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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

Monday, July 23, 2018

LOCATION:

Council Chambers

Scranton City Hall

340 North Washington Avenue

Scranton, Pennsylvania

CATHENE S. NARDOZZI, RPR - OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

PATRICK ROGAN, PRESIDENT  
(Not present)

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. PERRY: Please dispense with the  
4 reading of the minutes -- or, I'm sorry,  
5 roll call, please.

6 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Perry.

7 MR. PERRY: Here.

8 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Donahue.

9 MR. DONAHUE: Here.

10 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Evans.

11 MR. EVANS: Here.

12 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Gaughan.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: Here.

14 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Rogan.

15 MR. PERRY: Now, please, dispense  
16 wit the reading of the minutes.

17 MS. REED: THIRD ORDER. 3-A.  
18 BREAKDOWN OF ELIGIBLE SALARIES FOR THE  
19 LIQUID FUELS ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTHS OF  
20 APRIL, MAY AND JUNE, 2018.

21 MR. PERRY: Are there any comments?  
22 If not, please receive and file.

23 MS. REED: 3-B. TAX ASSESSOR'S  
24 REPORT FOR HEARING DATE TO BE HELD AUGUST 1,  
25 2018.

1 MR. PERRY: Any comments? If not,  
2 please receive and file.

3 MS. REED: 3-C. CONTROLLER'S REPORT  
4 FOR MONTH ENDING JUNE 30, 2018.

5 MR. PERRY: Any comments? If not,  
6 please receive and file.

7 MS. REED: 3-D. MINUTES OF THE  
8 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING  
9 HELD JUNE 20, 2018.

10 MR. PERRY: Any comments? If not,  
11 please receive and file.

12 MS. REED: 3-E. MINUTES OF THE  
13 SCRANTON POLICE PENSION COMMISSION MEETING  
14 HELD JUNE 20, 2018.

15 MR. PERRY: Any comments? If not,  
16 please receive and file.

17 MS. REED: 3-F. AGENDA FOR THE  
18 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING  
19 HELD JULY 18, 2018.

20 MR. PERRY: Any comments? If not,  
21 received and file. Do any council members  
22 have any announcement at this time?

23 MR. DONAHUE: Yes, I have a few.  
24 Friends of Connors Park will hold their  
25 annual craft fair this Saturday, July 28,

1 from 11 to 4 at the park at 515 Orchard  
2 Street. All proceeds benefit park  
3 improvements.

4 And, also, the annual Bob McGoff 5-K  
5 Run/One-Mile Fun Walk will take place on  
6 Sunday, August 26, at 9 a.m. starting at  
7 Connors Park. That's all I have.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: And I just wanted to  
9 mentioned, Mr. Perry mentioned in the  
10 beginning of the meeting about Nicole  
11 Pettinato and I just wanted to also send my  
12 condolences out. You know, I worked -- I  
13 think everyone on council worked very  
14 closely with Nicole over the last few years  
15 as she was the president of the Hill  
16 Neighborhood Association and it's very rare  
17 to find somebody who gives that type of  
18 commitment and that type of energy to a  
19 position like that and gave her time outside  
20 of her regular job and, you know, her  
21 regular family duties. So I just want to,  
22 again, send my condolences out to her family  
23 and she will be missed and I'm hoping that  
24 somebody in the Hill Neighborhood  
25 Association will step up, you know, to try

1 and do what Nicole did and put all of their  
2 commitment and time towards changing that  
3 neighborhood, to continue changing that  
4 neighborhood. Thank you.

5 MR. EVANS: I would certainly echo  
6 those comments. When we lost Ozzie it was a  
7 big step for Nicole to step into that  
8 position and she did a phenomenal job. The  
9 Hill Section was very happy to have her and  
10 she will absolutely be missed. As a former  
11 president of a neighborhood association, I  
12 know how much time and energy goes into that  
13 position, a volunteer position, of course,  
14 that you don't get paid for but you get a  
15 lot of self-worth and self-reward for the  
16 actions you take, so my condolences to  
17 Nicole's family and her dear friends.

18 MR. PERRY: I have one announcement  
19 to make, National Night Out will be held on  
20 Tuesday, August 7, this year at Scranton  
21 High School from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. This is a  
22 great event held nationally each year on the  
23 first Tuesday in August to promote police  
24 and community partnership. There will be  
25 police and fire demonstrations and lots of

1 activities for kids, including free food.  
2 And anybody who has ever been at any of  
3 these events know how fantastic it is. The  
4 police and fire are so gracious with their  
5 time. There is fire trucks there to get in  
6 and climb on and police cruisers, it's a  
7 great time to partner up with your local  
8 safety employees and just promote goodwill  
9 between everybody. Every year they put on a  
10 great show so please attend if you could.  
11 Thank you. Fourth Order. Citizens'  
12 participation.

13 (The following speakers offered  
14 public comment as follows: Ron Ellman spoke  
15 on matters of general concern. Joan  
16 Hodowanitz spoke on city business and  
17 matters of general concern. Marie  
18 Schumacher spoke on city business. Dave  
19 Dobrzyn spoke on matters of general  
20 concern.)

21 MS. REED: FIFTH ORDER. 5-A.  
22 MOTIONS.

23 MR. PERRY: Mr. Donahue, any motions  
24 or comments today?

25 MR. DONAHUE: Yes, I just have a

1 couple of issues to pass along from a couple  
2 of neighborhood meetings I attended last  
3 week. I will be passing along a couple of  
4 issues to Chief Graziano. And, also, Mrs.  
5 Reed, would you be able to send a letter to  
6 LIPS regarding issues at the following  
7 properties: A house on the 500 block of  
8 Morgan Court, which is in the rear of South  
9 Irving Avenue. The building is condemned  
10 and the neighbors have concerns about the  
11 structural integrity of the house. Also,  
12 the old Garcia's Market on the 800 block of  
13 Pittston Avenue, the property is overgrown  
14 and there is also a big crack in the front  
15 window. A house on the 300 block of Cedar  
16 Avenue across from the Old Sun Hotel, I will  
17 get you that exact address later.  
18 Apparently, the occupants are just throwing  
19 trash in the yard and just leaving it there  
20 and not bringing it to the curb and it's  
21 just sitting there. And, also, 305 Willow  
22 Street is condemned but apparently there is  
23 still people living in the house. And  
24 that's all I have.

25 MR. PERRY: Thank you, Mr. Donahue.



1 Mr. Evans, any motions or comments today?

2 MR. EVANS: Yes, thank you. First  
3 of all, in the year of a reassessment you  
4 must be revenue neutral to all of the taxing  
5 bodies so you don't raise taxes because of  
6 reassessment and the \$13 million dollar  
7 amount that was quoted on the question is a  
8 bogus number made up by people that don't  
9 even understand reassessment so my estimate  
10 is probably more like 5 or 7 million dollars  
11 but it's still the responsibility of the  
12 county, so while we're on the subject I'll  
13 just talk about reassessment for the rest of  
14 my time in motions because I know Mr. Ellman  
15 will enjoy that. For nearly four years as  
16 an elected official, I have advocated for  
17 countywide reassessment. I stated my case  
18 many times during city council meetings and  
19 most any other opportunity I might have to  
20 extol the many positive reasons for  
21 reassessment for our citizens and our city.  
22 I went so far as to be the first elected  
23 official to suggest that if the county did  
24 not act on their own then the city should  
25 sue Lackawanna County to force a

1 reassessment, so I was grateful to find  
2 support from my colleagues as well as some  
3 members of the administration. But let it  
4 be known for the record that we were ready  
5 and willing to move on that front, but along  
6 the way more than several months ago  
7 opportunity seemed be your unfolding and we  
8 hit the pause button o let it play itself  
9 out and play itself out it did.

