

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
January 12, 2012
6:30 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL
2. READING OF MINUTES
3. REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR & HEADS
DEPARTMENTS AND INTERESTED PARTIES AND CITY
CLERK'S NOTES:
 - A. TAX ASSESSOR'S REPORT, HEARING DATES FOR
NOVEMBER 16, 2011 AND DECEMBER 7, 2011.
 - B. MINUTES OF THE FIREMEN'S PENSION COMMISSION
MEETING HELD OCTOBER 26, AND NOVEMBER 16 OF 2011.
 - C. MINUTES OF THE NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION
MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 16, 2011
 - D. MINUTES OF THE SCRANTON POLICE PENSION
COMMISSION MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 16, 2011.
 - E. MINUTES OF THE COMPOSITE PENSION BOARD MEETING
HELD NOVEMBER 16, 2011.
 - F. CONTROLLER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING
NOVEMBER 30, 2011.
4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

5. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RE-APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS. MOTIONS & REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

A.
MOTIONS

B.
AMENDING FILE OF COUNCIL NO.6, 1976 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) IMPOSING A TAX FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES ON THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY SITUATE WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON; PRESCRIBING AND REGULATING THE METHOD OF EVIDENCING THE PAYMENT OF SUCH TAX; CONFERRING POWERS AND IMPOSING DUTIES UPON CERTAIN PERSONS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES", BY IMPOSING THE RATE OF THE REALTY TRANSFER TAX AT TWO AND EIGHT TENTHS PERCENT (2.8%) FOR CALENDER YEAR 2012. **(EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE ATTACHED)**

C.
AMENDING FILE OF COUNCIL NO.100, 1976, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) LEVYING GENERAL AND SPECIAL TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1977", BY SETTING THE MILLAGE FOR THE YEAR 2012. **(EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE ATTACHED)**

D.
AMENDING FILE OF COUNCIL NO.11, 1976, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) ENACTING, IMPOSING A TAX FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO PERCENT (2%) ON EARNED INCOME AND NET PROFITS ON PERSONS, INDIVIDUALS, ASSOCIATIONS AND BUSINESSES WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, OR NON-RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, FOR WORK DONE, SERVICES PERFORMED OR BUSINESS CONDUCTED WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON, REQUIRING THE FILING OF RETURNS BY TAXPAYERS SUBJECT TO THE TAX; REQUIRING EMPLOYERS TO COLLECT THE TAX AT SOURCE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT

OF THE SAID TAX; AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS”, BY IMPOSING THE WAGE TAX AT TWO AND FOUR TENTHS PERCENT (2.4%) ON EARNED INCOME FOR THE YEAR 2012 FOR RESIDENTS. **(EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE ATTACHED)**

E.

AMENDING FILE OF COUNCIL NO.7, 1976, ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) IMPOSING A MERCANTILE LICENSE TAX OF 2 MILLS FOR THE YEAR 1976 AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER UPON PERSONS ENGAGING IN CERTAIN OCCUPATIONS AND BUSINESSES THEREIN; PROVIDING FOR ITS LEVY AND COLLECTION AND FOR THE ISSUANCE OF MERCANTILE LICENSES; CONFERRING AND IMPOSING POWERS AND DUTIES UPON THE TAX COLLECTOR OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON; AND IMPOSING PENALTIES”, BY IMPOSING THE MERCANTILE LICENSE TAX AT SEVEN-EIGHTHS OF A MILL (.000875) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2012. **(EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE ATTACHED)**

F.

AMENDING FILE OF COUNCIL NO.8, 1976, ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) PROVIDING FOR THE GENERAL REVENUE BY IMPOSING A TAX AT THE RATE OF TWO (2) MILLS UPON THE PRIVILEGE OF OPERATING OR CONDUCTING BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON AS MEASURED BY THE GROSS RECEIPTS THEREFROM; REQUIRING REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT OF THE TAX AS CONDITION TO THE CONDUCTING OF SUCH BUSINESS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF SUCH TAX; PRESCRIBING SUCH REQUIREMENTS FOR RETURNS AND RECORDS; CONFERRING POWERS AND DUTIES UPON THE TAX COLLECTOR; AND IMPOSING PENALTIES”, BY IMPOSING THE BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX AT THE RATE OF SEVEN-EIGHTHS OF A MILL (.000875) FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2012. **(EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE ATTACHED)**

G.

AMENDING FILE OF COUNCIL NO.17, 1994 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO ENACT’ A WASTE DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION FEE’ FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAISING REVENUE TO COVER THE WASTE DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION COSTS INCURRED BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON

FOR THE DISPOSAL OF REFUSE”, BY IMPOSING A WASTE DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION FEE OF \$178.00 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2012. (EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE ATTACHED)

H.
AUTHORIZING THE SINGLE TAX OFFICE TO COLLECT THE 2011 DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON.

I.
AMENDING FILE OF COUNCIL NO.56, 2011, AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “GENERAL CITY OPERATING BUDGET 2012” BY TRANSFERRING \$20,000.00 FROM ACCOUNT NO. 01.401.13090.4299 (CONTINGENCY - OPERATING EXPENSES) TO ACCOUNT NO.01.020.00000.4201 (PROFESSIONAL SERVICES) TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO ECTV FOR OPERATING EXPENSES DURING THE YEAR 2012.

J.
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE SCRANTON ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT TO MAINTAIN THEIR EQUIPMENT LOCATED IN A PUMP STATION LOCATED BENEATH MATTES AVENUE.

K.
AMENDING FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 40, 2010, AS AMENDED ENTITLED, “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE CONSOLIDATED SUBMISSION FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS TO BE FUNDED UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME) PROGRAM AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) PROGRAM”, BY TRANSFERRING A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$500,000.00 FROM PROJECTS 05-15 EMERGENCY FLOOD RELIEF, 07-225 SLIBCO, 05-155 HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, 05-172 LACKAWANNA COLLEGE (SCRANTON LACE), 10-199 SCRANTON CULTURAL CENTER, 10-237.2 CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING, 10-175 TELESPOOND SENIOR SERVICES, INC. TO PROJECT 11-04 RECONSTRUCTION OF

ROADS AND HANDICAP CURB CUTS.

L.

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR INSURANCE WITH HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT INSURANCE EXCHANGE (H.A.R.I.E.), INDIAN HARBOR INSURANCE COMPANY/XL INSURANCE, PHILADELPHIA INDEMNITY INSURANCE COMPANY, ARCH INSURANCE COMPANY AND SCOTTSDALE INSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE CITY INSURANCE COVERAGES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH JANUARY 1, 2013. **(EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE ATTACHED)**

6. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES – READING BY TITLE –

A.

NO BUSINESS AT THIS TIME.

7. FINAL READING OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES –

A.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES FOR ADOPTION-FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 59, 2011 (FORMERLY TABLED) – AMENDING FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 74, 1993 (AS AMENDED), ENTITLED THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON, BY AMENDING SECTION 306 TABLE OF PERMITTED USES BY DISTRICT; SECTION 307 B.4. TABLE OF LOT AND SETBACK REQUIREMENTS BY DISTRICT; 601.A.5. MIXED-USE ADAPTIVE REUSE; TABLE 6.1 OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS; SECTION 602.E. LOCATION OF PARKING.

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ADJOURNMENT:

NANCY KRAKE
CITY CLERK
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA