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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

JANET EVANS, PRESIDENT

PAT ROGAN, VICE-PRESIDENT

ROBERT MCGOFF

FRANK JOYCE

JOHN LOSCOMBE

NANCY KRAKE, CITY CLERK

CATHY CARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

BOYD HUGHES, SOLICITOR

1 (Pledge of Allegiance recited and moment of 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. There is nothing
14 on Third Order.

15 MS. KRAKE: 3-A. NO BUSINESS AT
16 THIS TIME.

17 MS. EVANS: And do we have any
18 clerk's notes?

19 MS. KRAKE: No clerk's notes this
20 evening. FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'
21 PARTICIPATION.

22 MS. EVANS: Our first speaker this
23 evening is Giovanni Piccolino.

24 MR. PICCOLINO: Good evening, city
25 council. Giovanni Piccolino, business

1 owner, resident. I just wanted to say from
2 a business owner's standpoint thank you very
3 much. That mercantile tax is going to help
4 businesses slide a little more in one
5 direction of possibly coming in and maybe we
6 will finally got some neighbors on
7 Lackawanna Avenue there to fill in some of
8 those vacancies.

9 Anyways, one of the main reasons why
10 I'm here is I would like to invite all of
11 the public on Christmas Day from 12:00 to
12 3:00 we are opening up our shop to any and
13 every child in the Scranton and surrounding
14 areas. We are going to have our first
15 annual Buona Pizza Christmas party.
16 Everything is on the house for us. All the
17 kids, anybody that knows anybody that knows
18 anybody, whatever, we just want to see kids
19 have a fortunate Christmas. It's going to
20 be a party, toys, candy, pizza, pasta,
21 everything possibly just to make it a better
22 holiday for kids, so anybody that sees this
23 out there in Scranton and they know anybody
24 please, you know, tell them to come along.
25 If they want to drop off toys or anything at

1 the shop do so, it's all going to the kids.
2 That's it. You guys have a great and happy
3 holiday season.

4 MS. EVANS: Mr. Piccolino, how
5 generous you are. That is really a
6 marvelous contribution to the community.

7 MR. LOSCOMBE: Give us the times
8 again?

9 MR. PICCOLINO: It's 12:00 to 3:00
10 on Christmas Day.

11 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

12 MS. EVANS: Bill Jackowitz.

13 MR. JACKOWITZ: Bill Jackowitz,
14 South Scranton resident, member of the
15 Taxpayers' Association. In the past three
16 weeks we have learned from Mayor Christopher
17 A. Doherty's sworn testimony 14 September
18 2010 the following truthful information
19 about the mismanagement of the City of
20 Scranton during the Doherty administration.

21 Number one: The mayor was not aware
22 that he and the City of Scranton were being
23 sued.

24 Number two: That delegation of
25 authority in Scranton is made orally with no

1 written procedures in place. Unbelievable.

2 Number three: That Mayor Doherty
3 was not aware that his appointed director of
4 human resources, a cabinet position, had a
5 degree in fashion design, plus no formal
6 training or education in sexual harassment,
7 discrimination and supervision.

8 Number four: That Mayor Doherty
9 appointed the police chief who had no
10 supervisory training or experience or sexual
11 harassment or ethics training.

12 Number five: We also learned that
13 Mayor Doherty appointed the Director of
14 Public Safety that was recommended for the
15 job by one person, District Attorney
16 Jarbola, no one else.

17 Number six: We also learned that
18 the cabinet members reported to other
19 cabinet members and supervised other cabinet
20 members and that they were not equal,
21 although, all were cabinet members. No
22 notes of records of cabinet meetings were
23 taken. I know it sounds confusing, but it's
24 the truth.

25 Number seven: We also learned that

1 the people who were tasked by Mayor Doherty
2 to report such problems are the
3 above-mentioned political appointees who
4 have no experience or training in these
5 matter. Unbelievable.

6 Number eight: We learned that no
7 female officer has ever been promoted to a
8 rank within the police department, such as
9 corporal, sergeant, lieutenant, captain and
10 chief. Remember, the Homeland Security
11 Director is a female.

12 "Question: Well, all right, to the
13 extent that such a discrimination, gender
14 discrimination might have occurred in the
15 police department that would not have
16 occurred by you at your hand, am I correct,
17 because you say you never done it?

18 Mayor Doherty: Correct.

19 Question: So it would have had to
20 occur by -- have to occur by --

21 Mayor Doherty: An employee under
22 that scenario, yes.

23 Question: Okay, but you relied on
24 those people to tell you whether it was
25 serious or not? You relied on those same

1 subordinates?

2 Mayor Doherty: I would have relied
3 on Director Hayes and Chief Elliott, yes.

4 Question: Now, given the fact that
5 you were not aware of the training or
6 experience that either possessed on the
7 subject of -- correct me if I'm wrong, on
8 the subject of sexual discrimination on what
9 basis would they make a value judgment as to
10 whether the discrimination was serious or
11 not?

12 Mayor Doherty: On their experience.

13 Question: Well, you already
14 testified you are not aware of any that they
15 had?

16 Mayor Doherty: Experience at work
17 experience in treating people the right way,
18 most people.

19 QUESTION: That's it?

20 Mayor Doherty: Yes. That's it.

21 Question: Are you aware that the
22 City of Scranton has had a written sexual
23 harassment policy since 2004?

24 Mayor Doherty: If we had that what?

25 Question: No. I'm asking you, are

1 you aware that the City of Scranton has had
2 a written sexual harassment policy since
3 2004?

4 Mayor Doherty: If we had it inside
5 of the HR Department that's what we had. I
6 couldn't tell you one way or another all of
7 the different things we have in our city,
8 policies, so if there is one there --"

9 Remember, Scranton citizens,
10 taxpayers and city workers, this is the
11 Mayor of Scranton speaking under oath who
12 has been the mayor for nine years. By his
13 own admission under oath he has not a clue
14 as to how to manage or lead the city, but
15 yet now he wants to manage the police
16 department, fire department and clerical
17 departments. This citizen does not want to
18 see this happen.

19 By the way, Mayor Doherty, you are
20 not the governor, lieutenant governor or
21 state senator. The voters got it right, but
22 you are and will be the mayor for three more
23 years. Start acting like a mayor. Speak
24 with your citizens not hide from them and by
25 all means become aware of what is happening

1 within your city.

2 "Question: So how do you as mayor
3 distinguish between that which will deserve
4 your attention and that which will not
5 deserve your attention?

6 Mayor Doherty: I depend on my
7 personnel to tell me.

8 Question: So did you depend on your
9 personnel to establish the sexual harassment
10 policy?

11 Mayor Doherty: I depend on my
12 personnel and make sure they execute their
13 job.

14 Question: Do you know as a mayor
15 whether the implementation of a sexual
16 harassment policy was part of a job or one
17 of your subordinates.

18 Mayor Doherty: I don't understand
19 the question."

20 I do not understand how Mayor
21 Doherty was elected to be mayor three times.
22 I would like everybody at home and in the
23 audience to close your eyes, relax, and have
24 a vision of how the state would be run if
25 the mayor was governor, lieutenant governor

1 or state senator. Okay, open your eyes, it
2 was just a nightmare.

3 Now that Mayor Doherty and Scranton
4 Times wants to blame the Scranton City
5 Council for the financial mess -- can I
6 complete, I'm almost done?

7 MS. EVANS: Yes, just finish your
8 thought though.

9 MR. JACKOWITZ: I recommend that the
10 Scranton Times, WNEP and WBRE interview
11 Robert McGoff, Sherry Fanucci and Judy
12 Gatelli and ask them why they approved the
13 borrowing and past city budgets which were
14 not balanced and money which was not
15 available was plugged into the budget such
16 as the so-called five million from the
17 Single Tax Office which never appeared in
18 the city treasurer. It should make for an
19 interesting story plus investigation. Also
20 interview Mayor Doherty and ask him why he
21 has not met with the taxpayers and the
22 citizens of the Scranton to discuss his
23 plans.

24 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Bob Bolus.

25 MR. BOLUS: Good evening, again,

1 council. Bob Bolus, Scranton. Just a
2 couple of quick things, one, on East
3 Mountain Road, I would like see the parking
4 change coming down East Mountain Road. I
5 don't know if you have been up there when
6 it's snowing and it's wintertime, but there
7 is never any parking there. People park in
8 their driveways, but when you come down
9 there and it's snow and icy there is cars
10 parked all along there. It's not only
11 difficult for people traversing there, but
12 for snowplowing and coming down there you
13 really have no where to push the snow other
14 than against the cars, so I would like to
15 see them go back in their driveways at least
16 during the winter months like up in Clarks
17 Summit and other areas they have no
18 on-street parking in certain areas, I think
19 we need to do that. That's a dangerous area
20 coming down there. It's all downhill, the
21 car slides we're gong to have problems there
22 and it should be changed at least for the
23 winter. They have always parked in their
24 driveways. I think they need to go back to
25 doing that.

1 Also, as far as the fire department
2 goes, you know, I'm a volunteer firemen up
3 in Throop. I think maybe we could talk to
4 the outlying fire departments instead of
5 adding more and doing more here, maybe talk
6 to them about getting assistance from the
7 volunteer fire departments for a set fee.
8 This way we don't have benefits, we don't
9 have all of that overhead taxes and
10 everything else that we have to pay on the
11 additional employees, and maybe the
12 volunteer fire departments could help. You
13 got Throop, Dunmore, they have people. You
14 have Olyphant, Dickson City, Taylor, Old
15 Forge so, you know, there are other areas
16 that may be able to assist us in certain
17 times. And Jack knows, you know, what they
18 could do and not do. They are pretty well
19 trained, so that's just food for thought
20 down there to help offset the additional
21 things that Mr. Schumacher was concerned
22 with, how do you pay and all of the benefits
23 and all of the stuff that goes with it.

24 And in next thing is I heard
25 Mr. Piccolino with his pizza, well, last

1 year at my dinner he brought pizza over and
2 it was a hell of a hit, and I just talked to
3 him out in the hall, I said, "What do you
4 mean, we are not getting pizza at our
5 dinner?"

6 He goes, "No, we'll see that you
7 have pizza this year, too."

8 And what I'd like to do is tell
9 everybody because next week is going to be a
10 very hectic week and just invite everybody
11 as I have over the last 15 years, this will
12 be the 16th year that I have sponsored a
13 Christmas Day all-day buffet at St. Lucy's
14 church in West Side. People can call, make
15 -- they don't need a reservation, but if
16 they need a ride or a meal delivered, I'll
17 give them a phone number, if I may?

18 MS. EVANS: Sure.

19 MR. BOLUS: It's 570-346-7659. They
20 could call if they need help a ride or a
21 meal delivered. It starts at 12:00 and goes
22 to 6:00. There is toys for kids, it's an
23 all day festival, it's about people, it's
24 not about one select group or another, it's
25 for everyone who has no where to be on

1 Christmas. This is the place to be. It's
2 part of my extended family now and I invite
3 everybody to be there, and I'd like to wish
4 each and every one of you a Merry Christmas.
5 Thank you.

6 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Bolus,
7 for your never ending generosity to this
8 community and congratulations on your 16th
9 dinner. I know it is always very well
10 attended.

11 MR. BOLUS: I got a lot grayer this
12 year. Thank you.

13 MS. EVANS: Thank you for all you
14 do.

15 MR. BOLUS: You are welcome.

16 MS. EVANS: Don Davis.

17 MR. DAVIS: Good evening, Council.
18 My name is Don Davis, I am currently the
19 refuse supervisor at DPW, a position I have
20 held for the last 11 years. I have come
21 before council this evening to appeal the
22 amendments to Mayor Doherty's budget for 201
23 wherein my job and the jobs of my three
24 fellow foremen have been eliminated. I was
25 blind sided by this news. It is

1 unimaginable to me how council expects the
2 department to run safely and efficiently
3 without foremen.

4 I'll tell you a little bit of what I
5 do each day. I arrive at the Department of
6 Public Works at 4:30 a.m. each morning. I'm
7 responsible for 40 men getting, them out to
8 pick up the refuse each day. I'm
9 responsible for 11 refuse trucks. I'm
10 responsible to go on complaints, answer
11 complaints, complaints about blighted houses
12 where, you know, people that they move out
13 of the house and they put all of their
14 garbage out on the side of the road. I'm
15 responsible for that. I I'm involved with
16 the city inspectors, which the housing
17 inspectors you put in two positions back in.

18 It's just -- I just can't imagine
19 running the Department of Public Works with
20 just two supervisors. I mean, there is
21 times where we were all -- the supervisors
22 are out three days in a row with a
23 snowstorm, I mean, then the next day we have
24 to come and run the Department of Public
25 Works. I just can't imagine, you know, two

1 supervisors running the whole department.

2 I mean, I have been down there, like
3 I said, 11 years and, I mean, there is times
4 that I'm running from one side of the city
5 to the other side of the city where the men
6 would -- some men would get hurt, I would
7 run to the other side of the city and pick
8 up the guy and take him to the hospital. I
9 mean, I don't know how two guys would
10 be able to do all of that work. I mean,
11 it's just a lot of work for two men.

12 I mean, there is -- there is days
13 where it's nonstop. There is days where 20,
14 25 guys call in sick, I mean, then we are
15 responsible to shift guys from one
16 department to another department and try to
17 get enough refuse trucks out to pick up the
18 city's trash. I mean, it's just a lot of
19 work for two foremen and I overheard
20 Mrs. Evans saying that they put in Mark
21 Dougher, what's the title involved?

22 MR. JOYCE: Deputy Director of DPW.

23 MR. DAVIS: And that's a new
24 position?

25 MS. EVANS: Um-hum.

1 MR. DAVIS: I don't know. Like I
2 said, I have down there 11 years. Jeff
3 Brazil is the Director of Public Works and
4 his responsibilities, he let's me and three
5 other supervisors run our departments and
6 any problems we answer to Jeff Brazil. I
7 mean, I just can't imagine just two
8 supervisors running that whole department.
9 I don't know.

10 I mean, you know, in closing, I
11 kindly ask council to reconsider this
12 amendment and restore our jobs. That will
13 be it.

14 MR. MCGOFF: If I may, I had spoke
15 to two members before the meeting, I am
16 going to ask during the meeting that two of
17 the foremen positions be reinstated for the
18 budget.

19 MR. DAVIS: That would help. I
20 mean, that would help a lot. I mean, like I
21 said, there is days where we get a big
22 snowstorm how to two guys stay out all night
23 long and just even think about running the
24 next day? I mean, you need a break. It's
25 just a lot of work for two guys. I mean, I

1 have been down there 11 years and there was
2 always four supervisors and the director.
3 Just the fleet manager, Mike Lynady, I mean,
4 he is in charge of all the garage. He is in
5 charge of ordering parts, making sure the
6 fuel is up to -- you know, I don't know who
7 would -- who would take over the garage to
8 order all these parts? I mean, Jeff Brazil,
9 Mark Dougher? I don't understand.

10 MR. ROGAN: Mr. Davis, while we have
11 you here, who is in charge on supervising
12 refuse workers to ensure they are working a
13 full day?

14 MR. DAVIS: I am, sir.

15 MR. ROGAN: Okay. And they are?

16 MR. DAVIS: A full day?

17 MR. ROGAN: Yes. A full eight-hour
18 shift.

19 MR. DAVIS: Oh, I would say they get
20 their breaks and their lunch after they pick
21 up refuse. Yeah.

22 MR. ROGAN: Thank you.

23 MR. DAVIS: Okay. Thank you.

24 MS. EVANS: Andy Sbaraglia.

25 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia,

1 citizen of Scranton. Fellow Scrantonians,
2 on your agenda items, 6-B has to do with the
3 Parking Authority. Are we giving them money
4 again for administrative like we did all of
5 the other years and for the citation
6 workers, too?

7 MR. JOYCE: We will be funding them
8 at a level that we feel is appropriate as
9 per the amendments we presented last night.
10 Therefore, there will be some administrative
11 cuts in this budget or in the -- we will be
12 amending the Parking Authority budget to
13 reflect the administrative cuts that we are
14 suggesting should be made in the SPA Office.

15 Just to give you some background on
16 the SPA, as you know, that there is a
17 director, which is Mr. Scopelliti, a
18 director of finance, there is an office
19 manager and there is a supervisor, and I
20 believe, correct me if I'm wrong, there are
21 two cashiers. That's a lot of chiefs to
22 manage two Indians, so currently it was the
23 consensus amongst other council members that
24 we should only be funding two of those
25 positions from the city budget as far as

1 what we feel is needed to effectively manage
2 the meter program, so we will be making
3 adjustments to that. And also we will be
4 making an adjustment to add a \$25,000
5 payment in lieu of taxes which is in the
6 bond prospectus of the SPA to be given back
7 to the city.

8 MR. SBARAGLIA: While you are at
9 that there, are they going to borrow this
10 year to pay on the bonds again?

11 MR. JOYCE: I did see -- their
12 budget that they submitted to us it wasn't
13 very detailed, I did see a refinancing of
14 debt. I know that's a pretty bold
15 projection because, and correct me if I'm
16 wrong, Mr. Hughes, if they refinance their
17 debt that would have to come from in front
18 of council; correct?

19 MR. HUGHES: If they refinanced and
20 they wanted to have what's known as a double
21 barrel bond, which all of the bonds are,
22 which means that the City of Scranton
23 pledges it's full faith taxing power to
24 secure the bonds so they are a fully taxed
25 bond by the city and not a revenue bond,

1 they would have to come before council in
2 any refinancing.

3 MR. JOYCE: And they are making the
4 assumption that we are going to grant that,
5 which I don't think is necessarily a wise
6 assumption, but we may be left with no
7 choice in the end.

8 MR. SBARAGLIA: But we could still
9 give away parking spaces; right? They can
10 be very generous when it comes to free
11 parking to certain people?

12 MR. JOYCE: I'll be honest with you,
13 I'm still looking to decipher where the
14 money from CMC is going and I'm still yet to
15 get that information and that's something
16 I'm currently looking into and as far as
17 giving away free parking spaces I don't
18 necessarily agree with that at all, but
19 unfortunately, you know, we can make our
20 suggestions, but we don't have the authority
21 to tell the Parking Authority what to do,
22 so --

23 MR. SBARAGLIA: The mayor figured he
24 can do without ten policemen; am I right?

25 MR. JOYCE: That's correct.

1 MR. SBARAGLIA: Why can't they hand
2 out tickets like they used to and the heck
3 with the Parking Authority? Let them sink
4 or swim under their own cesspool that they
5 created?

6 MR. JOYCE: I'll be honest with you,
7 the whole meter program this is something
8 that I personally would favor being in
9 house. We pay \$190,000 in management fees
10 to the Parking Authority based on an
11 ordinance and a bond issue in 2006.
12 Basically we are giving them \$190,000 every
13 year because we pay for all of their
14 workers, all of the costs relating to the
15 meter programs, so really it doesn't make a
16 lot of sense. It's almost to me, the way I
17 feel, as though we are giving them \$190,000
18 a year to do the same thing that we could
19 have -- or that we could do with the same
20 workers if they were just City of Scranton
21 employees, but --

22 MR. SBARAGLIA: Yes, they used to
23 be.

24 MR. JOYCE: -- that's my opinion.

25 MR. SBARAGLIA: It used to be. The

1 city police used to do it a long time ago.
2 But that brings up a lot of other problems
3 with the Parking Authority other than
4 finances, this, that and whatever, extend
5 their bonds. They are also redoing some of
6 the garages. I don't know how they long
7 they figure they are going to push these
8 bonds out, they say garages are still going
9 to be standing by the time they pay them
10 off, that's another problem. You can't
11 accelerate -- well, I shouldn't say
12 accelerate, but the bonds making instead of
13 20 years, making it 30 years when the garage
14 is to stand only 20.

15 And a lot things with that Parking
16 Authority, but you have the right to do what
17 you want as far as the meters and plus the
18 fact is all of the meter revenue is
19 mortgaged, you didn't bring that up that the
20 mortgage -- all of the money is mortgaged so
21 the Parking Authority can borrow.

22 MR. JOYCE: And another thing I want
23 to bring up about the SPA and I learned from
24 some sources that their management staff is
25 a receiving a 10 percent raise this year

1 which is pretty interesting since the mayor
2 proposed cutting numerous firefighters,
3 police officers, DPW workers, and a few
4 administrative people that in such a time
5 when we are cutting multiple workers that
6 management raises would be given out as well
7 in one of these authorities, and that they
8 wouldn't be sharing in some of the burden
9 the city is currently taking on.

10 MR. SBARAGLIA: We should all learn
11 to play baseball and get on his team. Thank
12 you.

13 MS. EVANS: I just want to add, I
14 don't know if you said this, Mr. Joyce, but,
15 we discovered when going through the budget
16 that there are a number of spaces in those
17 garages that are given for free to city hall
18 administration and that's been eliminated in
19 the budget as well.

20 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

21 MS. EVANS: There will be no more
22 free parking for the city administrators.

23 MR. JOYCE: Yes, it's approximately
24 \$10,000 if I recall correctly that the city
25 is paying for parking for employees.

1 MR. SBARAGLIA: We also remember
2 that they got free parking for the movie
3 theatre, too, that was given to Boscov's.

4 MS. EVANS: Thank you,
5 Mr. Sbaraglia. Doug Miller. Marie
6 Schumacher.

7 MS. SCHUMACHER: Marie Schumacher.
8 A number of things, first, I would like to
9 acknowledge Mr. Davis as a very responsive
10 employee. I remember when the garbage truck
11 was doing all of it's squeezings out in
12 front of my house and it smelled horrible
13 and it looked horrible and I called and it
14 turned out the truck needed a new seal and
15 it was installed and ready to go by the next
16 week when it showed up at any house, and I
17 appreciate his efforts.

18 Two, I am very disappointed that we
19 have no capital budget. It was -- we never
20 got a public hearing, it's not being amended
21 or approved and I'm disappointed in that.
22 I'm also disappointed that no audit was
23 available to outsiders before this budget
24 process.

25 And I would like to say to

1 Mr. Bolus, he doesn't live on East Mountain
2 Road, I do, they plow to the curb and I get
3 it all in my sidewalks and the salt eats the
4 cement away and I wish they could do
5 something about that, too.

6 Regarding CMC, I know it's an issue
7 and I would just like to say having had
8 someone in their most of last week and
9 spending time there, they have the audacity
10 to park -- all week if you try to get a
11 parking space on the museum side from Monday
12 through Friday forget it, it's not there.
13 They park for free and they have the
14 audacity to charge any visitors of the
15 hospital \$4 flat rate when you go out and
16 until they change that to, you know, a buck
17 for two hours, I say no more breaks for CMC.

18 Now, back to the budget. The
19 utilities and LIPS and the building budget
20 have been cut by seventy-six and a half
21 thousand dollars, I know my utility bills
22 all continue to rise and I'd like to know
23 how the city is different from me and what I
24 might do to get my down that much.

25 The treasury, I would also like to

1 know what accounts for the better than
2 doubling over 2010 of the professional
3 services account.

4 I would like to know why Tripp Park
5 Community Center is the only COM Center in
6 the receive operating funds paid by the
7 entire city.

8 And I would also suggest you might
9 want to put a reserve in for -- to repay the
10 University of Scranton when the South Side
11 Complex is returned to it's rightful owner.

12 DPW on refuse, since the refuse fees
13 as of September 2010 totaled \$4 million and
14 the refuse department will be operating at a
15 half a million dollars less than that, can't
16 the refuse fee of \$178 be reduced?

17 Single Tax Office: With Burkheimer
18 collecting the local taxes beginning in
19 January of next year, I expected to see a
20 reduction in personnel and related expenses,
21 and I would like to know why there is no
22 reduction to match the reduced workload.

23 BA, worker's comp, the actuals
24 through September was \$3.8 and council has
25 budgeted \$1.8 million less for 2011 than has

1 been expensed for nine months of 2010. I
2 would like an explanation of that.

3 Parks and Rec, I would like the
4 identity of what projects have been
5 eliminated to achieve the \$132,000
6 reduction.

7 And even with the mayor's budget
8 30,000 of that -- of the 35.9 reduction was
9 the dues for the Pennsylvania League of
10 Municipalities and Cities, and I just wonder
11 if the cost of performing the services and
12 the programs that they perform for the city
13 and I believe for council if it operates the
14 same as boroughs, if that cost isn't going
15 to exceed what you reduced in the mayor's
16 budget because, for instance, when the state
17 mandates something I'm quite sure that that
18 organization let's the city know so they may
19 comply, and I think you might want to look
20 at restoring that.

21 And Parks and Rec, I believe you
22 reduced to two people and -- oh, I'm sorry.
23 Since two pools, I believe it was two, did
24 not operate in 2010 I would suggest maybe
25 they will be using more chemicals when those

1 two pools return to operation in 2011, and
2 also it appears that the positions
3 transferred from Parks and Rec to the DPW
4 there was -- I didn't have time to write
5 down all of the personnel stuff last time so
6 I'm not entirely sure, but in the mayor's
7 budget have been eliminated how will this
8 effect the functioning of Weston Field?

9 MS. EVANS: Ms. Schumacher, can you
10 provide Ms. Carrera with all of your
11 requests, please?

12 MR. JOYCE: And I'll just elaborate
13 --

14 MS. SCHUMACHER: Can you give the
15 cards back to me?

16 MS. EVANS: Absolutely. Yes.

17 MR. JOYCE: I'll elaborate on the
18 first two because I did write those down,
19 the first one was the electrical charge. In
20 2009 we spent approximately \$328,473.30. On
21 the first three-quarters of this year we
22 spent \$290,360.60. If you base that on a
23 prorated basis for each quarter and multiply
24 it by four it comes out to \$387,147.47. The
25 amount that was put in the budget was a nice

1 round number. We are basing our estimate on
2 an actual cost based on what we know is the
3 actual cost of it.

4 MS. SCHUMACHER: In all of those you
5 reduced all of them. You reduced gas by
6 \$50,000, and you reduced even the SSA amount
7 was reduced all of them -- all of them were
8 reduced and it's significant. Thank you.

9 MR. JOYCE: Right, and I will
10 elaborate more, the gas charge that we have
11 used so far this year is \$93,272.12, it's in
12 the in the budget for \$200,000, which means
13 that we would basically have to use double
14 the amount that we did in nine months within
15 a span of three months and we still wouldn't
16 get to the \$200,000, so that was actually
17 prorated and put to a \$150,000.

18 MS. SCHUMACHER: And I hope your
19 backup sheets, even if they weren't
20 available before now will be available
21 later.

22 MR. JOYCE: Yeah. I can always
23 e-mail you a copy of the spreadsheet as
24 well.

25 MS. SCHUMACHER: That would be

1 great. Thank you.

2 MS. EVANS: I also just wanted to
3 add with regard to the tax office,
4 Burkheimer will not be assuming those
5 collections until the year 2012. Throughout
6 2011 the delinquent tax collections for the
7 Year 2010 are going to be conducted through
8 the Single Tax Office. Years 2009 and
9 previous will be collected by the Treasury
10 Office in City hall, and so it was necessary
11 to retain the number of employees within the
12 Single Tax Office because their duties and
13 responsibilities have not been decreased in
14 2011, conversely, they have-actually
15 increased by council.

16 With regard to the capital budget,
17 the information necessary to the development
18 of a capital budget is not entirely
19 available to city council. We don't have a
20 list of the all of the projects completed in
21 the last three years, the project dates, the
22 specific expenditures and justifications,
23 etcetera. That information is in the
24 possession of the administration and it is
25 the administration that is charged by the

1 Home Rule Charter to present a capital
2 budget which is in compliance with the Home
3 Rule Charter. If council had received a
4 complete and valid budget in compliance with
5 the charter, council could then amend it,
6 vote in favor of it or vote it down.
7 However, it is not within council's scope of
8 the authority to write budgets. We are
9 empowered to amend, approve, and decline
10 them. That is why it's impossible in
11 addition for us to amend information that
12 wasn't provided to us.

13 Probably just one more thing though,
14 want to add. You know, Henry David
15 Thorough, who was a giant of American
16 literature wrote, the faultfinder will find
17 fault even in paradise. I try to remember
18 those words and I think if we all do we can
19 find a sense of paradise more often in life
20 and try to appreciate all that we have
21 rather than what we do not.

22 And the next speaker is Les
23 Spindler.

24 MR. JOYCE: Before Mr. Spindler
25 speaks if I could also add that the

1 adjustment in professional services that you
2 spoke about you said in the Treasury it's
3 risen and the reason why that has risen is
4 because of things that the Treasury
5 Department needs in order to collect those
6 delinquent fees. Those were some of the
7 things that were budgeted for in that area.

8 MS. EVANS: Mr. Spindler.

9 MR. SPINDLER: Good evening,
10 Council. Les Spindler, city resident,
11 homeowner and taxpayer. I want to commend
12 council on coming up with a balanced budget
13 without leaving our residents and without
14 public safety people I thought it was great
15 that you could balance it and keep our
16 public safety people and cutting property
17 taxes and cutting the mercantile business
18 privilege tax, now maybe we can get
19 businesses into this city.

20 I have been coming to these meetings
21 for nine years and no council has ever tried
22 to balance a budget. They might have, but
23 Chris Doherty and his rubber stampers on
24 there didn't allow it. I'm so proud of the
25 supermajority and I'm proud to say that I

1 voted for you four and I can go to bed
2 tonight feeling that my family will be in
3 good hands, no thanks to Chris Doherty, but
4 thanks to this council supermajority.

5 And now, Mrs. Evans, I don't know
6 whether or not you are aware of it or not
7 but the mayor was on the news tonight and
8 like a spoiled brat he said, "I'm still
9 going to cut, I'm still going to lay off
10 people, I have my management rights," so can
11 I defer to Attorney Hughes and say was he
12 still -- could he still lay off people even
13 though council came up with a balanced
14 budget?

15 MR. HUGHES: I didn't see him, I
16 don't know what he said and I don't what
17 he -- let's wait until he does it and see
18 what happens.

19 MR. SPINDLER: He said he has
20 management rights, I'm going to layoff
21 people, we have to balance a b budget.
22 Well, we have a balanced budget without
23 laying off people and cutting taxes, so I
24 think it will be interesting to see what
25 happens and I hope if he does that maybe in

1 time council takes him to Court.

2 MS. EVANS: Well, council will
3 address whatever comes it's way.

4 MR. JOYCE: And in all due respect,
5 Mr. Spindler, the compliment for each
6 position is a part of the budget document,
7 so that is one argument that I firmly
8 believe in that we don't have the right to
9 tell the mayor what shift schedule he should
10 be putting firefighters on or -- you know,
11 we could make suggestion and whether he
12 chooses to listen to them or not, but one
13 thing I firmly believe is that the budget
14 document contains the compliment for each
15 department so --

16 MR. SPINDLER: I understand that
17 perfectly.

18 MR. JOYCE: That's my position.

19 MR. SPINDLER: You came up with a
20 balanced budget, I don't think he has a leg
21 to stand on.

22 Next, I thought last night was a
23 very important meeting, I couldn't make it
24 here, but I put on the TV at 6:00 to watch
25 it and my TV screen was black. I thought

1 against ECTV since day one and I think they
2 should be shown the door and if this is true
3 then just adds more fuel to the fire. And I
4 definitely can believe that because I got
5 this from a good source.

6 Lastly, you know, I have given Chief
7 Duffy the benefit of the doubt, I saw him at
8 "National Night Out" which was approximately
9 three months ago and told him the situation
10 with the police report that I identifies two
11 city employees stealing the DiBileo signs,
12 he said it wasn't a priority of his but he
13 would look into it and I told him Detective
14 Martin was one of the investigating
15 detectives and he said he would talk to
16 Detective Martin. As of tonight, he has yet
17 to talk to Detective Martin which was like
18 three months ago, so I think Chief Duffy
19 lied right to my face and I think he doesn't
20 have any credibility at all, I think he is
21 just another Doherty stooge, and if he can
22 prove me wrong let him come here and prove
23 me wrong and arrest those people, but I feel
24 safe in saying I don't think that's going to
25 happen. That's all I have to say. Thank

1 you.

2 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Spindler.
3 Dave Dobrzyn.

4 MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening, Council.
5 Dave Dobrzyn, member of the Taxpayers',
6 resident of Scranton. Okay, I'll compliment
7 you on attempting, at least to hopefully
8 things will work out, with this budget.

9 Now, at the Taxpayers' last week we
10 entertained the possibility of converting
11 police and fire protection fees and
12 spreading the cost out over part of the
13 nonprofit community, so over the next year I
14 hope to --

15 MS. EVANS: Please turn off your
16 cell phones.

17 MR. DOBRZYN: I hope to explore that
18 so that these guys don't have to be worrying
19 about whether or not they have a job every
20 six or eight months or some something like
21 that, and I think it would be a good idea
22 similar to the trash fee and, of course,
23 then some people would have to pay a fairer
24 share, but when we are doing a service that
25 benefits the whole country or an education

1 service that benefits the whole world
2 possibly whereas foreign exchange students
3 why should the people of Scranton being
4 continually asked to come up with the extra
5 taxes to keep these people going.

6 And I made a little tape here to
7 submit to council, it's on an old bill
8 before the House, and one of the things that
9 Mrs. Gatelli always pointed out, and in this
10 case she was right, school taxes are way
11 higher than city taxes and people could pass
12 it around, do we have a meeting next week?
13 Is there a --

14 MS. EVANS: No, there is not one
15 scheduled.

16 MR. DOBRZYN: No council?

17 MS. EVANS: No there is not a
18 meeting scheduled for next week.

19 MR. DOBRZYN: Well, you could pass
20 this one around and some day maybe I could
21 get to a DVD, I didn't have the time to make
22 it up today, but it's on expanding sales
23 taxes and eliminating school property taxes,
24 so with permission I'll bring it up.

25 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

1 MR. DOBRZYN: That was taped down at
2 West Nanticoke High about the year and a
3 half ago and I'd like to urge everybody in
4 the country call your representative that
5 your national representatives Kanjorski and
6 Casey and whoever and get rid of that social
7 security tax holiday out of the Federal Tax
8 Bill. That is craziness. Every day you
9 hear something about social security and
10 they are talking about cutting social
11 security tax, that's one tax we don't need
12 cut.

13 And finally, the Golden Parrot award
14 goes to the 2008 Senate for not eliminating
15 the filibuster. I think they could have
16 saved themselves a lot of trouble if they
17 had thrown the filibuster and out and banned
18 it. Bawk, bawk.

19 And by the way, tonight there was an
20 a little broadcast on what you done on last
21 night's council meeting, so it will probably
22 be played in the future. I saw it before I
23 came or --

24 MS. EVANS: Thank you very much for
25 your work last night.

1 MR. JOYCE: Thank you very much.

2 MR. DOBRZYN: Parts of it didn't
3 turn out too good, but -- yeah, my
4 microphone cables all got tied up into a
5 knot, I had them arranged for the taxpayers
6 and I throw it out and I was in parallel
7 instead of series and that didn't work out,
8 but we got the message, so thank you and
9 have a good night.

10 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Ron Ellman.
11 Mr. Ellman?

12 MR. ELLMAN: Council, Ronnie Ellman,
13 member of the Taxpayers' Association. I was
14 listening about the budget, with all of the
15 chaos in this Doherty administration I don't
16 see how anybody could make a budget. You
17 just never seem to know what's going to
18 happen next.

19 I had six, eight people during the
20 week ask me if I was telling the truth about
21 my blanket story last week and that's a true
22 story, it's not paranormal. Somebody showed
23 me some warmth and compassion and put a
24 blanket on me when I was freezing to death,
25 that's all I was saying.

1 Last night, I went up to get a quart
2 of milk at the Giant, it was one of those
3 times Rosie told me to go someplace and this
4 woman came over to me and I wrote this down
5 on another piece of paper here, this woman
6 came over and told me she was disgusted by
7 my continual, appalling, controversial
8 accusations of waste, graft, corruption, and
9 incompetence under Mayor Doherty.

10 Now, how do you answer that? I mean
11 she was hot, too. I don't know who she was.
12 I didn't get to use my potty mouth on her
13 because she was just wandered off after she
14 give me a dirty look.

15 And I was wondering a few years ago
16 when we had the house appraisals as I
17 remember we were mandating by 2012 to have
18 our appraisals over, isn't that -- isn't
19 that right? What was ever done about that?

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: You're talking about
21 the reassessment?

22 MR. ELLMAN: Pardon?

23 MR. LOSCOMBE: The reassessments, is
24 that what you are talking about, the
25 property reassessment?

1 MR. ELLMAN: Yeah. I mean, I knew
2 they stopped that 21st Century or whatever.

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: That's on the county
4 level, as far as I know it's still stopped.

5 MR. ELLMAN: I didn't know whatever
6 happened. They appraised mine, but I never
7 saw nothing. The people come with a ruler,
8 you know, and --

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: I think they had the
10 majority of properties done.

11 MR. ELLMAN: I was wondering if this
12 marriage between Boscov and Blake if we will
13 end up with another multi-million dollar
14 refinancing the loan or something to save
15 all of those guys that were here their six
16 figure jobs. They sure seem to be in bed
17 together now those two.

18 You know, all week long when I
19 talked to people this is really -- this is
20 such a good town, I'm really happy, you
21 know. I said one time I could have -- I
22 knew people all around the country, you
23 know, friends and relatives where I could
24 have gone and I have people ask me every
25 once in awhile, "What you doing up here?"

1 Why aren't you down south or something?"

2 I just like this town and I like the
3 people and I sure wish we could get out of
4 our problems and I think, I don't mean this
5 so adversely about the mayor, but I just
6 think he is just at the bottom of
7 everything, every single problem we have
8 seems to go back to this administration just
9 to -- it's just incompetent. You know,
10 that's why I said I don't see how you all
11 can try and make a budget between lawsuits
12 and, you know, there is just nothing
13 constant. It's just continual chaos.

14 Well, that reminds me, I didn't see
15 Phyllis for two weeks I don't need her time
16 tonight either. You weren't going to give
17 it to me anywhere, were you? I thank
18 council and I hope you all have a nice
19 Christmas holidays. I'd rather say Merry
20 Christmas instead of holidays, I don't like
21 the word holidays, but I hope everybody has
22 a nice Christmas season. Thank you.

23 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Ellman.
24 Is there anyone else who cares to address
25 council?

1 MR. KREEGAN: Good evening. My name
2 is John Kreegan, city resident and I
3 congratulate you on your budget, it's very
4 nice and it's about time you got something
5 done. I would like to talk a little bit
6 about something that if you are planning on
7 in your budget for revenue.

8 I'm a part-time worker in the
9 Scranton Parking Authority and I'd like to
10 address the smart parking or whatever it's
11 called. I don't think it's feasible in the
12 city, I don't think it's going to work. I
13 don't have all of the facts, but I have a
14 few things. It might work in the big city
15 where you have more employees to run around
16 and more parking meters, but we just don't
17 have it here. Our system that they use now
18 is very good. There's only four enforcement
19 officers to cover the whole city which
20 includes the hospitals and everything else,
21 so it's a big area to cover, but this
22 system, this StreetSmart or whatever it's
23 called, basically everybody is going to have
24 a beeper, so when the meter runs out the
25 beeper is going to tell that meter person to

1 go to that car so they might be eight, ten,
2 blocks away. By the time you get there that
3 car could be gone, they could have coined
4 the meter, etcetera, you know?

5 Also, it doesn't recognize
6 handicapped plates or placards and
7 handicapped people get an extra hour grace
8 period with their parking, so they would be
9 coming to put a ticket on a car for no
10 reason whatsoever because of the handicapped
11 spot.

12 So, you know, it's just -- I don't
13 know what the cost of this system is, but
14 from what I hear the four enforcement
15 officers would have to write approximately
16 600 tickets a day to cover the cost, the
17 monthly cost of the system. Right now they
18 probably average maybe 200. There's just
19 not enough traffic at our meters to write
20 600 tickets, so I think you guys should like
21 look into that before you think about it and
22 put it in. That's all I have to say.

23 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

24 MR. KEEGAN: Merry Christmas and
25 Happy New Year's.

1 MS. EVANS: Is there anyone else who
2 would like to address council?

3 MS. STULGIS: I'm Ann Marie Stulgis
4 and I'm here this evening because as a
5 member of the Board of the Fraternal Order
6 of Police I'm privy to various
7 communications and orders that would be
8 directed to our president, and I received a
9 copy of an order that he was given last week
10 and I thought it was really necessary to
11 share it with all of you, and I won't read
12 it verbatim, I will give you the gist of it
13 and I have made copies for each of you.

14 It was written by our police chief
15 regarding police officers speaking at city
16 council meetings. And it starts stating
17 that, "I understand that there were police
18 officers at the last city council speaking
19 at the podium."

20 He then requests that the union
21 president give them some guidance regarding
22 speaking, about speaking at city council
23 meetings. He goes onto say that, "No person
24 employed by the Scranton Police Department
25 is authorized to discuss the inner workings

1 of the police department nor any
2 communication about personnel nor any
3 opinions about the police department."

4 That I particularly like since I
5 didn't know that we weren't allowed to have
6 opinions. He goes on to say that this does
7 not just pertain to speaking at city
8 council, but it also refers to any print
9 media, any non print media, any social
10 networking websites, including Facebook and
11 any web blogs.

12 Now, keep in mind that I still
13 thought that police officers had some civil
14 rights. Truly they must not. He finishes
15 up saying, "Any officer who publically
16 disagrees, contradicts or questions the
17 operations of the department will be dealt
18 with."

19 Now, I'll tell you, that is in my
20 opinion unbelievable. When I first saw it I
21 was extremely angry. After I calmed down,
22 which took a whole day, I became very
23 concerned because if you don't want police
24 officers, now, they weren't coming up here
25 telling you about crimes or about victims,

1 they were giving you facts, facts that the
2 citizens, people need to know. If they are
3 not allowed to tell facts I have to ask why
4 and wonder why. What is he hiding? What is
5 the city afraid that the police officers
6 will tell?

7 Will they tell that rather often
8 there is only four police officers working
9 on midnight shift covering the whole 27
10 square miles? Afraid people will find that
11 out? I'm telling you, it's a fact. That is
12 fact. What are they afraid of? That they
13 are going to tell that there aren't enough
14 police cars and the police cars are all in
15 crappy condition? It's been that way for 20
16 years. That hasn't changed.

17 And as for them not having the right
18 to speak, just quite coincidentally, I came
19 across a note for the very first time that I
20 came and spoke when I was a police officer
21 and it was July 5th of 1995. I wasn't an
22 officer in the union, I was just a police
23 officer. Coincidentally, the meeting was
24 about the mayor cutting police jobs and
25 council voted not to cut the jobs and the

1 jobs weren't cut, and that was in 1995.
2 Since then a whole lot of police officers
3 have come here and have spoken and exercised
4 their rights as citizens and taxpayers to
5 speak, and now I think you people really
6 need to understand and I think the citizens
7 had better be really concerned as to what is
8 this police department afraid that the
9 citizens are going to find out. What is
10 being hidden here that we can't know as
11 citizens? Is it really that bad out there
12 that we don't want anybody to know what's
13 happening. Thank you.

14 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

15 MR. ANCHERANI: Good evening,
16 Council. Nelson Ancherani, resident and
17 taxpayer, recording secretary of the FOP,
18 First Amendment Rights. I'm going to make
19 this short and give you a break, I want to
20 thank you for the time and effort that you
21 put into this amended budget. It was not an
22 easy task. I believe much time was spent on
23 it. It was gratifying to see that a budget
24 could be put forth that saves money, keeps
25 most of the 69 positions that had been

1 written out of the original budget and it
2 cuts taxes, we have a 25 percent mercantile
3 cut in taxes, 10.55 percent decrease in real
4 estate taxes.

5 We all remember the 25 percent tax
6 increase of 2008 and who voted for that. I
7 wonder how Mr. McGoff will vote tonight? He
8 has a chance to redeem himself with
9 taxpayers getting at least almost half of
10 their 25 percent tax break back. Thank you
11 very much, Council. We, the people,
12 appreciate it.

13 I also want to thank you for giving
14 us again we, the people, a chance to address
15 council, to let our views be known about the
16 original budget. Everyone, citizens,
17 residents, taxpayers and all union
18 represents had the opportunity to come
19 before council and fight for their members.
20 It was their, everyone's choice to appear
21 before council. Whether they did or not was
22 up to them.

23 Not everyone is happy today, but
24 there are a lot less happy people with this
25 amended budget than the original budget put

1 forward that eliminated 69 positions. You
2 saved most of the positions that were
3 written out of the original budget and for
4 that we are extremely grateful. Thank you.
5 I'm also very thankful for the council
6 considering the health, welfare, and safety
7 of the City of Scranton residents and
8 citizens.

9 One more thing, if the supermajority
10 council had been in place would we have had
11 a balanced budget in 2007 and no need would
12 have existed for the 25 percent tax increase
13 at that time? Thank you.

14 MS. EVANS: Thank you,
15 Mr. Ancherani. Is there anyone else who
16 cares to address council? Mr. McGoff, any
17 comments or motions?