10 On July 16, 2018, at approximately  
11 3:15 p.m. a court docket was filed and the  
12 rest, as they say, just may be history. So  
13 first I'd like to thank Mr. Scotch, Ms.  
14 Holmes and Mr. Monroe, who are the  
15 plaintiffs in the case, suing Lackawanna  
16 County to force that entity to conduct a  
17 countywide property tax reassessment. Thank  
18 you for stepping up, thank you that it's  
19 something the commissioners not named  
20 Notarianni have failed to do. Thank you for  
21 the Community Justice Project for providing  
22 the talents of lead attorneys Mario Mather,  
23 Donald Driscoll and Kevin Quizberry. I am  
24 confident that they will provide proof  
25 beyond a shadow of a doubt that Lackawanna

1 County has severely and repeatedly violated  
2 the Pennsylvania's Constitution Uniformity  
3 Clause as well as the Equal Protection  
4 Clause of the 14th Amendment of the US  
5 Constitution. This violation of the 14th  
6 Amendment is very interesting and let me  
7 explain why by telling you a little bit  
8 about the Community Justice Project. First  
9 let me read one line from their mission  
10 statement. "Our mission is to protect the  
11 civil rights of low income people."

12 Let me repeat that, "Our mission is  
13 to protect the civil rights of low income  
14 people in Pennsylvania."

15 This organization's primary purpose,  
16 as their mission statement clearly says, is  
17 to protect the rights of low income people  
18 and because they have that they decided that  
19 a countywide reassessment is away to further  
20 that mission. There is no doubt that they  
21 know what I and others have been saying and  
22 have known for quite awhile that tax  
23 inequity hurts the poor. Tax inequity hurts  
24 our seniors, and that tax fairness is  
25 ultimately good for everyone. This, by the

1 way, is in total contrast to the nonsense,  
2 the scare tactics and the false narrative  
3 that have been part of the political spin  
4 invoked by two commissioners who have shown  
5 by their actions that they are only in fear  
6 of reassessment because they are in fear of  
7 their jobs. So I would urge those two  
8 commissioners to not wait one dime of  
9 taxpayers' money defending an indefensible  
10 position. They should finally agree that  
11 this is their responsibility. They should  
12 finally agree that they will now accept  
13 accountability.

14 Furthermore, I would say to the  
15 County, the blueprint for success in this  
16 lawsuit for the plaintiffs has already been  
17 established in existing case law. You  
18 cannot win. Every expert in reassessment  
19 across the state knows that Lackawanna  
20 County is the poster child for tax inequity  
21 so I urge you to do the right thing.  
22 Finally do what you were elected to do.  
23 After all, it has always been part of your  
24 job description to ensure tax fairness for  
25 all. Reassessment for the City of Scranton

1 would be a game changer in both fairness and  
2 in future growth. So as this trial begins  
3 it promises to be quite a show, but I plan  
4 on having a front row seat every step of the  
5 way unless, of course, at least two people  
6 in the commissioners' office finally come to  
7 their senses. In the meantime, I won't hold  
8 my breath. That's all I have for today.

9 MR. PERRY: Thank you, Mr. Evans.  
10 Mr. Gaughan, any motions or comments?

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, thank you.  
12 First, I just want to ask Mrs. Reed if we  
13 can ask the administration for a follow-up  
14 on Al Young's property on Wyoming Avenue. I  
15 had a chance to speak with the Youngs in the  
16 last two weeks and the amount of money that  
17 they've had to spend now in legal fees is  
18 astronomical and not something that I think  
19 a family in the City of Scranton can afford  
20 when they did not create this problem, the  
21 hole that's in their backyard. It seems  
22 that the city is hung up on the hold  
23 harmless part of the agreement and there is  
24 a disconnect there, but if we can get an  
25 update on that I would appreciate it because

1           there is a lack of communication between  
2           both parties and I am seriously concerned  
3           about that.

4                       Second, I believe it was asked last  
5           week about Mrs. Hodowanitz asked about the  
6           paving project, the city's paving project,  
7           we did receive a memorandum from the  
8           business administrator so the project is  
9           being awarded to American Asphalt for a  
10          total bid of one point eight three nine  
11          million dollars. The project funding will  
12          be derived from three sources, as was  
13          mentioned last week, the Public Works  
14          Roadway improvement budget in the 2018  
15          budget is \$875,000. The city received funds  
16          remaining from the defeasement of the 2012  
17          and 2013 bonds via transfer from the paying  
18          agent at the time M & T Bank. The total  
19          amount was \$710,780.82. Those funds were  
20          assigned by city council through ordinance  
21          133 of 2017 for roadway improvements through  
22          the creation of a special city's account  
23          specifically for that purpose; and then the  
24          third component, and I think it was asked  
25          about last week, the city's 2018 liquid

1 fuels allocation was \$2,307,505.30. Dollars  
2 specifically assigned include \$413,345 for  
3 the street lighting lease, \$244,988.88 for  
4 the Pennsylvania infrastructure bank loan,  
5 PIB loan. The remaining \$1,649,172.30 would  
6 be allocated to the general fund for  
7 eligible expenditures which would include an  
8 offset for the \$875,000 roadway improvement  
9 project. So of this remaining amount  
10 approximately \$254,074.68 will be assigned  
11 to complete the roadway project funding  
12 sources. This amount will factor in any  
13 interest accrual from the special cities  
14 account, so if anybody wants a copy of this  
15 to take a look at I have that.

16 Regarding the much discussed laborer  
17 contract the past few weeks, we did receive  
18 something, a document from Mr. Abrahamsen as  
19 a follow-up to our correspondence dated July  
20 16, 2018, we just received this Friday. I  
21 haven't had a chance to go through  
22 everything. I appreciate the follow-up  
23 correspondence though. I will be asking --  
24 Councilman Donahue and I are meeting with  
25 the city solicitor tomorrow evening and I am

1 going to ask that this contract be rebid for  
2 a number of different reasons, but the  
3 biggest reason is back in 2014, as I  
4 mentioned last week, the city issued an RFP.  
5 Fast forward to 2018 and really the only  
6 difference in the RFP was a line that was  
7 added giving preference to firms who know  
8 and understand the unique culture of  
9 Scranton's labor unions, and I really don't  
10 think that that was fair and that may be the  
11 reason that we only receive two bidders for  
12 this contract. So I am going to ask that it  
13 be rebid in the interest of getting more  
14 firms to bid on that contract and hopefully  
15 the law department will go along with that  
16 and I'm sure we will be discussing that next  
17 week.

18 This was also brought up last week,  
19 but I just want to say it's becoming harder  
20 and harder for me and I think other members  
21 of council to ignore complaints that we get  
22 about the Licensing and Inspections  
23 Department, specifically, that they do not  
24 return phone calls. The director of  
25 Licensing and Inspections Mr. Hinton, does



1 not return phone calls to people. You know,  
2 this isn't anyone attacking Mr. Hinton but  
3 this is a fact, and Councilman Donahue can  
4 attest and other attest when we go to  
5 neighborhood meetings this is literally the  
6 number one complaint. So I do want to read  
7 into the record a letter that I sent to  
8 Mayor Courtright just to let him know that I  
9 continually receive when attending  
10 neighborhood group meetings the fact that  
11 will the Licensing and Inspections  
12 Department does not return phone calls, in  
13 particular, the department director.

14 I was just stopped before the  
15 meeting by a gentleman, who is a contractor  
16 for 50 years, and he gave me his card and he  
17 is having trouble pulling permits and  
18 getting return phone calls, so I would hope,  
19 and I think it's unique that the legislative  
20 branch of government would get involved in  
21 this way, but I would hope the mayor takes  
22 these concerns from this council seriously  
23 and starts to address this because  
24 everywhere I go I hear it at least once or  
25 twice a week from different people.

1                   Mr. Srebro last week mentioned the  
2                   North Keyser Avenue and North/South Road  
3                   intersection, there was issues there. John  
4                   Pocius, who is our city engineer, his office  
5                   went out and did a site visit. I just want  
6                   to read a section of the letter that he sent  
7                   to the city solicitor. He says, "Our office  
8                   is very familiar with this intersection and  
9                   performed a site recognizance visit on  
10                  Saturday, June 20, 2018. North/South Road  
11                  intersects North Keyser Avenue at a severe  
12                  screw. Our office ran auto turn for  
13                  passenger car, city bus and WB-67 tractor  
14                  trailer. Only the passenger car is able to  
15                  make a left-hand turn but only by  
16                  encroaching on the right shoulder of  
17                  North/South Road. The city bus and WB-67  
18                  tractor trailer cannot negotiate a left  
19                  turn.

20                  Therefore, based on the information  
21                  currently available to us, and also upon our  
22                  professional engineering experience and  
23                  knowledge, it is our opinion with a  
24                  reasonable degree of engineering judgment  
25                  that the following recommendations be

1 implemented."

2 And they are asking that the city  
3 install a "No Left turn" sign below the  
4 existing stop sign and that is going to  
5 require approval of ordinance by city  
6 council, so we should be seeing this  
7 hopefully very soon, but I wanted to make  
8 Mr. Srebro aware that they were looking into  
9 that issue. And that's all I have this  
10 week. Thank you.

11 MR. PERRY: Thank you, Mr. Gaughan.  
12 And very briefly, I had some complaints on a  
13 stop sign that is not exactly where it  
14 should be. I don't know if was weather or  
15 wind or what happened to it but that needs  
16 to put back upright, it's kind of at an  
17 angle. That's at the corner of Pittston  
18 Avenue and Kane Street. Also, I'm aware  
19 there is many accidents in that area. There  
20 is a one-way street that butts up against a  
21 two-way street, so between that and that  
22 Kane Street is the very first crossing  
23 intersection and a lot of times there are  
24 cars coming up the wrong way, they miss  
25 where the two-way turns into a one-way. So

1 if we could send a message out to Officer  
2 Mitchell, maybe do a traffic study, is there  
3 something that we can do to make that  
4 transition from two-way to one-way more  
5 apparent. I know it's -- I don't know want  
6 to say an ongoing issue it's just the way  
7 that was the street was engineered and  
8 developed and built a long time ago but  
9 there has got to be a better way to secure  
10 that area for drivers on both sides. And  
11 that's all I have for today. Thank you.

12 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION - A  
13 RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
14 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO APPLY  
15 FOR AND EXECUTE A GRANT FOR THE  
16 REDEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE CAPITAL PROGRAM  
17 (RACP) THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH OF  
18 PENNSYLVANIA'S OFFICE OF THE BUDGET  
19 IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND(  
20 \$800,000.00) DOLLARS; ACCEPTING AND  
21 DISBURSING THE GRANT; AND COORDINATE THE USE  
22 OF THE GRANT FUNDS WITH SCRANTON-SAMTER, LP,  
23 FOR THE PROJECT TO BE NAMED THE "SAMTER  
24 REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT".

25 MR. PERRY: At this time, I'll

1 entertain a motion that Item 5-B be  
2 introduced into its proper committee.

3 MR. EVANS: So moved.

4 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

5 MR. PERRY: On the question?

6 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.

7 I just want to read what this project will  
8 entail from the backup legislation. This  
9 \$800,000 will go towards the rehab of the  
10 former five-story department store building  
11 into 24 one and two bedroom apartments with  
12 modern layouts and amenities. Downtown  
13 require people to live in them to succeed  
14 bringing 24 new units to the 100 block of  
15 Penn Avenue needs more than 30 people living  
16 in this building and walking in and out on a  
17 regular basis. In addition, the return of  
18 ground floor retail to this marquee corner  
19 will translate into even more people on the  
20 street, job creation and tax revenues.

21 I think this is a great project. I  
22 think it's a great reinvestment into the 100  
23 block of Penn Avenue and I think this adds  
24 to the already growing chorus of people and  
25 businesses that are moving into this area,

1 and as the backup says I think this will  
2 translate into a catalyst for this block of  
3 Penn Avenue and even further into downtown  
4 and it's a great addition as well. If we  
5 remember from few weeks ago, the money that  
6 we received from the state for the 300 block  
7 of Adams Avenue the Scranton Counseling  
8 Center is moving over to Cherry Street in  
9 South Scranton so I think this is good news.  
10 Thank you.

