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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

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Council Chambers
Scranton City Hall
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Scranton, Pennsylvania

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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
(Not present)

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

11 MR. JOYCE: Here.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

13 MS. EVANS: Here. Dispense with the
14 reading of the minutes.

15 MS. KRAKE: 3-A. MINUTES OF THE
16 SCRANTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S
17 REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JULY 7, 2010.

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

20 MS. KRAKE: 3-B. MINUTES OF THE
21 SCRANTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S REGULAR
22 MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 4, 2010.

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

25 MS. KRAKE: 3-C. MINUTES OF THE

1 VACANT PROPERTY REVIEW COMMITTEE'S
2 MEETING HELD MARCH 18, 2010.

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

5 MS. KRAKE: 3-D. CONTROLLER'S REPORT
6 FOR THE MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31, 2010.

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

10 MS. KRAKE: We simply have two for
11 this evening, the first is a response we
12 received from Stu Renda, the business
13 administrator, regarding the grant from the
14 Harry and Jeannette Weinberg to the City of
15 Scranton. In the body of the letter he
16 explains the requests that council had as
17 far as the time line and how this money can
18 be applied to a project that is already in
19 place.

20 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

21 MS. KRAKE: And the second was
22 reported to us from Councilman McGoff that
23 the Spruce Street bridge the fencing that we
24 had asked to be repaired has been repaired.

25 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

1 MS. KRAKE: That's it.

2 MS. EVANS: Do any council members
3 have announcements at this time?

4 MR. MCGOFF: I would just like to
5 make mention that someone asked last week
6 about why the Steamtown Marathon information
7 was not on the website. I believe it is now
8 on the website, that the IT Department had
9 not received information from the marathon,
10 but the Steamtown Marathon will be held
11 Sunday, October 10, it starts at 8:00 at
12 Forest City High School. The leaders should
13 be hitting the City of Scranton around 10:00
14 with about 2,000 or so other runners
15 arriving thereafter, many of them much
16 thereafter, but a nice event.

17 They have a record number of
18 applicants for the race. They set the limit
19 at 2,500. They have never had more than
20 2,000 runners, so this will be a record year
21 in terms of not only applicants but also
22 probably runners and finishers, so if you
23 have a chance get out and view part of the
24 marathon and offer encouragement to those
25 poor souls trying to finish 26.2 miles.

1 MS. EVANS: Will you be running,
2 Mr. McGoff?

3 MR. MCGOFF: Yes, I will try.

4 MS. EVANS: There is reason enough
5 to go.

6 MR. MCGOFF: I will be one of the
7 poor souls.

8 MS. EVANS: Come out and root on
9 Mr. McGoff.

10 MR. JOYCE: He will be one the
11 people coming in at 10:00.

12 MR. MCGOFF: No. No, only if it's in
13 an ambulance then.

14 MS. EVANS: He is very modest. He
15 is actually a very talented runner and this
16 has been an active pursuit of his for many
17 years, so I think it's worth going to see
18 him. Mr. Loscombe?

19 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes. Thank you,
20 Mrs. Evans. First of all, I'd like to wish
21 my wife Susan a happy birthday, I think I
22 told you last week I have a lot of birthdays
23 in September in the family. I would also
24 like to welcome some relatives of mine in
25 from California. They came all of the way

1 here just to watch our meeting believe it or
2 not. Francis and Betty Gerrity, they are
3 accompanying my mom here he.

4 MS. EVANS: Welcome from California.

5 MR. LOSCOMBE: You didn't come to
6 see her you came to see the meeting; right?

7 Now, a couple of quick
8 announcements. That will be a benefit for
9 Theresa Borgia on Saturday, September 25, at
10 the Holy Rosary Hall at the corner of West
11 Market and Wayne Street. The time will be
12 from 6 to 10 p.m. and the tickets are \$15.
13 The price includes food, beer and music and
14 there will also be basket chances and 50/50
15 tickets.

16 Theresa has resided in North
17 Scranton with her husband, Gary, and three
18 children for many years. She has bravely
19 been battling cancer for quiet sometime.
20 This benefit will help her with her ongoing
21 medical costs and help the family through
22 this most difficult time.

23 For tickets or to make a donation
24 please contact Joanne McCarthy 343-6080 or
25 Diane Cimino at 341-7679.

1 The Holy Rosary Boy Scout Troop 57
2 will be holding an all you can eat spaghetti
3 dinner fundraiser on October 2 from 4 to 8
4 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church, that's at the
5 corner of Theodore and North Main Avenue in
6 North Scranton. Tickets are \$8.00 for
7 adults 12 and over and \$5 for children,
8 under two is free, and you can contact
9 Leslie at DPW for tickets.

10 And the West Side Falcons are
11 hosting a gun raffle at Big Rich American
12 Sports Shop which is on the 100 block of
13 South Main Avenue and it will held on the
14 November 5 from 5 to 9 at the Jones bidding.
15 There will be 12 guns raffled with a
16 combined value of \$5,000. A donation of \$25
17 for the raffle only or \$40 if you are going
18 to the dinner along with the raffle. There
19 will be only a limited number of tickets
20 available for the dinner raffle. Raffle
21 tickets will be available at all home games
22 for the West Side Falcons or by contacting
23 any board member and also by stopping in at
24 Big Rich American Sports Shop and the
25 website is www.westsidefalcons.com. Thank

1 you .

2 MS. KRAKE: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'
3 PARTICIPATION.

4 MS. EVANS: Our first speaker this
5 evening is Liz Davis.

6 MS. DAVIS: Good evening. My name a
7 Elizabeth Davis. I'm a resident of Scranton
8 and a librarian at the Scranton Public
9 Library's and cochair for this year's
10 Scranton Reads program. "Scranton Reads, One
11 City, One Book" is a community reading event
12 organized by the City of Scranton and the
13 Scranton Public Library. Each year during
14 the month of October citizens of Scranton
15 get together to read a great work of
16 literature. They participate in book
17 discussions and other special events related
18 to the chosen book.

19 Scranton Reads as two main goals,
20 the first goal is to encourage reading among
21 people of all ages and the second is to
22 bring the community together through the
23 sharing of a common experience. This year
24 is our 9th year and we have to decided to
25 select the works of Mark Twain. We will

1 have book discussions, a bus trip to Mark
2 Twain's home in Connecticut and even a film
3 series and other special events.

4 The University of Scranton players
5 will be staging productions of the
6 adventures of Tom Sawyer and, as you can
7 see, some of the cast has joined me this
8 evening and I hope that you can all come out
9 to the play which starts this weekend to get
10 in the spirit of things and, you know,
11 really embrace the Twain -- love of Mark
12 Twain.

13 All of our events can be found at
14 Scrantonreads.org, and we have copies and t-
15 shirts of the ventures of Huckleberry Finn
16 for everyone on council to enjoy and we hope
17 that you can help us celebrate a great
18 American author. So if we can, can we
19 approach the bench?

20 MS. EVANS: Oh, absolutely. Once
21 again, Liz, when is the production at the
22 University?

23 MS. DAVIS: It starts this Friday
24 and runs through the weekend and the
25 following weekend and there have guides and

1 things with the books, too.

2 MS. EVANS: Is that at 2 in the
3 afternoon and --

4 UNKNOWN AUDIENCE MEMBER: 8 p.m. on
5 Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays
6 for this weekend.

7 MS. EVANS: 8 p.m. Friday and
8 Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday and the ticket
9 cost?

10 UNKNOWN AUDIENCE MEMBER: I think
11 it's \$8 for adults and \$5 fore senior
12 citizens and students.

13 MS. EVANS: Senior citizens and
14 students \$5, what a bargain. Make sure you
15 get there. This is a definite on your list
16 along with reading the book, of course.
17 Thank you all for coming this evening.

18 MR. JOYCE: Thank you very much and
19 thank you for the gifts.

20 MS. EVANS: Oh, and I heard you are
21 having a frog jumping contest as well for
22 children in honor of the jumping frog of
23 Calaverest County.

24 MS. DAVIS: Yeah, at Timmy's Town.

25 MS. EVANS: A celebrated jumping

1 frog, thank you.

2 MS. DAVIS: At the Timmy's Town
3 children's Museum on October 2.

4 MS. EVANS: Timmy's Town Children's
5 Museum October 2 bring your children. I'm
6 sure that's a once in a lifetime
7 opportunity. I know I have a seen a frog
8 jumping contest.

9 MS. DAVIS: Thank you.

10 MS. EVANS: Our next speaker is Lee
11 Morgan.

12 MR. MORGAN: Good evening, Council.

13 MR. JOYCE: Good evening.

14 MR. MORGAN: I have an editorial
15 from the Scranton Times here and I was just
16 wondering if anybody on council has read it?
17 It's the Historical Architectural Review
18 Board of Scranton. Have you read that?

19 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

20 MS. EVANS: Yes.

21 MR. MORGAN: Do you agree with what
22 it says or disagree? I mean, the body of
23 the contentions made by this group -- well,
24 maybe I should start this way, has council
25 watched on the public access channel SAPA

1 present their plan?

2 MR. LOSCOMBE: I don't have public
3 access.

4 MR. MORGAN: Mr. Rogan? Mr. Joyce?

5 MR. ROGAN: I haven't seen it on.

6 MR. MORGAN: Have you, Mr. Rogan?

7 MR. JOYCE: I have not seen SAPA
8 formally present their plan, I have attended
9 a few SAPA meetings in the past and I do
10 have the plan, a hard copy.

11 MR. MORGAN: Mrs. Evans?

12 MS. EVANS: Yes.

13 MR. MORGAN: Mr. McGoff?

14 MR. MCGOFF: I have not watched it
15 on TV, no.

16 MR. MORGAN: Do you think, you know,
17 I think that these -- it's not only the
18 review -- the people, the Historical
19 Architecture Review Board that I'm talking
20 about, the Scranton Sewer Authority has come
21 forward and said that it's going to effect
22 their grants, but I'd like to know what it
23 ask this council think about Dunmore having
24 to live with the decisions that this council
25 has made concerning their economic

1 condition? Does anybody want to say
2 anything on that?

3 MR. ROGAN: I think we are looking
4 out for the people of Scranton not the
5 people of Dunmore.

6 MR. MORGAN: You honestly believe
7 that, sir.

8 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

9 MR. MORGAN: Do you think the people
10 in this community are worth investing to
11 create jobs?

12 MR. ROGAN: I absolutely do and I
13 don't believe the SAPA plan is the right way
14 to go about it.

15 MR. MORGAN: Why is that?

16 MR. ROGAN: Because the reason why
17 businesses won't move into the City of
18 Scranton is because of taxes, not because of
19 zoning.

20 MR. MORGAN: Do you think the taxes
21 are high because there is no economic engine
22 here for development?

23 MR. ROGAN: Yes. And because of
24 excessive spending over the last few
25 decades.

1 MS. EVANS: Mr. Morgan, I don't
2 think you were here last week.

3 MR. MORGAN: I was here last week.

4 MS. EVANS: Okay, then you would be
5 aware of the statements that I made
6 regarding SAPA.

7 MR. MORGAN: Not really. No. Go
8 ahead. I might have missed them. Feel
9 free.

10 MS. EVANS: I stated that either
11 SAPA can provide us with the cost for the
12 20-year period and an annual breakdown or
13 SAPA could enter into an agreement with the
14 city whereby the City of Scranton is
15 permitted to maintain membership and
16 implement the plan at no cost to the City of
17 Scranton. In return for that, Mr. King,
18 whose services they have been utilizing for
19 free for many years, will continue his work
20 and that would be the city's contribution
21 toward the plan.

22 I have received no response from any
23 SAPA representative to either proposal not
24 now, not in the past.

25 MR. MORGAN: Well, I'd just like to

1 ask this question, hasn't city council on
2 multiple occasions as this editorial states
3 voted to proceed forward with SAPA.

