

COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON

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Council Chambers
Scranton City Hall
340 North Washington Avenue
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Official Court Reporter

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- PATRICK ROGAN, PRESIDENT
- TIMOTHY PERRY, VICE PRESIDENT
- WAYNE EVANS
- WILLIAM GAUGHAN
- KYLE DONAHUE

- LORI REED, CITY CLERK
- KATHY CARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK
- COREY EAGAN, ESQUIRE - SOLICITOR

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

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4 MR. ROGAN: Roll call, please.

5 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

6 MR. PERRY: Here.

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

8 MR. DONAHUE: Here.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

10 MR. EVANS: Here.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Here.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

14 MR. ROGAN: Here.

15 MR. PERRY: I make a motion to table
16 Item 7-A, 7-C, and 7-D.

17 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

18 MR. ROGAN: On the question, these
19 pieces of legislation are being tabled this
20 evening so we may obtain additional
21 information.

22 We anticipate having that
23 information prior to the July 3rd meeting. All
24 those in favor signify by saying aye.

25 MR. PERRY: Aye.

1 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

3 MR. EVANS: Aye.

4 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. ROGAN: The ayes have it and so
7 moved. Please dispense with the reading of the
8 minutes.

9 MS. REED: THIRD ORDER. 3-A.
10 MINUTES OF THE HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE REVIEW
11 BOARD MEETING HELD MAY 9, 2019.

12 3-B. TAX ASSESSOR'S RESULTS REPORT
13 FOR HEARING DATE HELD JUNE 12, 2019.

14 3-C. CONTROLLER'S REPORT FOR MONTH
15 ENDING MAY 31, 2019.

16 3-D. TAX ASSESSOR'S REPORT FOR
17 HEARING DATE TO BE HELD JULY 10, 2019.

18 3-E. AGENDA FOR THE CITY PLANNING
19 COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD JUNE 26, 2019.

20 3-F. MINUTES OF THE SCRANTON
21 FIREFIGHTERS PENSION COMMISSION MEETING HELD
22 MAY 15, 2019.

23 3-G. MINUTES OF THE NON-UNIFORM
24 MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD
25 MAY 15, 2019.

1 3-H. MINUTES OF THE SCRANTON POLICE
2 PENSION COMMISSION MEETING HELD MAY 15, 2019.

3 3-I. MINUTES OF THE COMPOSITE
4 PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD MAY 15.

5 3-J. AGENDA FOR THE NON-UNIFORM
6 MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD JUNE 19,
7 2019.

8 3-K. AGENDA FOR THE TAX COLLECTION
9 COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MAY 30, 2019.

10 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments
11 on any of these items? If not, received and
12 filed. Do any Council members have
13 announcements at this time?

14 I have a few. Just to note, there
15 will be a motion this evening to table Item 6-C
16 on the agenda. There's a 30-day public comment
17 period on this piece of legislation as required
18 by HUD.

19 Also, Council's next meeting will be
20 held on Wednesday, July 3rd at 12:30 p.m.
21 Caucus will be at 12 noon in the Clerk's Office
22 or in Council Chambers, if necessary. We will
23 continue to meet on Wednesdays at 12:30
24 throughout the month of July.

25 And finally, I know I wasn't here

1 last week, but we discussed as a group
2 implementing a new policy regarding the time
3 limit. So from now on, the first bell is going
4 to ring at four minutes and seconds. So it
5 will give you 30 seconds to wrap up your
6 thoughts.

7 At five minutes the bell will ring
8 again. And at that point, your time will be
9 expired. Anyone else?

10 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS
11 PARTICIPATION.

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13 (The following speakers offered
14 public comment as follows:

15 Gerard Hetman spoke on matters of
16 general concern.

17 Joan Hodowanitz spoke on city
18 business and matters of general concern.

19 Ron Ellman spoke on matters of
20 general concern.

21 Bob Bolus spoke on matters of
22 general concern.

23 Paul Narcoonis spoke on matters of
24 general concern.

25 Less Spindler spoke on matters of

1 general concern.

2 Lee Morgan spoke on matters of
3 general concern.

4 Norma Jefferies spoke on matters of
5 general concern.

6 Lenny Srebro spoke on matters of
7 general concern.

8 Marie Schumacher spoke on city
9 business and matters of general concern.

10 Dave Dobrzyn spoke on matters of
11 general concern.

12 MS. REED: FIFTH ORDER. 5-A.

13 Motions.

14 MR. ROGAN: Mr. Perry, any motions
15 or comments?

16 MR. PERRY: Yeah, just one brief --
17 brief comment. This is 5-C in regards to --
18 it's just from the Amos Towers. They've just
19 been a great partner with the City of Scranton.
20 They made another donation to our fire
21 department.

22 I want to read a letter they
23 addressed to Chief Lucas on June 11th:

24 "Dear Chief Lucas, on behalf of Amos
25 Towers located on Jefferson Avenue, we would

1 put this equipment to good use to keep safe and
2 do proper investigations in the future. That's
3 all I have for you right now. Thank you.

4 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Mr. Donahue,
5 any motions or comments?

6 MR. DONAHUE: I have nothing at this
7 time.

8 MR. ROGAN: Mr. Evans, any motions
9 or comments?

10 MR. EVANS: Yeah, first of all, I
11 want to comment a little bit on what Mr. Srebro
12 mentioned about your increasement in assessment
13 of taxes. It's my understanding you built a
14 brand new house that should have been eligible
15 under the previous three year tax abatement
16 that the city had in place.

17 So you might want to check into
18 that. And if that's the case, you could save
19 yourself some money for the next three years.
20 Maybe we can get -- if you want to stop by the
21 council office, maybe we can get a copy of that
22 legislation for you so you can review it and
23 see if that is appropriate for you.

24 Recently, I have been discussing for
25 a need for a coherent -- not recently, for a

1 long time -- the need for a coherent policy on
2 condemnations and demolition of buildings
3 almost since I have been on Council.

4 I've asked for this information from
5 the administration for longer than I could
6 recall. In fact, recently, I requested that
7 the LIPS Department provide me with a complete
8 list of properties that are currently eligible
9 to be on the demolition list as well as the
10 policies and procedures that are currently in
11 place to determine what property should
12 actually be demolished.

13 To that point, I've been waiting for
14 weeks and weeks for an answer to my latest
15 request, maybe longer. And it's clearly longer
16 than any elected official or citizen should
17 have to wait for information.

18 So last Friday I had no recourse but
19 to send a right to know request to the city's
20 Right To Know Officer for this information.
21 The fact that I even had to do this points to a
22 much larger and more serious problem. So
23 that's all I'm going to say about that subject
24 right now.

25 I also want to comment briefly on

1 the editorial in today's Scranton Times
2 entitled Apartments Hide Behind An Old
3 Assessment. I appreciate the editorial board
4 confirming what I've been saying for, what,
5 it's probably been decades.

6 Not only will reassessment bring
7 about tax fairness and tax equity to property
8 owners throughout Lackawanna County, but the
9 City of Scranton it will bring information and
10 data that we can use to finally address our
11 seemingly endless ability to accurately
12 establish how many apartment units are actually
13 in the City of Scranton.

14 For 25 years we have been chasing
15 our tail with the rental registration effort
16 that is still operating with dated and
17 sometimes extremely inaccurate information.
18 With new and more accurate information created
19 through the data collection process of a
20 reassessment and combining that with possibly
21 renewed commitment by city officials to give
22 the city employees in charge of that the
23 resource they need to get the job done, we
24 might actually get it right after 25 years.

25 And then we can begin to register

1 rentals at a much higher level, which not only
2 gives us valuable analytics to use in planning
3 and allotting for the limited resources of the
4 LIPS Department; but it will also ultimately
5 allow us for a reduced reduction in rental
6 registration fees and refuse fees across the
7 board.

8 Parks was a subject tonight. So I
9 want to bring that into the conversation. With
10 the recent announcement by the Recreation
11 Authority and Geisinger on an agreement that
12 will infuse approximately 1.3 million dollars
13 into Nay Aug Park over the next ten years as
14 well as a reopening of the downtown Renaissance
15 Park in the rear of the 500 block of Lackawanna
16 and the Pocket Park plan by Scranton Tomorrow
17 at the corner of Linden Street and Wyoming
18 Avenue, parks are being talked about quite a
19 bit lately.

20 So I'd like to expand that
21 conversation just a little bit to put it in
22 context. A recent Penn State researcher study
23 concluded that 83 percent of responders to that
24 study said that they personally benefit from
25 their local parks. And 92 percent said that

1 their community as a whole benefits from local
2 parks.

3 The research has also found that
4 trails and parks and open spaces can increase
5 nearby property values. In a separate study in
6 Chicago, they focused on a 2.7 mile trail that
7 was added to the Chicago Logan Square
8 neighborhood.

9 That's an area where the real estate
10 market really isn't that strong or wasn't
11 strong before the trail was put in. But after
12 the trail was implemented, they saw 22.3
13 percent increase in market value for properties
14 that are within a few blocks of the trail
15 itself.

16 These type of results tell me that
17 we need to refocus and continue to build on the
18 current assets that we have because parks are
19 assets. We need to develop new ones when it
20 makes sense. But most of all, we need to find
21 ways to get more value from our park system.

22 This can be done partially by
23 creating connectivity. Parks need to be
24 connected to neighborhoods. Trails should be
25 connected to the downtown and other

1 neighborhoods. And bike paths and lanes should
2 connect to all of our city assets. It's a
3 simple solution to getting more value from an
4 existing system.

5 So we continue to see some positive
6 elements like what is happening at Nay Aug.
7 The neighborhood parks like Connors Park in
8 South Side shown what could happen when
9 neighbors take ownership of a park and downtown
10 park and park and admission by Scranton
11 Tomorrow that is moving forward that will serve
12 the ever-expanding residential community that
13 is becoming part of downtown.

14 Most of that has happened
15 organically because of initiatives by caring
16 residents and neighbors and other organizers.
17 But the park system can be much more. It can
18 not only be a city asset but a community draw,
19 a marketing tool, a property value enhancer and
20 a neighborhood anchor.

21 So for too long we have struggled
22 just to cut the grass while barely maintaining
23 the status quo. We have not committed the
24 necessary talent, vision, and resources to our
25 parks. And we can do a lot better than we are.

1 So I'm hopeful that the Geisinger
2 CMC Nay Aug model can show us a blueprint for
3 corporate and public engagement. And we can
4 begin to look at our parks and trails and open
5 spaces as more than just a line item on a very,
6 very stressed budget.

7 It just might be worth taking a
8 different look at our parks and what they
9 provide for all of us.

10 And finally as usual, I'd like to
11 remind everyone that every day is your chance
12 to make this city a little better. Thank you
13 very much.

14 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Mr. Gaughan,
15 any motions or comments?

16 MR. GAUGHAN: Sure. Thank you.
17 Mr. Evans made a comment about having to do a
18 right to know for the demolition list. I'd
19 just like to remind everybody and Councilman
20 Donahue brought this up a few weeks ago. This
21 Council has subpoena power. It's in our Home
22 Rule Charter. And we should start using it.

23 Why should elected officials have to
24 put a right to know in. We are a body that has
25 oversight over the Mayor's office and over

1 every other department in this building. And
2 that is one of the reasons why probably the
3 fathers of this city specifically put in that
4 this Council would have subpoena power.

5 Now, should it be abused and used
6 all the time? No. But in the cases I have
7 seen over the last four or five years we should
8 be using it. Come in here -- subpoena people
9 to come in here, subpoena documents if you need
10 to. I don't think any elected official should
11 have to put a right to know request in.

12 And then this administration pulls
13 their typical BS all the time. And if you're
14 looking for one letter, they extend it to 30
15 days. It takes them 30 days -- and that's I'm
16 sure what they're going to do in Mr. Evans'
17 case, thirty days to come up with a document
18 that they should be able to hit a button and
19 print it out.

20 Secondly, I usually don't comment on
21 this. But I just have to say, first of all,
22 Mr. Ellman, her name is Jessica, not Jennifer.
23 And I am sick and tired of sitting up here
24 every week through the character assassination
25 of this person who is a very good person and

1 who decided to put her name in the ring and run
2 for this office and we allow it to happen every
3 week.

4 It doesn't have anything to do with
5 City Council. It has nothing to do with city
6 business. It has nothing do with the agenda
7 that I'm looking at right here. There's
8 nothing on here that says Jessica Rothchild,
9 nothing about her. I'm sick and tired of it.
10 And the ignorance and the -- it's suffocating.

11 And it's a wonder why the hell
12 anybody would want to run for this office.
13 They are not even elected yet -- officially
14 elected and they have to sit through this every
15 week. Shame on all of you who stand up here
16 and attack this woman who ran for Council.
17 Shame on you.

18 It's the last time I'm going to say
19 it, but there needs to be decorum in these
20 chambers. It's turned into a WWF. Get up,
21 talk about Jessica Rothchild, talk about what
22 she ate for dinner last night. It's
23 ridiculous. And everyone likes to cite free
24 speech. There's something called hate speech.
25 Read a few Supreme Court cases on that.

1 The past few years I've received
2 several complaints. I think the police
3 department is trying to do the best they can.
4 But I continue to receive notice from residents
5 that there's noise, loud music, cursing. No
6 one can sit in their backyard. So if we can
7 please send something to the chief again and
8 remind him about that.

9 Also, I recently met with residents
10 of Kay Avenue regarding water runoff issues.
11 There's a an issue with a pipe that runs along
12 the alley there. I met with two of the
13 residents within the last week and a half.
14 Mrs. Reed and I were in contact with DPW. And
15 we received notice that they are going to
16 assess that situation for a possible remedy.

17 Also 1132-1134 Rock Street, a
18 gentleman has reached out to me I think every
19 year when the weather gets nice. There's a
20 vacant lot that's overgrown all the way over
21 the sidewalk and into the road. We did send it
22 to the Licensing and Inspections Department.

23 And, Mrs. Reed, if we can ask and
24 see if DPW -- I know they can't go on private
25 property, but if they can at least clear the

1 brush off of the sidewalk because at this point
2 it's impassable.

3 Also, a few weeks ago we asked for
4 an update from Joyce Hatala and Tom Lynch about
5 the Recycling Program. We requested specific
6 information during that caucus within a few
7 months ago. We have not heard back yet. So,
8 Mrs. Reed, if you can remind them to please
9 provide us with that information.

10 In the caucus tonight the Ethics
11 Board was brought up. We currently have four
12 members that have been chosen. Mayor
13 Courtright has sent down one person that he has
14 picked. Council has given their two candidates
15 and Mrs. Novembrino has given her one
16 candidate.

17 So at this point instead of waiting
18 for the Mayor to send down the last person, I
19 do think it's appropriate instead of to
20 continue to wait to ask our city solicitor and
21 the city solicitor to draft a legislation for
22 those appointments, send it to Council and
23 we'll leave one seat empty. They'll end up
24 having a quorum.

25 In the meantime, we could have --

1 once they're appointed we could have the
2 lottery for the length of the staggered terms.
3 So I would appreciate, Mrs. Reed, if you could
4 take care of that.

5 Also Solicitor Minora is not here
6 tonight. But I would like to move forward on
7 the BYOB legislation if you remember from a few
8 weeks ago with the case of the Castle Club on
9 Main Avenue in North Scranton. I do think we
10 should try to find a way to regulate those type
11 of establishments.

12 They're allowed to stay open because
13 people that could go into them could bring
14 their own beer. And they are allowed to stay
15 open I believe until 5 a.m. Obviously that
16 poses a lot of problems for people in that
17 neighborhood. So I would like an update on
18 that next week.

19 And we also received a letter from
20 the manager of the Borough of Taylor regarding
21 an incident on Reynolds Avenue with water
22 runoff. It runs into the Taylor/Scranton line.
23 I actually was in contact with the president of
24 Taylor Council, Kenneth Mickavicz. And we're
25 hopeful that the city will do their part to

1 take care of that issue. That's all I have
2 this week. Thank you.

3 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Just two
4 quick items. I wanted to give a thank you to
5 the DPW for quick response regarding a handicap
6 sign that was left up for quite a long time in
7 a neighborhood. And I know there's a shortage
8 of these signs. So I think the city does need
9 to do a better job on an ongoing basis of
10 removing signs that have expired because they
11 are taking up spots in neighborhoods where they
12 shouldn't be.

13 And then I know there's also people
14 out there that are waiting to have those signs
15 put in in front of their house. But I want to
16 thank the DPW. I sent in a request last week.
17 And within two days it was taken care of. One
18 other quick item, Mrs. Reed, I don't want to
19 read the addresses on the air.