11 MR. PERRY: Thank you very much.  
12 All those in favor of introduction signify  
13 by saying aye.

14 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

15 MR. EVANS: Aye.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

19 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION - A  
20 RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF PRITESHA  
21 PATEL, 678 ADAMS AVENUE, SCRANTON,  
22 PENNSYLVANIA, 18510 AS THE ALTERNATE NO. 1  
23 MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR  
24 THE CITY OF SCRANTON. MS. PATEL WILL FILL  
25 THE ALTERNATE NO. 1 POSITION THAT WAS

1 VACATED BY PAUL MARCKS WHEN HE BECAME A  
2 REGULAR MEMBER OF THE BOARD. MS. PATEL WILL  
3 FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF MR. MARCKS WHICH  
4 EXPIRES ON JULY 1, 2020.

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

8 MR. EVANS: So moved.

9 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

10 MR. PERRY: On the question? On the  
11 question, I just wanted to submit for the  
12 record that Ms. Patel has submitted a  
13 resume, a letter of interest, and was vetted  
14 by our Treasury Department and she is clear  
15 of any fees or taxes that she owes the city.

16 All those in favor of introduction  
17 signify by saying aye.

18 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

19 MR. EVANS: Aye.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

21 MR. PERRY: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
22 have it and so moved.

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

24 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.

25 26, 2018 - AN ORDINANCE - GRANTING A

1           TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION AND PERMANENT  
2           MAINTENANCE EASEMENT AGREEMENT ON PROPERTY  
3           OWNED BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO SCRANTON  
4           LACKAWANNA INDUSTRIAL BUILDING COMPANY FOR  
5           THE INSTALLATION OF SIDEWALKS AT THE MOUNT  
6           PLEASANT CORPORATE CENTER ALONG MOUNT  
7           PLEASANT DRIVE AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN  
8           EXHIBIT "A".

9                   MR. PERRY: You've heard reading by  
10           title of Item 6-A, what is your pleasure?

11                   MR. EVANS: I move that Item 6-A  
12           pass reading by title.

13                   MR. DONAHUE: Second.

14                   MR. PERRY: On the question? All  
15           those in favor signify by saying aye.

16                   MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

17                   MR. EVANS: Aye.

18                   MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

21                   MS. REED: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR  
22           CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE -  
23           FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 64 2018 -  
24           AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE  
25           CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A



1 GRANT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF  
2 SCRANTON (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE  
3 "CITY" AND/OR "GRANTOR") AND SCRANTON  
4 LACKAWANNA INDUSTRIAL BUILDING COMPANY,  
5 (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE  
6 "GRANTEE/SUB-RECIPIENT") IN THE AMOUNT OF  
7 FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) FOR THE  
8 INSTALLATION OF SIDEWALKS AT THE MOUNT  
9 PLEASANT CORPORATE CENTER LOCATED ALONG  
10 MOUNT PLEASANT DRIVE.

11 MR. PERRY: What is the  
12 recommendation for the Chairperson for the  
13 Committee on Finance?

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

17 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

18 MR. PERRY: On the question?

19 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question,  
20 Mrs. Schumacher had a question last week  
21 about this and I did go back and look into  
22 the 2018 budget and I just want to read the  
23 narrative from Boards, Commissions and  
24 Nonprofits. It says, "The Scranton Plan  
25 contribution reinstates a financial to the

1 plan suspended by the City. The budget  
2 includes the \$10,000 annual contribution and  
3 \$50,000 as a matching component for the  
4 Chamber of Commerce to install sidewalks at  
5 the Mt. Pleasant Development Site. The  
6 disbursement will occur only based on an  
7 actual project match, and I did -- was in  
8 conversation with Mr. Bulzoni and he said  
9 that SLIBCO will undertake the project and  
10 Geisinger will provide up to \$20,000.  
11 SLIBCO will handle the design, legal  
12 advertising and maintenance costs. Thank  
13 you.

14 MR. PERRY: Thank you. Anyone else  
15 on the question? Roll call, please.

16 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Donahue.

17 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

18 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Evans.

19 MR. EVANS: Yes.

20 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Gaughan.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

22 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Perry.

23 MR. PERRY: Yes. I hereby declare  
24 Item 7-A legally and lawfully adopted. If  
25 there is no further business, I'll entertain

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a motion to adjourn.

MR. EVANS: Motion to adjourn.

MR. PERRY: 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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