

COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON

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- WILLIAM GAUGHAN, PRESIDENT
- KYLE DONAHUE, VICE PRESIDENT
- MARK MCANDREW
- JESSICA ROTHCHILD
- THOMAS SCHUSTER

- LORI REED, CITY CLERK
- KATHY CARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK
- KEVIN HAYES, COUNCIL SOLICITOR

1 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

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3 MR. GAUGHAN: Please remain standing
4 for a moment of silent reflection for our
5 service men and women throughout the world and
6 also for those who have passed away in our
7 community.

8 Let us also take a special moment of
9 silence tonight for people in our community and
10 throughout the world who are suffering or who
11 have passed away from the coronavirus. Let us
12 think about them and their families at this
13 time that they may find peace.

14 Let us think now about the doctors,
15 nurses, researchers and all medical
16 professionals and first responders who seek to
17 heal and help those affected and who put
18 themselves at risk in the process, may they
19 find protection and peace.

20 Whether we are home or abroad,
21 surrounded by many people suffering from this
22 illness or only a few, let us stick together,
23 endure together, mourn together, persist and
24 prepare together. And in place of our anxiety,
25 let us continue to hope and find peace. Thank

1 you. And, Miss Carrera, roll call, please.

2 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Schuster.

3 MR. SCHUSTER: Present.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

5 MR. MCANDREW: Present.

6 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

7 DR. ROTHCHILD: I'm here.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

9 MR. DONAHUE: Here.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Here. Mrs. Reed,
12 please dispense with the reading of the
13 minutes.

14 MS. REED: Thank you. THIRD ORDER.

15 3-A. MINUTES OF THE SCRANTON
16 MUNICIPAL RECREATION AUTHORITY BOARD OF
17 DIRECTORS MEETING HELD JULY 3, 2020.

18 3-B. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM
19 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY'S FEDERAL
20 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY DATED JULY 1,
21 2020 REGARDING NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM
22 REGULATIONS.

23 3-C. MINUTES OF THE SCRANTON
24 REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING HELD
25 MARCH 4, 2020.

1 3-D. CORRESPONDENCE SENT TO
2 LACKAWANNA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DATED
3 JULY 8, 2020 REGARDING LACKAWANNA COUNTY
4 RECYCLING CENTER.

5 3-E. MINUTES OF THE HISTORICAL
6 ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD MEETING
7 HELD JUNE 11, 2020.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you, Mrs. Reed.
9 Are there any comments on any of the Third
10 Order items? If not, received and filed. Do
11 any Council members have any announcements at
12 this time?

13 MR. MCANDREW: I do. I have two of
14 them. So here's one, are you wondering if you
15 have COVID-19, wondering if you have the
16 antibodies? Or are you thinking about donating
17 some blood? So Scranton High is sponsoring a
18 blood drive scheduled July 12th from 1 to 6
19 p.m.

20 That will benefit the Student
21 Council Red Cross Scholarship Program for the
22 2021 school year. This blood drive will be
23 held at the American Red Cross Blood Donation
24 Center on Olive Street. Please schedule an
25 appointment by calling 1-800 Red Cross.

1 And they also have for a limited
2 time the Red Cross is offering a COVID-19
3 antibodies test for all blood, platelet and
4 plasma donations and as an additional health
5 service for their donors.

6 Also Bob Gattens from the Rec
7 Authority, he posted the Rec Authority at Nay
8 Aug is happy to announce that the Villa Capri
9 Car Show will be held at Nay Aug Park, Sunday,
10 August 30th. That is all I have. Thanks.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Anyone
12 else have any announcements? Okay. I just
13 have two. A public hearing is going to be held
14 next Tuesday, July 21st at 5:45 for Item 5-D on
15 tonight's agenda which amends the zoning
16 ordinance for flood plain management
17 regulations.

18 Also immediately following the
19 public hearing, Council will meet in caucus
20 with Leslie Collins, Executive Director of
21 Scranton Tomorrow. Mrs. Collins will provide
22 their quarterly update.

23 A public caucus will also be held
24 Tuesday, July 28th with representatives from
25 NDC for the purposes of receiving our quarterly

1 parking garage update. That's all I have.
2 Mrs. Reed?

3 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS
4 PARTICIPATION.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you, Mrs. Reed.
6 Will someone please make a motion to accept
7 public comment from the following individuals:
8 Patricia Nestor, Marie Decker, Lenard
9 Shoemaker, Fay Franus and Marie Schumacher.

10 MR. DONAHUE: I make a motion to
11 accept public comment.

12 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question?

14 MR. DONAHUE: On the question, one
15 of the things Miss Franus brought up in her
16 comment was the 500 block of Luzerne Street. I
17 know we've gotten a lot of complaints about
18 that area.

19 And I know we passed them along to
20 Licensing and Inspections. So, Miss Reed,
21 would we be able to reach out to Licensing and
22 Inspections just to get an update on what's
23 being done on that block?

24 MR. GAUGHAN: They did -- Mrs. Reed,
25 Mr. Oleski did provide an update on that,

1 didn't he? I think.

2 MR. DONAHUE: Did he?

3 MS. REED: I would have to check
4 back in the file, Councilman Gaughan.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Yeah, I think what I
6 remember because I had reached out to him --
7 and you know what, I can't remember if I just
8 talked to him or if it just came through the
9 office. But he did tell me that they went out
10 and visited that place.

11 It used to be a gas station. But
12 now there is just a bunch of cars sitting
13 there. I don't know if it's now a -- I don't
14 what it is now to be honest with you. But I
15 received complaints from Mrs. Franus and other
16 neighbors in that area.

17 And I -- Mr. Oleski told me that
18 they tagged the cars. It was going to the
19 magistrate. And one of the neighbors told me
20 since then the issues -- it's still there. But
21 the cars -- there's been less cars there. So
22 we should follow up on that just -- it's been
23 two weeks.

