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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

Tuesday, September 7, 2010

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:

JANET EVANS, PRESIDENT

PAT ROGAN, VICE-PRESIDENT

ROBERT MCGOFF

FRANK JOYCE

JOHN LOSCOMBE

NANCY KRAKE, CITY CLERK

CATHY CARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

BOYD HUGHES, SOLICITOR

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

3 MS. EVANS: Roll call, please.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

5 MR. MCGOFF: Here.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

7 MR. ROGAN: Here.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: Here.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce. Mrs.

11 Evans.

12 MS. EVANS: Here. Dispense with the  
13 reading of the minutes, please.

14 MS. KRAKE: THIRD ORDER. 3-A.

15 MINUTES OF THE NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION  
16 BOARD MEETING HELD ON JUNE 23, 2010.

17 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?

18 If not, received and filed.

19 MS. KRAKE: 3-B. AGENDA FOR THE

20 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD

21 MEETING TO BE HELD ON JULY 28, 2010.

22 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?

23 If not, received and filed.

24 MS. KRAKE: 3-C. AGENDA FOR THE

25 ZONING HEARING BOARD MEETING TO BE

1 HELD AUGUST 11, 2010.

2 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?

3 If not, received and filed.

4 MS. KRAKE: 3-D. MINUTES OF THE

5 FIREMEN'S PENSION COMMISSION MEETING

6 HELD ON JUNE 23, 2010.

7 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?

8 If not, received and filed.

9 MS. KRAKE: 3-E. APPLICATIONS WITH

10 DECISIONS RENDERED BY THE ZONING

11 HEARING BOARD ON AUGUST 11, 2010.

12 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?

13 If not, received and filed.

14 MS. KRAKE: 3-F. CONTROLLER'S REPORT

15 FOR THE MONTH ENDING JULY 31, 2010.

16 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?

17 If not, received and filed.

18 MS. KRAKE: 3-G. MINUTES OF THE

19 FIREMEN'S PENSION COMMISSION MEETING

20 HELD ON JULY 28, 2010.

21 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?

22 If not, received and filed.

23 MS. KRAKE: 3-H. MINUTES OF THE

24 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD

25 MEETING HELD ON JULY 28, 2010.

1 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?  
2 If not, received and filed.

3 MS. KRAKE: 3-I. MINUTES OF THE  
4 SCRANTON POLICE PENSION COMMISSION  
5 MEETING HELD ON JUNE 23, 2010.

6 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?  
7 If not, received and filed.

8 MS. KRAKE: 3-J. MINUTES OF THE  
9 SCRANTON-LACKAWANNA HEALTH & WELFARE  
10 AUTHORITY'S REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD JUNE  
11 17, 2010.

12 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?  
13 If not, received and filed.

14 MS. KRAKE: 3-K. MINUTES OF THE  
15 SCRANTON POLICE PENSION COMMISSION  
16 MEETING HELD ON JULY 28, 2010.

17 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?  
18 If not, received and filed.

19 MS. KRAKE: 3-L. MINUTES OF THE  
20 COMPOSITE PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD  
21 ON JULY 28, 2010.

22 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?  
23 If not, received and filed.

24 MS. KRAKE: 3-M. AGENDA FOR THE  
25 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION FUND TO

1 BE HELD AUGUST 25, 2010.

2 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?  
3 If not, received and filed.

4 MS. KRAKE: 3-N. AGENDA FOR THE  
5 ZONING HEARING BOARD MEETING TO BE  
6 HELD SEPTEMBER 16, 2010.

7 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?  
8 If not, received and filed, Clerk's notes,  
9 please.

10 MS. KRAKE: We have a lot of clerk's  
11 notes since we were absent when we weren't  
12 in session during August, but I'm going to  
13 try and make them brief. When we give the  
14 descriptions of the letters that were sent I  
15 would like everyone to know that the details  
16 are fully included in the letters, just that  
17 we are doing it briefly tonight.

18 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

19 MS. KRAKE: Thank you. The Civil  
20 Service Commission we request -- council  
21 requests when the Civil Service Test will be  
22 administered, particularly, when it's going  
23 to be administered in September. We had  
24 three no responses from the board. We did  
25 have a response from one member of the board

1           Anthony Trozzolillo. He tells us that the  
2           Civil Service Commission maintains an office  
3           in city hall and a solicitor. Please direct  
4           all future correspondence to either or both,  
5           but not his home address. He said, "I'm  
6           sure you would not like business mail sent  
7           to your home."

8                        I would like to apologize to Mr.  
9           Trozzolillo, but that was the date that was  
10          in the files as of November of 2007, it was  
11          his home address. We certainly will not  
12          send it to his home any longer if he doesn't  
13          care for that.

14                      He also tells us -- us and myself or  
15          any member of council is welcome to attend  
16          the monthly meeting and pose our questions  
17          during the public participation portion of  
18          the meeting, and please do not make time  
19          sensitive demands on me or the commission.  
20          We are all volunteers with full private  
21          workloads, and that was his response.

22                      MS. EVANS: Mrs. Krake, if you could  
23          please contact their solicitor and follow-up  
24          with a memo requesting that information.

25                      MS. KRAKE: I will.

1 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

2 MS. KRAKE: We also have no response  
3 from Mayor Doherty concerning when the Civil  
4 Service Test will be held.

5 We have a response from the  
6 Controller Roseanne Novembrino concerning  
7 the traffic signal on Route 307 and Lake  
8 Scranton. It has now been repaired. She  
9 tells us that when she researched our  
10 question that she was told mice destroyed  
11 the control box and a new box had to be  
12 ordered. That was her response.

13 This is a response from Stu Renda,  
14 business administrator. "Due to the  
15 settlement agreement of January 31, 1996,  
16 and entered into between the University and  
17 the City of Scranton, no parking space fee  
18 for the university's parking garages and  
19 service parking lots have been assessed for  
20 fiscal years 2001 through 2010," and then we  
21 have attached settlement agreement now in  
22 our office if anyone would like to review  
23 that.

24 On our questions to the city  
25 treasurer, Christopher Boland, we did



1 receive a letter from NCC and also spoke to  
2 the treasurer. They are preparing the  
3 report concerning our question for the  
4 trended unpaid taxes during 2007, eight,  
5 nine and ten, and a schedule of NCC's  
6 payments to the state for these years.

7 These are all to department of DPW  
8 where the director is Jeff Brazil. The  
9 first no response was a letter that was sent  
10 concerning the 500 block of Earth Court  
11 where the blacktop is in very poor  
12 condition.

13 The next letter that receiving no  
14 response is concerning Albright Avenue and  
15 Grove Street and the tractor trailer traffic  
16 that is going on there.

17 The next is a 600 block of Ruth  
18 Avenue and they request that their street be  
19 cleaned.

20 1202 Bromley Avenue request that the  
21 potholes be filled.

22 4302 Winfield Avenue. There is a  
23 runoff problem since there was paving there.

24 A large tree that needs to be  
25 removed in the 800 block of Quincy Avenue.

1 Patch and seal the center of Grove  
2 and Parallel Drive at West Mountain Road.

3 Residents request the 1100 block of  
4 Curtis Lane be paved, the 400 block of Rosen  
5 Court there is 12 -- excuse me, the corner  
6 of Breck Street and 400 block of Rosen  
7 Court. There is 12-inch deep by four-inch  
8 length hole which needs to be filled.

9 Fill the following potholes: 100  
10 block of Meadow Avenue, 200 block of Penn,  
11 1600 of Olive, 1800 block of Olive.

12 Linden Street, there needs to be  
13 directional arrows pointed on the street to  
14 inform motorists of turn lanes.

15 Pike Street located off Morgan  
16 Highway report their street has not been  
17 paved since 1987.

18 900 block of Greenridge Street pave  
19 cuts need to be repaired. Overgrown lots at  
20 the corner of Orchard and Prospect Avenue.

21 We have responses from the  
22 department, also. A "No truck traffic" sign  
23 at Woodlawn Street has been installed and  
24 the stop sign at the 14th Street in West  
25 Scranton has been replaced.

1                   This is a detailed response from  
2                   Jeff Brazil concerning 307 Lake Scranton  
3                   Road. He would like to inform us that, "We  
4                   are fully aware of the situation and have  
5                   ordered the necessary material to resolve  
6                   the issue. We are awaiting the delivery of  
7                   the parts and hope to have them sometime  
8                   next week."

9                   He says, "He would also like to  
10                  point out that the contract section, which  
11                  we highlighted in our letters, refers to  
12                  repairable material. In this instance the  
13                  equipment was damaged beyond repair and all  
14                  new equipment had to be ordered. It was at  
15                  my direction that the contractor placed the  
16                  signals on flash until the proper repairs  
17                  were made because this is the best possible  
18                  temporary solution. Should you have any  
19                  other questions, please feel free to contact  
20                  me."

21                  Also, this is from Don Davis. The  
22                  garbage truck that went the wrong way in  
23                  one-way was a driver that was unfamiliar  
24                  with the street and it has been rectified.  
25                  Charlie Magnus has been informed the damage

1 that occurred and will be taking care of  
2 that issue, that was on Cooper Avenue.

3 Tom Oleski informs us that at 1101  
4 Cedar Avenue the work has been started.

5 The tires have been removed per Tom  
6 Oleski at the former -- the parking lot of  
7 the former Scranton Ford at the corner of  
8 Franklin and Linden Street.

9 And these are nonresponses from the  
10 Department of License and Inspections  
11 quickly. 459 Phelps Street, it's an eyesore  
12 and a safety hazard.

13 Nothing has been done on the  
14 Prospect and Orchard once again.

15 Eight 842-45 and 1038 Capouse Avenue  
16 the homes desperately need to be torn down.  
17 The 800 block of Ash Street there is a  
18 dumpster on the sidewalk rather on the  
19 street.

20 Vacant lot at the corner of Wheeler  
21 Avenue and Vine, the property is neglected  
22 and overgrown.

23 918 Maple and rear Maple is  
24 neglected and overgrown. 400 block of  
25 Moltke Avenue and Earth Court, overgrown

1 brush from neighboring property is extended  
2 in the roadway and making it difficult for  
3 motorists to drive through.

4 344-46 North Hyde Park, they need an  
5 update on the condition of the property.

6 Vacant help the 638 North Hyde Park  
7 the lawn is overgrown and the porch is  
8 collapsing.

9 Hazardous sidewalk situation in the  
10 1800 block of Washburn. 1400 block of  
11 Slader Street complained about an abandoned  
12 house in the neighborhood.

13 A problem on Parallel Drive at West  
14 Mountain Road, need spray paint on the road.

15 A problem at 1435 Academy Street,  
16 overgrown trees covering the one-way.

17 Overgrown weeds and grass in the  
18 rear of the vacant home at 317 17th Avenue.

19 909 Greenridge Avenue there is an  
20 abandoned property overgrown.

21 Atlas Glass, 895 Providence Road  
22 requesting them to maintain the property.

23 And as I said earlier, we did have  
24 all of the detailed in the letters so the  
25 residents know.

1 MS. EVANS: Yes.

2 MS. KRAKE: For the Department of  
3 Parks, the bids are rejected, original bids  
4 for the pavilion. They have since been  
5 received and we received a letter today that  
6 the pavilion has been awarded, the contract,  
7 to Galga Construction.

8 We have received a response from  
9 Dave Besiack of PennDOT concerning the 900  
10 block of Greenridge Street. They were holes  
11 in each traffic lane caused by the utility  
12 company. Per a phone call from Dave, the  
13 cuts were made by a contractor for the  
14 utility company and will be repaired by the  
15 contractor when PennDOT contacts them.

16 Chief Duffy advised us that the  
17 problem at 1406 West Gibson Street has been  
18 addressed.

19 And we have several no responses  
20 from Chief Elliott, I'll try to do those  
21 quickly, also. No response on when the  
22 Civil Service Test for the police officers  
23 will be administered. No response  
24 concerning the vandalism at Connell Park.  
25 No response on the one-way 200 block of 14th

1 Avenue. The blight officer was requested to  
2 go to 909 Ridge Avenue. We will also  
3 requested them to monitor speeding and  
4 litter on Birney Avenue in Minooka and for  
5 them to check their cars parked on the  
6 sidewalk in the 2000 block of North Main  
7 Avenue.

8 I do have a couple of responses from  
9 Chief. 403 Stafford, the question was  
10 referred to Officer Herchick to investigate.

11 I have also informed them as to the  
12 issue that's been addressed and also  
13 forwarded the information regarding Wheeler  
14 Avenue and Vine so we can address that issue  
15 as well.

16 Your letter regarding the vacant  
17 homes at Capouse and your questions written  
18 down have been sent to License and  
19 Inspections.

20 Your final request regarding  
21 officers off on injury or long-term  
22 sickness, there are a total of 50 officers  
23 off long-term, 12 long-term and three --  
24 excuse me, 12 long-term injury and three  
25 long-term sickness.

1                   From the Scranton -- from the Zoning  
2                   Solicitor, Attorney Penetar. He is  
3                   responding to our request concerning 317  
4                   Linden and Commonwealth Medical College.  
5                   317 Linden Street this property has not come  
6                   to the zoning hearing board for parking to  
7                   my knowledge and they do not need a  
8                   variance. He then cites the particular code  
9                   under the zoning ordinance and basically  
10                  that says they don't need that because they  
11                  are within a CD District, which is the  
12                  downtown.

13                  The Commonwealth Medical College, he  
14                  tells us under our zoning ordinance the  
15                  college must provide off-street parking  
16                  space for every two students who attend at  
17                  peak times which such spaces to be located  
18                  within 400 feet of the principal use. In  
19                  October of 2008, the Commonwealth Medical  
20                  College applied for and was granted a  
21                  variance from the 400 feet requirement of  
22                  the ordinance. It presented to the Board a  
23                  parking agreement that would provide the  
24                  sufficient spaces. I will be reading that  
25                  in after this.





1 which shall be refundable upon return of the  
2 card to the Authority.

3 And also the Parking Authority  
4 responded to our Right-to-Know with a copy  
5 of the lease agreement between Molly  
6 Brannigan's and the Scranton Parking  
7 Authority which does have many pages to it  
8 so that is also for review in council's  
9 office.

10 And that's finally it on Clerk's  
11 notes. Thank you.

12 (During Clerk's notes Mr. Joyce  
13 joins the meeting.)

14 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Do any  
15 council members have announcements at this  
16 time?

17 MR. LOSCOMBE: I have a couple. Go  
18 ahead.

19 MR. MCGOFF: All right. First, I  
20 was given some information that the CMC  
21 auxiliary is sponsoring a reading and tea  
22 this coming Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Hilton  
23 Hotel. In the information that I received  
24 it does not say a reading of what, so I do  
25 not know, but if you are interested in a

1 relaxing afternoon of tea and literature  
2 that's 1:00 at the Hilton Hotel and it is  
3 sponsored by the CMC auxiliary.

4 The second thing, just a word of  
5 commendation to Pat Hinton, a South Side  
6 resident and a group of his friends that  
7 have taken it upon themselves to clear a  
8 number of vacant lots in the South Scranton  
9 area, the one in particular that I knew they  
10 did it was at the corner of Prospect and  
11 Orchard Street, it had gotten overgrown, and  
12 just as a community service project he, I  
13 guess, cajoled a number of his friends and I  
14 think they went out and they have done like  
15 anywhere from four to six, you know,  
16 different lots throughout South Side. So,  
17 you know, commendation to Mr. Hinton and the  
18 people that helped him.

19 And last, just kind of a follow-up  
20 to some of the things that Mrs. Krake had  
21 mentioned. During the month of August a  
22 couple of things came up that I met with  
23 people on, one was the request from people  
24 on Stafford Avenue dealing with the  
25 intersection at River Street and Meadow

1 Avenue that was overgrown and a number of  
2 signs, political signs and various things  
3 that were on that property. I went there  
4 with Mr. Brazil from DPW and Mr. Oleski and  
5 took a look at the situation and we kind of  
6 took at look at the properties and the one  
7 property on which there is a residence is  
8 taken care of.

9 The grass is mowed and, you know,  
10 things are taken care of. The adjacent  
11 property to it is -- they are not sure who  
12 owned part of it and they are looking to see  
13 if they could find who owned a small parcel  
14 of property, a very small, and then there is  
15 another small parcel of property that's  
16 owned by this Harmony Hill Little League,  
17 South Scranton Little League that extends  
18 from River Street all the way down to the  
19 little league field and then the rest of it  
20 is part of I guess owned or maintained by  
21 PennDOT because it's adjacent to the  
22 entrance to 81, and then there is a large  
23 parcel behind -- it's basically land locked  
24 there is no access to it from River Street,  
25 but it extends down almost to the little

1 league field. That lot, it's rather large  
2 and that's -- that lot is unimproved, it's  
3 unbuildable and I use to use that area for  
4 access when I was playing at South Scranton  
5 Little League. That has never been, you  
6 know, there has been anything done to  
7 improve that. It's been overgrown and all  
8 for as long as I can remember, so what the  
9 decision was, was that they were trying to  
10 contact -- or they would contact the owners,  
11 that the city would cut back as far as the  
12 fence line on the street to try and take  
13 some of that away and maybe make it look  
14 better. They were also going to try to take  
15 down some like small billboard on which  
16 people had posted things and weren't sure  
17 who owned that or how it got there, but they  
18 were going to try and remove that so that it  
19 wouldn't inhibit people from putting any  
20 types of signs there, so that was one of the  
21 issues.

22 The same people had talked about 403  
23 Stafford Avenue or residents there. I did  
24 talk to Mr. Oleski about that. Someone from  
25 his office was going to 403 Stafford. The

1 back of the house is greatly overgrown, it's  
2 growing over onto neighbor's other  
3 properties. They were going to look into, I  
4 think they were going to put a 48-hour  
5 notice on it to do something and then  
6 possibly cite people -- the owner if it was  
7 not taken care of.

8 Now, my understanding is that the  
9 owner is like a 93-year-old lady who son  
10 lives there and maintains the property and  
11 they have been cited in the past so it's  
12 been an ongoing issue going back a number of  
13 years, but they were going to try and see if  
14 that could be addressed and some relief  
15 given to the people living on Stafford  
16 Avenue.

17 And then the last thing, I know  
18 Mrs. Krake mentioned the traffic signal at  
19 Lake Scranton Road and Route 307 and since  
20 I'm up there almost every day that has been  
21 repaired and it is operational, and that's  
22 all I have.

23 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

24 MR. ROGAN: I just have two  
25 announcements. There will be a benefit for

1 Marie Connelly Sequera to be held on  
2 September 18 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the  
3 Keyser Valley Community Center.

4 Mrs. Sequera is currently battling a stage  
5 four brain tumor and her medical bills are  
6 piling up quickly. Tickets are \$15 and can  
7 be purchased at the door. They will be  
8 lots, food, drinks and entertainment. There  
9 will be raffles for all kinds of baskets.  
10 If you a new business or are a business  
11 owner who would like to donate your goods or  
12 services, please call 570-347-2892, and I'm  
13 also going to ask ECTV to put this on the  
14 scroll.

15 And the second one is the ninth  
16 anniversary of the September 11 terror  
17 attacks is this Saturday, and on Saturday,  
18 September 11, at 8:30 a.m. at McDade Park  
19 there will be a ceremony honoring the  
20 innocent and there will be a reflection.  
21 The 9/11 memorial committee of Lackawanna  
22 County is the organizer of this event and  
23 they are planning a fundraiser effort for  
24 the next year for a larger and more visible  
25 memorial.

1 MR. MCGOFF: I might say that that's  
2 also the Race for the Cure, it's going on at  
3 the same time, so, you know, unless you can  
4 bi-locate you may have difficulty getting to  
5 both of them, but both are worthy events to  
6 participate in.

7 MS. EVANS: Mr. Loscombe?

8 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes. I also have  
9 another function going on on September 18,  
10 Fraternal Order of Eagles, 314 Scranton, is  
11 having a steak bake. The dinner runs from  
12 three until seven and the cost of the dinner  
13 is \$15. All of the steaks are cooked to  
14 order and all of the money will go to Denise  
15 Tropple, who is battling lung cancer. They  
16 will have 50/50 raffles and various other  
17 giveaways and there will also be  
18 entertainment from three to seven, and from  
19 8 to 12 Sam Nardi will be there playing all  
20 hits. If you have any questions you can  
21 call 460-2132 or 815-1291. I hope you can  
22 all help Denise in her time of need.

23 The West Side Falcons are having a  
24 gun raffle at Big Rich American Sports Shop  
25 on the 100 block of South Main Avenue in



1 West Scranton on November 5, 2010, from 5 to  
2 9 p.m., that's actually in the Jone's  
3 building. There will be 12 guns raffled off  
4 at the combined value of \$5,000, a donation  
5 of \$25 for the raffle only or a donation of  
6 \$40 for the raffle and dinner. Dinner and  
7 beverages will be served and there only be a  
8 limited number of tickets available for the  
9 dinner raffle. Tickets will be available at  
10 all home games for the West Side Falcons and  
11 also sold at Big Rich American Sports Shop.  
12 You can also go on the website for more  
13 information, that's [www.westsidefalcons.com](http://www.westsidefalcons.com).

14 And lastly, today the Scranton  
15 Police Department hosted their recognition  
16 awards and I'd just like to read a few of  
17 them off here: The agency recognition award  
18 was presented to Aaron Whitney, the Mall at  
19 Steamtown. The agency recognition award  
20 presented to John Soprano, Pennsylvania  
21 Attorney General's Office. The officer  
22 recognition award was presented to Detective  
23 Joseph Castellano, Scranton police  
24 department. The prosecutor of the year  
25 award was presented to Deputy District

1 Attorney MaryAnn Grippo. The highway safety  
2 award was presented to Officer Thomas Lee  
3 and Officer Anthony Gieda. The community  
4 policing award was presented to Officer  
5 Steve Carroll. The looking beyond the  
6 traffic stop award was presented to Officer  
7 Larry Spatehelf. The special investigation  
8 of the year award was presented to Fire  
9 Marshal Martin Monahan, and the criminal  
10 investigation of the year award was  
11 presented to Detective Michael Schultz and  
12 Detective Vince Uher, and the officer of the  
13 year award was presented to Detective James  
14 Pappas. Congratulations, guys. That's all  
15 I have. Thank you.

16 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Mr. Joyce,  
17 anything?

18 MR. JOYCE: Not that this is an  
19 announcement, but since Mr. McGoff mentioned  
20 some of the repairs that the DPW has been  
21 doing and as well as some of the other  
22 agencies, I do want to mention that from  
23 being around town I want to thank the city  
24 workers that the traffic sign by Jackson  
25 Street and by the Lackawanna Little League

1 field has now been replaced and also over  
2 the August recess the potholes on the 200  
3 block of North Everett Avenue have also been  
4 repaired, so I would like to thank our city  
5 workers for getting those two things done,  
6 and that's all.

7 MS. EVANS: The Scranton Lackawanna  
8 County Taxpayer's Association will host a  
9 22nd Senatorial District Candidate's forum  
10 this Thursday, September 9, at 6:00 p.m. in  
11 Scranton City Council Chambers. Candidates  
12 John Blake and Frank Scavo will participate.  
13 Council commends Mr. Quinn and the  
14 Taxpayers' Association for their continued  
15 sponsorship of candidate forums to better  
16 inform the voters of our community.

17 St. Paul's Parish will conduct its  
18 annual church picnic this weekend, September  
19 10 and 11. Delicious food, games, and  
20 raffles will be available at this family fun  
21 event.

22 And finally, 3,000 American citizens  
23 lost their lives in the September 11, 2001,  
24 attacks in New York, Pennsylvania, and  
25 Washington, D C. Innumerable public

1           servants, firefighters, police officers and  
2           those related to health services and clergy  
3           sacrificed their own lives for the lives of  
4           others. I ask for your prayers and  
5           remembrance for all of the victims and their  
6           family members of this American tragedy.  
7           And that's it.

8                        MS. KRAKE:   FOURTH ORDER.   CITIZENS'  
9           PARTICIPATION.

10                      MS. EVANS:   Our first speaker this  
11           evening is Doug Miller.  Apparently  
12           Mr. Miller is not present at this time and  
13           so we will move to our next listed speaker.  
14           Les Spindler.

15                      MR. SPINDLER:  Good evening,  
16           Council.  Les Spindler, city resident and  
17           homeowner.

18                      MS. EVANS:   Good evening.

19                      MR. SPINDLER:  I hope you all had a  
20           nice summer.

21                      MS. EVANS:   Thank you.

22                      MR. JOYCE:   Thank you.

23                      MR. SPINDLER:  First of all, I just  
24           want to send my condolences to the Doherty  
25           family.  It doesn't mean I'm going to take

1           it easy on the mayor.

2                         First of all, I want to thank  
3           council with a few requests that I have made  
4           before the last couple meetings. The  
5           graffiti under the bridge on Main Avenue was  
6           covered up, but I'm very upset to say that  
7           as of this Sunday night it was back again.  
8           There's like four or five different areas  
9           under the bridge which they got, so  
10          hopefully we can keep after these people and  
11          get it taken care of and show them who is  
12          boss.

13                        MS. EVANS: Mrs. Krake, can we get  
14          memos sent out and calls made tomorrow  
15          morning about that so we are able to  
16          eliminate that immediately.

17                        MR. ROGAN: I have that on my list  
18          as requests as well and this time, I was  
19          just talking to Mr. Spindler before, they  
20          actually went up on top of one of the  
21          billboards on the expressway and there was  
22          graffiti on there as well so maybe we can  
23          send a letter to Lamar as well.

24                        MR. SPINDLER: And also, as  
25          Mrs. Krake said that the tires that I talked

1           about at the last meeting at Scranton Ford  
2           they were taken care of in quick order.

3                         And lastly, I had an ongoing problem  
4           on my property for eight years and I want to  
5           thank council and Representative Kevin  
6           Murphy's office for finally getting this  
7           problem taken care of. I have spoken to  
8           several different councils here over the  
9           eight years and nothing has been done, so  
10          finally we have some elected officials who  
11          are going to be for the people and I'm very  
12          pleased about that. So thank you again,  
13          Council and Representative Murphy.

14                        MS. EVANS: You are very welcome.

15                        MR. SPINDLER: Next thing, a citizen  
16          called me, he is a friend of mine who lives  
17          on North Merrifield Avenue, and he asked if  
18          I could ask to see if a stop sign could be  
19          placed at the corner of Price Street and  
20          North Merrifield. It's a three-way stop  
21          sign now, but he says they go flying through  
22          there.

23                        MS. EVANS: And they need the  
24          fourth.

25                        MR. SPINDLER: Absolutely.

1 MS. EVANS: And this is something I  
2 think we have been pursuing for quite  
3 awhile, now. Yes, Mrs. Krake? So perhaps--

4 MR. SPINDLER: That's near the  
5 Lackawanna Little League. There is kids  
6 there all of the time.

7 MS. EVANS: We'll get that taken  
8 care of. I'm going to discuss this I think  
9 with Mr. Loscombe following tonight's  
10 meeting.

11 MR. SPINDLER: Okay. Next thing,  
12 last month there was a story in the paper  
13 about Mayor Doherty going to the Red Cross  
14 and Marywood University and requesting more  
15 funds from them. Marywood University, fine,  
16 but when I heard the story I said, "Why  
17 would anybody go to the Red Cross and ask  
18 them for more money?"

19 Here is an organization that helps  
20 people in time of emergency and disaster,  
21 they have no source of income, and to prove  
22 my point a few weeks after that article on  
23 the news, Channel 16 news, they told a story  
24 of radio station that was on the top of  
25 Wendy's at Davis Street raising money for

1 the Red Cross along with the Scranton  
2 firefighters having 5-K walk and run to  
3 raise money. Just the other day I saw on TV  
4 that upcoming this month is a golf  
5 tournament to raise money for the Red Cross,  
6 so why would anybody in their right mind go  
7 to the Red Cross and ask them to give more  
8 to the city.

9 Mayor Doherty would be better off  
10 going to the University of Scranton and  
11 asking them for more money. They take  
12 parking meters off of Mulberry Street, which  
13 was a source of income, and then he goes and  
14 puts meters down on Mattes Avenue and he  
15 says, "We can bring in \$390,000 a year: "

16 Well, mayor we are not going to  
17 bring in 39 cents a year because nobody is  
18 parking there at those meters as I'm sure  
19 everybody has seen on the news. They are  
20 parking in other people's property, which I  
21 think is very sad. So, like I said, to go  
22 to the Red Cross is unbelievable. I don't  
23 know why anybody would go to them. Mayor  
24 Doherty should go to the University and ask  
25 them for the \$390,000, not the Red Cross.





1 is a visitor's center in Moosic which nobody  
2 goes to, who is going to go to a visitor's  
3 center at Nay Aug Park? We would have been  
4 much better served using the money that they  
5 are using now to make a visitor's center to  
6 fix up the zoo, we could have had a  
7 beautiful zoo which parents could have taken  
8 their children to, but now we are building a  
9 visitor's center, what a waste of taxpayer  
10 money. This guy knows how to waste taxpayer  
11 money better than anybody I know, and I know  
12 there is nothing that can be done now. That  
13 should have been kept a zoo. A visitor's  
14 center is going to be a waste of time. And  
15 I have more to say, but I'll be back next  
16 week to say it.

17 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Spindler.

18 MR. SPINDLER: Thank you.

19 MS. EVANS: Bernard McGurrell.

20 MR. MCGURRELL: Good evening,  
21 Council.

22 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

23 MR. MCGURRELL: Bernie McGurrell, 525  
24 Taylor Avenue, right up on firemen's hill.  
25 I'm here tonight to talk a little bit about

1 the Scranton/Abington Planning Association  
2 and the needs that we have for updated  
3 planning, zoning, land use and subdivision  
4 ordinances in the city and amongst our  
5 neighboring municipalities. I know that  
6 council has some reservations, has expressed  
7 reservations about the plan, some of which I  
8 think were related to a number of  
9 municipalities that participated in it.

10 I, myself, had a preference to  
11 include a couple of more of the valley  
12 municipalities and some of the North Pocono  
13 municipalities particularly because that's  
14 where a lot of our water supply comes from,  
15 and I'm hopeful that the plan can be amended  
16 would and extended in the future to include  
17 some of those other municipalities, however,  
18 I believe the plan and the accomplishments  
19 of bringing together 11 municipalities to  
20 date, including Scranton and Dunmore, which  
21 are right here in the heart of the  
22 metropolitan part of the valley with some of  
23 the suburb and municipalities, is a landmark  
24 plan statewide.

25 I had the privilege of about a dozen

1 or so years ago to serve with former  
2 Lieutenant Governor Bill Scranton, III, on  
3 the Pennsylvania 21st Century Departmental  
4 Commission under former Governor Ridge, and  
5 we looked at environment issues, planning  
6 issues all across Pennsylvania. A lot of  
7 the ideas of economic growth which just  
8 sprawls over the landscape were addressed by  
9 the commission, and the outcome of that was  
10 the updating of the municipalities planning  
11 code in 2001 and 2002.

12 This new plan that we are developed  
13 here is a direct outcome of all of that work  
14 that was to done by folks across  
15 Pennsylvania, but directly in the  
16 application of it here in our local  
17 situation a large group of people from  
18 Scranton, from Dunmore, from the Abington  
19 communities worked on that project for the  
20 last four or five years, I think. A lot of  
21 work was put into it, a lot of volunteer  
22 work on the part of a lot of those folks.

23 Our organization, I represent the  
24 Lackawanna River Corridor Association, we  
25 were -- we were involved in it, I wasn't a

1 member of the committee, but I attended a  
2 number of their meetings and we provided  
3 them information and feedback on some of the  
4 things that they talked about relating to  
5 the river and relating to conservation and  
6 environmental protection as well as economic  
7 development.

8 We are looking at a tremendous  
9 amount of opportunity here in the City of  
10 Scranton for what's known as in-fill type of  
11 development. We have any number of sites  
12 where we had the coal mines were located and  
13 that forms a patchwork quilt where we have  
14 our historic neighborhoods and then we have  
15 20 or 30 acre of mine craters or odd lots  
16 like that lot up by Harmon Field that nobody  
17 can do anything with because of the  
18 destruction and the manipulation of the  
19 properties by the coal companies over the  
20 last 150 years, so those residual properties  
21 are out there. They present opportunities  
22 for economic development.

23 I know the KOZ program has been  
24 active in Scranton. I am not a great fan of  
25 how it was implemented or managed, but I

1 think a number of those type of properties  
2 were developed with that program. There is  
3 still more out there. We have been involved  
4 with Linde Enterprises and redeveloping  
5 about 30 acres up near the Dutch Gap Little  
6 League and Rockwell Park in North Scranton.  
7 That sight I'm hoping that Linde will come  
8 back into the planning commission to renew  
9 the subdivision plan for that property.  
10 There is a potential to put 78 single family  
11 middle income houses on that property, so  
12 there is number of sites like that I think  
13 that would benefit by the city's involvement  
14 with the SAPA plan.

15 We don't want to see more  
16 subdivisions like that sprawling over the  
17 countryside out into the Abingtons or up  
18 into Moosic mountain or out into Roaring  
19 Brook Township. I think some of those  
20 environmental areas really need to be  
21 protected, so I think that's one of the  
22 economic ways that that plan can help us.

23 One of the other critical ways that  
24 we are working with the Sewer Authority, and  
25 as you all know, we are under federal

1 direction to make incredibly large  
2 improvements to our sanitary system. Some  
3 of the outcomes of that are going to be a  
4 need to look at our zoning and subdivision  
5 land use regulations, so I think that having  
6 a comprehensive plan that all that zoning  
7 work can be done in context with is really  
8 going to be important, so I would encourage  
9 all of you to continue the dialogue with the  
10 folks from SAPA. I would be very interested  
11 in speaking with you all collectively or  
12 individually to further the discussion on  
13 the importance of the inclusion of the city  
14 in that plan. Thank you very much.

15 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Lee Morgan.  
16 It appears Mr. Morgue and is not present  
17 this evening and so will call Linda Melvin.

18 MS. MELVIN: Good evening.

19 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

20 MS. MELVIN: My name is Linda  
21 Melvin. I am the transportation chair of  
22 the local Sierra Club and I sent you all a  
23 letter about six weeks ago concerning the  
24 SAPA plan and I was asked to follow-up with  
25 some comments to you because I read some of

1           your comments, Mr. Loscombe, in the  
2           newspaper and your concerns about the -- I  
3           think you have concerns about taxing being  
4           more of your enemy than your ability to deal  
5           with regional planning, and I think that you  
6           can deal with your tax situation as a city  
7           and you have, you know, you have your ways  
8           to deal with all of that. That is a problem  
9           or a benefit that's going to go on forever  
10          here and you have to deal with that whether  
11          you join the SAPA plan or not, but you have  
12          to also deal with sprawl.

13                   Your number one enemy is not your  
14                   tax structure, your number one enemy is  
15                   sprawl. People moving out of your area by  
16                   definition is sprawl. They are building  
17                   these industrial parks, commercial  
18                   opportunities are out there, and housing  
19                   developments. That's sprawl. And the only  
20                   way to combat sprawl is to get the money to  
21                   come here so that people will want to live  
22                   here, so your neighborhoods can give them  
23                   something more than the Abingtons give them,  
24                   so that your business districts can give  
25                   them something more than cheap taxes outside



1 of Scranton, so when you look at a plan like  
2 a SAPA plan your neighbors are all saying we  
3 are willing to not have that development for  
4 Scranton's benefit. They recognize for  
5 their own good Scranton needs to be strong  
6 and vital, so you just disregard this plan  
7 because you feel as though your problem is  
8 more based upon your ability to compete with  
9 them with taxes. That's going to continue  
10 to be your problem. They are going to tax  
11 the way they need to accommodate what their  
12 zoning is required of them and you all know  
13 that the State, the Commonwealth of  
14 Pennsylvania, requires them to provide all  
15 of the zoning opportunities unless they can  
16 be an original plan. So they will continue  
17 to accommodate industrial development,  
18 commercial development and housing projects  
19 if you don't join.

20 And I think that it's pretty common  
21 knowledge, and I hope you all know that is  
22 the State of Pennsylvania, the Commonwealth  
23 of Pennsylvania, has declared that their  
24 funding emphasis is going to be on  
25 municipalities that participate in this

1 plan. So you are going to be on the bottom  
2 of the heap instead of the top of the grant  
3 applications. You are going to lose out on  
4 opportunities that you want to give to your  
5 city. Your legacy is going to depend on how  
6 you enact what you foresee the future should  
7 be for your town and unless you have  
8 something else to offer them besides SAPA  
9 you are just going to continue to enable  
10 this draining effect of sprawl and you are  
11 not doing your citizens and voters any  
12 favors. You need to grasp at something new,  
13 you need to go into the future with your  
14 eyes open and just say, "All right, I don't  
15 really have an alternative here, I've got to  
16 do something. I've got to find a new  
17 revenue source," is what I believe the men  
18 that were at the meeting that caucus that  
19 you had before the August meeting they said,  
20 "If you are not going to raise taxes you  
21 need to find a new revenue source or  
22 increase your revenues sources."

23 You can't increase taxes, so what do  
24 you do? You have to find a way to get more  
25 money out of other government tax parcels,

1 for example, Bernie mentioned the sewer  
2 problem. If you are in a multi-municipal  
3 plan your grant application for sewer aid  
4 goes to the top of the PACE grants instead  
5 of in the bottom because you get more points  
6 and you get more recognition and the number  
7 one concept is going to be right now and the  
8 federal government is the same way, is that  
9 if you are in a multi-municipal plan.

10 So, yes, if you think you have a  
11 problem with taxes you need to do something  
12 about that, but unless you adopt a regional  
13 plan you are going to be missing out on a  
14 lot of tax revenues or other revenue source.

15 And aside from all of that, this is  
16 an opportunity for you to help your local  
17 environment. You miss that opportunity when  
18 you think in terms of, well, all I can do is  
19 fight about taxes or I'm losing people to  
20 the outside because they want to go live in  
21 Clarks Summit. Well, they don't want to  
22 live there because they have cheap taxes,  
23 they are moving out there because they have  
24 this concept that there is more of an  
25 environmentally friendly neighborhood.

1 They'd stay in Scranton if they have what  
2 they are looking for besides just cheap  
3 taxes. I think taxes isn't the only reason  
4 why people move out of town. Thank you.

5 MS. EVANS: Thank you very much.

6 Just a few things though I think I might add  
7 to that, but I'll preface with this because  
8 I neglected to do so a few minutes earlier,  
9 if anyone does have a cell phone working  
10 this evening please turn off that cell phone  
11 during the council meeting until it's  
12 conclusion.

13 I can say that unlike any of the  
14 other members of SAPA, I believe there might  
15 be ten now because North Abington did not  
16 approve or it's implementation of the SAPA  
17 plan, the City of Scranton is distressed and  
18 has been for 18 years. Currently we don't  
19 see any light at the end of the tunnel so a  
20 tax structure is, indeed -- an oppressive  
21 tax structure is, indeed, a priority to the  
22 City of Scranton.

23 As for the Sewer Authority, I  
24 certainly understand your point of view,  
25 it's well-taken. On the other hand,

1           however, I don't know that you are aware  
2           that the Sewer Authority failed to apply for  
3           federal stimulus funding and council is in  
4           the process of receiving a response from the  
5           Scranton Sewer Authority. I know that  
6           Mr. Loscombe, for example, could elaborate  
7           on that point. He had had a discussion with  
8           Congressman Kanjorski who raised that issue  
9           to him and asked him to bring it to council.  
10          He was very concerned by the Sewer  
11          Authority's lack of application for  
12          significant funds.

13                         In terms of the state, as you know  
14          the state has consistently cut funding to  
15          such endeavors. They are highly supportive  
16          in theory, nevertheless, appear to be less  
17          supportive in application, financial  
18          application shall we say. In fact, I had a  
19          discussion about the SAPA plan just  
20          yesterday with Representative Murphy. I  
21          also had a discussion with Commissioner  
22          O'Brien and Commissioner O'Brien,  
23          incidentally, called me following the last  
24          commissioner's meeting at which the issue of  
25          SAPA was raised and the commissioner offered

1 his apology and his agreement that he would  
2 not vote in favor of any agreement or  
3 contract in which the costs are unknown, are  
4 undefined, and I made him aware it's a  
5 20-year plan, we don't know the cost overall  
6 of the 20 years nor do we know the  
7 individual annual cost and he was in  
8 complete agreement and said, you know,  
9 pretty much any elected official who would  
10 vote without knowing a defined cost is  
11 irresponsible. And that has been probably  
12 the greatest consideration for this council,  
13 a lack of a defined cost because of the  
14 position the city finds itself in which is  
15 unlike any of the other participants and  
16 without that cost I think the only  
17 alternative perhaps that council can suggest  
18 for reconsideration of this matter would be,  
19 and this would, of course, be with the  
20 approval of my honorable council colleagues,  
21 that the city could consider implementation,  
22 continued participation in the plan at no  
23 cost. If there were no costs attached for  
24 the City of Scranton throughout the duration  
25 of the plan and in return the city would

1 continue to provide the services of our city  
2 planner, Don King, who has been working on  
3 this endeavor for many years now at no cost  
4 to SAPA, we would be happy to provide those  
5 continued services, but short of having a  
6 defined cost or being offered an agreement  
7 whereby the city can participate at no cost,  
8 council cannot reconsider the issue.

9 Our next speaker is Larry Spegar.

10 MR. SPEGAR: I don't believe I have  
11 ever had the opportunity to address council  
12 in it's entirety. I know, President Evans,  
13 it's been awhile.

14 MS. EVANS: Yes.

15 MS. SPEGAR: A number of years, but  
16 it's always my pleasure.

17 MS. EVANS: And mine.

18 MR. SPEGAR: For the other members  
19 of the council I don't know personally I'm  
20 Larry Spegar. I'm an attorney from Blakely.  
21 Mr. Hughes, I'm familiar with as well.

22 MR. HUGHES: Hi, Larry. I haven't  
23 seen you in awhile.

24 MR. SPEGAR: It's nice to see you as  
25 well, Mr. Hughes. It gives me great

1 pleasure, I wanted to come this evening and  
2 speak for the five minutes, as a filmmaker  
3 and as a cohost for an ECTV television show  
4 called the "Sports Express."

5 Myself and my cohost, the Honorable  
6 Judge Tom Munley, we have a great time doing  
7 this show, and what I wanted you to know as  
8 members of the council is how much it means  
9 to me to be able to do that, but not only to  
10 be able to do that, but to go into the  
11 community such as La Festa Italiana this  
12 past weekend, a great event for the City of  
13 Scranton as well, and I have countless  
14 numbers of people coming up to me Saturday,  
15 Sunday, Monday, Labor Day, I love the  
16 festival, I go every day for a few times  
17 every day, so many people come up to me and  
18 tell me that they have seen the "Sports  
19 Express" on ECTV and how much they love it,  
20 how much they enjoy it, they love the  
21 sports, they love to talk about it. I have  
22 families, mothers, fathers, sisters,  
23 brothers, cousins, who come up to me and  
24 say, "That was so nice how you mentioned on  
25 television about our football team or about



1 the girl's softball team or about the men's  
2 swimming team or about various athletes and  
3 different programs throughout the Lackawanna  
4 County area that is Scranton."

5 And it's so nice to hear that and  
6 it's so nice to see and I respectfully,  
7 respectfully emphasize to you as members of  
8 council that ECTV is working so hard for  
9 you. I hear it all of the time. I don't  
10 just hear it in downtown Scranton, but I  
11 want you to know that I travel a lot. As a  
12 trial lawyer, I'm forever everywhere in the  
13 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I travel out  
14 of town as a filmmaker and then, of course,  
15 I do spend a lot of time in Lackawanna  
16 County. I have people from Wyoming County,  
17 my father has a summer cottage in Lake  
18 Sheridan, and so many of those residents  
19 they all know about the "Sports Express."  
20 They all watch it on television. They all  
21 say what a wonderful venue and wonderful  
22 avenue that is.

23 Now, I have had the ability to work  
24 with Mark, Heather, and Anthony, those three  
25 in particular. We would do the filming and

1 provide that to them and I think just their  
2 knowledge and their professionalism in doing  
3 their programming, putting things on. The  
4 judge and I just filmed another episode  
5 today Tuesday, September 7, that show will  
6 definitely be airing very shortly.

7 I think that the comments of all of  
8 the programming they do and the job that's  
9 done taping city council meetings, taping so  
10 many events, too. There was the jazz  
11 festival that was seen recently, La Festa  
12 was done recently. In fact, there was  
13 already some footage that I actually saw go  
14 on on Sunday night and then, of course, on  
15 Labor Day as well.

16 But being within the area I do, I  
17 believe it's a gem for you, for ECTV; I  
18 think that it's a great compliment to the  
19 city, it's a great venue. I had one  
20 gentleman who actually came up to me and  
21 said, "Larry, I have never been to a  
22 Superbowl," he said, "but I saw your story  
23 about the Saints," and he said, "what I  
24 loved about it was seeing the interviews  
25 with all of the people, not just the

1 athletes or the players, you will see them  
2 on ESPN or CBS or Fox Sports what I loved as  
3 how you went around and talked to the  
4 average person about what they enjoy about  
5 the Saints winning the Superbowl having been  
6 through Katrina," which was obviously the  
7 gist of the story that area had just been  
8 through so much tragedy and here are the  
9 Saints playing in their first ever Superbowl  
10 and they were actually able to win it.

11 But my filming various aspects and  
12 taking the time to go through Miami and film  
13 the Saints while we were there this  
14 gentleman said, "You know what, I can always  
15 say I've been to a Superbowl because I have  
16 seen your film."

17 So, I mean, it's just -- those are  
18 just beginnings of different things I have  
19 heard. The tradition about the biggest day  
20 in Scranton, of course, with parade day, I  
21 was fortunate to do a film that has been  
22 shown on ECTV, La Festa Italiana, that's  
23 been shown on ECTV. So, again, I'd like  
24 just think what they do there and just the  
25 ability of programming and filming with what

1           they have, and the resources that they have  
2           I think it's a wonderful thing and I know  
3           they are very careful even about city  
4           council. They are very diligent about that,  
5           they put these meeting on and then, of  
6           course, I'm able to watch them and I know  
7           that so many other people throughout the  
8           viewing audience are able to see that as  
9           well.

10                        So in closing, it was very nice to  
11           see you again, Mrs. Evans, it has been  
12           awhile, but it's so nice to see you as well.

13                        MS. EVANS: And you as well.

14                        MR. SPEGAR: And Mr. Hughes, and I  
15           do and I would ask you in closing to just  
16           keep that in mind as far as what this  
17           current ECTV is doing, the programming that  
18           they are doing, and being able to actually  
19           get the message out and the programs, the  
20           activities, the events. I noticed carefully  
21           this evening that a number of you mentioned  
22           a number of activities, I mean, September 11  
23           is an event, obviously, it's something very  
24           tragic -- if I may just continue?

25                        MS. EVANS: Yes, just finish your

1 thought, please.

2 MR. SPEGAR: Or September 11 I think  
3 that's a great thing, and a number of you  
4 mentioned, and I agree and I love what  
5 Mrs. Evans had actually said at the  
6 beginning and the prayer, and it's events as  
7 that. In fact, as a filmmaker I have some  
8 footage from New York a number of months  
9 later and some interviews with people,  
10 firefighters and New York City workers as  
11 well and policemen and what I'm actually  
12 working on is a tribute which I not only  
13 intend to present to ECTV, but also to the  
14 memorial in New York City, and I actually am  
15 trying to tie that into a family from this  
16 area in Lackawanna County that was affected  
17 by that, so not only being able to see that  
18 locally on television, but to have that film  
19 actually shown to tell this family's story  
20 about losing one of their children in the  
21 unfortunate events and to be able to see  
22 that in the memorial in New York City would  
23 be, you know, would just be something for  
24 this family at least for them to be able to  
25 tell their story, so thank you.

1 MS. EVANS: If I may pose a  
2 question.

3 MR. SPEGAR: Yes.

4 MS. EVANS: Your contributions to  
5 the PEG channel, are they voluntary?

6 MR. SPEGAR: Yes, they have all been  
7 voluntary.

8 MS. EVANS: That's wonderful, and I  
9 applaud you for that, and so you continue to  
10 make such contributions to any PEG channel.

11 MR. SPEGAR: Well --

12 MS. EVANS: In other words, a PEG  
13 channel is guaranteed to any municipality,  
14 and I'm going to get in all of the  
15 requirements, but --

16 MR. SPEGAR: Yes.

17 MS. EVANS: -- for any municipality  
18 involved in a cable franchise agreement, in  
19 this case with Comcast.

20 MR. SPEGAR: Yes.

21 MS. EVANS: And so by virtue of that  
22 agreement we are guaranteed at least one  
23 station and we are hoping that that station  
24 will remain operational, and so you  
25 certainly I'm quite certain would be able to

1 if you are willing continue with your  
2 participation whether it be with ECTV or any  
3 other educational channel operator that may  
4 be chosen in the future.

5 MR. SPEGAR: Oh, absolutely. I  
6 think it's an excellent point, but the  
7 reason why I mention E-TV and ECTC and I  
8 emphasize them is only because in response  
9 to your question I have been working with  
10 them and I've just had the ability to be  
11 able to do that for the last few years and I  
12 just noticed how good they are to work with,  
13 and I know what they do. I have actually  
14 seen them at their office and I know what  
15 they do. I've seen them juggle, I've seen  
16 their master schedule as far as where their  
17 program is, and I have to be totally upfront  
18 when I say I'm just so impressed that they  
19 are able to do what they do with the few  
20 people that are involved with that  
21 programming and --

22 MS. EVANS: Yes.

23 MR. SPEGAR: And just the ability to  
24 be able to cover them all. I mean, a few  
25 weeks ago they were running out --

1 MS. EVANS: If we could maybe  
2 though -- if you could place wrap up now  
3 because we have gone well over our five  
4 minutes.

5 MR. SPEGAR: No, actually, I was  
6 concluded and I just wanted to take the time  
7 to respond to your question. But, again, I  
8 think it's definitely an asset in the  
9 community that you have. The one last story  
10 that I'll leave you with, too, is West  
11 Scranton with Matt McGoin, of course, is  
12 very big now out at Penn State and hopefully  
13 he will continue to do well, but one of the  
14 features that I loved working on, and I met  
15 so many wonderful families in the West  
16 Scranton area, was Matt's senior year with  
17 Hubby Graham, Eric Shrive, Shot Baumann, who  
18 is a wonderful running back, when they made  
19 a great run for the state championship and  
20 what was so great is I followed them with  
21 the camera with their coach and the kids  
22 were great and they just thought the  
23 attention and that was terrific and being  
24 able to tell their story and their theme was  
25 one heartbeat, so being able to work with



1           them, that was back in 2007, and now I go  
2           back and look at that film which is  
3           obviously been shown as well and you see  
4           here's a group of community boys from right  
5           here in West Scranton, great athletic  
6           program, a nice high school and the memories  
7           that so many of the parents tell me they  
8           were able to live with so and we have made  
9           that all possible through ECTV, so I thank  
10          you. I thank you for, you know, for having  
11          the ability to keep them functional and  
12          operational.

