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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

Monday, February 25, 2019

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
(NOT PRESENT)

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: Roll call, please.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

5 MR. PERRY: Here.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

7 MR. DONAHUE: Here.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans. (Not
9 present.)

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Here.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan. (Not
13 present.)

14 MR. GAUGHAN: I would like to make a
15 motion to appoint Councilman Perry as
16 temporary Chairperson for the Committee on
17 Rules.

18 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

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

21 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

23 MR. PERRY: Aye. The ayes have it
24 and so moved.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: I would like to make a

1 motion to appoint Councilman Donahue as
2 temporary Chairperson for the Committee on
3 Public Safety.

4 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

5 MR. PERRY: On the question. All
6 those in favor signify by saying aye.

7 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

9 MR. PERRY: 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.
13 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
14 MEMBERS OF SCRANTON HOUSING AUTHORITY HELD
15 JANUARY 7, 2019.

16 MR. PERRY: Are there any comments?
17 If not, received and filed.

18 MS. REED: 3-B. CHECK RECEIVED FROM
19 COMCAST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$257,012.81 FOR
20 QUARTERLY FRANCHISE FEE.

21 MR. PERRY: Are there any comments?
22 If not, received and filed.

23 MS. REED: 3-C. AGENDA FOR THE
24 BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING HELD
25 FEBRUARY

1 13, 2019.

2 MR. PERRY: Are there any comments?

3 If not, received and filed.

4 MS. REED: 3-D. CONTROLLER'S REPORT
5 FOR MONTH ENDING JANUARY 31, 2019.

6 MR. PERRY: Are there any comments?

7 If not, received and filed.

8 MS. REED: 3-E. MINUTES OF THE
9 SCRANTON FIREFIGHTERS PENSION COMMISSION
10 MEETING HELD JANUARY 16, 2019.

11 MR. PERRY: Are there any comments?

12 If not, received and filed.

13 MS. REED: 3-F. MINUTES OF THE
14 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING
15 HELD JANUARY 16, 2019.

16 MR. PERRY: Are there any comments?

17 If not, received and filed.

18 MS. REED: 3-G. MINUTES OF THE
19 SCRANTON POLICE PENSION COMMISSION MEETING
20 HELD JANUARY 16, 2019.

21 MR. PERRY: Are there any comments?

22 If not, received and filed.

23 MS. REED: 3-H. MINUTES OF THE
24 COMPOSITE PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD JANUARY
25 16, 2019.

1 MR. PERRY: Are there any comments?
2 If not, received and filed.

3 MS. REED: 3-I. AGENDA FOR THE
4 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING
5 HELD FEBRUARY 20, 2019.

6 MR. PERRY: Are there any comments?
7 If not, received and filed.

8 MS. REED: 3-J. TAX ASSESSOR'S
9 REPORT FOR HEARING DATE TO BE HELD MARCH 13,
10 2019.

11 MR. PERRY: Are there any comments?
12 If not, received and filed.

13 MS. REED: 3-K. AGENDA FOR THE CITY
14 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD
15 FEBRUARY 27, 2019.

16 MR. PERRY: Are there any comments?
17 If not, received and filed.

18 MS. REED: 3-L. ANNUAL FINANCIAL
19 REPORT FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON YEAR ENDED
20 DECEMBER 31, 2017 PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF
21 THE CITY CONTROLLER.

22 MR. PERRY: Are there any comments?

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, I have one. On
24 page six there is a disclaimer that says the
25 following: "In the 2017 independent audit,

1 the auditor discovered a \$130,609.86
2 variance. The auditor has been unable to
3 account for or balance the said variance."

4 So we discussed this in caucus, I
5 would like to make a motion that Scranton
6 City Council send correspondence to the
7 business administrator and the city
8 controller asking why the auditor wasn't
9 able to account for or balance this variance
10 and to provide city council with the
11 additional information so that we understand
12 why this disclaimer is in the independent
13 audit.

14 MR. PERRY: There's a motion on the
15 floor, do I have a second?

16 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

17 MR. PERRY: There's a second. All
18 those in signify by saying aye.

19 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye

21 MR. PERRY: Aye. The ayes have it
22 and so moved. If not, received and filed.

23 Do any council members have any
24 announcements at this time? I have two
25 announcements. The rescheduled caucus

1 meeting with our Chief of Police Carl
2 Graziano and Lackawanna County DA Mark
3 Powell will take place next Monday, March 4,
4 at 5:15 to discuss the topics of
5 homelessness in the city and the opioid
6 epidemic.

7 Also, next Monday, March 4, at 5:45
8 we will hold a public hearing for Item 6-A
9 on tonight's agenda, the installation of "No
10 Parking" signs along Broadway Street along
11 the bike lanes at the trail crossings near
12 the University of Scranton Sports Complex.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: I have one additional.
14 I'd like to announce -- Scranton City
15 Council would like to announce that today,
16 February 25, city council will begin
17 accepting resumes for those City of Scranton
18 residents that may be interested in serving
19 on the Board of Ethics. The deadline to
20 submit a resume is Monday, March 11, at 4:30
21 p.m. Please include a cover letter with
22 your submission. You may hand deliver them
23 to our office sent by US mail to the City of
24 Scranton Municipal Building, 340 North
25 Washington Avenue, second floor, Scranton,

1 18503, attention city council's office, or
2 you may e-mail those resumes and cover
3 letters to the city clerk or Lori Reed at
4 Reedl@Scrantonpa.gov.

5 Just briefly it's worth noting, the
6 boards composition, structure and obligation
7 for those residents that wish to submit a
8 resume for consideration the board shall be
9 composed of five residents of the City of
10 Scranton, and members shall be appointed two
11 by the mayor, two by city council and one by
12 the controller.

13 The terms of service for members
14 shall be three years, however, of the
15 initial terms of service for members shall
16 be staggered with one member serving a term
17 of one year, two members serving a term of
18 two years, and two members serving a term of
19 three years. The initial board staggered
20 terms shall be determined by lottery.

21 Once the board is seated they shall
22 elect a chair and vice chair at their annual
23 meeting. The board shall appoint a
24 solicitor and secretary and other staff
25 deemed as necessary. These particular

1 positions need not be members of the board.

2 The powers and duties of the Board
3 of Ethics are summarized as follows:
4 Receive complaints of violations to the
5 Ethics Code, appoint the investigating
6 officer, who is a member in good standing of
7 the Lackawanna County Bar to conduct any
8 investigations and issue findings, hold
9 hearings, issue subpoenas, take testimony
10 and issue orders, adopt rules and
11 regulations to administer, implement,
12 enforce and interpret the Code of Ethics.
13 Conduct educational programs to promote the
14 ethical conduct of public officials, city
15 employees and individuals and groups doing
16 business with the city, annually review the
17 statements of financial interest filed
18 pursuant to Section 4 of the Code.

19 Due to their special position, board
20 members have a higher duty than other public
21 officials to avoid conflicts of interest.
22 Members should be models of ethical
23 behavior. In addition to the duties and
24 responsibilities the following are
25 prohibited: No member may hold or campaign

1 for any other public office. No member may
2 hold office in any political party or
3 political organization or political
4 committee. No member may hold a position of
5 employment with any municipal government or
6 any board of commission formed by the City
7 of Scranton. No member may actively
8 participate in or contribute to any
9 political campaign in the City of Scranton
10 for a candidate running for or from the
11 Office of Mayor, city council, controller
12 and tax collector. No member shall receive
13 compensation but shall be reimbursed by the
14 city for documented expenses actually
15 incurred.

16 We are also going to ask the
17 administration to put this document on the
18 city's website and hopefully there will be
19 an article in the newspaper as well. That's
20 all I have. Thank you.

21 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'
22 PARTICIPATION.

23 (The following speakers offered
24 public comment as follows: Joan Hodowanitz
25 spoke on city business and matters of

1 general concern. Gerard Hetman spoke on
2 matters of general concern. Bob Bolus spoke
3 on agenda items and city business. Ron
4 Ellman spoke on matters of general concern.
5 Jay Walsh spoke on matters of general
6 concern. Marie Schumacher spoke on city
7 business and matters of general concern.
8 Dave Dobrzyn spoke on matters of general
9 concern.)

10 MS. PERRY: Before we get started I
11 just want to -- I'll just address Ms.
12 Schumacher's comments, if we can send
13 something out to DA Powell's office and to
14 Chief Graziano about moving the meeting.
15 I'm sure you guys don't have an issue with
16 moving it from out here. Let them know that
17 we want to move our March 4, 5:15 to
18 chambers and that if you want to make ECTV
19 aware, ECTV aware if they can be here to get
20 that televised for everybody to see. And,
21 again, that meeting is going to be regarding
22 the homelessness and the opioid situation
23 and kind of how many the city police and the
24 District Attorney's Office what they plan --
25 not what they plan to do but what plans are

1 in place and how they handle things along
2 those two fronts. Thank you.

3 Mr. Donahue, any comments or motions
4 tonight?

5 MR. DONAHUE: I got nothing at this
6 time.

7 MR. PERRY: Mr. Gaughan, any
8 comments or motions tonight?

9 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, thank you. Just
10 two things, Mrs. Reed. 824 Pittston Avenue,
11 I know I sent this to you in an e-mail, I
12 just want to make sure it gets in the
13 record. There is a woman that lives next
14 door to this property, she has numerous
15 concerns so if we could jus make sure we
16 stay on top of that with the Licensing and
17 Inspections Department.

18 The other thing I wanted to mention
19 was West Locust Street and Parrot Avenue, we
20 have sent this in before, but a woman had
21 reported that a hole had opened up in that
22 vicinity so if we can send that again to the
23 Licensing and Inspections Department.

24 Also, we did receive a letter, I
25 know I have been going back and forth with a

1 gentleman over in the Watson Street letter,
2 we received a letter February 8, 2019, from
3 Pennsylvania American Water about issues in
4 the area of the 1100 blocks of Watson
5 Street, Rundell Street and Sloan Street,
6 there is several issues. In response to the
7 letter that we sent, American Water sent
8 staff to clean and inspect the sewer pipes
9 over there and catch basins that were
10 described in the areas. They were owned by
11 Pennsylvania American Water. Once an
12 assessment of the sewer facilities in the
13 area had been made, Pennsylvania American
14 Water said they will take action in
15 repairing or replacing any sewer pipes,
16 manholes or catch basins that do not meet
17 their standards, and then there is some
18 other things in this letter here, but they
19 are taking the issue seriously and we did
20 copy Mr. Norton who reported that problem to
21 me, so I appreciate that.

22 Also, we did get a letter from Mayor
23 Courtright, I sent -- council sent a letter
24 January 30, 2019, asking for an update on
25 the Shared Services Committee between the

1 city and the school district. Mayor
2 Courtright said, "I am in receipt of your
3 letter dated January 30. The city is
4 addressing several of the proposed
5 initiatives for shared services. A brief
6 summary of key items of significant value
7 are as follows: The city and school
8 district have both adopted the extension of
9 the LERTA designation. The city is working
10 with it's Act 47 coordinator, the
11 Pennsylvania Economy League to convert its
12 business privilege and mercantile taxes to a
13 payroll tax with target implementation
14 of 2020. The city is hopeful that the school
15 district will also adopt this conversion.

16 The city is presently awaiting a
17 proposal for the soccer field project at
18 which point the city and school district can
19 further evaluate the feasibility and the
20 value of this initiative. The city would be
21 interested in establishing cooperation with
22 the school district regarding recycling and
23 would like the shared services committee to
24 explore this possibility further."

25 So that is the correspondence we

1 received from the mayor and we did talk in
2 the caucus about any correspondence that we
3 get from the mayor or any department heads
4 that we would consider starting to put that
5 in third order so that's included in the
6 backup.

7 Mrs. Reed and I will be meeting with
8 representatives from the University of the
9 Scranton on March 7 to discuss the
10 internship program that we have been working
11 on so I'm hopeful that once that meeting
12 occurs that we will finalize our plans and
13 we will have an intern in the city council
14 office relatively soon.

15 Also, I received an e-mail from
16 residents on Greenwood Avenue and they would
17 like to thank the DPW for their quick action
18 in filling major potholes on Greenwood
19 Avenue. The residents reported they called
20 February 11, they immediately received a
21 call back and the issue was resolved on
22 February 15. And that's all I have. Thank
23 you.

24 MR. PERRY: Thank you. I only have
25 two quick issues to address, the first one

1 is on North South Street, with the weather
2 starting to break a little bit and get cold
3 a little bit and then the rain, of course,
4 the potholes are inevitable. North South
5 Street there has been some reports of some
6 potholes if we can have DPW with some cold
7 patch check out of that area and see what
8 can be done.

9 And then, also, I received some
10 inquiries on the update on the Novembrino
11 project. The last time it was posted there
12 was supposed to be some activity on the site
13 in January, there hasn't been any yet, so if
14 we can just get an update from the
15 administration on what the holdup is and if
16 there is a new time frame or if something
17 shifted or changed and then I will
18 definitely get back to them.

19 And those are the only two issues
20 that I for tonight. Thank you.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: I'm sorry, Mr. Perry,
22 I have one thing.

23 MR. PERRY: Sure. Go right ahead.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: Mrs. Reed, if we could
25 find out, I had it here some place, but I

1 don't know what I did with it, the budget
2 for the storm water for the Arcadis, what
3 the city's budget was if we could just find
4 out from Mr. Bulzoni, okay? Thank you.

5 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION -
6 AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL
7 NO. 50, 2018, AN ORDINANCE "AMENDING FILE OF
8 THE COUNCIL NO. 22, 2016 AN ORDINANCE
9 ENTITLED "DEFINING AND AUTHORIZING TAX
10 EXEMPTIONS FROM REAL PROPERTY TAX IN ORDER
11 TO STIMULATE RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND
12 OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITY IN CERTAIN AREAS IN
13 THE CITY OF SCRANTON, ESTABLISHING AN
14 EXEMPTION SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURES FOR
15 OBTAINING EXEMPTIONS, PROVIDING FOR
16 NON-PERMISSIBLE EXEMPTIONS AND LIMITING
17 AMENDMENT THERETO" IN ORDER TO EXPAND THE
18 ELIGIBLE AREAS, INCREASE THE DURATION OF
19 EACH EXEMPTION, AND TO LIFT THE CAP ON EACH
20 EXEMPTION" BY DELETING SECTION 7
21 NON-PERMISSIBLE IN ITS ENTIRETY DUE TO A
22 CLERICAL ERROR.

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

1 MR. GAUGHAN: So moved.

2 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

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

5 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

7 MR. PERRY: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
8 have it and so moved.

9 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION – A
10 RESOLUTION – APPOINTMENT OF WAYNE BECK,
11 105 YESU DRIVE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA,
12 18505, TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE LAND BANK
13 EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 9, 2019. MR. BECK
14 IS BEING APPOINTED TO A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM
15 WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON FEBRUARY 9, 2024.

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

19 MR. GAUGHAN: So moved.

20 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

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

23 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

25 MR. PERRY: Aye. Opposed? The ayes

1 have it and so moved.

2 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION -
3 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
4 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE
5 AND ENTER INTO A BEAUTIFUL BLOCKS PROGRAM
6 PROPOSAL BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF SCRANTON
7 AND NEIGHBORWORKS NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
8 TO ENCOURAGE GROUPS OF NEIGHBORS TO IMPROVE
9 THEIR HOMES BY PROVIDING MATCHING GRANTS FOR
10 EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS.

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

14 MR. GAUGHAN: So moved.

15 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

16 MR. PERRY: On the question?

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.
18 I just want to take a second and explain
19 what this is and talk a little bit about it
20 so I'm just going to read right from the
21 legislation the program overview because I
22 think this is -- this is the type of vision,
23 this is the type of program that the city
24 really needs, and I think this is just
25 something that the administration really

1 should -- and Neighbor Works should be
2 applauded for.

3 So the program overview, it says,
4 "Through a partnership between the City of
5 Scranton and Neighbor Works Northeastern
6 Pennsylvania, the Beautiful Blocks program
7 will encourage groups of neighbors to
8 improve their homes by providing matching
9 grants for exterior improvements. The
10 median listing price of the homes in
11 Scranton is just over \$100,000 while the
12 national median listing price is
13 approximately \$275,000. The Beautiful
14 Blocks Program seeks to not only narrow this
15 disparity but also build community through
16 concentrated home improvement projects that
17 beautify a neighborhood.

18 The Beautiful Blocks Program is
19 modeled after the City of Oswego successful
20 Renaissance Block Challenge Grant Program.
21 The goal is to provide an incentive for
22 groups of five or more neighbors to work
23 together to make exterior improvements to
24 their homes which will make neighborhoods
25 more attractive places to live and increase

1 property values over time. Through the
2 program, each property owner can receive a
3 matching grant of to \$1,000 for exterior
4 home improvements. These grants will afford
5 Scranton residents the opportunity to define
6 their neighborhoods and take the
7 revitalization of the city into their own
8 hands.

9 The budget for this program in the
10 first year was grant funds that equals
11 \$50,000. Program administration \$10,000,
12 trailer, tools and equipment is up to \$8,000
13 for a total of \$68,000. You know,
14 Councilman Evans had approached myself and
15 other members of council about this program
16 back in the summer because he had, you know,
17 seen how successful this was in the City of
18 Oswego, New York.

19 And, again, I have to applaud him
20 and the administration for the foresight in
21 Neighbor Works to try to implement this
22 program. I think that this is going to help
23 kick start neighborhood revitalization in
24 the city by promoting development,
25 restoration and in some cases preservation

1 of our neighborhoods. And I'm hoping, as
2 was the case in Oswego, and in similar
3 programs throughout the country, that this
4 will have a domino effect and spread to
5 other parts of the city and continue to get
6 bigger each and every year.

7 The other thing I wanted to pointed
8 out was some of the -- what it takes to be
9 eligible for this. So as was mentioned
10 earlier, it will be open to groups of five
11 or more neighbors providing that the
12 following requirements are met. All homes,
13 obviously, must be located in the City of
14 Scranton. Grants must be used for exterior
15 home improvements only. Neighboring homes
16 must be located on the same street or block.
17 If a block has previously received a
18 beautiful blocks grant, it may be reapply
19 after a two-year period, however, at least
20 50 percent of the homes must not have
21 participated in the past.

22 The grants are going to be awarded
23 through a very competitive application
24 process and are going to be awarded based
25 upon the availability of funding and the

1 number and quality of applications received.
2 I think last year in Oswego there was over
3 170 homeowners that had applied for their
4 grant program.

5 So, again, I think this does a
6 number of different things. It will help
7 kick start the revitalization in some of
8 these neighborhoods and it might bring
9 together neighbors that wouldn't usually
10 maybe get together on some sort of project.
11 So, again, with some of the other things
12 that we have tried to do here we are trying
13 to give people in the city an incentive to
14 upgrade their properties and we are going to
15 provide a matching grant of up to \$1,000.

16 And I have to, again, applaud
17 Neighbor Works as well. They are a group
18 that it seems everything that they touch
19 ends up being successful. So, again, I
20 applaud the mayor, the administration and I
21 hope that -- I know that this program is
22 going to be successful. Thank you.

23 MR. PERRY: All those in favor of
24 introduction signify by saying aye.

25 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

2 MR. PERRY: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
3 have it and so moved.

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

5 READING BY TITLE – FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.
6 56, 2019 - AN ORDINANCE – AUTHORIZING
7 INSTALLATION OF NO PARKING SIGNS ALONG THE
8 NORTHERLY AND SOUTHERLY SIDES OF BROADWAY
9 STREET ALONG THE BICYCLE LANES IN THE
10 VICINITY OF THE TRAIL CROSSINGS NEAR THE
11 UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON SPORTS COMPLEX THAT
12 WERE INSTALLED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LHVA
13 SCRANTON SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

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

16 MR. GAUGHAN Mr. Chairman, I move
17 that Item 6-A pass reading by title.

18 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

19 MR. PERRY: On the question?

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.
21 We were discussing in caucus we are going to
22 have a public hearing on this, and what time
23 will that be at?

24 MR. PERRY: The public hearing is
25 going to be March 4, 5:45.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: So March 4, 5:45.

2 Thank you.

3 MR. PERRY: It's going to be right
4 here.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Council chambers where
6 they usually are.

7 MR. PERRY: All those in favor
8 signify by saying aye.

9 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

13 MS. REED: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR
14 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
15 WORKS - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL
16 NO. 55, 2019 - AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF
17 TRANSPORTATION TO ACQUIRE RIGHT-OF-WAYS
18 NECESSARY FOR THE MULTI-BRIDGE PROJECT
19 DOCUMENT NO. 04M173.

20 MR. PERRY: What is the
21 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
22 Committee on Public Works?

23 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for the
24 Committee on Public Works, I recommend final
25 passage of Item 7-A.

1 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

2 MR. PERRY: On the question?

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Yeah, I just want to
4 reiterate again as I have the last few weeks
5 with this legislation that the bridges
6 included in this project are the West
7 Lackawanna bridge over the railroad, Elm
8 Street bridge over the Lackawanna river,
9 North Main Avenue or Legget's Creek and
10 Parker Street over the Lackawanna river.
11 Thank you.

12 MR. PERRY: Roll call, please?

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

14 MR. PERRY: Yes.

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

16 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

17 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

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

20 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION
21 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES – FOR ADOPTION
22 -RESOLUTION NO. 100, 2019 – APPOINTMENT OF
23 MARY PAT DEFLICE, 1322 SCHLAGER STREET,
24 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18504, TO THE
25 POSITION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF

1 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EFFECTIVE
2 MARCH 1, 2019. MS. DEFLICE WILL BE
3 REPLACING LINDA AEBLI WHO IS RETIRING
4 EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 28, 2019.

5 MR. PERRY: As temporary Chairperson
6 for the Committee on Rules, I recommend
7 final passage of Item 7-B.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Second.

9 MR. PERRY: On the question?

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.
11 I wanted to wish Ms. Aebli the best on her
12 retirement and thank her for 29 years of
13 service to the city which is an
14 accomplishment in and of itself, and I
15 wanted to wish Ms. Deflice the best of luck
16 in her new position. Thank you.

17 MR. PERRY: Roll call, please?

18 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

19 MR. PERRY: Yes.

20 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

21 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

22 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

24 MR. PERRY: I hereby declare Item
25 7-B legally and lawfully adopted.

1 MS. REED: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION
2 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - FOR
3 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 101, 2019 -
4 AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT
5 OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO
6 SIGN AND SUBMIT THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT
7 OF TRANSPORTATION ("PENNDOT") APPLICATION
8 FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL APPROVAL FOR TRAFFIC
9 SIGNAL PERMIT NOS. W4064, W4065 & W4066
10 MULBERRY STREET (SR 3027) AND MONROE
11 AVENUE/HITCHCOCK COURT/QUINCY AVENUE
12 ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON'S
13 PROJECT TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF THE
14 EXISTING PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS.

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

18 MR. DONAHUE: As temporary Chair for
19 the Committee on Public Safety, I recommend
20 final passage of Item 7-C.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: Second.

22 MR. PERRY: On the question?

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question,
24 I just want to thank the University of
25 Scranton for continually trying to do more,

1 especially in that area of furthering
2 safety. So what they are going to do here
3 is install rectangular rapid flashing
4 beacons at Mulberry Street and Monroe Avenue
5 and Hitchcock Court and Quincy Avenue.
6 Thank you.

7 MR. PERRY: Roll call, please?

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

9 MR. PERRY: Yes.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

11 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

14 MR. PERRY; I hereby declare Item 7-C
15 legally and lawfully adopted.

16 MS. REED: 7-D. CONSIDERATION BY THE
17 COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS – FOR ADOPTION –
18 RESOLUTION NO. 102, 2019 – AUTHORIZING THE
19 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
20 TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO AN ADDENDUM TO THE
21 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON
22 AND THE CITY OF SCRANTON FOR THE MAINTENANCE
23 OF THE IN PAVEMENT LED CROSSWALK WARNING
24 LIGHTS ON MULBERRY STREET DATED APRIL 21,
25 2016.

1 MR. PERRY: What is the
2 recommendation of the Chair for the
3 Committee on Public Works?

4 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for the
5 Committee on Public Works, I recommend final
6 passage of Item 7-D.

7 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

8 MR. PERRY: On the question? Roll
9 call, please?

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

11 MR. PERRY: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

13 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

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

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

21 MR. DONAHUE: Motion to adjourn.

22 MR. PERRY: Meeting adjourned.

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4 evidence are contained fully and accurately in the
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