20 But I did get a report from a
21 resident of South Scranton about possibly
22 illegal rooming houses that are operating on
23 one particular block in South Scranton. So I
24 will send you those addresses. So if we can
25 send those to Director Hinton to have them take

1 a look at it to see what the status of those
2 properties is. And that is all.

3 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION -
4 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF
5 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY OF
6 SCRANTON TO SIGN AND SUBMIT THE PENNSYLVANIA
7 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ("PENNDOT")
8 APPLICATION FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL APPROVAL FOR
9 TRAFFIC SIGNAL PERMIT NO. 6685 AT MULBERRY
10 STREET (SR 3027) TO RELOCATE THE STOP BARS AND
11 PERFORM LANE RE-STRIPING ON THE WESTERLY
12 APPROACH OF MULBERRY STREET TO JEFFERSON
13 AVENUE.

14 MR. ROGAN: At this time I'll
15 entertain a motion that item 5-B be introduced
16 into it's proper committee.

17 MR. PERRY: So moved.

18 MR. EVANS: Second.

19 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.
21 This I think comes from a Council request from
22 a few months ago residents were complaining
23 about large trucks and tractors turning from
24 Jefferson Avenue onto Mulberry Street and
25 driving over the curb. So hopefully this takes

1 care of that issue. Thank you.

2 MR. ROGAN: All those in favor
3 signify by saying aye.

4 MR. PERRY: Aye.

5 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

7 MR. EVANS: Aye.

8 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
9 have it and so moved.

10 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -
11 A RESOLUTION - ACCEPTING A DONATION FROM THE
12 BOARD OF AMOS TOWERS PRESENTED TO THE CITY OF
13 SCRANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO
14 EXCEED TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (\$2,500.00)
15 DOLLARS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 35MM CAMERA AND
16 THREE (3) CORDLESS TOOL KITS TO BE USED IN FIRE
17 INVESTIGATIONS.

18 MR. ROGAN: At this time I'll
19 entertain a motion that item 5-C be introduced
20 into its proper committee.

21 MR. PERRY: So moved.

22 MR. EVANS: Second.

23 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. ROGAN: All those in favor

1 signify by saying aye.

2 MR. PERRY: Aye.

3 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

5 MR. EVANS: Aye.

6 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. ROGAN: The ayes have it and so
9 moved.

10 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION -
11 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
12 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND
13 ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FIDELITY DEPOSIT AND
14 DISCOUNT BANK TO PROVIDE PAYING AGENT SERVICES
15 FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON FROM AUGUST 1,
16 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024.

17 MR. ROGAN: At this time I'll
18 entertain a motion that Item 5-D be introduced
19 into its proper committee.

20 MR. PERRY: So moved.

21 MR. EVANS: Second.

22 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. ROGAN: All those in favor
25 signify by saying aye.

1 MR. PERRY: Aye.

2 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

4 MR. EVANS: Aye.

5 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. ROGAN: The ayes have it and so
8 moved.

9 MS. REED: 5 E. FOR INTRODUCTION -
10 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
11 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND
12 ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MCCLURE COMPANY AS
13 ENERGY SERVICES COMPANY (ESCO) FOR THE CITY OF
14 SCRANTON TO PROVIDE THE MOST IMPACTFUL
15 CITY-WIDE ENERGY SAVINGS STRATEGY TO IMPROVE
16 THE EFFICIENCY OF CITY OWNED-FACILITIES.

17 MR. ROGAN: At this time I'll
18 entertain a motion that Item 5-E be introduced
19 into its proper committee.

20 MR. PERRY: So moved.

21 MR. EVANS: Second.

22 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.

24 I would like to thank the Mayor and Business
25 Administrator and the city administration for

1 once again going through with trying to make
2 all of our buildings in the city energy
3 efficient. And through this legislation,
4 hopefully once this company conducts an
5 investment grade energy audit of the
6 facilities, we can develop an energy savings
7 plan and a strategy and eventually be able to
8 pay for some capital improvements from the
9 savings we would receive from being more
10 efficient. Thank you.

11 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. ROGAN: All those in favor
14 signify by saying aye.

15 MR. PERRY: Aye.

16 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

18 MR. EVANS: Aye.

19 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
20 have it and so moved.

21 MS. REED: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A.

22 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 67,
23 2019 - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE
24 COUNCIL NO. 41, 2016, AMENDING FILE OF THE
25 COUNCIL NO. 91, 2002 "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED)

1 PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PARKING
2 METER ZONES WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON;
3 ESTABLISHING HOURS OF OPERATION;
4 PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF METERS AND
5 PARKING METER RATES; AUTHORIZING THE
6 ENFORCEMENT OF PARKING ORDINANCES AND
7 PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF' BY
8 AMENDING SECTION 3(A) TO REFLECT THE CHANGE IN
9 HOURLY RATES" BY AMENDING SECTION 1 TO ADD A
10 DEFINITION, SECTION 7 TO MODIFY THE USE,
11 SECTION 14(a) AND (b) TO CHANGE THE TEMPORARY
12 SUSPENSION, SECTION 15(a) AND (b) TO ADDRESS
13 CHANGES FOR PERMIT PARKING, AND TO ADD SECTION
14 21 ADOPTING THE MAP FOR ON-STREET PARKING,
15 SECTION 22 TO ABOLISH TIME ZONE PARKING AND TO
16 CREATE LOADING ZONES WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN.

17 MR. ROGAN: You've heard reading by
18 title of Item 6-A. What is your pleasure?

19 MR. PERRY: I move that Item 6-A
20 pass reading by title.

21 MR. EVANS: Second.

22 MR. ROGAN: On the question.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, I was just going
24 to say that I appreciated the gentleman coming
25 into the caucus tonight and actually bringing

1 one of the multi-pay stations with him.

2 I think this is going to be a much
3 more user-friendly system. And judging by
4 their comments tonight, we're going to begin to
5 use technology that many other cities have been
6 using for years across the United States. So I
7 think this is a net benefit for the city.

8 MR. ROGAN: I would agree on that
9 point. And I would also like to mention that
10 one item that was discussed a little bit at the
11 cause that I think will be possibly an issue in
12 some areas, the elimination of the time zones,
13 the park 15 minutes, park 30 minutes.

14 I've had a discussion with a number
15 of business owners who wanted these signs in
16 front of their business as well. Part of the
17 problem with the old system was these signs
18 were pretty much just thrown up by request.
19 There wasn't really a rhyme or reason as to why
20 some businesses were allowed 15 minute or 30
21 minute parking in front of them and others were
22 not.

23 So I think this standardizes that
24 system. And also, I'm a huge fan of the kiosk
25 model versus the old fashion meters for many

1 reasons but one being convenience. If you go
2 to any major city or medium size city, this is
3 the system that they are on. And we're finally
4 catching up in that respect as well. Anyone
5 else?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. ROGAN: All those in favor
8 signify by saying aye.

9 MR. PERRY: Aye.

10 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

12 MR. EVANS: Aye.

13 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. ROGAN: The ayes have it and so
16 moved.

17 MS. REED: 6-B. READING BY TITLE -
18 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 68, 2019 - AN
19 ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
20 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF
21 SCRANTON TO APPROVE DOWNTOWN
22 RESIDENTIAL PARKING RATES FOR THE DOWNTOWN
23 SCRANTON RESIDENT PARKING PROGRAM.

24 MR. ROGAN: You've heard reading by
25 title of Item 6-B. What is your pleasure?

1 MR. PERRY: I move that Item 6-B
2 pass reading by title.

3 MR. EVANS: Second.

4 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

5 MR. EVANS: On the question. For
6 people who don't know, I'm a downtown resident.
7 And I'm also a customer of ABM. And I pay the
8 monthly rate of \$90 per month in one of the
9 garages that is part of this legislation.

10 So as a Councilman, I will not opt
11 into this program while I'm on City Council.
12 And, therefore, I will be not paying the
13 reduced rate. I will continue to pay the \$90
14 per month that I am paying now. I just wanted
15 to disclose that before we vote.

16 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. ROGAN: On the question? All
19 those in favor signify by saying aye.

20 MR. PERRY: Aye.

21 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

23 MR. EVANS: Aye.

24 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. ROGAN: The ayes have it and so
2 moved.

3 MS. REED: 6-C. READING BY TITLE -
4 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 69, 2019 - AN
5 ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.
6 47, 2013, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
7 THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
8 OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO TAKE ALL
9 NECESSARY ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE CONSOLIDATED
10 SUBMISSION FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND
11 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS TO BE FUNDED UNDER THE
12 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
13 PROGRAM, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME)
14 PROGRAM AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS (ESG)
15 PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1,
16 2014" BY AMENDING THE 2014 ACTION PLAN BY
17 UTILIZING ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIX
18 THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND TWO DOLLARS AND
19 NINETY CENTS (\$126,902.90) UNDER THE HOME
20 INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
21 (HOME) TO BUILD A TWO (2) UNIT RENTAL HOUSE FOR
22 LOW INCOME FAMILIES IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON OR
23 TO ACQUIRE AND REHAB TWO (2) VACANT HOUSES IN
24 THE CITY OF SCRANTON FOR LOW INCOME
25 FAMILIES BY AND THROUGH THE SCRANTON LACKAWANNA

1 RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION A SUBSIDIARY
2 OF THE SCRANTON LACKAWANNA HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
3 AGENCY.

4 MR. ROGAN: You've heard reading by
5 title of Item 6-C. What is your pleasure?

6 MR. PERRY: I move that Item 6-C
7 pass reading by title.

8 MR. EVANS: Second.

9 MR. ROGAN: On the question.

10 (No response.)

11 MR. ROGAN: All those in favor
12 signify by saying aye.

13 MR. PERRY: Aye.

14 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

16 MR. EVANS: Aye.

17 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. ROGAN: The ayes have it and so
20 moved.

21 MR. DONAHUE: I would like to make a
22 motion to table Item 6-C to comply with the 30
23 day public comment period as required by HUD.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: Second.

25 MR. ROGAN: There's a motion and a

1 second. On the question?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. ROGAN: All those in favor
4 signify by saying aye.

5 MR. PERRY: Aye.

6 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

8 MR. EVANS: Aye.

9 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. ROGAN: The ayes have it and
12 it's tabled.

13 MS. REED: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A,
14 previously tabled.

15 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE
16 COMMITTEE ON RULES – FOR ADOPTION -
17 RESOLUTION NO. 126, 2019 – AUTHORIZING THE
18 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO
19 EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT
20 WITH REUTHER+BOWEN, PC TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING
21 SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON 2019 ROADWAY
22 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

23 MR. ROGAN: As Chairperson for the
24 Committee on Rules, I recommend final passage
25 of Item 7-B.

1 MR. PERRY: Second.

2 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.

4 I'm going to be voting for this. But Miss
5 Hodowanitz brought up a good point. I believe
6 I brought this up before about attachment D for
7 the disclosures by firm or contractor.

8 It's my -- it's my understanding
9 that when the firms sign off on the bottom and
10 they don't include anything else that their
11 answer is that they have not -- they don't have
12 a direct financial commercial or business
13 relationship with any municipal official, so on
14 and so forth.

15 But I do agree that it is confusing
16 when you look at it and there's nothing on
17 there they just sign the bottom of it. So I
18 will be voting for this. But, Mrs. Reed, if
19 you could just find out from Mr. Bulzoni would
20 probably be the best person to go to for this
21 and just ask him if, in fact, that is the case.
22 And if it's not the case and there is
23 additional information, then they should
24 provide that. Thank you.

25 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. ROGAN: Roll call, please.

3 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

4 MR. PERRY: Yes.

5 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

6 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

8 MR. EVANS: Yes.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

12 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare
13 Item 7-B legally and lawfully adopted.

14 MS. REED: 7-C, previously tabled.
15 7-D, previously tabled.

16 7-E. FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE
17 COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -
18 FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 129, 2019 -
19 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
20 CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO
21 A GRANT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF
22 LACKAWANNA AND CITY OF SCRANTON PERTAINING TO A
23 COMMUNITY RE-INVEST GRANT #2013-32 (REVISED).

24 MR. ROGAN: What's the
25 recommendation of the Chairperson for the

1 Committee on Community Development?

2 MR. DONAHUE: As Chairperson for the
3 Committee on Community Development, I recommend
4 final passage of Item 7-E.

5 MR. PERRY: Second.

6 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. ROGAN: Roll call, please.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

10 MR. PERRY: Yes.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

12 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

14 MR. EVANS: Yes.

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

17 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

18 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare
19 Item 7-E legally and lawfully adopted.

20 If there's no further business, I'll
21 entertain a motion to adjourn.

22 MR. PERRY: Motion to adjourn.

23 MR. ROGAN: Meeting is adjourned.

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