

**AGENDA**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**January 14, 2016**  
**6:30 P.M.**

1. ROLL CALL
  
2. READING OF MINUTES
  
3. REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR & HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND INTERESTED PARTIES AND CITY CLERK'S NOTES:
  - A. CONTROLLER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2015.
  
  - B. TAX ASSESSOR'S RESULTS REPORT FOR HEARING DATE HELD DECEMBER 2, 2015.
  
  - C. TAX ASSESSOR'S REPORT FOR HEARING DATE HELD JANUARY 13, 2016.
  
  - D. CHECK RECEIVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175,000.00 FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON, WHICH IS PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON.
  
  - E. BREAKDOWN OF ELIGIBLE SALARIES FOR THE LIQUID FUELS ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTHS OF OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2015.
  
  - F. MINUTES OF THE SCRANTON-LACKAWANNA HEALTH AND WELFARE AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 19, 2015.
  
  - G. AGENDA FOR THE LACKAWANNA COUNTY TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD DECEMBER 10, 2015.

- H. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF SCRANTON HOUSING AUTHORITY HELD ON OCTOBER 5, NOVEMBER 2, AND DECEMBER 7, 2015.
- I. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON DATED DECEMBER 31, 2014.
- J. LACKAWANNA COUNTY EARNED INCOME TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT DATED DECEMBER 10, 2015.
- K. AGENDA FOR THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING HELD JANUARY 13, 2016.

4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

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

A.  
MOTIONS

B.  
FOR INTRODUCTION – AN ORDINANCE – AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 100, 1976, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) LEVYING GENERAL AND SPECIAL TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1977", BY SETTING THE MILLAGE FOR THE YEAR 2016 AND THE SAME SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ANNUALLY THEREAFTER. (EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE ATTACHED)

C.

FOR INTRODUCTION – AN ORDINANCE – AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 6, 1976 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) IMPOSING A TAX FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES ON THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY SITUATE WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON; PRESCRIBING AND REGULATING THE METHOD OF EVIDENCING THE PAYMENT OF SUCH TAX; CONFERRING POWERS AND IMPOSING DUTIES UPON CERTAIN PERSONS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES", BY IMPOSING THE RATE OF THE REALTY TRANSFER TAX AT TWO AND NINE TENTHS PERCENT (2.9%) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016 AND THE SAME SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ANNUALLY THEREAFTER. (EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE ATTACHED)

D.

FOR INTRODUCTION – AN ORDINANCE – AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 7, 1976, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) IMPOSING A MERCANTILE LICENSE TAX OF 2 MILLS FOR THE YEAR 1976 AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER UPON PERSONS ENGAGING IN CERTAIN OCCUPATIONS AND BUSINESSES THEREIN; PROVIDING FOR ITS LEVY AND COLLECTION AND FOR THE ISSUANCE OF MERCANTILE LICENSES; CONFERRING AND IMPOSING POWERS AND DUTIES UPON THE TAX COLLECTOR OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON; AND IMPOSING PENALTIES", BY IMPOSING THE MERCANTILE LICENSE TAX AT ONE (1) MILL (.001) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016 AND THE SAME SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ANNUALLY THEREAFTER. (EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE ATTACHED)

E.

FOR INTRODUCTION – AN ORDINANCE – AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 8, 1976, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) PROVIDING FOR THE GENERAL REVENUE BY IMPOSING A TAX AT THE RATE OF TWO (2) MILLS UPON THE PRIVILEGE OF OPERATING OR CONDUCTING BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON AS MEASURED BY THE GROSS RECEIPTS THEREFROM; REQUIRING REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT OF THE TAX AS CONDITION TO THE CONDUCTING OF SUCH BUSINESS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF SUCH TAX;

PRESCRIBING SUCH REQUIREMENTS FOR RETURNS AND RECORDS; CONFERRING POWERS AND DUTIES UPON THE TAX COLLECTOR; AND IMPOSING PENALTIES", BY IMPOSING THE BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX AT THE RATE OF ONE (1) MILL (.001) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016 AND THE SAME SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ANNUALLY THEREAFTER. (EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE ATTACHED)

F.

FOR INTRODUCTION – AN ORDINANCE – AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 17, 1994 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO ENACT 'A WASTE DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION FEE' FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAISING REVENUE TO COVER THE WASTE DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION COSTS INCURRED BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON FOR THE DISPOSAL OF REFUSE", BY IMPOSING A WASTE DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION FEE OF \$300.00 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016 AND THE SAME SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ANNUALLY THEREAFTER. (EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE ATTACHED)

G.

FOR INTRODUCTION – AN ORDINANCE – AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 57 OF 1996 (AS AMENDED), ENTITLED "DEFINING AND AUTHORIZING TAX EXEMPTIONS FROM REAL PROPERTY TAX IN ORDER TO STIMULATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN CERTAIN AREAS IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON, ESTABLISHING AN EXEMPTION SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING EXEMPTIONS, PROVIDING FOR NON-PERMISSIBLE EXEMPTIONS, AND LIMITING AMENDMENTS HERETO" BY INCREASING THE ASSESSMENT VALUATION IN SECTION 2 PARAGRAPH 1.B. FROM \$250,000.00 TO \$500,000.00 AND EXTENDING THE EXEMPTION PERIOD IN SECTION 11. AUTOMATIC TERMINATION TO AN ADDITIONAL TEN (10) YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

H.

FOR INTRODUCTION – AN ORDINANCE – AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 58, 2014, AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "GENERAL CITY OPERATING BUDGET 2015" BY TRANSFERRING \$8,280.00 FROM ACCOUNT NO. 01.401.16090.4299 (NON-DEPARTMENTAL

EXPENDITURES-UNENCUMBERED EXPENSES PRIOR YEAR OBLIGATIONS) TO ACCOUNT NO. 01.011.00078.4470 (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY-BUREAU OF FIRE TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION) TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO REIMBURSE FIVE (5) CADETS THAT ATTENDED THE HACC ACADEMY FOR FOURTEEN (14) WEEKS.

I.

FOR INTRODUCTION - A RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL J. PARKER, ESQUIRE, 308 PARK EDGE LANE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE SCRANTON SEWER AUTHORITY. MR. PARKER WILL BE REPLACING JOSEPH X. GARVEY, JR. WHOSE TERM EXPIRED DECEMBER 31, 2015. MR. PARKER WILL BE APPOINTED TO A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016 WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JANUARY 1, 2021.

J.

FOR INTRODUCTION - A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO SIGN AND SUBMIT THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ("PENNDOT") APPLICATION FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL APPROVAL FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL PERMIT NOS . 06558, 06467 AND 40032 FOR TRAFFIC SIGNALS TO BE INSTALLED AND/OR MODIFIED AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF PITTSTON AVENUE (SR 11) AND HICKORY STREET, PITTSTON AVENUE (SR 11/SR 3023) AND BIRCH STREET (SR 11) AND PITTSTON AVENUE (SR 3023) AND ELM STREET.

6. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES - READING BY TITLE

A.

NO BUSINESS AT THIS TIME.

7. FINAL READING OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

A.  
NO BUSINESS AT THIS TIME.

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ADJOURNMENT

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CITY CLERK  
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA