

COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON

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Scranton, Pennsylvania

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1 C O U N C I L M E M B E R S :

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3 PATRICK ROGAN, PRESIDENT

4 TIMOTHY PERRY, VICE PRESIDENT

5 WAYNE EVANS

6 WILLIAM GAUGHAN

7 KYLE DONAHUE

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10 LORI REED, CITY CLERK

11 KATHY CARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

12 AMIL MINORA, ESQUIRE - SOLICITOR

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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. Please dispense
15 with the reading of the minutes.

16 MS. REED: THIRD ORDER. 3-A.

17 MINUTES OF THE SCRANTON FIREFIGHTERS PENSION
18 COMMISSION MEETING HELD JUNE 19, 2019.

19 3-B. MINUTES OF THE NON-UNIFORM
20 MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD
21 JUNE 19, 2019.

22 3-C. MINUTES OF THE SCRANTON POLICE
23 PENSION COMMISSION MEETING HELD
24 JUNE 19, 2019.

25 3-D. MINUTES OF THE COMPOSITE

1 PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD JUNE 19,
2 2019.

3 3-E. AGENDA FOR THE NON-UNIFORM
4 MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD
5 JULY 17, 2019.

6 3-F. TAX ASSESSOR'S RESULTS REPORT
7 FOR HEARING DATE HELD JULY 10, 2019.

8 3-G. TAX ASSESSOR'S REPORT FOR
9 HEARING DATE TO BE HELD JULY 31, 2019.

10 3-H. AGENDA FOR CITY PLANNING
11 COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD JULY 24,
12 2019.

13 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
14 If not, received and filed.

15 Do any Council members have
16 announcements at this time?

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, I have two.
18 First, the annual St. Joseph's Center Summer
19 Festival is being held this weekend, Friday,
20 July 26th through Sunday, July 28th on the
21 campus of Marywood University behind the
22 Athletic Center.

23 And the second one I have hits home
24 for me. It's a benefit that is being held for
25 two of my uncles. I just want to read the

1 little excerpt here. Friends and family have
2 planned a benefit for John and Billy Trently.
3 Both brothers were diagnosed with cancer within
4 two weeks of each other.

5 John has advanced prostate cancer.
6 And Billy has multiple myeloma. Together along
7 with their families they are facing this
8 battle. The benefit will be held September
9 21st from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., at St. Mary's
10 Center in Scranton to help defray the cost of
11 treatments and travel expenses to Sloan
12 Kettering Hospital in New York City.

13 Tickets are \$20 and will be
14 available at the door. There will be basket
15 raffles, basket of cheer, 50/50, entertainment,
16 food, wine and beer. If you would like to
17 donate a basket or volunteer, please call Ann
18 at 570-290-5518 or Peggy at 570-468-5068.
19 Please come out and support these two wonderful
20 men again who are my uncles and their battle
21 with cancer. Thank you.

22 MR. EVANS: I have one brief
23 announcement. Sunday, August 25th will be the
24 third annual Bob McGoff 5K. So please come out
25 and try to participate to that. Bob was our

1 colleague and our friend. And he's missed
2 dearly. And this is a very successful event
3 each year. All of us have participated in the
4 past. I will expect to see my colleagues there
5 as well.

6 There's also the third and final leg
7 of the City Council Cup which we give to the
8 fastest female and fastest male runner in a
9 three race series. And that's always an
10 interesting part of the event that day as well.
11 So hope to see you on Sunday, August 25th.

12 MR. ROGAN: A few announcements.
13 First, an executive session was held regarding
14 a personnel matter concerning the appointment
15 to the vacancy in the Mayor's Office.

16 The Lackawanna County 3 on 3
17 basketball tournament will be conducted this
18 weekend on the 1 and 200 blocks of Wyoming
19 Avenue. Games are scheduled for Friday and
20 Saturday, July 26th, 27th, and July 28th. July
21 28th is reserved as a rain date. Keep in mind
22 there will be road closures.

23 Colts Bus pickup and discharge will
24 be done on the 100 block of Franklin Avenue on
25 Friday and Saturday due to the road closures.

1 And next Wednesday on July 31st at 12 noon,
2 Council will hold a public caucus with PEL
3 right here in Council chambers. And that's to
4 discuss the city's Exit Plan.

5 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS
6 PARTICIPATION.

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8 (The following speakers offered
9 public comment as follows:

10 Joan Hodowanitz spoke on city
11 business and matters of general concern.

12 Bob Bolus spoke on matters of
13 general concern.

14 Ron Ellman spoke on matters of
15 general concern.

16 Less Spindler spoke on matters of
17 general concern.

18 Dave Dobrzyn spoke on matters of
19 general concern.

20 Marie Schumacher spoke on city
21 business and matters of general concern.)

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23 MR. PERRY: I'd like to make a
24 motion to nominate a person to fill the
25 position vacated by former Mayor William L.

1 Courtright to serve for the remainder of this
2 year with said term scheduled to expire at 12
3 noon or January 6th, 2020.

4 MR. ROGAN: A motion has been made
5 to fill the position vacated by former Mayor
6 William L. Courtright. Is there a second?

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Second.

8 MR. ROGAN: This motion is to place
9 the nomination on the agenda. 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. PERRY: I make a motion to
22 nominate Wayne Evans to fill the unexpired term
23 of former Mayor William L. Courtright for the
24 remainder of the year with said term scheduled
25 to expire at 12 noon on January 6th, 2020.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: Second.

2 MR. ROGAN: On the question. Roll
3 call please.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Hang on.

5 MR. ROGAN: After you.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: First, I want to thank
7 every person who applied for temporary
8 appointment to be Mayor of Scranton. As I sat
9 through the 3 and a half hours of interviews on
10 Monday, it was clear to me that there are good
11 people in this city who love Scranton and want
12 to give back in any way that they can and who
13 are really interested in public service.

14 This has been an extremely difficult
15 year so far to be involved in public service
16 and to be a citizen of Scranton. I'm asking
17 once again, the people of this city not to lose
18 faith because it's my firm belief that we are
19 going to turn the corner and better days are
20 ahead. And I've always been taught that it's
21 better to light a candle than to curse the
22 darkness.

23 Today I will be voting for
24 Councilman Evans. At this point in the city's
25 history, there is a need for leadership and

1 restoration of confidence in the Office of
2 Mayor.

3 Although the length of this
4 appointment is relatively short, the next few
5 months leading into 2020 will be extremely
6 crucial. We need someone who is ready and
7 prepared on day one. And I believe that
8 Councilman Evans is that person, especially
9 after going through all the interviews for
10 three and a half hours.

11 I have worked along side Councilman
12 Evans for the past few years. And I'm
13 confident in his abilities to perform the
14 duties of mayor and to begin to rebuild
15 confidence in our city.

16 Based on his interview, he clearly
17 had a grasp of the issues facing the city and
18 an understanding of what exactly has to be
19 done.

20 My decision to vote for Councilman
21 Evans supersedes party affiliation. These are
22 not normal times. We just had a mayor resign.
23 There is so much uncertainty going on in this
24 city. I cannot think of a better person at
25 this time to fulfill a five month appointment

1 and really keep the city steady and on its
2 feet.

3 Throughout this process I had been
4 really guided by the simple question of what is
5 the right thing to do for this city. And this,
6 in my judgment, is the right thing to do. And
7 that is why I'm voting yes for Wayne Evans.
8 Thank you.

9 MR. DONAHUE: On the question. Like
10 Mr. Gaughan, I would like to thank every
11 candidate that applied for this. Coming to my
12 decision I asked myself one question. What is
13 in the best interest of the citizens of the
14 city and how do we move forward away from these
15 extraordinary times.

16 I'm not basing my decision on which
17 political party someone belongs to what, you
18 know, where they stood on certain issues in the
19 past. It's how do we move forward. We're in
20 this position right now because a politician
21 put his own self-interests above the interest
22 of each and every citizen. And that needs to
23 stop if we're going to move the city forward.