4 MS. EVANS: I believe in the past.

5 MR. MORGAN: Weren't you on these --
6 weren't you a part of this?

7 MS. EVANS: Yes, I was.

8 MR. MORGAN: Did you request for
9 SAPA to ask additional communities to join?

10 MS. EVANS: Yes, I did.

11 MR. MORGAN: And didn't they request
12 that they join?

13 MS. EVANS: No, they didn't. Only
14 Dunmore was invited. At the time they came
15 before us, Mr. Morgan, in a public caucus.
16 I had asked them who had been invited and
17 why not Throop, why not Dickson City, why
18 not Taylor, Old Forge, Dunmore. Thereafter,
19 Dunmore was invited and their response to me
20 was that the group would become too large
21 and unmanageable, if you will, and they
22 wanted to keep it to lower numbers.

23 MR. MORGAN: Didn't Cindy Campbell
24 decide that from the state, that if they
25 were -- if they were allowed to join it

1 would be too large a group? Isn't that
2 exactly what occurred?

3 MS. EVANS: Cindy Campbell, I don't
4 believe, was present at that meeting.

5 MR. MORGAN: Well, I did attend a
6 meeting where she made those statements that
7 this group was as large as it could possibly
8 be, and the real thing that I'm looking here
9 at is that I'm getting then idea that this
10 council doesn't want to invest in jobs and
11 the people in this community because for a
12 community to have a structural deficit this
13 community has had for so long and not be
14 willing to invest in the people in the
15 community -- you know, it's one thing to run
16 for election, it's another thing to be
17 elected, okay?

18 But, you know, it just seems that
19 the voters are left out of the loop on
20 almost everything because even the backup to
21 the agenda isn't on the website yet and, you
22 know, we talked a lot, a lot about doing
23 things in the community, but it still
24 doesn't change anything that the city is
25 dying, okay? It's a mess, and then what

1 this council seems to say, from what I
2 understand, is that you don't want to invest
3 in the people that live in this city.

4 I mean, that's what I take from this
5 because when the Scranton Sewer Authority
6 says that they need this component to fund
7 some of the Chesapeake Initiative that they
8 are obligated to follow and then you have
9 got, you know, this group writing an
10 editorial saying that it's a great thing and
11 you got Mr. King there who stated -- I went
12 in his office and sat down with this man. I
13 mean, and he is saying that, you know, that
14 this thing is fundable with grants.

15 And my point is this, the city has
16 proceeded this long for this plan and you
17 know what, don't you think it's time to try
18 something new? Don't you really think that
19 it's, look at, I mean, we have been in
20 distressed status so long, just entirely too
21 long. There is plenty of grant money to
22 tear houses down, all right, just take a
23 look at it. The city's ability to provide
24 services is continually diminishing okay,
25 and in my opinion I think the people in this

1 city deserve for somebody to make a decision
2 and try to lead the city in a new way. It's
3 not political with me.

4 There is just too many poor people,
5 60 percent of children in this community get
6 free reduced lunch and people are asking
7 about the cost of things. We took the
8 proceeds from the sale of the golf course
9 and we plugged them into the budget. Tons
10 of money is being wasted and then for this
11 council to turn around and say, well, I'm
12 not sure if we can invest because we don't
13 know the outcome of the cost, well, you know
14 something the residents and the taxpayers in
15 this city know the outcome of their costs
16 because they are losing their homes in
17 foreclosures because we have had councils
18 for too long that wanted to play politics
19 instead of being leaders.

20 And I am really troubled that this
21 council won't invest in the citizens of this
22 city and coming with every excuse you can
23 not to justify continuing forward, even
24 though prior councils knew it was a good
25 idea and people not -- people that are

1 writing editorials know it's a good idea. I
2 just think it's political and it should end.

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: Mr. Morgan, I resent
4 the fact that you're saying it's politics.
5 We are working for the City of Scranton, not
6 12, 13 other communities. If you don't see
7 what --

8 MR. MORGAN: We're not talking --

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: -- we are doing and
10 looking at the community that we are living
11 in right now, first of all, if they made
12 Scranton totally an industrial zone we still
13 wouldn't get guaranteed one business moving
14 into Scranton at today's rates with the
15 taxes as Mr. Rogan has stated.

16 MR. MORGAN: Sir, with all respect
17 to you, they are moving out of this
18 community.

19 MR. LOSCOMBE: They have been for
20 years. This plan is not going to bring them
21 in.

22 MR. MORGAN: How do you know that?

23 MR. LOSCOMBE: How do you know it
24 is?

25 MR. MORGAN: Well, I think that when

1 a lot of these --

2 MR. LOSCOMBE: A lot it is because
3 our taxes are --

4 MR. MORGAN: I'd like to say this
5 before I leave the podium, you know
6 something, a lot of communities in the
7 Commonwealth have joint plans like this and
8 there is a reason for it, and also I think
9 that when you bundle all of these
10 communities together you are going to get
11 lot of tax revenue because they are going to
12 fund the largest footprint, and if you take
13 enough time and this council takes enough
14 time to study this plan you might learn
15 something.

16 MR. LOSCOMBE: Would they consider
17 regionalization and all make their own
18 community rather than all of the other
19 municipalities that's where the savings
20 would be?

21 MS. EVANS: I just wanted to respond
22 to a few comments made by Mr. Morgan. First
23 of all, with regard to the Sewer Authority,
24 I think the better question to the Sewer
25 Authority is why did it fail to apply for

1 federal stimulus funds? We have been trying
2 to learn that answer for a number of months
3 and the Sewer Authority will not provide a
4 response to that. It was a great concern to
5 our Congressman, Mr. Kanjorski. They missed
6 the boat which means now the ratepayers have
7 missed the both. They are going to have to
8 makeup for what was not applied for.

9 Also, I think Mr. Morgan stated it's
10 time to try to something new and I couldn't
11 agree more. It certainly is time to try
12 something new and that's exactly what this
13 council has been doing. What have we been
14 doing new? We are pulling in the financial
15 reigns. We are watching the spending. We
16 are cutting the costs of the government. It
17 is irresponsible to agree to pay for a
18 program for a period of 20 years and not
19 know the annual costs of that program.

20 And my final question is, since
21 North Abington has dropped it's membership
22 in this plan why has it not be replaced?
23 Obviously now there is room for a new
24 community. Let's invite -- let SAPA invite
25 Dickson City to join or Taylor or Throop,

1 but there has been no invitations extended
2 nor has there been any pursuit of North
3 Abington for it's apparent vote to decline
4 implementation and further membership of
5 this plan.

6 Now, if SAPA is truly sincere about
7 having the participation of the City of
8 Scranton it can respond to the offers that
9 this council has made. Interestingly, it
10 has not.

11 Is there anyone else who would like
12 to address city council this evening?
13 Mr. Dobrzyn, you are closest.

14 MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening, Council.
15 Dave Dobrzyn, member of the Taxpayers',
16 resident of Scranton. Remember at the
17 beginning of the summer I mentioned about
18 trash accumulating in various places? Well,
19 I was by the center up there, the Salvation
20 Army, gates are left open again on several
21 occasions, I checked at night when I was
22 going through there on East Mountain and
23 that's how they get access into that whole
24 rail line and there is also a gas pipeline
25 there. And down behind McNichol's Plaza

1 it's getting bigger. I see some of the
2 traffic --

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: Right behind
4 McNichol's Plaza?

5 MR. DOBRZYN: Yeah. Directly across
6 from where the trolley tunnel comes out, I
7 don't know the name of the street because
8 it's not marked, but I have to look at a
9 map, but directly across from the power
10 convertor to the trolley line it switches it
11 from AC to DC, so it's quite a dump getting
12 started there.

13 Okay, in past weeks I have mentioned
14 with some of these contentious issues I
15 trust you people to reconcile if possible,
16 but don't give up or your principals.
17 That's -- you have every right in these
18 issues to demand an accountability and if
19 somebody doesn't want to account for
20 spending a certain department or whoever
21 then they are not trying either, so if they
22 don't try there is no -- no sense in trying.

23 Now, on this SAPA, I'm going to take
24 the other side of the story. I think that
25 SAPA should join the county planning

1 nobody that creates more pollution than
2 someone driving 50 miles to work back and
3 forth every day. You use more oxygen in
4 that trip than two or three people use in
5 their entire life time it's been
6 scientifically researched.

7 There is a out "Lives Per Gallon"
8 and if you live within a mile or half a mile
9 of a freeway or something like that, a busy
10 freeway, you will lose 1 percent of your
11 lung capacity before you are 20 years old,
12 so by the time you graduate high school you
13 are almost like you are smoking a pack a day
14 from cradle on up, so if people would be
15 willing to live closer and invest in the
16 city, and we seen it with the housing
17 collapse, if they had settled for some of
18 the nicer houses in this town they wouldn't
19 be in the condition they are out in the
20 Poconos or whatever and all of these
21 defaults and foreclosures.

22 And also with that stimulus I
23 understood that some of the highest billed
24 communities with that sewer authorities
25 actually got the stimulus and they are the

1 once that are all swelled up. They are the
2 richer communities where people have two or
3 three acre lawns and you have to run this
4 gigantic sewer line for how many extra miles
5 and it was actually setup that way so that
6 somebody got that.

7 And on the golden parrot award,
8 I'll make this quick, there is a 60's
9 association mailing letters out and so forth
10 and putting political ads on, well, they get
11 the golden parrot award, they are financed
12 by the drug companies.

13 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

14 MR. DOBRZYN: Have a good night.

15 MS. FRANUS: Fay Franus, Scranton.
16 On July 27 after I left the council meeting
17 I had spoke about ECTV, I went out into the
18 hallway I was harassed and on the elevator
19 and down in the basement all of the way to
20 my car, so that was about quarter to nine at
21 night, so when I got home at 9:00 I had
22 called the police and I filed a police
23 report. The police officer advised me to
24 come to city hall and get a copy of the tape
25 that the city has out in the hallway and

1 down in the basement.

2 So the next morning, July 28, I come
3 over to the IT Department who does the tapes
4 and I was told by the man there that I would
5 have to go to the Business Administration's
6 Office to see Stu Renda to get a
7 Right-to-Know letter for these tapes.

8 This man also told me that I only 30
9 days to do it because after 30 days they
10 would rewrite the tapes, meaning, they would
11 use the tape over again, so I had 30 days.
12 So I went, you know, it was on the day
13 after.

14 So I put a Right-to-Know letter in
15 and I requested the tape out in the hallway
16 at city council here by the elevator and I
17 requested the tape down in the basement and
18 I put on that Right-to-Know letter July 28,
19 2010, that I wanted the tapes secured and
20 made sure that they would not be erased
21 since I had 30 days. They told me it would
22 take a little while to get this tape to me
23 because they had to go through all of the
24 tapes. I requested the time frame of 8:40
25 to quarter after nine because I left here at

1 here quarter to nine so that was plenty of
2 time to have myself out in the hallway
3 taped.

4 So a week went by and I called and I
5 said, "Is the tape ready yet?"

6 And they said, no, it was not ready
7 yet they still needed more time. So this is
8 one week, so at the end of the second week I
9 called and it wasn't ready, but the next day
10 I get a call on August 11 and they said this
11 tape is ready for me to come and pick it up
12 so I did. I went and I picked it up and I
13 went home and i played it and it was the
14 hallway up in the hall by city council and
15 it was a hallway downstairs in the basement
16 just like I requested, but there was nobody
17 there. Not one person in the hallway.

18 So I came back August 12 and I said,
19 "It's impossible because I was there, and
20 I'm not in the film, so I am now requesting
21 a Right-to-Know letter for the whole meeting
22 that night of July 27 from 5:30 to 10:30."

23 This was a long meeting this way
24 they can't say I wasn't there. The lady in
25 Stu Renda's Office told me that -- she

1 called rather, she called IT Department, I
2 believe she talked to Frank Sweitnicki and
3 he came up to the office and he wanted to go
4 over this with me because I explained to him
5 that I wasn't in that tape and he didn't
6 know what happened, so I told him here is my
7 second Right-to-Know letter and it's a
8 requesting all of the meeting and I want
9 this tape secured and I do not want this
10 written over. I stressed that with him, I
11 put quotation marks around it. I put a
12 circle around it and he understood
13 completely.

14 Well, since that time and to the
15 present I have been getting nothing but the
16 run around from city hall and Stu Renda and
17 his office and the IT Department. Jason
18 from the IT Department has been very nice,
19 but I've still been getting the run around.

20 So I would call and Stu Renda would
21 not be there, so I would stop over, he would
22 not be there, he would be in a meeting or
23 something, so I asked to have him call me.
24 Well, he wouldn't return my phone call,
25 well, he never returned my phone call, so

1 this went on for days, I have him on speed
2 dial. So I would come back, still no Stu
3 Renda, still no phone calls, so now we are
4 into September.

5 So one day I got Stu and he said
6 something about, well, we are investigating
7 this and he mentioned quickly, he said,
8 "well, those tapes are erased after two days
9 --" two weeks, rather.

10 And I said, "Oh, no, Stu, I was told
11 specifically 30 days and that tape had
12 better not be erased."

13 So he said, "Well, we are
14 investigating it and we'll get back to you."

15 So I called Frank in IT and asked
16 for him to call me back, left messages
17 numerous times saying make sure this tape is
18 secure, no return phone calls.

19 Last week I called Stu Renda's
20 Office again he didn't call me back. I
21 called back in the afternoon, he went home
22 sick. The next day on Friday I called, he
23 said he would -- they said he would call me
24 back, I called back afternoon he went home
25 at lunch that day, he went home for the day

1 at noon. Just left.

2 I called Frank's office, the IT
3 Department and they told me that he wasn't
4 there, but Jason told me that was on
5 Thursday that he would talk to him, so I
6 called on Friday and Jason told me that he
7 had talked to Frank that night and he was
8 told from Frank that Stu Renda was handling
9 this and he was not explain anything to me
10 the Stu Renda was to explain it. He could
11 not explain it, only Stu Renda could. May I
12 finish?

13 MS. EVANS: Yes.

14 MS. FRANUS: So, okay, so I called
15 up Stu Renda's Office on Friday and asked
16 for an appointment with him, they said he
17 wasn't there and they asked him about it and
18 set it up and get back to me. So Monday
19 came, nobody called to setup the appointment
20 so I let it go. Tuesday morning, today, I
21 called the mayor's office and asked for an
22 appointment with the mayor and Stu Renda.

23 The secretary was very nice and she
24 called me back and said that Stu Renda had
25 said that he had sent you a letter today

1 with the information that you had requested,
2 what I asked to be released. I didn't
3 understand that, so I called Stu Renda's
4 Office and, of course, he wasn't there. So
5 I came over here, I said to the lady, I
6 said, "I'm coming over here for this letter
7 that he sent me that I'll get tomorrow
8 because I want to see what it says."

9 So I come over. Stu left it there
10 for me, part of it. It said that I was
11 denied my request and that attached to this
12 was a letter from Frank from the IT
13 Department explaining why. Well, there was
14 no letter attached so I called and asked him
15 to e-mail it to me and I got it. And what
16 it said was the first tape I got -- when I
17 got tape home, like I said, there was a hall
18 with nobody in it they said -- let me see,
19 wait a second. He said they got new
20 equipment this year and the DVR was
21 displaying the correct time, but it was not
22 recording the video with the correct time
23 stamp, whatever that means, and they are
24 sorry about this.

25 And here's the clincher, he said he

1 was not aware of my second request until the
2 end of August and he was sorry about the
3 tape was erased, after I specifically said
4 to them from the IT Department on August 12,
5 "Secure this tape."

6 They knew it. They saw it, they had
7 it in writing, how could they say they
8 weren't aware of it when I stressed this in
9 a Right-to-Know letter? I stressed it right
10 to their face in the IT Department.

11 So this is all a coverup. This is
12 all a way of them not to have evidence from
13 me of what happened in the hall. They could
14 say whatever they want to say, they are out
15 and out liars. I have been getting the
16 runaround from this administration and they
17 are doing their very best to cover this up.
18 I can't do it think about it, I never
19 expected to get it because I know exactly
20 how they work, but I just wanted the people
21 to know what lengths these people go to to
22 cover stuff up and to take care of their
23 own.

24 I know the truth, I know what
25 happened, they could say whatever they want

1 to say. I mean, I may not even win in
2 Court, it doesn't matter. I know what
3 happened, but I think these departments
4 should be looked into by the mayor. I think
5 Stu Renda should be more accountable to the
6 people instead of lying. He passes it over
7 to IT, IT passes back to him, he passes it
8 over to them, nobody is accountable for
9 anything, but they want to make sure enough
10 time has passed so they could say that this
11 tape was used by never knowing of all the
12 days that I called what was going on. They
13 knew from day one this tape would never be
14 available.

15 That's all. I just wanted the
16 people to know what's going on around this
17 city and how in my opinion how totally
18 corrupt they are. This is just a little
19 think and I'm sure you deal with many big
20 things every day with what they do and I
21 feel bad that you have to deal with this,
22 that you have to wear this criticism,
23 Mrs. Evans. I think it's terrible you have
24 to take and the rest of the council members.

25 And as far as SAPA is concerned I

1 remember years ago when Judy Gatelli, well,
2 not years ago last week, the years they were
3 on council, how you may have wanted
4 something, Mrs. Evans, and they said no to
5 it, and that was the end of it. It was
6 never brought up again. There was never
7 anything in the paper about what you wanted.
8 But, brother, the mayor doesn't get what he
9 wants and the city administration doesn't
10 get what they want with SAPA so all of a
11 sudden bring it up, bring it up, bring it
12 up. It's over with. The vote said, no,
13 it's done, and thank you.

14 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

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

18 MR. JOYCE: Good evening.

19 MS. SCHUMACHER: First I'd like to
20 thank I think it's DPW, I'm not really sure
21 where Dunmore starts or ends and Scranton
22 begins, but I frequently take the cut
23 through to East Mountain from -- through
24 Bunker Hill, you go down Ash Street and I'm
25 very thankful, my dentist probably isn't

1 because my -- the fillings in my teeth won't
2 be getting bounced out any longer, but it
3 was really terrible and I have often thought
4 over the last couple of years that I have
5 used it and I see them patching in the
6 summertime and I think as many times as they
7 have patched those I wonder if they had just
8 redone it if we wouldn't have saved money,
9 but it has been paved, it's wonderful and if
10 it was our DPW I thank them if that's really
11 in Dunmore and it was Dunmore who did it I
12 thank them, but it's wonderful.

13 Next, I'd like to move on to
14 Robinson Park, which is 7-C on the agenda
15 tonight. I did see an article in today's
16 Times-Tribune, I believe it may have been
17 yesterday, regarding the Weinberg Foundation
18 funding for Weston field. The article
19 admitted that the funds not received in the
20 time frame of about 2003 were replaced with
21 proceeds from the \$72 million bond that the
22 mayor took out in the first year of his
23 administration.

24 I previously noted that the mayor
25 took funds that he promised for Robinson

1 Park upgrades. Those Robinson Park upgrades
2 have never occurred and as you may recall or
3 may not even know, Robinson Park is used
4 Monday through Friday by the -- up by the
5 ARC, so it is well-utilized and certainly
6 would be an inappropriate investment in
7 funds, and I think some language needs to be
8 incorporated into this ordinance tonight to
9 fund the so-called stolen Robinson Park
10 funding.

11 I think that if that money was
12 transferred to replace the money that was
13 six years late that now that they are
14 getting that money that money should be
15 transferred back and Robinson -- the
16 promised upgrades to Robinson Park should
17 happen sooner rather than later.

18 Next, there have been comments from
19 this podium over the last couple of weeks
20 and many places as you go about traffic
21 signals. Now, as we all know the
22 signalization program throughout the city is
23 now only six months away from being bid out
24 and it's my understanding that this program
25 will replace the controller equipment in the

1 lights, the signal heads, install light
2 emitting diode lights and a radio which is
3 actually a wireless connection so that the
4 traffic signals can talk to one another and
5 a computer and software so that all of the
6 lights may be monitored from the DPW
7 headquarters.

8 So given that this program is only
9 six months off I must question why we are in
10 the process of replacing the current
11 incandescent lights with LED lights. It's,
12 again, my understanding because I heard it
13 in conversation is that what's been
14 happening is they are replacing the LED
15 lights or replacing the incandescent with
16 LED light, that's what happened at Mulberry,
17 but the lights, the boxes themselves, the
18 signals themselves are like 30 years old and
19 whatever happens when they put the LED
20 equipment in it burns out the controller and
21 there are no spare controllers so they have
22 to be rebuilt, and I guess my bottom line
23 again is do we have that kind of money to
24 burn that we can't stand incandescent lights
25 before six months before the signalization

1 program comes along? Personally I don't
2 think so and I think it's a waste of our
3 taxpayer funds whether it's local taxpayers
4 who are paying or whether it's the federal
5 government stimulus. A waste is a waste.

6 Okay, and on the capital budget, I
7 wonder has anybody requested the
8 controller's report on capital expenses?

9 MR. JOYCE: No.

10 MS. EVANS: Finish, please.

11 MS. SCHUMACHER: I think that might
12 be a good start in knowing what projects are
13 in that -- in the capital program. And then
14 finally, just quickly, although maybe I
15 should hold it, I'm back to my favorite
16 subject, but since Attorney Hughes isn't
17 here tonight and I think he will probably --
18 maybe he will have some input, but the
19 bottom line is back on the Ice Box, I have
20 paperwork in here on all of the -- to
21 fulfill everything except the ordinance that
22 was required for that \$600,000 payment, and
23 I'll go into the details next week, but I
24 don't think that deed that was filed I think
25 it had the wrong paperwork and I'll address

1 that next week, if I may. Thank you.

2 MR. JOYCE: Thank you.

3 MS. EVANS: Ms. Schumacher, I just
4 wanted to say that I don't know that council
5 would be able to amend the legislation for
6 the Weinberg grant in that it is an
7 agreement between that organization and the
8 City of Scranton that funding is used to pay
9 down the debt on the Weston Field project
10 that was completed in 2004. I know that
11 individuals who oversee that grant program
12 did walkthroughs of Weston field, I'm going
13 to read a letter under the vote that will
14 explain Mr. Renda's response to the
15 questions that I posed, and so it would seem
16 that the agreement limits us to solely
17 Weston Field, but that does not mean that
18 Robinson Park should be ignored all of these
19 years. I understand your concerns and I
20 know how many years back they go and that's
21 why I think it's very important that we
22 have, for example, a proper capital budget
23 presented to city council so that we can
24 understand what happened to Robinson Park,
25 for example, among other issues about which

1 we have questions.

2 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, I'm certainly
3 in agreement with that, but, also, I --
4 again, I went to the Weinberg Foundation
5 website and it distinctly says "funds are
6 not to be used to pay down debt," so, you
7 know, we are sort of going against the will
8 of the Weinbergers if we are using that
9 money pay down debt. Anybody can access it.
10 Thank you.

11 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Next?

12 MR. TALIMINI: Joe Talimini, citizen
13 of Scranton. I'd like that issue with the
14 previous speaker who chastises counsel for
15 not doing anything and I'd like to tell you
16 that since I have been covering this council
17 it's been almost six years now, this the
18 first time under this present council that
19 we have ever had answers for any of the
20 questions we have asked, that's number one.

21 Number two, to imply that this
22 council is a do nothing council I could have
23 attest to the fact that Mr. Rogan and
24 Mr. Joyce were both introduced to a
25 businessman who was contemplating moving

1 into Scranton and exactly what Mr. Rogan
2 said the man could not afford to move into
3 Scranton because of the taxation.

4 Mr. Loscombe, we discussed a real
5 estate issue at one time, a gentleman who
6 wanted to buy a piece of property to
7 redevelop that same piece of property into
8 the present, with all the existing
9 conditions it was, he was denied that
10 because of something that happened three or
11 four years ago by a previous owner, and
12 that's what discourages people from moving
13 into this city.

14 The very fact that they can get no
15 answers and the answers they did get were
16 very, very much slanted in favor of people
17 who had nothing to do. That same piece of
18 property, incidentally, was sold to a
19 developer and will probably be going under
20 the same routine it was alleged to have
21 gone.

22 Now, I hear this issue constantly
23 about, well, this is federal money, it's
24 federal. Like hell it is. It's my money
25 and it's your money. I don't care if came

1 from federal, the state, the county or the
2 city. It's our money and I, quite frankly,
3 am up to here with this administration. You
4 have an authority here, you have an
5 authority there, you have an authority here
6 and nobody answers to the people, they
7 answer to the administration and the
8 administration only.

9 Now, a prime example of something
10 that was really disgusting this year was the
11 fact that in the poorest section of town a
12 pool was not opened for the kids because
13 there was not money in, but they sure in
14 hell had a big fireworks display at Nay Aug
15 Park and everything turned around is Nay Aug
16 Park. Well, I suggest that you change the
17 name of the City of Scranton to Nay Aug
18 Parkville or change Mulberry Street to
19 Universityway because that's the only damn
20 thing in this town that gets any attention
21 is Nay Aug Park and the University of
22 Scranton.

23 I have right here something that's
24 called a fourth branch of government. It's
25 called "Is the people." The government

1 exists for the sole purpose of serving the
2 people, not ruling the people. The
3 Declaration of Independence establishes the
4 supremacy to people and the right and duty
5 to defend the rights of the people over the
6 acts of government.

7 When the government violates the
8 constitution, it is a duty of the people to
9 rise up against the government to bring the
10 government into compliance with the
11 constitution.

12 Now, the entire constitution of the
13 State of Pennsylvania and this Home Rule
14 Charter is very, very flawed. They both
15 need to be reexamined and reexamined soon or
16 this state is going to go completely
17 bankrupt and down the tubes, and it's well
18 on the way to going there now.

19 I listened to a gentleman tonight
20 talk about the cost of something, the cost
21 of something, the cost of something and why
22 the city is saying they can't do something
23 about it. Well, there are a lot of people
24 in this town who can't afford to pay and, of
25 course, there are some people in this town

1 who won't pay their bills. Thank you very
2 much.

3 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Talimini.
4 Is there anyone else who cares to address
5 council? Mrs. Krake?

6 MS. KRAKE: FIFTH ORDER. 5-A.
7 MOTIONS.

8 THE COURT: Mr. McGoff, do you have
9 any comments or any motions at this time?

10 MR. MCGOFF: Please. I'd just like
11 a couple of comments, actually some things
12 that took place at the last meeting and
13 maybe some responses to some things that
14 have been said this evening.

15 As far as the traffic signals are
16 concerned, I'll contact -- Mrs. Schumacher,
17 I'll contact Mr. Brazil tomorrow and see if
18 I can find out what the reasoning is for the
19 changing of the lights and so on and if
20 there is any reason for doing so or you know
21 what the problems have been and also how it
22 does align with the overall traffic
23 signalization plan, hopefully I can get to
24 that tomorrow.

25 As far as the questioning of

1 council's decisions on SAPA, I would like to
2 point out that those questions that have
3 come up lately have not been from the one
4 critic on council of the decision and not
5 been from the administration that those have
6 come from the community and from outside
7 sources or people outside of the
8 administration, so it's -- to characterize
9 it as being, you know, as the administration
10 questioning that really has not taken place.

11 Last week and this evening there was
12 some mention of the loan portfolio from OECD
13 and I know Mr. Rogan read through the loans
14 that were in litigation, I just wanted to
15 point out that since 2002 the loan portfolio
16 for economic development has had 61 total
17 loans. Of those, 37 are open, currently
18 open; 17 have been satisfied and the seven
19 that Mr. Rogan read the other evening, last
20 meeting, represents somewhere about 11
21 percent of the total loan portfolio, so I
22 think just read the ones that were in
23 litigation it does a disservice to the
24 entire -- to the overall program conducted
25 by OECD and the loan program.

1 Also, I would like to -- last week
2 an offhanded comment was made about the
3 people -- city workers not wishing to do
4 their work or not having things -- city
5 workers not responding, departments not
6 responding to requests. I think that
7 comment was somewhat demeaning and
8 inaccurate. It's been my experience that
9 every citizen request made to the
10 departments for the city are acted upon.
11 The only ones that I -- in speaking with
12 members of the heads of the departments and
13 others, the only requests that may not be
14 acted upon are those that are received
15 anonymously. Someone is calling and not
16 giving the name or an address or any other
17 type of identification.

18 The response by the city departments
19 may not be immediate and sometimes the
20 resolution may not be the desired resolution
21 that you have, that people have, but they
22 are acted upon, and I think that we need to
23 stop relying on the send a letter idea and
24 we need to develop a working relationship
25 with the city departments. I think at the

1 current time what we are doing is we are
2 developing somewhat of an adversarial
3 relationship and that doesn't necessarily
4 get things done. I think that a more
5 personal relationship with city departments
6 is going to be much more appropriate.

7 And lastly, Comcast. Again,
8 comments made last week about the overall
9 Comcast agreement. Council approved the
10 Comcast contract, the renewal, and then when
11 it was vetoed did nothing to override the
12 veto and then last week we hear from council
13 that there were things wrong with the
14 contract and now we are going to probably
15 start the entire negotiations over again.
16 If there were problems with the contract,
17 why was it voted -- why was it approved in
18 the first place by council?

19 The second thing we heard criticisms
20 of the RFP for the PEG channel. The RFP
21 that I received or at least the model was
22 signed by both Attorney Hughes and Attorney
23 Kelly. It would have been my assumption
24 that the RFP was done under the approval of
25 the majority of council or constructed

1 anyhow. Why now are we criticizing it if is
2 it, in fact, we were the ones that
3 negotiated it or constructed it?

4 ECTV has been criticized by a number
5 of people for lack of programming and then
6 last week it gets criticized for adding
7 programming or agreeing to add programing
8 from the school district.

9 I think that council instead of
10 providing a lot of rhetoric and revisionist
11 history regarding had contract really needs
12 to sit down and do something to settle the
13 Comcast -- or I should say the cable
14 franchise agreement. We seem to be
15 vacillating on what we want to do with this
16 and just stagnated the entire process. I
17 think we need to sit down and decide what it
18 is what we really want to do with this
19 contract and move forward, and that's all I
20 have for this evening. Thank you.

21 MR. ROGAN: First, I would just like
22 to respond to a couple of things Mr. McGoff
23 said. It was me that made the comment last
24 week about sometimes things not getting
25 done, and I would disagree with Mr. McGoff's

1 statement that citizens' requests are always
2 answered. I know if we go into the office
3 Mrs. Krake has kept a file of nonresponses
4 and often times during clerk's notes we
5 would hear a very, very long list of
6 nonresponses, and I wouldn't say it's the
7 city employees as a whole, but there are
8 certain city employees who have not been
9 answering to council's requests.

10 MR. MCGOFF: That's the request of
11 letters being sent. It's not necessarily
12 the work being done. I think you should
13 check on what -- is the work actually being
14 done that's being requested.

15 MR. ROGAN: And I would also mention
16 that often times we get letters in our
17 mailboxes from residents that say they have
18 been trying for years and calling department
19 heads and they have been calling city
20 council, and often times things aren't even
21 checked up on.

22 And, you know, the comment wasn't
23 meant to be demeaning towards any city
24 employees. Like I said, the majority of
25 them do a great job, but it was just out of

1 frustration that every week we go to a
2 different neighborhood with a different
3 concern and often times nothing is done and
4 it just becomes very frustrating and, you
5 know, what I mentioned was having people who
6 were doing community service for an
7 organization, I know people need to do
8 community service to graduate high school
9 and have them do some of the work. For
10 instance, some lots, a few lots that I got
11 requests for that were overgrown a couple of
12 people who needed community service hours I
13 talked to them, you know, I talked to some
14 neighborhood organizations and have them go
15 and clean up the lots instead of, you know,
16 trying to get in contact with multiple, you
17 know, parts of government and have them do
18 it, so if we could kill two birds with one
19 stone.

20 Secondly, on the loans, I only read
21 the loans that were in litigation because I
22 was requested by a few residents to read off
23 those loans, and next time I will read the
24 whole list, I guess, and the 11 percent I
25 didn't run the numbers, it may be accurate,

1 but I'm willing to bet that it's more than
2 11 percent of the total dollar amount of the
3 loans because some of them that are in
4 litigation are the bigger dollar amounts.

5 Next, onto SAPA. Once again, you
6 know, Mr. Talimini made a really good point.
7 This was probably about three or four months
8 ago I went to meet a business owner who owns
9 multiple diners around the region, but none
10 in Scranton, and I asked him why he didn't
11 have any in the City of Scranton and he was
12 very blunt about it. He basically said that
13 by having a diner in Dickson City, Dunmore,
14 right on of the outskirts of Scranton the
15 residents from Scranton will travel to eat
16 at his restaurant, but he won't have to pay
17 the city taxes.

18 And, you know, Mr. Morgue was
19 mentioning editorials and letters to the
20 editor they were in support of SAPA and the
21 majority of the letters to the editor in the
22 paper that are in support of SAPA were from
23 outside of Scranton. They were from the
24 Abingtons, they were from the outsider
25 regions because they receive the majority of

1 the benefit from SAPA.

2 And second of all of, the reason why
3 an editorial is on the opinion page is
4 because it's just an opinion, it's not fact.
5 We only have one newspaper in this town,
6 there is only one opinion. Many big cities
7 that have two newspapers you will have an
8 editorial in one saying one thing and an
9 editorial in the other paper saying another
10 thing, so you have will have two different
11 points of view.

12 And finally, on the OECD money, I
13 know not everybody was able to make it to
14 the meeting, but if anybody has any comments
15 or suggestions feel free to contact our
16 office. We will be making amendments in the
17 future and, you know, the bottom line is
18 these are tax dollars. People think it's
19 just money that we can play around with, a
20 lot of people say, oh, we want to use it for
21 this and use it for this.

22 Number one, Mr. McGoff mentioned
23 before you have apply to receive the funds,
24 so we can't just decide, well, you know, we
25 want to use the money for this, if the

1 organization didn't apply we can't give it
2 to them. And second of all, at the end of
3 the day even though this money is HUD money
4 from the federal government your tax dollars
5 pay for that money. And that's all I have.
6 Mr. Loscombe?

7 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you, Mr. Rogan.
8 I just have a couple quick items based on
9 what was discussed here this evening and a
10 couple of other things.

11 I agree with Mr. McGoff to a certain
12 degree that these -- I mean, there is a good
13 response from the departments, it hasn't
14 always been that way. I have reached out
15 personally to some of the departments heads
16 and have found success that way, but you
17 mentioned about the paperwork and have the
18 jobs been done, have we checked it out,
19 well, part of the reason for the paperwork
20 is to continue a paper trail to make sure
21 that the requests was put in that was
22 followed up. If the work was done they
23 should respond that it has been completed so
24 we not sending duplicate letters. That's
25 just one of the functionalities, I believe,

1 of the departments. Even though they may
2 complain about the paperwork it does, you
3 know, show everyone what was completed.

