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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

- JOSEPH WECHSLER, PRESIDENT
- PATRICK ROGAN, VICE-PRESIDENT
- WAYNE EVANS
- WILLIAM GAUGHAN
- TIM PERRY

- LORI REED, CITY CLERK
- KATHY CARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK
- AMIL MINORA, SOLICITOR

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

3 MR. WECHSLER: Roll call, please.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

5 MR. PERRY: Here.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

7 MR. ROGAN: Here.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

9 MR. EVANS: Here.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Here.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

13 MR. WECHSLER: Here. Dispense the
14 read of the minutes.

15 MS. REED: TAX ASSESSOR'S RESULTS
16 REPORTS FOR HEARING DATES HELD OCTOBER 20,
17 OCTOBER 26, AND OCTOBER 27, 2016.

18 MR. WECHSLER: Are there any
19 comments? If not, received and filed.

20 MS. REED: 3-B. TAX ASSESSOR'S
21 REPORT FOR HEARING DATE HELD NOVEMBER 30,
22 2016.

23 MR. WECHSLER: Are there any
24 comments? If not, received and filed.

25 MS. REED: 3-C. MINUTES OF THE

1 SCRANTON FIREFIGHTERS PENSION COMMISSION
2 MEETING HELD OCTOBER 12, 2016.

3 MR. WECHSLER: Are there any
4 comments? If not, received and filed.

5 MS. REED: 3-D. MINUTES OF THE
6 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING
7 HELD OCTOBER 12, 2016.

8 MR. WECHSLER: Are there any
9 comments? If not, received and filed.

10 MS. REED: 3-E. MINUTES OF THE
11 SCRANTON POLICE PENSION COMMISSION MEETING
12 HELD OCTOBER 12, 2016.

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

15 MS. REED: 3-F. MINUTES OF THE
16 COMPOSITE PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD OCTOBER
17 12, 2016.

18 MR. WECHSLER: Are there any
19 comments? If not, received and filed.

20 MS. REED: 3-G. AGENDA FOR THE
21 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING
22 HELD NOVEMBER 16, 2016.

23 MR. WECHSLER: Are there any
24 comments? If not, received and filed. Do
25 any council members have announcements at

1 this time?

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, I have two. One,
3 if you will allow me, is a letter, I read
4 this last year and it has to do with a very
5 good cause that deals with children with
6 cancer. I am honored to write to you on
7 behalf of the Friends of Shannon McDonough,
8 a Local 501-C organization supporting young
9 individuals battling cancer in Northeastern,
10 Pennsylvania. As a small nonprofit, we
11 conduct fundraising activities that not only
12 support our cause financially, but also
13 provide our community with pride,
14 socialization and fun.

15 Since our inaugural polar plunge in
16 2014, the Friends of Shannon McDonough has
17 donated to over 13 young individuals
18 battling cancer right near in Northeastern
19 Pennsylvania. We will hold our fourth
20 annual polar plunge on Saturday, January 28,
21 2017, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Montage
22 Mountain in Scranton, PA, and we are calling
23 on caring businesses and individuals alike
24 to support our community event. We are
25 seeking gift cards and gift baskets which

1 will be displayed and raffled at the event
2 with select gifts card tagged to underwater
3 rings offering plungers and opportunity to
4 win free prizes. All donations are tax
5 deductible and publically acknowledged at
6 our event. We feel that your business will
7 benefit from the community goodwill
8 generated by your generosity.

9 They are also sponsorship
10 opportunities. Sponsors pledging \$100 or
11 \$250 will be receive text or logo
12 advertisement respectfully on the back of
13 our hooded sweatshirt provided to hundreds
14 of plungers each year. If interested in
15 donating, sponsoring or participating in our
16 event, please call Irene by Friday, January
17 20. Thank you for taking our request into
18 consideration and you can find all of this
19 information on [www.facebook.com/Friendsof](http://www.facebook.com/FriendsofShannonMcDonough)
20 [ShannonMcDonough](http://www.facebook.com/FriendsofShannonMcDonough) or you can email
21 [friendsofsn@gmail.com.](mailto:friendsofsn@gmail.com), and I would
22 encourage everyone to get out to that event.

23 Also, the santa train for this year
24 will be held, Saturday, December 3, which is
25 this weekend. Meet santa as he visits your

1 town. The train will be traveling were
2 Carbondale all the way to downtown Scranton.
3 It will arrive in downtown at 3 p.m., so if
4 anybody wants to try and get out to that
5 event. And that is all I have. Thank you.

6 MR. WECHSLER: A few announcements
7 on the agenda this evening, Item 5-B, liquor
8 license transfer, there will be a public
9 hearing held next week, December 8, at 6
10 p.m. Item 5-F is an emergency certificate
11 legislation for creation of an event
12 license. There will be a second opportunity
13 for public participation prior to the final
14 passage, and Item 7-A, the contractor's off
15 licensing ordinance, will be tabled this
16 evening so council can consider amendments
17 to this ordinance.

18 And one final announcement, on
19 Monday, December 5, at 6 p.m. in council
20 chambers, there will be a Parking Authority
21 meeting, which will be a public meeting.

22 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'
23 PARTICIPATION.

24 MR. WECHSLER: Les Spindler.

25 MR. SPINDLER: Good evening,

1 Council. Les Spindler, citizen and
2 homeowner and taxpayer. As I stated two
3 weeks ago, I was thrilled when I saw the
4 budget had no tax increase. First budget
5 without a tax increase since the Connors'
6 administration, and I think that shows that
7 this city is turning in the right direction.
8 I think the mayor is doing a fairly good job
9 since he was left a mess when he took office
10 and yet, Councilman Gaughan, you sit up
11 there and continue to criticize the mayor
12 week after week. Two weeks ago you
13 complained that he wasn't doing anything
14 about leaf collection, and then you said he
15 wasn't doing anything about the Young's
16 property on Wyoming Avenue or wherever it
17 is, but you know what? The mayor hires the
18 DPW to worry about leaf collection, and
19 there is a law department to worry about the
20 Young's problem. The mayor has bigger fish
21 to fry than worry about everything that's
22 going on in the city, so that's why he hires
23 the administration to take care of these
24 problems, but I do know why you are doing
25 this because you have aspirations of taking

1 his job some day. I think you are going
2 about it the wrong way.

3 Moving on, in the paper, I think it
4 was earlier this week we had more good news
5 for the city, four financial institutions
6 were offering TANS for the city. During the
7 previous administration, we had to beg banks
8 to give us money for TANS. Now, there are
9 more institutions approaching the bank -- or
10 approaching the city, I mean. This is
11 really good news for the city, and contrary
12 to what some speakers up here say, and what
13 you say, Councilman Gaughan, I think this
14 mayor is doing a really good job considering
15 he was left a mess by Chris Doherty, and the
16 proof is in the pudding. The financial
17 industry knows a lot more than you do and
18 they see we are doing a good job and this
19 city is turning around. People are moving
20 into the city, they are moving to live
21 downtown, businesses are moving into the
22 city, and doing a good job after all of the
23 mess that mayor was left. That's all I have
24 tonight. Thank you.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you.

1 MR. WECHSLER: Andy Sbaraglia.

2 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia,
3 citizen of Scranton. Fellow Scrantonians, I
4 listened to Mr. Bulzoni telling them how
5 they figured the per capita debt to each
6 resident of the city. Mr. Gaughan, you got
7 two small children, don't you?

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, I do.

9 MR. SBARAGLIA: Each one of them is
10 saddled with \$1,400 of debt. Now, you
11 double that up to 28. If your wife doesn't
12 work that all falls on you. The way they
13 calculate the debt should be on the
14 individuals in the city who are working, not
15 per capita. We got so many people living in
16 the city that doesn't work. So, hence, that
17 debt per person is a lot more for the
18 working person of the city. That's the
19 reason they don't want to come in. You
20 cannot do what you are doing. You got to
21 say this is what it is, not what per capita
22 and spread all over the kid that's what 18
23 months or one that's just born. That's not
24 the way it do things.

25 And another thing he was talking

1 about \$4 million in escrow for the parking
2 garage for the repair, did he explain where
3 that 4 million came from? Was it from our
4 share of the debt or from the lessees
5 borrowing, and if it is from our stranded debt,
6 that garage deal, I keep telling you, is
7 worst deal ever perpetrated upon the
8 residents of Scranton. You bought the mall
9 for a developer. You gave them a garage
10 that will make him a multi-millionaire and
11 saddle the people of the Scranton with an
12 impossible debt. There is no way we can pay
13 off the debt that we lost. He didn't
14 mention how much we lost in parking fines or
15 how much of meter revenue. He didn't
16 discuss that at all because that's gone.
17 It's gone to a lessee, and how that lessee
18 ever got to be a nonprofit is beyond me. I
19 don't know how the government could say he
20 is a nonprofit. First of all, you got three
21 politicians on the board. Now, since if any
22 money comes out of that board it would be
23 into a political fund, even though you might
24 say you are not political, but you are
25 political. I hope the government looks at

1 all these things when they turn around to
2 certify him as a nonprofit.

3 Another thing that I have, you
4 wanted to change the building trade to
5 identify codes again, I don't know if that's
6 for the benefit of the developer, or
7 actually to the benefit of the city. I
8 looked it as more to the benefit of the
9 developer, and that's what I find wrong with
10 the city. It seems like we are bending hand
11 over fist to help out developers. It's not
12 the way to do it. It has to be a broad --
13 nobody wants to see progress of the city
14 being not done. We know that, but some of
15 these developers don't put a penny into
16 their own money. Same with the parking
17 lessee, he didn't put a penny of his own
18 money into it. A lot of people just get
19 grants and then borrow on the grants, and
20 they're not putting money into it. Maybe
21 that's the way business works today. Why
22 use your own money when you can use other
23 people's money. I'm sorry to see that. At
24 one time a man would set off a business, use
25 his money in the business and have that

1 business and make it a good business because
2 there is money invested in it. Nowadays, if
3 they want to declare bankruptcy they do. We
4 got how many people borrowing money from the
5 city on the 108's and then went out of
6 business, but this is the way the city
7 works. One big happy family. I'm not even
8 going to mention all of the lawsuits against
9 the city. It just -- like a friend of mine
10 would say, it's a crying shame, but that's
11 the way the city operates and it's a
12 downhill slide.

13 I have listened to a lot of the
14 budget, some of it I understood, some of it
15 I didn't, but when he start saying things
16 that may happen, or could happen, or could
17 not happen then I worry. Then I worry.
18 Pipe dreams are not a way to run a budget.
19 You can't bank on money you don't have. You
20 got to look realistically at the budget,
21 that that money is coming in and how it's
22 going out. I thank you.

23 MR. WECHSLER: Matthew Pendrak.

24 MR. PENDRAK: Good evening, Council.

25 My name is Matthew Pendrak, I'm have

1 Jefferson Township. I hold a master
2 electrical license with the city and I'd
3 like to read a statement, and if I could
4 share it with you as well you are welcome to
5 a copy of it, and I thank you for taking the
6 time for letting me read this.

7 "Dear Council members, I'm a
8 licensed master electrician with nearly 30
9 years experience, two time past president of
10 the local chapter of International
11 Association of Electrical Inspectors, it's
12 the Keystone chapter, state certified
13 building code official, CCO certified code
14 official. I also have over 400 CEUs related
15 to my profession.

16 I was stunned to learn a few months
17 ago, and again a few weeks ago, that City
18 Council is considering changing the current
19 requirements for master licensing and,
20 thereby, possibly compromising the safety
21 and welfare of it's residents that they are
22 sworn to protect and serve. Sensible
23 governing bodies are elected to insist on
24 mandating that the highest standards
25 available be followed by the most qualified

1 professionals. I hope you agree. To do
2 otherwise, Council will be unleashing
3 possibly substandard, unqualified, handyman
4 specialists on its residents.

5 Nearly ten years ago, as past
6 president, I contacted and petitioned the
7 secretary for the Department of Labor and
8 Industry, not only for a local keystone
9 chapter, but the International Association
10 of Electrical Inspectors, but also the other
11 five chapters across the Commonwealth of
12 Pennsylvania to be recognized as one of the
13 official continuing education unit providers
14 by the department. It was a success.

15 After that, Mr. John Bannon, former
16 electrical inspector for the City of
17 Scranton, had the wisdom and the good sense
18 to initiate and implement the requirement of
19 the 12 CEUs in order to maintain and renew
20 one's master electrical license each
21 calendar year. Another success. I know
22 hundreds of journeymen and scores of master
23 electricians who not only view this
24 requirement, but embrace the CEUs as
25 necessary and mandatory to keep current with

1 the latest codes and standards.

2 This requirement, along with
3 professional examination, proof of
4 knowledge, letter of recommendation, is not
5 too onerous. For council to do otherwise,
6 would be purely pernicious. Please don't
7 compromise the safety of its residents that
8 you are sworn to protect and serve.

9 What is safety? Safety is reducing
10 the risk. Council will be reducing the risk
11 to its residents it serves by keeping the
12 highest standards and qualifications
13 possible for professional licensure in the
14 City of Scranton. Respectfully submitted,
15 yours truly, Matthew Pendrak."

16 And I'm glad to hear that you tabled
17 this and hopefully you are reconsidering,
18 reconsidering opening this up and I just
19 hope and pray to God that you are not going
20 to loosen up the requirements. I studied my
21 tail off to take that exam. It's difficult.
22 This book, the National Electrical Code,
23 which the city has adopted, it's not an easy
24 article -- standard, rather, to read. It's
25 written by attorneys, but it ensures safety

1 for the installation and safe use of
2 electricity and use of electricity. It's a
3 great standard, it's also difficult. I
4 studied my tail off. The city has been good
5 to me. I'm privileged to be able to work
6 here. I just hope and pray to God you are
7 not going to loosen up any of the standards.
8 Please think very carefully about this.

9 Some of the requirements for the
10 licensing that come to mind, requiring
11 before you even take the exam are to get
12 three letters of recommendation. That's
13 pretty tough to go three gentlemen and say,
14 "Hey, I'm gong to be your competition, you
15 know, give me a letter of recommendation."

16 You know, maybe loosen that up from
17 three to maybe one, but, please, keep the
18 testing in place. A good standardized
19 testing. The requirements for the CEUs, you
20 know, maybe offer to another licensed
21 individual whether it's through a state or
22 another city or borough with the same
23 standards that the City of Scranton now has
24 give them a one-time permit and allow him to
25 work here. Please give this thoughtful

1 consideration, I know you will, keep up the
2 good work. If you have any questions --

3 MR. WECHSLER: I'm not sure if you
4 know that we voted that down in the spring.
5 The original ordinance that came to us for
6 the exact concerns that you are talking
7 about.

8 MR. PENDRAK: Okay.

9 MR. WECHSLER: The new ordinance
10 came back from this slight changes that for
11 council as of right now aren't satisfactory
12 to us to make it any better. We have
13 reached out and investigated some other
14 city's ordinances that seem to be -- too
15 address your concerns and that's actually
16 why we put this on hold right now so we can
17 evaluate those and actually all five of us
18 right now, I don't think I'm speaking out of
19 turn, right now all five us are interested
20 in getting testing back into the ordinance.

21 MR. PENDRAK: And I'm sure you are
22 going to do a great job. Thank you,
23 gentlemen, I appreciate your time. Who can
24 leave this with?

25 MR. WECHSLER: You can leave it with

1 Kathy.

2 MR. PENDRAK: Thank you very much.

3 MR. WECHSLER: Anyone else?

4 MS. HODOWANITZ: Joan Hodowanitz,
5 city resident and taxpayer. I saw a story
6 on WNEP news a few days ago in which our
7 firefighters were donating winter coats to
8 very young children, I hope you all saw
9 that. I think that was a very commendable
10 project, and apparently they have done this
11 before but I think we should acknowledge our
12 firefighters for doing this. It's great
13 work.

14 Today is December 1, the audit is
15 184 days late, do we have a status?

16 MR. WECHSLER: The audit draft is
17 complete and final budget should be -- or,
18 I'm sorry, the final audit should be
19 received Monday.

20 MS. HODOWANITZ: Okay, so it will
21 available to the public probably Monday?

22 MR. WECHSLER: It won't be available
23 Monday, no.

24 MS. HODOWANITZ: I'm sorry?

25 MR. WECHSLER: It will not be

1 available on Monday, it's just going to be
2 received on Monday.

3 MS. HODOWANITZ: Oh, okay.

4 MR. WECHSLER: But it is complete.

5 MS. HODOWANITZ: I will be waiting
6 with penting breath.

7 MR. WECHSLER: Probably not Tuesday
8 either.

9 MS. HODOWANITZ: Wednesday?
10 Thursday?

11 MR. WECHSLER: Maybe Wednesday?

12 MS. HODOWANITZ: Before Christmas?

13 MR. WECHSLER: Before the end of the
14 year for sure.

15 MS. HODOWANITZ: Oh, great. Mrs.
16 Reed had an astounding amount of background
17 papers for tonight's council meeting of this
18 eight-page agenda, but on those first few
19 pages I guess the Tax Assessor's report for
20 one of the October dates, I saw something
21 that really surprised me, Steamtown, LLC 300
22 had a reduction of \$666,000. Does that ring
23 any bells with anybody? I mean, it happened
24 before the zoning board? \$666,000
25 reduction?

1 MR. EVANS: They wouldn't go to the
2 zoning board, they would go to the --

3 MR. WECHSLER: Well, it's on the Tax
4 Assessor's report. Isn't that a major
5 reduction for Steamtown Mall, LLC 300?

6 MR. EVANS: Yes.

7 MS. HODOWANITZ: I would like
8 somebody maybe next week to tell me what's
9 that's all about. I thought the new owner
10 of the mall got a pretty good bargain. That
11 kind of, you know, raised the hairs on the
12 back of my neck. I would like the
13 background on that, if you could.

14 Let's see, and back to the budget, I
15 know there is not enough time for me to go
16 into it with only five minutes, but I'm
17 still curious as to why we do not use more
18 interns in the city and why don't we
19 consider alliances and partnership with all
20 of the local colleges that there is a whole
21 lot they can be doing for us other than
22 giving us PILOT dollars. In fact, I'm
23 convinced that perhaps the service they can
24 provide would be far more valuable to the
25 city than just mere tax dollars. Why not a

1 program where the city employees can get
2 free tuition at the local universities to
3 take night classes on appropriate topics. I
4 mean, that would be a benefit to the
5 employees, and a benefit to the city, it
6 would be a win-win, and I think that the
7 college would be amenable to such a
8 suggestion if the city were to approach
9 them. Or people in finance and accounting
10 throughout, you know, city hall. I'm
11 telling you, you know, I took my degrees at
12 the University after I retired all at night,
13 you know. I mean, they exist and the
14 courses are excellent. They teach
15 government accounting for crying out loud.
16 You won't have to rehire Rainey & Rainey
17 forever and ever. I mean, Rainey & Rainey
18 is one of those third party contracts that I
19 just can't see justified. We should be
20 training our own people. They should be
21 qualified, okay? And I don't know, if you
22 want more tax dollars through the
23 universities that's one thing, but I think
24 that the services they can provide the city
25 would give you much more bang for the buck

1 and I hope you think about it.

2 And I got to tell you, I really
3 don't believe that we are not going to incur
4 storm water management costs in 2017. I
5 think something should have been said in the
6 budget about that. I mean, just to kind of
7 say, well, we are doing a study, it will be
8 ten to 12 months and, you know, if we have
9 to have another storm water management
10 authority, I didn't buy that explanation one
11 bit. I'm really concerned that the issue of
12 storm water management wasn't addressed.
13 I'm not even happy with the way there was no
14 explanation for the proceeds of the sewer
15 authority sale. You can't on one hand say
16 that, you know, we are reducing debt service
17 and debt in anticipating the Sewer Authority
18 sale, and then you don't show those revenues
19 in the budget, and by this time the people
20 upstairs should know how to use a
21 spreadsheet. There should be no \$12 million
22 discrepancies between the revenues and
23 expenditures. Excel does not make math
24 errors, people do.

25 MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening, Council.

1 Dave Dobrzyn, resident, taxpayer. I was
2 briefly watching some of what went on
3 earlier on television at home, but I need to
4 watch some more to have better opinions, but
5 one thing that stood out was PILOTS and
6 nonprofits and tax exempts, and once again I
7 don't see any solution. All you can do is
8 ask, and they can say no, and we are
9 burdened with 35 percent tax exempt now, and
10 it seems to be growing again.

11 And, once again, my idea is to check
12 into the feasibility of getting the Federal
13 Court taking the state constitution to task
14 that this is an excessive burden, that we
15 are being volunteered for by other entities,
16 such as the county and the state. If they
17 want to go beyond the certain reasonable
18 threshold, they should replace the money.
19 That's all there is to it. I don't see a
20 solution otherwise because you can ask, but
21 they can just say no under the current law
22 and all you can do is hold your breath and
23 get rid of it based upon it. You can't do
24 anything about it.

25 The last council got into a match

1 with the Scranton University and a lot of
2 hard feelings were made and who knows maybe
3 the statements -- the way I took it was
4 somebody was practically trying to fill the
5 trunk up with money, and I know that was not
6 the case.

7 Okay, schools, once again, today
8 Marywood has announced that they are
9 discontinuing many, many courses of study.
10 Now, fortunately, they plan to allow these
11 people to complete their degree, but here we
12 have another one, I don't know if anybody
13 has seen it, McCaan to close Dickson City
14 campus and there is lot of students that
15 have money sunk into these courses and they
16 are between a rock and a hard place. They
17 are in all kinds of debt. They have no
18 recourse but to go to various other
19 locations or on-line. Allentown, Hazelton,
20 Pottsville I see here, Wilkes-Barre, but
21 then you have travel time and expense and
22 everything else. That's time you are not
23 studying, and by the time, this happened a
24 few weeks ago, and it's absolutely no
25 justification, but the headline reads, "A

1 woman tells police she sold drugs because of
2 student debt." And she was paying \$400
3 month student debt out of her confiscated
4 wages or attached wages. So, you know, it's
5 serious and people can really wind up
6 between a rock and a hard place. My advice
7 is stay out of -- stay out of for profit
8 schools because they are worthless.

9 Another article I seen in the paper,
10 this is my newspaper week, I'll leave this
11 one here in case anybody is interested.
12 Good news, the castle house may be saved.
13 Kudos. That's all I have to say on that.
14 Developer rethinks incinerator project, this
15 is up in Susquehanna County. Just goes to
16 show you what a handful of activists can do.
17 Who needs an incinerator in the middle of a
18 farm community with city trash.