24 So for that reason, that's why I
25 will also be supporting Mr. Evans. Thank you.

1 MR. ROGAN: A couple quick comments.
2 When this first happened, obviously we knew we
3 had a vacancy. My first call was to Councilman
4 Evans as our Finance Chair to get together on a
5 number of items that were outstanding with the
6 city.

7 Obviously for the past three and a
8 half weeks I have been serving as interim Mayor
9 keeping the city operations going. And during
10 that time, we've as a body have -- it's been my
11 opinion every one of us up here has done a
12 tremendous job of putting together this
13 process, going through this process, hours of
14 interviews.

15 And I also want to thank everyone
16 else that did submit their resumes. There were
17 a number of good candidates that were
18 interested.

19 But Mr. Evans is uniquely qualified
20 as the Finance Chair for this body. He knows
21 what projects are going on. He knows to pick
22 up right from day one. Because it's such a
23 short-term appointment, it's critical that the
24 person who gets appointed, Mr. Evans in this
25 case, is able to go in on day one and keep the

1 ball rolling, keep the progress that this
2 Council has worked so hard over many years to
3 bring our city back moving forward.

4 As others mentioned, it's certainly
5 not a time for a political decision. This is a
6 decision on who is the most qualified
7 candidate. There are many great candidates
8 that put in. But I don't think anyone could
9 argue that Mr. Evans was not the most qualified
10 and the best to go in and lead from day one
11 when he's sworn in as Mayor tomorrow.

12 So for those reasons, I will be
13 supporting enthusiastically Wayne Evans for
14 this appointment. Anyone else?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. ROGAN: Roll call, please.

17 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

18 MR. PERRY: Yes.

19 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

20 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

21 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

22 MR. EVANS: Abstain.

23 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

25 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

1 MR. ROGAN: Yes. By unanimous vote
2 it passes. Before continuing with the regular
3 meeting, I want again to thank everyone who
4 submitted a resume for their sincere interest
5 in serving our city and for the time each
6 individual dedicated to this process of
7 selecting the next mayor.

8 Our next task at hand will be to
9 fill the unexpired term of Councilman Evans,
10 which expires at the end of this year on the
11 first Monday, January, 2020.

12 Letters of interest and resumes for
13 the vacant Council position will be accepted
14 until next Wednesday, July 31st at 12 noon,
15 exactly one week from today. As was the case
16 with the appointment for mayor, if you are
17 interested, please do not contact anyone from
18 Council directly. Please contact our office to
19 submit your resume.

20 Contact the office. They will
21 answer any questions you have. And I do want
22 to thank for the vast majority of the people
23 that applied they did not come and contact us
24 to lobby on their behalf. We have a process
25 that's in place. And we're going to honor that

1 same process for this appointment as well.

2 Mr. Perry, any motions or comments?

3 MR. PERRY: No, just to follow up on
4 what was said already, you know, this -- from
5 day one, this process has been daunting and
6 it's just -- hung heavy over everybody's head
7 in the city. It was scary at times. And at
8 best, it was -- we were unsure of the path that
9 we were going to take.

10 And I'm just proud of the way City
11 Hall, the residents and City Council and
12 everybody in here just kind of pulled together,
13 kept business as usual and started that process
14 of restoring the faith in our government,
15 especially our local government here.

16 I commend my colleagues on a standup
17 job on the way we went about this process. I
18 think we were upfront, upright and we did
19 everything above board and like we always have.
20 This is nothing new for us. This is how we
21 operate.

22 Although it's an unfortunate
23 situation, I'm glad that we were the people
24 here to do the job because I know we were going
25 to do it correctly. And we went through this

1 process meticulously.

2 You know, there was e-mails, phone
3 calls, meetings. And we wanted to make sure
4 everything that was done -- you're never going
5 to make a decision that there's going to be 100
6 percent of the people on board with. That's
7 just an impossibility. And we understand that.

