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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

Thursday, May 3, 2012

LOCATION:

Council Chambers

Scranton City Hall

340 North Washington Avenue

Scranton, Pennsylvania

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

JANET EVANS, PRESIDENT

FRANK JOYCE, VICE-PRESIDENT

ROBERT MCGOFF

PAT ROGAN  
(Not present)

JOHN LOSCOMBE

NANCY KRAKE, CITY CLERK

JAMIE MARCIANO, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

BOYD HUGHES, SOLICITOR

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

3 MS. EVANS: Roll call, please.

4 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff. Mr.  
5 Rogan. Mr. Loscombe.

6 MR. LOSCOMBE: Here.

7 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

8 MR. JOYCE: Here.

9 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

10 MS. EVANS: Here. Dispense with the  
11 reading of the minutes.

12 MS. KRAKE: THIRD ORDER. 3-A. A.  
13 MINUTES OF THE LACKAWANNA HEALTH & WELFARE  
14 AUTHORITY'S REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD MARCH  
15 15, 2012.

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

18 MS. KRAKE: 3-B. MINUTES OF THE  
19 SCRANTON POLICE PENSION COMMISSION MEETING  
20 HELD MARCH 28, 2012.

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

23 MS. KRAKE: 3-C. CONTROLLER'S REPORT  
24 FOR THE MONTH ENDING MARCH 31, 2012.

25 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?

1 If not, received and filed.

2 MS. KRAKE: 3-D. MINUTES OF THE  
3 FIREMEN'S PENSION COMMISSION MEETING HELD  
4 MARCH 28, 2012.

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

7 MS. KRAKE: 3-E. MUNICIPAL PENSION  
8 FUND ELECTION FOR COMPOSITE BOARD MUNICIPAL  
9 BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO BE HELD MAY 11,  
10 2012.

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

13 MS. KRAKE: 3-F. AGENDA FOR THE  
14 ZONING HEARING BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD MAY  
15 9, 2012.

16 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?  
17 If not, received and filed. Do any council  
18 members have announcements at this?  
19 Councilman Rogan is unable to attend  
20 tonight's meeting.

21 Astronomy Day, sponsored by the  
22 Lackawanna Astronomical Society, will be  
23 held this Saturday, May 5, 2012, at 7:00  
24 p.m. at the Thomas G. Cupillary Observatory.  
25 Sunday spot, solar prominences, Mars and

1 Saturn's rings can be viewed through  
2 observatory telescopes. Admission to the  
3 program is free.

4 Finally, Mrs. Ann Judge has been  
5 chosen by the Lackawanna County Federation  
6 of Democratic Women as it's Democratic woman  
7 of the year. Scranton City Council is  
8 pleased to honor Mrs. judge with the  
9 proclamation that will be presented to her  
10 during the annual luncheon and celebration,  
11 and that's it.

12 MS. KRAKE: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'  
13 PARTICIPATION.

14 MS. EVANS: Our first speaker  
15 tonight is Andy Sbaraglia.

16 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia,  
17 citizen of Scranton. Fellow Scrantonians,  
18 the 203 bonds, were they included in the  
19 budget for 2011?

20 MS. EVANS: For 2012, you mean?

21 MR. SBARAGLIA: No, 2011. Yeah,  
22 2012, right, we are into 2012 now. Were  
23 they included in that?

24 MS. EVANS: The refinancing of those  
25 bonds?

1 MR. SBARAGLIA: No, just the amount  
2 of money that was for your bonds, were they  
3 included in the budget? They weren't in the  
4 budget. In other words, when you reached  
5 your amortization chart they are all listed  
6 as money you have to pay out as your debt,  
7 okay? Now, were they included in the '12  
8 budget? I guess not then because they blame  
9 Mr. Joyce for saying he didn't include it.

10 MR. JOYCE: Refinancing was included  
11 in the 2012 budget.

12 MR. SBARAGLIA: Why would we  
13 refinance bonds that are paying somewhere in  
14 the neighborhood of 5 percent interest with  
15 notably probably a higher paying interest?  
16 That doesn't make sense. If you look at  
17 your amortization chart I think you are  
18 putting up around 5 percent. These new  
19 bonds that you are supposedly are going to  
20 put out I guess it's capped at 10 1/2  
21 percent, we hope. Why are we doing that?  
22 Why are we all of a sudden decided we have  
23 to refinance these bonds at a lower interest  
24 and pay a higher interest? That's the  
25 quirks of the situation. I understand the 9

1           1/2 how it got way, way up is beyond me  
2           because it didn't make sense to refinance  
3           bonds that are at a lower interest and pay a  
4           higher interest. It's going to cost us more  
5           money to refinance them bonds than if we  
6           kept the bonds that we are paying on.

7                         Now, the only other solution is we  
8           don't have the money to pay off the bonds  
9           this year. Is that the problem?

10                        MS. EVANS: Yes.

11                        MR. JOYCE: Yes.

12                        MR. SBARAGLIA: And the question is  
13           why? Because them bonds are there, they  
14           have been there, we have been paying them  
15           around and I asked last week if them bonds  
16           were the one we bought the insurance on. I  
17           don't know. None of you was there when it  
18           was done, but way back when we issued bonds  
19           and we paid a million bucks to buy insurance  
20           on these bonds so we get a AAA rating and  
21           the mayor went out there and said we got a  
22           AAA rating on these bonds. Are these the  
23           bonds with the AAA rating you plan to retire  
24           and take out another loan of junk bonds? I  
25           mean, it was never the bonding agent, you

1           have to look into it really, really deeply  
2           into it. I wish I could have got into some  
3           of that, you know, private into that  
4           information on that or studied it more but I  
5           did look at your -- some of your  
6           amortization charts for these bonds. I  
7           understand the city is in trouble. We have  
8           been staying that for a lot of years. It  
9           fell on deaf ears and now we are about to  
10          stab the taxpayers in the back whether you  
11          want to or not, you got to do it, and I  
12          don't think you would want to do it.

13                        I mean, we don't have the money not  
14          because of you because of councils before  
15          you that all of a sudden said whatever the  
16          mayor set down they just stamped it out,  
17          okay, never saying -- because nobody was  
18          planning for this mayor to be that long in  
19          office and then all of a sudden it hit him  
20          now like a rock. Now he has to either sink  
21          or swim. But the main thing is he can leave  
22          the city I guess if he wanted to when his  
23          term is over or even now if he wanted to  
24          leave the city, I guess any of us can, but  
25          there is lot of elderly in this city that



1 want to die in this city. They have lived  
2 in their homes all their lives.

3 And I'm telling you this many, many  
4 times, the reason we paid that high wage tax  
5 was to keep the real estate tax low for our  
6 grandmothers and our mothers. In other  
7 words, those that made a lot of money said,  
8 okay, we are going to pay for it and we did  
9 all these years but now we get to the point  
10 where you are going to raise the real estate  
11 tax way high, plus the wage tax is still  
12 going to be high, plus you are looking for a  
13 commuter tax and everybody works in the city  
14 already pays the 52 tax, and like I said  
15 before, remember when I mentioned  
16 Carbondale, I mean, I mentioned to you let's  
17 split up some of the fees for the city  
18 services, Carbondale did it. They must have  
19 listened to the paper or somebody out there  
20 realized that's the only way out. You are  
21 not going to get nonprofits to pay unless  
22 you put a knife to their throat. Thank you.

23 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Our next  
24 speaker is Ozzie Quinn.

25 MR. QUINN: Ozzie Quinn, Taxpayers'

1 Association. Last week I asked the question  
2 regarding Rockwell Avenue bridge  
3 supplemental payments that are made change  
4 orders actually where the lowest bidder  
5 becomes the highest bidder, that's what the  
6 change orders are, and Mr. Doherty is taking  
7 credit on his web page that it's already  
8 been accomplished, the bridge is built. Did  
9 you get a reply on that?

10 MS. EVANS: No, we haven't received  
11 it yet.

12 MR. QUINN: Well, I looked on in  
13 2008 and '9, the engineer who had that did  
14 get a partial payment, so I think they  
15 should have been aware that that bridge  
16 should have been closed. I don't like the  
17 smell of this here at all.

18 Moving on, on the agenda tonight,  
19 5-B in regards to the bond issue, in the  
20 body I can see where Attorney Hughes did a  
21 lot of work on this baby, the body of this  
22 here it says, "Authorizing and directing  
23 specified officers of the city to do, to  
24 take, and perform certain specific required  
25 necessary appropriate action to effect the

1 issuance of the bonds, including without  
2 limitation to the preparation of a debt  
3 statement and borrowing certificate."

4 This week I received from the Office  
5 of Inspector General, Washington, D.C.,  
6 under the Freedom of Information Act I have  
7 been trying to follow the November 8, 2010,  
8 audit that was performed by the Inspector  
9 General on OECD where they found 12 findings  
10 and one of the findings is that the -- they  
11 circumvented some of the regulations to the  
12 tune of \$11 million. I wanted to follow  
13 that because of the fact that I haven't  
14 heard anything from anybody. I haven't  
15 heard anything from the mayor, I haven't  
16 heard anything from -- Mr. Rogan isn't here  
17 tonight now so I really can't ask him or Ms.  
18 Aebli about where you are going with this  
19 here audit, are you just waiting for it to  
20 go away?

21 Well, the reason I'm printed it up,  
22 and I'll give you a copy, is the fact that,  
23 you know, I think the lender and the  
24 bondsman would want to know that this \$11  
25 million, actually it's 11 million 700 and



1 revenue, you know, to really make the  
2 situation, that \$26 million bond issue and  
3 these awards and this audit is outstanding  
4 about.

5 There has got to be something done  
6 about it and Recovery Plans, take that  
7 Recovery Plan and just throw it into the  
8 garbage because it's not going to help us.  
9 It's not going to help us. It's going to  
10 help PEL because they are going to be doing  
11 their job, but it's not going to help us.

12 I'm really worried about it and I'm  
13 going to give you a copy of this here and if  
14 you want to just throw it in the garbage you  
15 can throw it in the garbage, but anyway,  
16 it's the auditor -- the Inspector General's  
17 report. It's not HUD, it's the Inspector  
18 General, so, I mean, something could come  
19 about this, all right? Something could come  
20 about this, I got that this week, of course,  
21 okay?

22 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

23 MR. QUINN: So in closing we don't  
24 have two nickles to rub together and it's  
25 like me trying to go down and look at a

1 Cadillac, you know, I just can't do it, so I  
2 don't know how you are going to do it, maybe  
3 you will be a Huidini, but please if you  
4 really would take interest in doing  
5 something with that greenhouse. Thank you.

6 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

7 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

8 MS. EVANS: Ron Ellma.

9 MR. ELLMAN: Hello, Council. You  
10 look like a little baby council today.

11 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

12 MR. ELLMAN: A little mini council.  
13 I'd like to say a couple of words about our  
14 esteemed school board. In Tuesday's paper  
15 they are not only talking about shoving the  
16 one school down our throat to replace  
17 Audubon, now they got another one in the  
18 background. Did you see that? For Lincoln  
19 they said they can build another new school  
20 and over the years they could be paid for by  
21 out-of-state -- I won't live long enough for  
22 that. They are taking my money now, I don't  
23 care about something 25 years from now.  
24 This school board got too much power and  
25 they are too corrupt and they don't have any

1 kind of controls on them. Something has got  
2 to done and school boards can be recalled in  
3 Pennsylvania I was told and, God, if there  
4 was ever a school board that needs to be  
5 recalled it's this one in Scranton.

6 Well, in today's paper right here in  
7 today's paper the commissioners got ads for  
8 10 or 12 jobs asking for qualifications.  
9 They just hired eight or ten people. You  
10 know, when it is going to stop? These  
11 people don't care that we are broke, that  
12 people are losing their houses, that you  
13 can't make ends meet. I talked to people  
14 that gave up the newspaper trying to save  
15 money. I have talked to people sold a  
16 second car or the first car. People that  
17 have complained about having vacancies they  
18 can't rent and here they are hiring and  
19 hiring and hiring, and the same with this  
20 lousy school board and Bobby Sheridan is  
21 worried about people driving their kids  
22 around town. Thousands of people had to  
23 drive their kids to school around town.  
24 When I lived here I had to take my mine all  
25 the way up to Moscow to go to school every

1 day and come back every day because I moved  
2 from there -- from Madisonville down here.  
3 I didn't complain. There was nobody helped  
4 me or nothing.

5 This is just a runaway,  
6 out-of-control school board and now the  
7 commissioners with their hiring it just  
8 doesn't make sense. What do they want from  
9 people, you know? What am I getting for my  
10 dollar, tell me? What am I getting for my  
11 tax dollar for crying out loud. I don't  
12 have this down in my notes. This is just  
13 getting out -- I can't even walk my dog down  
14 the sidewalk because cars are parked there  
15 and I got cars in Section 8 houses without  
16 state license plates. You know, I got a  
17 trailer in Missouri, I could have my  
18 license plates down there and it would cost  
19 me a fraction of what it does up here. I  
20 wouldn't have to have my car inspected like  
21 these people, they probably don't have car  
22 insurance. Here they are in Section 8  
23 houses that the taxpayers are paying for,  
24 the rent is cheap because there is no  
25 sidewalks, I mean, there is no garage so



1           they park on the sidewalk and nobody cares.  
2           I'm not going to phone the police every day  
3           of the complain, you know, but like I have  
4           said, it's a matter of the safety. I watch  
5           the little kids every morning on North Main  
6           Avenue because of illegally parked cars.

7                   MS. EVANS: Mr. Ellman, we did report  
8           that to Chief Duffy.

9                   MR. ELLMAN: Well, like I said, I  
10          wouldn't phone the police all the time. In  
11          fact, I walk on the other side of the street  
12          but there is cars over there. I have this  
13          little Mexican girl that I seen once in  
14          awhile pushing her baby, she can't go by the  
15          2000 block of North Main because there is an  
16          illegal rooming house and she told me you  
17          can't imagine the filth that comes of there  
18          to here, so she crosses the street way  
19          before she gets there.

20                   And that's another bunch, there is  
21          so many people living there they park on the  
22          sidewalk, they got a higher fence where you  
23          have to go in the street. All on the 2000  
24          block or the 100 block every house got a  
25          driveway and a garage they park on the

1 sidewalk, because of convenience I guess. I  
2 never seen nothing -- there is an epidemic  
3 of parking on the -- it doesn't bother me  
4 because, like I said, I watch the kids in  
5 the morning before 7:00 on the street, you  
6 know, it's just not right.

7 And I asked what I get for my  
8 dollar, I don't have any sidewalks to walk  
9 on and no curbs, the sewers are stopped up  
10 and, you know, I don't blame you all. At  
11 least somebody is doing something in  
12 council. The city is just going to pot.  
13 The neighborhoods are just degenerating  
14 terrible, you know, and it just cost twice  
15 as much now to live. It's just an ungodly  
16 figure.

17 And I'd like to say something real  
18 quick, I noticed in the paper that that  
19 zoning board is having that home on 619  
20 lot by Wyoming for the women, the transient,  
21 I wish you would support that. I don't know  
22 why JC Nichols is against it so bad. He  
23 hired an attorney to fight it last time it  
24 come up. He owns the property across the  
25 street where the -- that street where the--

1 and that's a terrible looking neighborhood  
2 there so he can't say the women are going to  
3 hurt the neighborhood. Thank you very much.

4 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Gerard  
5 Hetman.

6 MR. HETMAN: Good evening, Council.  
7 Gerard Hetman from the Lackawanna County's  
8 Community Relations Department, just a few  
9 brief notes this evening. First, my thanks  
10 to Mrs. Evans, Mr. McGoff, who is not here,  
11 also several members of council regularly  
12 for their questions last week on the  
13 baseball agreement and the sale process that  
14 went into that. You know, we are here, our  
15 department is here to answer questions like  
16 that on a baseball agreement or any other  
17 item of county legislation, county policies,  
18 county government, whether it be an elected  
19 official or any resident of Lackawanna  
20 County we are here to help get those  
21 questions answered. If you see myself or  
22 any of our other community relations  
23 coordinators in the community, if we don't  
24 have an answer for you right there, as  
25 sometimes comes up in complex legislation,

1 we'll make sure to contact the proper  
2 authority and always get an answer ASAP as  
3 soon as we can to the concerned party.

4 On that note of the baseball sale, I  
5 would like to present council with some  
6 renderings, some artist's renderings from  
7 Hewitt and Cole Architects, the stadium  
8 project architects. We have got a couple of  
9 conceptual drawings regarding what the  
10 stadium looks like both outside and inside.  
11 You can see from behind home plate and from  
12 outside of the facade facility and also  
13 there are some now blueprints, but diagram  
14 prints of what the seating charts would look  
15 like and where things, just restrooms and  
16 concessions, some of the other new features  
17 that will go to the stadium.

18 If possible, I would like to find a  
19 place where maybe they could be displayed if  
20 there is a public area in the building that  
21 you would recommend and work with you maybe  
22 to get these in a place where people can see  
23 them. A lot of the municipalities have a  
24 reception area, I don't know if you have one  
25 exactly downstairs, but maybe you can find a

1 place where the public could see them if  
2 they would like.

3 Secondly, we would like to remind  
4 everyone this first week marks the first  
5 week of the year where trolley excursions are  
6 running on their regular schedule from the  
7 electric city trolley museum. With that in  
8 mind, the trolley building museum is open  
9 seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
10 during the late spring, summer and fall  
11 months. That runs from May through December  
12 actually, except for Christmas, New Year's  
13 and Thanksgiving, none of which are coming  
14 up too soon.

15 The building is located at 300 Cliff  
16 Street in Scranton on the same property as  
17 the Steamtown National Historic site and  
18 information can be obtained on hours or on  
19 the trolley excursions by calling  
20 570-963-6590. That's 570-963-6590.

21 And again, the trolley museum I  
22 think is a really treasure for our area, not  
23 just for the city, but for the county and  
24 all of Northeast Pennsylvania. The trolley  
25 excursions run on somewhat of regular

1 schedule, but there are also special events,  
2 some of which do relate to those holidays  
3 later in the year, but there are a number of  
4 occasions where they do run special  
5 excursions relating to holidays, times of  
6 the years festivities and things.

7 And last, but not least, I just want  
8 to issue a reminder, since I haven't always  
9 done this in the past, but the Lackawanna  
10 County Board of Commissioners will have  
11 their next regular meeting this coming  
12 Wednesday, May 9, 10 a.m. at the Lackawanna  
13 County administration building. As always,  
14 the public is welcome to attend and I'll  
15 speak to the commissioners on whatever  
16 issues to report. If that's it, if you  
17 don't have anything? That's all I have.  
18 Can I leave these with you?

19 MS. EVANS: Yes, certainly.

20 MR. HETMAN: And we also have some  
21 schedules that you may want to distribute  
22 for the trolley excursions, it's not a very  
23 fancy design, but you can see the whole  
24 running dates, especially for the special  
25 events which actually start with Memorial

1 Day, there is Toys for Tots, of course, the  
2 Santa trolley, which is way later in the  
3 year, but there is a number of good events  
4 that go along with the regularly scheduled  
5 excursions. Thank you and have a good  
6 evening.

7 MS. EVANS: You, also. Edwin Tobin.

8 MR. TOBIN: Good evening, Council.

9 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

10 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

11 MR. TOBIN: Miracles do happen  
12 believe it or not. We finally after 10  
13 years have got automatic doors even into the  
14 council room here. Boy, how did that ever  
15 happen? Did the mayor go out and get drunk  
16 one night and forget and told men to do  
17 that?

18 Now, the reason I'm here is I have  
19 one question, who is going to be responsible  
20 for the curb cuttings?

21 MR. LOSCOMBE: For the curb cutting  
22 he said?

23 MS. EVANS: Yes. Are you posing a  
24 question about the signalization that's  
25 coordinated with the handicap curb cuts --

1 MR. TOBIN: No, we need somebody to  
2 get curb cuts?

3 MS. EVANS: -- and the sidewalks in  
4 downtown Scranton. Pardon?

5 MR. TOBIN: Right out here. You go  
6 out there, any of those curb cuts out here,  
7 you are going to break your neck or your  
8 leg. A friend of mine just spent \$400 to  
9 get -- not his electric chair, his scooter,  
10 fixed because he has got a little  
11 Alzheimer's or something and he jiggled and  
12 went off the handicap or curb cutting, went  
13 down in the hole and broke his scooter  
14 because your curb cutting is here, the road  
15 is down here. That's no protection. Never  
16 mind a person in a chair, how about Mrs.  
17 Evans, you have trouble walking, don't you?  
18 You are walking across one of them, you have  
19 a little spell of some kind and down off the  
20 edge you are going to break your neck.

21 If this is the way they are going to  
22 do the curb cuttings they better leave them  
23 the hell alone. I mean, especially in front  
24 of city hall here. The holes that are  
25 around by those curb cuts it's a disgrace,



1           and believe you me, I'm going to keep tabs  
2           on it and if they are not taking care of it  
3           right I know who in the federal government  
4           to contact and they will be getting a  
5           complaint from me because that seems to be  
6           the only thing that wakes people up.

7                     I mean, you people said you can't do  
8           anything, how many trips have I made to the  
9           mayor's office, got all kinds of promises,  
10          but once that letter went to the federal  
11          courts, it went to the Disability Act, two  
12          months we got beautiful automatic doors,  
13          even as I've said, extra ones. Is that what  
14          we have to do?

15                    I don't like complaining all the  
16          time, but I do like to be able to get around  
17          without worrying. I mean, it's getting so  
18          that we in the wheelchairs have to be more  
19          cautious now because people do not care  
20          about us. I went across the street here the  
21          other day, I had the light in my favor,  
22          young kid come down North Washington Avenue  
23          and made a turn on Mulberry Street, he  
24          missed me by that much. I hollered at him  
25          and he stopped and pulled over the corner

1 and I wish you could have heard the language  
2 that went around. They don't give a damn.  
3 Excuse my french, but they don't. It is  
4 getting terribly hard for people in chairs  
5 to get around. I don't know why the other  
6 people don't complain more, but I guess they  
7 gave up, like I was starting to do, and  
8 said, no, because it's my life as well as  
9 everybody else's.

10 MS. EVANS: Yes. Thank you,  
11 Mr. Tobin, and I can tell you there is the  
12 signalization project that should begin  
13 again shortly. It had actually began, I  
14 believe, in early April and it was stopped  
15 due to the discovery of the underground  
16 vaults throughout the downtown, but the  
17 signalization project includes not only the  
18 changing of traffic signals, the  
19 implementation of new sidewalks, curb cuts,  
20 even new poles were necessary, and this will  
21 be largely throughout the downtown area.

22 I think for any area that is  
23 untouched by this project certainly we can  
24 notify the DPW. If you want to give us  
25 specific locations, we'll notify the DPW of

1 the problems at those locations.

2 MR. TOBIN: I mean, these curb cuts  
3 out here were done last fall and they were  
4 never finished off, as I said, you got the  
5 drop off --

6 MS. EVANS: Well, if you can, as I  
7 said, if you can compile a list for me, you  
8 know, within the downtown area we would be  
9 more than happy to provide that to the DPW,  
10 the city engineer, they can then take a look  
11 at what's going to intersect between the  
12 project and the locations that you've  
13 mentioned and what is not an intersection  
14 then of the two can be addressed and should  
15 be addressed by the DPW.

16 MR. TOBIN: I mean, I wouldn't have  
17 said anything, I haven't said anything about  
18 it because for the simple reason I knew they  
19 were going through the whole city and I  
20 figured, well, once the project starts they  
21 will do it, but these were done last  
22 September, August, almost a year ago, and  
23 they are in really worse shape than the old  
24 handicapped ramps were on the sidewalk and  
25 it's pitiful.

1 MS. EVANS: Thank you for bringing  
2 it to our attention and, as I said, if can  
3 you can give our office that list then  
4 that's something that we can work on for  
5 you.

6 MR. TOBIN: I'll start taking a  
7 paper with me and writing up every -- you  
8 could do it just about every intersection  
9 where they have done any kind of cutouts.

10 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

11 MR. TOBIN: Thank you very much for  
12 the help you did give me. I was beginning  
13 to think that nobody in the City of Scranton  
14 cared --

15 MS. EVANS: Well, this council --

16 MR. TOBIN: -- but about themselves.

17 MS. EVANS: This council cares very  
18 much for the people of the city.

19 MR. TOBIN: And it took, as I said,  
20 I have been fighting this, you have people  
21 have been in office, what, four years?