18 MR. MCGOFF: Please. As I sat and
19 went through the budget today and looked at
20 the amendments that were being made there
21 are a number of questions that I had, but I
22 think you are right, Mrs. Evans, that you
23 know, any document of this magnitude you are
24 bound to find things that are questionable
25 and certainly there are a number of things

1 in here that I -- you know, that I would ask
2 questions about and Mr. Joyce last night
3 offered to provide me with some of the
4 details of expenditures that were cut,
5 things were added, that were not included in
6 the presentation and I thank him for that.

7 But in totality, again, I think that
8 those things are somehow lost by the overall
9 nature of the budget. There are -- still
10 with that, there are one or two kind of
11 major questions that I would like to ask and
12 let it be -- and then be done with it. The
13 one thing in the city clerk's city council
14 section, the executive assistant and
15 confidential secretary, are those union
16 positions or are they nonunion?

17 MR. JOYCE: They would be nonunion.

18 MR. MCGOFF: They would be nonunion,
19 so they would basically be new positions?

20 MR. JOYCE: And the existing
21 position would be eliminated.

22 MR. MCGOFF: The one union position
23 eliminated. Thank you. I wasn't sure how
24 that was going be -- and they would then
25 be -- those would be appointed by council?

1 MR. JOYCE: Correct.

2 MR. MCGOFF: I would assume?

3 MS. EVANS: Yes.

4 MR. MCGOFF: By a vote of council.

5 MS. EVANS: Yes, that was I believe
6 provided for in the administrative code.

7 MR. MCGOFF: Okay. I just, again, I
8 just wasn't sure what it was.

9 MR. JOYCE: No problem.

10 MR. MCGOFF: The second thing that I
11 just had questions about, the police chief
12 and fire chief salaries for -- that were
13 suggested in 2011, police chief at \$73,006
14 and the fire chief at \$62,872.

15 MR. JOYCE: And I know, I'll explain
16 that to you all right now.

17 MR. MCGOFF: Okay.

18 MR. JOYCE: Because, you know, I
19 figured that someone was going to ask that
20 question and I might as well have an
21 explanation. As far as the police chief is
22 concerned, the police chief works a 40-hour
23 schedule just like all of the other
24 officers. The firefighters under the
25 current plan work a 48-hour schedule. It's

1 been customary procedure at least with the
2 unions and chiefs that the chief would make
3 4 percent higher than the next lowest
4 subordinate. With that being said, I
5 calculated the hourly rate of the fire chief
6 based on 4 percent higher than the next
7 lowest subordinate's hourly rate and
8 multiplied that by a 40-hour workweek rather
9 than a 48-hour workweek because I understand
10 that the chief has a regular daily schedule
11 where the firefighters would be working the
12 24 day, two days off, and then the 24 hour
13 day, two day off shift and with the calendar
14 I believe it's every month or two weeks or
15 whatever it was written as, but that's how I
16 came about that number.

17 MR. MCGOFF: It just seems odd that
18 I think if I counted correctly 24 or 25
19 members of the department will be making
20 more in salary than the chief, which doesn't
21 seem quite, you know, proper, but thank you
22 for your explanation.

23 MR. JOYCE: I do -- I do see the
24 point that you are making, but in that same
25 light I will say that on an hourly rate the

1 chief will be making 4 percent more than the
2 next lowest subordinate, so I guess there is
3 an argument both ways and I see it one way
4 and you see it another, but we agree to
5 disagree and that's why we are in America.

6 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. And the
7 last two items, I did speak to Mr. Loscombe
8 and Mr. Rogan prior to the meeting and I
9 said that I would ask if they would consider
10 reinstating three positions into the budget,
11 two of them being -- well, all three of them
12 actually being in the Department of Public
13 Works. One would be the foremen for refuse
14 and the other would be the recycling
15 coordinator. With the concern that we have
16 expressed for public safety and also public
17 health, I think that these two positions are
18 absolutely essential to maintain the
19 integrity that the Department of Public
20 Works has and in providing for and
21 maintaining public health throughout the
22 city. I don't -- in hearing Mr. Davis talk
23 I don't believe that the refuse department
24 can operate without some supervision,
25 necessary supervision, and so I would ask

1 record, two of those positions were
2 originally cut by Mayor Doherty, correct, in
3 the Parks and Rec that you're --

4 MR. MCGOFF: May have been.

5 MR. JOYCE: Right. I believe they
6 were. That's why I wanted to make that
7 point clear.

8 MR. MCGOFF: I can look.

9 MR. JOYCE: That's okay.

10 MR. MCGOFF: And whether, again, as
11 I said before, I didn't agree with all of
12 the cuts that the mayor had made in the
13 budget and certainly among others that was
14 one.

15 MR. ROGAN: My question would be
16 where would the money come from to
17 reinstate --

18 MR. MCGOFF: That was something that
19 we would need to discuss.

20 MR. JOYCE: It would have to --
21 ultimately it would have to be balanced so
22 it would have to come from the revenue and
23 that the tax decrease that we were proposing
24 would have to be lowered.

25 MR. MCGOFF: Adjusted.

1 MR. JOYCE: It would have to be
2 adjusted.

3 MS. EVANS: Or the other possibility
4 would be other individuals, other positions
5 would have to be eliminated to provide for
6 those positions because I think if you look
7 through the paperwork that Mr. Joyce
8 provided to all of us we have gone through
9 every department and every expenditure of
10 each of these departments very, very closely
11 and there really is nothing left to cut, so
12 I think what you are saying is asking us to
13 consider if we wanted to decrease the tax
14 decrease for the people of Scranton or we
15 wanted to cut the tax decrease for
16 businesses or we wanted to lose some firemen
17 or policemen.

18 MR. MCGOFF: No, that wasn't --

19 MS. EVANS: Well, no, I'm just
20 saying those are --

21 MR. MCGOFF: I understand.

22 MS. EVANS: Those are the areas that
23 are well-funded and so, you know, that's
24 basically where you would have to take the
25 money from.

1 MR. MCGOFF: Understood.

2 MS. EVANS: I'm sorry. Councilman
3 Rogan, do you have any comments or motions?

4 MR. ROGAN: Yes. Thank you. First
5 some announcements as to general city
6 business and then I'll move onto the budget.
7 The West Scranton Hyde Neighborhood
8 Association will meet this Thursday at 7:00
9 p.m. in the basement of St. Pat's Church.

10 The next three I received from a
11 teacher at Scranton High School who sends us
12 announcements periodically about the
13 accomplishments of some of the students in
14 the high school and I have three of them.
15 Three Scranton High School students
16 Stephanie Fuentes and Mark McGuire were
17 selected by the VFW Post 25 Voice of
18 Democracy winners. This is a scholarship
19 given by the VFW for an auto essay. The two
20 students will attend a District 10 banquet.

21 Linda Danning and Jimmy McNalley
22 have been chosen as finalist in the holiday
23 poster contest sponsored by the
24 Lackawanna/Susquehanna Office of the Drug
25 and Alcohol programs.

1 Also, for her senior project Megan
2 McGowan visited Marley's Mission in Lake
3 Ariel. Marley's Mission uses horse assisted
4 therapy to help children and their families
5 who have experienced trauma to gain
6 self-confidence, self-image and trust.

7 Students from Scranton High School
8 came in second place at a cryptography
9 contest held at the University of Scranton
10 on November 20, 2010. Cryptography is the
11 science of sending secret messages. It is
12 one of the most important applications of
13 mathematics in the modern age.

14 And I have a few citizens' requests,
15 Mrs. Krake. The first one is there a
16 streetlight out on Beach Street, I have a
17 pole number for you, I will give it to you
18 after the meeting. And the second is a
19 letter to the DPW, there are various
20 potholes on Palm, Fig and Stafford Avenue.

21 Now onto the budget. I would first
22 like to start off actually with a piece of
23 campaign material that we used when we ran
24 for council and on the back it says, "Rogan,
25 Joyce, Evans, Scranton City Council. If

1 we're elected we pledge to: Work to reduce
2 taxes." You see that in this budget.

3 "Increase police and fire
4 protection." You saw we restored the jobs
5 that were cut by the mayor in this budget.

6 "Help to bring family sustaining
7 jobs to Scranton." Our cut in the
8 mercantile tax will give an incentive for
9 businesses to come to Scranton which will
10 mean more jobs for the people of Scranton.

11 "Vote against any tax increase."
12 This budget does not contain a tax increase.

13 "Vote against borrowing to balance
14 budgets." This budget does not contain any
15 borrowing.

16 "Vote against wasteful spending."
17 You see how Mr. Joyce outlined how council
18 went line item by line item eliminating any
19 waste everywhere we could, including \$54 for
20 cake.

21 And finally, "Restore decorum to
22 council meetings."

23 I don't think anyone disagree that
24 over the last year decorum has been restored
25 to city council. City council is no longer

1 the laughing stock where videos are posted
2 on YouTube and they receive millions of
3 hits. City council is now a place where
4 people can come with their problems and city
5 council is going to try to help them.

6 Moving to just a few more comments
7 about the budget, Mr. McGoff had a few
8 concerns about the budget and when you have
9 a panel of five people and you have a
10 document as thick as a budget, not every
11 person here is going to agree on every
12 single line item. I have stated in the past
13 and Mr. Joyce mentioned in the paper that I
14 personally wanted to go under \$50,000 for
15 each employee in the administration, less
16 than the mayor, but not every -- every
17 single person has to compromise. This
18 budget is an accumulation of all of the
19 ideas. Mr. Joyce met with each one of us,
20 put them together and he had a great
21 presentation last night, and this isn't city
22 council's budget this is the people's
23 budget. It's been decades since property
24 taxes were decreased in the city. 2007 they
25 were increased 25 percent and in the future

1 we're going to work to decrease taxes even
2 more.

3 If the City of Scranton is able to
4 get more sources of revenue, the next
5 obstacle to tackle would be the wage tax
6 which keeps many people from living in
7 Scranton.

8 The business taxes, some people say,
9 well, it only helps businesses, but it
10 doesn't, it helps everyone. People have
11 come to council and talked about SAPA and
12 they wanted council to reinstate SAPA
13 because they said it would be bring
14 businesses to Scranton, and all along the
15 four of us up here have been saying the
16 reason why businesses won't come to the City
17 of Scranton is because of the mercantile
18 tile and business privilege tax. This
19 budget is the first step in the distant
20 future of eliminating those taxes.

21 We are sending a message to
22 businesses throughout Lackawanna and
23 throughout the state that Scranton is
24 becoming business friendly. We want
25 businesses here. We want to bring good

1 family sustaining jobs for all of the people
2 in Scranton.

3 The property tax, there is a cut in
4 the property tax in this budget. People for
5 decades have been leaving the City of
6 Scranton. They have been leaving to the
7 Abingtons, they have been moving out of
8 town, they have been moving south, west,
9 everywhere but Scranton and one of the big
10 reasons is because of the taxes.

11 When people go to buy a home they
12 look at the school districts, they look at
13 many things, but the big thing that people
14 are concerned about is their wallet, their
15 checkbook at the end of the month. We are
16 sending a message to the people all across
17 the area that Scranton welcomes them into
18 Scranton. We are working to reduce the fat
19 in government, we are putting jobs back the
20 people need to keep them safe and we are
21 reduce taxes. This budget is the best
22 budget I have seen since all of the time I
23 have been following city politics, and that
24 is all I have. Thank you.

25 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Rogan.

1 Mr. Loscombe, any comments or motions?

2 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes. Thank you,
3 Mrs. Evans. First, I received this envelope
4 with a check in the amount of \$250 with a
5 little note here and I wanted to read it:

6 "Dear Jack and city council,
7 enclosed is a check for \$250 on behalf of
8 the West Side Falcons, a nonprofit youth
9 organization in Scranton. Our concern for
10 the safety and well-being of the children
11 does not go without warrant. Two years ago
12 my wife and I attended the funeral of one of
13 our little Falcons, a nine-year-old child
14 who died in a fire along with his brother
15 due to arson. I pray to God that something
16 like that never happens again. I fear for
17 all of the children who may be in more
18 danger if the fire and police personnel are
19 cut in any way. Both are services that our
20 organization has called upon many times.
21 The firemen are always there whenever we
22 have a bond fire or an accident, the police
23 have been called on several occasions when
24 there is mischief at our field. Our
25 children always feel safe when they are

1 around.

2 Although, we don't have a lot of
3 money, we are grateful to have a place for
4 the children to go, keeping children off the
5 street and involved in activities helps keep
6 them out of trouble, and without the use of
7 the field there would be over 200 children
8 with nothing to do between July and
9 November, so please accept our donation and
10 our gratitude to all who have helped serve
11 and protect all of the children in our
12 organization. Sincerely, Ken Martin,
13 president of West Scranton Falcons Youth
14 Organization."

15 Now, I just want to say a few words
16 on the budget, we have reserved ourselves
17 the past couple of weeks. I definitely
18 would like to commend Frank for all of his
19 effort, all of his work, he did the brunt of
20 it, he put the slideshow together, we just
21 said, "Yeah, that's right, Frank."

22 No, we actually all had our part.
23 Although the budget proposed by the
24 administration did not increase taxes, it
25 did eliminate positions that would directly

1 impact the health, safety and welfare of all
2 our residents, businesses and commuters.
3 This city council unanimously agreed that
4 the mayor's budget was unacceptable as
5 presented. The city council majority which
6 has been accused of doing nothing during our
7 first 11 months in office has been
8 aggressively pursuing ways to provide the
9 quality of life and the services that you
10 the taxpayers are entitled to.

11 Throughout the past 11 months this
12 council majority has worked arduously
13 responding to citizens and employee concerns
14 on a daily basis, not just Tuesday evenings.
15 We have listened to thousands of requests
16 and concerns and are responding to them to
17 the best of our abilities sometimes with and
18 many times without the cooperation of
19 administrative officials.

20 We are all facing difficult economic
21 times and this council majority has
22 maintained their focus on that reality. In
23 tougher economic times it is a historic fact
24 that crime rates spiral and the incidents of
25 blighted properties and arson fires greatly

1 increase. Cutting the public safety
2 departments, as the administrative budget
3 has proposed, is a very ill-conceived idea
4 that can result in tragic consequences.

5 Throughout this past 11 months I
6 have been approached by many people in
7 churches, grocery stores, the mall, church
8 picnics, charitable fundraisers, and on the
9 street as I know many of my colleagues have
10 also been. The majority of their concerns
11 have been crime and drugs, blight and fire
12 hazards, streets that need paving, high
13 business and wage taxes, and several other
14 concerns.

15 This council majority has listened
16 intently to the issues brought to your
17 attention in the aforementioned locations
18 along with the issues presented here at the
19 podium on a weekly basis. I believe that
20 all of my city council colleagues have
21 collectively contributed ideas and
22 suggestions in the best interest of all
23 Scrantonians in an effort to produce our
24 2011 amended budget. Is it perfect? No.
25 But I do believe it is a far better budget

1 than the one we were handed.

2 It pains me to see anyone lose their
3 jobs, especially at this time of the year,
4 but there are far less positions lost under
5 city council's budget than would have been.

6 And, yes, unfortunately, some very
7 good people are among those who will lose
8 their job. I have had an opportunity during
9 the past 12 months to get acquainted with
10 most of the city personnel and I do believe
11 that most of them have the best interest of
12 the citizens that they serve in their
13 hearts.

14 Administrative salaries and
15 positions have been cut in our budget and
16 even that is a hard thing to do at this time
17 of the year, however, the administrative
18 positions are at-will appointments and their
19 certainty is not always a given. As a
20 matter of fact, had the mayor won one of any
21 several offices that he has aspired to
22 recently the administrative personnel would
23 have more than likely been seeking other
24 positions as of the new year.

25 In the words of Mayor Doherty, we

1 have to do more with less. That is exactly
2 what we have done in our amended budget, but
3 with one difference, over the last nine
4 years the fire department, the police
5 department, the DPW, clerical workers, and
6 most importantly the taxpayers had to do
7 more with less. One group continued to do
8 well, the administration. So well that over
9 \$100 million in borrowing took place which
10 resulted in tax increases, reductions in
11 services, rising crime, businesses moving
12 out of the city, homeowners moving out and
13 rising blight. This budget will attempt to
14 reverse that trend and make the
15 administration do more with less and finally
16 give a break to the homeowners and
17 businesses in Scranton and supports public
18 safety for a change.

19 We have had nine years of throwing
20 money at the downtown while our homeowners
21 and neighborhoods suffered. We have had
22 nine years of chipping away at our public
23 service which resulted in less services and
24 more crime and blight. We have had nine
25 years of giveaways to failed businesses and

1 cronies while our population and loyal
2 businesses continue to decline. We have had
3 nine years of pay-to-play politics which put
4 additional burden on our taxpayers. Within
5 these nine years all indications have shown
6 the dismal failure from administration's
7 policies.

8 We are attempting to correct this
9 with the decrease of 25 percent on our
10 mercantile tax let this be a first step to
11 totally eliminate this oppressive tax that
12 chases businesses out of town and prohibits
13 businesses from moving into town.

14 We have a mayor who for over nine
15 years has claimed that he is business
16 friendly, but who in fact has done nothing
17 to reduce this oppressive tax. This city
18 council is showing shouting loud and clear
19 to the business community that we are
20 cordially inviting all businesses to
21 relocate to our city to help increase our
22 tax base and more importantly create badly
23 needed jobs for our citizens.

24 This administration has promised tax
25 cuts for nine years and didn't deliver.

1 This city council is shouting loud and clear
2 to our homeowners, "We hear you," and we
3 have heard you. We are cordially inviting
4 you working families to consider moving to
5 Scranton, purchase a home and raise your
6 family in the convenience much the city with
7 a smaller tax burden and with safe
8 neighborhoods and appropriate police and
9 fire protection.

10 This council will stop the bleeding
11 and reverse the declining course we have
12 been on. Next year we will work hard to
13 reduce our taxes even more by hopefully
14 beginning to reduce our burdensome wage tax
15 to provide relief to our working families.

16 We have a long road ahead of us to
17 correct the direction that we have been
18 heading into, but this budget will be a
19 first step in that direction and will be our
20 journey -- will begin our journey to a safer
21 and more prosperous community. Enjoy our
22 tax cuts, you have waited long enough and
23 truly earned it. May God bless you all and
24 have a happy and healthy holiday season.
25 Thank you.

1 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Loscombe,
2 Mr. Joyce, do you have any comments or
3 motions?

4 MR. JOYCE: I do have a few. As we
5 conclude the Year 2010, I wanted to take
6 this time to thank all of my colleagues for
7 their valuable input during my first year as
8 an elected official. Though we sometimes
9 may disagree on issues we all stand here
10 with a common purpose and a common goal
11 which is to serve the residents in the best
12 way that we see fit.

13 During this time, I also wanted to
14 thank all of my colleagues for their input
15 that was involved in creating the amendments
16 to the budget that were presented last night
17 which will be voted on later tonight.

18 First, I want to start by thanking
19 Mr. McGoff for expressing his ideas and for
20 his wishes to implement a stronger rental
21 registration program and also for expressing
22 your concerns with parks and recreation as
23 well as blight in the neighborhood.

24 Secondly, I want to thank Mr. Rogan
25 for his input with OECD in the 2011

1 operating budget as well as his input on
2 public safety priorities as well as his
3 fiscally conservative views.

4 Third, I would like to thank
5 Mr. Loscombe for input on public safety and
6 fire technology. I would also like to thank
7 Mr. Loscombe for his efforts to bring
8 StreetSmart Technologies in front of council
9 so that we could see the revenue benefits
10 that implementation of their services can
11 have for our city. As many speakers and
12 citizens alike have suggested, we need to
13 find new creative ways to create revenue. I
14 appreciate your research, your efforts, and
15 the service that you have provided to this
16 community.

17 Finally, I would like to thank
18 Mrs. Janet Evans for her knowledge of
19 council proceedings, knowledge of city hall
20 operations, union issues, legislation issues
21 and her tireless contributions to the 2011
22 operating budget. Without her resources and
23 knowledge of city government the amendments
24 that will be voted on tonight would not have
25 been possible to it's fullest extent. Since

1 I have known Janet Evans she has fought for
2 her ideas and beliefs and for the residents
3 of this city. She has done an excellent job
4 as council president in researching every
5 piece of legislation that comes before us
6 for a vote. She has the best interest of
7 the residents of the city in her heart and
8 in her soul and it's evident in her
9 dedication to this city council. She should
10 be commended for her efforts as it should
11 all of us.

12 Well, last but not least, I would
13 like to thank the residents of the City of
14 Scranton who put their trust in me to become
15 a member of this council. It is my honor
16 and privilege to serve you whether you voted
17 for me or whether you didn't. Through
18 crafting budget amendments, it was always my
19 intent to do the right thing and what I felt
20 would be in the best interest of the public,
21 both residents and business alike.

22 For the creation of the budget
23 amendments that will be voted on tonight, it
24 was always my goal to restore the safety
25 standards that you have come to expect and

1 deserve in the fire and police department,
2 to keep the fight against blight by
3 restoring housing inspector positions and to
4 keep city hall equipped with the staff that
5 will answer your calls and concerns when you
6 have questions.

7 In the budget amendments, both union
8 and nonunion positions alike were cut. It
9 has never been by intention to work for the
10 unions or for the administration, it has
11 always been my intention to work for the
12 residents of the city and that is what I
13 will strive to continue for in the future.
14 The people of this city are the heart of
15 Scranton and it is an honor and a privilege
16 to serve you.

17 As we look onto 2011, let us
18 remember the past, both the good and the bad
19 to help us aid in our decision making. I,
20 myself, as well as other council members
21 have expressed their ideas for new revenue
22 sources which because of legal reasons could
23 not be a part of the 2011 budget amendments.
24 As we move on, I will be researching into
25 many of these new revenue streams as I'm

1 sure my other council colleagues as well
2 will. Ultimately we have one common goal
3 and one common purpose and that's to make
4 Scranton a better place.

5 Though the mayor and council have
6 not always seen eye-to-eye on issues, I hope
7 that department heads offer us a little bit
8 more cooperation in the future and I hope
9 that as two bodies of government we could
10 work better. We are all in this together,
11 we all work for the same people, and we all
12 love the city that we serve.

13 And when I heard the comments made
14 or the presumed comments that were made by
15 the mayor on the news tonight I will say
16 personally it's heartbreaking because, one,
17 Mayor Doherty sat in this very same chair as
18 finance chair at one point in his life the
19 body of work that I put in to creating these
20 budget amendments, as far as crunching
21 numbers, talking to council members, asking
22 for their input in generating a document
23 that summarizes these amendments I want to
24 know is this something that he ever did as
25 finance chair?

1 If he wishes not to put back the
2 fire and police positions that we restored
3 it's not to spite us it's to spite you
4 because there is two bodies of the
5 government in this city and if this budget
6 isn't honored with the compliments that we
7 are restoring it to then what's the purpose
8 of us? What is the purpose of council if we
9 don't have a voice? We were elected to be a
10 voice in this city as well, so I'm asking
11 you, please, Mayor Doherty, honor our
12 budget, if the amendments are passed, honor
13 the compliments that we are putting in the
14 budget. We have worked tirelessly and I
15 respect all of the work that you have done
16 for the city as well. I think you have done
17 a great job in many areas, but this is
18 something we firmly believe in, too, and I
19 know you have management rights, but the
20 compliment is a part of this budget
21 document, so I'm asking you, please, honor
22 our wishes. It's for the betterment of the
23 city and it's for the betterment of the
24 community that we live in which we were all
25 elected to serve, and that is all I have for

1 government channels. Subscribers do not
2 want to surrender one of their stations.

3 And, number three, a different EG
4 channel administrator.

5 In fact, even the Scranton Times
6 newspaper supports shortening the length of
7 the cable franchise agreement. However, by
8 vetoing in legislation Chris Doherty is
9 doing only what he wants not what the people
10 want. Council is responding to the will of
11 the people and will cast it's vote regarding
12 that veto tonight.

13 It has been a lengthy, meticulous
14 and painstaking journey to this final budget
15 vote. When I decided early in 2009 to seek
16 a third term on Scranton City Council and
17 run as a team with Mr. Joyce and Mr. Rogan,
18 together we made pledges to you, and the
19 budget that council will adopt this evening
20 takes all of us full circle.

21 Ladies and gentlemen, city council's
22 budget amendments represent the direction of
23 all five council members and the fulfillment
24 of the pledges made by this council majority
25 during that 2009 campaign. Among others we

1 pledged to ascertain a true financial
2 picture of the city, it's long-term debt and
3 it's actual revenues and of municipal
4 authorities such as the Scranton Parking
5 Authority.

6 The long-term debt of the City of
7 Scranton as of December 2009 is
8 approximately \$303,500,000. Actual revenue
9 included in the budget amendments is based
10 on research and numbers from the tax
11 assessor's office and the Scranton Single
12 Tax Office.

13 Also, for the first time, we have
14 our hands on the Scranton Parking Authority
15 budget and will amend it tonight to cut the
16 fat.

17 Second, this council majority
18 pledged to limit the size and cost of
19 government. We did so in early spring by
20 amending the budget, but were taken to Court
21 by the mayor. These 2011 budget amendments
22 include administrative salary cuts and an
23 equitable amount of cuts to administration
24 and unions. 14 cuts were made to
25 administration to include 12 full-time and

1 two part-time positions. 11 cuts were made
2 to city unions and an additional five DPW
3 casual workers were eliminated for a total
4 of 16.

5 Conversely, the mayor cut 54 union
6 positions and four administrative positions,
7 three of whom are secretaries. He played a
8 shell game with the remaining five
9 administrative jobs sliding them from one
10 department to another with the same or
11 increased salaries, but that was never
12 released to the public or published by the
13 Scranton Times.

14 Further, council meticulously
15 examined each expenditure of this city and
16 cut the fat. Administrators will pay for
17 their own memberships and professional
18 organization. Cell phones will no longer be
19 handed out like candy and city hall postage
20 machines and office stationery will no
21 longer be used for personal or political
22 reasons. Public tax dollars should never be
23 spent on personal matters, invitations to
24 balls, dinner tickets, cakes, expensive
25 office decorations or to advance once

1 political career during election cycles.
2 This is the waste we found in the operating
3 budget and in the Office of Economic and
4 Community Development.

5 A third pledge was to protect the
6 public safety of city residents. People pay
7 for and expect these services through their
8 tax dollars. As a result, there are no
9 tax-- there are no cuts, excuse me, to the
10 police department. In fact, we would like
11 to try to hire more police next year.

12 This council majority also pledged
13 not to close your firehouses as Chris
14 Doherty himself did when he ran for a third
15 term as mayor. Although we cut seven
16 firefighters, our firehouses should remain
17 open and none of this should come as a
18 surprise to anyone because we made clear and
19 firm pledges to the taxpayers during our
20 election campaign.

21 In addition, just two months ago
22 this council, although often accused by its
23 critics of doing nothing, fully funded a
24 much needed fire engine to replace another
25 which was so antiquated parts could no

1 longer be purchased for purposes of repair.
2 Council also eliminated police report fees
3 for victims of crimes this year.

4 Fourth, we pledged to explore new
5 revenue items and we have done so. Through
6 council's budget amendments the StreetSmart
7 Program will be implemented. We have an
8 included a very conservative estimate of
9 \$300, 000 in new revenue and it could
10 possibly more lucrative in 2011 according to
11 estimates provided by John Miskell, account
12 manager of StreetSmart Technology. For
13 instance, the City of Easton has enjoyed a
14 25 percent increase in parking fees through
15 it's StreetSmart program during only four
16 months of this year.

17 Furthermore, this council has
18 several other ideas for new revenue
19 generators, but our research demonstrated
20 that these measures cannot be legally
21 enacted until 2011. Consequently, this
22 council will work tirelessly in the new year
23 to pursue these significant revenue
24 generators and hopes to include them in next
25 year's budget.

1 A fifth pledge was to help existing
2 businesses and to try to attract new ones to
3 our city. Again, even though council
4 allegedly did nothing, we helped businesses
5 earlier in 2010 by lowering the bidding
6 threshold, putting professional services out
7 to bid, and now by lowering business
8 privilege and mercantile taxes by 25
9 percent.

10 Our most important pledge to the
11 taxpayers of Scranton was to work diligently
12 to prevent tax increases and to try to lower
13 taxes if possible particularly in light of
14 the 25 percent tax increase levied in 2008
15 by Chris Doherty and his council majority.
16 This 10 percent property tax reduction is a
17 result of actual tax revenue figures,
18 personnel and salary cuts, elimination of
19 wasteful spending and a new revenue
20 generator.

21 Also, this council recently repealed
22 draconian costs and penalties for delinquent
23 taxes and ended the ability of this
24 administration to take your homes and
25 businesses by sheriff's sale even though it

1 is said that we sit on our hands and do
2 nothing.

3 It is now within your financial
4 ability to pay delinquent taxes and the city
5 of Scranton will receive all delinquent
6 revenues.

7 City council worked in concert on
8 these amendments. Mr. McGoff wished to
9 pursue a rental registration program and to
10 reinstate housing inspectors. Mr. Rogan
11 advocated administrative salary cuts and
12 provided cuts to OECD. When Solicitor
13 Hughes informed me that our revenue ideas
14 could not be implemented legally in 2010 and
15 we would need to wait until 2011 to take
16 further action, Mr. Jack Loscombe worked
17 diligently to determine a new revenue
18 generator and he deserves all of the credit
19 for bringing the StreetSmart project on
20 board.

21 But more than anyone Councilman
22 Joyce devoted countless man hours not only
23 to the development, organization, and
24 presentation of the operating budget
25 amendments, but also to the Scranton Parking

1 Authority Budget amendments. He helped to
2 determine actual revenues and percentages of
3 the tax decreases and has been our go-to guy
4 for the last month, and I congratulate him
5 on an outstanding job.

