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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

JEANNIE DAVIDSON, SECRETARY

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1 (Pledge of Allegiance recited and
2 moment of reflection observed.)

3 MR. ROGAN: Roll call, please.

4 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Perry.

5 MR. PERRY: Here.

6 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Donahue.

7 MR. DONAHUE: Here.

8 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Evans.

9 MR. EVANS: Here.

10 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Gaughan.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Here.

12 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Rogan.

13 MR. ROGAN: Here.

14 MR. EVANS: I would like to make a
15 motion to take from the table File of the
16 Council No. 9, 2018.

17 MR. ROGAN: A motion has been made,
18 is there second?

19 MR. PERRY: Second.

20 MR. ROGAN: On the question, this
21 ordinance pertains to amendments to the
22 Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance
23 to amend the approval process for lot line
24 adjustments. This ordinance will be placed
25 in Seventh Order for a final vote. Anyone

1 who wishes to speak on this particular piece
2 of legislation may do so during Fourth
3 Order, citizens' participation. All in
4 favor signify by saying aye.

5 MR. PERRY: Aye.

6 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

7 MR. EVANS: Aye.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

9 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
10 have it and so moved. Please dispense with
11 the reading of the minutes.

12 MS. REED: THIRD ORDER. 3-A. AGENDA
13 FOR THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING TO
14 BE HELD MAY 9, 2018.

15 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
16 If not, received and filed. Do any council
17 members have announcements at this time?

18 MR. PERRY: Yes, I just have one
19 announcement. On Tuesday, May 15, Lodge No.
20 2 of the Fraternal Order of Police and the
21 Scranton Police Department will be
22 conducting their annual police memorial
23 ceremony in front of the Scranton Police
24 station. The headquarters is located at the
25 corner of South Washington Avenue and the

1 ceremony will begin at noon honoring the
2 police officer who made the ultimate
3 sacrifice of having been killed in the line
4 of duty. All that can attend, please do.
5 Thank you.

6 MR. DONAHUE: I also have one. The
7 League of Women Voters of Lackawanna County
8 and the Political Science Department of the
9 University of Scranton plan to hold a
10 candidate debate for the Democratic primary
11 for PA Representatives to the 112th
12 district. That debate is scheduled for
13 tomorrow, Tuesday, May 1, at 7 p.m. at the
14 Moskovitz Theatre, Fourth Floor of the
15 DeNaples Center at the University of
16 Scranton. The League and the Political
17 Science Department will also hold a debate
18 for the Republican primary for the 8th US
19 Congressional District. That debate is
20 scheduled for this Thursday, May 3, at 6
21 p.m. at the Moskovitz Theatre, fourth floor
22 of the DeNaples Center. That's all I have.

23 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else?

24 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'
25 PARTICIPATION.

1 (The following speakers offered
2 public comment: Rich Bradshaw spoke on
3 matter of general concern. Gerard Hetman
4 spoke on matter of general concern. Ron
5 Ellman spoke on matter of general concern.
6 Joan Hodowanitz spoke on city business and
7 matters of general concern. Bob Bolus spoke
8 on agenda items and matters of general
9 concern. Marie Schumacher spoke on city
10 business. Dave Dobrzyn spoke on agenda
11 items and matters of general concern.)

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

14 MR. ROGAN: Mr. Perry, any motions
15 or comments?

16 MR. PERRY: Just a few quick
17 comments tonight. First, I want to thank
18 Richard and Bridget from the Ronald McDonald
19 House for coming and just explaining the
20 upgrades that they want to do to continue
21 support for the Armed Forces parade. It's
22 something that's very important to our
23 community and obviously to the veterans and
24 the armed forces in our area and around the
25 country.

1 And, also, I have known Richard
2 quite some time, probably since the
3 mid-90's, and his work with the Ronald
4 McDonald house in this area has been to say
5 the least overwhelming and extensive, the
6 great things that he does for the families
7 in this area. So any time his name is on
8 board with something you can guarantee he is
9 into it and I fully support him and for his
10 push behind our Armed Forces parade. So
11 thank you for that, Rich, and everybody from
12 the Ronald McDonald House.