4 You mentioned the Comcast agreement
5 that was approved by city council. That is
6 correct. It was approved, as amended, by
7 city council and then it was vetoed by the
8 mayor. You also mentioned, Mr. McGoff,
9 about our RFP for the PEG channel that both
10 lawyers had signed onto, our solicitor and
11 the city solicitor. I only find the city
12 solicitor's name on this RFP, and as I
13 stated last week what was highlighted in
14 there is a one-sided RFP. The reservation
15 of rights by the city, this leaves us out of
16 the mix. There is no checks and balances.
17 The city expressly reserves the right at any
18 time to reject any and all proposals
19 submitted in response to this RFP, reissue a
20 new RFP, procure any EG channel services
21 specified in this RFP by any other means.
22 Determine that no EG channel will be
23 activated and/or continued in operation.
24 Waive or correct any defect or error in any
25 proposal or proposal procedure or prior to

1 the deadline for submission of proposals
2 modify the selection procedures for an EG
3 channel administrator including deadlines
4 for accepting proposals, the specifications
5 for any services to be provided to the city
6 or the requirements for contents or format
7 of the proposals.

8 This isn't a proposal this is a gift
9 from the city. We have to oversee this and
10 we have to be a part of this and that's why
11 I don't like about this RFP, but to say that
12 our council and our solicitor signed onto
13 this that's incorrect. It was only Attorney
14 Kelly's signature on here.

15 And I'm happy see that the lights
16 are back in action at Harrison and Mulberry
17 Street. As we mentioned last week, the
18 problem we are having with our
19 signalization. I believe we received a
20 letter this week from Roseanne Novembrino,
21 city controller, to have a meeting this
22 Friday with all of the interested parties,
23 public works, Urban Electric and the city
24 controller's office to go over some of those
25 problems and I hope it's resolved at that

1 point and maybe we could ask some of these
2 other questions about the changing the
3 lights, the LED's and stuff like that, but
4 that's all I have at this time. Thank you.

5 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Loscombe.
6 Mr. Joyce, any comments or motions?

7 MR. JOYCE: Just a few brief
8 comments. First I want to talk a little bit
9 about the nonprofits again. To provide
10 everyone with a brief update on my
11 progression with the nonprofits, I was
12 speaking with President Cook from Mercy
13 Hospital. During our conversation he did
14 inform that though Mercy Hospital does pay
15 some taxes on some of their properties such
16 as parking garages, after being informed of
17 that by a CFO he does understand Scranton's
18 situation.

19 Mr. Cook also informed that he has
20 started to reach out and place calls to
21 President Murphy from Moses Taylor Hospital
22 as well as President Stegmeir from CMC, and
23 in effort to possibly put together a joint
24 contribution from all three hospitals to the
25 city.

1 In the mean time, I'm also in the
2 process of setting up a meeting with
3 President Murphy hopefully at some time in
4 October right now to discuss one of these
5 issues as well, and just to reiterate,
6 President Murphy is the president of Moses
7 Taylor Hospital.

8 As I continue my efforts, I will
9 continue to update you on a weekly basis as
10 well. I am very much hoping that by working
11 together hopefully the city can receive a
12 contribution financially from the three
13 hospitals in our city, and I think that
14 would be a really great plus.

15 Secondly, I wanted to talk about the
16 status of our audit. From the last update
17 sent by Rossi & Rossi, and this was sent
18 last week to our office, it's apparent that
19 there is still some open issues with our
20 audit and completing it. And just to
21 provide a brief background, this is
22 something that is supposed to be to done by
23 May 31 as dictated by the Home Rule Charter
24 and as Rossi & Rossi informs in their
25 correspondence with us, they are still

1 waiting for the details of the entries
2 posted on OECD records to explain the due to
3 the city's general fund balance is
4 \$517,814.20 whereas the city's general fund
5 balance due from OECD is only \$254,932.33.

6 In addition to this, they are also
7 waiting for some details supporting the
8 police department's submissions to the
9 Department of Justice for federal
10 reimbursement for various grants.

11 With that in mind and considering
12 that it is past mid-September now, and that
13 is far past the May 31 deadline if you could
14 send a correspondence to Mr. Renda from
15 Council's Office just asking him if this is
16 completed yet, if this information is
17 provided, and when does he expect that it
18 will be provided to Rossi & Rossi.

19 And finally, I have a few citizens'
20 requests. First, a South Scranton resident
21 has reported that a streetlight is out in
22 the alley directly behind 1216 Stafford
23 Avenue. The resident informed that they
24 accessed the site where residents can report
25 lights that are out, and for anyone at home

1 in case you don't know it's www.slout.com.

2 However, this resident has informed
3 that they reported the pole number out, oh,
4 about two weeks ago or so and that usually
5 when they have reported issues like this in
6 the past it was taken care of in a few days.
7 So if, Mrs. Krake, you can send a letter to
8 Mr. Kearns I'd greatly appreciate it just
9 asking him if this is on their list and, you
10 know, any reason for their delay because I
11 know from experience when I first came onto
12 council that's one of the first things that
13 I sent out and Mr. Kearns was very great in
14 that they fixed that within I think it was a
15 one or two-day time frame from the date of
16 the request.

17 Also, one final request, I have been
18 informed by a member of the Iacavazzi
19 family, and in case you don't know that's
20 referring to Cosmo Iacavazzi, who is a
21 legend at West Scranton High School that the
22 street sign reading "Cosmo Iacavazzi Way" in
23 front of the West Scranton High School on
24 the right-hand side is down and it's been
25 missing for a period of time now. And the

1 family had contacted me, so with this could
2 we also send a letter to Mr. Brazil and ask
3 him if the sign can be replaced or if he
4 knows of it's whereabouts. I do not know
5 why it was taken down or if it was just
6 damaged or replaced. And that's all I have
7 for tonight.

8 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Joyce.

9 MR. JOYCE: You're welcome.

10 MS. EVANS: Good evening. Prior to
11 it's regularly scheduled meeting tonight
12 city council conducted a public hearing on
13 2011 CDBG, HOME and ESG programs. Having
14 heard public testimony, council will
15 consider changes to the allocations proposed
16 by the mayor and the Office of Economic and
17 Community Development. Council is not in
18 agreement with a number of these
19 administrative proposal.

20 While we do fully intend to fund
21 local social service agencies that provide
22 essential help to the poor, the homeless,
23 the elderly, battered women and children and
24 the veterans of our community, our major
25 priorities are the people's priorities.

1 Public safety, which includes
2 allocations for the Scranton police and fire
3 department, blight removal and renovations
4 and street paving. We pledged to provide
5 these I am profits to Scranton taxpayers
6 during our 2009 election campaign and we
7 will once again uphold our pledge to you.

8 Because a 30-day waiting period
9 following a public hearing is required by
10 federal statutes, the third and final
11 reading of this legislation will occur and
12 will include council's changes to
13 allocations on Tuesday, October 26, 2010.

14 In the interim, I would like to make
15 an additional request of Ms. Aebli for
16 information. Please request the following
17 information on behalf of council tomorrow,
18 Mrs. Krake, in the form of a Right-to-Know
19 request: What is the total dollar amount
20 for UDAG? What dollar amount for UDAG funds
21 will OECD realize in 2011 and 2012? Council
22 is aware that the program was eliminated
23 decades ago, yet, UDAG monies have remained
24 available annually for at least the past
25 nine years.

1 Also, council requests a detailed
2 breakdown of program delivery costs for each
3 grant to include the CDBG program, HOME
4 investment program, ESG program, UDAG, and
5 any and all other grants administered by the
6 Scranton Office of Economic and Community
7 Development from January 1, 2004, through
8 October 18, 2010. The breakdown must also
9 include an accounting of the use of each
10 cost of program delivery.

11 Council is aware of the internal
12 accounting system utilized by OECD and
13 requests copies of documents included in
14 this system for the aforementioned years to
15 verify the information requested.

16 Next, after numerous written
17 requests and telephone calls, council awaits
18 the following legislation from the city
19 legal department.

20 Number one, the 2011 update of the
21 capital budget improvement plan of 2008 and
22 fulfillment of the Home Rule Charter Section
23 904, capital budget. The council shall
24 adopt a capital budget with or without
25 amendments after the public hearing, but no

1 later than December 15 of the current fiscal
2 year according to Section 906 of the Home
3 Rule Charter. Therefore, the capital budget
4 must be submitted to council on or before
5 November 1, 2010, to establish 2010
6 compliance with the Home Rule Charter.

7 Second, the legislation for bidding
8 of professional services which was requested
9 by council over five months ago. Neither
10 the mayor, former City Solicitor Patterson,
11 nor current Solicitor Kelly have yet
12 provided this legislation which will offer
13 transparency and possible savings to the
14 taxpayers and a level playing field to
15 professionals and businesses.

16 The mayor went on record in April of
17 2010 stating that all professional services
18 should be put out to bid. Since that time,
19 however, he has failed to produce any action
20 on his empty words.

21 Number three, the legislation for a
22 rental registration officer which was
23 requested by council over six months ago.
24 To date, neither the mayor, former Solicitor
25 Patterson nor Solicitor Kelly have provided

1 the legislation to council. At the same
2 time, a hole remains in the 2010 budget for
3 rental registration revenue. Equally
4 important, this failure to submit the
5 legislation seemingly indicates that the
6 administration does not intend to
7 aggressively pursue rental registrations
8 during fiscal year 2011. Not only does our
9 city lose much needed revenue, but also our
10 taxpayers and homeowners are denied
11 protection from absentee landlords.

12 For nine months city council has
13 demonstrated it's respect and cooperation by
14 placing all of the mayor's legislation on
15 it's agenda for consideration and adoption,
16 by meeting with the mayor and various
17 department heads and by following the
18 procedures required by the mayor for
19 submission of various requests among other
20 actions.

21 As city council president, I believe
22 it is long past time that the mayor and his
23 administration cooperate with this city
24 council to save tax dollars, lift the
25 curtain of secrecy, level the playing field

1 for businesses and professionals and solve
2 the neighborhood problems created by
3 absentee landlords.

4 And as I look out in the audience I
5 see one of tonight's speakers who provided
6 us with a detailed account of her inability
7 to obtain tapes of this building, security
8 tapes or surveillance tapes, whatever one
9 appropriately should call them, I remember
10 last week another citizen telling us that a
11 tape requested by him of the very same
12 evening due to additional harassment was
13 also not available because outdoor
14 surveillance cameras were not working.

15 Perhaps this is a coincidence, but
16 if it is, you know, I think any one of us
17 would question what has been going on and it
18 isn't something that I approve of and,
19 Mrs. Krake, if we can send a letter to
20 Mr. Renda and the mayor, council would like
21 to know why Ms. Franus' tape was not
22 provided, and it is interesting to see that
23 very much like members of this council, at
24 least four members of this council, that the
25 taxpayers of the city also receive no

1 responses from the administration. I think
2 that is most telling, unfortunately.

3 Finally, I have a few citizens'
4 requests for the week: Minooka residents
5 request the paving Penman Street and O'Neill
6 Street.

7 Dickson Avenue residents report
8 seeing numerous syringes in front of the
9 parking lot owned by Daron Northeast.
10 Please contact the appropriate city
11 departments and Daron Northeast to address
12 this issue.

13 Structures at 10 and 13 Olive Street
14 were damaged by fire and are boarded up.
15 City residents ask to know when these houses
16 will be demolished.

17 And please send a letter on behalf
18 of Scranton City Council to the Scranton
19 Parking Authority and the legal department
20 of the city requesting legislation to
21 approve the 2011 Scranton Parking Authority
22 budget as per the Scranton Parking Authority
23 prospectus, and that's it.

24 MS. KRAKE: Mrs. Evans, at this time
25 I would like to apologize. Our solicitor is

1 not here this evening, but this morning we
2 did receive the legislation for the bidding
3 of the professional services and since it
4 does include amending the Home Rule Charter
5 and so on and our office was reviewing it
6 and we had hoped to have the solicitor
7 review it, I had not passed on that
8 information to council, so at least I can
9 say they did make this first step.

10 MS. EVANS: Well, thank you very
11 much.

12 MS. KRAKE: You're welcome.

13 MR. JOYCE: Good.

14 MS. EVANS: It's just ashame that it
15 has taken five months and numerous letters
16 and numerous phone calls to get to this
17 first step and hopefully Solicitor Hughes
18 can take a look at that in the very near
19 future and advise us as to how best we
20 should proceed.

21 MS. KRAKE: Thank you. 5-B.

22 ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE
23 HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD
24 ("HARB") AND APPROVING THE CERTIFICATE OF
25 APPROPRIATENESS FOR HEMMLER + CAMAYD

1 ARCHITECTS, 409 LACKAWANNA AVENUE, SCRANTON,
2 PENNSYLVANIA FOR FAÇADE MASONRY CLEANING;
3 PAINTING OF TRIMS AND PANELS; NEW ALUMINUM
4 COPING; FACING FINISHING AND PAINTING OF NEW
5 SIGN FRIEZE; NEW SIGNAGE; RECONSTRUCTION
6 OF FIRST-FLOOR STOREFRONTS; CERAMIC TILE
7 KNEE WALL; NEW ALUMINUM GLAZING AND NEW
8 PILASTERS AND DOOR SURROUND AT 426 SPRUCE
9 STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

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

13 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

14 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

18 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

19 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

21 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

22 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
23 have it and so moved.

24 MS. KRAKE: 5-C. APPOINTMENT OF
25 WAYNE EVANS, 717 ALDER STREET, SCRANTON,

1 PENNSYLVANIA, 18505, TO THE HISTORICAL
2 ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD. MR. EVANS WILL
3 REPLACE JOHN T. COGNETTI WHO RESIGNED ON
4 AUGUST 10, 2010. MR. EVANS' WILL FULFILL
5 THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF MR. COGNETTI, WHOSE
6 TERM WILL EXPIRE OCTOBER 11, 2014.

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

10 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

11 MR. JOYCE: Second.

12 MS. EVANS: On the question? All
13 those in favor of introduction signify by
14 saying aye.

15 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

16 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

17 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

18 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

21 MS. KRAKE: 5-D. APPOINTMENT OF
22 GENE P. TESEROVITCH, 1514 THACKERY STREET,
23 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18504, AS A MEMBER
24 OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION. MR. TESEROVITCH
25 WILL BE REPLACING WAYNE EVANS, WHO RESIGNED

1 ON AUGUST 11, 2010. MR. TESEROVITCH WILL
2 FULFILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF MR. EVANS,
3 WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE ON JULY 12, 2015.

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

7 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

8 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

9 MS. EVANS: On the question?

10 MR. ROGAN: Yes. Mrs. Krake, could
11 we please request a resume? Thank you.

12 MS. EVANS: I'd like to add, we have
13 no need to request an additional resume from
14 Mr. Wayne Evans in that he recently had
15 submitted one when he was being reappointed,
16 I believe, to the Ethics Commission and now
17 that he is resigned from that and receiving
18 a new appointment it won't be necessary to
19 him to once again submit documents.

20 All those in favor of introduction
21 signify by saying aye?

22 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

23 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

24 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

25 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

1 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
2 have it and so moved.

3 MS. KRAKE: 6-A. READING BY TITLE -
4 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 37, 2010 - AN ORDINANCE -
5 SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY MORE
6 COMMONLY KNOWN AS 609 CEDAR AVENUE,
7 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TAX MAP NO.
8 156.15-030-023 TO UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD
9 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, 425 ALDER
10 STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18505, FOR
11 THE CONSIDERATION OF \$5,000.00.

12 MS. EVANS: You've heard reading by
13 title of Item 6-A, what is your pleasure?

14 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-A
15 pass reading by title.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Second.

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

19 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

20 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

21 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

22 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

25 MS. KRAKE: 6-B. READING BY TITLE -

1 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TAX MAP NO.
2 156.15-030-018 TO UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD
3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, 425 ALDER
4 STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18505, FOR
5 THE CONSIDERATION OF \$3,500.00.

6 MS. EVANS: You've heard reading by
7 title of Item 6-C, what is your pleasure?

8 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-C
9 pass reading by title.

10 MR. JOYCE: Second.

11 MS. EVANS: On the question? All
12 those in favor signify by saying aye.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

14 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

15 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

16 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

17 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
18 have it and so moved.

19 MS. KRAKE: 6-D.

20 MR. MCGOFF: Excuse me, could I make
21 a motion to suspend the Rules and move 6-A,
22 6-B and 6-C into Seventh Order?

23 MR. ROGAN: Second.

24 MS. EVANS: We have a motion on the
25 table to suspend the Rules of Council and

1 move Item 6-A, 6-B -- or excuse me, no, it
2 is 6-A, 6-B and 6-C into Seventh order this
3 evening. All those in favor signify by
4 saying aye.

5 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

6 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

7 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

8 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

11 MS. KRAKE: 6-D. READING BY TITLE -
12 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 40, 2010 - AN ORDINANCE
13 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
14 APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF
15 SCRANTON TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO
16 IMPLEMENT THE CONSOLIDATED SUBMISSION FOR
17 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
18 TO BE FUNDED UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
19 BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM, HOME INVESTMENT
20 PARTNERSHIP (HOME) PROGRAM AND EMERGENCY
21 SHELTER GRANT (ESG) PROGRAM.

22 MS. EVANS: You've heard reading by
23 title of Item 6-D, what is your pleasure?

24 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-D
25 pass reading by title.

1 MR. MCGOFF: Second.

2 MS. EVANS: On the question? All
3 those in favor 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: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A.
11 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON
12 FINANCE – FOR ADOPTION-FILE OF COUNCIL NO.
13 34, 2010 - CREATING AND ESTABLISHING A NEW
14 ACCOUNT FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON’S OFFICE OF
15 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (“OECD”)
16 TITLED DCED GENERAL GRANT FUNDS ACCOUNT NO.
17 11A.0101 FOR THE RECEIPT AND DISBURSEMENT OF
18 GRANT FUNDS (“DCED GRANT FUNDS”) RECEIVED
19 FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
20 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC
21 DEVELOPMENT (“DCED”).

22 MS. EVANS: What is the
23 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
24 Committee on Finance.

25 MR. JOYCE: As Chairperson for the

1 Committee on Finance, I recommend final
2 passage of Item 7-A.

3 MR. ROGAN: Second.

4 MS. EVANS: On the question? Roll
5 call, please?

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

7 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

9 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

11 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

13 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

15 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare
16 Item 7-A legally and lawfully adopted.

17 MS. KRAKE: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION BY
18 THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION-FILE
19 OF COUNCIL NO. 35, 2010 - CREATING AND
20 ESTABLISHING A NEW ACCOUNT FOR THE CITY OF
21 SCRANTON'S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY
22 DEVELOPMENT ("OECD") TITLED EMERGENCY
23 SHELTER GRANTS PROGRAM ACCOUNT NO. 3A.0101
24 FOR THE RECEIPT AND DISBURSEMENT OF ALL
25 EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANTS PROGRAM FUNDS ("ESG

1 FUNDS”) RECEIVED FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
2 HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (“HUD”).

3 MS. EVANS: What is the
4 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
5 Committee on Finance?

6 MR. JOYCE: As Chairperson for the
7 Committee on Finance, I recommend final
8 passage of Item 7-B.

9 MR. ROGAN: Second.

10 MS. EVANS: On the question? Roll
11 call, please?

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

15 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

17 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

18 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

19 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

20 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

21 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare
22 Item 7-B legally and lawfully adopted.

23 MS. KRAKE: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION
24 BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE – FOR
25 ADOPTION-FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 36, 2010 -

1 CREATING AND ESTABLISHING SPECIAL CITY
2 ACCOUNT NO. 02.229595 ENTITLED "HARRY AND
3 JEANETTE WEINBERG FOUNDATION – WESTON FIELD
4 GRANT" FOR THE RECEIPT AND DISBURSEMENT OF
5 CAPITAL GRANT FUNDS FROM THE HARRY AND
6 JEANETTE WEINBERG FOUNDATION, INC.

7 MS. EVANS: What is the
8 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
9 Committee on Finance?

10 MR. JOYCE: As Chairperson for the
11 Committee on Finance, I recommend final
12 passage of Item 7-C.

13 MR. ROGAN: Second.

14 MS. EVANS: On the question? Roll
15 call, please?

16 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

17 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

18 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

19 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

20 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

21 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

22 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

23 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

24 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

25 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare

1 Item 7-C legally and lawfully adopted.

2 MS. KRAKE: 7-D. FOR CONSIDERATION
3 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES – FOR ADOPTION -
4 RESOLUTION NO. 32, 2010 (AS AMENDED) -

5 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
6 CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A
7 CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH THE
8 LAW FIRM OF CARL J. GRECO, P.C. FOR LEGAL
9 SERVICES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO
10 GENERAL COUNSEL TO THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC
11 AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (“OECD”), URBAN
12 RENEWAL PROCESS AND PROCEDURE, EMINENT
13 DOMAIN AND RELATED LITIGATION, DISPOSITION
14 OF SURPLUS URBAN RENEWAL LANDS, TITLE
15 SEARCHES AND DEED PREPARATION BY REDUCING
16 THE PERIOD OF THE CONTRACT FROM ONE TERM OF
17 (1) YEAR OR FOR LEGAL SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT
18 OF \$125,000.00, WHICH EVER COMES FIRST, TO A
19 TERM WHICH IS TO END ON DECEMBER 31, 2010 OR
20 FOR LEGAL SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF
21 \$25,000.00, WHICH EVER COMES FIRST.

22 MS. EVANS: What is the
23 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
24 Committee on Finance.

25 MR. JOYCE: As Chairperson for the

1 Committee on Finance, I recommend final
2 passage of Item 7-D.

3 MR. ROGAN. Second.

4 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I would like to
5 once again to say that I am not in favor of
6 the amendments -- the amendment that was
7 made to the contract. A number of reasons,
8 I have spoke with Ms. Aebli concerning this.
9 It costs -- it costs OECD over \$2,000 to put
10 in ad in the newspaper in June. The
11 contract is now going to be for \$25,000.
12 That's like a 12 percent cost for running
13 the ad which is really not very cost
14 efficient, and the fact is that they will
15 have to run that ad again in December when
16 this contract does run out costing them
17 another \$2,000 for the very same ad. I just
18 don't think it makes economic sense to do
19 that.

20 There was some objection made last
21 week to the amount of money that was being
22 spent, and I would like to reiterate that
23 the money spent for solicitor is for all of
24 the programs from OECD, not just the CDBG
25 programs. I was provided with a file of all

1 of the expenses from January of 2010 to the
2 present, all of these are things that are --
3 programs that are carried on through OECD,
4 all of them are legitimate expenses, and the
5 balance of funds for the solicitor even
6 including the \$25,000 that is in this
7 legislation will not be enough to --
8 probably will not be enough to provide the
9 services of the solicitor for the remainder
10 of the year at which time OECD will continue
11 to operate and will need to services of the
12 solicitor.

