

**AGENDA**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**April 21, 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. MINUTES OF THE FIREFIGHTERS PENSION COMMISSION MEETING HELD MARCH 16, 2016.
  - B. MINUTES OF THE NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD MARCH 16, 2016.
  - C. MINUTES OF THE COMPOSITE PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD MARCH 16, 2016.
  - D. AGENDA FOR THE NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION MEETING HELD APRIL 13, 2016.
  - E. TAX ASSESSOR'S REPORT FOR HEARING DATE TO BE HELD MAY 18, 2016.
  - F. CONTROLLER'S REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING MARCH 31, 2016.
  - G. TAX ASSESSOR'S RESULTS REPORT FOR HEARING DATE HELD APRIL 6, 2016.
  
4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

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

A.  
MOTIONS

B.  
FOR INTRODUCTION - AN ORDINANCE - CREATING TOBACCO-FREE AREAS AT LOCAL PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON.

C.  
FOR INTRODUCTION - AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA (THE "AUTHORITY") PURSUANT TO A LEASE AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INCURRENCE OF LEASE RENTAL DEBT IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF FORTY-NINE MILLION DOLLARS (\$49,000,000), PURSUANT TO THE ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, 53 PA.C.S., CHAPTERS 80-82, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT DEBT ACT; DETERMINING THAT SUCH DEBT SHALL BE INCURRED UNDER THE DEBT ACT AS LEASE RENTAL DEBT TO BE EVIDENCED BY A CERTAIN SUBLEASE AND GUARANTY AGREEMENT OF THE CITY SECURING GUARANTEED LEASE REVENUE BONDS OF THE AUTHORITY TO FINANCE A PROJECT FOR THE AUTHORITY CONSISTING OF ALL OR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: (1) ACQUIRING THE AUTHORITY'S LEASEHOLD INTEREST IN SUCH REAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT FROM THE CITY AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH CURRENTLY REFUNDING THE AUTHORITY'S GUARANTEED VARIABLE RATE DEMAND LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES OF 2008; AND (2) PAYING THE COSTS AND EXPENSES OF FINANCING SUCH PROJECT; BRIEFLY DESCRIBING SUCH PROJECT FOR WHICH SUCH DEBT IS TO BE INCURRED; DECLARING THE GUARANTY OF

SAID AUTHORITY'S GUARANTEED LEASE REVENUE BONDS TO BE A PROJECT OF THE CITY FOR WHICH LEASE RENTAL DEBT IS TO BE INCURRED; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CITY OFFICERS TO PREPARE, CERTIFY AND FILE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THE DEBT STATEMENT REQUIRED BY SECTION 8110 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT DEBT ACT AND AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION OF A DEBT STATEMENT AND BORROWING BASE CERTIFICATE; APPROVING THE FORM OF, AND AUTHORIZING, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE AFORESAID LEASE AGREEMENT AND SUBLEASE AND GUARANTY AGREEMENT; SPECIFYING THE AMOUNT OF THE GUARANTY OBLIGATION OF THE CITY PURSUANT TO SUCH SUBLEASE AND GUARANTY AGREEMENT AND THE SOURCES OF PAYMENT OF SUCH GUARANTY OBLIGATION; REPEALING INCONSISTENT PRIOR ORDINANCES; SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CONDITIONS TO THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE AFORESAID LEASE AGREEMENT AND SUBLEASE AND GUARANTY AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICERS OF THE CITY TO TAKE ALL REQUIRED, NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE RELATED ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH PROJECT AND THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT AND SUBLEASE AND GUARANTY AGREEMENT; APPROVING THE FORM AND DISTRIBUTION OF A PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT OR PRELIMINARY LIMITED OFFERING MEMORANDUM AND AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT OR LIMITED OFFERING MEMORANDUM WITH REGARD TO THE GUARANTEED LEASE REVENUE BONDS; APPOINTING VARIOUS PROFESSIONALS; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND DECLARING SAID PROJECT DESIRABLE FOR THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY.

D.

FOR INTRODUCTION - A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO GRANT A SPECIAL ENCROACHMENT PERMIT TO LEVELS BAR & GRILL TO OPERATE AN OUTDOOR BAR AND RESTAURANT AT 519 LINDEN STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

E.

FOR INTRODUCTION - A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO GRANT A SPECIAL ENCROACHMENT PERMIT TO STEAMTOWN 300 LLC TO OPERATE AN OUTDOOR BAR AND RESTAURANT AT 300 LACKAWANNA AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

6. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES - READING BY TITLE

A. NO BUSINESS AT THIS TIME.

7. FINAL READING OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

A.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 21, 2016 - DEFINING AND AUTHORIZING TAX EXEMPTIONS FROM REAL PROPERTY TAX IN ORDER TO IMPROVE DETERIORATING REAL PROPERTY IN CERTAIN AREAS IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON, ESTABLISHING AN EXEMPTION SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING EXEMPTIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR NON-PERMISSIBLE EXEMPTIONS AND LIMITING AMENDMENT THERETO.

B.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 22, 2016 - DEFINING AND AUTHORIZING TAX EXEMPTIONS FROM REAL PROPERTY TAX IN ORDER TO STIMULATE RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITY IN CERTAIN AREAS IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON, ESTABLISHING AN EXEMPTION SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING EXEMPTIONS, PROVIDING FOR NON-PERMISSIBLE EXEMPTIONS AND LIMITING AMENDMENT THERETO.

C.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 6, 2016 (AS AMENDED)  
-“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, ADDING SECTIONS 3. EXEMPTION SCHEDULE AND SECTION 5. ELIGIBLE AREAS AND CHANGING SECTION 11. AUTOMATIC TERMINATION BY INCREASING THE EXEMPTION PERIOD.

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