13 Ms. Hodowanitz, you touched on this
14 earlier, I just want to bring it up briefly
15 about the sad events on Washburn Avenue.
16 Loss of life is always very tragic, always,
17 but you know it's times like this where --
18 and it's been said by me and many others
19 that we have some of the best police, fire
20 and DPW workers in the country and I truly
21 believe that, and let this just be another
22 reminder that these civil servants go out
23 every day ready to give up their life for a
24 stranger and that's what they do and, you
25 know, take your time and thank them when you

1 see them. They are out there for you guys
2 whether you know it or not or whether they
3 know you or not, they will gladly exchange
4 them for you because that's what they do,
5 that's how they are made. So, again, I want
6 to thank them and commend them on just being
7 the utmost professionals.

8 And, finally, I wasn't going to
9 touch on it, but I will, Mr. Bolus you
10 brought something up about the nurses'
11 support. No one has any more support for
12 nurses than I do. Like you, my mother was a
13 nurse. She started out in Carbondale at St.
14 Joe's for a couple of years and then
15 supported a Catholic Irish family, there was
16 a lot of us, and she put us all through
17 school, kept dinners on our table, kept
18 clothes in our drawers and kept them clean
19 and she worked any shift available depending
20 on how old we were, whether it was first
21 shift, second shift, she worked overnights.
22 However that check had to come in she made
23 sure and it didn't matter if it was a snow
24 storm they had police or fire escort to get
25 to the hospitals. Hospitals don't close.

1 Nurses don't call off.

2 There is no bigger support of a
3 nurse than I am. Any time any kind of
4 support is asked of me I'm glad to give it.
5 Although I wasn't able to make it for them,
6 let that not deter anyone from claiming that
7 nurses are not the backbone of the health
8 community because they are, and anybody who
9 doesn't believe hasn't spent the day, one
10 day in the hospital and I believe for the
11 most part. Unless you were born in a barn,
12 you have at least spent a day in the
13 hospital and the nurses are without a doubt
14 the backbone of that whole establishment.
15 That's all I have to say.

16 MR. ROGAN: Thank you, Mr. Perry.
17 Mr. Donahue, do you have any motions or
18 comments?

19 MR. DONAHUE: Yes. I would also
20 first like to commend the police and fire
21 departments and the DPW on the
22 professionalism in dealing with the tragic
23 situation in West Scranton on Saturday. We
24 are all extremely grateful for their service
25 to the city. I would also like to extend my

1 support and gratitude to the nurses of the
2 Moses Taylor and Regional Hospital for
3 standing up and demanding quality patient
4 care in our area. I, unfortunately, had a
5 scheduling conflict and I wasn't able to
6 attend on Wednesday, but the issues that the
7 nurses brought up, brought to light,
8 especially in regards to staffing is the
9 perfect example to show when for profit
10 health care providers have a choice between
11 profits and quality care, they will most
12 likely choose profits, which is basically
13 saying the all mighty dollar is more
14 important than a life. Quality health care
15 should be a right for all Americans and
16 nurses from both hospitals deserve our
17 gratitude for standing up for that right.

18 And, lastly, I would also like to
19 bring up council has received numerous
20 complaints regarding a condemned building at
21 2004 Luzerne Street, specifically regarding
22 trash accumulated in the yard as well as the
23 building potentially being a fire hazard.
24 The neighbors have been in touch with Mr.
25 Hinton regarding their concerns.

1 Ms. Reed, would you be able to
2 please send a letter to Mr. Hinton to
3 request an update on the property and to see
4 whether or not the building is currently on
5 the demolition list?

6 And that's all I have.

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

10 MR. EVANS: Just a few. I may
11 regret this, but I'm going to into the \$30
12 dog license fee that was discussed over the
13 last couple of weeks. The city developed a
14 contribution policy for the Griffin Pond
15 Animal Shelter per animal brought to the
16 shelter by the city's animal control officer
17 as well as Scranton residents, so at a
18 defined rate of \$85 per animal using a
19 recent contribution in 2015 as a guide, the
20 city donated to Griffen Pond \$87,000 that
21 year and ongoing after that. So using a
22 four-year average of 4,000 animals brought
23 to the shelter annually, approximately 35 to
24 40 percent of those are from Scranton
25 residents or brought from the animal control

1 officer.

2 The dog license fee for the city is
3 \$30 and it generates about \$37,000 annually.
4 That money is used to defray the cost of our
5 contribution to the shelter as well
6 additional funds to Street Cats and Dogs at
7 Nay Aug Park. It would clearly appear that
8 a substantial amount of the funding for GPAS
9 must come out of the general budget and not
10 from the pet or dog license fee. I'm not
11 saying I think the fee is appropriate and
12 should not be lower, because it should be.
13 I'm just trying to give context to the
14 reason for the fee in the first place why it
15 was at that rate at the current time, but I
16 will say donating our fair share to the
17 shelter is the right thing to do. To my
18 knowledge, not one -- there is only other
19 one municipality in Lackawanna County that
20 contributes to the Griffin Pond shelter.
21 The County does not contribute.

22 With that said, most years less than
23 1,000 animals are licensed in the city, far
24 less than I think currently exist. That
25 tells me there is a compliance issue which

1 should come at no surprise to anybody that
2 has listened to my comments when it comes to
3 fees within the city. We continually have
4 asked less to pay more, but by creating a
5 system that drives more compliance we should
6 be able to have more licenses registered and
7 we would all be able to pay less than we are
8 paying right now.

9 For example, the county last year
10 issued 8,500 dog licenses. I'm sure that
11 their compliance rate is somewhere around 50
12 percent, but I don't doubt that in the City
13 of Scranton there is probably 6,000 more
14 dogs that were are licensing and if you had
15 a better handle on compliance that would
16 mean additional revenue of \$180,000 a year.
17 With that level, the fee could easily be cut
18 in half and still maintain the current level
19 of funding to the Griffin Pond Animal
20 Shelter as well at Street Dogs and Cats.

21 It's also noted the county fee is
22 only \$5, but the reality is the fee is
23 actually \$8.50 per dog. \$6.50 if your dog
24 is spayed or neutered. It's my
25 understanding though that that amount is set

1 by the state, by the Pennsylvania Department
2 of Agriculture Bureau of Dog License
3 Enforcement. The county is basically a pass
4 through for this program and receives a
5 nominal fee of \$1 per license. It would
6 appear that there should be a state remedy
7 to this as well possibly creating a fund
8 though licenses that can support local
9 animal shelters.

10 In the mean time, it's not
11 unreasonable for the county and other
12 municipalities to support Griffin Pond
13 Animal Shelter. This could help the city
14 reduce our contribution and again call out
15 for lowering license fees for city
16 residents. There is also a city employee
17 who is an animal control officer. A very
18 valuable position in our community. All of
19 the other boroughs and towns in the country
20 have their enforcement done by the state
21 through a state dog worker.

22 Scranton also seems to take the rap
23 quite a bit when it comes to issues like
24 this, but just like the state police, which
25 covers rural areas throughout Pennsylvania,

1 Scranton taxpayers are paying for a service
2 provided by the state to others that they
3 have no benefit from.

4 So there you go. That's everything
5 you wanted to know about dog licensing and
6 were afraid to ask, but it's certainly a lot
7 more complicated than most thought but that
8 does not mean we can't do better. Most
9 communities need to step up and contribute
10 to the local shelter and the city has to do
11 a much, much better job of insuring
12 compliance and then we can reduce the fee to
13 a more reasonable amount. It's still pretty
14 simple in my eyes, when more pay we all pay
15 less.

16 On another subject that was
17 mentioned earlier tonight, there were no
18 shortage of tragedies in our city this past.
19 A young girl was murdered in North Scranton
20 far too young at the hands of the lowest of
21 low lifes. A multiple tragedy in West Side
22 over the weekend. While we are still
23 sorting that out it, we see another troubled
24 person destroying lives around them. Then
25 we have the seemingly constant fires in

1 South Side, which appear to be the work of
2 an arsonist. My thoughts and prayers go out
3 to all of the innocent victims of the
4 tragedies in the past week. Through all of
5 this though we have one constant and that is
6 the consistent reminder that we have a truly
7 professional police and fire department in
8 the City of Scranton. So to them thanks
9 again for all they do for us each and every
10 day.

11 And one final note on positive note
12 I'm going to try to end, in a recent survey
13 conducted by the National Association of
14 Realtors, six out of ten people said they
15 would spend more time living in the -- or
16 spend more money to live in a community
17 where they can walk to parks, shops and
18 restaurants. 80 percentile said that was
19 important in deciding where they live. 86
20 percent thought it was important to have
21 sidewalks and places to take walks, and 74
22 percent thought it was important to have a
23 short commute to work. 54 percent even
24 though it was important to have bike lanes
25 and paths nearby.

