

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
(Not present)

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. (Not
7 present.) Mr. Evans.

8 MR. EVANS: Here.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Here.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

12 MR. ROGAN: Here.

13 MR. EVANS: I would like to make a
14 motion to take from the table File of
15 Council No. 27-2018.

16 MR. PERRY: Second.

17 MR. ROGAN: On the question? This
18 piece is being taken from the table and
19 being placed into Seventh Order for a final
20 vote. It is the 2019 OECD Action Plan that
21 was tabled in order to comply with the
22 30-day public comment period as required by
23 HUD. Anyone who wishes to speak on this
24 particular piece of legislation may do so
25 during Fourth Order, citizens'

1 participation. All those in favor signify
2 by saying aye.

3 MR. PERRY: Aye.

4 MR. EVANS: Aye.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

8 MR. EVANS: I make a motion to
9 appoint Councilman Gaughan as temporary
10 Chairperson for the Committee on Community
11 Development.

12 MR. PERRY: Second.

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

15 MR. PERRY: Aye.

16 MR. EVANS: Aye.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

20 Please dispense with the reading of
21 the minutes.

22 MS. REED: THIRD ORDER. 3-A. CHECK
23 RECEIVED FROM LUTHERWOOD IN THE AMOUNT OF
24 \$6,000.00 FOR PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES.

25 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?

1 If not, received and filed.

2 MS. REED 3-B. CONTROLLER'S REPORT
3 FOR MONTH ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018.

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

6 MS. REED: 3-C. TAX ASSESSOR'S
7 RESULTS REPORT FOR HEARING DATE HELD OCTOBER
8 10, 2018.

9 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
10 Received and filed.

11 MS. REED: 3-D. MINUTES OF THE
12 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING
13 HELD SEPTEMBER 19, 2018.

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

16 MS. REED: 3-E. MINUTES OF THE
17 SCRANTON POLICE PENSION COMMISSION MEETING
18 HELD SEPTEMBER 19, 2018.

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

21 MS. REED: 3-F. MINUTES OF THE
22 COMPOSITE PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD
23 SEPTEMBER 19, 2018.

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

1 MS. REED: 3-G. AGENDA FOR THE
2 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING
3 HELD OCTOBER 17, 2018.

4 MR. ROGAN: Any comments? Received
5 and filed.

6 MS. REED: 3-H. AGENDA FOR THE CITY
7 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD
8 OCTOBER 24, 2018.

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

12 MR. PERRY: Yes, I have one
13 announcement to make, the Scranton Police
14 Department is teaming up with the Fire
15 Department this year in an effort to raise
16 enough money to purchase 1,200 coats for the
17 needy children in the Scranton School
18 District. A fundraiser is being planned at
19 the Hilton on First Friday, November 2, and
20 some information about it, it runs from 5:00
21 to 9:00 at night. The cost is \$20 at the
22 door, which each entry fee will go towards
23 one of the coats. For tickets in advance
24 you can call 570-348-4139. There will be a
25 cash bar, special prizes will be drawn all

1 evening and there will also be a 50/50. So
2 First Friday is a great activity anyway,
3 please stop by and help the police and fire
4 department buy some coats for the needy kids
5 this winter. Thank you.

6 MR. ROGAN: I would just like to
7 announce again that recycle leaf bags are
8 still available at all fire stations
9 throughout the city. A future announcement
10 will be made when the DPW date for pick up
11 for citywide leaf will be made.

12 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'
13 PARTICIPATION.

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

16 (The following speakers gave public
17 comment: Michelle Dempsey spoke on matters
18 of general concern. Joan Hodowanitz spoke
19 on agenda items and city business. Sam
20 Ganza spoke on matters of general concern.
21 Gerard Hetman spoke on matters of general
22 concern. Maria Schumacher spoke on city
23 business. Lenny Srebro spoke on city
24 business and matters of general concern.
25 Bob Bolus spoke on matters of general

1 concern. Glynnis Johns spoke on city
2 business and matters of general concern.
3 Dave Dobrzyn spoke on matters of general
4 concern.)

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

7 MR. ROGAN: Mr. Perry, any motions
8 or comments.

9 MR. PERRY: I really didn't, but
10 I'll just make one quick comment and that's
11 just kind of how our meetings are handled
12 and how we would like them to be handle.
13 There is over 70,000 people in this city.
14 That's 70,000 different personalities,
15 70,000 different ideas and lot of times we
16 butt heads or we don't agree. Most of the
17 times most people don't agree on everything,
18 it's impossible. But one thing that we can
19 do is treat each other with respect and
20 that's something that, you know, my mom
21 instilled in me from the very beginning. It
22 costs nothing. It's free to respect
23 somebody and I make sure I respect everybody
24 whether we agree or we disagree and I expect
25 nothing less than anybody that I'm talking

1 to as well. So let's keep that in our mind.
2 When we host our meetings if we want
3 something to get done in the city, and
4 that's why we're all here is to progress the
5 city, whether it's how I feel it should be
6 done or you or we get together, we kind of
7 homogenize and come together on a certain
8 plan let's do it with respect and respect
9 each other because nothing gets don the
10 other way. It's too divisive and civil
11 discourse is never good for anybody. That's
12 all I have.

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

15 MR. EVANS: Sure. I'm going to
16 circle back to last week's comments and
17 discussion on storm water. Default is a
18 word that is associated in most cases with a
19 financial condition of someone or some
20 thing. So simply stated, if you were in
21 default -- you are in default when you fail
22 to meet your obligations. As we all know
23 and we have been for almost a generation the
24 city had been close at time to default by
25 failing to meet our financial obligations.

1 So over the last four and a half years, four
2 and a half plus years we have made some
3 great strides in gaining our financial
4 footing as we continue to work towards
5 finally exiting Act 47.

6 The last week's discussion on the
7 storm water has lead to me believe we are
8 guilty of another kind of default. Property
9 owners and taxpayers in Scranton expect a
10 certain level of service and responsiveness
11 necessary from their government, but when it
12 comes to storm water we have failed to
13 fulfill our obligations. While it has been
14 increasingly clear our future will include a
15 Storm Water Authority, either a Scranton
16 only authority or the more regional
17 approach, which I fully endorse, and when
18 that happens it is envisioned that the
19 resources to finally address storm water
20 adequately will be readily available and we
21 can begin to effectively deal with this
22 issue, but that is then and this is now.

23 And today when it comes to storm
24 water and our responsiveness to our citizens
25 and property owners and taxpayers to even

1 address this problem in the most basic way
2 we are in default. City council's calls for
3 what might be called a storm water summit is
4 not only important, it is not only overdue,
5 it is absolutely necessary. I know
6 Councilman Gaughan will be talking a little
7 bit more about that in a few minutes.

8 On a completely unrelated topic, I
9 would like to talk about the word innovation
10 and how it may relate to government, and
11 particularly Scranton City Government.
12 First I'd like to define the word, at least
13 what it means to me. For many innovation is
14 just a buzz word, a word that people tend to
15 throw around in hopes of impressing the
16 masses, but with no real intention of doing
17 what is necessary to actually innovate.
18 Innovation put in the simplest terms is
19 creative ideas completed. There cannot be
20 innovation unless the creative ideas
21 developed are actually implemented in some
22 way. This has always been a big stumbling
23 block in my eyes and in the government
24 sector.

25 Government, by the way, is the

1 largest employer in the United States and it
2 probably ranks to being number one in
3 Pennsylvania and in Lackawanna County. In
4 Scranton, I'm sure it's somewhere in the top
5 two or three of all employers. With all of
6 those employees, with budgets measured in
7 the hundreds of millions of dollars and in
8 large cities in the state the budget is
9 probably measured in the billions, so how
10 much is spent on R & D, research and
11 development? How much is spent on
12 innovation? The answer is zero. Zero
13 dollars. This city is a \$100 million
14 enterprise price and we allocate zero funds
15 towards innovation. Now, that's not to say
16 that innovation doesn't exist in government,
17 it does, it just has never been a sustained
18 concept. At times, it can be driven by
19 people that think innovation is important,
20 but when those people are no longer part of
21 the government for whatever reason
22 innovation can and many times does cease to
23 exist.

24 Over the last few years I'm proud to
25 say that a good share of innovation at the

1 city level and creative ideas implemented
2 has come from this city council. Granticus,
3 Smart City, the idea sessions, the Scranton
4 Home Assistance Program, and coming soon,
5 See, Click, Fix are just a few examples. Of
6 course, that doesn't happen without willing
7 and talented people on the administrative
8 side of equation as well. Those that have
9 partnered with us to get these things done.
10 Some of those individuals have shown their
11 ability to innovate and we are grateful for
12 that.