6 MR. JOYCE: Thank you.

7 MS. EVANS: Council Solicitor Hughes
8 drafted necessary legislation to accompany
9 the budget amendments, listened to our
10 endless ideas and concerns and advised
11 council's office and me as to the
12 appropriate and legal procedures to follow.
13 Throughout 2010, Attorney Hughes has learned
14 that his solicitorship is a daily call to
15 arms, an infinite sources of possibilities
16 and a blazing beacon of hope to the
17 residents of the Scranton.

18 City clerk, Mrs. Krake, assistant
19 city clerk, Mrs. Carrera, and council clerk,
20 Mrs. Marciano, supported our efforts and
21 worked tirelessly without complaint and with
22 smiles to produce these meetings, seek
23 information from government, administrative,
24 and lending institutions and to assist each
25 council member in his or her tasks.

1 This is a tremendous team of
2 innovative, highly motivated hardworking
3 individuals who put the people of Scranton
4 first not only at budget time but every day
5 of every week and I am honored to work
6 besides each of them.

7 As council president, I am in full
8 agreement with the budget amendments and am
9 very pleased with our efforts. Cuts are
10 equitable to both union and nonunion
11 employees. Funding is provided for the
12 Johnson memorial, the Griffin Pond Animal
13 Shelter and the Everhart Museum. That being
14 said, this is not a perfect budget and
15 neither side whether union or administration
16 will be completely happy.

17 Most importantly, however, council
18 has attempted to restore public safety, keep
19 our firehouses open in the downtown and
20 neighborhoods, help our city businesses, and
21 give the long suffering people of Scranton a
22 property tax decrease. The people deserve
23 something back and they deserve to feel safe
24 in their homes and neighborhoods.

25 Throughout my tenure on Scranton

1 City Council occasionally I have not seen
2 eye to eye with the mayor, most often on
3 matters of finance and accountability, and
4 too often I stood alone until this year.
5 Having presided over and worked with this
6 outstanding council throughout 2010 amid or
7 agreements and disagreements, victories and
8 defeats, I have gained valuable insight.

9 Although, unquestionably both the
10 mayor and city council share a passion for
11 this city. This council has a philosophy
12 and vision different from that of the mayor
13 and the 2011 operating budget clearly
14 represents that difference. Our campaign
15 slogan was and our philosophy is putting
16 people first. What this means is that
17 people are to be respected and protected as
18 an absolutely end in themselves and must not
19 be used as a mere means for some external
20 political purpose. This is why we have
21 restored public safety and lowered taxes.
22 This is truly investing in and protecting
23 our city. I believe Scranton will revive
24 through lower taxation. There will be an
25 incentive to live in Scranton through lower

1 property taxes and to invest in business
2 through lower bills taxes.

3 If this council can implement our
4 several revenue generators next year, we
5 will try to further lower taxes with an eye
6 toward the wage tax no matter what
7 Mr. Doherty the Pennsylvania Economy League
8 and the Scranton Times newspaper have to say
9 about it.

10 And finally, I did want to wish a
11 belated and happy Hanukkah to members of our
12 Jewish community because I had been absent
13 last week and a very Merry Christmas and a
14 happy, healthy prosperous New Year to all.

15 MS. KRAKE: Mrs. Evans and council,
16 I just would like to apologize for the last
17 minute interruptions we had this evening for
18 giving you additional information because of
19 the seriousness of the budget amendments and
20 the amount of the work council has been
21 doing we in the office had been working
22 right up to the minute of the meeting, also.

23 MS. EVANS: Yes. Thank you very
24 much.

25 MR. JOYCE: It's very much

1 appreciated.

2 MS. EVANS: All of our office staff,
3 tremendous work that have you done and most
4 often in the 11th hour at my request.

5 MS. KRAKE: 6-A. READING BY TITLE -
6 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 55 2010 - AN ORDINANCE -
7 AUTHORIZING THE SINGLE TAX OFFICE TO COLLECT
8 THE 2010 DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES FOR
9 THE CITY OF SCRANTON.

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

12 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-A
13 pass reading by title.

14 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

17 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

18 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

19 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

20 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

23 MS. KRAKE: 6-B. READING BY TITLE -
24 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 56 2010 - AN ORDINANCE -
25 APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE

1 SCRANTON PARKING AUTHORITY FOR THE PERIOD
2 COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY 2011
3 TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2011 BY THE
4 ADOPTION OF THE SCRANTON PARKING AUTHORITY
5 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE YEAR
6 2011.

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

9 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-B
10 pass reading by title.

11 MS. EVANS: I'm sorry, 6-B.

12 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

13 MS. EVANS: On the question?

14 MR. JOYCE: I would like to make a
15 motion to amend Item 6-B as per the
16 following --

17 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

18 MR. JOYCE: I think I have to say it
19 first, but anyhow, when the Scranton Parking
20 Authority budget was submitted to us it
21 wasn't submitted to us with actual account
22 numbers, it was just a some line items and I
23 want to amend those line items in the
24 following ways:

25 Amend gross salaries on page one,

1 \$410,128.77. Health insurance to \$96,468,
2 disability and life insurance to \$2,173.
3 Pension to \$25,247.98. Maintenance and
4 supplies, and this also includes operations,
5 that's not even on the budget, but we might
6 as well put it on there so when it's made
7 available to the public they can understand
8 where the money is located, \$155,372.
9 Utilities \$230, 269. Insurance \$92,718.63
10 and add under nonoperating revenues and
11 expenses, PILOTS, StreetSmart, real estate
12 taxes, \$109,196,21. On page two, under
13 tenant rentals add \$20,000 for other. When
14 you add up the revenue, the operating
15 revenue for the SPA garage, the Medallion
16 Garage, the Casey garage, and the Connell
17 Garage it amounts to \$518,541.44.

18 Therefore, their revenues don't
19 match the total the sums of the individual
20 breakdowns. Therefore, I'm assuming that
21 the \$20,000 would be other revenue in this
22 category. It's included in the total, but
23 it's not itemized.

24 On page three, under "enforcement"
25 amend gross salaries full-time to

1 \$238,125.22, health insurance that also
2 includes dental and vision, I went through
3 and found that out by researching through
4 the city budget, amend that to \$74,524.25,
5 disability life insurance, \$26, 093.93.
6 Pension amend to \$18,109.53. Operations,
7 amend to \$34,710. Worker's compensation
8 amend to \$29,048.88. Total operating
9 expenditures or expenses, amend to
10 \$397,234.781 and also amend under
11 reimbursable the same exact amounts for each
12 one of those items.

13 Under office amend gross salaries
14 full-time to \$119,869.77. Health insurance
15 dental and vision to \$24,000. Disability
16 life insurance to \$116,000. Pension to
17 \$63,060.98. Worker's compensation to
18 \$12,026.63. Total operating expenses amend
19 to \$320,679.38.

20 Under nonoperating expenses,
21 Miscellaneous PILOT to the city \$25,000 and
22 that is per bond prospectus, and the rest in
23 order to balance this add a line for
24 StreetSmart implementation for \$43,434.21 in
25 our efforts to get this program rolling for

1 a total of nonoperating expenses amend to
2 \$68,434.21 under other and amend to
3 \$109,196.21 as a total in this category.

4 Amend total enforcement to
5 \$397,234.81. Amend total office to
6 \$320,679.38. Amend reimbursable to
7 \$397,234.81. Amend other grand total
8 expenses to \$3,465,015.21 and amend the
9 totals as follows: Under gross salaries
10 full-time, \$376,198.77. Health insurance
11 \$96,468. Disability life insurance \$21,073.
12 Pension \$25,247.98. Operations \$105,500.
13 Supplies \$15,372. Utilities \$230,269.
14 Worker's compensation \$12,026.63 for a grand
15 total of \$1,069,792.38. That's all.

16 MS. EVANS: We have a motion on the
17 floor to amend Item 6-B, do we have a
18 second?

19 MR. LOSCOMBE: I'll second.

20 MS. EVANS: On the question?

21 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. Have any of these
22 been discussed with the authority?

23 MR. JOYCE: These are actually to
24 reflect changes that city council wishes to
25 make with the parking program. For

1 instance, we are currently paying for the
2 utilities, however, in the ordinance it's
3 not required that we pay for their
4 utilities.

5 Also, under the bond prospectus,
6 correct me if I'm wrong, I'll defer to
7 Mr. Hughes, is it not true that the Parking
8 Authority is liable to pay a \$25,000 payment
9 in lieu of taxes as per that prospectus?

10 MR. HUGHES: That's correct. That's
11 not only in the three bond issues it's also
12 in the operating agreement between the
13 Parking Authority and the City of Scranton.
14 The operating agreement has been picked up
15 and put into the -- as full disclosure of
16 the Security Exchange Act of 1933 or the
17 Securities Act 33, Securities Exchange Act
18 of 1934 when these prospectuses are
19 registered for public offerings they put in
20 the fact that the maximum amount of real
21 estate taxes that can be paid by the Parking
22 Authority to the city is \$25,000. It is not
23 a -- it is not -- it cannot be accumulated,
24 so it's not assessed one year and paid, it
25 cannot be assessed the following year. So

1 that amount is authorized by the operating
2 agreement and is also put forth in the three
3 bond issues that are currently outstanding.

4 MS. EVANS: Anyone --

5 MR. HUGHES: Secondly --

6 MS. EVANS: I'm sorry, I didn't
7 know.

8 MR. HUGHES: -- the one thing we -- I
9 believe this is the first time in a long
10 time, if not the first time ever, that the
11 Parking Authority has submitted a budget at
12 the request of council because they can only
13 adopt a tentative budget. The budget
14 according to the operating agreement and the
15 budget according to the prospectus
16 supporting the three bond issues which I
17 believe total close to \$80 million, it's
18 been awhile since I looked at it, state that
19 the Parking Authority must submit it's
20 budget to council for approval, so their
21 budget is only a tentative budget subject to
22 the final approval of council. It's my
23 understanding that this is the first time
24 that this has been done in many years if not
25 ever.

1 MS. EVANS: And the figures that
2 were read by Councilman Joyce coincide with
3 the decreases that have been made in the
4 operating budget, so they're documents that
5 are working hand-in-hand.

6 MR. MCGOFF: So the answer to my
7 question then is that we haven't discussed
8 these with the authority?

9 MS. EVANS: No, I have not discussed
10 it with the authorities, but I did read
11 through the legislation and the operating
12 agreement with the authority and it was very
13 clear to me after having read it that we
14 have been duped for a number of years into
15 paying far more than we should have.

16 MR. MCGOFF: I was just -- I was
17 asking if we had discussed these so that we
18 could determine if they were, you know, if
19 there was anything that -- if they were
20 feasible according to what the Parking
21 Authority believes is necessary to operate
22 the authority. That was all.

23 Secondly, what is the cost of the
24 StreetSmart to install?

25 MR. LOSCOMBE: They don't charge

1 anything to install.

2 MR. MCGOFF: Okay.

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: They have a per month
4 fee per meter basically and they also have a
5 guarantee that if our revenue isn't over
6 what we are getting then they don't -- we
7 don't pay them that fee.

8 MR. ROGAN: I believe it was --

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: It was all in the
10 packet.

11 MR. ROGAN: -- \$30 --

12 MR. LOSCOMBE: \$30 a month. A dollar
13 a day for a meter.

14 MR. ROGAN: And \$5 a month for
15 installation.

16 MR. MCGOFF: A dollar a day per
17 meter per month.

18 MR. LOSCOMBE: Correct. And as far
19 as some of the installation, there is some
20 costs that they can prorate over say a
21 five-year term which would probably be a max
22 of \$5 a month, however, if we utilize our
23 in-house there is some different options we
24 are looking at. If we could utilize
25 in-house employees we would save that cost

1 so they are willing to work with us on that,
2 also.

3 MR. MCGOFF: So a dollar per month
4 per meter.

5 MR. LOSCOMBE: A dollar a day;
6 correct.

7 MR. MCGOFF: Per meter and we have
8 12 --

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: And that's the
10 maintenance, the batteries, the upkeep, all
11 of the electronic, the monitoring devices,
12 the sensors, it's a whole system.

13 MR. ROGAN: I think that would pay
14 for it just by the reset, you know, many
15 times when I park downtown I pull up to a
16 meter and there is 30 minutes, 45 minutes on
17 it. With this system as soon as you pull
18 out the time you paid for resets.

19 MR. LOSCOMBE: And the figures they
20 quote us are --

21 MR. MCGOFF: What's the guarantee
22 from StreetSmart?

23 MR. LOSCOMBE: That our baseline
24 that we're --once we start it we go by last
25 year's budget if we made \$2 million on the

1 meters if we don't make over that we don't
2 pay.

3 MR. MCGOFF: So as long as we make
4 what we have made last year it's cost free?

5 MR. LOSCOMBE: Correct. As long as
6 we don't make under what we -- yeah, as long
7 as we make up to what we made last year it's
8 cost free, exactly.

9 MR. JOYCE: Now, as per the
10 presentation in the caucus that is something
11 that could generate up to \$2 dollars in
12 extra revenue per year, and I will say that
13 if that would happen it would be a win-win
14 situation for both the city and the Parking
15 Authority because if our funding that we
16 collect from meter revenue goes up then our
17 management fee goes up along with it, so the
18 Parking Authority would be gaining revenue
19 by implementing a program such as this.

20 Now, as far as the installation, in
21 the caucus Mr. Miskell did specify that
22 installation could be done by StreetSmart
23 Technologies' individuals or it could be
24 done by in-house people or a private person,
25 whichever would be preferred.

1 MR. MCGOFF: And again, I'll ask,
2 have we been in touch with the authority to
3 determine whether, you know, they would
4 implement it or whether they can implement
5 this program?

6 MS. EVANS: Actually, I spoke with
7 Mr. Miskell about the equipment utilized by
8 the on-street program of the Parking
9 Authority, it's equipment, and they have a
10 preexisting agreement with that company. In
11 other cities have used Duncan meters as well
12 so there is absolutely no problem there, and
13 in terms of the handhelds that the
14 enforcement officers have at this point they
15 can also be utilized within the StreetSmart
16 program, so that we are not losing any of
17 the equipment we currently use it will be
18 easily adaptable to the program.

19 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.

20 MS. EVANS: Is there anyone else on
21 the question? All those in favor of the
22 motion to amend Item 6-B signify by saying
23 aye.

24 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

25 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

1 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

2 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

3 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
4 have it and so moved. All those in favor of
5 Item 6-B, as amended, signify by saying aye.

6 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

7 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

8 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

9 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

12 MR. HUGHES: Madam President, I
13 believe that there was a motion to amend on
14 the floor, the vote should be on the motion
15 to amend -- the motion to amend --

16 MS. EVANS: Yes.

17 MR. HUGHES: And then go back and
18 vote on the original motion as amended.

19 MS. EVANS: We voted on the motion
20 on the floor.

21 MR. HUGHES: Now we have to vote on
22 the original motion. The motion was to
23 amend the motion as read, so the first vote
24 has to be on the amendment to the motion
25 that was made by Mr. Joyce, seconded by

1 Mr. Loscombe.

2 MS. EVANS: Right.

3 MR. HUGHES: So now that the
4 amendment has been -- now that the amendment
5 has been voted on affirmatively now go back
6 and vote on the original motion, as amended.
7 Oh, we did?

8 MS. EVANS: Yes, we did.

9 MR. HUGHES: I apologize, I didn't
10 hear it that way. I just want to make sure
11 the procedure was correct. I'm sorry.

12 MS. KRAKE: 6-C. READING BY TITLE -
13 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 57 2010 - AN ORDINANCE -
14 ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE STAFFING
15 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BUREAU OF FIRE,
16 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OF THE CITY OF
17 SCRANTON, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2011.

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

20 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-C
21 pass reading by title.

22 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

23 MS. EVANS: On the question?

24 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I would just like
25 to restate again that while I may agree with

1 the intent of these two "C" and "D" I
2 believe that we are overstepping in doing
3 and that it's not proper way to go about to
4 go about doing this.

5 MS. EVANS: Probably, and I can see
6 what Mr. McGoff is saying, but he triggered
7 a thought in my mind as he made that
8 statement. At the same time, however, the
9 mayor is saying or suggesting, I should say,
10 that he will not reinstate positions that
11 are funded in a budget that will be legally
12 and lawfully adopted by this city council
13 and that, too, appears to be an illegal act
14 that can be taken to Court. Anyone else on
15 the question?

16 MR. LOSCOMBE: I guess it applies,
17 but it was noted in the newspaper that the
18 mayor stated that he will not take our
19 budget to court, he will not take us to
20 court on our budget, but I believe that may
21 be double speak for "I will not enforce your
22 budget, you have to take me to Court," and
23 that's what I think. That's the way I read
24 it, so --

25 MS. EVANS: Indeed.

1 MR. LOSCOMBE: We may be there.

2 MS. EVANS: And I think we will find
3 out or at least the people, the people of
4 the city are going to find out once and for
5 all is the mayor working for you or he is
6 working for himself? Does he want you to be
7 safe or is he pulling off a political
8 vendetta. Does he want you to have your tax
9 decreases or does he want to continue his
10 political spending and his bloated
11 bureaucracy? And I think you are all going
12 to get the answers to those questions over
13 the next several days as the mayor chooses
14 the action he will take with regard to an
15 legally and lawfully adopted budget provided
16 for by the Home Rule Charter of the City of
17 Scranton.

18 MR. JOYCE: And I --

19 MS. EVANS: There are two branches
20 of government, I'm sorry. There are two
21 branches of government and both oversee this
22 city. No one is a dictator and any attempt
23 to dictate I believe has to be, has to be
24 addressed and we will stand up on behalf of
25 the people.

1 MR. JOYCE: And I want to say I know
2 I did get a little bit emotional before, but
3 this is something that I firmly believe in
4 and I put a great deal of time and effort
5 into coming up with these spreadsheets,
6 crunching all of these numbers together and
7 listening to all of council members to craft
8 these amendments and if these amendments
9 aren't honored what is the purpose of that
10 work? What is the purpose of city council?

11 MS. EVANS: What is the purpose of
12 the Home Rule Charter?

13 MR. JOYCE: And I will say, and what
14 meant the most to me and what -- maybe not
15 the most, but it meant a great deal is I
16 know that me, myself and Mr. McGoff, we
17 disagree on issues from time to time and I
18 have a great deal of respect for his opinion
19 and he told me that I did a great job, and I
20 wanted to thank you for that because it
21 really meant a lot.

22 And even though the mayor and the
23 majority of the council members seated up
24 here may disagree on what should be done, we
25 are allocating funding for these positions

1 and we sincerely hope that they will be
2 honored. If not, then what is the purpose
3 of even doing this in the first place?

4 That's all.

5 MR. ROGAN: I would just add in the
6 last almost a year being on council now the
7 one thing I'm sick of hearing over and over
8 again, especially in the paper, it's the
9 city council versus the mayor. Our budget
10 has nothing to do with the mayor. We are
11 just doing what's right for the people, and
12 as Mr. Joyce mentioned we hope that the
13 mayor will live up to what he said in the
14 newspaper and not challenge it and enact our
15 budget. That's all.

16 MR. JOYCE: And I would like to
17 reiterate that, too. This isn't about Chris
18 Doherty vs. Janet Evans, this isn't about
19 Chris Doherty vs. City Council, this is
20 about doing what's best for the public and
21 what's best for the city and this is what --
22 these amendments are what we believe are
23 best for the city. Even Mr. Mrozinski, a
24 reporter from the Times, he said to me in
25 casual conversation last time that, "I

1 thought that your cuts were going to be
2 steeper," and they -- sure, we could have
3 made them steeper, but I thought what we do
4 was fair and equitable and we also left some
5 union positions out and the paper constantly
6 criticizing us as being bought and owned by
7 the fire and police union, yet we decided to
8 not put in seven firefighter positions that
9 the union would have liked to see put in
10 there.

11 This is what we truly believe is
12 best for the city and we are just hoping and
13 I'm very confident that the mayor will work
14 with us and implement our spending plan.
15 When we were first elected to office and
16 after the Court hearings about the budget
17 amendments that we lost, Mayor Doherty said
18 that the law was on our side next time and
19 that he won't pursue legal action in Court
20 against us, however, he would hold us
21 accountable.

22 Well, if he doesn't give us the
23 chance by putting the people back into the
24 positions that we are desiring them to be
25 put back into is he giving us the chance to

1 hold us accountable? I would surmise no.
2 And I sincerely hope that the mayor would
3 follow along with council's wishes, and
4 that's all.

5 MS. EVANS: I'll just say they are
6 not just council's wishes, this is in
7 reaction to you people. They are the
8 people's wishes, so we shall see if the
9 mayor follows the people's wishes. Okay.
10 Anyone else on the question? All those in
11 favor signify by saying aye.

12 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

13 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

14 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

15 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed?

16 MR. MCGOFF: No.

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

19 MS. KRAKE: 6-D. READING BY TITLE -
20 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 58 2010 - AN ORDINANCE -
21 ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE STAFFING
22 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BUREAU OF POLICE,
23 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OF THE CITY OF
24 SCRANTON, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2011.

25 MS. EVANS: You've heard reading by

1 title of Item 6-D, what is your pleasure?

2 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-d
3 pass reading by title.

4 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

7 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

8 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

9 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

10 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed?

11 MR. MCGOFF: No.

12 MS. EVANS: The ayes have it and so
13 moved. At this time I'll entertain a motion
14 that council suspend it's rules and place
15 all Sixth Order items into Seventh Order for
16 final consideration.

17 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

18 MR. JOYCE: Second.

19 MS. EVANS: On the question?

20 MR. ROGAN: Yes, on the question.

21 Correct me if I'm wrong, but didn't we move
22 two -- didn't we vote twice on these two
23 last week -- or last night.

24 MS. EVANS: I thought we had, yes.
25 We moved it into Sixth Order.

1 MR. ROGAN: We voted; correct?
2 That's why I just confused because it would
3 seem like we would be voting a fourth time
4 on this legislation.

5 MR. MCGOFF: Just to make sure.

6 MR. JOYCE: I have been reading so
7 many numbers over the past year two days
8 that --

9 MS. KRAKE: I think we did.

10 MS. EVANS: Mrs. Krake?

11 MS. KRAKE: I think we need to ask
12 the solicitor on that.

13 MS. EVANS: Solicitor Hughes?

14 MR. HUGHES: I don't have last
15 night's agenda. I remember certainly things
16 were moved and whether these -- was the
17 final vote taken on these last night?

18 MR. MCGOFF: No.

19 MR. EVANS: No.

20 MR. MCGOFF: No, two votes were
21 taken.

22 MR. ROGAN: We voted Fifth and Sixth
23 Order that's why it was in Sixth I think
24 thought it was wrong, I think they should
25 have been in Seventh to beginning with. We

1 shouldn't have to move them into Seventh.
2 Just wanted to make sure that we are not
3 making mistakes. I know we did vote twice
4 last week -- or last night.

5 MR. HUGHES: If Mr. Rogan is correct
6 I think if we have last night's agenda these
7 were first introduced in Fifth Order then
8 they were moved to Sixth Order and they were
9 voted upon so they should have been on
10 Seventh Order, I believe. I don't have last
11 nights agenda with me, I don't know that --
12 Cathy is going out to get the agenda, but I
13 do believe that these three items were voted
14 on in Fifth Order then moved to Sixth Order
15 and voted on, so they should now -- they
16 should have been on Seventh Order.

17 MS. EVANS: Which they will now go
18 into.

19 MR. HUGHES: Right.

20 MS. EVANS: I think we should
21 probably just continue as we were. We had a
22 motion on the floor, did we have a second?
23 No, we are not there yet, Mr. Rogan stopped
24 us prior to second.

25 MR. MCGOFF: We are making a motion

1 to move it, I'm sorry. I'm getting
2 confused.

3 MR. JOYCE: We're all starting to
4 get confused.

5 MS. EVANS: No, it's fine. It's
6 fine.

7 MR. MCGOFF: We move into Seventh
8 that's where we are at.

9 MS. EVANS: Yes, so do we have a
10 second on that motion?

11 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

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

14 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

15 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

16 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

17 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

20 MS. KRAKE: 7-A. FOR CONSIDERATION
21 BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR
22 ADOPTION-FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 52, 2010 (AS
23 AMENDED)- APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE
24 EXPENSES OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT FOR THE
25 PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF

1 JANUARY, 2011 TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31,
2 2011 BY THE ADOPTION OF THE GENERAL CITY
3 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2011.

4 MS. EVANS: File of Council No.
5 52-2010, the 2011 operating budget, as
6 amended, will be voted on for final passage
7 this evening since a public hearing as
8 required by Section 905 of the Home Rule
9 Charter was held December 14, 2010, at 6:00
10 p.m. with nine speakers coming to the podium
11 to address city council. What is the
12 recommendation of the chair for the
13 Committee on Finance?

14 MR. JOYCE: I would like to make a
15 motion to amend 7-A, as amended, increase
16 standard salary controller account
17 01.030.00000.4010 by \$26,050, and decrease
18 DPW Highway overtime account
19 01.080.000080.4080 by \$10,000, and decrease
20 fire overtime account 01.011.00078.4080 by
21 \$1,650.

22 MS. EVANS: We have a motion on the
23 floor, is there a second?

24 MR. ROGAN: Second.

25 MS. EVANS: On the question?

1 MR. JOYCE: I'll respond to this,
2 the purpose of doing this is to reinstate
3 the solicitor in the city controller's
4 office. I have been in contract with
5 Mrs. Novembrino, and I do agree with her as
6 per the administrative code it does call
7 that there needs to be a solicitor in her
8 office and that she cannot use the services
9 of council solicitor or the city solicitor
10 due to the fact that it would be viewed as a
11 conflict of interest, so I am moving that we
12 put in position back into the operating
13 budget. The deductions were decreased from
14 these accounts. Due to the figure of the
15 salary, and I would like to reiterate we are
16 decreasing the fire overtime account by
17 \$16,050, however, it is still more than the
18 mayor originally allocated for this account.

19 MS. EVANS: Is there anyone else on
20 the question? All those in favor of the
21 motion to amend Item 7-A, as amended,
22 signify by saying aye.

23 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

24 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

25 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

1 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

2 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
3 have it and so moved. We will now have roll
4 call on item 7-A, as amended.

5 MR. MCGOFF: We are still on the
6 question?

7 MS. EVANS: No, that was the
8 question on his motion. We are on the
9 question on his motion.

10 MR. MCGOFF: Right, so we are still
11 on the question, we haven't --

12 MR. ROGAN: Don't we need the
13 recommendation first?

14 MR. JOYCE: As Chairperson for the
15 Committee on Finance, I recommend that Item
16 7-A, amended, as amended again, pass
17 reading-- or final passage actually.

18 MR. ROGAN: Second.

19 MS. EVANS: On the question.

20 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. Again, I would
21 like to see the positions that I had asked
22 before be reinstated into the budget. If we
23 are talking about -- we are adding two new
24 positions to the Clerk's Office and to City
25 Council, I believe that the positions in the

1 Department of Public Works are essential and
2 if we are going to maintain the services
3 that are current in terms of the cost it
4 would -- the total cost would be I would
5 guess the difference in salaries about
6 \$116,000, probably less if the reductions
7 are applied that were applied to the other
8 positions by Mr. Joyce.

9 MR. JOYCE: They would fall in the
10 15 percent category, I mean, that was used
11 for the majority of the salaries because
12 that's what PEL recommended in their caucus
13 to us and that would in my view effect the
14 majority of the workers that fell in this
15 category.

16 MR. MCGOFF: And you use asked where
17 the funding would come from, I believe that
18 reducing the percentage of decrease for the
19 current real estate tax would be
20 appropriate. It would cost less than, I'm
21 estimating at numbers, but I'm thinking it
22 would probably cost less than \$5, maybe
23 somewhere around \$5 per taxpayer to refund
24 these three positions, and I would like to
25 make a motion to reinstate the positions of

1 foremen for refuse, recycling coordinator
2 and program manager in the Parks and
3 Recreation to the 2011 budget with funding
4 to be provided by reducing the percentage of
5 the decrease for the current real estate
6 tax.

7 MR. ROGAN: So it's by raising
8 taxes?

9 MR. MCGOFF: Yes, from the decrease.

10 MR. JOYCE: I just want to -- or are
11 we technically --

12 MS. EVANS: No, we have a motion on
13 the floor, do we have a second? The motion
14 dies for lack of a second. We can return to
15 the question on 7-A, as amended.

16 MR. JOYCE: I just want to make
17 clear to the public that, yes, we are adding
18 two positions in our office, we are also
19 deleting two positions in our office, so
20 it's a basically a tradeoff. When the mayor
21 came out with the 2011 budget he cut one of
22 the positions in council's office. We have
23 an office staff of three that's basically
24 responsible for putting together all of the
25 agendas, everything that goes through with

1 these meetings, answering citizens'
2 concerns, being here at these meetings and
3 taking in your calls, your comments and
4 relaying them to us, and also attending as a
5 proxy at many meetings that we cannot attend
6 due to our work schedules such as PEL
7 meetings that Mrs. Krake attends that I wish
8 that I would be able to. In effect, that's
9 a 33 percent reduction in the staffing of
10 our office. Essentially, in actual people
11 that we are putting back into council's
12 office that's one person, however, the mayor
13 did not cut 33 percent of the DPW.

14 Now, while I do see that some of the
15 positions in Parks and Rec would be nice to
16 have, I do agree with the mayor on this one
17 because he did not -- he cut these positions
18 out of his budget as well and if he thinks
19 that we could do more with less in this area
20 then I humbly have to agree with him on this
21 one particular instance.

22 MR. ROGAN: I would just like to
23 reiterate my support for this budget and
24 actually since our budget is a fiscally
25 conservative budget I actually have two

1 things I forgot to mention earlier. As we
2 mentioned, we are looking to save every
3 penny we can and that's what this budget
4 does. A resident brought it up to me about
5 the lights up at Nay Aug and that they were
6 being on 24 hours a day. So, Mrs. Krake,
7 could we please get in contact with the
8 proper authority to see that that stops.
9 I'll go up there myself and shut them off if
10 I have to. It's a waste of electricity.

11 But getting back to the budget, we
12 all mentioned before that this is a common
13 sense conservative budget. We put back
14 police officers who assist the people every
15 day and we put back firefighters who
16 hopefully most residents won't have to.
17 That's a service that the people they don't
18 have to use, just like buying insurance you
19 want to know it's there, and best of all we
20 decreased property taxes and business taxes
21 which will give an incentive for residents
22 to move into Scranton, for the people to
23 stay in Scranton and for businesses to be in
24 Scranton, so this is probably the happiest
25 moment I have had in the first year of being

1 on council having the privilege in just one
2 short year to vote for a tax decrease. As I
3 read off the list of campaign pledges as
4 Mrs. Evans did as well, in just one year we
5 have met most of those pledges. Every --

6 MS. EVANS: All of them.

7 MR. ROGAN: All of them. All of
8 them. You know, every year election time
9 comes around and it seems people running for
10 office promise big, but then they don't
11 deliver. The majority of us on council we
12 delivered on our promises with this budget.
13 That's all.

14 MR. MCGOFF: I would just like to
15 continue to -- I feel that, you know, much
16 of what was done in the budget was good. I
17 still believe that what we have done here
18 that the Department of -- we have
19 emasculated the Department of Public Works.
20 We have removed the foreman, we have taken
21 away the casual workers, especially in the
22 refuse area. We have removed -- we are
23 removing the people that provide the
24 service. I don't know how we can expect
25 that the same services will be provided

1 minus these people, and I think adding --
2 adding, you know, the two foremen was a
3 minimal -- would be a minimal amount of
4 money to hopefully insure that the services
5 that we now expect from the Department of
6 Public Works would be continued and I just
7 am not understand how we are going to do
8 that without the necessary people to do the
9 job.

10 MS. EVANS: I would just comment
11 that I believe it's the DPW employees who do
12 the work. They are out in the trucks, they
13 are out on the streets, they are working
14 hard all of the time. There are only two
15 administrators in charge, but under these
16 foremen, as Mr. Rogan questioned earlier,
17 there have been instances for a very long
18 time, for decades now, where full days have
19 not been worked and supervisors have
20 overlooked that. As a result, overtime has
21 ballooned. They are working on the weekends
22 to makeup for what's not being done during a
23 weekday, and if that's the type of
24 supervision that's been provided by these
25 individuals I think it's something maybe we

1 can do without and we need someone in there
2 who is actually going to get the work done
3 during the workweek. Is there anyone else
4 on the question?

5 MR. LOSCOMBE: I just want to say, I
6 mean, I know for myself and the rest of my
7 colleagues here it is a difficult decision,
8 as I stated in my comments earlier, to let
9 anyone go, but we have crafted a budget that
10 was long and arduous and I think it hit on a
11 lot of points and the positions we took out
12 I don't think we put a face to any of those
13 positions, we tried not to. I just -- I
14 spoke to this gentleman earlier this
15 evening, he is not here now, the gentleman
16 that spoke from the DPW. We would love to
17 put every position back in that we can, but
18 given the situation if things were changed
19 several years ago everybody would have their
20 positions, but there has been so much
21 borrowing and so much excess spending that
22 this is what it's come down to and, you
23 know, it breaks my heart to let anyone go,
24 especially this time of the year, but we
25 have to have a responsible budget and I

1 believe that that's what we have now. And
2 again, administrative personnel were
3 appointed at will and if the mayor had gone
4 onto one of his other elected offices they
5 would be in the same position at this point.
6 That's all I can really say on that.

7 MS. EVANS: Anyone else? We will
8 now have a roll call on 7-A, as amended, as
9 amended, please.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

11 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

13 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

15 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

17 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

18 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

19 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare
20 Item 7-A, as amended, as amended, legally
21 and lawfully adopted.

22 MS. KRAKE: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION
23 BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION-
24 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 47, 2010 - CREATING AND
25 ESTABLISHING SPECIAL CITY ACCOUNT NO.

1 02.229596 ENTITLED "COMCAST EG GRANT" FOR
2 THE RECEIPT AND DISBURSEMENT OF GRANT FUNDS
3 AVAILABLE TO THE CITY OF SCRANTON THROUGH
4 THE RENEWAL OF THE CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT
5 WITH COMCAST.

6 MS. EVANS: What the recommendation
7 of the Chair for the Committee on Finance?

8 MR. JOYCE: As Chairperson for the
9 Committee on Finance, I recommend city
10 council override the mayor's veto of Item
11 7-B.

12 MR. LOSCOMBE: 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 the mayor's veto of Item 7-B, File of

1 Council No. 47-2010, legally and lawfully
2 overridden.

3 MS. KRAKE: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION
4 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES – FOR ADOPTION-
5 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 48, 2010 (AS AMENDED) -
6 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
7 CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A
8 CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY
9 OF SCRANTON AND COMCAST OF
10 COLORADO/PENNSYLVANIA/WEST VIRGINIA, LLC.

11 MS. EVANS: As Chairperson my
12 recommendation is that we override the
13 mayor's veto of item 7-C, as amended.

14 MR. JOYCE: Second.

15 MS. EVANS: On the question?

16 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. Once again, I'm
17 going to ask the basic question is that if
18 we override this is Comcast obligated to
19 accept the contract as amended and what
20 happens if, in fact, they do not agree to
21 the amendments that were written into the
22 contract?

23 MS. EVANS: Well, as we all know
24 it's very difficult and nearly impossible to
25 break a franchise agreement, to be able to

1 choose not to renew a franchise agreement,
2 so the agreement continues regardless of
3 what happens, the current agreement.

4 However, it does -- what this council's
5 legislation is doing is forcing Comcast and
6 the mayor to negotiate a better agreement
7 than what has been previously offered.

8 Obviously, the mayor has not listened to
9 council or the people of the City of
10 Scranton and Comcast, for example, is taking
11 a station for \$85,000, removing a station
12 for 15 years at a tawdry price of \$85,000.

13 Comcast has contracts in other
14 cities, franchise agreements in other
15 cities, that are ten-year contracts, so this
16 is a possibility. It always has been.

17 There are certain things that we may have to
18 give up and, you know, as a result that's
19 why council removed that \$85,000, for
20 example, that we are willing to give things
21 up in order to shorten that contract and to
22 see the proper things done in compliance
23 with the priorities of the people of
24 Scranton and the subscribers of Comcast.

25 MR. MCGOFF: So if I understand you

1 correctly, if Comcast does not agree to the
2 changes then the old contract continues and
3 we go back to negotiating -- to negotiating
4 a new one.

5 MS. EVANS: Well, we don't.

6 MR. MCGOFF: Well, the city goes
7 back to negotiating with Comcast.

8 MS. EVANS: Yes, with Comcast
9 concerning our -- concerning council's
10 provisions.

11 MR. MCGOFF: Understood.

12 MS. EVANS: Anyone else on the
13 question? Roll call, please?

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

15 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

17 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

18 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

19 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

20 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

21 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

22 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

23 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare
24 the mayor's veto of Item 7-C, File of
25 Council No. 48-2010, legally and lawfully

1 overridden.

2 MS. KRAKE: Mrs. Evans, at this time
3 I'd like to verify that a motion was made to
4 move Sixth Order items to Seventh?

5 MS. EVANS: That is correct.

6 MS. KRAKE: May we proceed with
7 Seventh Order items?

8 MS. EVANS: Yes, you may.

9 MS. KRAKE: Thank you. 7-D,
10 (FORMERLY 6-A) FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE
11 COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FILE OF COUNCIL NO.
12 55 2010 - AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE
13 SINGLE TAX OFFICE TO COLLECT THE 2010
14 DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES FOR THE CITY OF
15 SCRANTON.

16 MS. EVANS: What is the
17 recommendation of the Chair for the
18 Committee on Finance?

19 MR. JOYCE: As Chairperson for the
20 Committee on Finance, I recommend Item 7-D
21 for final passage.

22 MR. ROGAN: Second.

23 MS. EVANS: On the question? Roll
24 call, please?

25 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

1 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

2 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

3 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

5 MR. LOSCOMBE: 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: This one will now be
12 7-E. 7-E, (FORMERLY 6-B) FOR CONSIDERATION
13 FOR THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION
14 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 56 2010 - AN ORDINANCE -
15 APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE
16 SCRANTON PARKING AUTHORITY FOR THE PERIOD
17 COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY 2011
18 TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2011 BY THE
19 ADOPTION OF THE SCRANTON PARKING AUTHORITY
20 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2011.

21 MS. EVANS: What is the
22 recommendation of the Committee on Finance?

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

1 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

2 MS. EVANS: On the question?

3 MR. ROGAN: Yes, on the question.

4 The amendments are included; correct?

5 MR. JOYCE: Correct.

6 MR. ROGAN: I just want to make sure
7 because we voted on it and I don't want to
8 vote again. As long as the amendments are
9 included.

10 MS. EVANS: Yes.

11 MR. ROGAN: That's all I wanted to
12 be sure.

13 MS. EVANS: Roll call, please.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

15 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

17 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

18 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

19 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

20 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

21 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

22 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

23 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare
24 Item 7-E, as amended, legally and lawfully
25 adopted.

1 MS. KRAKE: Our next item will be
2 7-F. 7-F, (FORMERLY 6-C) FOR CONSIDERATION
3 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - FOR
4 ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 57 2010 - AN
5 ORDINANCE - ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE STAFFING
6 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BUREAU OF FIRE,
7 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OF THE CITY OF
8 SCRANTON, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2011.

9 MS. EVANS: What is the
10 recommendation of the Chair for the
11 Committee on Public Safety?

12 MR. LOSCOMBE: As Chair for the
13 Committee on Public Safety, I recommend
14 final passage of Item 7-F.

15 MR. ROGAN: Second.

16 MS. EVANS: On the question? Roll
17 call, please?

18 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

19 MR. MCGOFF: No.

20 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

21 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

22 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

23 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

24 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

25 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

1 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

2 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare
3 Item 7-F legally and lawfully adopted.

4 MS. KRAKE: This will be Item 7-G.
5 7-G, (FORMERLY 6-D,) FOR CONSIDERATION FOR
6 THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - FILE OF
7 COUNCIL NO. 58 2010 - AN ORDINANCE -
8 ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE STAFFING
9 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BUREAU OF POLICE,
10 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OF THE CITY OF
11 SCRANTON, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2011.

12 MS. EVANS: What is the
13 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
14 Committee on Public Safety?

15 MR. JOYCE: As Chairperson for the
16 Committee on Public Safety, I recommend
17 final passage of Item 7-G.

18 MR. ROGAN: Second.

19 MS. EVANS: On the question? Roll
20 call, please?

21 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

22 MR. MCGOFF: No.

23 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

24 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

25 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

1 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

2 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

3 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

5 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare
6 Item 7-G legally and lawfully adopted.

7 MS. KRAKE: If you would please
8 refer to your cheat sheet, your guide, there
9 is more motions there.

10 MR. JOYCE: I make a motion to take
11 from the table Resolution 43 2010,
12 appointment of David G. Smith, to the
13 Historical Architecture Review Board.

14 MR. ROGAN: Second.

15 MS. EVANS: We have a motion on the
16 floor and a second, on the question?

17 MR. LOSCOMBE: On the question, has
18 he submitted his resume, do we know?

19 MR. ROGAN: No, but this is just a
20 vote to take it from the table; correct?

21 MS. EVANS: Yes.

22 MR. LOSCOMBE: Oh, I'm sorry. Like
23 I said, it's a long night.

24 MS. EVANS: All those in favor
25 signify by saying aye.

1 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

2 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

4 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

7 MS. KRAKE: RESOLUTION NO. 43 2010-
8 APPOINTMENT OF DAVID G. SMITH, P.E., PLS.
9 1606 PRIME STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA,
10 18510, AS A MEMBER OF THE HISTORICAL
11 ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD FOR AN ADDITIONAL
12 FIVE-YEAR TERM. MR. SMITH'S TERM EXPIRES ON
13 OCTOBER 11, 2010, AS HIS NEW TERM WILL
14 EXPIRE ON OCTOBER 11, 2015.

15 MS. EVANS: Is this the Committee on
16 Rules?

17 MS. KRAKE: Yes.

18 MS. EVANS: I would imagine so. As
19 Chairperson for the Committee on the Rules,
20 I recommend final passage of Item 7-H.

21 MR. ROGAN: Second.

22 MS. EVANS: On the question? Has
23 Mr. Smith provided his resume and cover
24 letter to Scranton City Council?

25 MS. KRAKE: No.

1 MR. ROGAN: No.

2 MS. EVANS: Anyone else on the
3 question? Roll call, please.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

5 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

7 MR. ROGAN: No.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: No.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

11 MR. JOYCE: No.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

13 MS. EVANS: No. I hereby declare
14 Item 7-H is not legally and lawfully
15 adopted.

16 MR. JOYCE: I make a motion to take
17 from the table Resolution 54 2010,
18 appointment of Jerry Richardson to the City
19 Planning Commission Board.

20 MR. ROGAN: Second.

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

23 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

24 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

25 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

1 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

4 MS. KRAKE: RESOLUTION NO.54 2010 -
5 APPOINTMENT OF JERRY RICHARDSON, 829 CAPOUSE
6 AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18509, AS A
7 MEMBER OF THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR
8 AN ADDITIONAL FOUR-YEAR TERM. MR.
9 RICHARDSON'S TERM EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31,
10 2010, AND HIS NEW TERM WILL EXPIRE ON
11 DECEMBER 31, 2015.

12 MS. EVANS: As Chairperson for the
13 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
14 passage of Item 7-I.

15 MR. ROGAN: Second.

16 MS. EVANS: On the question?

17 MR. JOYCE: Yes. I would like to
18 say that I will be voting "yes".
19 Mr. Richardson did submit a copy of his
20 resume and I'm very pleased to vote "yes"
21 after receiving that and also by the great
22 credentials that he has.

23 MR. ROGAN: I will also be voting
24 "yes" and I know there are a few more that
25 we still have on the table and I hope that

1 we would -- if they don't send one vote them
2 down over the next two weeks.

3 MS. EVANS: Roll call, please.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

5 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

7 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

11 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

13 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare
14 Item 7-I legally and lawfully adopted. If
15 there is no further business --

16 MR. MCGOFF: Mrs. Evans, is there a
17 meeting next week or when is the next
18 scheduled meeting?

19 MS. EVANS: The next regularly
20 scheduled meeting will occur the first
21 Tuesday of January.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.

23 MR. ROGAN: May I ask why we are not
24 meeting over the next two weeks?

25 MS. EVANS: We can poll council and

1 see.

2 MR. ROGAN: Okay.

3 MS. EVANS: I think in the meantime
4 though we are -- we have an a number of
5 issues that will require ten day waiting
6 periods on the mayor's vetoes.

7 MR. ROGAN: I believe if we just met
8 for public comment.

9 MS. EVANS: Is there anyone who
10 would like to conduct regularly scheduled
11 council meetings for the remainder of
12 December?

13 MR. ROGAN: I would.

14 MR. MCGOFF: No.

15 MS. EVANS: I don't think there is
16 any agreement with that, Mr. Rogan, and so
17 we had a motion to adjourn?

18 MR. JOYCE: Motion to adjourn.

19 MS. EVANS: This meeting is
20 adjourned.

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

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