24 MR. DONAHUE: All right.

25 MR. SCHUSTER: Yeah, I was going to

1 add it later tonight; but I was going to ask if
2 there was a followup on that gas station there
3 on Luzerne and Railroad as well as any of those
4 other houses.

5 I know there's a lot of garbage and
6 things in that area and other residences. And
7 then last week we also asked about that 1642
8 Sanderson Ave.

9 I reached out to that individual and
10 they said it's business as usual, some of the
11 same stuff is going on there. I don't know if
12 we got an update -- anybody looked into the
13 Sanderson Ave., residence; but if we can add
14 that to that list.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Sure. Definitely.

16 MS. REED: Yep. Will do.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Anyone else on the
18 question? I just wanted to say that I went
19 through all the public comment. Any questions
20 here that should be posed to the administration
21 will be sent to the appropriate officials
22 within the administration.

23 Public comment will be placed into
24 the official record and our official minutes.
25 If anyone would like to take a look at the

1 public comment, you could go to
2 www.scrantonpa.gov and click on Council's web
3 page.

4 Any questions that were posed are
5 forwarded, whether it's to the Mayor or the
6 appropriate department head. And if anyone
7 would like to submit comments to the Council
8 based on our agenda items or just official City
9 business, as always you could e-mail those
10 comments to Lori Reed our City Clerk at
11 Lreed@scrantonpa.gov.

12 We will accept public comment until
13 the day of our meeting Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.
14 And our agendas are posted for public review
15 the Friday before our Tuesday meeting. All
16 those in favor of the motion signify by saying
17 aye.

18 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

19 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

20 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

21 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

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

24 (Public Comment, the following are
25 letters or e-mails submitted for public

1 comment.)

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3 (Patricia Nestor)

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5 I just read in the newspaper about
6 our Scranton "Parks Passport 2020." Literature
7 and stickers encouraging people to visit our
8 parks.

9 I hope everyone goes and visits
10 PennRidge. We haven't had a nickel or dime for
11 repairs in the past ten years but we have money
12 to print tour guides. Not one single pool is
13 open and can't be blamed on Covid. (State pools
14 open).

15 How much did this cost in printing
16 and who approved it?

17 Can someone please ask the mayor to
18 stop spending so much time, energy, and money
19 on rebranding Scranton until we can fix some of
20 our more pressing problems? How many times is
21 she going to change the graphic with the
22 Electric City sign?

23 Leave our iconography alone and work
24 on budgets and policy. We didn't hire her for
25 marketing. Hashtags aren't going to fix our

1 problems.

2 Regards,

3 Patricia Nestor

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5 (Add on #1)

6 The look out area on Moosic Street
7 near Lake Scranton is covered in spray painted
8 graffiti. It's horrible. I mean bad, really,
9 really bad. Shameful.

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11 (Add on #2)

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13 The Green Ridge Neighborhood
14 Association told me Mr. Donahue is getting the
15 swamp water drained from Capouse pool. Thank
16 you very much. We don't need a mosquito farm.
17 They also informed me about the pine brook
18 renovation program and getting grants. The pool
19 has been neglected for a long time and the
20 structural integrity is questionable.

21 I would like to be kept aware before
22 any decisions are made to change the pool into
23 something else. I haven't even heard a dollar
24 amount of how much it would cost to fix.

25 When it comes to renovating Pinebrook, it would

1 be kind of cool if it was turned into our
2 antique district. Lettieri's Auction and On&On
3 would be great showcases for that, as well as
4 Olde Good Things over by the Glider.

5 Keep the old charm like polishing
6 the tarnish off of silver instead of melting it
7 down into something new. Know what I mean?

8 Regards,
9 Patricia

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11 (Marie Decker)

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13 I'm giving you an update from my
14 e-mail last week. I live in south Scranton and
15 the fireworks continue every day and night
16 since Memorial Day, it is 43 days in a row for
17 us and we are sick of it ,this is not about
18 their right to have fireworks for 4th of July
19 anymore it is truly harassment.

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21 Marie Decker

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23 (Lenard Shoemaker)

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25 Please consider ordinances regarding

1 ATVs and fireworks in the city of Scranton. We
2 have been listening to fireworks since Memorial
3 day and they are still setting them off to this
4 day as I have called Scranton police two times
5 in the past week.

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7 Sincerely Lenny and Susan Shoemaker

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9 (Fay Franus)

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11 I want to try to understand a few
12 things--I say we give our recycling and every
13 other aspect of garbage collection to another
14 place NOT DENAPLES. Why do we and the school
15 district keep rewarding this man-- why weren't
16 the busing contracts put out to bid? I know
17 that is a school issue but I am just stunned by
18 all this man gets--he seems to be holding
19 everyone hostage--BUT WHY? Clip this thief off
20 at the knees-- He has controlled this city for
21 decades-- don't ypou honestly think it is time
22 Scranton is DONE with him?

23 I also do not understand why we need
24 18 months to keep Scranton in a distressed
25 status-- YOU decided that not anyone else-- I

1 will never ever understand why the Mayor does
2 not declare bankruptcy. You find it much easier
3 to keep passing on every single bill to the
4 citizens.

5 We are BURIED we can NOT take any
6 more--you are driving people out of this city.
7 But you can bet all unions will maintain high
8 salaries and high pensions. And those people
9 who Wayne gave raises to still have them.

10 Are you NOT going top amend the
11 budget and cut cost ? Cut salaries? Twenty
12 eight years is way too long for distressed
13 status --and you seriously want to add 18 more
14 months--then what-- stop taking the easy way
15 out all of the time make some tough decisions.

16 You know what you are doing will
17 only have the same result of years making the
18 taxpayers pay pay pay. FILE BANKRUPTCY. You
19 say taxpayers can't keep paying BUT you keep
20 raising taxes on them Words are cheap . Words
21 do not cut it--sincere actions do--Please stop
22 saying you don't want taxes raised again and
23 that it is too hard for us if you do not have
24 a plan to stop raising taxes --we are tired of
25 those lies year after year.

1 FOURTH ORDER.

2 0 My thoughts on last week's
3 Caucus. I especially "liked" the discrepancy
4 between the City's projection of the year-end
5 2020 deficit (\$6-10 million) and PEL's (\$2+
6 million). I trust we will hear the reason this
7 evening.

8 My second "like" is what I call "The
9 Federal Money Tree" theory. This a Democrat
10 double-whammy...it's okay for the Feds to
11 borrow money to bail out the Cities with
12 Councils too lazy to solve budget problems and
13 put the entire Country deeper in debt (i.e.
14 there is no money tree).

15 This is also a sneaky political
16 gotcha: If the Fed increase the Country's debt
17 to bail out municipalities and States then the
18 Dems can blast the President for increasing the
19 debt while they enjoy a "balanced bailed out
20 budget" and get a pat on the back for not
21 working to find source of revenue, making any
22 tough cuts in their own budget or raising
23 property taxes.

24 I believe it takes a lot of guts to
25 encourage citizens to ask the them to lobby

1 their Senators for a bailout without having cut
2 one cent from the budget expenses. I am
3 anxious to hear the 6A discussion.

4 Moving on,.

5 0 7A This appears to be "feel
6 good" legislation as it sounds good but is
7 virtually impossible to equitably enforce. Why
8 not try to acknowledge this fact and simply ask
9 people to respect their neighbors and provide a
10 suggested cut-off time for each holiday.

11 0 7B With the number of gasoline
12 stations in the City I also believe this to be
13 difficult to equitably enforce. The more
14 unenforced laws the less attention people pay
15 to all the laws and the less faith they have in
16 the competence of their elected officials.

17 o This one is probably for Councilman
18 Rothchild, does the City still share the costs
19 for the United Neighborhood Centers of
20 Northeastern PA to administer the continuum of
21 care for Lackawanna County and, if so, what is
22 the amount of the City's share?

23 0 What has the Shared Services
24 Committee been working on? When did they last
25 meet?

1 0 The Third Order from two weeks ago
2 (30 June) contained a letter to Council
3 President asking the attached documents be
4 reviewed and a meeting schedules to discuss the
5 pending Meadowbrook project in more detail.
6 With only two more weeks until you take your
7 month of August recess will you please tell us
8 tonight when the requested meeting will occur.

9 0 Will you meet on 8 September?

10 0 I should acknowledge having
11 received responses to some of my questions
12 which I graciously accept. On the good news
13 side I did learn the MS4 permit application was
14 submitted on 2 May.

15 0 Since the HRG Report has not yet
16 been received may we assume the decision to
17 establish or not establish a Stormwater
18 Authority, along with a property owner's fee
19 of course, has been put off until 2021?

20 o When is the Audit expected? If it is not
21 received until August how will it be made
22 available to the public/taxpayers?

23 0 Conclude with the hope that
24 Councilman McAndrew will put some meat on the
25 negative Standard and Poor's rating of the City

1 of Scranton.

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(End of Public Comment)

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MR. GAUGHAN: Mrs. Reed?

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MS. REED: FIFTH ORDER. 5-A.

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MOTIONS.

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MR. GAUGHAN: Councilman Schuster,

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any motions or comments tonight?

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MR. SCHUSTER: Not at this time.

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MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Councilman

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McAndrew, do you have any motions or comments

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at this time?

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MR. MCANDREW: I have a comment. I

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received an e-mail from a concerned citizen

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today at the lookout on Moosic Street up near

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Lake Scranton, there's a quite a bit of

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graffiti. I also noticed not too long ago

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driving by that there's a lot garbage.

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And, you know what, to be honest

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with you I'm not sure what entity is

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responsible for the upkeep of this if Mrs. Reed

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could please send some correspondence to the

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City just to clarify who is actually

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responsible and how it's done and when is it

1 done. I'd appreciate that very much.

2 And also, we talked in caucus about
3 the two new pieces of legislation that we're
4 bringing forward tonight which I'm thrilled
5 with the Mayor and the Chief of Police putting
6 this together. And, you know, one being
7 fireworks, the other being the ATV.

8 I think since we have the
9 opportunity with the ATV piece of legislation
10 like I mentioned in caucus, a gentleman reached
11 out to me today who is a responsible ATV owner.
12 And his concerns are, you know, maybe the
13 enforcement -- we should enforce responsibility
14 on the ownership and usage of these vehicles
15 that maybe they should be licensed and
16 registered.

17 So -- and they'll have to carry
18 insurance if driven on the street because like
19 we said, we're going to charge a fine to these
20 people that go to gas stations and fine the gas
21 stations that provide the gas. But going there
22 period is breaking the law. So maybe we put a
23 little more teeth in this before final passage.

24 And also, this was brought to my
25 attention like I said earlier. I wasn't aware

1 of this. I don't own an ATV. I'm not against
2 ATVs. But this was brought to my attention
3 that a lot of these ATVs are fitted with these
4 after market illegal parts. And, you know,
5 what he stressed was, especially very loud
6 obnoxious exhaust.

7 So that also creates a nuisance in
8 the City with, you know, with regards to noise.
9 So, you know, I said some are ruining it for
10 local residents that safely comply with the use
11 of ATVs. So like I said, I'm not against them.
12 I don't own one. They look like a lot of fun.

13 Maybe we do this and think about
14 before moving forward that since we have the
15 opportunity, let's try to do this more fair
16 with everybody involved. So if maybe if you
17 would, please, Mrs. Reed, maybe send some of
18 that what I just mentioned in the form of a
19 correspondence to administration to see what we
20 can do with this. That's all I have. Thank
21 you.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you, Councilman
23 McAndrew. Dr. Rothchild, do you have any
24 motions or comments?

25 DR. ROTHCHILD: No, I don't have any

1 motions or comments, not at this time. Thank
2 you.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Councilman
4 Donahue, any motions or comments tonight?

5 MR. DONAHUE: Yes, just quickly. I
6 did talk to Parks Director Brian Fallon. Today
7 I had gotten a couple complaints about some of
8 the pools with standing water. And he was on
9 top it of and was planning on going out and
10 draining those pools anyway.

11 They were just waiting to see what
12 the final decision was on whether pools would
13 open or close. So the pools that have standing
14 water -- I know a few of the neighbors on a
15 couple different pools were, you know,
16 concerned about the mosquitoes and that sort of
17 thing. So they will be drained, you know, this
18 week and hopefully next week.

19 I did talk to DPW Director Tom
20 Preambo this morning also. He gave me an
21 update on the project of the bottom of Birch
22 Street in between South Washington Avenue and
23 Cedar Avenue.

24 That project should be done at the
25 end of September which then the road will

1 reopen. But then by the end of October will be
2 when the full road restoration will be done,
3 the full curb-to-curb paving.

4 So they'll open it up but then it
5 will just be shut down while the full
6 restoration is happening. I also talked to him
7 about a flooding issue up on East Mountain.
8 Also, one thing I did forget to talk to him
9 about but I think we should get an update on
10 is -- so, Mrs. Reed, would you be able to --
11 and this is more of the administration I think
12 too.

13 We sent out bids for the engineering
14 for the paving project for this year. Could
15 you just see if we will get legislation -- can
16 you ask this tomorrow too because we would need
17 that legislation tomorrow, I believe, to
18 approve that before our summer recess.

19 MS. REED: Yes, I will. Thank you,
20 Councilman.

21 MR. DONAHUE: Thank you. And I also
22 got a complaint -- and this has been an ongoing
23 issue too with the 600 block of Donnelly Court
24 with garbage in the alley. So would we be able
25 to send correspondence to LIPS about that too?

1 And then that's all I have. I'll hold the rest
2 of my comments on ATVs and fireworks for when
3 that legislation comes up. Thank you.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Thank you,
5 Councilman Donahue. I just have a few things.
6 I did receive a complaint about the 500 block
7 of Birch Street, overgrown empty lot. So we
8 sent that along to the Licensing and
9 Inspections Department.

10 There was quite a few complaints
11 about the 1700 block of Church Avenue. So we
12 sent that along to the Licensing and
13 Inspections Department as well. I received
14 from Mr. King our City Planner an update on our
15 stormwater management plan and the stormwater
16 management issues in the City.

17 In May there was a meeting via Zoom
18 with a representative from Herbert, Rowland and
19 Grubic which is the company that was putting in
20 our -- we contracted with for our stormwater
21 management issues throughout the City and to
22 come up with a stormwater management plan.

23 One of the questions that came up in
24 the last few weeks was whether there was a
25 drop-dead date when a report has to be

1 prepared. Mr. King has reviewed the contract.
2 There's no -- no date in there when it says the
3 report has to be due.

4 The consensus in his conversations
5 with representatives from his company and other
6 representatives from the City is that it would
7 make the most sense -- and I think we talked
8 about this in the last few years to have a
9 regional countywide authority.

10 And Mr. King agrees this would
11 probably be the best option for a number of
12 different reasons. The County Commissioners
13 thankfully are in agreement as well. And he
14 reported that Senator Blake is now working to
15 bring more stakeholders together to make this a
16 reality.

17 In May, 2019, a permit application
18 was submitted. It is still under review. The
19 Planning Commission had on their March 27th,
20 2020 agenda the Pollution Reduction Plan to
21 receive and comply with the participation
22 section.

23 The plan is done. But it can't
24 officially be submitted to DEP until there is
25 an actual public meeting. And I believe that

1 ones and there's more. I'm not going to go
2 through every one of them -- but would be an
3 updated Human Resources Management Plan. That
4 is something that I've been asking about now
5 for the past three or four years, a database
6 for the personnel in the City.

7 And I know that that was really one
8 of the things that PEL was harping on now for
9 the last few years as well. So those are the
10 reasons that I'm asking. I know there's
11 members of the public also that were interested
12 in this. So I look forward to receiving the
13 information. Anyone else on the question? All
14 those in favor of the motion signify by saying
15 aye.

16 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

17 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

18 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

19 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. Opposed? The
21 ayes have it and so moved.

22 I'd also like to make a motion now
23 to ask our City Clerk, Lori Reed to send
24 correspondence to the Lackawanna County Solid
25 Waste Management Authority requesting their

1 current and prior waste management plans and
2 the last five years of their financial
3 statements by next Tuesday, July 21st, 2020.

4 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: There's been a second.
6 On the question? All those in favor signify by
7 saying aye.

8 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

9 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

10 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

11 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. Opposed? The
13 ayes have it and so moved. And that's all I
14 have. Mrs. Reed?

15 MR. SCHUSTER: Excuse me,
16 Mr. Gaughan. Can I add one more thing? You
17 spoke about Church Avenue.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Yeah, you know what,
19 in -- right at the end of the meeting would be
20 appropriate, yeah, right when we get to Eighth
21 Order. Mrs. Reed?

22 MS. REED: Thank you. 5-B. FOR
23 INTRODUCTION – AN ORDINANCE – AMENDING FILE OF
24 THE COUNCIL NO. 29, 2018 ENTITLED
25 “ACKNOWLEDGING THE ADOPTION BY THE COMMONWEALTH

1 OF PENNSYLVANIA OF THE PENNSYLVANIA FIREWORKS
2 LAW, ACT 43 OF 2017, ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE
3 FIREWORKS LAW PROHIBITS THE IGNITING OR
4 DISCHARGE OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS ON PUBLIC OR
5 PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT THE EXPRESS PERMISSION
6 OF THE OWNER, PROVIDING THAT THE CITY OF
7 SCRANTON DOES NOT GRANT PERMISSION FOR ANYONE
8 TO IGNITE OR DISCHARGE CONSUMER FIREWORKS ON
9 THE STREETS OR SIDEWALKS OF THE CITY OF
10 SCRANTON OR PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF
11 SCRANTON INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ALL OF
12 THE CITY OWNED PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS;
13 DIRECTING THAT THE CITY OF SCRANTON PROVIDE
14 CERTIFIED COPIES OF THE ORDINANCE TO
15 ALL MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGES WITHIN THE
16 CITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT
17 ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF
18 THE ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING THAT THE ORDINANCE
19 SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH
20 PENNSYLVANIA LAW” TO INCLUDE TIME RESTRICTIONS
21 FOR THE USE OF FIREWORKS TO BE IN COMPLIANCE
22 WITH THE CITY OF SCRANTON’S ZONING ORDINANCE
23 FOR NOISE LEVELS.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: At this time I'll
25 entertain a motion that Item 5-B be introduced

1 into its proper committee.

2 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

3 MR. MCANDREW: Second.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question?

5 MR. DONAHUE: On the question, just
6 two questions I had for the administration, one
7 being what is the overall enforcement strategy
8 to enforce this going forward?

9 And then I just also want to make
10 the point that we are -- we have to stick
11 within that time limit until the state house
12 passes legislation that would allow us to ban
13 the use of these fireworks outright.

14 So that's why we're only doing what
15 we can do for the moment. So we still want to
16 encourage members of the public to reach out to
17 their state representatives to support
18 legislation banning -- giving the City of
19 Scranton the opportunity to ban these fireworks
20 outright.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Anyone
22 else on the question? On the question, I think
23 that people throughout the City should have
24 their right to live peacefully in their homes.

25 I understand as well as anybody else

1 that on the 4th of July, Memorial Day, Labor
2 Day, it's normal to hear fireworks. But a
3 month before the 4th July, sometimes a month
4 and a half, a month after the 4th July; it's
5 hard for people to live in their homes.

6 We've heard from them the past few
7 weeks. It's not fair to them. It's not fair
8 to the taxpayers throughout our City to have to
9 be literally up all night and afraid to go
10 outside of their home. We've heard and it's
11 been documented that fireworks have caused
12 catastrophes in terms of fires in garages.
13 There was one in South Side I think on the 4th
14 of July, a garage that was lit on fire.

15 Garages that light on fire and then
16 turn into lighting the whole home on fire,
17 among a number of other things. So it puts our
18 people in danger and puts our veterans in
19 danger in terms of PTSD. It puts our children
20 in danger. And it really is a huge burden on
21 our police and fire department.

22 I had, you know, conversations with
23 Chief Graziano about this in previous years.
24 There are important and dangerous things
25 outside of fireworks that go on. And we're

1 really being stretched thin here to keep
2 responding to all of these important fireworks
3 calls. So we have to do something. Is this
4 the end-all be-all panacea for this problem?
5 No.

6 Will it be difficult to enforce?
7 Probably. But it's giving a little bit more
8 teeth until the state legislature steps up and
9 ultimate hopefully bans these commercial grade
10 fireworks for good. I don't think that those
11 types of dangerous fireworks should be in the
12 hands of people.

13 They have to be -- you know, whether
14 you have it at Montage Mountain or a
15 professional fireworks show. But it's
16 definitely an issue that has gotten out of
17 control, especially this year. But even in
18 previous years we've heard about it. Anyone
19 else on the question?

20 MR. MCANDREW: Yeah, I just want to
21 say that, you know, it is expected on the 4th
22 of July for fireworks. But, you know, in 2017
23 when the C class fireworks were allowed to be
24 used, guess what? Prior to that, the only
25 people that would set them off are

1 pyrotechnicians that are trained and safely
2 know how to do that.

3 And allowing that to happen or that
4 change is kind of crazy where they were
5 available -- we're lucky that our area has only
6 had -- I mean, we're not lucky, we had some
7 horrible situations.

8 But it could have been worse or get
9 worse. So I'm really happy with this
10 legislation.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you.

12 MR. DONAHUE: One thing I did --
13 I said I had two questions for the
14 administration. And I didn't get to my second
15 one. But the second one was, you know, the
16 fine was raised from 150 to 300. You know, is
17 there any down side as to go even higher for
18 that to be a bigger deterrent? So that's
19 another one I'll pose.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Anyone else on
21 the question? Good points. Okay. All those
22 in favor of introduction signify by saying aye.

23 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

24 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

25 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

1 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

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

4 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -
5 AN ORDINANCE - REGULATING THE SALE AND
6 DISTRIBUTION OF GASOLINE DIRECTLY INTO THOSE
7 VEHICLES THAT FALL UNDER THE CLASS OF VEHICLES
8 DEFINED BY 75 PA.C.S.A. 7702 AS BEING AN
9 "ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE" OR "ATV" OR A
10 "SNOWMOBILE" WHILE SAID VEHICLES ARE RUNNING
11 AND PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES FOR
12 VIOLATIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE.

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

16 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

17 DR. ROTHCHILD: So moved.

18 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

19 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? Oh,
20 sorry. Second. Was there a second? I jumped
21 the gun there.

22 MR. DONAHUE: Yeah.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question?

24 MR. DONAHUE: On the question, I
25 also have, you know, just the thing -- one of

1 the things for this one, just what is the
2 overall enforcement strategy going to be; also
3 how we're going to give, you know, proper
4 notice to gas station owners.

5 And then there's, you know, I still
6 think there's an issue with credit cards, you
7 know, that might fall on the gas station owner
8 is that issue but just to bring that up. But
9 that's all I have.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Anyone else on the
11 question? Really, the same comments I have for
12 the fireworks legislation too. These
13 ordinances really are intended to maintain our
14 citizens' quality of life and their safety.
15 The ATV issue is one that has kind of exploded
16 over the last few months as well.

17 I have it in my own neighborhood as
18 I'm sure all of you have. They are dangerous.
19 They are not allowed on public streets in the
20 City of Scranton. And there may be responsible
21 people who ride ATVs. I'm sure there are.

22 I haven't seen any in my
23 neighborhood. I have people who literally
24 drive up on wheelies with children on the back
25 of the ATV with no helmets on who fly -- they

1 have to be doing 80 to 100 miles an hour
2 zipping up and down.

3 There was just an accident over on
4 Church Avenue I think two weeks ago with a
5 young guy who got seriously injured. These
6 people are irresponsible, and not only
7 irresponsible for themselves.

8 But they're irresponsible for the
9 young people, my children, other children who
10 play in the neighborhood, irresponsible for the
11 people now because of the pandemic on East
12 Mountain who I talked to who have to work from
13 home who literally cannot work from home
14 because of these loud ATVs are going up and
15 down their street.

16 No one minds if the ATV is in a
17 wooded area and you're not on a public street.
18 Have as much fun as you want. But when you are
19 traversing neighborhoods day in and day out, it
20 is absolutely unacceptable.

21 So these people need to be held
22 accountable. They're breaking the law. I do
23 agree with everyone that spoke tonight that we
24 may have to tighten up some of the language a
25 little bit. But it's not -- again, just as I

1 mentioned last week with the quality of life
2 issues, it's really just not fair to the people
3 who follow the rules and who just want to live
4 in their homes in peace.

5 I mean, within the last few months
6 the ATVs and the fireworks on top of it, it's
7 been listening to people, talking to people on
8 the phone who have reached out to me
9 personally, just people from different
10 neighborhoods of the City.

11 It's been really difficult for
12 people. So I think that hopefully again, this
13 legislation certainly will not be a panacea for
14 the problem. And it won't solve it completely.
15 But I'm hoping that it will take a step in the
16 right direction.

17 Anyone else on the question? All
18 those in favor of introduction signify by
19 saying aye.

20 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

21 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

22 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

23 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

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

1 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION -
2 AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL
3 NO. 74, 1993, (AS AMENDED), ENTITLED "THE
4 ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON" BY
5 REPEALING SECTION 516 ENTITLED FLOOD-PRONE
6 AREAS AND ENACTING SECTION 516 ENTITLED
7 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: At this time I'll
9 entertain a motion that Item 5-D be introduced
10 into its proper committee.

11 DR. ROTHCHILD: So moved.

12 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

13 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? Yes,
15 on the question, just as I mentioned in the
16 caucus, these changes stem from the adoption by
17 FEMA of new flood maps set to become effective
18 on August 5th, 2020.

19 In order for the City to participate
20 in the National Flood Insurance Program, the
21 City has to agree to adopt floodplain
22 management regulations that meet or exceed
23 their minimum standards. That is the purpose
24 of these regulations.

25 The maps have changed. If anyone

1 would like to take a look at them, you could go
2 to FEMA's website. You could just make a
3 search on the internet for FEMA floodplain maps
4 and then type in the City of Scranton.

5 You could type in your address and
6 see if you are located in a floodplain. If you
7 are new to the -- being in a floodplain,
8 according to the new maps you'll be notified by
9 FEMA. And then you'll have to purchase flood
10 insurance. So there's a whole process that
11 goes along with that.

12 Anyone else on the question? All
13 those in favor of introduction signify by
14 saying aye.

15 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

16 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

17 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

18 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

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

21 MS. REED: 5-E. FOR INTRODUCTION -
22 AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL
23 NO. 11, 2018 ENTITLED "ESTABLISHING A "NO
24 PARKING ZONE" ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF WYOMING
25 AVENUE (SR 3025) FROM A POINT 175 FEET

1 SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION WITH EAST GIBSON
2 STREET TO A POINT 325 FEET SOUTH OF THE
3 INTERSECTION WITH EAST GIBSON STREET TO
4 ALLOW FOR DRIVEWAY SIGHT DISTANCE PURPOSES AS
5 SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED HIGHWAY OCCUPANCY PERMIT
6 FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA NORTHEAST REGIONAL
7 RAILROAD AUTHORITY ("PNRRA") TO EXTEND THE
8 NO PARKING ZONE ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF WYOMING
9 AVENUE (SR 3025) TO A POINT 160 FEET SOUTH OF
10 THE CENTER LINE OF EAST GIBSON STREET TO A
11 POINT 415 FEET SOUTH OF THE CENTER LINE OF EAST
12 GIBSON STREET TO ALLOW FOR DRIVEWAY SIGHT
13 DISTANCE PURPOSES AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED
14 HIGHWAY OCCUPANCY PERMIT FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA
15 NORTHEAST REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY (PNRRA).

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

19 DR. ROTHCHILD: So moved.

20 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question?

22 MR. DONAHUE: Have we gotten any
23 explanation for why this change is being made?

24 MR. GAUGHAN: This has been --
25 Mrs. Reed, if you could refresh my memory, if

1 you remember, I think this has been in the
2 works for a while. Am I correct in saying
3 that?