19 But, now, it's come to my attention
20 through an article that we have some
21 refugees coming to town, and I'm also for
22 diversity. I don't like all white towns. I
23 lived in quite a few of them and they are a
24 pain in neck. I had a lady over calling my
25 music "n" names because it was all jazz or

1 dixieland stuff, "What's your husband
2 playing that stuff for over there," you
3 know, but the point is that this is going to
4 be a considerable -- I'll make it quick, a
5 considerable burden on our school system
6 with English as a second language and so
7 forth. So, once again, we have to start
8 turning to the federal government and saying
9 how about it, because we can't afford to
10 foot the bill all ourselves. Thank you and
11 have a good night.

12 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you. Anyone
13 else?

14 MS. SCHUMACHER: Marie Schumacher.
15 I would like to go back a little bit based
16 on things that have happened this year and I
17 have seen no results from them. The return
18 of the rental registration money that was
19 put in escrow, what is happening with that?
20 Is that overpayment? What is now being an
21 overpayment going to be returned to the
22 people who were good enough to actually pay
23 it or are they stuck?

24 MR. EVANS: That's still in
25 litigation so I'm not sure what's going to

1 happen with that.

2 MS. SCHUMACHER: I thought that was
3 completed when you did the --

4 MR. EVANS: No, not that I'm aware
5 of. We repealed it and replaced it, but as
6 far as I know there is still litigation.

7 MS. SCHUMACHER: Is there a hearing
8 scheduled?

9 MR. EVANS: I don't know.

10 MS. SCHUMACHER: One call. Anybody
11 remember one call?

12 MR. EVANS: One-call system?

13 MS. SCHUMACHER: One call system,
14 yes.

15 MR. EVANS: Yeah.

16 MS. SCHUMACHER: What have they ever
17 produced?

18 MR. EVANS: What have they produced?
19 Well, one call is when you locate new
20 utilities underground so you don't get --

21 MS. SCHUMACHER: Yes, they were
22 authorized last May to identify all
23 underground facilities that are owned by the
24 city and locate the same on the mapping. Is
25 that mapping completed?

1 MR. EVANS: Well, what happens with
2 one call is, I don't want to take too much
3 of your time, but basically when utilities
4 digging, like the gas company is digging for
5 gas line, they will call one call and they
6 will go out and mark all of the lines, all
7 of the individual -- mark the lines that are
8 there on the ground so they don't get dug
9 up.

10 MS. SCHUMACHER: What about things
11 like systems that go underneath all of these
12 scrambling that went on with the Sewer
13 Authority, are they identifying those as
14 well?

15 MR. EVANS: Yeah. I think what they
16 are looking at is what is city owned to the
17 --

18 MS. SCHUMACHER: But they haven't
19 done it yet.

20 MR. EVANS: Okay, that's one. The
21 next one Turn Key. They were a discovery
22 service they were going to help with the
23 taxes, what have they produced?

24 MR. EVANS: Mr. Bulzoni talked about
25 that a little bit tonight. They are engaged

1 and they have some success so far, we need
2 to see some results from them very soon.

3 MS. SCHUMACHER: Muni services.
4 They were supposed to present our financial
5 data, in a presentation data such that it
6 would be available online and everybody
7 could understand it, haven't seen the first
8 thing. What were they -- it was open ended
9 when you -- maybe next week somebody could
10 tell us what they were actually asked to do
11 because I know I talked to them at one point
12 in time and they didn't even know what they
13 were supposed to do. They had a contract
14 for months and nobody told them what they
15 wanted to do.

16 And, again, the fire department, I
17 really am mystified by that article on this
18 was an emergency and everybody I think
19 that's been around here notices that that's
20 not been an emergency. In the 2016 budget
21 there is \$1,630,000 of which as of the 30th
22 of September, \$79,256.60 was spent. So
23 what's the big deal? I mean, are we just
24 holding that so we can transfer it to pay
25 the MMO? Do we have cash? I don't

1 understand what the issue is and I don't
2 understand why it's taken this long frankly,
3 but that is absolutely crazy.

4 Again, storm water, do you intend to
5 put more money in for contracts to do the
6 work that we obviously are not going to have
7 the man of the DPW to do? No? Just going
8 to rubber stamp it because it's no tax
9 increase and then -- because when I'm
10 hearing now is any savings that we have from
11 the so-called sale of the Sewer Authority
12 and any cap is going to be made up we are
13 going to way over what we would have paid
14 with the storm water fee, so we are not
15 ahead. We not ahead in any way, shape or
16 form and I hope that the PUC has really
17 looked into it and I sincerely hope that
18 that they stop this asset transfer or sale.
19 We, as taxpayers or ratepayers, are going to
20 be in a lot worse shape when it's completed
21 than we are now.

22 And, again, would somebody please
23 get the assessed value, the residential
24 assessment. Last year as of the 15th of --
25 or the first of December and this year, the

1 first of December and this year and see if
2 it's gone up or down? And one final thing,
3 if I may, the budget again said, "The amount
4 of sustained budgetary remains constant in
5 2017," but I thought our MMO was going up in
6 2017 because this was the last year the
7 state could kick in that amount, so we have
8 another 4.4 million, so I don't know how
9 they can say the state budget contributions
10 have remained constant for next year. Thank
11 you.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you.

13 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you. Anyone
14 else?

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

16 MOTIONS.

17 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Perry?

18 MR. PERRY: Yes. First, I have an
19 amendment to the agenda amending 7-G as
20 follows: In the first whereas paragraph
21 after language, "North Main Avenue and Oram
22 Street," I move to amend by adding the
23 following language:

24 "Add left turn lane on North Main
25 Avenue, northbound at Oram Street."

1 MR. ROGAN: Second.

2 MR. WECHSLER: There's a motion on
3 the floor and a second. Any comments? On
4 the question? All those in favor signify by
5 saying aye.

6 MR. PERRY: Aye.

7 MR. EVANS: Aye.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

9 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

10 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The
11 ayes have it and so moved.

12 MR. PERRY: Thank you. And, again,
13 just to get to the contractor's license
14 again, I can't state this enough, this was
15 voted down back in March, and I have no
16 interest in passing any type of legislation
17 without any testing for the journeymen.
18 It's not going to happen on my part. I have
19 been on the record with that many times. My
20 position didn't change, it hasn't changed,
21 and any type legislation that we go forward
22 with that's what I'm bringing to the table
23 with that.

24 Some housekeeping from two weeks ago
25 when we left, on 7-F I said I would speak to

1 Chief Graziano, and I did, about the police
2 record management system. Just to give you
3 a little head's up on what this is and what
4 it does and the overall cost of the project.
5 The overall cost of the project it's a
6 \$800,000 cost which is spread out into two
7 years -- or four years at about \$200,000
8 payments. This system is going to be
9 relative to our city for 15 years, which
10 breaks down to about \$50,000 a year, which
11 is about what we pay right now for our old
12 antiquated system which is over ten years
13 old. The training is included, any software
14 updates are included with this and we are
15 piggybacking, the county is already using
16 this and a lot of local municipalities that
17 are on board with this and piggybacking with
18 the county we are going save about \$200,000.
19 For purchase of this software by itself, it
20 would be excess of a million dollars.

21 So with that out there, what this
22 software is going to do, it's a software
23 that's going to be used inside of the police
24 vehicle. It's going to be used for filing
25 reports. You can view reports for mapping.

1 safer.

2 Other than that, I want to thank
3 Mr. Bulzoni for coming out today. We had a
4 lengthy budget discussion with, obviously, a
5 lot of questions, a lot of answers. Still
6 questions and answers I need to go -- we
7 have another week on this, and a lot of
8 paperwork to look over. My mind was eased
9 on several items, but there is some items
10 that need to be definitely dug in deeper and
11 looked at when it comes to specific
12 salaries. I'm all for paying people what
13 they are worth. I believe you get quality
14 work when you pay a fair salary. I think a
15 speaker brought up about Rainey & Rainey and
16 are we just throwing money away that we
17 should we be doing that ourselves. I think
18 eventually we should, but that comes at a
19 cost. That comes at a cost of paying people
20 their fair value. And the public sector, we
21 have a salary matrix. We have mid-year
22 reviews. We have annual reviews. I think
23 the city is a big enough entity that we need
24 to start implementing those things to get on
25 board with what really how a private

1 industry works, and not just kind of using,
2 you know, terminology like key employees.
3 It's too vague for me, so I would definitely
4 like to see in the future some kind of
5 salary matrix, mid-year and end year reviews
6 for our employees to make sure we get the
7 best employees, let's do the best job, let's
8 pay them fairly and enough for them to stay
9 and attract quality employees when they
10 leave. With that, I'll wrap it up and I'll
11 turn it over. Thank you.

12 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Rogan?

13 MR. ROGAN: Yes, thank you, because
14 our agenda is a quite lengthy I'll be very,
15 very brief tonight. First, I would just
16 like to congratulate and thank our Scranton
17 Fire Department for their fundraiser, again,
18 Operation Warm. Today they have distributed
19 over 400 coats to students at Willard
20 School. This is a great fundraiser that the
21 Fire Department spearheads every year. I
22 know myself and many of my colleagues
23 attended the fundraiser that they had for
24 this event. I did see a number of the
25 pictures on Facebook when they were

1 distributing the coats, so I would like to
2 thank each and every one in our fire
3 department who not only does a great job of
4 protecting us every day but gives back in
5 the community in a great cause such as
6 Operation Warm, and I would like to add all
7 of those coats are made in the United
8 States, which is something you can't find
9 every day so that's something very good to
10 hear.

11 And, finally, sticking with the
12 theme of the Fire Department tonight, the
13 emergency issue was brought up, and I do
14 want to read the emergency declaration
15 regarding Engine 7 in West Side and Engine
16 10 on East Mountain, and I do agree the
17 condition of these firehouses has been an
18 emergency for a long time so it's long
19 overdue for repairs to be made, but I will
20 read the emergency declaration.

21 It says, "This is to certify that an
22 emergency situation exists at two City of
23 Scranton fire stations. Engine No. 7,
24 located at 1917 Luzerne Street in West Side,
25 and Engine 10 located at 1900 East Mountain

1 Road on East Mountain. Both have had their
2 roofing systems patched and maintained over
3 the years, but are now in need of immediate
4 emergency temporary roof repair. Drew
5 Markanovitch, project manager for Highland
6 Associates, and Tom from Eastern Roofing,
7 visited both sites and recommended both are
8 in need of immediate emergency temporary
9 repair.

10 Engine 7 has a flat roof and some
11 suspect areas were found that only need
12 simple tar patch that may suffice for the
13 winter months. However there is a large
14 hole in the roof that needs immediate
15 attention now that the winter weather is
16 here. Agent 10's recommended temporary fix
17 to the TPO roof membrane secured to the roof
18 deck and seams that can be taped or heat
19 seamed.

20 It is in the best interest of the
21 City of Scranton that these roofs receive
22 immediate emergency temporary repairs to
23 avoid further damage to the building and
24 equipment and for the safety of the
25 firefighters and the citizens who visit the

1 first stations."

2 So that is the emergency declaration
3 regarding these two firehouses, but as I
4 mentioned in our caucus with Mr. Bulzoni,
5 one of the many areas that the city has
6 neglected over the years, particularly over
7 the last 15 years, has been the
8 infrastructure in the city, particularly
9 police vehicles, firefighter apparatus and
10 the actual firehouses themselves. I know
11 many years ago when the former Mayor Doherty
12 was closing firehouses that was a huge issue
13 in the neighborhoods, and Scranton is a very
14 large city geographically and it's very
15 important to have neighborhood firehouses so
16 when there is an emergency the response
17 times are quick, and the firefighters that
18 work to keep us safe deserve safe equipment
19 and a safe building to work in.

20 So that was the reason for the
21 emergency declaration, and I'm hopeful that
22 moving forward as money has been allocated
23 for long-term repairs the firehouses will
24 all be upgraded as has been reported and,
25 you know, I can mention we have some of the

1 best fight firefighters in the country and
2 they deserve the best working conditions.
3 Thank you.

4 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you.
5 Mr. Evans?

6 MR. EVANS: Thank you. As you know,
7 I have talked a lot about being business
8 friendly over the time I have been on city
9 council and I think this is something that
10 we have all tried to concentrate on as best
11 we can. I know we spent a lot of time over
12 the last year, you know, dealing with the
13 parking monetization and the sewer deal and
14 the budget and pension reform, etcetera, but
15 I think 2017 has to be all about really
16 getting down to business and being business
17 friendly, particularly to the small business
18 owner. That is where we will achieve the
19 most growth for our economy.

20 So I would like to offer an example.
21 This is from the budget. This is a
22 spreadsheet, there is over 40 different
23 permits and licensing that is done by the
24 City of Scranton. 17 of them generate
25 \$10,000 or less. I mean, that is not

1 business friendly. I find it ridiculous.
2 So hopefully, you know, and there may be
3 something in the state statute that we have
4 to do, I admit that, but if they are not I
5 really have to take a look at this to
6 consolidate reduce, eliminate some of these
7 and stop sending the message that we don't
8 want to do business with you if you are a
9 small business owner or a business owner in
10 general.

11 Last year about this time, we asked
12 License and Inspections to do a study of
13 this, I know they are busy and maybe it
14 wasn't a priority at the time, but I think
15 it should be a priority and maybe something
16 that we have take on ourselves. I think
17 it's symbolic of having a mindset and
18 culture that really doesn't understand what
19 it means to sign the check on the front
20 versus signing the check on the back. So
21 ultimately it goes down to the saying if you
22 want something to get done right you have to
23 do it yourself so hopefully come 2017 that
24 will be another initiative that city council
25 will take on. A simple initiative, but

1 something that I think will send a proper
2 message to this business community,
3 especially the small business, that we are
4 open for business, we are paying attention
5 and we are listening. That's all I have for
6 tonight.

7 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you.

8 Mr. Gaughan?

9 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, thank you, just a
10 few items. First, a streetlight was
11 approved for Rachel Place off the 200 block
12 of South Sumner Avenue. To give an update
13 to everyone on the street lighting project,
14 the pole painting is complete throughout the
15 city, the retrofit and installation of the
16 lights will start mid-December and this will
17 take roughly ten to 12 weeks depending on
18 the weather.

19 Mrs. Reed, I would like this week to
20 get an update on the Rockwell Avenue bridge
21 project, I have been getting a lot of calls
22 from neighbors in that area who are not
23 concerned but just curious about how things
24 are going down there.

25 It was brought up tonight that an

1 emergency was declared to patch a hole in a
2 firehouse roof. We also have an emergency
3 certificate, the mayor deemed it an
4 emergency to approve a peddler's license, so
5 we are going to do that all in one night,
6 and I find this amazing that we are deeming
7 all of these things emergencies. We are
8 going immediately to fix a hole in the roof
9 of a firehouse, but we can't seem to find
10 the time to address the hole that exists in
11 that gentleman's back yard on Wyoming
12 Avenue, I know I keep bringing this up, but
13 when I saw in the paper that we deem that an
14 emergency and immediately were going to
15 start work on it, I was incensed.