1 All of this information, if you pay
2 attention to it, can lead to Scranton's
3 future growth. All the data, all of the
4 demographic information points to us in that
5 direct and that's where we are trending so
6 either embrace it or we fall back. I just
7 happen to embrace it and will do everything
8 I can to foster, nourish and promote our
9 current and future opportunities. So that's
10 just more food for thought, so that's all I
11 have tonight. Thanks.

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

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, just a few.
16 First of all, I think Mrs. Schumacher made a
17 good point tonight about having the caucus
18 with the Pennsylvania Economy League and
19 Henry Amoroso about the city's financial
20 condition, and more importantly, our exit
21 plan. I asked a few months ago for an
22 update from the administration on the
23 different items in the exit plan. I haven't
24 received a response yet, but I do think that
25 council really should make it a habit of

1 inviting PEL to a caucus to get an update
2 every year because in I think 2020 or 2021
3 we are either exiting from Act 47 or we are
4 not so there is a deadline there. So next
5 week I'll discuss it with my colleagues, but
6 I'd like to make a motion that we officially
7 invite them to a caucus before we take a
8 recess for August.

9 I also have asked for an update on
10 the property on Wyoming Avenue for Mr. Young
11 and, you know, I know he is extremely
12 anxious about it and, quite frankly, I would
13 be, too, if there was a hole in my backyard
14 that was swallowing it up and creeping
15 closer to my house, and I would like that
16 update in writing because we have waited
17 now, as somebody pointed out, for three
18 years and that's too long. I see stories
19 all the time on the news about some
20 subsidence opening up and they are fixed
21 immediately. This, I've said it once I'll
22 say it again, this is an emergency. And if
23 it's an emergency for one person it's an
24 emergency for everybody because if it was in
25 your backyard you would want it filled as

1 well. So, again, I would like an update on
2 that and I hope that the city administration
3 and the mayor's office is moving as quickly
4 as possible because time is of the essence.

5 It's as been brought up in the last
6 few weeks about the mine void under
7 Lackawanna College, one of the buildings in
8 downtown Scranton, so I did have the
9 opportunity to reach out to John Pocius, our
10 city engineer, just to get more information
11 on that and whether an analysis would be a
12 good idea to determine the extent to which
13 the mine void projects have been be
14 successful and if the city indeed needs an
15 analysis, so I'm looking for more
16 information from there and I'm supposed to
17 touch base with them this Friday, so I'll
18 update everybody on that.

19 Last July, 2017, council passed
20 legislation to enter a contract with Jamie
21 Moran for the rental registration database
22 program. I asked for an update from then
23 business administrator Bulzoni on November
24 1, 2017, on that. He did give me a memo
25 with some updates. I do have additional

1 questions being it's been a few months now,
2 so I am going to send something to the
3 Licensing and Inspections Department to get
4 an update specifically on whether or not a
5 sticker program has been implemented. Also,
6 when Mr. Moran was here last year he talked
7 about a tipline concept so I would like to
8 know if those things are being put in place.

9 I had the opportunity to attend a
10 Plot neighborhood meeting week and there was
11 several concerns that neighbors had so I'm
12 just going to check through those very
13 quickly. One of the most important ones, at
14 the intersection of Depot Street and
15 Riverside Drive there used to be a stop
16 sign, a one-way sign and a do not enter sign
17 there, but for some reason they were
18 removed. This is an extremely dangerous
19 area, especially with the amount of children
20 that ride their bikes there. It's extremely
21 narrow and it's not meant to be for two cars
22 but in the last few months there have been
23 two cars that have been driving by, a lot of
24 near misses t here, so if we could please
25 send letter or we'll get in contact with the

1 DPW to get these signs back up immediately.
2 This is supposed to be a one-way and the
3 neighbors are extremely concerned about
4 that.

5 Also, catch basins need to be
6 cleaned throughout the Plot and I'm assuming
7 also throughout the city. I get complaints
8 were residents on East Mountain. This is a
9 major or concern of residents in the Plot
10 due to flooding issues. Residents would
11 like to know what the plan is for cleaning
12 the basins this year so if we could also ask
13 DPW that question.

14 Another concern, inlets are blocked
15 at the floodgate. Residents would like to
16 know what preventative maintenance is being
17 done or has been done this year on the flood
18 levies. The streetlights at the Gray Street
19 playground are now upgraded to LED's so
20 there is a question on the status there.

21 Also, a house that's in disrepair in
22 the corner of Depot and Shawnee Avenue.
23 Also, a lot of concern about dumping in the
24 river, different materials being dumped in
25 the river, so once suggestion was if the

1 police department could possibly put a
2 camera on or near the levy that feeds into
3 headquarters, there is also issues with
4 graffiti that's on the wall there is well so
5 that was one of the recommendations from the
6 neighbors. Also, if it's possible to put a
7 sign up "This area is under surveillance."
8 That seemed to work in other parts of the
9 and in the past.

10 And then last item here, everybody's
11 favorite, pave cuts. A gentleman that is
12 part of the neighborhood association sent me
13 detailed list of some of the pave cuts
14 throughout the Plot with pictures. Some of
15 them are egregious ones. Amelia Avenue
16 between East Parker Street and Finn Street.
17 The repair was poor, resulted in more bumps,
18 and it created a whole new issue out there.

19 Also, Shawnee Avenue and Salem
20 Place, this was due to a water pipe
21 replacement, but the repairs are being
22 conducted with little to no regard of
23 quality or longevity, as has been discussed
24 here quite often. This repair in particular
25 shows the un-neatness of the larger patch

1 and completely untouched at the top of the
2 smaller patch.

3 Also, residents in the neighborhood
4 are compiling a list of faded street signs
5 and stop signs that they would like replaced
6 due to safety concerns so when I get that I
7 will forward that to the DPW.

8 On the issue of the nurses, as has
9 been reported, the nurses went on strike
10 April 25, Wednesday, and in front of the
11 emergency room entrance at Moses Taylor
12 Hospital and they also held a candlelight
13 vigil at courthouse square, and there was a
14 gentlemen here last that's was representing
15 the nurses who spoke to city council.
16 Unfortunately, I wasn't able to make that
17 because of a previous engagement but I stand
18 with the nurses in this city who in my view
19 are being bullied by a major for profit
20 company who is more interested in their
21 bottom line than the safety and health of
22 their employees and their patients. I am
23 really concerned that Community Health
24 Systems, which a Tennessee based parent
25 company for the hospital is profit and

1 business driven rather than patient and
2 service driven. Money hungry corporate
3 machines that pervert the medical profession
4 by putting the bottom before patient care is
5 all too prevalent through the United States
6 and in my opinion definitely in this case.
7 They say that money and greed is root of all
8 each and I think in this case that is
9 abundantly, clear.

10 I want to read a letter from a
11 doctor, who wants to remain anonymous for
12 obvious reasons. Actually, it was not a
13 letter it was a message that I received and
14 this ties into this whole issue of the
15 nurses' strike. Back this December of 2017,
16 Commonwealth Health ended the teaching
17 relationship with the Geisinger Medical
18 School so basically all of the students in
19 the medical school had been doing
20 residencies and rotations at Moses Taylor
21 and Regional Hospital. Commonwealth Health
22 put an end to that, they ended the
23 relationship, so the medical students can no
24 longer step foot in their medical facilities
25 for educational purposes, and I would like

1 to take a second just to read what this
2 doctor had sent to me.

3 He said, "By denying medical
4 students from the Geisinger Medical School
5 the opportunity of rotating and learning
6 within their facilities from willing faculty
7 members and physicians, CHS leadership let
8 the local future of medicine down in the
9 only way that they possibly could.
10 Disheartening is one word, irresponsible is
11 another. Denying invaluable educational
12 experiences from the members of this
13 community who at some point may very well be
14 taking care of these leaders, could be
15 considered short-sided at the very best. It
16 is a paradox which acutely hurt those who
17 are actively trying to learn as much as
18 possible for the sake of their future
19 patients.

20 That said, all is not lost in this
21 decision to deny education. Our local
22 leaders provided a very real and tangible
23 lesson, at a certain point cash is always
24 king and this principal holds true even in
25 the context of medical education. It's

1 unfortunate that this lesson was introduced
2 so abruptly. This community deserves so
3 much better."

4 And I would agree with that. You
5 know, usually city council doesn't insert
6 itself into a dispute between a company and
7 it's employees, but in this case I think
8 it's important because it's for the
9 well-being and the health of all of the
10 residents in Scranton and in Lackawanna
11 County. I have been in touch with
12 representatives from the nurses' union and
13 they are sending me a draft letter that they
14 would like signed by city council members so
15 I'll be introducing that next week hopefully
16 to voice our displeasure for what is going
17 on here. And that's all I have. Thank you.

18 MR. ROGAN: Thank you, Mr. Gaughan.
19 Just a couple of brief items, first Mr.
20 Ellman brought up last week about possible
21 raw sewage behind the Parker Street bridge
22 going into the river and he did give me a
23 picture before the meeting, so if we could
24 send that along to the DPW just to check to
25 see if it actually is raw sewage or if it's

1 storm water runoff so that's a big
2 distinction, so we will have to check into
3 that for you.

4 Mr. Bolus also brought up an issue
5 that I will discuss with Attorney Minora
6 regarding Pods becoming structures. That's
7 something I think we need to look into
8 because they are throughout the city and
9 many businesses are using these type of Pods
10 or trailers for storage so it's something
11 that we need to look at and what needs to
12 applied equally on that.

13 And, finally, I think most of my
14 colleagues mentioned it and I mentioned this
15 as well, a couple of weeks ago my wife and I
16 actually moved from over on West Side to
17 Keyser Valley, Merrifield Avenue, a couple
18 of blocks away from Luzerne Street. I work
19 up Saturday morning, dirty water, didn't
20 think anything of it. I assumed there was a
21 water man break in the neighborhood. Sure
22 enough to find out it was because of the
23 incident on Washburn Street with the fire
24 department that was out there. I just want
25 to commend our police, fire, our DPW for

1 putting their lives on the line. It was a
2 very dangerous situation. I know many of
3 them were shot at. They did an amazing job,
4 all of our public safety personnel, and I
5 know I say it a lot but really do have the
6 best police and fire protection in the city,
7 and I know sometimes people criticize myself
8 or others for being pro-police and fire, but
9 they really the most important departments
10 in our city.

11 I'd also like to thank the directors
12 from the Public Safety Department. I did
13 see Chief Graziano, Chief DeSarno, Denny
14 Gallagher and, of course, our mayor and I
15 did talk to Mayor Courtright twice on
16 Saturday I know he was on scene for about
17 eight hours, so I want to thank all of them
18 for their leadership during this terrible,
19 terrible crisis. And that's is all.

20 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION -
21 AN ORDINANCE - ESTABLISHING A "NO PARKING
22 ZONE" ALONG THE EASTERLY SIDE OF STAFFORD
23 AVENUE (S.R. 3021) BEGINNING APPROXIMATELY
24 FORTY FIVE (45) FEET NORTH FROM ITS
25 INTERSECTION WITH WILLOW STREET AND

1 CONTINUING ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY (170) FEET TO
2 ALLOW FOR SIGHT DISTANCE FOR A PROPOSED
3 DRIVEWAY BY DALE AND LISA KRAMER FOR A
4 PROPERTY LOCATED AT 623 STAFFORD AVENUE.

5 MR. ROGAN: At this time, I'll
6 entertain a motion that Item 5-B 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-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -
20 AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL
21 NO. 4, 2018 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
22 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 17, 1994 ENTITLED
23 "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) AUTHORIZING THE
24 GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO
25 ENACT 'A WASTE DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION FEE'

1 FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAISING REVENUE TO COVER
2 THE WASTE DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION COSTS
3 INCURRED BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON FOR THE
4 DISPOSAL OF REFUSE", BY IMPOSING A WASTE
5 DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION FEE OF \$300.00 FOR
6 CALENDAR YEAR 2018 AND THE SAME SHALL REMAIN
7 IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ANNUALLY
8 THEREAFTER" TO EXTEND THE MAY 1, 2018
9 DISCOUNT DATE TO MAY 31, 2018 TO ENABLE
10 RESIDENTS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE 10%
11 DISCOUNT WHEN PAYING THEIR REFUSE BILL IN
12 FULL.

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

16 MR. PERRY: So moved.

17 MR. EVANS: Second.

18 MR. ROGAN: On the question? If my
19 colleagues agree, we are going to pass this
20 through on two readings because we actually
21 are already -- next week will already be
22 past May 1 just so that gets pushed through
23 and so lots of people can take advantage of
24 that discount.

25 MR. EVANS: I would concur with

1 that, and I think people really need to know
2 all this ordinance is doing is extending the
3 discount period from May 1 to May 31 because
4 the bills haven't gone out yet. My
5 understanding is they are going out
6 tomorrow. I've been told that over, over
7 and over again, but I think this is the one
8 time it's actually going to happen so that's
9 all this legislation is doing, it does not
10 have anything to do with the ordinance in
11 place dealing with the fee.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: And does anybody know
13 why they haven't gone out on time?

14 MR. ROGAN: I know that when we met
15 with the administration there were a number
16 of issues with PNC, you know, this time so
17 that's something when that contract is up
18 that needs to be looked at.

19 MR. EVANS: I agree.

20 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else? All those
21 in favor signify by saying aye.

22 MR. PERRY: Aye.

23 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

24 MR. EVANS: Aye.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

3 MS. REED: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A. NO
4 BUSINESS AT THIS TIME.

5 SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR
6 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES -
7 FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 13,
8 2018 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
9 APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF
10 SCRANTON TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT
11 WITH WEST SCRANTON LITTLE LEAGUE, INC. FOR
12 USE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY FOR A THREE (3)
13 YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING APRIL 15, 2018 AND
14 ENDING APRIL 14, 2021.

15 MR. ROGAN: As Chairperson for the
16 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
17 passage of Item 7-A.

18 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

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

21 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Perry.

22 MR. PERRY: Yes.

23 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Donahue.

24 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

25 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Evans.

1 MR. EVANS: Yes.

2 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Gaughan.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

4 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Rogan.

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

7 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION BY
8 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION - FILE
9 OF THE COUNCIL NO. 14, 2018 - AUTHORIZING
10 THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF
11 THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO ENTER INTO A LEASE
12 AGREEMENT WITH THE SCRANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
13 FOR USE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY AS MORE FULLY
14 DESCRIBED IN THE LEASE AGREEMENT ATTACHED
15 HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A" FOR A THREE (3) YEAR
16 PERIOD COMMENCING APRIL 15, 2018 AND ENDING
17 APRIL 14, 2021.

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

21 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

24 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Perry.

25 MR. PERRY: Yes.

1 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Donahue.

2 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

3 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Evans.

4 MR. EVANS: Yes.

5 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Gaughan.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

7 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Rogan.

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

10 MS. REED: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION
11 BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -
12 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 15, 2018 - AMENDING
13 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 64, 2014, AN
14 ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) ENTITLED "AN
15 ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND
16 VIOLATIONS TICKET PROCESS IN THE CITY OF
17 SCRANTON" BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE A NEW
18 DEFINITION IN SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS, NEW
19 VIOLATIONS IN SECTION 3. QUALITY OF LIFE
20 VIOLATIONS AND NEW FINES AND PENALTIES IN
21 SECTION 9. FINES AND PENALTIES.

22 MR. DONAHUE: As Chairperson for the
23 Committee on Community Development, I make a
24 motion to table Item 7-C for further
25 discussion of the fees and quality of life

1 program.

2 MR. PERRY: Second.

3 MR. ROGAN: There's a motion on the
4 floor and second to table Item 7-C. On the
5 question? All those in favor signify by
6 saying aye.

7 MR. PERRY: Aye.

8 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

9 MR. EVANS: Aye.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

13 MS. REED: 7-D - PREVIOUSLY TABLED -
14 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON
15 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - FOR ADOPTION - FILE
16 OF THE COUNCIL NO. 9, 2018 - AN ORDINANCE -
17 AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 12, 1996,
18 (AS AMENDED), ENTITLED "THE CITY OF SCRANTON
19 SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE"
20 (SALDO), TO AMEND THE APPROVAL PROCESS FOR
21 LOT LINE ADJUSTMENTS, ANNEXATIONS AND MINOR
22 REVISIONS OF APPROVED PLANS.

23 MR. ROGAN: What is the
24 recommendation for the Chair for the
25 Committee on Community Development?

1 MR. DONAHUE: As Chairperson for the
2 Committee on Community Development, I
3 recommend final passage of Item 7-D.

4 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

7 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Perry.

8 MR. PERRY: Yes.

9 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Donahue.

10 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

11 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Evans.

12 MR. EVANS: Yes.

13 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Gaughan.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

15 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Rogan.

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

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

20 MR. PERRY: Motion to adjourn.

21 MR. ROGAN: Meeting 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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