13                        MS. EVANS: Thank you.

14                        MR. SPEGAR: Thank you. Nice to see  
15          all of you.

16                        MS. EVANS: Is there anyone else who  
17          would like to address city council?

18                        MS. FRANUS: Fay Franus, Scranton.  
19          Now do you want to hear the real truth about  
20          ECTV? A couple of weeks ago there was a  
21          zoning meeting, it was presented live. I  
22          didn't happen to catch that one, but then I  
23          tried to find that on ECTV. I looked, all I  
24          see was the scroll going constantly. It  
25          said Saturday from 10 a.m. right through to

1 Sunday all government meeting from the past  
2 week would be played in consecutive order.

3 Well, I taped it from 10 a.m. to  
4 midnight. Not one government meeting was  
5 on. The scroll all day. Sunday night at  
6 8:00 there was a zoning meeting. I believe  
7 that was the last time it was on since it  
8 was taped. A friend of mine here said that  
9 she had purchased a zoning meeting from ECTV  
10 for \$20 because she wanted it. That's okay.  
11 If you want to buy it, that's fine, but I  
12 think every meeting that's taped from ECTV  
13 should be given to the Scranton Public  
14 Library. I called their today and they said  
15 the only meeting they get from ECTV,  
16 government meetings, are city council. They  
17 don't have school board meetings, they don't  
18 have county commissioner meetings. They  
19 don't have zoning meetings presented to them  
20 from ECTV. I have to wonder why are they  
21 not giving any meeting that they tape to the  
22 Scranton Public Library for people to take  
23 out like they do books to view at their own  
24 discretion, not forcing them if they don't  
25 have a choice to pay for them because you

1 cannot see them on television. You could  
2 look for days and days and days. You might  
3 find a wrestling match, you will not find  
4 government meetings, the city council on a  
5 regular schedule, but that's it.

6 On their website, it says on their  
7 television screen on their scroll, "Check  
8 our website." I went to the website. It  
9 said, "Government meetings schedule." I  
10 clicked on it. It says, "Coming soon, the  
11 schedule."

12 Coming soon. No schedule. You call  
13 there, no answer. You go there, no one  
14 there. You don't get calls returned. A  
15 friend of mine called they never got a  
16 return call as to when the zoning meeting  
17 was going to be on again. So this is a lot  
18 of hogwash about ECTV. I personally think  
19 they are deliberately keeping things away  
20 from the viewers so they won't see what's  
21 actually going on and what happened at that  
22 zoning meetings was a disaster. God forbid  
23 that should be seen on television again.

24 So Doherty Deceit, by the way just  
25 recently is putting on any tapes that

1 anybody can give to them they will put it on  
2 the website so maybe possibly people can go  
3 there and see these government meetings, so  
4 if anybody has any tapes check that out.

5 But as far as ECTV, when Scranton  
6 Tomorrow or Scranton Today, whatever that  
7 was that had this, there was always a  
8 schedule, it was always there, you could  
9 always find a meeting. ECTV, you find  
10 nothing. You don't know when it's going to  
11 be on and you will never know. You have to  
12 hit your remote control, you have to keep on  
13 checking three or four o'clock in the  
14 morning, I don't know what you could do.

15 But I think it's a disgrace that not  
16 every meeting, every meeting that they tape  
17 should be at that Scranton Public Library,  
18 and I don't know if they have been taping  
19 the school board meetings because I haven't  
20 seen one, I don't know -- and if they bought  
21 all of these cameras they should have enough  
22 people to go to the Scranton School Board  
23 meetings to tape them. There certainly  
24 should be every government meeting filmed.  
25 They have enough cameras, God knows how

1           many. We don't know, they won't get the  
2           bills. Mrs. Evans, did you ever ask about  
3           any bills from them?

4                   MS. EVANS: Yes, I have. We did  
5           receive finally after more than two years we  
6           received some bills, but they were -- they  
7           were less than specific. For example, it  
8           would list what would be owed, a total owed  
9           for salaries from one date to another, but  
10          no great breakdown of how many employees  
11          there are, what each employee is paid, and  
12          that's just one example of a number of  
13          situations, but since their inception they  
14          had not provided financial information to  
15          city council or the oversight committee of  
16          the PEG channel until -- during some  
17          discussions involving the Comcast cable  
18          franchise.

19                   Now, in the mean time because those  
20          invoices were so questionable and so general  
21          city council sent a Right-to-know request on  
22          July 28. I believe part of our request  
23          included a detailed inventory of what had  
24          happened purchased with the \$100,000 worth  
25          of government funding the station had

1 received. To date, there has been no reply  
2 from ECTV to that Right-to-know request and  
3 I believe that our solicitor, Attorney  
4 Hughes, has sent a follow-up to that very  
5 recently because the organization had  
6 ignored that Right-to-Know request.

7 MS. FRANUS: Well, I don't know what  
8 happens legally by not responding to a  
9 Right-to-Know, but you should take this into  
10 consideration, and I understand that the  
11 mayor is the only which that can pick the  
12 channel to run these shows, so I don't know,  
13 it's sort of like blackmail. I say go black  
14 before you give them what they want because  
15 it's like you give them the money when they  
16 can't even account for the money they spent  
17 it's foolish. You are here to do business  
18 for the city not to be on television, so if  
19 it means doing that, going black versus  
20 giving into blackmail, I say stand your  
21 ground, get your bills and get all of the  
22 equipment, every piece of equipment, bill,  
23 everything, and just get somebody that's  
24 reputable and the people can count on.

25 This is our money and they refuse to

1 tell us how it's been spent. 300 hours of  
2 carpentry work? We never got an answer on  
3 that one either, so please consider, I don't  
4 know what to do. Hopefully, you can do  
5 something and maybe you can make an  
6 amendment or something to say that the mayor  
7 doesn't have the right, the only person that  
8 that can pick the PEG channel. Is there any  
9 way you can amend something to say he  
10 doesn't have that power? I don't know, but  
11 I hope Mr. Hughes checks into that because  
12 it's outrageous. They are holding us  
13 hostage and it's not right, and they are not  
14 showing things because they don't want us to  
15 see them and it's just a form of blackmail  
16 and it shouldn't be. Thank you.

17 MS. EVANS: Is there anyone else who  
18 cares to address Scranton City Council?

19 MR. ANCHERANI: Good evening,  
20 Council. Nelson Ancherani, First Amendment  
21 Rights. You heard Bob Martin, president of  
22 the FOP, tell you that we are getting closer  
23 to the Courts rendering a decision on the  
24 numerous court cases and appeals that have  
25 been initiated because the city violated

1 numerous, no, more than numerous contract  
2 violations. These court cases and  
3 arbitrations if one by the city are going to  
4 cost the city millions. In fact, if you  
5 believe what was in the August 27 edition of  
6 the slimes, city officials said, "With the  
7 Court's rejection of the union's April  
8 petition for review, the city can avoid more  
9 than 6 million in pay raises."

10 Spin put on by the slimes. The case  
11 is still in the courts. Six million is at  
12 least two million more than I thought the  
13 city owed the unions, although, it could be  
14 a lot higher. The city is saying they don't  
15 have the money to pay these awards.  
16 Evidently, the slimes in the city forget to  
17 mention the city gave out more than 25  
18 million dollars in raises cumulatively to  
19 favorites in new hires in the last nine  
20 years. The city has been blaming the unions  
21 for years saying that the city needs the  
22 union concessions to be able to get out of  
23 the distressed status. The city has not put  
24 any of the money in escrow, as if they were  
25 giving out normal raises over the years and



1 as a result will say they cannot afford to  
2 pay the unions when the awards come due.

3 In fact, just think of this scenario  
4 as I believe -- as I believe the  
5 administration has already thought of. The  
6 city can't pay the bills so the city will  
7 have to go bankrupt. Before the city can go  
8 bankrupt taxes will have to be raised and  
9 all of the city's assets will have to be  
10 sold. Who losses? The taxpayers. Who gets  
11 the blame? The unions. Nice plan. The  
12 unions become the bad guys because the city  
13 is in a situation that it's in now and  
14 didn't plan for the impending awards or did  
15 they?

16 One thing that comes out of it, Lee  
17 Morgan gets his wish for the city going into  
18 bankruptcy. So, council, we are a little  
19 over two months away from a 2010 budget  
20 being presented to you by the administration  
21 by November 15. I hope you have the  
22 fortitude to make the hard decisions and  
23 correct the inequities that have gone on  
24 over the last nine years. Connors 2001  
25 budget was \$55,790,343. Make your 2011

1 budget 60 million and cut the fat. The  
2 economy isn't the best, so let's tighten our  
3 belts. Let's stop the pork spending. Let's  
4 stop giving lien-free demolitions to select  
5 businesses.

6 Millions was spent on Nay Aug while  
7 public servants were ignored. Three million  
8 was spent on a police building that wasn't  
9 built big enough to fit the entire  
10 department. The parking lot is not  
11 finished. Floor tiles are separated and  
12 cracks developed over the doors. The  
13 basement was omitted. Police and fire  
14 budgets have remained static over the last  
15 nine years and total approximately 28  
16 million per year.

17 Start off by instituting the pay  
18 decreases that you proposed in your attempt  
19 to amend the 2010 budget. All of the raises  
20 that were given out since 2002, cut them  
21 back to the 7.5 percent that was awarded to  
22 the unions by the Courts. Cut the new  
23 positions if they are not needed. Do this  
24 in the authorities, also. Budget 60 million  
25 and fit the spending into it.

1 Professional services in the amount  
2 of \$600,000 is not needed. Eliminate all of  
3 the outside attorneys and let our law  
4 department handle the legal cases. Isn't  
5 that's what they are for? Let the kids swim  
6 free. Examine the budget to see what  
7 positions were created for favorites and  
8 eliminate them. Cut the budget by 20  
9 percent and stick to it. Don't renew the  
10 NCC contract, they aren't even in the city  
11 anymore. Don't raise taxes 25 percent like  
12 Councilman McGoff and former council persons  
13 Gatelli and Fanucci. Don't borrow any more  
14 money. Most importantly, fire PEL. That is  
15 the only way you are going to get us out of  
16 debt, although, \$316 million plus in  
17 long-term debt is going to be around for a  
18 long time, and I know you people -- well,  
19 most of you got into this horrendous amount  
20 of debt will do the right thing. Thank you.

21 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Is there  
22 anyone else who cares to address council?

23 MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening, Council.  
24 Dave Dobrzyn, member of the taxpayers, also  
25 a resident of Scranton. Just barely paying

1 my taxes. Okay, first I want to start out  
2 with I trust the current council to make the  
3 call on contentious issues and if you feel  
4 that a turn around in opinion or whatever, a  
5 compromise is necessary that's okay by me  
6 right now. I mean, years or three years  
7 from now we'll be judging you for what you  
8 have done or what you haven't done or stop  
9 from being done, so that's my opinion.

10 I want to free you people up. I  
11 don't know if you got my e-mail message or  
12 not, I'm a little in experienced at that  
13 stuff, but I sent one to John and you, also,  
14 but you may have not had the time because I  
15 had a big party all weekend. I was down the  
16 Italian festival, I was at private parties,  
17 I was at Steamtown Railfest and I have  
18 always been interested in rails, so a busy  
19 weekend, but on SAPA, what I felt with that  
20 the SAPA committee, the whole committee  
21 should have been down here to meet with you  
22 people and discuss things, not just throw  
23 something, business as usual, it's just  
24 going to get blown through and, you know,  
25 they should be here to talk to you people

1 and show a little bit of respect not that  
2 they were sneering at you, but it wasn't  
3 totally respectful for them to not come in  
4 here to a caucus or something and at least  
5 talk about it, and one of my understandings  
6 with grants for being involved with the  
7 taxpayers was that I think it involves  
8 Mr. Murphy's district and Ozzie is not here  
9 tonight and he knows more about it, but  
10 wages from Abingtons get averaged in with  
11 the wages from West Scranton and North  
12 Scranton and. I mean, North Scranton is the  
13 poorest and at least attractive part of town  
14 and they can't get grants because they are  
15 average wage -- their wages are averaged in  
16 with Abington Township, so they are  
17 way-above the threshold for all of these  
18 fancy little grants that they could make  
19 baseball fields or green spaces, so I'm not  
20 sure I'm right on that, so I'll ask Thursday  
21 night.

22 And also, on ECTV, I feel it's up to  
23 you to negotiate and try to reconcile some  
24 of these problems and, you know, it might be  
25 too late to replace them, I don't know.

1 Channel 21, giving it up, I felt it should  
2 be offered to the colleges if they are  
3 willing to pay the money, replace the money,  
4 but silly me, I mean, do we really think  
5 that Father Pilarz is going to come up with  
6 45 or 50,000 more dollars, I doubt it, you  
7 know, so it might have been a silly idea the  
8 last council meeting I think I mentioned  
9 that, but at this time there is plenty of  
10 space, obviously, by what we have heard but  
11 then and again what I felt was down the  
12 line.

13 I mentioned that we didn't get  
14 something, that may have been a little  
15 inaccurate because that was the taxpayer  
16 thing, we couldn't get the program done and  
17 to ECTV soon enough for it to have  
18 Mr. Murphy. So, you know, if it was a point  
19 of aggravation then under no circumstances  
20 were they unable to bid it in. It just --  
21 Mr. Murphy just said, well, hey, it's -- the  
22 election is Tuesday, what's the point of me  
23 showing up.

24 On the sound I watched the last  
25 caucus and when we hold a caucus everybody

1 has to be -- get it through their head they  
2 have to have a mic. There are several  
3 people that made statements or questions  
4 that you couldn't hear and that's not their  
5 fault either. The have to have it  
6 impressed, and I have had it done to me  
7 where I told one person last spring, a  
8 candidate, get six to 12 inches from the mic  
9 and he got papers sprawled all across that  
10 table and he was like two feet away. So,  
11 you know, his voice was so weak it was  
12 pathetic, you know?

13 Now, if I could have a minute or  
14 two?

15 MS. EVANS: Just finish your  
16 thought, please.

17 MR. DOBRZYN: You know, world news  
18 and Marcellus shale there is tax issues with  
19 Murphy, elderly law, and with the Lackawanna  
20 Bar. I recommend that highly and, you know,  
21 if you people can get a better situation out  
22 it then I see nothing wrong with working  
23 them in, but then again, I understand that  
24 you have to hold your ground on certain  
25 issues and, you know, if you get some

1 changes there that you want then, you know,  
2 I don't see where somebody else coming in  
3 there may be not time to replace them and we  
4 are going to be through the filter of the  
5 Times, that's even worst yet possibly so.

6 And again, you know the propaganda  
7 you have been subject to in the Times on the  
8 D-section of the paper and it's totally  
9 ridiculous, so at least somebody sees here  
10 what's really going on if they can catch it.  
11 And finally --

12 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

13 MR. DOBRZYN: I blurted out  
14 something last week, I owe you an apology, I  
15 don't know if you wanted that brought up,  
16 but the city should pay you your pension.  
17 If you don't want to brought it up again  
18 just let me know and off to the side and  
19 I'll never say it again.

20 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

21 MR. DOBRZYN: Thank you. Have a  
22 good night.

23 MS. EVANS: Is there anyone else who  
24 cares to address council? Hi, Chris.

25 MR. SLEDENZSKI: Hi, Janet.



1 MR. JOYCE: Hey, Chrissy.

2 MR. SLEDENZSKI: My boys are out  
3 there tonight. Pat, clothes your eyes. I  
4 made a copy. West Side schedule. Here,  
5 Pat.

6 MR. ROGAN: Thanks, Chrissy.

7 MR. SLEDENZSKI: Here.

8 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you very much.

9 MR. SLEDENZSKI: Well, Jack, it  
10 feels good to be back again, doesn't it?  
11 Janet, those guys down at the stadium right  
12 now they are doing a good job on that field  
13 down there. Thank you.

14 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Chris.

15 MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening,  
16 Council. Marie Schumacher, a member of the  
17 Taxpayers' Association and Scranton  
18 resident.

19 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

20 MR. JOYCE: Good evening.

21 MS. SCHUMACHER: First off, I would  
22 like to comment on something I commented on  
23 once before and it's the -- I would go  
24 direct, but I don't know whose  
25 responsibility it is at Adams and Spruce

1           when you are making the right-hand turn it  
2           appears to be a storm drain, but I'm never  
3           lucky must have to get a green light there,  
4           which is probably a good thing, because I  
5           think if you were going at a speed at 25  
6           miles an hour you might damage your car. It  
7           really needs some help.

8                     The next, I hope that Mr. Rogan will  
9           be sharing loan information from OECD with  
10          us tonight? Very good.

11                    Next, on the budget, the capital  
12          budget, this is probably the most  
13          non-Section 904 of the Home Rule Charter  
14          compliant submittals ever. There is no list  
15          of projects. As a matter of fact, there  
16          were project, capital projects listed in  
17          today's OECD proposed action plan in the  
18          paper than there are in the capital budget,  
19          so no cost estimations, you all know what  
20          the deficiencies are, and I hope that you  
21          will vote tonight to send it back and ask  
22          that it be redone in a complaint manner.

23                    On 5-E, the foundation website  
24          specifies that funds are to be provided --  
25          are not to be provided for debt reduction,

1           yet, if the paper was accurate the mayor  
2           plans to use the -- this grant from the  
3           foundation for debt reduction.

4                         Now, back in the beginning like  
5           years ago when this project was done and  
6           this grant did not come through at the  
7           proper time, and I asked during a candidate  
8           forum back in I believe it was prior to the  
9           mayor's second term what happened to the  
10          almost quarter of a billion dollars -- or  
11          quarter of a billion, I have been following  
12          the federal news too much, the quarter of a  
13          million dollar improvements that the mayor  
14          had promised to make at Robinson Park, and  
15          he said that this grant had not come through  
16          and, therefore, the money was being used at  
17          Weston Park -- or Weston Field, so I think  
18          that when this money comes the improvements  
19          at Robinson Park that were promised back in  
20          I believe 2003 when that 72 million dollar  
21          bond was received, I think that's what this  
22          money should go for.

23                         And 5-H, I hope somebody during  
24          motions can tell -- whether all these  
25          demolitions will occur in South Scranton or

1 if they go across the entire city because  
2 there are certainly lots of property.

3 And now when I get down again, as  
4 you all know, I am in favor of the SAPA  
5 plan. I have, you are aware, talked to many  
6 legislators, I have talked to the county  
7 commissioners, and I have talked to  
8 Representative Murphy yesterday and I will  
9 talk to Mr. Smith, and the problem I have  
10 when you talk just dollars is several fold.  
11 Number one, is that if we do not go with the  
12 comprehensive plan then we are going to have  
13 to do our own plan. The state requires that  
14 a comprehensive plan be done every ten  
15 years. Our last one was done in 1993 and  
16 the last -- what would have been the 2003  
17 was sort of waived because we were  
18 participating in the multi-municipal  
19 endeavor, so those are monies that are going  
20 to have be found to be expended anyway, but  
21 beyond that, the last time some of the  
22 OECD/CDBG money was used I think that's  
23 really appropriate. The whole county only  
24 gets, I wrote it down on here someplace.  
25 Anyway, the entire county gets like 1.9, and

1           that's rounding up, million dollars for the  
2           kind of CDBG related funding, but we get  
3           this year, the total that was in today's  
4           paper is \$4.8 million for just for the City  
5           of Scranton, so I certainly think that  
6           whatever monies are required for the plan  
7           should come out of the monies that we have  
8           in the CDBG budget. Thank you.

9           MS. EVANS: Thank you. Is there  
10          anyone else who cares to address council?

11          MS. KRAKE: 5-A. Motions.

12          MS. EVANS: Mr. McGoff?

13          MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. I just have  
14          one thing I would like to ask on behalf of  
15          OECD. We did receive a letter requesting an  
16          update on the status of the resolution for  
17          legal services for OECD and I was wondering  
18          if and when that was going to be placed on  
19          our agenda?

20          MS. EVANS: It's going to be on next  
21          Tuesday, September 14th's agenda.

22          MR. MCGOFF: Thank you very much,  
23          and that's all I have.

24          MS. EVANS: Thank you. Mr. Rogan?

25          MR. ROGAN: Yes. Thank you. The

1 first thing I just wanted to clear up was a  
2 few residents contacted me over the break  
3 regarding the new parking meters that were  
4 installed and I just want to make everyone  
5 aware that I was not part of that decision.  
6 It happened before I took office in January.

7 I have a list of the proposed action  
8 plan for 2011 for the OECD office and I was  
9 going to read it off today, but I think I'm  
10 going to hold off until next week so I could  
11 have a little more time to consult with my  
12 colleagues about some changes that I want to  
13 make to the plan if that's okay with  
14 everyone?

15 MR. JOYCE: Sure.

16 MR. ROGAN: And I just have a few  
17 citizens' request. I received a request  
18 that a building located on the 1100 block of  
19 Prospect Avenue that is known as Scarfo's  
20 has been condemned for a long period of  
21 time. The windows are smashed out and  
22 boarded up and the grass around the building  
23 is very high and it's an eyesore for the  
24 neighborhood. Could we please forward that  
25 to the blight officer as well as licensing

1 and inspections?

2 Number two, the stop sign at the  
3 corner of Hemlock Street and Stafford Avenue  
4 has been painted and needs to be replaced.  
5 This is an older one, but I don't know if it  
6 was completed yet.

7 The next one was what Mr. Spindler  
8 was talking about, I had it on the list, but  
9 I think you got them with the graffiti  
10 around Main Avenue and West Side on the  
11 Railroad Bridge.

12 And the fifth request is regarding  
13 5-H, I believe it's 5-H. Yes. Could we  
14 please send a letter over to the OECD  
15 Office, Ms. Aebli, asking how they  
16 determined which properties are demolished.  
17 I would hate to see all of this money used  
18 in one section of the city. I would hope it  
19 would be based on need, which properties are  
20 the most dangerous to the neighborhoods and  
21 I hope that's the way they are going to go  
22 about it. I would think it would be, but  
23 just to make sure.

24 MR. MCGOFF: The proposal does say  
25 citywide, although, it doesn't list any

1 particular areas.

2 MS. EVANS: I was hoping perhaps  
3 OECD could provide us with a list of the  
4 properties prior to next Tuesday and we  
5 could disseminate that among council  
6 members.

7 MR. ROGAN: And hopefully it is  
8 citywide, but just to make sure that we are  
9 covering all of the basis because over the  
10 recess I talked to a lot of different  
11 organizations and people in different  
12 sections of the city and people are become  
13 upset that it seems a lot of, you know, the  
14 rehabbing of properties and tearing down of  
15 condemned homes are happening in one section  
16 of the city and it really does need to be  
17 based on need. If there is a house that's  
18 condemned, but isn't, you know, a hazard to  
19 the neighborhood, obviously, it needs to be  
20 taken care of, but the first thing we have  
21 to take care of is a property that  
22 collapsed, you know, and could hurt people  
23 in the neighborhood. And that's is all I  
24 have.

25 MS. EVANS: Mr. Rogan, I just wanted



1 to add though with regard to the CDBG  
2 allocations and ESG HOME Program, etcetera,  
3 I was asking each of the council members to  
4 compile a list of your changes and we'll  
5 submit them to Mrs. Krake and then I'm  
6 hoping that all changes can be submitted to  
7 Ms. Aebli for consideration and inclusion  
8 into the legislation for it's final vote,  
9 and if everyone could please do that, each  
10 member of council, as soon as possible to  
11 facilitate the process that would be most  
12 helpful.

13 MR. ROGAN: Yeah, that would be  
14 great and we talked on the phone about it  
15 and there are definitely some changes that  
16 need to be made.

17 MS. EVANS: Yes, there are. Yes,  
18 there are. And, Mr. Loscombe, do have you  
19 any comments or motions at this time?

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes, I do, Mrs.  
21 Evans. First of all, I'd like to welcome  
22 everyone back to our weekly meetings in the  
23 studio and on screen and I hope that you all  
24 enjoyed your summer. Although we have not  
25 had a meeting in a few weeks, we have all

1           been actively working on numerous issues  
2           that continue to come before us.

3                       I have enjoyed attending the many  
4           church festivals and picnics in Scranton  
5           ending with La Festa Italiana this weekend  
6           as you can attest by my expanding waistline.

7                       This was mentioned previously, but I  
8           would like to express my sincere  
9           condolences, also, to those of you who have  
10          lost loved once during our summer break and  
11          especially Mayor Doherty and his family, the  
12          family of Joe Cummings, the family of Dan  
13          Donahue, the family of Rich Owens. Rich was  
14          one of the original paramedics up at CMC.  
15          The family of Bill Eisley. Bill was the  
16          retired Dunmore firefighter who is a good  
17          friend of mine. The family of John Lorenzo,  
18          a well-known contractor from West Side whose  
19          son runs the business now and I will keep  
20          you all of in my prayers.

21                      I would also like to wish my  
22          daughter, Katie Klimmer, a happy birthday  
23          for Thursday. She won't like that.

24                      As I stated previously though, we  
25          have been actively working on a number of

1 issues this past several weeks. I had a  
2 meeting with several residents of the Tripp  
3 Park section regarding some of their  
4 neighborhood concerns and then I spent a few  
5 hours walking through their neighborhood  
6 with a large group of them. Les was there  
7 actually, too.

8 I met with our new police chief, Dan  
9 Duffy, and voiced many of the concerns that  
10 are facing the residents of this city and he  
11 has appeared to be on the same page and also  
12 aware of several of the issues that I had  
13 pointed out to him. Chief Duffy and the  
14 director of Licensing and Inspections, Mark  
15 Seitzinger, reacted without hesitation to  
16 the concerns of Tripp Park and have  
17 hopefully helped eliminate a problem before  
18 it escalated. I am looking forward to  
19 working with these men in the future to  
20 resolve some of the outstanding issues  
21 facing our residents.

22 I would like to wish current police  
23 Chief Dave Elliott all the best on his  
24 retirement, and I would like to comment that  
25 he was always accessible to me and usually

1           responded to me without delay.

2                       I have had a meeting with the mayor  
3           and several residents of West Side in the  
4           Anthracite Auto area where we did a walk  
5           around of the neighborhood and listened to  
6           their concerns. I spoke with one of the  
7           owners and I will be meeting with both  
8           owners in the near future to discuss the  
9           situation in that area and they have both  
10          been willing to discuss this with me and the  
11          neighbors in an effort to maintain a better  
12          relationship with their neighbors and to  
13          continue their family business that has been  
14          part of this neighborhood of Scranton for  
15          three generations.

16                      Mrs. Evans and myself also had a  
17          meeting with the neighborhood housing  
18          representatives in the South Side seniors  
19          building with Mike Hanley as the director  
20          and we listened to a lot of their concerns  
21          and learned a lot of what they had to do and  
22          that was also a very good meeting.

23                      I have met with several neighbors in  
24          the Barring and Kosek Avenue areas regarding  
25          a business in their neighborhood. There are

1           several issues that were pointed out to me  
2           that need to be addressed and I am  
3           attempting to setup a personal meeting with  
4           a business owner to voice the neighbors'  
5           concerns. I will provide you with  
6           additional reports as the dialogue  
7           progresses.

8                       My colleagues and I have been  
9           attempting to continue our meetings with the  
10          nonprofits in an effort to reach agreements  
11          for payments in lieu of taxes. Some of the  
12          organizations that we have visited have not  
13          yet responded and we will continue our  
14          efforts and report back with the results,  
15          but I had spoken to representatives at  
16          Marywood and still awaiting to hear back  
17          from representative of Johnson's College.  
18          I'm not interested at this time in going  
19          after places like the Red Cross and the food  
20          pantries or any of that stuff.

21                      I am pleased to say that we are  
22          making a dent in the blighted property  
23          issues with the city taking an active part  
24          in the bidding out, and I just noticed that  
25          the demolition of some of the properties

1 that are deemed structurally unsound. In my  
2 meeting with the new police chief, Chief  
3 Duffy, it is apparent that he is interested  
4 in being aggressive with the blight issues  
5 along with his utilization of the blight  
6 officer, Nick Herchick, and the Department  
7 of Licensing and Inspections to clean up the  
8 neighborhoods and to work with city council  
9 when we make him aware of these issues as  
10 they arise. He is aware that neighborhood  
11 decline stimulates other illegal activities  
12 through the negligent of blight.

13 I have been actively working on  
14 amendments to our blight ordinances that  
15 will work in concert with the existing State  
16 Act of November 26, 2008, entitled, "The  
17 Abandoned and Blighted Property Conservation  
18 Act," and a Bill which was passed by the  
19 Senate in June and is to be considered by  
20 the house in the very near future. This is  
21 Senate Bill 900 and sponsored by Senator  
22 David Argo. This Bill is known as the  
23 "Neighborhood Blight Reclamation and  
24 Revitalization Act."

25 Once our amendments are reviewed by

1           our solicitor, who also has been very busy,  
2           and incorporated into our blight ordinance,  
3           it will give us more ammunition to act  
4           legally and more hastily towards a  
5           resolution of our goal of getting a handle  
6           on and eliminating the blight conditions  
7           that have become prevalent throughout our  
8           city.

9                        I would also like to thank  
10           Representative Kevin Murphy and his staff  
11           for convening a meeting with a number of  
12           interested parties in relations to some of  
13           the continuing problems with storm water  
14           flooding in various sections of the city.

15                      Although, this meeting was in  
16           regards to two particular situations at this  
17           point, Representative Murphy extended an  
18           invitation for all parties to continue with  
19           monthly meetings in his office to address  
20           all of the storm water flooding problems  
21           throughout the city one by one.

22                      Attending the meeting were  
23           Representative Kevin Murphy, Tom Tell, Kevin  
24           Murphy's chief of staff; Justin MacGregor,  
25           Representative Murphy's staff member; Dave

1           Basiack, county maintenance manager for  
2           PennDOT; Gene Skelton, deputy director of  
3           operations at the Scranton Sewer Authority;  
4           Jeff Brazil, the Director of Public Works;  
5           Brian Swanson, city engineer; and myself  
6           representing city council.

7                     The first two problem areas  
8           addressed were the 1500 block of Luzerne  
9           Street and the rear of the 3200 block of  
10          Birney Avenue. We spent quite some time  
11          walking around with the different officials  
12          involved and spoke to several neighbors in  
13          an effort to resolve these flooding  
14          problems. I believe that we have formed a  
15          good working relationship with all of the  
16          parties involved and I will continually  
17          report back to you with any updates and  
18          resolutions along with future problem  
19          solving projects, and that is all I have.  
20          Thank you.

21                    MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Loscombe.  
22          Mr. Joyce, do you have any comments or  
23          motions?

24                    MR. JOYCE: Yes, just a few. First,  
25          I wanted to start off by speaking about the



1           nonprofits very briefly. I wanted to inform  
2           everyone that over the recess I have been in  
3           contact with the three local hospitals being  
4           the CMC, Mercy, Moses Taylor and I have been  
5           in contact with the president's office of  
6           each of those three hospitals and at this  
7           time I am yet to engage in a formal meeting  
8           with the president of any of the hospitals,  
9           so I will not provide any further comment  
10          until any type of meeting occurs.

11                        Secondly, the capital budget, which  
12           is Item 5-B on the agenda tonight where city  
13           council is being asked to approve and accept  
14           the capital budget improvement updates or  
15           the updates for 2011.

16                        First of all, just to provide  
17           everyone with a brief background, in 2008 a  
18           five-year plan was proposed and accepted  
19           by -- well, in 2007 a five-year plan started  
20           in 2008 was proposed and accepted by city  
21           council, a capital improvement program or  
22           budget, and this plan is required to be  
23           updated every year.

24                        The first matter that I want to  
25           discuss when speaking about this is Section



1 protection projects.

2 Page three indicates that \$222,000  
3 that -- that there exists \$222,000 in  
4 budgeted revenue from operating transfers  
5 from other funds. Subsequently, on page  
6 four, it shows that the \$222,000 will be  
7 used towards -- to float a bond on operating  
8 expenses.

9 On page five it indicates that there  
10 is nearly \$29,000 in budgeted revenue from  
11 long-term debt.

12 On page six, it shows that this  
13 \$29,000 is allocated to fund city hall for  
14 repairs and renovations.

15 On page seven, it's displayed that  
16 -- and displays a list of the accounts to be  
17 used to fund additional projects and some of  
18 that consists of \$15 million.

19 And on page eight it's a short  
20 breakdown of what this 15 million dollars on  
21 page seven will be used for. Basically they  
22 include fire station and equipment, bridges,  
23 roads, curbs and sidewalks, building  
24 improvements, parks systems improvements and  
25 fund allocated towards the Scranton Public

1           Library.

2                       As the letter from the mayor's  
3           office that was presented to us states: The  
4           update is not a new capital budget and it  
5           does not propose any new capital spending.  
6           However, from my perspective before passing  
7           this piece of legislation, the update needs  
8           to be revised to be a lot more thorough than  
9           what was provided to council. For instance,  
10          in accordance with Section 904 the update  
11          does not include a summary of the contents  
12          of the update, it does not include an  
13          updated list of capital projects to be  
14          undertaken with supporting information.  
15          There is no indication as to the status of  
16          the projects that have been completed and  
17          there is no updated time schedule as to, you  
18          know, are we on track or what's been going  
19          on since 2008.

20                     You know, I understand that this was  
21          voted down last year by a vote of three to  
22          two with Councilwoman Evans and former  
23          Councilwoman Judy Gatelli and former  
24          Councilman Bill Courtright voting in the  
25          negative. They did this, in my opinion, due

1 to a lack of information in the update that  
2 was provided to council.

3 And, unfortunately, as I understand  
4 when this was voted down last year there  
5 were no updates provided by the  
6 administration. Tonight I'll be voting no  
7 for introduction since I do not feel the  
8 update provides sufficient information. If  
9 my honorable colleagues agree with me I  
10 would hope that the administration would  
11 revise the capital budget update and send it  
12 to council, hopefully be placed back on the  
13 agenda. Hopefully in any capital budget  
14 update that may be provided, we can see an  
15 updated list of capital projects and an  
16 updated time schedule. Hopefully we could  
17 see an updated summary of any operating  
18 costs that may have changed or any  
19 projections that may be different.

20 For instance, the cost of  
21 maintaining structures acquired, the  
22 maintenance of those structures. For  
23 instance, energy rates are changing. We  
24 have a new energy supplier. Did anything  
25 change there? I think these are things that

1 as a council and also the public need and  
2 deserve to know. And also, it would be  
3 appreciated if in accordance with Section  
4 904 if an update can be provided regarding  
5 the schedule and replacement purchases of  
6 new equipment. Simply approving updated  
7 monetary figures without any status updates  
8 of current projects and any updates in  
9 regards to time schedules, future projects  
10 that such funds are being allocated for is  
11 nothing but fiscally irresponsible and  
12 that's why tonight I will be voting "no" on  
13 5-B and I encourage everyone else on council  
14 to consider what I just had to say and vote  
15 accordingly as I suggest.

16 To conclude, I have a few citizens'  
17 requests. Mrs. Krake, if you could please  
18 send a letter to Mr. Brazil concerning the  
19 following two matters:

20 One, the dead end sign on the corner  
21 of North Birney Avenue and Lafayette.  
22 Residents complain or inform that the sign,  
23 the right-hand sign actually, is completely  
24 worn off and unreadable. Due to this, many  
25 residents are noticing that there are cars

1 speeding up the street and, in fact, the  
2 resident that got in touch with me actually  
3 had some damage done to his automobile due  
4 to a speeding car.

5 Also, on the 2000 block of Lafayette  
6 Street residents report that since the road  
7 was paved, and I would like to thank the DPW  
8 for their -- thank the property authorities  
9 for getting that done, the curbs have been  
10 taken out causing the basements of some of  
11 the homes on this block to be flooded during  
12 heavy rains. If could notify Mr. Brazil of  
13 those two matters and ask him to address  
14 those accordingly.

15 And also, I think we could send a  
16 letter to Mr. Seitzinger regarding the  
17 property at 316 and 318 Phelp Street, a  
18 resident reports that the grass on this  
19 property is overgrown and it's overgrown  
20 onto the street and also into the  
21 neighboring alleyway.

22 Also, on this letter, Mrs. Krake, if  
23 you could please copy the police chief and  
24 blight control officer it would be very much  
25 appreciated, and that's all I that have for

1                   tonight.

2                   MR. LOSCOMBE: Mrs. Evans, would it  
3                   be okay to add something?

4                   MS. EVANS: Certainly.

5                   MR. JOYCE: Sure.

6                   MR. LOSCOMBE: Mr. Joyce jogged my  
7                   memory. Could I have two minutes of your  
8                   time?

9                   MR. JOYCE: Sure. Why not.

10                  MR. LOSCOMBE: I was wondering if  
11                  Mrs. Krake can send a letter to the proper  
12                  department. I heard a rumor yesterday that  
13                  the fire truck that we approved the lease  
14                  for that the deal has fallen through and  
15                  there was no new fire truck coming that was  
16                  supposed to one followed by two, so I was  
17                  just wondering what the status of that is  
18                  and if we did get some information. Thank  
19                  you.

20                  MS. EVANS: Thank you. Good  
21                  evening, ladies and gentlemen. Scranton  
22                  City Council is very pleased to open it's  
23                  fall session and resume it's regular  
24                  schedule of legislative meetings. During  
25                  it's August recess, council vigorously



1 continued it's work. All problems and  
2 complaints submitted to council were  
3 addressed and several council members  
4 personally observed and photographed problem  
5 areas and met with city residents as was  
6 indicated throughout tonight's announcements  
7 and motions.

8 For example, the nuisance property  
9 at 1406 West Gibson Street was closed down.  
10 "No truck traffic" signs were installed on  
11 Woodlawn Street. Flooding problems on  
12 Luzerne and Birney Avenue and Powell Court  
13 were inspected and are in the process of  
14 being solved. The flooding problems in the  
15 Tripp Park and curbing problem as well were  
16 resolved. 1102 Moltke Avenue was finally  
17 cleaned up as well as numerous others.

18 Further, council continues to pursue  
19 your reported complaints that remain to be  
20 satisfied.

21 During our recess, Councilman  
22 Loscombe, Joyce, and I were also actively  
23 contacting city nonprofits for payment in  
24 lieu of taxes. We were pleased to learn  
25 that similarly the mayor was in contact with

1 the same nonprofit agencies for the first  
2 time during his tenure and we sincerely hope  
3 that our combined efforts to lessen the  
4 heavy burden of our taxpayers will meet with  
5 some degree of success.

6 In conjunction with the efforts of  
7 my two honorable colleagues Mr. Loscombe and  
8 Mr. Joyce, I contacted Lackawanna College,  
9 the Commonwealth Medical College, and  
10 General Dynamics to discuss PILOTS and  
11 in-kind contributions to our city.

12 Acting president of Lackawanna  
13 College, Mark Volk, indicated that  
14 Lackawanna will not be making a monetary  
15 contribution. However, at it's meeting in  
16 October, Lackawanna's board of directors  
17 will consider providing services through a  
18 variety of projects which will be submitted  
19 by Scranton City Council. Two examples of  
20 potential projects are the upgrade of  
21 Internet technology services within city  
22 government offices and a neighborhood  
23 cleanup program of vacant lots.

24 To date, I have not received a  
25 return call from Mr. Robert Delasandry of

1 the Commonwealth Medical College, but I will  
2 report to you following our discussion.

3 Finally, I had the pleasure of  
4 speaking with Mr. Jack Bronozi, an official  
5 of General Dynamics with Scranton. I  
6 apprised him of the financial state of the  
7 city and indicated that Scranton is very  
8 pleased to serve as a host city for such an  
9 impressive global company. Mr. Bronozi  
10 stated that the mayor was visiting with him  
11 today to discuss this very same issue.  
12 Thereafter, he will be in contact with  
13 national headquarters and will notify us in  
14 the near future of General Dynamics'  
15 decision. We concluded with a brief  
16 discussion of the parking meters and newly  
17 created parking problems on surrounding  
18 neighborhood streets. The matter was also  
19 to be discussed with the mayor earlier  
20 today.

21 Also, in August, following the  
22 mayor's veto of the Comcast contract.  
23 Discussions resumed in an effort to develop  
24 a contract that will best serve our  
25 community. During this process, Attorney

1 Hughes informed me that ECTV demanded  
2 \$100,000 by September 30, 2010, or it will  
3 pull the plug on Channels 19 and 21 and the  
4 screen will go black. This surprising  
5 statement was in direct contradiction to  
6 previous statements made by an ECTV  
7 representative which declared that ECTV  
8 would not pull the plug on the viewers it  
9 serves.

10 More importantly, council will not  
11 respond to threats made by ECTV,  
12 particularly, since it has no contract with  
13 the city or Comcast and has ignored a  
14 Right-to-Know request filed July 28, 2010,  
15 for inventory and detailed financial  
16 information.

17 On Friday, September 3, at 4:10  
18 p.m., a Comcast contract was delivered to  
19 council's office from the city's solicitor,  
20 Paul Kelly, three days after the deadline  
21 for submission of the legislation and after  
22 the Friday posting of the agenda for  
23 tonight's meeting. As a result, council and  
24 Solicitor Hughes will carefully examine the  
25 document this week and determine if it

1 requires further revision.

2 As we look forward to the remaining  
3 months of 2010, council will deliberate on  
4 several highly significant issues, CDBG, ESG  
5 and HOME program grants, the cable TV and an  
6 education government channel contract, a  
7 revised Recovery Plan and the 2011 operating  
8 budget. Of course, there will be additional  
9 legislative issues as well such as contract  
10 for the OECD and Scranton Redevelopment  
11 Authority solicitor and for an auditing firm  
12 to produce the independent audits of city  
13 council for the years 2010 through 2013  
14 among others.

15 For each issue that arises you can  
16 be confident that city council is working  
17 diligently only for you, the taxpayers of  
18 our city.

19 And finally, Mrs. Krake, please send  
20 a letter tomorrow morning to Attorney Kelly  
21 from city council requesting legislation for  
22 the bidding of professional services.  
23 Council's first request occurred six months  
24 ago with continuing requests thereafter from  
25 both city council and council solicitor

1 Hughes, and that's it.

2 MS. KRAKE: 5-B. TO APPROVE AND  
3 ACCEPT THE CITY OF SCRANTON'S UPDATE FOR  
4 2011 FOR THE CAPITAL BUDGET IMPROVEMENT PLAN  
5 OF 2008, WHICH IS THE THIRD-YEAR REVISION  
6 AND EXTENSION OF THE 2008 FIVE-YEAR PLAN.

7 MS. EVANS: At this time, I'll  
8 entertain a motion that Item 5-B be  
9 introduced into it's proper committee.

10 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

11 MR. MCGOFF: Second.

12 MS. EVANS: On the question?

13 MR. MCGOFF: I'd like to make a  
14 motion to table 5-B until revisions be made  
15 to comply fully with the provisions of the  
16 Home Rule Charter.

17 MR. ROGAN: Second.

18 MS. EVANS: On the question? I  
19 think that is an excellent motion that my  
20 colleague, Mr. McGoff, has made. I know  
21 that like Councilman Joyce I am very  
22 concerned, as I have been for many years  
23 now, that the capital budget has not been in  
24 compliance with Section 904 of the Home Rule  
25 Charter.

1                   What I find additionally concerning  
2                   is that, for example, renovations were made  
3                   to city hall, but no details were provided.  
4                   A pavilion at Nay Aug Park is purchased and  
5                   will be installed, again, no details  
6                   provided in the 2011 capital budget. The  
7                   Weston Field project, which was completed  
8                   six years ago, appears on tonight's agenda  
9                   to receive a \$300,000 capital grant from the  
10                  Weinberg Foundation, but the grant is not  
11                  included in the 2011 capital budget. New  
12                  Packmasters were donated to the DPW by  
13                  keystone Landfill this summer and this new  
14                  equipment does not appear in the 2011  
15                  capital budget.

16                  Just as the annual operating budget  
17                  contains specific financial information  
18                  necessary to the operations of the city, so  
19                  must the capital budget and what we have  
20                  received once again this year is nothing  
21                  more than a cursory skeletal document that  
22                  lacks accountability and transparency.  
23                  Anyone else on the question? All those in  
24                  favor signify by saying aye.

25                  MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

1 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

2 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

3 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

4 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
5 have it and so moved. Item 5-B is tabled  
6 until such time as the administration  
7 submits a capital budget for the Year 2011  
8 in compliance with the Home Rule Charter.

9 MS. KRAKE: 5-C. CREATING AND  
10 ESTABLISHING A NEW ACCOUNT FOR THE CITY OF  
11 SCRANTON'S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY  
12 DEVELOPMENT ("OECD") TITLED DCED GENERAL  
13 GRANT FUNDS ACCOUNT NO. 11A.0101 FOR THE  
14 RECEIPT AND DISBURSEMENT OF GRANT FUNDS  
15 ("DCED GRANT FUNDS") RECEIVED FROM THE  
16 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF  
17 COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ("DCED").

18 MS. EVANS: At this time I'll  
19 entertain a motion that Item 5-C be  
20 introduced into it's proper committee.

21 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

22 MR. JOYCE: Second.

23 MS. EVANS: On the question? All  
24 those in favor of introduction signify by  
25 saying aye.



1 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

2 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

4 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

5 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
6 have it and so moved.

7 MS. KRAKE: 5-D. CREATING AND  
8 ESTABLISHING A NEW ACCOUNT FOR THE CITY OF  
9 SCRANTON'S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY  
10 DEVELOPMENT ("OECD") TITLED EMERGENCY  
11 SHELTER GRANTS PROGRAM ACCOUNT NO. 3A.0101  
12 FOR THE RECEIPT AND DISBURSEMENT OF ALL  
13 EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANTS PROGRAM FUNDS ("ESG  
14 FUNDS") RECEIVED FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
15 HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ("HUD").

16 MS. EVANS: At this time I'll  
17 entertain a motion that Item 5-D be  
18 introduced into it's proper committee.

19 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

20 MR. JOYCE: Second.

21 MS. EVANS: On the question? All  
22 those in favor of introduction signify by  
23 saying aye.

24 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

25 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

1 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

2 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

3 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
4 have it and so moved.

5 MS. KRAKE: 5-E. CREATING AND  
6 ESTABLISHING SPECIAL CITY ACCOUNT NO.  
7 02.229595 ENTITLED "HARRY AND JEANETTE  
8 WEINBERG FOUNDATION - WESTON FIELD GRANT"  
9 FOR THE RECEIPT AND DISBURSEMENT OF CAPITAL  
10 GRANT FUNDS FROM THE HARRY AND JEANETTE  
11 WEINBERG FOUNDATION, INC.

12 MS. EVANS: At this time I'll  
13 entertain a motion that Item 5-E be  
14 introduced into it's proper committee.

15 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Second.

17 MS. EVANS: On the question? All  
18 those in favor of introduction signify by  
19 saying aye.

20 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

21 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

22 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

23 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

24 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
25 have it and so moved.

1 MS. KRAKE: 5-F. AUTHORIZING THE  
2 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY  
3 OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A  
4 CAPITAL PROJECT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HARRY  
5 AND JEANETTE WEINBERG FOUNDATION, INC. AND  
6 THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO SUPPORT THE  
7 IMPROVEMENTS OF THE WESTON FIELD PROJECT AND  
8 TO ACCEPT AND DISBURSE THE GRANT FUNDS PER  
9 THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS DETAILED IN THE  
10 AGREEMENT.

11 MS. EVANS: At this time I'll  
12 entertain a motion that Item 5-B be  
13 introduced into it's proper committee.

14 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

15 MR. MCGOFF Second.

16 MS. EVANS: On the question?  
17 According to the legislation, the Weston  
18 Field grant from the Weinberg Foundation  
19 will be used to pay down debt service  
20 related to renovations and building  
21 improvements to Weston Field which were  
22 completed in 2004.

23 Mrs. Krake, council requests an  
24 explanation of this timeline from either  
25 Mr. Renda or Mr. Dougher, please, prior to

1           our next council meeting. Anyone else on  
2           the question? All those in favor of  
3           introduction signify by saying aye.

4                     MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

5                     MR. ROGAN: Aye.

6                     MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

7                     MR. JOYCE: Aye.

8                     MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
9           have it and so moved.

10                    MS. KRAKE: 5-G. ACCEPTING THE  
11           RECOMMENDATION OF THE HISTORICAL  
12           ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD ("HARB") AND  
13           APPROVING THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS  
14           FOR C. ALLEN MULLINS ARCHITECT, 606 NORTH  
15           MAIN STREET, WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA FOR  
16           FAÇADE MASONRY REPAIR/RESTORATION; CLEANING  
17           AND REAPPOINTING BRICK AND STONE;  
18           REPLACEMENT OF WINDOWS; FIRST FLOOR CURTAIN  
19           WALL DESIGN WITH AZEK MATERIALS AT 324-326  
20           PENN AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

21                    MS. EVANS: At this time I'll  
22           entertain a motion that Item 5-G be  
23           introduced into it's proper committee.

24                    MR. ROGAN: So moved.

25                    MR. MCGOFF: Second.

1 MS. EVANS: On the question? All  
2 those in favor of introduction signify by  
3 saying aye.

4 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

5 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

6 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

7 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

8 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
9 have it and so moved.

10 MS. KRAKE: 5-H. RATIFYING AND  
11 APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF A  
12 GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON  
13 THROUGH THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY  
14 DEVELOPMENT ("OECD") TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT  
15 OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ("HUD") FOR  
16 AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE GRANT IN  
17 THE AMOUNT OF \$292,200.00 FOR ELIMINATION OF  
18 SLUM AND BLIGHT THROUGH THE DEMOLITION OF  
19 HAZARDOUS STRUCTURES IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON  
20 ("PROJECT"), AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
21 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS OF THE CITY  
22 OF SCRANTON TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A  
23 GRANT AGREEMENT WITH HUD TO ACCEPT AND  
24 UTILIZE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE  
25 GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$292,200.00 AWARDED

1 BY HUD FOR SUCH PROJECT.

2 MS. EVANS: At this time I'll  
3 entertain a motion that Item 5-H be  
4 introduced into it's proper committee.

5 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

6 MR. MCGOFF: Second.

7 MS. EVANS: On the question?

8 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes. I think it was  
9 mentioned before, but I would like to see a  
10 list of the properties for next meeting that  
11 they intend on demolishing under this  
12 project. Thank you.

13 MS. EVANS: Anyone else on the  
14 question? All those in favor of  
15 introduction signify by saying aye.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

17 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

18 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

19 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

20 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
21 have it and so moved.

22 MS. KRAKE: 6-A. NO BUSINESS AT  
23 THIS TIME. 7-A. NO BUSINESS AT THIS TIME.

24 MS. EVANS: I'll entertain a motion  
25 for adjournment.

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MR. JOYCE: Motion to adjourn.

MS. EVANS: This meeting is  
adjourned.

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I hereby certify that the proceedings and evidence are contained fully and accurately in the notes of testimony taken by me at the hearing of the above-captioned matter and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the same to the best of my ability.

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