16 I actually spoke with the Youngs
17 today and we are talking about raises in the
18 budget, we are talking about adding
19 positions, we are talking about deeming
20 things emergencies and these people have to
21 spend thousands of dollars on an attorney to
22 fight to fill a hole in their backyard. It
23 doesn't make sense. So everybody is giving
24 kudos to the administration and giving all
25 of these people raises, and we are ignoring

1 a major problem, not just for the Youngs,
2 but everyone in that vicinity. It's a major
3 public safety issue, and I don't want to see
4 somebody get hurt, and I continue to be
5 amazed that this is being ignored and these
6 people when they tried to get a meeting with
7 the mayor they were told go see the law
8 department. So I just find that completely
9 utterly irresponsible.

10 Also this week, it was brought to my
11 attention a dangerous situation that exists
12 on the 500 block of Linden Street, and I
13 would like to just take a second and go over
14 that. The gentleman is actually a taxi
15 driver, and he did mention in his e-mails
16 that taxis, Ubers, cars are double parked
17 with their flashers on and that they're
18 lined up in front of Levels on Linden Street
19 and Back Yard Ale House and this is causing
20 a huge traffic issue. The other problem e
21 have is that intoxicated individuals are
22 walking out blindly at ongoing traffic and
23 it's just made worse by the fact that there
24 are taxis and Ubers that are double parked.
25 So he did suggest possibly increasing the

1 lighting on Dixs Court and trying to find out
2 some kind of -- trying to rectify the
3 situation with parking. So we did each out
4 to Chief Graziano and they are going to take
5 a look at that so I appreciate that, and
6 I'll save the rest for agenda items. Thank
7 you.

8 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you,
9 Mr. Gaughan. Following up on your comments,
10 I received the same inquiry and we never
11 would have known about that because it all
12 happens at 2 a.m. in the morning so that's
13 why would have never known that if the Uber
14 driver didn't inform us so I appreciate his
15 comments to us.

16 This week the biggest problem that
17 we have come across is the pickup of the
18 leaves throughout the city. We talked about
19 having a plan for the leaves and, obviously,
20 the plan was not as successful as we would
21 like it to be. We had some confusion as to
22 whether the vacuum truck was going to be
23 used or not used or if they were going to be
24 bagged or not bagged, so we kind of
25 collectively the information that we were

1 provided changed as it went along so we
2 provided some information to correct it, so
3 the best thing I can tell you right now is
4 if you have an opportunity to bag your
5 leaves please do it. I know that they are
6 wet right now, but the best way to do that
7 would be to bag them actually and it's not a
8 desirable situation, but they may be picked
9 up as trash instead of recyclables, but it
10 actually may be cheaper to do that than pay
11 overtime to go out and pick them up, so if
12 you have leaves to rake and bag them please
13 do, the DPW has been out this week trying to
14 correct some different situations using a
15 front end loader and some trucks and some
16 backhoes, and they are trying to make the
17 best of a situation that we still have to
18 get a better handle on.

19 I think part of this problem, also,
20 is kind of indirectly related to the global
21 warming because the leaves don't fall off
22 the trees as late as they used to. Really
23 until we had the storms over the weekend my
24 trees still had the majority of the leaves
25 were on them so I don't think we can do much

1 leaf pickup prior to towards the end of
2 November, beginning of December or else you
3 will have to do it twice, which is another
4 problem. So I sense some frustration that
5 people are having out there with the leaves,
6 but we are trying to find a remedy to that.
7 The DPW has been trying to assist us, but
8 they are doing the best that they can with
9 everything they have and I appreciate their
10 efforts in trying to do that.

11 In regards to the budget, as we
12 listened to Mr. Bulzoni tonight, as he was
13 saying, this year is a transition year and
14 I'm very proud of the fact that our budgets
15 right now are becoming more of a plan than
16 just something that's put together to make
17 the numbers match. There is a philosophy
18 now on trying to manage things better and I
19 do appreciate that with Mr. Bulzoni.

20 Of course, the big thing that we are
21 waiting for is the Sewer Authority deal to
22 either be complete or not be complete. All
23 indications are right now that the Sewer
24 Authority deal will be complete. We don't
25 know when, but as discussed tonight it will

1 give the city an opportunity to pay down
2 some debt, put some money in the pension and
3 also get into some capital improvements.
4 When we started talking about this the
5 capital improvements that we talked about
6 were maybe to city hall or to some roads and
7 bridges, but it's becoming more evident as
8 we move along that a lot of those capital
9 improvements are going to have to be to the
10 storm water management system, and I
11 understand the confusion and desire to have
12 a specific plan on what those capital
13 improvements are going to be, but I think
14 the problem right now for 2017 is to get
15 through the maintenance of what we have to
16 do. There ill be more maintenance with the
17 storm water management system for the city
18 next year, but not actually capital
19 improvements which will be considerably more
20 expensive, but there is going to be an onus
21 put on the DPW to perform more storm water
22 management because is their responsibility
23 to do that, and for Mr. Bulzoni there are
24 some allocations within the DPW budget for
25 that. Is it going to be significant enough

1 or substantial enough to meet the
2 requirement, that is something that we are
3 going to have to determine.

4 A comment on the Sewer Authority
5 legislation that's on our agenda this week,
6 currently the plan is for city council to
7 meet this week, next week and the 15th of
8 December. That will allow three readings of
9 this particular ordinance. The final vote
10 for this can't take place until the actual
11 Sewer Authority sale is complete, so as we
12 look at this, we may have to have a special
13 meeting after the 15th. From speaking with
14 Mrs. Reed, and she knows this better than I
15 do, from the day that the sale is complete
16 we'll probably need at least 72 hours to do
17 the proper public notifications in the
18 Scranton Times, so if possible if the sale
19 is approved before the 15th we can finish
20 this all up on the 15th, but if the sale
21 drags out to the following week we will have
22 to have a special meeting somewhere either
23 the 22nd or somewhere around the holidays.
24 I know all of my colleagues are committed to
25 do whatever we have to do for what's best or

1 the city, so this week we'll vote on it, it
2 if passes we'll vote on it again next week
3 and then it will be either approved on the
4 15th or tabled until the sale is complete.
5 So that's kind of the logistics off making
6 that all happen.

7 And one more comment about lighting
8 in the city, I have spoken to the
9 parishioners at St. Luke's Church on Wyoming
10 Avenue, currently right now they do not have
11 any lights to be improved under the new
12 streetlight program so I have had
13 discussions with Business Administrator
14 Bulzoni in terms of getting that project to
15 be one of the first improvements that will
16 be outside of the scope of the current
17 improvements so we are working towards that
18 because those parishioners keep a beautiful
19 property there and the facility is
20 outstanding and they need to have better
21 lighting there so they can protect their
22 congregation, so we are working towards
23 getting that done. That's all I have.
24 Thank you.

25 MR. ROGAN: On lighting, you jogged

1 my memory on one other item, if my
2 colleagues agree, can we send a letter to
3 Walsh Electrical asking that even though we
4 are in transition moving from the old lights
5 to the LEDs that all timely efforts are
6 still being made to replace light bulbs and
7 do repairs. One specific instant on Philo
8 Street, and I know it's been reported
9 numerous times and it still hasn't been
10 resolved, and I don't know if that's
11 partially a lack because of the fact that
12 all of the bulbs are going to be changed
13 very shortly, but that doesn't excuse a
14 contractor to not go out and do that work in
15 a timely manner, so if that's okay we can
16 send that letter.

17 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you.

18 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION -
19 AN ORDINANCE - APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF A
20 RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE CURRENTLY OWNED BY
21 BROOKSIDE EATERY AND PUB, LLC LICENSE NO. R-
22 17472 TO DUNNE MANNING STORES, LLC FOR USE
23 AT 300 MEADOW AVENUE, SCRANTON, LACKAWANNA
24 COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AS REQUIRED BY THE
25 PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD.

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

4 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

5 MR. EVANS: Second.

6 MR. WECHSLER: On the question? All
7 those in favor of introduction signify by
8 saying aye.

9 MR. PERRY: Aye.

10 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

11 MR. EVANS: Aye.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

13 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The
14 ayes have it and so moved.

15 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -
16 AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
17 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE
18 A DEED OF EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY GRANTING
19 TO SSA AND/OR PAWC THE EASEMENT, RIGHT OF
20 WAY AND RIGHTS AS ARE SET FORTH BELOW WITH
21 RESPECT TO THE PROPERTY, WHICH DEED OF
22 EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY SHALL BE IN THE
23 FORM AS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "B".

24 MR. WECHSLER: At this time, I'll
25 entertain a motion that Item 5-C be

1 introduced into its proper committee.

2 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

3 MR. EVANS: Second.

4 MR. WECHSLER: On the question? All
5 those in favor of introduction signify by
6 saying aye.

7 MR. PERRY: Aye.

8 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

9 MR. EVANS: Aye.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

11 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The
12 ayes have it and so moved.

13 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION -
14 AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF
15 SCRANTON TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF THE
16 SCRANTON SEWER AUTHORITY ("SSA") TO
17 TERMINATE ITS EXISTENCE UPON THE PAYMENT AND
18 DISCHARGE OF ALL OUTSTANDING BONDS BY SSA
19 AND THE ASSUMPTION OF ALL OUTSTANDING CLAIMS
20 AGAINST SSA BY THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE
21 CITY OF SCRANTON TO ASSUME ALL OUTSTANDING
22 CLAIMS AGAINST SSA; AND AUTHORIZING
23 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO TAKE ANY AND
24 ALL FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED TO TERMINATE THE
25 EXISTENCE OF THE SSA, AND APPROVING THE

1 TERMINATION CERTIFICATE SUBMITTED TO THE
2 CITY BY SSA.

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

6 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

7 MR. EVANS: Second.

8 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?

9 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question,
10 I'm going to be voting against this and all
11 of the companion pieces for a few different
12 reasons: Number one, I don't think this
13 should be introduced because I think it's
14 irresponsible to go though with this deal
15 until we know how much storm water
16 management is going to cost this city. We
17 heard tonight from the Business
18 Administrator, and while I appreciate his
19 comments and his response, it still doesn't
20 make me feel comfortable dissolving an
21 authority and selling the authority when we
22 don't know how much storm water management
23 is going to cost us. I don't believe that
24 we have a plan for day one and, you know,
25 the other thing that really causes me worry

1 is that we have trouble now managing leaf
2 pickup, so can you imagine when we assume
3 all of the duties that come along with
4 managing storm water. So I do believe that
5 there should be a plan in place, I haven't
6 seen it and I have other concerns about the
7 Sewer Authority deal, but I don't think we
8 should dissolve the Authority, and I don't
9 think it should be introduced until we know
10 what the true cost is because as, I think
11 Mrs. Schumacher said, the bill eventually is
12 going to come due. Thank you.

13 MR. ROGAN: Regarding the Sewer
14 Authority sale, just very briefly, anyone
15 who has followed the seven years I have been
16 on council I have been in favor of this
17 before it was even a thought. I think the
18 most critical question and most critical
19 item us and the administration has is how to
20 use the proceeds in a way that benefits the
21 most taxpayers. Mr. Bulzoni mentioned some
22 options, I know we have all discussed it a
23 number of times at this meetings, and as
24 I've stated personally I would like to see a
25 number of our outstanding debt issues paid

1 off with those proceeds that can provide tax
2 relief to the residents of Scranton.

3 A number of the bond issues that
4 were -- that the city borrowed years
5 previous have dedicated millage to them so
6 as soon as they -- as soon as those bonds
7 get paid off that's a tax cut for the
8 residents of Scranton and that's the route
9 that I think we need to go in.

10 As I mentioned a couple of weeks
11 ago, it's great that the budget this year
12 doesn't have a tax increase, we finally were
13 able to stop the bleeding and now we need to
14 be able to move forward and have some
15 pro-business friendly and family friendly
16 policies that can reduce the tax burden on
17 the residents in Scranton.

18 So when those funds do come through
19 that's a large part of where I believe it
20 needs to go. Obviously, shoring up the
21 pensions is another big part of what we need
22 to do and by shoring up the pensions that
23 reduces or minimum payment which, again,
24 alleviates stress on the budget which would
25 benefit the taxpayers in the form of a

1 difference with the taxes.

2 And, finally, the infrastructure in
3 the city, as I have mentioned three times,
4 is in disrepair. As much as we would love
5 to use a very significant portion of these
6 funds for that, infrastructure repair
7 through these funds need to be very limited.
8 The majority of these funds need to be used
9 to create long-term sustained success for
10 the City of Scranton. Like I said, we are
11 paying off debt and shoring up our pensions
12 are two items that are sorely needed.

13 Regarding the storm water issue, it
14 is a large issue in the city and whether we
15 keep the Sewer Authority intact or it's
16 sold, it's still a storm water issue. The
17 fact that our storm water system is over 100
18 years old and many of the storm pipes and
19 sanitary pipes are combined is a major
20 issue. It's a violation of the federal law
21 though the Chesapeake Bay Act and they need
22 to be separated. When you get a heavy rain
23 there is discharge of raw sewage into the
24 Lackawanna river and that needs to be --
25 from an environmental standpoint and to

1 comply with federal law that needs to be
2 addressed whether the Sewer Authority says
3 intact or whether the city takes over the
4 storm water management. So that is very
5 large issue that's going to need be
6 addressed regarding this, but I do believe
7 that the positives regarding budgetary
8 relief for the taxpayers of Scranton will
9 outweigh any negatives of this deal.

10 MR. EVANS: My only comment, and I
11 will keep it to storm water, the only way to
12 truly resolve storm water is through the
13 sale of the SSA. That's the only way we are
14 going to get our hands on some money to
15 actually allow us to do some initiatives on
16 storm water. I would not be against money
17 in escrow, a certain amount of money, to
18 make sure that that happens. We are
19 responsible for storm water anyway, but if
20 we don't sell the Sewer Authority, the
21 Scranton Sewer Authority is under no
22 obligation to take care of our storm water
23 system, we are. That's our responsibility.
24 So, anyway, that's my two cents for tonight
25 and I'll talk more about this as we move

1 forward.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Just add to that, and
3 I understand everyone's concerns, but if you
4 look back at the report that was issued in
5 2013, before the sale was being talked
6 about, there was a recommendation in that
7 report that, and Mr. Evans is correct the
8 city owns the MS-IV permit so regardless of
9 any of this we are in charge of the storm
10 water management. However, historically we
11 haven't done much because we haven't had the
12 manpower or the wherewithal to do it. We
13 have relied on the Sewer Authority, so one
14 of the recommendations in the report was the
15 possibly transfer the MS-IV permit to the
16 Sewer authority, and we could have a debate
17 about that so there was another option that
18 was mentioned in that 2013 report that
19 things should have been explored a little
20 bit further. Thank you.

21 MR. WECHSLER: Fortunately for me,
22 my colleagues have pretty much said
23 everything I want to say about the storm
24 water issue. Echoing what Mr. Rogan said
25 and Mr. Evans, the storm water issue is

1 going to have to be addressed one way or the
2 another and because it's a federal mandate
3 so there is going to have be an investment
4 in the storm water system and I was
5 encouraged this evening there was a hint
6 that there may be an intergovernmental
7 cooperation on that, because as we look at
8 the city as a whole, it's the same
9 Lackawanna river that our water goes into,
10 so I would be anxious to make sure that our
11 Up Valley cities and our county are also
12 sharing the same concerns and perhaps we can
13 make some efficiencies by working with this
14 together instead of having separate
15 authorities up and down the Lackawanna river
16 so I am encouraged by that.