13 In the past, when the solicitors
14 were not paid or when the solicitor did not
15 receive funds they go over to the
16 courthouse, receive a judgment from the
17 Court, the Court orders the controller to
18 okay the expenditure and the solicitor is
19 paid anyhow. I don't think this should be
20 necessary, I think we are doing a disservice
21 in making this amendment to the legislation.

22 I'd like to also to point out that
23 while we are talking about costs the
24 escalating costs may have to do with the
25 fact that there have been -- there has an

1 escalation in the amount of work through
2 OECD especially through the stimulus funding
3 last year.

4 The hourly rate for the solicitor in
5 2002 started at \$105 an hour, it's now \$110
6 per billing hour. Just to put in into some
7 perspective, last week the school district
8 approved a solicitor at \$160 per billing
9 hour, so the hourly rate of the solicitor
10 for OECD has not increased significantly,
11 but the workload has increased significantly
12 and, therefore, the added cost and the
13 necessity of rebidding or redoing that
14 contract. Thank you.

15 MS. EVANS: If I may, just quickly,
16 like Mr. McGoff I have great concerns
17 regarding cost efficiency, and as I noted
18 last week, Mr. Greco's contract began at
19 \$100,000 per year, it then increased to
20 \$110,000 per year because he had begun using
21 his allocations within his contracts before
22 a fiscal year had concluded and so it was
23 increased to \$110,000, then it was increased
24 to \$125,000 per year for a part-time
25 position.

1 And now we have for the very first
2 time in 2010, as Mr. McGoff said, an
3 advertisement to hire for an additional
4 contract six months into a fiscal year for
5 yet another \$125,000. So, ladies and
6 gentlemen, we are basically talking about
7 here at the pattern in which we are
8 proceeding paying Mr. Greco a quarter of a
9 million dollars a year for a part-time job.

10 Now, I understand there was stimulus
11 funding involved in the Office of OECD and
12 that caused an increased workload, however,
13 it's important to note that a job was
14 created in 2010 within OECD. Someone was
15 hired specifically to handle all of the
16 stimulus funding paperwork and
17 responsibilities, although, I'm sure some of
18 it does require the oversight or the
19 recommendations of an attorney.

20 Nevertheless, I don't believe that
21 we should be paying a quarter of a million
22 dollars a year for a part-time position, and
23 I found that since last week citizens who
24 have contacted me, primarily senior citizens
25 on meager pensions and social security

1 payments that have not increased and working
2 middle class families mothers and fathers
3 who are working two jobs each just to eek by
4 and borrow from Peter to pay Paul every
5 month, they are asking me how anyone in the
6 City of Scranton earns that much money for a
7 part-time position. And they have asked me
8 to remember this isn't Wall Street and it's
9 not Washington D.C., and so I believe that
10 council has taken the responsible action by
11 trying to get that's costs under control.

12 Anyone else on the question?

13 MR. LOSCOMBE: I just wanted to add
14 that I believe a \$2,000 investment for a new
15 contract in the beginning of the year may
16 result in some savings after all if we get
17 some additional bids on the position.
18 Perhaps, you know, the bids will come in
19 lower and we will recoup that \$2,000 plus,
20 but I think it's worth a gamble because this
21 seems to be a -- you know, a blank check
22 every year. It's getting higher and higher
23 as Mrs. Evans stated. It's too bad we
24 couldn't just make a flat annual contract
25 for the year, but it's professional services

1 and that's how they operate. But, you know,
2 even attorneys have to try and be a little
3 more fiscally responsible as everyone in the
4 city is.

5 And I have nothing against
6 Mr. Greco, I just think, you know, he has to
7 respect the feelings of everyone in this
8 city, too, and realize what's going on here.
9 I mean, that is a part-time position. He
10 does have other income.

11 MR. ROGAN: I would like to echo
12 what Mr. Loscombe just said. Last week I
13 voted for Councilman Loscombe's amendment
14 because it reduced the size of the contract
15 from one year to the end of the year and it
16 reduced the dollar amount, but even that
17 \$25,000 from now to the end of the year
18 there is some people in the City of Scranton
19 who are making less than that in a 12-month
20 period and in good conscience I just can't
21 vote for it.

22 MR. MCGOFF: I just have to
23 reiterate that -- well, two things. First
24 of all, the cost, the yearly cost would not
25 be \$250,000 because the contract if it had

1 been approved at one year would extend into
2 2011, it would not be dealing with 2010.
3 The total cost would probably be closer to
4 \$135,000 for the current year. It would be
5 to cover probably the months of November and
6 December of this year.

7 And the thing that needs to be
8 understood is that work is going to continue
9 at OECD. They are still going to need a
10 solicitor. They are still going to need an
11 attorney to work on the programs that are
12 taking place through OECD. It's not like
13 this is going to stop the solicitor from
14 working. They need a solicitor, someone is
15 going to be paid for doing this work, so one
16 of way or another it's going to have happen
17 which is why I think the amendment was
18 fruitless because it really accomplishes
19 nothing.

20 MS. EVANS: Well --

21 MR. LOSCOMBE: Could I just add one
22 thing? If you recall last week, I read the
23 statement here, by the end of -- by February
24 24 of last year, not even a full second
25 month into the new contract, already 38

1 percent of that fund was used up, so, I
2 mean, conceivably it could be used before
3 the end of the year. You don't know what's
4 going to come up.

5 MS. EVANS: Well, in addition I know
6 Mr. McGoff mentioned the fact that in
7 December we'll have to rebid at cost of
8 \$2,000. Well, if we can look at the
9 historical evidence here of the contract
10 we'll be bidding in March regardless. If we
11 were to give Mr. Greco another \$125,000 now
12 for October, November, December, January,
13 February, March, in March this will be rebid
14 again at a cost of \$2,000 for yet another
15 \$125,000, so I think the point here is --
16 well, for example, I cannot even ascertain
17 clearly how Mr. Greco is paid. It seems to
18 be through grant programs funded by HUD, by
19 a flood control program, by various sources
20 that still remain unclear to me.

21 MR. MCGOFF: That's not true.

22 MS. EVANS: Well --

23 MR. MCGOFF: All of his payments
24 come out of the budgeted salary.

25 MR. EVANS: And the budgeted salary

1 is coming from where?

2 MR. MCGOFF: From this legislation.

3 MS. EVANS: From HUD, from OECD or
4 the operating budget?

5 MR. MCGOFF: From the operating
6 budget.

7 MS. EVANS: From the operating
8 budget. That -- that --

9 MR. MCGOFF: I asked the question on
10 your behalf. I asked Ms. Aebli, I asked if
11 there was -- if those grants that you looked
12 at last week if that was in addition to what
13 the payment was for the solicitor and she
14 said, no, all of the payments for the
15 solicitor are made through -- from OECD, the
16 work that he does from OECD are from the
17 operating budget.

18 MS. EVANS: That's a bit curious in
19 that the controller's office is saying
20 something different. Well, let's return to
21 the vote. Roll call, please?

22 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

23 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

24 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

25 MR. ROGAN: No.

1 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

2 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes. We are voting
3 for this --

4 MS. EVANS: Yes.

5 MR. LOSCOMBE: As amended, yes.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

7 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

9 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare
10 item 7-D legally and lawfully adopted.

11 MS. KRAKE: 7-E. FOR CONSIDERATION
12 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR
13 ADOPTION-RESOLUTION NO. 33, 2010 - AMENDING
14 RESOLUTION NO. 17, 2010 ENTITLED
15 "AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
16 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND
17 ENTER INTO SUPPLEMENTAL REIMBURSEMENT
18 AGREEMENT NO. 040809-G WITH THE COMMONWEALTH
19 OF PENNSYLVANIA, DEPARTMENT OF
20 TRANSPORTATION REGARDING THE LACKAWANNA
21 AVENUE BRIDGE PROJECT FOR THE PURPOSE OF
22 INCREASING THE CONSTRUCTION AND UTILITY
23 ACTIVITIES ON THE PROJECT FOR PAYMENT OF
24 FINAL INVOICES" TO INCLUDE A RIGHT TO KNOW
25 CLAUSE AND EXHIBIT THAT NEEDS TO BE INCLUDED

1 TO ALL LOCAL PROJECTS.

2 MS. EVANS: As Chair for the
3 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
4 passage of Item 7-E.

5 MR. ROGAN: Second.

6 MS. EVANS: On the question? Roll
7 call, please?

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

9 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

11 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

13 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

15 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

17 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare
18 Item 7-E legally and lawfully adopted.

19 MS. KRAKE: 7-F. FOR CONSIDERATION
20 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION-
21 RESOLUTION NO. 34, 2010 - APPOINTMENT OF
22 MARYANNE SINCLAIR, 1310 LUZERNE STREET,
23 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18504, TO THE BOARD
24 OF THE SCRANTON HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR AN
25 ADDITIONAL FIVE (5) YEAR TERM. MRS.

1 SINCLAIR'S TERM WILL EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 27,
2 2010 AND HER NEW TERM WILL EXPIRE ON
3 SEPTEMBER 27, 2015.

4 MS. EVANS: As Chair for the
5 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
6 passage of Item 7-F.

7 MR. JOYCE: Second.

8 MS. EVANS: On the question?

9 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I believe we
10 didn't receive a letter or a resume from
11 either of these people, so I'll be voting,
12 no.

13 MS. EVANS: That is correct. But,
14 in addition, it has been brought to our
15 attention by council solicitor that there
16 are errors in this legislation and that it
17 is very possible Mrs. Sinclair's term on the
18 Scranton Housing Authority has not expired
19 and would not expire until sometime in the
20 year 2011. Therefore, I will be voting no
21 this evening and recommending that my
22 council colleagues also vote no in that the
23 once again the legislation is in error.

24 Attorneys Hughes has stated only one
25 appointment can occur per year for the

1 Scranton Housing Authority and
2 Mrs. Sinclair's term has not expired.

3 MR. MCGOFF: Would be more
4 appropriate then to table it?

5 MS. EVANS: I had asked that
6 question of Attorney Hughes and his advice
7 to council was to vote down the legislation.
8 He was unable to attend tonight's meeting
9 because he was in Court all day and, in
10 fact, remained in Court at the time our
11 session began this evening. Anyone else on
12 the question? Roll call, please?

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

14 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

16 MR. ROGAN: No.

17 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

18 MR. LOSCOMBE: No.

19 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

20 MR. JOYCE: No.

21 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

22 MS. EVANS: No. I hereby declare
23 that Item 7-F is not legally and lawfully
24 adopted, the legislation has died.

25 MS. KRAKE: 7-G. FOR CONSIDERATION

1 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES – FOR ADOPTION-
2 RESOLUTION NO. 35, 2010 - APPOINTMENT OF
3 CHARLOTTE LEDBETTER, 1013 CLAY AVENUE,
4 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18510, AS A MEMBER OF
5 THE BOARD OF THE SCRANTON HOUSING AUTHORITY.
6 MRS. LEDBETTER WILL BE REPLACING MARIO
7 SAVINELLI, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE SEPTEMBER
8 27, 2010. MRS. LEDBETTER'S TERM WILL EXPIRE
9 ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2015.

10 MS. EVANS: As Chair for the
11 Committee on Finance, I recommend final
12 passage of Item 7-G.

13 MR. ROGAN: Second.

14 MS. EVANS: On the question?

15 MR. ROGAN: Yes, on the question.
16 Once again we did not receive a letter or
17 resume so I will be voting, no.

18 MR. JOYCE: Yes. If I may ask,
19 Mrs. Krake, I understand that last week the
20 office contacted Mrs. Charlotte Ledbetter,
21 were you able to get in touch with her?