22 MS. EVANS: No they would have not  
23 been in office yet, I'm the longest serving  
24 council member, but I remember you coming  
25 here and I remember these requests and I

1 remember making those requests.

2 MR. TOBIN: The first meeting you  
3 had after all of you were sworn in, all you  
4 people were sworn in, I went to your clerk  
5 and complained about this. That's almost  
6 four years and it look almost four years and  
7 after ten years before. I hope we don't  
8 have to go through the same -- well, I'll be  
9 dead by then.

10 MS. EVANS: No, no, no. Not with  
11 God's help.

12 MR. TOBIN: I thought I was going to  
13 dead a long time ago. Thank you.

14 MS. EVANS: Mary Chilipko.

15 MS. CHILIPKO: Good evening,  
16 Council. Mary Chilipko, resident of the  
17 Pinebrook section of Scranton. I should  
18 come here more often. Andy wants to grow  
19 pot and Ron says the city is going to pot,  
20 and this gentlemen brought up booze. Sad  
21 state of affairs.

22 I would just like to take a few  
23 seconds to mention that we lost one of our  
24 pillars of Pinebrook last week in Mr. Joseph  
25 O'Hara. Joe was very active in the

1 neighborhood in the city, sports activities,  
2 he is in the hall of fame for handball,  
3 which I didn't really know much about, and  
4 he was an institution in Pinebrook. He will  
5 be missed.

6 I take a look at this wall behind me  
7 as I'm sitting here and I wonder what went  
8 wrong. If I went to ask the gentlemen on  
9 the end and some of the gentlemen over there  
10 they would be ashamed of our city, just like  
11 I am.

12 I only have a few issues tonight.  
13 First, I'd like to thank Jack for attending  
14 every one of our neighborhood meetings,  
15 however small or when we change the dates  
16 Jack is there. We have been on a couple of  
17 missions together. He is always available  
18 to the people. I found out that Jack is a  
19 wonderful guy. Great guy. Thank you, Jack.

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

21 MS. CHILIPKO: And I'd also like to  
22 thank OECD for their help with the paving  
23 program. They have actually really been  
24 responsive and available to our questions  
25 and inquiries and we are fortunate that we

1 will have some paving done in Pinebrook this  
2 spring and summer, which is long overdue.

3 My two issues, and Jack and I went  
4 to a meeting of one of the softball leagues  
5 in Scranton, and I want to clear up the  
6 misconception that the Pinebrook Field and  
7 the Chick Feldman field is underused. We  
8 received complaints, and I go down there, I  
9 have three set of pictures that I would like  
10 to leave for council tonight, it's too  
11 difficult to share them with everybody, and  
12 one is the state of the Pinebrook field  
13 currently, and promises, promises, we all  
14 know promises and where they come from. But  
15 whether we have to take action on our own or  
16 whether we have to raise money we will clean  
17 up that field, it's a disgrace.

18 The bleachers are full of nails,  
19 boards with nails sticking out. The grass  
20 they can't even play on. The leagues pay a  
21 fee every year to play on this softball  
22 field and before Joe left he also gave me --  
23 Joe O'Hara left us he gave me a copy of the  
24 ordinance from 1972 I believe that  
25 designates this as a permanent recreation

1 area for the City of Scranton. I can't cut  
2 the grass all by myself. I can't fix the  
3 bleachers, but something has to give.

4 So if anybody out there in the city  
5 wants to volunteer, call me up, we can set  
6 some times up to go down there, I don't know  
7 how to cut wood, but if I have to we will  
8 get it back in shape, and I want to let the  
9 softball players know that here tonight.

10 My second issue, Licensing and  
11 Permits, and the only name I can bring up is  
12 Mike Wallace. In my opinion Mike Wallace is  
13 holding up progress in the City of Scranton,  
14 promoting blight, and I will find out as  
15 well, it's time that the people just  
16 investigate themselves, carefully and within  
17 their limits, what's going on in the city.

18 I met a gentlemen, and I'll give you  
19 pictures of that as well, he bought a  
20 property in the 900 block of Madison Avenue,  
21 made five beautiful units, Jack and I were  
22 there, a year later he can't open the  
23 apartments, he can't rent the apartments.  
24 Mike Wallace. I'd like to read quickly, I  
25 received a positive letter from him when he



1 -- because my tie-in is that he is buying  
2 property in my neighborhood, and I won't  
3 wait a year to see these apartments open and  
4 this project finished, whether I have to go  
5 over there myself or break the law and paint  
6 the building that will be my choice.

7 "Most recently I was approved for a  
8 six-unit building located at 926 Madison  
9 Avenue with zoning board approval's,  
10 neighbor cooperation, voluntary  
11 architectural plans, stamped engineer plans,  
12 and stamped storm water management plans.  
13 The project is 95 percent complete. Michael  
14 Wallace, the city zoning officer, has  
15 unfortunately exercised all of his  
16 governmental powers to stop every aspect of  
17 the project and has been a true burden with  
18 its success. But with cooperation of our  
19 team of professionals the project will reach  
20 completion soon. The units are absolutely  
21 beautiful and it would be an absolute  
22 pleasure for me to show what I have done  
23 with them."

24 The city must have a lot of money if  
25 we don't want the money in taxes, if we

1 don't want the revenue coming into the city.  
2 And I say this man is a gentleman. I am  
3 concerned because, as I said, I want him to  
4 develop properties in my neighborhood. I  
5 think it's wonderful. One other problem,  
6 and in these pictures it shows, Licensing  
7 and Permits you get all kinds of promises,  
8 we'll look at this, we'll look at that, you  
9 know, we'll look into it, and there are  
10 dumps around my neighborhood, which I have  
11 pictures of, around the 800 block of Capouse  
12 that pass inspection regularly and this  
13 gentleman can't open these beautiful units.  
14 Such disparity. It has to be, it has to be  
15 dealt with. Any suggestions?

16 Also, if anybody else ran into this  
17 problem, I don't know how I got on this  
18 cause, but anybody that's had problems like  
19 this with permits and with Mr. Wallace can  
20 feel free to contact me. This gentleman  
21 developing, if I can have a second, would  
22 like to meet, Jack, you met him, anybody  
23 else would be happy to meet with and show  
24 anybody the units he has built. Anybody  
25 that had a problem like this with Mike

1 Wallace can call me, fell free to reach me,  
2 I'll leave my number with Nancy and just as  
3 with the field we don't live by the code of  
4 Mike Wallace in this city, and if there is  
5 repercussions for me for this, his boss says  
6 he gest a lot of complaints about him, not  
7 an answer.

8 So I hope you'll all look into these  
9 issues a little further. The field, Mike  
10 Wallace and we'll miss Joe O'Hara. Thank  
11 you, everybody.

12 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

13 MR. JOYCE: Thank you very much for  
14 coming and I, too, was contacted by some of  
15 the softball players that play at Pinebrook  
16 and I was going to address that tonight  
17 actually.

18 MS. CHILIPKO: I have pictures, if  
19 you want.

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

22 (Whereupon while Ms. Chilipko was  
23 talking Mr. McGoff took the dais and joined  
24 the meeting.)

25 MR. MORGAN: Good evening, Council.

1 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

2 MR. MORGAN: I would just like to  
3 get some clarification, if I could, about  
4 last week. President Evans, did you ever  
5 look at the condemnation book?

6 MS. EVANS: No.

7 MR. MORGAN: Okay. I think that the  
8 lady who just got up here and spoke said  
9 volumes, and that's the heart of the problem  
10 we have in this city, we have taken one  
11 flawed, call it whatever you want to call  
12 it, you know, rental registration, whatever  
13 you want to use it for, have you ever  
14 researched grandfathering? Do you  
15 understand that terminology what it means?

16 MS. EVANS: Can you repeat that?

17 MR. MORGAN: Do you understand what  
18 grandfathering is?

19 MS. EVANS: Yes, I do.

20 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Well, how come  
21 it wasn't included in your rental  
22 registration law that you -- that the  
23 council passed? I mean, how would you  
24 assume to hold properties built 50 years ago  
25 to today's code?

1 MR. MCGOFF: If you read the  
2 ordinance ---

3 MR. MORGAN: I have the ordinance at  
4 home.

5 MR. MCGOFF: In the inspection what  
6 was included was a safety inspection and not  
7 a code inspection.

8 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Well look it, I  
9 have done a little research on this, I  
10 haven't completed it all yet, but, you know,  
11 I hope that a lot of people who own rental  
12 property in this city will absolutely come  
13 to the conclusion possibly that the council  
14 passed a very flawed law, extremely flawed.  
15 Not going through the Condemnation Book was  
16 a very serious error on the part of council  
17 because if these rental registration laws  
18 are bent and twisted like this lady talked  
19 about Mr. Wallace, this is what happens.

20 Now we are using community  
21 development money, I went and a got a lot of  
22 the condemned home for the last 10 years,  
23 were they all legally condemned? What was  
24 the reason for that? Now, you haven't read  
25 the Condemnation Book so you don't know,

1           okay, but the troubling part is, the  
2           troubling part is that you basically stated  
3           that you're worried about the welfare of the  
4           residents of this city and my question from  
5           this podium today is that all of these  
6           houses that were built in this city were  
7           built at basically around the turn of the  
8           century and what you get people to come,  
9           inspectors, and you have a list of -- you  
10          have a whole mess of them here, okay, and  
11          they have a grudge or they don't care how  
12          they act and they don't even understand as  
13          Jack agrees that, you know, all of these  
14          appeals go to a building appeals board, but  
15          that's not even the legislation.

16                         But then we are going to come in, we  
17                         are going to talk about how we care about  
18                         the people in this city but then we are  
19                         going to use federal funds to tear all these  
20                         houses down and then the council never read,  
21                         and I didn't come here to argue with you,  
22                         okay, because really I'm not interested in  
23                         that but what seems to happen is when I come  
24                         here after I leave, I don't know, it just  
25                         kind of breaks down to where council is not

1 responsible or they had to do it for this  
2 reason or that reason, but I think it's time  
3 for the people in this city who really wants  
4 the camera time because evidently what we  
5 have done is drive through the neighborhoods  
6 and look at these houses, they all -- most  
7 of them could be renovated but the whole  
8 point is did they use a flawed law created  
9 by this council and previous councils to  
10 come in and condemn properties because the  
11 owners weren't aware of their rights that  
12 they had and then after the window closes  
13 they to go to the building appeals board  
14 because it does close. I'm sure your  
15 solicitor helped you craft this law, well,  
16 now they have to bring it up to code.

17 Banks don't own buildings, the  
18 people do. By the time they find out what  
19 happens the bank doesn't care they don't  
20 care, these people lost their whole  
21 investment, and if we are so worried about  
22 what's going on in this city then why aren't  
23 we crafting a law that inspects every home.  
24 I think that what we are doing here is we  
25 are scapegoating property owners for the

1 failed policy of this city's administration  
2 over of last 50 years. We are back here, we  
3 are getting ready to borrow money, that  
4 should be tabled. We shouldn't borrow a  
5 dime. We should be following a different  
6 course. We should be following a course of  
7 reorganization of our debts and bankruptcy,  
8 but evidently whatever the council and the  
9 mayor determined to do, whether it drives  
10 every resident out of this city or not or  
11 whether we just tax people out of their  
12 wages with, you know, we had a gentleman her  
13 talking about paving cuts and council is  
14 acting as if we really have a DPW. We have  
15 lost tons of DPW positions. We don't have a  
16 fully functioning fire department. There is  
17 lot of things we don't have here but the one  
18 thing we really need and, like I said, I  
19 didn't come here to argue with you, because  
20 look it, I got the demolition list, I went  
21 and walked talked to lady who runs that  
22 program, and you know what the sad part is  
23 they acknowledge the law may have been used  
24 in the wrong way, and whatever council says  
25 if you didn't research anything what can you



1 say. Thank you.

2 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

3 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Is there  
4 anyone else who would like to address  
5 council?

6 MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening, Council,  
7 Dave Dobrzyn, resident of Scranton,  
8 taxpayer.

9 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

10 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

11 MR. DOBRZYN: Okay. I finally got  
12 around to generating something on the  
13 computer that was more legible with any  
14 questions I have and it reads, I have a few  
15 questions on DPW trash removal.