8 But the one thing that we were going
9 to make sure was, there was going to be no
10 doubt in anybody's mind how we went through the
11 process and how we found our candidate. That
12 was one thing we wanted to make sure. And I
13 believe that we were successful in doing that.

14 And then out of the process of doing
15 that, I believe we did find the best person for
16 this job for this city for the next five
17 months. I have no doubt in my mind that
18 Mr. Evans is going to go there day one this
19 afternoon and start taking care of business.

20 One of the things where I was
21 concerned, everybody knows when you go on
22 vacation you come back from vacation, one of
23 the worst parts of vacation is coming back and
24 digging yourself out of that work that you have
25 to do.

1 Well, now multiply that by not
2 having a mayor for a month and walking in there
3 day one all that work that has to be done. So
4 it was crucial that we do not lose one day of
5 lag time. And I believe Mr. Evans also fits
6 that aspect of the job too.

7 You know, we're going to get a lot
8 of things done. There is already topics that
9 we discussed and timeline, things that were on
10 the back burner that I think we can take care
11 of now.

12 And, you know, it's just -- I'm
13 really excited to turn the page and get moving
14 again in the right direction, which I feel like
15 this was a big step.

16 Step number two is going to be as
17 Mr. Rogan said finding someone to fill that
18 vacancy. And the process that we do to fill
19 Mr. Evan's vacancy is going to be the same way
20 as we did to fill the interim mayor, step by
21 step the same way.

22 We'll have dates to follow. We
23 already announced that we are going to accept
24 letters of interest until next week. And once
25 we get those letters of interest, we'll set up

1 interview times. And we'll do it the same way
2 as we did for the mayor step by step.

3 But again, I'm real proud of the
4 work we did. And I'm very proud of everybody
5 in City Hall and our residents for stepping up
6 and it was just -- it restored my faith in what
7 good government could be when it wants to be.
8 That's all I have. Thank you.

9 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Mr. Donahue,
10 any motions or comments?

11 MR. DONAHUE: I got nothing at this
12 time.

13 MR. ROGAN: Mayor Evans, any motions
14 or comments?

15 MR. EVANS: Oh, not yet. First of
16 all, I'll always be a Councilman. That's very
17 important for me to say. When I was notified
18 very recently that I might be chosen for this
19 position, I did have a chance to write down a
20 few thoughts that I wanted to express to
21 everybody.

22 What a long strange trip it's been.
23 Five years ago, I said those same words, what a
24 long strange trip it's been to describe my
25 journey to my appointment on City Council and

1 here we are again. So I'm humbled and honored
2 to be named Mayor for this five month interim
3 period.

4 For me, it's a culmination of a
5 lifetime of service to our city. And I will
6 do everything that I can to make you all proud.
7 Thank you, Tim and Kyle and Bill and Pat for
8 your faith in my ability to move this city
9 forward for what may be one of the most
10 devastating events in our history.

11 These are extraordinary times and we
12 will face them head on. We will stand together
13 and we will stand united in one purpose to
14 restore the trust and confidence of our
15 citizens. And we will not fail.

16 To the employees of the City of
17 Scranton, many of them who were here today, I
18 will tell you, you will find an ally to assist
19 you in doing the best job that you could do. I
20 only ask that you continue to work hard and
21 represent yourself with pride as a city
22 employee.

23 To the current cabinet, many of you
24 who were also here earlier today, many of you
25 have done extraordinary work after being blind

1 sided by someone that you trusted and someone
2 that you believed in. I want you to trust. I
3 want your trust and I want you to believe that
4 we are only going to do the right thing all the
5 time.

6 To my family and friends, I'll see
7 you in January -- just kidding. You are the
8 reason that I can do this. You always have
9 been my supporters and my advisers and my
10 compass. And I will be lost without you.

11 We have a lot work to do together.
12 It begins tomorrow. And for some of us, it
13 will end on the first Monday in January. But
14 if we do what we set out to do, we will change
15 this city forever.