22 MS. KRAKE: No.

23 MR. JOYCE: Okay.

24 MR. LOSCOMBE: Was there a letter
25 sent, too, or --

1 MS. KRAKE: Yes.

2 MR. LOSCOMBE: And we have no
3 response?

4 MS. KRAKE: No.

5 MS. EVANS: Anyone else on the
6 question? Roll call, please?

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

8 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

10 MR. ROGAN: No.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

12 MR. LOSCOMBE: No.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

14 MR. JOYCE: No.

15 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

16 MS. EVANS: No. I hereby declare
17 Item 7-G is not legally and lawfully
18 adopted. The legislation dies.

19 MR. ROGAN: I would like to make a
20 motion to take Resolution No. 29, 2010, from
21 the table.

22 MS. EVANS: We have a motion, do we
23 have a second?

24 MR. MCGOFF: Second.

25 MS. EVANS: On the question? Just

1 one second, please.

2 MR. MCGOFF: Perhaps we should
3 explain what Resolution No. 29 of 2010 is.

4 MS. EVANS: That's what I was
5 looking for. Thank you. This is the
6 legislation that was tabled last week
7 referring to the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg
8 grant to the City of Scranton. It was
9 tabled last week because council had posed
10 questions regarding this grant. The
11 administration had failed to respond in time
12 for last week's meeting and placement on the
13 agenda and so it was tabled and tonight we
14 wish to remove this issue from the table and
15 at this time I would like to read the
16 response provided to city council by
17 Mr. Renda, business administrator.

18 "This correspondence is a response
19 to your letter dated September 10 regarding
20 a grant from the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg
21 Foundation to the City of Scranton. On May
22 19, 2004, and October 16, 2006, City of
23 Scranton requested a \$500,000 grant from the
24 foundation to assist in the reduction of
25 funds necessary to complete capital

1 improvements at Weston Field.

2 Subsequent to the response,
3 representatives from the foundation toured
4 the facility recognizing the importance of
5 this project to the community. At that
6 time, the city was informed that the
7 foundation would take the request under
8 consideration. The renovations to Weston
9 Field are completed with the proceeds from
10 the 2003 bond. Per discussion with
11 representatives of the foundation, this
12 request was tabled and delayed due to
13 economic conditions at the time of the
14 consideration.

15 In 2010, representatives of the
16 foundation met with the mayor and
17 recommitted their intention to assist the
18 City of Scranton for improvements made to
19 Weston Field. Subsequent to this meeting,
20 the foundation sent a letter and grant
21 agreement dated July 28, 2010, to fund this
22 completed project."

23 Is there anyone else on the
24 question? All those in favor 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. We have no opposed.

7 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. I'm sorry, I
8 thought I responded.

9 MS. EVANS: Yes, you did. Mrs.
10 Krake?

11 MS. KRAKE: At this time, Mrs. Evans
12 if you would like to ask if anyone would
13 like to speak on 6-A.

14 MS. EVANS: Oh, yes, because we have
15 suspended the Rules of Council to move Item
16 6-A, B and C into Seventh Order this evening
17 prior to our final vote on these pieces of
18 legislation, is there anyone from the
19 audience who wishes to speak?

20 MS. SCHUMACHER: Can I just ask why?
21 I mean, what's another week?

22 MS. EVANS: I also have that
23 information. The sale of the three
24 abandoned parcels contained in Item 6-A, B
25 and C is time sensitive and as a result has

1 been moved from Sixth to Seventh Order this
2 evening. United Neighborhood Community
3 Development Corporation must gain site
4 control before the commitment deadline of
5 September 19, 2010, in order to receive 1
6 million dollars in federal funds for the
7 Cedar Avenue Project.

8 Also, the sale of these abandoned
9 tax delinquent properties to UNC Development
10 will provide for construction of the six
11 townhouses and four single family homes, all
12 of which will be offered for sale and will
13 return those properties to the tax rolls.

14 MS. SCHUMACHER: But that's already
15 passed. The 19th was yesterday -- or two
16 days ago, I mean.

17 MS. EVANS: Well, I would assume
18 that they are going to be submitting this
19 late, but it was requested by Mr. Hanley,
20 the legislation was to have been provided to
21 city council by the legal department for
22 it's September 7 meeting, that did not
23 happen, I do not know the reason for that
24 either, rather it was presented to council
25 for it's September 14 meeting and I have

1 been informed that it was crucial that this
2 pass as quickly as possible in order that
3 they do not miss out on that possible \$1
4 million in funding.

5 And because it was introduced last
6 week it wasn't under possible under
7 parliamentary rules and Rules of Council to
8 move a piece of legislation from Fifth Order
9 into Seventh Order in one evening.

10 MS. SCHUMACHER: And just one final
11 think, sine the deadline has already passed
12 that sort of negates that reason, and
13 also --

14 MR. MCGOFF: Perhaps they could use
15 the original date.

16 MS. SCHUMACHER: Pardon?

17 MR. MCGOFF: Perpars they can
18 use they original date that it was
19 introduced, I don't know.

20 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, it's
21 September 19, but, you know, we are paying
22 for administration and if they can't get it
23 on time.

24 MS. EVANS: I agree. I don't know
25 the reason why that occurred, but we are

1 trying to assist as a council as best we can
2 to expedite the process. Is there anyone
3 else on who cares to speak?

4 MS. KRAKE: 7-H, which was formerly
5 6-A. FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON
6 FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO.
7 37, 2010 - SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY
8 MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 609 CEDAR AVENUE,
9 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TAX MAP NO.
10 156.15-030-023 TO UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD
11 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, 425 ALDER
12 STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18505, FOR
13 THE CONSIDERATION OF \$5,000.00.

14 MS. EVANS: What is the
15 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
16 Committee on Finance?

17 MR. JOYCE: As Chairperson for the
18 Committee on Finance, I recommend final
19 passage of Item 7-H.

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

21 MS. EVANS: On the question? Roll
22 call, please?

23 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

24 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

25 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

1 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

2 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

5 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

7 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare
8 Item 7-H legally and lawfully adopted.

9 MS. KRAKE: 7-I, which was formerly
10 6-B. FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE
11 FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO.
12 38, 2010 - SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY
13 MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 615 CEDAR AVENUE,
14 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TAX MAP NO.
15 156.15-030-021 TO UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD
16 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, 425 ALDER
17 STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18505, FOR
18 THE CONSIDERATION OF \$3,500.00.

19 MS. EVANS: What is the
20 recommendation of the Chair for the
21 Committee on Finance?

22 MR. JOYCE: As Chairperson for the
23 Committee on Finance, I recommend final
24 passage of Item 7-I.

25 MR. ROGAN: Second.

1 MS. EVANS: On the question? Roll
2 call, please?

3 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

4 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

5 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

6 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

8 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

10 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

12 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare
13 Item 7-I legally and lawfully adopted.

14 MS. KRAKE: 7-J, which was formerly
15 6-C. FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON
16 FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO.
17 39, 2010 - SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY
18 MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 619 CEDAR AVENUE,
19 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TAX MAP NO.
20 156.15-030-018 TO UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD
21 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, 425 ALDER
22 STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18505, FOR
23 THE CONSIDERATION OF \$3,500.00.

24 MS. EVANS: What is the
25 recommendation of the Chairperson for the

1 Committee on Finance.

2 MR. JOYCE: As Chairperson for the
3 Committee on Finance, I recommend final
4 passage of Item 7-J.

5 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

6 MS. EVANS: On the question? Roll
7 call, please?

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

9 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

11 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

13 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

15 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

17 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare
18 Item 7-J legally and lawfully adopted.

19 MS. KRAKE: 7-K, which was formerly
20 tabled, FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE
21 ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - FOR ADOPTION -
22 RESOLUTION NO. 29, 2010 - AUTHORIZING THE
23 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
24 TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A CAPITAL PROJECT
25 BETWEEN THE HARRY AND JEANETTE WEINBERG

1 FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED, AND THE CITY OF
2 SCRANTON, TO SUPPORT THE IMPROVEMENTS OF THE
3 WESTON FIELD PROJECT AND TO ACCEPT AND
4 DISPERSE THE GRANT FUNDS PER THE TERMS AND
5 CONDITIONS DETAILED IN THE AGREEMENT.

6 MS. EVANS: What is the
7 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
8 Committee on Community Development?

9 MR. ROGAN: As Chairperson for the
10 Committee on Community Development, I
11 recommend final passage of Item 7-K.

12 MR. JOYCE: Second.

13 MS. EVANS: On the question? Roll
14 call, please?

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

17 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

18 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

19 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

21 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

22 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

23 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

24 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare
25 Item 7-K legally and lawfully adopted. If

1 there is no further business, I will
2 entertain --

3 MR. JOYCE: If I could just make one
4 brief comment at the end of this meeting,
5 for those people that are up for
6 appointments for boards and various
7 appointments, one thing I do want to say is
8 that I really hate to vote "no" to vote some
9 people down, however, rules are rules and
10 these are rules that we agreed to at the
11 beginning of the year that such votes that
12 are for appointments provide us with a
13 resume or letter of interest.

14 And I want to say that I hope that
15 those folks, well, actually it's just one
16 person because I know Wayne Evans did send
17 in a very wonderful resume with a lot of
18 great accomplishments and I'm hoping that
19 the individual that's up for appointment
20 that we voted to move into Fifth Order
21 tonight will do so as well.

22 Genuinely I agree, you know, if
23 someone really has an interest in a board
24 that they would want to be on, you know, I
25 think it's something that they should be

1 telling us about and I think that that's
2 something that I really want to see from
3 people and it's something I really need to
4 be able to vote for them. It's not that I
5 don't want to vote for them, but these are
6 the rules that I set for myself when on
7 becoming a member of council and I agree to
8 stick to my word, but all I'm saying is that
9 I hope that the individual that we voted to
10 move into Seventh Order for next week
11 provides us with some sort of a letter of
12 interest because I would really like to see
13 their interest in this board, and that's
14 all.

15 MR. LOSCOMBE: Not to belabor it any
16 longer, but I do concur with Frank totally.
17 I'm glad he mentioned it because it was on
18 my mind and I missed the opportunity before.
19 There are many qualified people that are
20 being reappointed to the boards, but we did
21 set a standard. I did step aside and vote
22 against -- vote over once because I knew the
23 gentlemen, but he was in the hospital and we
24 did receive the resume the following two
25 days, but, you know, I would be sticking to

1 the guns.

2 And, I mean, by this time nine
3 months into the year these members of these
4 boards and panels have received letters
5 interest our council requesting their
6 resumes, we are not looking for a 20-page
7 resume, just a short experience -- a short
8 page that shows their experience and why
9 they are qualified for those positions, and
10 that's just for our files and to just make
11 sure there are qualified people there, but
12 again, it's nothing -- nothing personal
13 against any of these people on the boards
14 it's just a rule that we had setup and we
15 want to stand by it.

16 MR. JOYCE: Right, and since, you
17 know, it's a way for us to get to know these
18 individuals in some aspect as well because
19 being on council and being a new member of
20 council many of the people that are members
21 of all of the boards and authorities out
22 there some people we haven't met yet and I
23 think that just some statement in writing
24 that describes the interest of the wanting
25 to be on this board being that for the

1 majority of -- or the majority of it's
2 voluntary, and that's all we are really
3 asking for.

4 MR. ROGAN: And I would agree with
5 my colleagues. I think we would be doing a
6 disservice to the residents if we were just
7 voting "yes" just because the mayor decided
8 to put them on the agenda. I think we have
9 look into why the people want to be on the
10 boards and, you know, they may be good
11 people, but, you know, we can't cast our
12 vote without any information.

13 MS. EVANS: If there is no other
14 further business, I'll entertain a motion to
15 adjourn.

16 MR. JOYCE: Motion to adjourn.

17 MS. EVANS: This meeting is
18 adjourned.

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