13 But, again, when key individuals are
14 no longer working for this city the passion
15 for innovation most likely will leave with
16 them. But that is today and what do we do to
17 about tomorrow? We need to find a creative,
18 sustainable model of innovation. It needs
19 to be part of our culture moving forward, a
20 cultural shift in the city that historically
21 has resisted change and it must happen. The
22 key to innovation being successful is being
23 able to quickly put ideas into effect
24 through pilot programs. It's that simple
25 and, of course, it's also that difficult.

1 When you have what appears to be a
2 good idea you create a pilot program. It's
3 either successful or it's not. You either
4 approve the concept or you don't. If
5 successful the dividends can be great, but
6 when you are unsuccessful what you learn
7 through the process can be just as
8 important. You have to be willing to take a
9 risk and you have to be willing to try.

10 So that leads to this suggestion for
11 the administration, create a new entry in
12 the 2019 budget called the innovation fund.
13 Make 2019 the first year of what should be a
14 long-term commitment to innovation within
15 city government. I finally have this
16 challenge for the mayor, if you create this
17 innovation fund at a modest \$25,000 in 2019,
18 if the mayor agrees to that, I will take a
19 \$5,000 pay cut in my salary in 2019 and have
20 that money transferred directly into the
21 innovation fund. That's 40 percent of my
22 city council salary for a .025 percent city
23 stake in the fund based on the 2019 budget.
24 That's how much I believe in the promise of
25 innovation, that's how much I believe in the

1 promise of ideas. So, Mr. Mayor, the
2 innovation is in your Court. That's all I
3 have tonight. Thank you.

4 MR. ROGAN: Mr. Gaughan, any motions
5 or comments?

6 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, just a few.
7 First, Mrs. Reed, I know we sent this
8 before, 1207 S. Main Avenue the gentleman
9 was in touch with me again, there is a large
10 sinkhole that has opened up. If we could
11 ask Licensing and Inspections Department and
12 the city engineer to go out and assess that,
13 I don't know if they have been out, we
14 haven't heard anything back.

15 Also, received a complaint about 516
16 Palm Street, overgrown grass and a couple of
17 other issues if we could send that out again
18 to the Licensing, Inspections and Permits
19 Department.

20 Also, I usually don't do this, but I
21 do have to fact check Mr. Bolus, he said
22 something that was completely false in his
23 speech tonight and that there are no minutes
24 for council meetings, that is not true. On
25 the city's website there are minutes of the

1 council meeting. Now, I didn't agree, if he
2 was paying attention back in January when we
3 reorganized, I didn't agree with the way
4 that we went about that and the way that it
5 was done, but the stenographer takes the
6 video that is recorded by ECTV off of
7 YouTube and records the minutes and they are
8 available on the city website. That does
9 not include word-for-word transcription of
10 council speakers. So what he said actually
11 was not true.

12 Also, I did receive a copy from
13 Solicitor Minora last week of the Code of
14 Ethics in draft form, so I received that
15 last week. I have had a chance in the past
16 few days to go through it. I'm pleased with
17 a lot of the language in here. We used the
18 City of Reading as a guide and to stay with
19 the spirit of their law. There are some
20 additions and deletions that I would like to
21 make so I'm going to hand those over to
22 Solicitor Minora and get with him, and I did
23 ask my colleagues in the caucus tonight and
24 if they could do the same because I would
25 like to get this on our agenda before the

1 end of the year because I think it's very
2 important.

3 Also, last week we sent a letter to
4 Mayor Courtright regarding several issues
5 about storm water in the city, and I'm not
6 going to drone on about it because we have
7 talked about for months and months, but in
8 the letter -- I made a motion last week and
9 in the letter council agreed unanimously to
10 request a public meeting with the mayor,
11 members of his cabinet, city engineer,
12 representatives from Pennsylvania American
13 Water in order to address the city's
14 management of these flooding events, and I
15 did say last week that I understand that
16 these things will not be cured overnight but
17 it is such now, and I have seen over the
18 last few years that there are spots in the
19 city that get flooded every single time it
20 rains. So there is no excuse for the city
21 to continue to say that we don't have the
22 money or just going to turn a blind eye to
23 it and let people pay thousands of dollars
24 every year -- or, actually I have heard one
25 time why did they build their house there.

1 That's not an excuse.

2 So I made that motion, it was very
3 clear that we all would like a public
4 meeting with the mayor, with members of his
5 administration to address these issues
6 because they are extremely important. So
7 without fail we received a response not from
8 the mayor but from another attorney, his
9 city solicitor, in which she says, "The
10 mayor is in receipt of your letter dated
11 October 18 regarding the flooding issues in
12 the 2600 block of Pittston Avenue and I have
13 reviewed the same with him. This matter has
14 already been brought to me by Councilman
15 Perry, and as promised to him I will be
16 meeting with him along with Council
17 President Rogan to discuss this matter
18 further with the appropriate members of city
19 administration and Pennsylvania American
20 Water. I trust that they will update
21 remaining members of council following the
22 meeting."

23 Well, I have a few issues with that.
24 I'm glad that they are addressing the 2600
25 block of Pittston Avenue but they did not

1 address half of the letter in I which we
2 called for a public meeting. Now, you know,
3 let me say, as I said last week, I have been
4 asking very, very, very specific questions.
5 This is not rocket science about the
6 flooding that occurred in the city in August
7 and what our response was to the state,
8 whether we submitted for damages, are we
9 going to get reimbursed, what that process
10 looks like, sent it on more than one
11 occasion, never received a response.

12 Now, I'm not insulted by this
13 because over the last four to five years
14 this has been common practice by the mayor
15 and the members of his administration to
16 ignore my requests and my questions, and as
17 I mentioned to my colleagues in the back
18 tonight, you know, I don't ask questions
19 that are not relevant to either something
20 that's on our agenda or issues that are
21 going on in the city. I'm not asking how
22 many shades of paint we have colored city
23 hall with in the last five years. I'm not
24 asking for boxes and boxes of information
25 just to make some poor person in city hall

1 go through it and get it so that I can throw
2 it away just to make their job a little bit
3 harder. I'm asking questions that are
4 important not only to council, but to the
5 people of this city.

6 Who I feel was insulted with this
7 response was every single person who over
8 the last five to six months has called me,
9 e-mailed me, stopped me on the street, came
10 and knocked on my door and that I have met
11 at their house in front of their door. Al
12 Young, Lenny Srebro, everybody else in
13 Keyser Valley, West Scranton, Minooka, South
14 Side, North Scranton, you name it, my phone
15 has rang off the hook and apparently to the
16 mayor and other members of his
17 administration it doesn't matter if people
18 spend ten or 15,000 dollars to replace water
19 heaters, electrical panels and everything
20 else. It doesn't matter that we have people
21 calling us crying because they don't have
22 enough money to spend on all of the damages
23 that has occurred.

24 The response is get an attorney or
25 have another lawyer write us a letter that

1 is not the worth the paper that it's written
2 on. So I'm going to ask again with the
3 support of my colleagues to ask the mayor to
4 do his job. Come out from hiding and face
5 the people. We are willing to work with
6 them. We are willing to work with the city
7 engineer. We are willing to work with the
8 DPW director, but we want to come up with a
9 plan so that we have something that says
10 here is the issues, here is what we are
11 going to do with it.

12 We keep referring to this Arcadis
13 study like it's going to be the Bible. It's
14 going to tell us how to create an authority
15 probably so the mayor can appoint one of his
16 cronies the executive director and flood
17 that with a bunch the people that donated to
18 his campaign. I'm not worried about that.
19 I'm worried about every single person who
20 has contacted me, who I feel sick for, who
21 has spent thousands of dollars who this
22 mayor and his administration and his
23 attorneys continually ignore, and it is a
24 disgrace. This isn't political, this is the
25 right thing to do and this administration

1 refuses to do it, refuses to answer
2 questions, refuses to provide simple
3 information and, quite frankly, I'm sick of
4 it and I hope that my colleagues are sick of
5 it as well. Thank you.

6 MR. ROGAN: (No audio for a few
7 moments.) We did have a caucus with the
8 Chamber of the Commerce earlier today and
9 just to reiterate some of what was brought
10 up, and we did go through many of the
11 economic development items that have taken
12 place in the city over the last few years.
13 I mean, we talked about a couple of other
14 tools that may work to move the city forward
15 as far as the economic development side
16 goes. Just the facts that we could talk
17 about these issues and work on these
18 progressive plans to try to innovate as
19 Councilman Evans alluded to our city is
20 really a testament to how many good work has
21 been done over the course of the last few
22 years.

