGAN: Thank you, Mr. Gaughan.  
7 Just a couple of comments. I want to echo  
8 what some of my colleagues said thanking our  
9 police, our DPW, Fire Department and local  
10 EMS for the great job that they did on  
11 parade day. I'd like to wish everyone a  
12 happy St. Patrick's Day and wish my mom a  
13 happy birthday. Her birthday is St.  
14 Patrick's Day so I would like to wish her a  
15 happy birthday.

16 Onto some business items,  
17 Mr. Spindler brought up the dangerous dog's  
18 ordinance and it is right it has been  
19 brought up a number of times and my position  
20 is similar to Councilman Evans but a little  
21 bit different. I know a number of people  
22 who Pit Bulls and some of them are very  
23 nice. Some can be the sweetest dogs in the  
24 world. I know people that have other breeds  
25 that may not be considered dangerous that

1           may not be the nicest dogs, so a lot of it  
2           does have to do with the home. So if there  
3           was legislation to be considered it's  
4           something I would have an open mind to, but  
5           it's not an issue that I would be, you  
6           know -- that I feel so strongly about that I  
7           would be willing to spearhead it. I know  
8           you feel very passionate about it because  
9           you had an incident that occurred to  
10          yourself, but that's my position on any kind  
11          of dangerous dog legislation, that I don't  
12          think you could outright ban any breed of  
13          dogs.

14                         Secondly, reassessment was brought  
15          up by one of the speakers and I know it was  
16          in the newspaper again, Councilman Evans,  
17          myself, the mayor, members of the mayor's  
18          administration, are meeting with the county  
19          commissioners tomorrow morning to discuss  
20          the idea of reassessment. I'm optimistic  
21          that we are having this meeting but at the  
22          end of the day it needs to be known that if  
23          the county does not do what they are legally  
24          required to do it can result in a lawsuit.  
25          Council already did take a vote on this

1 issue, I believe it was towards the end of  
2 last year and it was a four to one vote. If  
3 that vote was taken again today, I believe  
4 it would pass again.

5 Anyone who watches these meetings  
6 knows we have talked at length about the  
7 reassessment issues so I'm not going to get  
8 into it too much tonight, but I am looking  
9 forward to the meeting tomorrow and I hope  
10 that we can at least get the ball moving in  
11 the right direction or if we are told no at  
12 least then we have a resolution and we know  
13 tea have to explore other avenues. So we  
14 will be updating the public on that next  
15 week, and that is it all for tonight.

16 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION - A  
17 RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
18 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE  
19 AND ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO THE  
20 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN  
21 THE CITY OF SCRANTON ("CITY") AND ELECTRIC  
22 CITY TELEVISION ("ECTV") SETTING FORTH THE  
23 TERMS AND CONDITIONS REGARDING THE  
24 OBLIGATIONS OF ECTV TO THE CITY AND THE  
25 DISBURSEMENT AND USE OF EDUCATIONAL AND

1 GOVERNMENTAL ("EG") CAPITAL GRANT FUNDS BY  
2 AMENDING SECTION 3(b)(ii) OF THE MEMORANDUM  
3 REGARDING THE DISBURSEMENT OF THE REMAINING  
4 TWO (2) INSTALLMENTS AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED  
5 IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND  
6 INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE HERETO.

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

10 MR. PERRY: So moved.

11 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

15 MR. PERRY: Aye.

16 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

17 MR. EVANS: Aye.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

21 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
22 A RESOLUTION - RE-APPOINTMENT OF SANTA J.  
23 CORBY A/K/A/ SANDY CORBY, 401 WILLIAMSBURG  
24 LANE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18504 AS A  
25 MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE SCRANTON

1 PARKING AUTHORITY FOR AN ADDITIONAL FIVE (5)  
2 YEAR TERM. MRS. CORBY'S PRIOR TERM EXPIRED  
3 ON JUNE 1, 2017 AND WAS HELD OVER TO  
4 FEBRUARY 21, 2018. HER NEW TERM WILL BE  
5 EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 21, 2018 AND WILL EXPIRE  
6 ON JUNE 1, 2022.

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

10 MS. EVANS: Second.

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

14 MR. PERRY: Aye.

15 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

16 MR. EVANS: Aye.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

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

21 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.  
22 8, 2018 - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF  
23 THE COUNCIL NO. 95, 2015, AN ORDINANCE,  
24 ENTITLED "AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.  
25 79 OF



1                   2015, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FILE OF THE  
2                   COUNCIL NO. 145 OF 2007 ENTITLED "AN  
3                   ORDINANCE RENAMING THE EMERGENCY AND  
4                   MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAX ("EMST") TO LOCAL  
5                   SERVICE TAX ("LST") AND BY IMPOSING A  
6                   WITHHOLDING OF \$52.00 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR  
7                   2015 AND THE SAME SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE  
8                   AND EFFECT ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY INCREASING  
9                   THE LOCAL SERVICES TAX WITHHOLDING FROM  
10                  \$52.00 TO \$156.00 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR  
11                  2015, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM  
12                  TAXATION FOR ANY PERSON WHOSE TOTAL EARNED  
13                  INCOME AND NET PROFITS FROM ALL SOURCES  
14                  WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY IS LESS THAN  
15                  \$15,600.00 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015  
16                  UNDER AND PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL TAX ENABLING  
17                  ACT, ACT 511 OF 1965, P.L. 1257, 53  
18                  P.S. §6924.101 ET. SEQ. AND THE  
19                  MUNICIPALITIES RECOVERY ACT, ACT 47 OF 1987,  
20                  P.L. 246, 53 P.S. §11701.101 ET. SEQ. AND  
21                  THEIR RESPECTIVE AMENDMENTS" EFFECTIVE  
22                  RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2018. THIS TAX IS  
23                  EXPECTED TO GENERATE APPROXIMATELY  
24                  FOUR-MILLION EIGHT-HUNDRED TEN-THOUSAND  
25                  (\$4,810,000.00) DOLLARS IN REVENUE IN

1 CALENDAR YEAR 2018 BY ENABLING THE CITY OF  
2 SCRANTON TO CONTINUE TO LEVY THE LOCAL  
3 SERVICES TAX AT THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 RATE  
4 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 FOR A TOTAL MAXIMUM  
5 LOCAL SERVICES RATE OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY  
6 SIX (\$156.00) DOLLARS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
7 2018 EFFECTIVE RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2018  
8 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION  
9 FOR ANY PERSON WHOSE TOTAL EARNED INCOME AND  
10 NET PROFITS FROM ALL SOURCES WITHIN THE  
11 MUNICIPALITY IS LESS THAN \$15,600.00 FOR THE  
12 CALENDAR YEAR 2018.

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

15 MR. PERRY: I move that Item 6-A  
16 pass reading by title.

17 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

20 MR. PERRY: Aye.

21 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

22 MR. EVANS: Aye.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

1 MS. REED: 7-A. FOR CONSIDERATION BY  
2 THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION -  
3 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 5, 2018 - CREATING  
4 AND ESTABLISHING SPECIAL CITY ACCOUNT  
5 NO.02.229625 ENTITLED "SERRENTI EMERGENCY  
6 CENTER" FOR THE RECEIPT AND DISTRIBUTION OF  
7 GRANT FUNDS FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR'S  
8 OFFICE LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES  
9 APPROPRIATIONS GRANT FUNDING IN ORDER TO  
10 PROVIDE FUNDING TO CONVERT THE SERRENTI  
11 MEMORIAL ARMY RESERVE CENTER INTO AN  
12 EMERGENCY SERVICES CENTER.

13 MR. ROGAN: What is the  
14 recommendation for the Chair for the  
15 Committee on Finance?

16 MR. EVANS: As Chairperson for the  
17 Committee on Finance, I recommend final  
18 passage of Item 7-A.

19 MR. EVANS: Second.

20 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll  
21 call, please?

22 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

23 MR. PERRY: Yes.

24 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

25 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

1 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

2 MR. EVANS: Yes.

3 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

5 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

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

8 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION  
9 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - FOR  
10 ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 6, 2018 -  
11 ESTABLISHING PERMIT PARKING ON THE EVEN SIDE  
12 OF THE 900 BLOCK OF OLIVE STREET FROM 912  
13 OLIVE STREET EAST TO QUINCY AVENUE AND ON  
14 THE ODD SIDE FROM 915 OLIVE STREET EAST TO  
15 QUINCY AVENUE.

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

19 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for the  
20 Committee on Public Works, I recommend final  
21 passage of Item 7-B.

22 MR. PERRY: Second.

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

25 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

1 MR. PERRY: Yes.

2 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

3 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

5 MR. EVANS: Yes.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

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

11 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE  
12 COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -  
13 FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 7,  
14 2018 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER  
15 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO DISBURSE SIX  
16 THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,000.00) FROM THE UDAG  
17 REPAYMENT ACCOUNT INTO WHICH URBAN  
18 DEVELOPMENT ACTION GRANTS (UDAG) REPAYMENTS  
19 ARE DEPOSITED. THIS WILL COVER THE CITY OF  
20 SCRANTON'S SHARE OF COSTS FOR THE UNITED  
21 NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS OF NORTHEASTERN  
22 PENNSYLVANIA TO ADMINISTER THE CONTINUUM OF  
23 CARE FOR LACKAWANNA COUNTY DURING THE PERIOD  
24 JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018.

25 MR. ROGAN: What is the

1 recommendation for the Chair for the  
2 Committee on Community Development?

3 MR. DONAHUE: As Chairperson for the  
4 Committee on Public Works, I recommend final  
5 passage of Item 7-C.

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-C legally and lawfully adopted.

20 MS. REED: 7-D. FOR CONSIDERATION  
21 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - FOR  
22 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 17, 2018 -  
23 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE  
24 CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A  
25 SIDEWALK EASEMENT SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FORM

1 ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A" BY AND  
2 BETWEEN PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES CORPORATION  
3 ("GRANTOR") AND THE CITY OF SCRANTON  
4 ("GRANTEE") FOR THE STR 3B-3 STRUCTURE  
5 ACROSS FROM THE NEIL ARMSTRONG SCHOOL  
6 IDENTIFIED AS THE "EASEMENT AREA" ON THE  
7 PLAN AND METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTION  
8 ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "B".

9 MR. ROGAN: What is the  
10 recommendation for the Chair for the  
11 Committee on Public Safety?

12 MR. PERRY: As Chairperson for the  
13 Committee on Public Safety, I recommend  
14 final passage of Item 7-D.

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-D legally and lawfully adopted.

4 MS. REED: 7-E. FOR CONSIDERATION  
5 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -  
6 RESOLUTION NO. 18, 2018 - AUTHORIZING THE  
7 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS  
8 TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF  
9 UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF  
10 SCRANTON ("CITY") AND THE SCRANTON SCHOOL  
11 DISTRICT ("SCHOOL DISTRICT") SETTING FORTH  
12 THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS REGARDING THE  
13 OBLIGATIONS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THE  
14 CITY AND THE DISBURSEMENT AND USE OF  
15 EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL ("EG") CAPITAL  
16 GRANT FUNDS.

17 MR. ROGAN: As Chairperson for the  
18 Committee on Rules, I recommend final  
19 passage of Item 7-E.

20 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

21 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll  
22 call, please?

23 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

24 MR. PERRY: Yes.

25 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.



1 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

2 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

3 MR. EVANS: Yes.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

7 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare

8 Item 7-E legally and lawfully adopted.

9 MS. REED: 7-F. FOR CONSIDERATION  
10 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -  
11 RESOLUTION NO. 19, 2018 (AS AMENDED) -  
12 AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF A SHARED  
13 SERVICES COMMITTEE IN COOPERATION WITH  
14 THE SCRANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT TO EXPLORE  
15 SHARED SERVICES, COSTS AND EXPENSES.

16 MR. ROGAN: As Chair for the  
17 Committee on Rules, I recommend final  
18 passage of Item 7-F.

19 MR. PERRY: Second.

20 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

21 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.

22 As I mentioned last week, I think this is  
23 really a great opportunity to work together  
24 with the school district, save taxpayer  
25 money and eliminate duplicative services and

1 I'm really looking forward to coming  
2 back to this council and to the public and  
3 presenting proposals where we can share  
4 services such as purchasing, legal services  
5 to work together and breakdown these  
6 barriers as I mentioned last week.

7 And in my research, you know,  
8 sharing services is a common practice in  
9 many of the cities throughout Pennsylvania,  
10 New York, really across the United States,  
11 and many times this is out of necessity  
12 because of the budgetary issues and as it is  
13 in this case, but I do look forward to it.  
14 I want to thank my colleagues for putting  
15 their faith in myself and Councilman Donahue  
16 and we will keep them up-to-date on our  
17 progress. Thank you.

18 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else on the  
19 question. Roll 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.

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MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare  
Item 7-F 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 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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