16 So for everyone who enters this
17 building, for everyone who wants to make a
18 difference, for everyone who loves Scranton,
19 join me because every day is your chance to
20 make this city a little better. Thank you.

21 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Mr. Gaughan.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, thank you. Next
23 week is extremely important because we do have
24 a public caucus with the Pennsylvania Economy
25 League. And we are going to be discussing our

1 eventual exit from Act 47.

2 We discussed this in the caucus
3 earlier today. I would like an update on the
4 status of each recommendation that was in the
5 three year Exit Plan. I think that's very
6 important. And I will be looking forward to
7 talking to the Pennsylvania Economy League on
8 where the city stands in regards to our exit
9 from Act 47.

10 I also mentioned in the caucus that
11 I would like updates on the following
12 properties: 342 Harrison Avenue, 107-109 North
13 Sumner Avenue, 950 James Avenue, Division
14 Street between Keyser and Dale Avenue. There
15 was an issue with that area; 824 Pittston
16 Avenue. So if we can have that before the
17 recess next week, Mrs. Reed, I would appreciate
18 it.

19 Also there was a resident who has
20 come here quite often over the last two years
21 about an issue with stormwater runoff on the
22 corner of Church and Ferdinand Street. I just
23 want to read into the record a correspondence
24 from Jeremy Hull from Pennsylvania American
25 Water.

1 He's a senior superintendant of
2 Field Operations. In regarding this problem
3 area he said the following:

4 "The basin on Church and Ferdinand
5 is a little complicated. But nonetheless we
6 are taking care of it. The two by four box
7 that needs to be installed at the low spot will
8 have an aboveground pipe about halfway to the
9 basin on the corner.

10 We will need to lower the basin on
11 the corner and install the new basin at the
12 depression so the pipe can be deeper. We have
13 this scheduled and it will be done this year."

14 I wanted to make sure that the two
15 residents who have been asking about this know
16 that it will be done according to Mr. Hull this
17 year. And that's all I have. Thank you.

18 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Very briefly
19 I just want to mention once again to thank
20 every one of us sitting up here. Obviously at
21 times there are times when Council is divided,
22 3-2 votes, 4-1 votes. I've been on every side
23 of every vote imaginable.

24 But when it came down to it, the
25 most important decision that is probably ever

1 had to have been made by a City Council, we
2 were united in the process.

3 We had differences of opinions at
4 times. But we compromised. And every step in
5 this process from day one until today's vote
6 was done on a unanimous basis by every member
7 up here. So I just want to thank all of my
8 colleagues for all of their hard work.

9 I know this has been a tremendous
10 amount of work and effort to get to the point
11 where we have today. But I think the end
12 result shows that all of this work was worth
13 it.

14 And we all look forward to working
15 with our new mayor, appointing a new member of
16 Council for the remainder of Mr. Evans' term.
17 And we're going to continue to work for the
18 residents of Scranton. Thank you.

19 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION -
20 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
21 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER
22 INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND
23 BETWEEN THE CITY OF SCRANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
24 AND THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO
25 IMPLEMENT A NEW USE-OF-FORCE TRAINING PROGRAM.

1 MR. ROGAN: At this time I'll
2 entertain a motion that Item 5-B be introduced
3 into its proper committee.

4 MR. PERRY: So moved.

5 MR. EVANS: Second.

6 MR. ROGAN: On the question.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, the only question
8 I have is how is this being funded? The city
9 is providing a cash match of \$48,160. So
10 before final passing, Mrs. Reed, if you could
11 just find out what account this is coming out
12 of. Thank you.

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?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. ROGAN: The ayes have it and so
22 moved.

23 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -
24 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
25 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND

1 ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TROY & BANKS, INC.
2 FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON UTILITY AND
3 TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUDIT SERVICES FROM APRIL
4 30, 2019 THROUGH MARCH 30, 2021.

5 MR. ROGAN: At this time I'll
6 entertain a motion that Item 5-C be introduced
7 into its proper committee.

8 MR. PERRY: So moved.

9 MR. EVANS: Second.

10 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

11 (No response.)

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

14 MR. PERRY: Aye.

15 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

17 MR. EVANS: Aye.

18 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed?

19 (No response.)

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

22 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION - A
23 RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
24 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND
25 ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HERBERT, ROWLAND &

1 GRUBIC, INC. (HRG) FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON
2 STORM WATER PROJECT ENGINEERING SERVICES.

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

6 MR. PERRY: So moved.

7 MR. EVANS: Second.

8 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

9 (No response.)

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

12 MR. PERRY: Aye.

13 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

15 MR. EVANS: Aye.

16 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed?

17 (No response.)

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

20 MS. REED: 5-E. FOR INTRODUCTION -
21 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
22 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND
23 ENTER INTO A TAX-EXEMPT MUNICIPAL LEASE
24 PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY
25 OF SCRANTON AND MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST

1 COMPANY ("M & T BANK") FOR THE LEASE OF 2 NEW
2 FREIGHTLINER/HEIL HIGH COMPACTION REAR LOADER
3 DURAPACK 5000 TRUCKS FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON
4 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR A TERM OF FIVE
5 (5) YEARS.

6 MR. ROGAN: At this time, I'll
7 entertain a motion that Item 5-E be introduced
8 into its proper committee.

9 MR. PERRY: So moved.

10 MR. EVANS: Second.

11 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.
13 I just want to take a moment to explain the
14 reason for this lease agreement. It's my
15 understanding that in the last few weeks there
16 has been -- I don't know if would you call it a
17 slowdown in garbage pickup or not being able to
18 stay on schedule.

19 It's my understanding that we are
20 down at this point four garbage trucks. So I
21 want to take a second and read the memo that we
22 received from Mr. Bulzoni on this issue.

23 "We have an acute need for
24 additional refuse and recycle vehicles with the
25 recent damage to the 2015 Mac refuse packer.

1 In addition to the accident, the
2 Department of Public Works recently was
3 required to take two vehicles out of service
4 due to rust issues.

5 The refuse and recycling trucks were
6 17 and 12 years old. While much of the fleet
7 has been replaced, the remaining older vehicles
8 have been serviced as well as possible given
9 their age and use.

10 The two that were recently taken out
11 of service could not be repaired to any extent
12 considered serviceable."

13 The remedy will be to lease two
14 packers as noted in the proposal that we're
15 voting on today. Those vehicles will replace
16 the trucks subject to accident damage which
17 likely will be a total vehicle loss and the
18 recycling truck sideline due to age.

19 The city also has two Mac trucks on
20 order which will be a direct 2019 budget
21 purchase. The city will opt for the five year
22 lease. In order to fund the 2019 lease
23 payment, the city will use the 4299-15337 lease
24 budget of \$100,000.

25 That line item was dedicated for the

1 Esco{sic} lease, otherwise known as the Energy
2 Savings Lease which will not require funding
3 until 2020.

4 A description of the two vehicles is
5 attached in the legislation. Those vehicles
6 are fully assembled and compliant with COSTARS
7 pricing protocol. And then Mr. Bulzoni
8 apologized for the expedited nature of the
9 request. But unfortunately, we don't have a
10 choice at this time. Thank you.

11 MR. ROGAN: Just to follow up on
12 that. We'll ask residents to hang in there.
13 If your recycling is not picked up on the day
14 it regularly is for the next week or two, just
15 leave it out for the next day.

16 The closing date estimated for these
17 new trucks is August 15th. So we're hoping to
18 have these very shortly. But in the meantime
19 because of the lack of equipment, if your
20 recycling or garbage is a day behind, just
21 leave it out on the street for an additional
22 day.

23 All those in favor of introduction,
24 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.

8 MS. REED: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A. No

9 business at this time.

10 SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. No business at

11 this time.

12 MR. ROGAN: If there is no further

13 business, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

14 MR. PERRY: Motion to adjourn.

15 MR. ROGAN: Meeting adjourned.

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