23 Although, people always pick items
24 that aren't correct and that need to be
25 fixed and any city America is,

1 unfortunately, always going to have problems
2 that need to be fixed and we need to fix
3 every problem, but just because we are
4 focusing or talking about one issue doesn't
5 mean that we don't care about another issue
6 that's going on.

7 So the focus of our caucus, like I
8 said, was about economic development,
9 finding new ways to get people building
10 homes in the City of Scranton, finding ways
11 to get businesses to come into Scranton,
12 build new properties, and the biggest
13 complaint that we all hear is the taxes are
14 too high, and the good news is over the last
15 two years city taxes have not gone up. Next
16 year's budget, from what it looks like, is
17 going to be another good year, maybe a small
18 increase or no increase. Our TANS are
19 looking better, so financially we are doing
20 significantly better in the City of
21 Scranton.

22 So at this point in time we need to
23 look at ways to grow the city. So the
24 Chamber of Commerce did bring to us an idea
25 that can work to help really supercharge the

1 growth in the city and the idea of a
2 ten-year LERTA I think would push us closer
3 to that goal. We did pass, I believe it was
4 2016 or '17, a three-year provision so
5 anyone that built a new home in the City of
6 Scranton or a business that built a facility
7 would have three years tax free just on the
8 improvement of the property. They would
9 still pay what they were continuing to pay
10 on their land previously. It hasn't been
11 too successful. Three years and ten years
12 is a big difference. The Chamber pointed to
13 the Tripps Park development, which was done
14 under a different program, which was the KOZ
15 which exempted all taxes, including wage
16 tax, including your state taxes. This
17 program would not do that, but I do think
18 ten years of not paying taxes on any
19 improvements is a huge incentive to be given
20 out.

21 Unfortunately, it's one that needs
22 to be given out because anyone that even
23 considers building new in Lackawanna County
24 knows that you are assessed at the absolute
25 highest rate compared to other assessments.

1 New construction is completely not tax fair
2 in Lackawanna County. That gets into
3 another issue of needing a countywide
4 reassessment, which I won't get into
5 tonight, but this incentive which I strongly
6 encourage the mayor to review and to propose
7 so we could pass this for January 1, 2019,
8 as the Chamber is suggesting, this incentive
9 combined with other incentives that are
10 currently in place, as part of the Trump tax
11 cuts there is a provision regarding Federal
12 Opportunity Zones, which part of Scranton is
13 in that zone.

14 And I actually wanted to announce
15 this earlier, Evan Weiss is going to be
16 featured, and those of you who know Evans he
17 has been one of our consultants that has
18 done an excellent job to help us in the city
19 and get our finances straight, but he is the
20 key speaker at a forum being held by the
21 Pennsylvania Economy league. It's "Learn
22 the economic development and investment
23 benefits of the new federal opportunities
24 zones." It's featuring Evans Weiss,
25 Opportunity Zone and Fund Management

1 Consultant.

2 It says, "Federal Opportunity Zones
3 are designed to spurn investment in
4 designated low income census tracts by
5 providing substantial capital gains tax
6 relief. This seminar is regarding learning
7 the rules."

8 So there is a form and a lunch
9 buffet as well. Tickets are \$20, and like I
10 said, it's presented by the Pennsylvania
11 Economy League.

12 As I mentioned during the caucus,
13 this program is great but it's not Scranton
14 specific. This program is part of Scranton.
15 It's also part of Archbald, it goes up to
16 Blakely, so it doesn't truly give Scranton a
17 leg up over other municipalities around us
18 who are also trying to attract businesses,
19 who are also trying to get people to build
20 homes.

21 The ten-year LERTA would do that and
22 it would be Scranton specific, so I am
23 really looking forward to working with my
24 colleagues, working with the mayor to see
25 what his take is on this issue. I do think

1 it's something that council should take
2 immediate action on. January 1 is right
3 around the corner so I'm very pleased with
4 the caucus that we had with the Chamber.

5 And regarding the economic
6 development, a comment was made that we
7 don't know what Scranton Tomorrow is doing,
8 we had them in two weeks ago. Scranton
9 Tomorrow is going to be coming in quarterly.
10 The Chamber, this is I think their second or
11 third time in this year as well. I have
12 tried to make a policy of having them come
13 in on a quarterly basis as well because it's
14 important what we are doing on council, and
15 you see that every week at our meetings, but
16 it's also important what we are doing with
17 our partners, partners such as the Chamber
18 of Commerce, such as Scranton Tomorrow, and
19 that's why I do think it's important that we
20 continue to have those discussions at a
21 minimum on a quarterly basis and I
22 appreciate them having an open door policy
23 with us for any time we have reached out
24 with questions they have been helpful and
25 vice versa. So we hope to continue to have

1 those good relationships with our economic
2 development partners. That is all.

3 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION -
4 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
5 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO APPLY
6 FOR AND EXECUTE A GRANT APPLICATION BY THE
7 CITY OF SCRANTON TO THE PENNSYLVANIA
8 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC
9 DEVELOPMENT ("DCED") FOR A LOCAL SHARE
10 ACCOUNT GRANT (GAMING FUNDS-MONROE COUNTY)
11 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$62,500 FOR THE REMEDIATION
12 ACTIVITIES AT THE SITE OF THE FUTURE POCKET
13 PARK LOCATED AT 248 WYOMING AVENUE.

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

17 MR. PERRY: So moved.

18 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

21 MR. PERRY: 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: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION – A
2 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
3 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO APPLY
4 FOR AND EXECUTE A GRANT APPLICATION BY THE
5 CITY OF SCRANTON TO THE PENNSYLVANIA
6 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC
7 DEVELOPMENT (“DCED”) FOR A KEYSTONE
8 COMMUNITIES PROGRAM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
9 \$50,000 FOR THE REMEDIATION ACTIVITIES AT
10 THE SITE OF THE FUTURE POCKET PARK LOCATED
11 AT 248 WYOMING AVENUE.

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

15 MR. PERRY: So moved.

16 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

19 MR. PERRY: Aye.

20 MR. EVANS: Aye.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

22 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
23 have it and so moved.

24 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION –
25 A RESOLUTION – RATIFYING AND APPROVING OF

1 THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT
2 APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON, ON
3 BEHALF OF SCRANTON CULTURAL CENTER AT
4 MASONIC TEMPLE TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF
5 PENNSYLVANIA ACTING THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH
6 FINANCING AUTHORITY FOR A LOCAL SHARE
7 ACCOUNT GRANT, PURSUANT TO THE PA RACE HORSE
8 DEVELOPMENT AND GAMING ACT IN THE AMOUNT OF
9 \$345,405.00 FOR THE PROJECT TO BE KNOWN AS
10 "SCRANTON CULTURAL CENTER AT MASONIC TEMPLE
11 ELEVATOR SAFETY/MODERNIZATION REPAIRS"
12 LOCATED IN SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, AND
13 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
14 CITY OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO
15 ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF SUCCESSFUL AND EXECUTE
16 AND ENTER INTO A LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT
17 CONTRACT AND COMMITMENT LETTER WITH THE
18 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA TO ACCEPT AND
19 UTILIZE THE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
20 \$345,405.00 AWARDED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF
21 PENNSYLVANIA FOR SUCH PROJECT.

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

25 MR. PERRY: So moved.

1 MR. EVANS: Second.

2 MR. ROGAN: On the question? All
3 those in favor of introduction signify by
4 saying aye.

5 MR. PERRY: 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: 5-E. FOR INTRODUCTION -
11 A RESOLUTION - RATIFYING AND APPROVING OF
12 THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT
13 APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON, ON
14 BEHALF OF ELECTRIC CITY DEVELOPMENT LLC TO
15 THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ACTING
16 THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY
17 FOR A LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT, PURSUANT TO
18 THE PA RACE HORSE DEVELOPMENT AND GAMING ACT
19 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000.00 FOR THE PROJECT
20 TO BE KNOWN AS "WYOMING AVENUE LSA" LOCATED
21 AT 614 WYOMING AVENUE, SCRANTON,
22 PENNSYLVANIA 18509, AND AUTHORIZING THE
23 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
24 OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO ACCEPT THE GRANT,
25 IF SUCCESSFUL AND EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A

1 LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT CONTRACT AND
2 COMMITMENT LETTER WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF
3 PENNSYLVANIA TO ACCEPT AND UTILIZE THE GRANT
4 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000.00 AWARDED BY THE
5 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR SUCH
6 PROJECT.

7 MR. ROGAN: At this time, I'll
8 entertain a motion that Item 5-E be
9 introduced 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. EVANS: Aye.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

20 MS. REED: 5-F. FOR INTRODUCTION - A
21 RESOLUTION - RATIFYING AND APPROVING OF
22 THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT
23 APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON, ON
24 BEHALF OF NEIGHBORWORKS NORTHEASTERN
25 PENNSYLVANIA TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF

1 PENNSYLVANIA ACTING THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH
2 FINANCING AUTHORITY FOR A LOCAL SHARE
3 ACCOUNT GRANT, PURSUANT TO THE PA RACE HORSE
4 DEVELOPMENT AND GAMING ACT IN THE AMOUNT OF
5 \$78,960.00 FOR THE PROJECT TO BE KNOWN AS
6 "NEIGHBORWORKS HOMEOWNERSHIP CENTER" LOCATED
7 815 SMITH STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA
8 18504, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
9 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF
10 SCRANTON TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF SUCCESSFUL
11 AND EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A LOCAL SHARE
12 ACCOUNT GRANT CONTRACT AND COMMITMENT LETTER
13 WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA TO
14 ACCEPT AND UTILIZE THE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT
15 OF \$78,960.00 AWARDED BY THE COMMONWEALTH
16 OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR SUCH PROJECT.

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

20 MR. PERRY: So moved.

21 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

25 MR. PERRY: 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: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A. NO
6 BUSINESS AT THIS TIME.

7 SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR
8 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES -
9 FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 74, 2018
10 -APPOINTMENT OF TIMOTHY J. WOODY, 540
11 ORCHARD STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA,
12 18505 AS A MEMBER OF THE SCRANTON MUNICIPAL
13 RECREATION AUTHORITY. MR. WOODY WILL BE
14 REPLACING JENNIFER HERMAN WHOSE TERM EXPIRED
15 JUNE 17, 2016. MR. WOODY WILL BE APPOINTED
16 TO A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE AUGUST 22,
17 2018 AND WILL EXPIRE AUGUST 22, 2023.

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

21 MR. EVANS: Perry.

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

24 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

25 MR. PERRY: 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 RULES - FOR ADOPTION -
10 RESOLUTION NO. 75, 2018 - APPOINTMENT OF
11 RAYMOND J. KELLY, 10 FAWNWOOD DRIVE,
12 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18504, TO THE CIVIL
13 SERVICE COMMISSION. MR. KELLY'S EFFECTIVE
14 DATE WILL BE SEPTEMBER 14, 2018. MR. KELLY
15 WILL BE REPLACING PAUL DUFFY WHO RESIGNED
16 EFFECTIVE MAY 3, 2018. MR. KELLY'S TERM
17 WILL EXPIRE WITH THE TERM OF MAYOR WILLIAM
18 L. COURTRIGHT.

19 MR. ROGAN: As Chairperson for the
20 Committee on Rules, 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. 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-B legally and lawfully adopted.

9 MS. REED: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION
10 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -
11 RESOLUTION NO. 76, 2018 - APPOINTMENT OF THE
12 CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (CIL), 1142
13 SANDERSON AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA,
14 18503, AS A MEMBER OF THE MAYOR'S COMMISSION
15 ON DISABILITIES EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 19,
16 2018. THE CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
17 (CIL) WILL SERVE ON THE COMMISSION FOR A
18 FIVE (5) YEAR TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 18,
19 2023.

20 MR. ROGAN: As Chairperson for the
21 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
22 passage of Item 7-C.

23 MR. PERRY: Second.

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

1 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

2 MR. PERRY: Yes.

3 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

4 MR. EVANS: Yes.

5 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

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

10 MS. REED: 7-D. FOR CONSIDERATION
11 BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -
12 FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 77, 2018 -
13 RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND
14 SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE
15 CITY OF SCRANTON TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
16 COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY OF THE
17 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR A
18 MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS GRANT TO BE
19 USED FOR THE CEDAR AVENUE PHASE 2 IN THE
20 AMOUNT OF \$2,490,000.00.