4 MS. REED: Yes, you are.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Yeah, this -- I know
6 that our City Engineer was in contact with the
7 Railroad Authority. We can ask him for a more
8 broad explanation. But I know that this has
9 been -- I think really even since the beginning
10 of the year there's been talks on making this
11 move for safety reasons. So we can ask
12 Mr. Pocius for a more broad explanation.

13 MR. DONAHUE: Yeah, because I
14 remember when we voted on this originally, you
15 know, there was some discussion on it. I guess
16 I'll have to go back and look through my notes
17 and see what -- I don't remember exactly what
18 it was either.

19 I feel like there was an issue or
20 two when we adopted the first ordinance on
21 this. So I'll have to go back to that.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: Um hum. Okay. Anyone
23 else on the question? All those in favor of
24 introduction signify by saying aye.

25 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

1 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

2 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

3 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. Opposed? The
5 ayes have it and so moved.

6 MS. REED: 5-F. FOR INTRODUCTION -
7 AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
8 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO APPLY FOR
9 AND EXECUTE A GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF
10 SCRANTON OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY
11 DEVELOPMENT TO THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF
12 COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARC PROGRAM
13 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 TO BE USED TO
14 DEVELOP AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN
15 FOR THE CITY.

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

19 DR. ROTHCHILD: So moved.

20 MR. DONAHUE: So moved. Second.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? On
22 the question, I was really pleased to see that
23 OECD and the administration is going after this
24 grant. And I hope that they are successful in
25 securing it. I think it's very, very important

1 that an Economic Development Strategic Plan is
2 developed for the City.

3 Going through and looking at this
4 legislation and the backup that was used and
5 really the rationale, when you look at the
6 unemployment rate in January of 2020 in
7 Scranton it was 6.3 percent. In the State of
8 Pennsylvania it was 4.7 percent. And
9 nationally it was 3.6 percent.

10 So we were -- we had a higher
11 unemployment than this -- both the state
12 average and the national average. The
13 unemployment rate in April, 2020 because of the
14 pandemic is unbelievable, 17.8 percent
15 unemployment rate in the City of Scranton, 15.1
16 percent in Pennsylvania and 14.7 percent
17 nationally.

18 The poverty rate in Scranton is
19 striking, 23.7 percent in the City while in
20 Pennsylvania the average is 12 and a half
21 percent and nationally it's 12.3 percent. The
22 other thing that stuck out to me was the median
23 household income in Scranton is \$39,066.

24 In Pennsylvania the average median
25 household income is \$60,905. And nationally

1 it's \$61,937. There's no question that we need
2 a strategic plan for economic development, not
3 only in our downtown but throughout our City.

4 The poverty rate and unemployment
5 rate are significantly higher than the state
6 and national averages. I often hear people
7 say, you know, why does a police officer make
8 so much or why does a fireman make so much.

9 But the question really should be
10 \$60,000, \$70,000 in today's environment, it's
11 even hard to raise a family on that as some of
12 you know. So the question shouldn't be why
13 does this person make this amount of money or
14 why does that person make that amount of money.

15 It should be why can't we raise
16 everybody up together. And I think that's
17 really the goal of this legislation and this
18 program to get an actual strategy moving
19 forward, not just for the next year or two
20 years but really for 5 and 10 years down the
21 road.

22 So I'll really be looking forward to
23 following this over the next few months and
24 hopefully we secure this grant. Anyone else on
25 the question?

1 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes, I just want to
2 say I agree on -- also excited to see that
3 this is starting to be planned out. I know
4 it's something that Miss Cipriani had mentioned
5 previously when she came before Council that
6 she was interested in developing a strategic
7 plan.

8 And I'm glad to see that we're
9 making some quick movement on it and that
10 there's some grant opportunities to help us to
11 be able to do that. I think that our City will
12 be better for it. We should have already had a
13 strategic plan. But here we are and we can
14 develop one now that helps our economy to grow
15 and help us become a better City. So thank
16 you.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Definitely. Anyone
18 else on the question?

19 MR. DONAHUE: Yeah, I'm also happy
20 to see this. I know it's been something that's
21 been discussed for the past couple years. But
22 I just would like to point out too that I'd
23 also, you know, like to hear from the
24 administration on what their plans are for the
25 LIPS Department because you could have the

1 best, you know, economic development strategy
2 there is, if you don't fix the LIPS Department
3 it's not really going to matter.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Anyone else on the
5 question? Okay. All those in favor of
6 introduction signify by saying aye.

7 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

8 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

9 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

10 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

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

13 MS. REED: 5-G. FOR INTRODUCTION -
14 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO
15 THE MULTI-BRIDGE (BRIDGE BUNDLING) PROJECT
16 AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE CITY OF
17 SCRANTON AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF
18 PENNSYLVANIA, WHICH AMENDMENT INCREASES THE
19 TOTAL PROJECT AS SET FORTH HEREIN.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you, Mrs. Reed.
21 At this time I'll entertain a motion that Item
22 5-G be introduced into its proper committee.

23 MR. MCANDREW: So moved.

24 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? As I

1 mentioned in the caucus, this is -- legislation
2 is simply amending the Multi Bridge Project
3 Agreement to increase the project cost. These
4 bridges that are going to eventually be
5 replaced are West Lackawanna Avenue, the Elm
6 Street bridge over the Lackawanna River, North
7 Main Avenue bridge and the Parker Street
8 bridge.

9 Our share of funding -- the City's
10 share would be increased from 1,287,000 to 1.4
11 million. And the federal government covers
12 roughly 20 and a half million dollars. That's
13 going to be increased to 23 million dollars
14 roughly. And the state originally was covering
15 3.8 million. And that's going to increase to
16 4.3 million.

17 I can't stress enough -- and in my
18 conversations over the past really year and a
19 half with the City Engineer, previous DPW
20 Director and the administration how crucial it
21 is that we replace these bridges and how
22 crucial it was really to get this bundling
23 package together for all of these bridges.