16 Number one, is there a difference in  
17 tipping fees for trash as opposed to  
18 recycling, if so, what is the percent? I'm  
19 not worried about us spending this much or  
20 that much. What's the percent in tonnage,  
21 per ton difference. Does it cost double or  
22 does it cost half or whatever?

23 And number two, when I was talking  
24 to our buddy Gerry, remember, Gerry, of  
25 course, is there anyway to enforce sound

1 ways of disposal of both trash and recycle  
2 as opposed to cost and blight upon the DPW  
3 in the neighborhood, and we came up with a  
4 little idea between us suggest DPW issue  
5 warnings for noncompliance possibly from  
6 crews, because some people just take five,  
7 six, seven, eight, nine bags, there was nine  
8 bags out there that when I spoke about this  
9 at this address and they just throw it and  
10 the squirrels chew their holes, skunks chew  
11 their holes and make that little piece of  
12 chicken or whatever that didn't get eaten  
13 and the garbage blows around and gets washed  
14 around and it's really ashamed and it's  
15 probably quite a problem for the guys having  
16 to pick it up, too, so it would make their  
17 job a lot easier so if somebody from that  
18 crew was able to issue a warning and then  
19 eventually turn it over to someone else with  
20 an address we could maybe get a handle on  
21 that.

22 And for Licensing and Inspection  
23 Department, is there any license for  
24 utilities, especially post-inspection of  
25 street excavation to mitigate our potholes

1 as much of the damage I feel is done by poor  
2 repairs and not road or weather damage, so  
3 I'll submit this to Ms. Marciano.

4 And I saw that ad again on fire  
5 insurance, \$4 a month fire insurance with  
6 full auto coverage, so anybody that has full  
7 auto coverage and probably it would be good  
8 to ask other companies if they offer that, I  
9 mean, \$4 a month is pretty cheap. That's  
10 \$50 a year, you know, for fire insurance for  
11 maybe like ten or 15 thousand dollars which  
12 is what at least would put a roof back over  
13 your head if you didn't have homeowners'  
14 insurance.

15 Try to get down to see Steamtown and  
16 the trolley, they need your patronage and  
17 it's really a nice trip. It really is. My  
18 wife just loves to go down there. I have my  
19 own card for Steamtown, I just walk in  
20 whenever I want and show my card. It costs  
21 about 80 bucks a years, but we like it.

22 And on the lights, it was mentioned  
23 before now when I cross from North  
24 Washington to city hall, which is South  
25 Washington, you know, I was heading south,

1 the other night the walk sign was  
2 illuminated and four drivers had the right  
3 to turn east onto Mulberry Street while the  
4 walk sign was illuminated, so I just waived  
5 them by, but if somebody can't get out of  
6 the way on somebody is not watching one  
7 night somebody turned from the other lane  
8 that would have been the right-hand lane and  
9 they didn't have their turn signal and they  
10 almost hit me, you know, and I'm reasonably  
11 competent.

12 And I have been wondering with this  
13 it's really sad with all of the borrowing  
14 and stuff because somewhere along the line  
15 it's going to get down to raising taxes and  
16 so forth and we some really pathetic  
17 showings for voting. We know it every year  
18 and we had an election, a couple of thousand  
19 people overturned Mr. Murphy, a couple of  
20 thousand -- a couple hundred people, there  
21 is only 8,000 votes, he probably represents  
22 at least 50,000 people. It's really ashamed,  
23 it's disgusting, but blame yourselves out  
24 there in TV land if you don't get out to  
25 vote.

1                    Now, my favorite subject, I'll make  
2                    it quick, yesterday in the Scranton Times  
3                    "Marcher contested ID law." 93 years old,  
4                    she marched with Dr. Martin Luther King to  
5                    get the right to vote down south, Viviette  
6                    Applewhite of Philadelphia, and she had a  
7                    purse stolen or lost or stolen and she is  
8                    having trouble getting the proper documents  
9                    to vote. This is a rotten shame,  
10                   Mr. Corbett and thank you, ALEC, thank you,  
11                   Wal-Mart, we sent people out to register to  
12                   vote and people in Wal-Mart last week and  
13                   they said it was okay and then when the  
14                   people showed up they turned them away and  
15                   there are a big donor to American  
16                   Legislative Exchange Counsel, which is the  
17                   national organization that does exactly  
18                   that, attempts to influence the vote and ban  
19                   people from voting and so forth. Basically  
20                   I think we need an un-American Activities  
21                   counsel to investigate, so don't expect to  
22                   see me Wally-Mart at your store because I  
23                   have never been there, I was there once on  
24                   behest of the taxpayers to try and find them  
25                   a cheap camera, it didn't work out because

1           your whole store stinks. Bawk, bawk. Have  
2           a good night. And I'm glad they are not in  
3           Scranton because they don't want to pay  
4           taxes anyway, who needs them.

5                        MS. EVANS: Thank you. Is there  
6           anyone else?

7                        MR. SLEDENZSKI: Hello, Janet.

8                        MS. EVANS: Chrissy.

9                        MR. SLEDENZSKI: Jack, you handsome  
10          devil, you.

11                       MR. LOSCOMBE: Chrissy.

12                       MR. SLEDENZSKI: Now, stand over  
13          here or right here? Right there perfect?

14                       MR. LOSCOMBE: You're good. Right  
15          there, buddy.

16                       MR. SLEDENZSKI: Hey, Jack, you know  
17          those Penguins down there, you know those  
18          Penguins, Jack, I hope they win all season  
19          down there. Guys, good luck. Thank you.

20                       MR. LOSCOMBE: Thanks, Chrissy.

21                       MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening,  
22          Council. Marie Schumacher, citizen and  
23          taxpayer.

24                       MR. JOYCE: Good evening.

25                       MS. SCHUMACHER: First of all a

1 couple of follow ups, I'm sure not a person  
2 has not heard about Old Forge and what's  
3 happened down there, and yet we are now a  
4 month over the estimated two weeks that  
5 Chief Duffy said it was going to take to  
6 find out what happened in our police  
7 department.

8 MR. LOSCOMBE: I actually spoke to  
9 Chief Duffy on the phone today, I do have a  
10 meeting tomorrow with him.

11 MS. SCHUMACHER: Is the  
12 investigation completed?

13 MR. LOSCOMBE: I have several issues  
14 to discuss with him so that's one of them.

15 MS. SCHUMACHER: Doesn't mean you  
16 didn't ask if it was completed yet.

17 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yeah.

18 MS. SCHUMACHER: And I don't know  
19 did Mr. Rogan leave anything on the OECD  
20 loans that he promised to get the  
21 information, the Rejuvenescence and others,  
22 the delinquencies? No.

23 MR. JOYCE: Mrs. Krake, did any of  
24 that information come in?

25 MS. KRAKE: No, it did not.

1 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay, and then  
2 again I brought this up before, I apologize  
3 I did not get time to go to the library to  
4 look up the ordinance, but I'm quite sure  
5 that you have dueling -- the city has  
6 dueling ordinances on parking lot fees  
7 unless the ordinance that was recently  
8 passed is on top of the former \$15 per spot  
9 fee. I mean, in the past I never looked up  
10 that particular ordinance myself, but there  
11 was always a lot at budget time about the  
12 fact that it was -- the count was deficient  
13 because questioning whether or not the \$15  
14 fee per parking spot was being collected.  
15 Do you know?

16 MS. KRAKE: I think you are saying  
17 was there already an ordinance in place?

18 MS. SCHUMACHER: Yeah, that should  
19 have maybe -- well, the question is, yes, I  
20 think there was one in place so, number one,  
21 is there one in place that charges a \$15  
22 fee, and then does -- is the new one on top  
23 of that or should it have superceded that  
24 one and the other one needs to be repealed?

25 MS. KRAKE: I don't believe the law



1 department addressed those issues when they  
2 wrote the other -- the newest version of the  
3 parking tax.

4 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay, so it's got  
5 to be another Right-to-Know then or -- okay.  
6 And then also is council planning to do  
7 anything, since they own the parking meters  
8 that are being moved around, to either have  
9 the parking meters replaced on the 400 and  
10 500 block of Lackawanna Avenue or is there  
11 the ordinance going to be changed to say  
12 that time limited parking applies in those  
13 two blocks?

14 MS. KRAKE: Excuse me, Mr. Joyce.  
15 We received a phone call from the Parking  
16 Authority concerning this request of Ms.  
17 Schumacher's and he referred me to the fact  
18 that it's not up to the Parking Authority it  
19 would up to Ryan McGowan and the mayor and  
20 the city, in other words, to determine what  
21 they wanted to do and that's how he left the  
22 conversation.

23 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, I don't  
24 understand that. If the ordinance says it's  
25 400 and 500, if the mayor and Mr. McGowan

1 wanted to change it I would think they would  
2 have to go through the law department and  
3 have the ordinance changed because the  
4 ordinance specifically includes those two  
5 blocks, and if they want time limit there I  
6 would really, really love to know what makes  
7 those two blocks different from other blocks  
8 in the city, especially the ones around the  
9 hospitals that I think sort of prey on  
10 people who have ill relatives and adding to  
11 their stress and I think that's sad.

12 And then the nonprofits, as you  
13 know, I have been saying we need to  
14 challenge them, and I have, if I may, Mr.  
15 Joyce, come up?

16 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

17 MS. SCHUMACHER: This is recently  
18 appeared I believe just on Monday in the  
19 Pittsburgh Post Gazette stating, in fact,  
20 that the nonprofit, what is truly a  
21 nonprofit for nontax exempt status has to  
22 meet all of the five criteria that I have  
23 read several times to this group, so I hope  
24 that this will get -- I don't know, is the  
25 group that met one time with the school

1 board and the county and the city is that  
2 going to have a follow-up meeting or --

3 MS. EVANS: Yes, we are. It hasn't  
4 yet been scheduled because I know we have  
5 our city planner and representatives of the  
6 county working on compiling information for  
7 us, but, yes, we will be meeting again.

8 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay. Well, I  
9 would suggest that this needs to be brought  
10 up at that meeting because I think there are  
11 any number of challenges that tax exempt  
12 nonprofits that could be made and should be  
13 made further.

14 And how many rental registrations  
15 have been paid to date, do we know?

16 MS. EVANS: I don't know.

17 MR. JOYCE: I'm not aware of the  
18 exact amount.

19 MS. SCHUMACHER: And if may just  
20 conclude with several things building on  
21 what Ozzie said, too, about providing for  
22 possible expenditures that have to be made,  
23 we have got two open court cases, we don't,  
24 but a private individual does, on the  
25 Schmidt Sports Complex and Municipal Golf

1 Course and if we have to buy those back that  
2 would be a significant amount of money or  
3 repay.

4 And do you know is the mayor, I know  
5 by the Home Rule Charter he has to submit if  
6 there is a significant different after the  
7 budget is passed to bring that you a revised  
8 budget and since the Court award for the  
9 fire and police was not in -- is not in this  
10 budget currently is the intent that the  
11 Revised Recovery Plan will replaced a  
12 revised budget for this year or should we  
13 still expect a revised budget for 2012? Do  
14 you guys know?

15 MS. EVANS: I wouldn't expect a  
16 revised budget for 2012, we encountered  
17 circumstances similar to what you have  
18 described in the past and it was not  
19 addressed.

20 Now, as far as the Court award to  
21 the police and fire, that is something that  
22 I have been fighting to have placed into the  
23 Recovery Plan, the amount and the provisions  
24 for payment.

25 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, yeah. And, I

1 mean, I did check and interest is accruing  
2 and if it's not paid I have been told the  
3 interest alone is going to be a million  
4 dollars and that's going to wipe out the  
5 \$500,000 you are hoping to get double, I  
6 mean, it's still going to leave you a half a  
7 million dollars short so I think that's  
8 something that has to be addressed, like,  
9 immediately.

10 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

11 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay. Thank you.

12 MS. EVANS: Is there anyone else?

13 MS. KRAKE: 5-A. MOTIONS.

14 MS. EVANS: Mr. McGoff, do you have  
15 any comments or motions?

16 MR. MCGOFF: Just two things.  
17 First, the response about the rental  
18 registration, the speaker I think is  
19 confusing a couple of issues when he speaks  
20 about the Rental Registration Program.  
21 Condemnation of properties and the Rental  
22 Registration Program are two separate things  
23 and we addressed -- in the ordinance we  
24 addressed the idea of code violations by  
25 including what we termed a safety inspection

1           that in going out to rental properties it's  
2           not going to be inspected as a new property,  
3           so that all of the current codes do not -- I  
4           don't want to say do not have to be met, but  
5           unlike a new property or a newly built  
6           property the codes are different where there  
7           is a different standard for it, and so under  
8           the rental registration they are conducting  
9           a safety inspection, and I forget the five  
10          things that we listed were would be included  
11          in that, but it was basically just making  
12          sure that the property was safe and it  
13          provided the necessities for decent living.

14                 To this point in time, I have not  
15          had any property or landlord call me or talk  
16          to me and complain that it was in any way,  
17          you know, harming them. I believe that, you  
18          know, the reputable owners, landlords are  
19          fine with the legislation. The legislation  
20          was designed to deal with those property  
21          owners, those properties that were unsafe,  
22          that were problems for the city and while  
23          maybe a flawed ordinance, as the speaker  
24          said, I think every ordinance has flaws, but  
25          I think it -- I think it does what we

1           designed it to do or it should do what we  
2           want and I believe that it can be a benefit  
3           to the city and that's why think we all  
4           voted for it when it was before us.

5                     MS. EVANS: And if I could just add  
6           --

7                     MR. MCGOFF: Absolutely.

8                     MS. EVANS: I'm sure since you and I  
9           have been here the longest now, that like  
10          myself you have been inundated through the  
11          years with phone calls and/or e-mails from  
12          city residents complaining about properties  
13          in their neighborhoods that were owned by  
14          absentee landlords or slumlords. Those are  
15          the terms that have been used --

16                    MR. MCGOFF: Absolutely.

17                    MS. EVANS: -- by city residents and  
18          so this legislation was the response to  
19          that, our attempt to safeguard the  
20          neighborhoods and the residents. Certainly  
21          if you are in compliance with the law there  
22          is no concern, but when you are not abiding  
23          by the law and when your property has been  
24          allowed to become unsafe, to deteriorate,  
25          when your tenants have a pattern or history

1 of problematic behavior within the  
2 neighborhood that's been recorded through  
3 the police department or the D.A.'s Office,  
4 these are the types of problems that council  
5 hoped to address through this legislation.

6 So I would say those, like Mr.  
7 McGoff, I haven't heard any complaints about  
8 it other than from the one council speaker,  
9 and I would think that, you know, certainly  
10 there will be questions, we can field those  
11 questions, and like Mr. McGoff said, nothing  
12 is perfect. Legislation can be amended when  
13 necessary, but I do feel the bottom line is  
14 if you are in compliance, if you are taking  
15 care of your own property and you are doing  
16 so appropriately then --

17 MR. MCGOFF: This ordinance has a  
18 benefit.

19 MS. EVANS: -- but when you are not  
20 doing so that's when the issues arise.

21 MR. MCGOFF: And I was going to  
22 finish by saying I think that the speaker  
23 may have some personal issues with the  
24 ordinance itself and some prior issues with  
25 it, so I'm not -- but I feel good about the



1 fact that we have this on the books and, you  
2 know, I believe it will be beneficial.

3 The second thing I wanted to -- I'm  
4 sorry for being late, I don't know if we had  
5 mentioned anything about the Recovery Plan  
6 prior to or if we had received anything from  
7 PEL? I do know that the PEL had received  
8 suggestions from the mayor and I believe  
9 that you may have spoken with mayor since --

10 MS. EVANS: Yes.

11 MR. MCGOFF: This week and I was  
12 hoping that we would have something that we  
13 can start to look at. I'm glad to see that  
14 the unfunded debt, the borrowing, is on the  
15 agenda. I believe that the next step and  
16 the next thing that we need to do is to  
17 confront the Recovery Plan. The demands are  
18 being made on the city to implement a  
19 Recovery Plan and I know we don't want to  
20 rush into something that we don't agree  
21 with, but we passed the budget that relies  
22 on these entities that are making the  
23 demands and I believe that if we don't begin  
24 to act, if we don't become very proactive  
25 with this Recovery Plan and we don't put

1 something in line that our future -- the  
2 future of the budget is in jeopardy and I  
3 think that the future economic status of the  
4 city is in great jeopardy, and also we  
5 ourselves start to become liable for, you  
6 know, the failures since we did include it  
7 in the budget and now this Recovery Plan is  
8 something incumbent upon us to implement.  
9 Hopefully in the next week or two we can  
10 start to confront that and hopefully we have  
11 something from PEL to work on and I think  
12 it's -- we really need to move to the next  
13 step in the process of hopefully getting  
14 some order, some sense of responsibility to  
15 the budget, to the city, so that we can pay  
16 our bills, pay our employees, and do all of  
17 the things that we need to do in order to  
18 function properly as a city. And that's all  
19 I have for tonight. Thank you.

20 MS. EVANS: Thank you. And the only  
21 thought I had to that is I think what banks  
22 and investors, particularly bond investors,  
23 should be seeking, should be interested in,  
24 would be the city's most recent audit and we  
25 are almost six months into or two financial

1           quarters into 2012, I know that any bond  
2           issue requires months of work before it's  
3           finalized, we are presenting it at this  
4           point merely a 2010 budget and that's  
5           halfway through 2012. I think what should  
6           be more important to the -- as I said, to  
7           the banks, to the investors would be the  
8           2011 audit, which should be completed this  
9           year. The city administration,  
10          unfortunately, has developed a bad habit of  
11          producing an annual audit rather than in May  
12          of the year in which it is due it is not  
13          submitted until the following year because  
14          the administration has failed to provide the  
15          information necessary to the completion of  
16          the audit.

17                        Now, that being said, I think  
18          investors and the banks are wise enough to  
19          recognize that a Recovery Plan, yes,  
20          certainly can be requested, but a Recovery  
21          Plan is a document that consists of  
22          recommendations and suggestions for the  
23          financial future of the municipality, but as  
24          we have seen throughout the history of the  
25          implementation of the Act 47 in the City of

1           Scranton, those Recovery Plans have not been  
2           adhered to and there is no guarantee going  
3           forward that a revised Recovery Plan will be  
4           adhered to, whereas, an audit contains  
5           concrete financial information about a given  
6           municipality. Those are numbers that cannot  
7           be maneuvered, cannot be fudged, they are  
8           what they are. They speak for themselves.

9                         So I am very much hoping that this  
10           time for the first time in many years this  
11           audit is going to be completed in a timely  
12           fashion. I'm not fool hearted enough to  
13           think it's coming by May 31 according to the  
14           Home Rule Charter, but the administration  
15           has set the deadline of July for itself, and  
16           I am hoping very much that it's going to for  
17           the first time since I have been seated on  
18           council, it's going to adhere to the  
19           deadline it's given itself, because I  
20           believe the audit is crucial to a bond  
21           issue. And I'm sorry to have postponed your  
22           comments and motions.

23                         MR. MCGOFF: May I respond?

24                         MS. EVANS: Yes.

25                         MR. MCGOFF: We'll go back and

1           forth, I think what the banks have said to  
2           us is that they want to look to the future.  
3           Audits look to the past. The Recovery Plan  
4           is something looking to the future and I  
5           think that the banks have made it very clear  
6           that they want something that looks to the  
7           future and what we plan to do as a  
8           municipality in the future. And, yes, there  
9           is absolutely no guarantees, but if it's  
10          something that the mayor and the council  
11          agree upon along with PEL -- with what PEL  
12          presents to us then I believe that at least  
13          gives some guarantee that we will cooperate  
14          to bring about the implementation of the  
15          Recovery Plan, and thank you.

16                   MS. EVANS: And I agree that that's  
17                   probably what has been a portion of the  
18                   delay in the process in that council and the  
19                   mayor have to reach agreements on the  
20                   various issues and that is still in the  
21                   process, that's still being worked on. I  
22                   think that Councilman Joyce just received  
23                   the latest report late today, I haven't had  
24                   a chance to review it, so I am anticipating  
25                   after a review it may have to go back to the

1 administration again. If it does not, then  
2 it will be distributed to council members  
3 and PEL.

4 And, Mr. Loscombe?

5 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes, thank you.

6 MS. EVANS: Again, my apologies.

7 Any comments or motions?

8 MR. LOSCOMBE: That's fine. Just a  
9 couple of things I want to touch on, some  
10 things that were brought up here this  
11 evening. First I would like to thank Mary  
12 Chilipko for the kind words. That's what we  
13 are all here for, we are happy to go, and I  
14 do thank them for changing their meetings,  
15 because they were on our council nights, so  
16 I could attend. And I also was attending  
17 the West Side crime meetings, but they are  
18 the same evening as our council meetings.

19 And any other neighborhoods who  
20 would like us at their meetings just e-mail  
21 me their meeting dates and I'd be happy to  
22 get there and address your issues.

23 As Mrs. Chilipko did say we had met  
24 with a softball league regarding the  
25 Pinebrook field and there is many issues

1           there, and as she stated, there is several  
2           leagues there that pay a fee to the city and  
3           this has to be addressed.

4                         With that in mind, there is several  
5           issues that I have been out on this past  
6           week, and ironically we received a letter in  
7           our mailbox today from someone who said that  
8           she wanted everyone on council to know that  
9           there has been water left in the Novembrino  
10          Pool all winter and there still is. She  
11          said it attracts kids and it's a distractive  
12          nuisance that could cause the city to be  
13          sued. Ironically yesterday I was by there  
14          and I took several pictures. Not only, you  
15          know, is it a liability right now because  
16          someone could go in there and drown, but it  
17          does appear that those pools are in bad  
18          repair, disrepair, and I believe several  
19          weeks ago we requested from the DPW if they  
20          are going to up open up the Pinebrook pool,  
21          if they are going to open up Novembrino pool  
22          or whatever, and I don't believe we have  
23          received any responses to that at all, as  
24          usual.

25                         Also, at the same time I said

1 several weeks ago we had sent a request  
2 regarding the Nay Aug zoo, what's going on  
3 there. We had rumors they were going to  
4 tear the building down. I actually took  
5 photos and submitted them, all the steel was  
6 removed from all of the cages, the elephant  
7 cages, the face guards and all of the animal  
8 cages. Who removed that steel, what's it  
9 doing, who gave the authorization? None of  
10 this has been answered to date.

11 If you recall, last week I was a  
12 little frustrated because we are not getting  
13 any answers. I think it's time now to call  
14 a caucus with the DPW director and perhaps  
15 somebody from the Recreation Authority to  
16 answer these questions to the public since  
17 they refuse to answer to us in writing.

18 And, you know, they are employed by  
19 you, the taxpayers, and they have to  
20 respond. If they don't respond to us, they  
21 are going to come here and give us the  
22 answers. They work for everyone. But I'm  
23 tired of the paperwork that's accumulating  
24 with no responses and we received the same  
25 requests time after time. It's time to do



1           their job and answer what we request of  
2           them.

3                       So I would like to suggest that as  
4           soon as possible date for a request for the  
5           DPW, since it involves a swimming pools and  
6           stuff, and there are many other issues as I  
7           have gone out in the past several days and  
8           photographed and taken down, but that's  
9           something that's definitely urgent.

10                      As Mrs. Chilipko also mentioned  
11           zoning. I did meet with her, we have  
12           several entrepreneurs in this city who  
13           actually live in this city, want to invest  
14           in the city, and for some odd reason they  
15           run into brick walls. They haven't gone  
16           out, they haven't come to the city here and  
17           sought free money, grants, or anything like  
18           that, they have invested their own money and  
19           I couldn't understand why they are the ones  
20           that are having the toughest time. It  
21           appears that when you have a connection  
22           downstairs they will give you the money and  
23           you can get cart blanch whatever you want.

24                      The buck has to stop here. You  
25           know, we want to bring people into this

1 city. I saw some of the properties this  
2 gentleman developed and I was impressed.  
3 You know, I have a little background in  
4 construction and all of that stuff and  
5 safety, fire safety, and everything and this  
6 particular property that he has done --

7 MS. CHILIPKO: Can I provide some  
8 pictures --

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: Sure.

10 MS. CHILIPKO: -- from the field and  
11 the property on Madison avenue. Excuse me,  
12 I'm sorry.

13 MR. LOSCOMBE: And his alarm system  
14 there for the people, fire alarms and  
15 everything are second to none, and he has  
16 got flashing lights for the deaf people and  
17 everything. The only thing that's not  
18 completed is some grading on the exterior  
19 and they are being refused a certificate of  
20 occupancy because of that.

21 I would like to get together with  
22 Mrs. Chilipko and perhaps meet with our  
23 zoning officer and just see why certain  
24 people seem to have problems here and others  
25 just seem to skate through. You know, we

1 represent everybody, not just a chosen few,  
2 and if we are going to be successful here we  
3 have to remember everybody, so that's  
4 another issue. I will give you a call  
5 tomorrow and I want to get together with  
6 this gentleman and the zoning officer and  
7 Mrs. Chilipko and anyone else that's  
8 interested to get some of these things going  
9 because he has some other projects in mind.

10 And, you know, I know for a fact  
11 there is builders, there is contractors that  
12 won't do a job in Scranton because of the  
13 reputation. You know, even the inspectors  
14 here I have heard stories, many good  
15 stories, but there are some bad stories  
16 about how they are treated, how people are  
17 treated by some of them. I'm not going to  
18 mention names, but it is disappointing.  
19 They are being paid by your tax dollars,  
20 naturally they are there to do their job,  
21 but you don't have to come in like the  
22 Gestapo and do a job. You have to treat  
23 everyone with the same respect. Everyone  
24 should have the same everyone priorities to  
25 respond to.

1 MS. EVANS: And the same playing  
2 field.

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: And the same level  
4 playing field.

5 MS. EVANS: Level playing field.

6 MR. LOSCOMBE: Exactly. That's  
7 something that I think has been lacking here  
8 and people are being disgusted over that and  
9 many people are giving up. I don't want to  
10 see that. Yes, we are in a financial mess  
11 right now because it's been the same ole',  
12 same ole' for ten years, never looking at  
13 generating any revenue or anything in this  
14 city, just keep taxing everybody to death.  
15 Borrowing money and giving it away to those  
16 who need it the least, in my opinion.

17 It's time. It is time to turn this  
18 around, and we are sitting here discussing  
19 borrowing millions of dollars that we should  
20 have never been in this position instead of,  
21 like I said, just throwing it away all of  
22 these years they should have looked a little  
23 tighter at where the bucks are going and  
24 every department head should be tightening  
25 up and doing their job, but, you know, I

1           just hope things turn around.

2                       As far as Mr. Morgan had mentioned  
3 grandfathering and condemnations and all of  
4 that, I have to agree with him to a certain  
5 point. It does appear that we are quick  
6 with those federal dollars to go in and tear  
7 buildings down, just to clear them away. I  
8 know that's an instant, you know, fix for  
9 the neighbor or whatever like that, but we  
10 are removing those buildings from the tax  
11 rolls.

12                      Again, we have private individuals,  
13 entrepreneurs in this city that are hoping  
14 to invest in something that's structurally  
15 sound and renovate it and turn it around and  
16 sell it. I have seen that example in West  
17 Scranton and, you know, the place that was  
18 rehabbed looks better than what was there  
19 for 50 years. This is something we have to  
20 do. We could give people an opportunity to  
21 purchase the property a little bit cheaper  
22 rather just spending our money and tearing  
23 them all down, but what it would take would  
24 be maybe OECD or the city engineer or maybe  
25 the architectural review board to look at

1 each of these condemned buildings that they  
2 plan on tearing down, noting if they are  
3 structurally sound and just putting them up  
4 for sale on the market. The ones that  
5 aren't structurally sound and have  
6 foundation problems or whatever then we  
7 could tear them down and it will leave us  
8 money to tear down others that are in bad  
9 condition, but we just keeping tearing  
10 everything down and we have got empty lots  
11 that are unbuildable and we are removing our  
12 own tax base there, too. There is lot of  
13 things we have to look at.

14 Again, Mrs. Schumacher, I appreciate  
15 this. I know we have all been looking at  
16 PILOTS and any help, any benefit, any ideas  
17 we could get to pursue this I know that's  
18 something we want to do. We can't keep  
19 raising taxes. We have to generate money  
20 within our own city and there is many ways  
21 to do it and many things -- many ways that  
22 were overlooked for years.

23 You know, we have been here a little  
24 over two years, the majority of us, and it's  
25 not going to turn overnight and I'm

1 definitely, you know, discouraged at having  
2 to look at borrowing that amount of money  
3 and what discouraged me a little bit that it  
4 doesn't include the arbitration awards and  
5 when I asked the gentlemen at the caucus  
6 last week about that they said after this is  
7 done they are going to look at that. I'm  
8 worried. I'm really worried because we are  
9 jumping through hoops to borrow this, so I  
10 don't know where we are going to get that  
11 money.

12 And as Mrs. Evans and Mr. Joyce, I  
13 know, have fought to make sure that plan  
14 includes the payoffs, includes the  
15 arbitration awards because they are there  
16 and the clock is ticking. Until that is  
17 done we have no recovery. We have to have  
18 that included then we know where we are  
19 starting from, from square one, and we are  
20 not looking at the past and we are looking  
21 -- actually looking at the future because  
22 everything up to that point will be  
23 accounted for and will be taken care of.

24 And I honestly at this point I don't  
25 know if I can vote for any Recovery Plan

1           that does not include all of that because  
2           it's -- we are not going to recover if we  
3           still have that debt laying out there. But  
4           I applaud Mrs. Evans and Mr. Joyce for the  
5           hard work that they have been doing on the  
6           Recovery Plan and that's, again, unless the  
7           Recovery Plan includes that and we are able  
8           to start with a clean slate I don't know if  
9           I can vote for the Recovery Plan. It's  
10          going to be hard enough to vote for the  
11          borrowing that we are looking at right now.

12                    I understand in speaking to our  
13          solicitor and all that the condition we are  
14          in at this point and why it makes sense, but  
15          as far as the other thing, you know, if they  
16          don't want to put it in a Recovery Plan we  
17          are not going to recover, and that's all I  
18          have to say. Thank you.

19                    MS. EVANS: Thank you. Mrs. Krake,  
20          before we proceed if you would schedule a  
21          caucus then with DPW Director Dougher and,  
22          Councilman Loscombe, who else does you want  
23          present besides Mr. Dougher?

24                    MR. LOSCOMBE: Someone from the  
25          Recreation Authority from Nay Aug.



1 MS. EVANS: A representative of the  
2 Recreation Authority, and I would suggest in  
3 addition to that separate caucuses scheduled  
4 with Mr. Wallace.

5 MR. MCGOFF: May I just one thing on  
6 the pools, I was speaking to Mr. Dougher, I  
7 called him, and we talked about the pools  
8 they are in looking at opening -- planning  
9 to open certain a number of pools, one of  
10 the problems that they have at this point in  
11 time is that the pool maintenance person  
12 that traditionally does the work on the  
13 pools was injured and has been on disability  
14 and not everyone is --

15 MS. EVANS: Trained.

16 MR. MCGOFF: -- trained or has the  
17 knowledge to do the work that's necessary  
18 for some of the maintenance and the opening  
19 up the pools, so they may be a little bit  
20 behind schedule in doing that and what they  
21 are capable of doing until they get some --  
22 someone that is able to do the work  
23 necessary.

24 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Councilman  
25 Joyce --

1 MR. LOSCOMBE: If I could just --  
2 I'm sorry, we are all interrupting each  
3 other tonight. Just to add, I mean, that's  
4 a perfect example, I think -- Mr. Rogan is  
5 not here tonight, he is always blasting the  
6 DPW, but I think they all do a fine job, but  
7 it takes leadership from the top on down and  
8 I think what has to be done, just like other  
9 departments, down the road is that before  
10 any new contract is completed or whatever  
11 that these guys have to be cross-trained.  
12 You know, you come on a police department  
13 and you have to be able to -- you have to  
14 have Act 120, police or firefighters have to  
15 have their EMT certifications, they all have  
16 to be certified to drive the equipment. You  
17 know, we have only a handful of CDL guys.  
18 Everyone should be able to do each other's  
19 job and right now they are taking men out to  
20 do garbage while even the mechanics being  
21 pulled off and putting a transmission in a  
22 vehicle and other individuals sitting there  
23 that do other jobs that are not being done  
24 that day.

25 It's just, you know, nothing against

1 the personnel, they are only doing what they  
2 are told to do, but I think to maximize,  
3 rather than privatize we can maximize the  
4 service, and I believe every one of these  
5 employees would be proud to do it given the  
6 opportunity. They would all love to be able  
7 to cut trees except, you know, right now  
8 there is maybe three or four that gets  
9 called out every time a tree is down.  
10 Rotate that, you know? I know they all  
11 don't want to pick up garbage, but, you  
12 know, you have a seniority system.

13 We have eliminated a highway safety  
14 department that I think has been one of best  
15 assets for us and there is going to be some  
16 road rage incidents in the city because of  
17 no spray paint on the roads, four and five  
18 of Lackawanna Avenue almost every other day  
19 I have people almost running into me they  
20 are in the wrong lane, you know? I mean  
21 that's just one example.

22 But it would only make sense to take  
23 the departments and maximize their use and  
24 that has to come from the top. I believe  
25 the employees in this city are willing to do

1           whatever is handed to them and more. I have  
2           known many of them for many years, they are  
3           ready to take on a task, but we have to use  
4           our heads and, you know, not use some  
5           political patronage for certain individuals  
6           and let everybody have an opportunity. And  
7           that's all on that. Thank you.

8                     MS. EVANS: Thank you. Councilman  
9           Joyce, comments or motions this evening?

10                    MR. JOYCE: Yes. Before I go on  
11           with my comments, since Mr. Rogan is absent  
12           I would like to make a motion to appoint  
13           Jack Loscombe as the temporary chairperson  
14           for community development?

15                    MR. MCGOFF: Second.

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

18                    MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

19                    MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

20                    MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

23                    MR. JOYCE: Briefly tonight I just  
24           want to mention city council received an  
25           audit update from Rossi & Rossi regarding

1           some outstanding items. To provide a brief  
2           background, just because I know we talk  
3           about audits a lot like everyone knows  
4           exactly what it is and what it's comprised  
5           of, basically an audit is a systemic  
6           inspection of the city's financial  
7           transactions and was designed to determine  
8           if they were reported accurately and in  
9           accordance with generally accepted  
10          accounting procedures.

11                     An audit reviews a municipalities  
12          financial control procedures to determine if  
13          the municipality receives, accounts for and  
14          expends funds properly. And audit serves  
15          two principal purposes.

16                     First, an audit will identify  
17          problems based on a thorough review of the  
18          municipalities financial control procedures  
19          and make recommendations that the  
20          municipality can use to approve its  
21          operation.

22                     Secondly, an independent audit  
23          provides valuable information to community  
24          residents. It assures residents that public  
25          funds are being well-managed by the

1           municipal government or it alerts them to  
2           problems such as poor bookkeeping or  
3           mismanagement of funds that need to be  
4           fixed.

5                         In Rossi & Rossi's correspondence,  
6           they indicated that there are 14 overdue  
7           items and eight open memos as of April 25.  
8           A few weeks ago our business administrator,  
9           Ryan McGowan, provided us a status report  
10          indicating that the audit would be completed  
11          during the first week of the July in 2012.  
12          In that audit status report he also  
13          indicated that many of the open items would  
14          have been completed by April 15.

15                        After reading Rossi & Rossi's  
16          correspondence to us, as a council member it  
17          appears that we are further behind than I  
18          originally thought. With this in mind,  
19          Mrs. Krake, can you please contact  
20          Mr. McGowan and ask him to provide Scranton  
21          City Council with another audit status  
22          report based on Rossi and Rossi's most  
23          recent correspondence?

24                        I do have some citizens' requests.  
25          One, residents have voiced their concern to

1 me that the intersection of South Ninth  
2 Avenue and Oxford Street is in poor  
3 condition as there are cracks and potholes  
4 in the intersection making travel conditions  
5 difficult.

6 Mrs. Krake, with this in mind can  
7 you please contact Director Dougher and ask  
8 him to handle the situation so that the  
9 motorists do not have to face these rough  
10 travel conditions.

11 Also, West Scranton residents living  
12 in the 300 block of North Everett Avenue  
13 have voiced their concerns to me regarding  
14 the streetlight that was taken down on Nelly  
15 Court, which has directly impacted with  
16 their block. Residents have stated that the  
17 streetlight has been taken out of the court  
18 and the court is now becoming a haven for  
19 suspicious activities.

20 Mrs. Krake, with this in mind, can  
21 you please contact Mr. Dougher and ask him  
22 if a streetlight can be placed back in the  
23 court, and from speaking to a few residents  
24 there they had informed me that streetlight  
25 would be replaced as they heard, however,

1 they have been waiting a year now for the  
2 streetlight to be replaced.

3 Various residents have voiced their  
4 concerns to me about the property at 213  
5 North Van Buren Avenue. Residents are  
6 reporting overgrown grass and hedges.

7 Mrs. Krake, can you please contact  
8 Mr. Seitzinger and ask him to handle the  
9 situation appropriately.

10 And like Mr. Loscombe and  
11 Mrs. Chilipko I, too, have been contacted by  
12 a members of the Pinebrook softball league  
13 regarding the condition of Pinebrook field.  
14 Softball players have informed me that grass  
15 needs to be cut as it has grown very high  
16 and also that the infield needs to be  
17 dragged in. They stated that they do pay a  
18 \$1,500 fee to play softball there every year  
19 and they expect that these things should be  
20 done for them.

21 And they also know noted that  
22 Rockwell Park, which is located in North  
23 Scranton, seems to be getting a lot better  
24 treatment than Pinebrook field and they  
25 are -- and I could realize that they are



1 very frustrated.

2 So, Mrs. Krake, with this in mind  
3 can you contact Mr. Dougher and ask him if  
4 they could cut the grass on the field and  
5 drag the infield in as softball players fear  
6 that the poor field conditions could be a  
7 jeopardy to their safety when playing ball  
8 there. And that's it.

9 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Good  
10 evening. As we are all aware, the results  
11 of the last two census reports of the City  
12 of Scranton clearly indicate a decline in  
13 population well below the minimum 80,000  
14 mark required for a classification as a 2-A  
15 city. As a result, Scranton City Council  
16 had twice requested Governor Corbett to  
17 certify Scranton's census results since by  
18 law it is the duty of the governor to  
19 certify the fact accordingly for recording  
20 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds.  
21 Such action would enable our city to begin  
22 the process to become a third class city, a  
23 classification that includes taxing  
24 advantages such as a commuter tax.

25 Although other Pennsylvania

1 municipalities have experienced population  
2 growth that would entitle them to Class 2-A  
3 status, they continue to retain a Third  
4 Class rating because there appear to be no  
5 advantages to joining Class 2-A status.

6 During discussions with Mayor  
7 Doherty, he agreed that Scranton's  
8 classification should be changed and that  
9 there are no advantages in remaining a Class  
10 2-A city.

11 Furthermore, both the mayor and  
12 council members have agreed that a commuter  
13 tax will be a fundamental part of a Revised  
14 Recovery Plan since Scranton taxpayers can  
15 no longer shoulder tax burdens alone while  
16 those who use city services remain without  
17 financial obligations.

18 In addition, many municipalities  
19 enter Act 47 in order that they may be able  
20 to enact new sources of revenue and the  
21 Pennsylvania Economy League should be  
22 willing not only to include a change in  
23 classification in the Revised Recovery Plan  
24 but also to significantly assist the city in  
25 effecting this change.

1                    Since Governor Corbett has failed to  
2                    respond to council's request for census  
3                    certification, I ask for Solicitor Hughes'  
4                    recommendations as to how we may proceed.

5                    MR. HUGHES: Yes, Madam President.  
6                    I believe it was back in early September  
7                    that I reported to council that it's  
8                    required by the governor to certify the  
9                    census and we wrote a letter to the governor  
10                   and you directed Mrs. Krake to write a  
11                   letter to the governor back in September of  
12                   2011. It has never been answered. As a  
13                   result, three weeks ago you again requested  
14                   that Mrs. Krake write a letter to the  
15                   governor, so far we haven't had a response  
16                   to either letter.

17                   In accordance with the  
18                   classification of the city set forth in 53  
19                   Purdon's Statute Section 101, it sets the  
20                   classification of any city below 80,000,  
21                   between 80,000 and 250,000 the city is a  
22                   Class A. The cities of the Third Class are  
23                   below 80,000. Right now there is a few  
24                   three cities in Pennsylvania that have more  
25                   than 80,000 population that have not opted

1 to their election that they ever want to  
2 become a Second Class-A city. They have not  
3 done that. That's Allentown, Reading has a  
4 population of 80,000 and Erie all have over  
5 80,000, but they all remain a Third Class  
6 city.

7 What Section 102, 53 Purdon's  
8 Section 102 states, it shall be the duty of  
9 the governor under the great seal of the  
10 Commonwealth to certificate the fact  
11 accordingly which certification shall be  
12 entered at large upon the minutes of the  
13 council of such city and recorded in the  
14 Office of the Recorder of Deeds of the  
15 proper county.

16 That is the population in order for  
17 a city such as Scranton, which is a Second  
18 Class-A city, to regress to a Third Class  
19 city status, it has to have two consecutive  
20 decrease in population of under 80,000  
21 people. The 2000 census I believe it was  
22 somewhere around 76,000 and also the 2010  
23 census it was 76,000. As a result, for the  
24 city to regress to a Third Class city we  
25 have to have the certification from the

1           governor.

2                       As such, my recommendation would be  
3           that Mrs. Krake write a letter to the city  
4           solicitor with the correspondence that she  
5           had sent to the governor back in September  
6           and back in the middle of March requesting  
7           certification and file a mandamus action  
8           against the governor to compel him to issue  
9           the census figures for the 2010 census and  
10          the 2011 census to the city council so -- or  
11          to the City of Scranton, it says here in the  
12          act that it comes to council, that we have  
13          to enter it on our records and then it be  
14          recorded in the Recorder of Deeds Office.

15                     At that point, the city should start  
16          the process to become a Third Class city.  
17          There are requirements set forth in the act  
18          as to how the city should or can become a  
19          Third Class city and I would recommend, I do  
20          not believe that the law, as drafted, that  
21          it did not state that any city that is --  
22          let me back up a little bit. What Section  
23          102 says is that the Court of Common Pleas  
24          actually the term that's used is the Court  
25          of Quarter Sessions, which doesn't exist

1           any more, it says that the Court of Quarter  
2           Sessions shall appoint a Home Rule Study  
3           Commission. It doesn't say how many members  
4           or what they shall do in order to determine  
5           the form of the government, that a Second  
6           Class A city and regresses to a Third Class  
7           should have. Under the Third Class city law  
8           there is three forms of government, there is  
9           the mayor/council, such as we have; there is  
10          also the city manager; and there is also a  
11          council form of the government in which  
12          there is a mayor that the function of the  
13          mayor in that form of government is only to  
14          be in charge of the police force.

15                 So I think that DECD and PEL should  
16                 immediately take action to look at Section  
17                 102 and that that should be amended to in my  
18                 opinion to the effect that if any Second  
19                 Class A city, and there has ever only been  
20                 one in Pennsylvania and that's the City of  
21                 Scranton going back to the 1920's, that it  
22                 is a Home Rule city, that if the population  
23                 drops in two census, two succeeding census  
24                 below the 80,000 and they're a Home Rule  
25                 City, they should automatically become a

1 Third Class city with the form of  
2 governments they had pursuant to the home  
3 rule providing that is one form of  
4 government that the Third Class city could  
5 have, which Scranton has.

6 Hopefully this will be passed by the  
7 end the year by the state legislature and by  
8 the governor so that many of the tax  
9 advantages that a Third Class city has that  
10 a Second Class A city does not have we would  
11 have by the end of the year, one of which  
12 would be a commuter tax. The commuter tax  
13 could be enacted, which would raise millions  
14 of dollars. We are in process of finding  
15 out, I think it was last year or two years  
16 ago, the City of Reading just adopted a  
17 commuter tax, they raised I believe it was  
18 well over \$3 million but we want to get the  
19 exact figures. This would be a new form of  
20 revenue, it would alleviate the tax on  
21 property owners and have a new source of the  
22 revenue for the city, you know, hopefully in  
23 excess of three or four million dollars.

24 I believe that the Recovery Plan  
25 totally ignores this issue and that this

1           should be an integral part of the Recovery  
2           Plan and I believe that PEL and DCED should  
3           provide the city with an analysis of the  
4           differences in the taxes that were permitted  
5           under a Third Class versus a Second Class A  
6           city and that instead of saying just raise  
7           the real estate taxes, should look at these  
8           new sources of additional revenue if the  
9           city is a Third Class city.

10                         That's my opinion, that's what I  
11           think should be done. I think they should  
12           be raised at the PEL meeting and the DCED  
13           meeting. I certainly think that they've  
14           fumbled the ball on this whole thing in the  
15           Recovery Plan and not recommending it and  
16           it's my opinion that the city solicitor  
17           could bring an action in the Commonwealth  
18           Court and a mandamus action against the  
19           governor to compel him to issue the censuses  
20           that can be reported so the city can revert  
21           to a Third Class city status.

22                         MS. EVANS: Thank you, Attorney  
23           Hughes. Mrs. Krake, if we could please send  
24           a letter on behalf of city council to the  
25           mayor and city solicitor urging that the



1 city would consider would consider filing a  
2 mandamus action to force Governor Corbett  
3 bet to perform his duties as governor to  
4 certify the 2010 census results for the City  
5 of Scranton.

6 Also, if we could please send  
7 letters on behalf of city council to Senator  
8 Blake and State Representatives Murphy,  
9 Smith, Stabach and Kavulich, informing them  
10 of the city's intention to change it's  
11 classification to a Third Class municipality  
12 and requesting their immediate attention and  
13 assistance in this process. Please note  
14 that Scranton has been a Home Rule City for  
15 the last four decades and that the change in  
16 classification is vital to the success of  
17 Scranton's Revised Recovery Plan.

18 Also, a letter on behalf of Scranton  
19 City Council to DCED and Pennsylvania  
20 Economy League asking them to provide city  
21 council with an analysis of revenue sources  
22 available to Third Class cities. Thank you,  
23 Mrs. Krake.

24 Next, the City of Scranton's  
25 Treasurer tax sale is scheduled for June 4,

1           2012. I'd like to read the following  
2           information provided by Northeast Revenue  
3           Services. Northeast Revenue Service, agent  
4           for the Treasurer of the City of Scranton,  
5           will hold a public treasurer's sale for all  
6           parcels located in the City of Scranton with  
7           delinquent tax claims for the years 2004  
8           through 2009 on Monday, June 4, 2012, at 10  
9           a.m. at city council chambers, Scranton City  
10          Hall. Delinquent properties and owners will  
11          be advertised beginning May 14, 2012, in the  
12          Scranton Times-Tribune and Legal Register.

13                         Now, the dates for the  
14          advertisements are as follows: May 14, the  
15          second advertisement will occur on May 21,  
16          followed by the third on May 28. May 25 is  
17          the deadline for posting on premises.

18                         Now, properties will be offered for  
19          sale for the total of taxes due, interest  
20          and costs. Property owners may avoid the  
21          sale by paying the full amount of taxes,  
22          interest and costs prior to the sale.  
23          Payments may be made at Scranton City Hall  
24          in the Treasurer's Office or by calling  
25          570-207-3860 or on-line at

1           www.NEREVENUE.com. Again, that's  
2           www.NEREVENUE.COM, all one word, dot com.  
3           Or, finally, at Franklin Security Bank, the  
4           branch office located at 139 Wyoming Avenue.

5           The sale of the property may at the  
6           option of the treasurer of the City of  
7           Scranton be stayed if the owner thereof or  
8           any lien creditors of the owner on or before  
9           the sale date enter into an agreement with  
10          the City of Scranton to pay taxes, interest  
11          on costs owed on the said property in a  
12          manner provided by law.

13          Next, figures and language are  
14          currently under review for the final  
15          Revised Recovery Plan recommendations of the  
16          mayor and city council and may tentatively  
17          be distributed to the Pennsylvania Economy  
18          League and all council members next week.  
19          Thereafter, the Pennsylvania Economy League  
20          should include these recommendations within  
21          the plan, should submit it for public review  
22          and conduct a public hearing.

23          Finally, I have citizens' requests  
24          for the week. A letter to the city  
25          engineer: Please provide city council with

1 a timeline for repairs to the Linden Street  
2 bridge.

3 A letter to Mayor Doherty and DPW  
4 Director Dougher: Residents of the  
5 neighborhood near the Rockwell Avenue bridge  
6 request that the city open the dead end side  
7 of Leggett Street in order to lead some of  
8 the traffic onto the corner of William  
9 Street and Brick Avenue. They state this  
10 action would also help elderly North  
11 Scranton residents to travel safely to  
12 appointments rather than traveling hills  
13 during winter months.

14 A letter to Chief Duffy: Residents  
15 of Dickson Avenue report having witnessed a  
16 drug deal in broad daylight on their street  
17 during April. Consequently, they request  
18 extra police patrols on Dickson Avenue.

19 A letter to DPW Director Dougher and  
20 OECD Director Aebli: Please add the 1700  
21 block of Dickson Avenue and Lavelle Court  
22 behind the 500 block of East Elm Street to  
23 the 2012 paving list. If Dickson Avenue and  
24 Lavelle Court do not qualify for CDBG funded  
25 paving, add it to the city's paving list.

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A letter to the DPW director:  
Residents report that a storm drain is  
damaged at 415 Wintermantle Avenue and is in  
need of repair. And that's it.

MS. KRAKE: FIFTH ORDER. 5-B. AN  
ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON,  
LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, SETTING  
FORTH ITS INTENT TO ISSUE ONE OR MORE SERIES  
OF FEDERALLY TAXABLE AND/OR TAX EXEMPT  
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR NOTES OF THE  
CITY IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO  
EXCEED TWENTY-SIX MILLION SIX HUNDRED  
THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$26,600,000) (COLLECTIVELY,  
THE "BONDS") PURSUANT TO THE ACT OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF  
PENNSYLVANIA, PA.C.S. 53, CHAPTERS 80-82, AS  
AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT  
DEBT ACT (THE "ACT"); FINDING THAT A PRIVATE  
SALE BY NEGOTIATION IS IN THE BEST FINANCIAL  
INTERESTS OF THE CITY; DETERMINING THAT SUCH  
BONDS SHALL EVIDENCE NONELECTORAL DEBT OF  
THE CITY; SPECIFYING THAT SUCH INDEBTEDNESS  
TO BE INCURRED TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR A  
CERTAIN PROJECT OF THE CITY CONSISTING OF  
ALL OR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: (1) FUNDING

1 UNFUNDED DEBT OF THE CITY; (2) REFUNDING A  
2 PORTION OF THE CITY'S OUTSTANDING GENERAL  
3 OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES A OF 2003; (3)  
4 REFUNDING A PORTION OF THE CITY'S  
5 OUTSTANDING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES  
6 B OF 2003; (4) REFUNDING A PORTION OF THE  
7 CITY'S OUTSTANDING FEDERALLY TAXABLE GENERAL  
8 OBLIGATION PENSION FUNDING BONDS, SERIES C  
9 OF 2003; (5) REFUNDING A PORTION OF THE  
10 CITY'S OUTSTANDING FEDERALLY TAXABLE GENERAL  
11 OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES D OF 2003; AND (6)  
12 FUNDING NECESSARY RESERVES AND PAYING THE  
13 COSTS AND EXPENSES OF ISSUANCE OF THE  
14 BONDS; SETTING FORTH THE REASONABLE  
15 ESTIMATED USEFUL LIVES OF THE CAPITAL  
16 PROJECTS THAT ARE TO BE FINANCED AND  
17 REFINANCED BY THE BONDS; ACCEPTING A  
18 PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE OR ARRANGEMENT OF  
19 THE PRIVATE PLACEMENT OF SUCH BONDS AT  
20 PRIVATE SALE BY NEGOTIATION TO FINANCIAL  
21 INSTITUTIONS, QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS  
22 AND/OR ACCREDITED INVESTORS; PROVIDING THAT  
23 SUCH BONDS, WHEN ISSUED, SHALL CONSTITUTE A  
24 GENERAL OBLIGATION OF THE CITY; FIXING THE  
25 DENOMINATIONS, SERIES DESIGNATIONS, DATED

1 DATE, INTEREST PAYMENT DATES, MATURITY  
2 DATES, INTEREST RATES, REDEMPTION  
3 PROVISIONS, OPTIONAL AND MANDATORY  
4 REDEMPTION PROVISIONS (IF APPLICABLE) AND  
5 PLACE OF PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND  
6 INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS; AUTHORIZING  
7 SPECIFIED OFFICERS OF THE CITY TO CONTRACT  
8 WITH THE PAYING AGENT FOR ITS SERVICES  
9 IN CONNECTION WITH THE BONDS; SETTING FORTH  
10 THE SUBSTANTIAL FORM OF THE BONDS EVIDENCING  
11 THE DEBT; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND  
12 ATTESTATION OF SUCH BONDS; PROVIDING  
13 COVENANTS RELATED TO DEBT SERVICE APPLICABLE  
14 TO SUCH BONDS TO THE EXTENT REQUIRED BY THE  
15 ACT AND PLEDGING THE FULL FAITH, CREDIT AND  
16 TAXING POWER OF THE CITY IN SUPPORT THEREOF;  
17 CREATING A SINKING FUND FOR EACH SERIES  
18 OF BONDS IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH SERIES OF  
19 BONDS, TO THE EXTENT REQUIRED BY THE ACT;  
20 DESIGNATING THE PAYING AGENT TO BE THE  
21 SINKING FUND DEPOSITARY; PROVIDING A  
22 COVENANT TO INSURE PROMPT AND FULL PAYMENT  
23 FOR SUCH BONDS WHEN DUE; SETTING FORTH  
24 REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER PROVISIONS WITH  
25 RESPECT TO SUCH BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE

1 EXECUTION OF ONE OR MORE INVESTMENT  
2 AGREEMENTS BY SPECIFIED OFFICERS OF THE CITY  
3 (IF APPLICABLE) AND THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN  
4 U.S. TREASURY OBLIGATIONS OR ANY OTHER  
5 SECURITIES OR INVESTMENTS IN CONNECTION  
6 WITH THE PROJECT AND THE REFUNDING OF THE  
7 PRIOR BONDS; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING  
8 SPECIFIED OFFICERS OF THE CITY TO DO, TO  
9 TAKE AND TO PERFORM CERTAIN SPECIFIED,  
10 REQUIRED, NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE ACTS TO  
11 EFFECT THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS, INCLUDING,  
12 WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE PREPARATION OF A  
13 DEBT STATEMENT AND BORROWING BASE  
14 CERTIFICATE, AND THE FILING OF SPECIFIED  
15 DOCUMENTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY  
16 AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ALL AS REQUIRED BY  
17 THE ACT; DECLARING THAT THE DEBT TO BE  
18 EVIDENCED BY SUCH BONDS, TOGETHER WITH ALL  
19 OTHER INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY, WILL NOT BE  
20 IN EXCESS OF ANY APPLICABLE LIMITATION  
21 IMPOSED BY THE ACT; AUTHORIZING PROPER  
22 OFFICERS OF THE CITY TO DELIVER THE BONDS  
23 UPON THE APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
24 COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; IF  
25 APPLICABLE, SETTING FORTH CERTAIN COVENANTS



1 PRECLUDING THE CITY FROM TAKING ACTIONS  
2 WHICH WOULD CAUSE THE BONDS TO BECOME  
3 "ARBITRAGE BONDS" OR "PRIVATE ACTIVITY  
4 BONDS," AS THOSE TERMS ARE USED IN THE  
5 INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED  
6 (THE "CODE"), AND APPLICABLE REGULATIONS  
7 PROMULGATED THEREUNDER; AUTHORIZING THE  
8 EXECUTION OF A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE  
9 CERTIFICATE AND COVENANTING TO COMPLY WITH  
10 THE PROVISIONS THEREOF, IF APPLICABLE;  
11 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ONE OR MORE  
12 ESCROW AGREEMENTS BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY  
13 AND THE ESCROW AGENT NAMED THEREIN IN  
14 CONNECTION WITH THE REFUNDING OF THE PRIOR  
15 BONDS; APPROVING THE FORM OF AND RATIFYING  
16 THE PREPARATION, USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF A  
17 PRELIMINARY PLACEMENT MEMORANDUM AND A  
18 PLACEMENT MEMORANDUM BY THE PURCHASER OR  
19 PLACEMENT AGENT IN CONNECTION WITH  
20 THE MARKETING OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING AND  
21 DIRECTING THE PREPARATION, EXECUTION AND  
22 DELIVERY OF ALL OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AND  
23 THE TAKING OF ALL OTHER REQUIRED ACTION;  
24 PROVIDING WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME  
25 EFFECTIVE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF

1 PROVISIONS; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR  
2 PARTS OF ORDINANCES INSOFAR AS THE SAME  
3 SHALL BE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

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

7 MR. JOYCE: So moved.

8 MR. MCGOFF: Second.

9 MS. EVANS: On the question? All  
10 those in favor of introduction signify by  
11 saying aye.

12 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

13 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

14 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

15 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
16 have it and so moved.

17 MS. KRAKE: 5-C. AUTHORIZING THE  
18 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS  
19 TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT  
20 WITH HORSEPOWER HARLEY DAVIDSON, INC. TO  
21 LEASE FIVE (5) POLICE PACKAGE MOTORCYCLES.

22 MS. EVANS: At this time I'll  
23 entertain a motion that Item 5-C be  
24 introduced into its proper committee.

25 MR. JOYCE: So moved.

1 MR. MCGOFF: Second.

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

5 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

6 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

7 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

10 MS. KRAKE: SIXTH ORDER. NO  
11 BUSINESS AT THIS TIME.

12 SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR  
13 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES FOR  
14 ADOPTION -RESOLUTION NO. 19, 2012 -  
15 APPOINTMENT OF LEE BORTHWICK, PE, 616 DEPOT  
16 STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18509, AS A  
17 MEMBER OF THE HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE REVIEW  
18 BOARD TO SERVE THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF DAVID  
19 G. SMITH, PE PLS THROUGH OCTOBER 11, 2015.

20 MS. EVANS: As Chair for the  
21 Committee on Rules, I recommend final  
22 passage of Item 7-A.

23 MR. MCGOFF: Second.

24 MS. EVANS: On the question? We  
25 thank Mr. Borthwick for submitting his

1 resume. He is indeed very well qualified to  
2 hold this appointment and we wish him great  
3 success. Roll call, please?

4 Roll call, please?

5 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

6 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

7 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan. Mr.  
8 Loscombe.

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

10 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

11 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

12 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

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

15 MS. KRAKE: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION  
16 BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
17 FOR ADOPTION -RESOLUTION NO. 20, 2012 -  
18 RATIFYING AND APPROVING OF THE EXECUTION AND  
19 SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE  
20 CITY OF SCRANTON, ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY  
21 LIFE SUPPORT (CLS), TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF  
22 PENNSYLVANIA ACTING THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH  
23 FINANCING AUTHORITY FOR A LOCAL SHARE  
24 ACCOUNT GRANT, PURSUANT TO THE PA RACE  
25 HORSE DEVELOPMENT AND GAMING ACT, FOR THE

1 PROJECT TO BE KNOWN AS COMMUNITY LIFE  
2 SUPPORT NEW BUILDING PROJECT LOCATED IN  
3 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA AND AUTHORIZING THE  
4 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS  
5 OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO EXECUTE AND  
6 ENTER INTO A LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT  
7 CONTRACT AND COMMITMENT LETTER WITH THE  
8 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA TO ACCEPT AND  
9 UTILIZE THE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF  
10 \$350,000.00 AWARDED BY THE COMMONWEALTH  
11 OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR SUCH PROJECT.

12 MS. EVANS: What is the  
13 recommendation of the temporary Chair for  
14 the Committee on Community Development?

15 MR. LOSCOMBE: As temporary  
16 Chairperson for the Committee on Community  
17 Development, I recommend final passage of  
18 Item 7-B.

19 MR. MCGOFF: Second.

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

22 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

23 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. Mr. Rogan. Mr.  
24 Loscombe.

25 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

1 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

2 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

3 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

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

6 Mrs. Krake, I would ask before we  
7 adjourn that you would make copies of the  
8 information provided by the Office of the  
9 Inspector General to Mr. Quinn dated April  
10 26, 2012, for every member of the council  
11 and also to be submitted to the bond  
12 counsel.

13 MS. KRAKE: Yes.

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

17 MR. JOYCE: Motion to adjourn.

18 MS. EVANS: This meeting is  
19 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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