21 MR. ROGAN: What is the
22 recommendation of the temporary Chair for
23 the Committee on Community Development?

24 MR. GAUGHAN: As temporary
25 Chairperson for the Committee on Community

1 Development, I recommend final passage of
2 Item 7-D.

3 MR. PERRY: Second.

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

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

7 MR. PERRY: Yes.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

9 MR. EVANS: Yes.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

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

15 MS. REED: 7-E. FOR CONSIDERATION
16 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - FOR
17 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 78, 2018 -
18 ACCEPTING A THREE HUNDRED SIXTY (\$360.00)
19 DOLLAR DONATION FROM UFBERG AND ASSOCIATES,
20 LLC GIVEN TO THE CITY OF SCRANTON POLICE
21 DEPARTMENT SPECIAL OPERATIONS GROUP.

22 MR. ROGAN: What is the
23 recommendation of the Chair for the
24 Committee on Public Safety?

25 MR. PERRY: As Chairperson for the

1 Committee on Public Safety, I recommend
2 final passage of Item 7-E.

3 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

7 MR. PERRY: Yes.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

9 MR. EVANS: Yes.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

13 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare
14 Item 7-E legally and lawfully adopted.

15 MS. REED: 7-F. FOR CONSIDERATION BY
16 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES – FOR ADOPTION -
17 RESOLUTION NO. 79, 2018 – APPOINTMENT OF
18 DEVENDRABHAI P. DAVE, 661 NORTH WASHINGTON
19 AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18509, AS
20 A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE SCRANTON
21 HOUSING AUTHORITY. MR. DAVE WILL BE
22 REPLACING THELMA WHEELER WHOSE TERM EXPIRED
23 SEPTEMBER 27, 2018. MR. DAVE WILL BE
24 APPOINTED TO A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE
25 OCTOBER 5, 2018 AND WILL EXPIRE ON OCTOBER

1 5, 2023.

2 MR. ROGAN: As Chairperson for the
3 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
4 passage of Item 7-F.

5 MR. PERRY: Second.

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

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

9 MR. PERRY: Yes.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

11 MR. EVANS: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

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

17 MS. REED: 7-G. PREVIOUSLY TABLED -
18 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON
19 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - FOR ADOPTION - FILE
20 OF THE COUNCIL NO. 27, 2018 - AUTHORIZING
21 THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF
22 THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY
23 ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE CONSOLIDATED
24 SUBMISSION FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND
25 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS TO BE FUNDED UNDER THE

1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
2 PROGRAM, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME)
3 PROGRAM AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS (ESG)
4 PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1,
5 2018.

6 MR. EVANS: I would like to make a
7 motion to amend the CDBG activities as
8 follows: To reduce the project in row
9 number 21, SCOLA Learning Center from \$5,000
10 to \$2,500, and increase the project in row
11 number seven, social services, by the
12 Bhutanese Cultural Foundation of Scranton
13 from zero to \$2,500; To reduce the project
14 in row number eight, demolition of hazardous
15 structures from \$75,000 to \$63,000; and
16 increase the project in row number 12,
17 Weston Park, replace baseball field backstop
18 by the City's Department of Parks and
19 Recreation from \$19,000 to \$25,000; and
20 increase the project in row number 25,
21 maintenance and lighting upgrade project by
22 the Connell Park Little League from \$50,000
23 to \$56,000.

24 MR. PERRY: Second.

25 MR. ROGAN: On the question? All

1 those in favor of the motion to amend Item
2 7-G signify by saying aye.

3 MR. PERRY: Aye.

4 MR. EVANS: Aye.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

8 What is the recommendation of the
9 Chair for the Committee on Community
10 Development?

11 MR. GAUGHAN: As temporary
12 Chairperson for the Committee on Community
13 Development, I recommend final passage of
14 Item 7-G, as amended.

15 MR. PERRY: Second.

16 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll
17 call, please?

18 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

19 MR. PERRY: Yes.

20 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

21 MR. EVANS: Yes.

22 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

24 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

25 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare

1 Item 7-G, as amended, legally and lawfully
2 adopted.

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

5 MR. PERRY: Motion to adjourn.

6 MR. ROGAN: Meeting adjourned.

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3 I hereby certify that the proceedings and
4 evidence are contained fully and accurately in the
5 notes of testimony taken by me at the hearing of the
6 above-captioned matter and that the foregoing is a true
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