24 I know that it's going to take time.
25 It will probably take a few years when all is

1 ayes have it and so moved.

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

3 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 12,
4 2020 - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE
5 COUNCIL NO. 111, 2017 OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON
6 ADOPTING AND IMPLEMENTING THE Act 47 EXIT PLAN
7 FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON PURSUANT TO THE
8 FINANCIALLY DISTRESSED MUNICIPALITIES ACT; AND
9 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON
10 TO ISSUE AN ORDER DIRECTING THE IMPLEMENTATION
11 OF THE ACT 47 EXIT PLAN AMENDMENT WHICH WILL
12 BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON ADOPTION ATTACHED HERETO
13 AS EXHIBIT "A" IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
14 PROVISIONS OF 53 PA. C.S.A. §11701.249, THE
15 MUNICIPALITIES FINANCIAL RECOVERY ACT.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: You've heard reading
17 by title of Item 6-A. What is your pleasure?
18 Someone has to read that second line there.
19 Hello out there. Anyone?

20 DR. ROTHCHILD: I move to add this
21 to its proper committee.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. If you look --
23 yeah, it should say I move that Item 6-A pass
24 reading by title.

25 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes, I move Item 6-A

1 pass by -- reading by title.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Thank you. Is
3 there a second?

4 MR. MCANDREW: Second.

5 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question?

7 MR. DONAHUE: On the question, I
8 know we're still waiting from DCED a list of
9 the financial benefits of Act 47. And I still
10 do have some reservations regarding the
11 tripling of the LST. So hopefully we can
12 figure out a plan for those before next week.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: Anyone else on the
14 question? All those in favor signify by saying
15 aye.

16 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

17 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

18 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

19 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. Opposed? The
21 ayes have it and so moved.

22 MS. REED: 6-B. READING BY TITLE -
23 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 13, 2020 - AN
24 ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.
25 22, 2014, AN ORDINANCE, ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE

1 AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 26, 2013, AN
2 ORDINANCE, ENTITLED AMENDING FILE OF THE
3 COUNCIL NO. 22, 2006, ENTITLED "AUTHORIZING AND
4 APPROVING THE DESIGNATION OF PARKING SPACES FOR
5 CERTAIN CITY OF SCRANTON PERSONNEL IN AND ALONG
6 DIX COURT, THE PARKING AREA IN THE REAR
7 OF CITY OF SCRANTON MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND A
8 PARKING LOT ALONG MULBERRY STREET ADJACENT TO
9 SCRANTON FIRE HEADQUARTERS, AND AUTHORIZING THE
10 CITY OF SCRANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ENFORCE
11 THE PARKING DESIGNATIONS AS REFLECTED IN THE
12 ATTACHED SCHEMATIC" BY REDESIGNATING CERTAIN
13 EMPLOYEE PARKING SPACES FROM INDIVIDUAL NAMES
14 TO LETTERS FROM A-Z AS REFLECTED IN THE
15 ATTACHED SCHEMATIC.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: You've heard reading
17 by title of Item 6-B. What is your pleasure?

18 MR. DONAHUE: I move that Item 6-B
19 pass reading by title.

20 MR. MCANDREW: Second.

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

23 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

24 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

25 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

1 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

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

4 MS. REED: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR
5 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR
6 ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 11, 2020 -
7 APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF A RESTAURANT LIQUOR
8 LICENSE OWNED BY OAK STREET EXPRESS, LLC, 610
9 NORTH MAIN STREET, TAYLOR, LACKAWANNA COUNTY,
10 PENNSYLVANIA, 18517 RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE
11 NO. R-3114 TO ARADHY BEV BEER, LLC, (THE "MINI
12 MART"), 401 WYOMING AVENUE, SCRANTON,
13 LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, 18503, AS
14 REQUIRED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL
15 BOARD.

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

19 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

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

22 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Schuster.

23 MR. SCHUSTER: Yes.

24 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

25 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

1 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

2 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

3 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

4 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

5 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. I hereby
7 declare 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. 46, 2020 - CALLING ON THE
11 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA TO REINSTATE THE
12 FIREWORKS ACT OF 1939.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for the
14 Committee on Rules, I recommend final passage
15 of Item 7-B.

16 MR. MCANDREW: Second.

17 DR. ROTHCHILD: Second.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? Roll
19 call, please.

20 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Schuster.

21 MR. SCHUSTER: Yes.

22 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

23 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

24 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

25 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

1 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

2 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

3 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. I hereby declare
5 Item 7-B legally and lawfully adopted. And
6 then I know, Councilman Schuster, you had
7 something to add about Church Avenue?

8 MR. SCHUSTER: Yeah, just to add to
9 that discussion -- and I don't want to say the
10 address wrong but there was an apartment
11 building on I'd say 1705-1707 North Main Avenue
12 that when it was reopened for occupancy, there
13 was supposed to be a parking pad put in the
14 rear of that building I think for six spots
15 because it required 1.5 spots for the occupancy
16 of those apartments.

17 And it caused a -- it caused parking
18 issues going up Putnam which then in turn
19 pushed cars up onto Church Avenue. So maybe
20 that's something that could be added to your
21 piece regarding Church Avenue. I don't know if
22 that has been fixed as of this point.

23 But it caused -- there was
24 individuals parking in yards and everything
25 there along I'd say maybe the corner of Putnam

1 and Church due to the amount of parking spaces
2 for that building.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, definitely we can
4 add that -- add that in. Thank you very much.
5 Okay, if there is no further business, I'll
6 entertain a motion to adjourn.

7 MR. SCHUSTER: Motion to adjourn.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: This meeting's
9 adjourned. Thanks everyone. See you next
10 week.

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