17 In reality though as we look at this
18 introduction of this ordinance. In order
19 for this to take place, we do have to move
20 this ahead this evening if we do want to
21 make benefit of this by the end of the year.
22 I will be voting for this this evening to
23 move it ahead, and in reality looking
24 forward at our budget and our future this
25 money is going to be needed for us to

1 satisfy the recovery plan and also to give
2 us that influx of the cash that we need to
3 do some of these projects that we looking
4 for. So no one likes to sell our assets,
5 but in this case this asset is here to help
6 the entire city. All those in favor of
7 introduction signify by saying aye.

8 MR. PERRY: Aye.

9 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

10 MR. EVANS: Aye.

11 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The
12 ayes have it and so moved.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: No.

14 MS. REED: 5-E. FOR INTRODUCTION -
15 AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL
16 NO. 21, 2011, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FILE OF
17 THE COUNCIL NO. 243, 2003 ENTITLED "ADOPTING
18 A COMPREHENSIVE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
19 ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON REGARDING
20 EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING, REAL ESTATE AND PUBLIC
21 ACCOMODATION'S INCLUDING PROCEDURES FOR
22 REDRESS OF VIOLATIONS" IN ORDER TO BE
23 CERTIFIED AS SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO THE
24 FAIR HOUSING ACT, AS AMENDED IN 1988, 42
25 U.S.C. §3601. ET SEQ., AND TO BE COMPLIANT

1 WITH RECOMMENDED BEST PRACTICES FROM THE
2 PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
3 ("PHRC").

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

7 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

8 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

12 MR. PERRY: Aye.

13 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

14 MR. EVANS: Aye.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

16 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The
17 ayes have it and so moved.

18 MS. REED: 5-F. FOR INTRODUCTION -
19 AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF
20 AN EVENT LICENSE TO ALLEVIATE THE DIRECT
21 EXPENSE TO PEDDLERS AND TO ALLOW FOR A MORE
22 EFFICIENT OPERATION OF VARIOUS EVENTS IN THE
23 CITY, AND IMPOSING AN EVENT LICENSE FEE
24 SCHEDULE. (EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE ATTACHED).

25 MR. WECHSLER: At this time, I'll

1 entertain a motion that Item 5-F be
2 introduced into its proper committee.

3 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

4 MR. EVANS: Second.

5 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?

6 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.

7 Unfortunately, I can't vote for this even
8 though I do agree with the reason that it's
9 being done. There is an event at the Mall
10 at Steamtown encompassing a lot of vendors
11 so they are trying to appease them, and I
12 totally understand that and I actually agree
13 with it. My "no" vote is going to be based on
14 the fact that the administration knew about
15 their concerns, they knew about the vendors
16 concerns for quite sometime and we are
17 getting this last second. It's coming down
18 with an emergency certificate. If someone
19 could explain to me the emergency, I'd love
20 to hear it. I think that we are setting a
21 bad precedent by pushing something through
22 in one night with an emergency certificate
23 attached when I don't see the emergency. I
24 see that it would be an inconvenience if we
25 didn't pass it but, again, I don't see the

1 emergency. So while I agree with it, I do
2 not agree with the way it is coming down to
3 us and I think based on principal alone I
4 cannot vote for this. So that's while I'll
5 be voting "no". Thank you.

6 MR. EVANS: On the question, I mean,
7 is this legislation perfect, not even close.
8 It's flawed, it's not what we anticipated
9 when met in the ad hoc committee, however,
10 it is the legislation before us, it's
11 helpful for this event that's happening this
12 weekend, and I will not vote against
13 something that would hurt a small business
14 community. I'm not going to do it. I'm not
15 happy that we had to get this all in one
16 reading, but we all agreed to do that
17 because we feel that it's that important to
18 show that the business community, especially
19 the small business community, that we are
20 with them 100 percent, so I will voting in
21 the affirmative.

22 MR. ROGAN: And I would concur with
23 Councilman Evans. I would like to thank him
24 for his efforts on this. I know it was well
25 over a month ago when he informed all of us

1 that this was going on and, you know,
2 although, I would always prefer to have
3 normal order when we have three readings to
4 pass a piece of legislation the mall has
5 been doing great, the improvements have been
6 -- everyone has really enjoyed what
7 Mr. Basalyga has done to the downtown. This
8 is another -- a holiday season shopping, so
9 if it was delayed by a week, obviously, you
10 know, Christmas is coming up. Not everyone
11 is like me, I wait until Christmas Eve to do
12 my shopping. Most responsibility people are
13 out there doing it now, but any time we help
14 the business community, small business
15 community in Scranton that is an emergency.
16 The business community in Scranton for
17 decades has been hurt and any time we can do
18 anything to help I will always vote in the
19 affirmative.

20 MR. EVANS: Also, if I can make
21 another comment, you know, I had this
22 discussion with the people involved and
23 members of the administration as well, the
24 plan is take this up again in January and
25 really look at this again when we have more

1 time to get it right, but now this is what
2 we have in front of us.

3 MR. PERRY: Yes, and the purpose of
4 this, as Councilman Evans just said, was to
5 get something on the table before us to make
6 sure that we were able to get these guys
7 their license just to operate. You know, we
8 are not here to hit small business up and I
9 that would just penalize them. As to the
10 level of emergency, well, to these people it
11 is. I don't see any reason to stand in
12 their way from their right to do business in
13 our city. That's what we are trying to
14 encourage so I'll be voting for it.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Again, I just want to
16 reiterate, I'm not against small business,
17 I'm not against what they are trying to do
18 with the mall, what I am against is the way
19 that they are doing this and, quite frankly,
20 we have known about this for quite sometime.
21 I agree with most of what Mr. Evans has said
22 but, I mean, this should have been down to
23 us weeks ago and the fact that this is
24 coming down last second and we are supposed
25 to push this thing through, as I said, based

1 on principal I don't think it's right and I
2 will not vote for it.

3 MR. WECHSLER: Yeah, unfortunately,
4 that's the way it is though, so we do have
5 to protect our small businesses and this is
6 going to be one of these first these type of
7 events, we want to have it managed properly.
8 We don't want any problems with permitting
9 or anything as the event is going on so we
10 don't want anything to disturb this event
11 because it is almost the -- even though it's
12 the second one it's a bigger and it's a
13 better event so in order to help out these
14 small businesses, and this is the way to do
15 it. In discussions with Maureen McWiggin on
16 this it's up to us to get it right. That's
17 what our job is to get it right. Even
18 though it may be late, it's up to us to get
19 it right so I'll be voting for it.

20 All those in favor of introduction
21 signify by saying aye.

22 MR. PERRY: Aye.

23 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

24 MR. EVANS: Aye.

25 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed?

1 MR. GAUGHAN: No.

2 MR. WECHSLER: The ayes have it and
3 so moved.

4 MR. EVANS: I make a motion to
5 suspend the rules and move Item 5-F to Sixth
6 and Seventh orders to be considered for
7 final passage based on the attached
8 emergency certificate.

9 MR. ROGAN: Second.

10 MR. WECHSLER: On the question? All
11 those in favor signify by saying aye.

12 MR. PERRY: Aye.

13 MR. EVANS: Aye.

14 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

15 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed?

16 MR. GAUGHAN: No.

17 MR. WECHSLER: The ayes have it and
18 so moved.

19 MS. REED: 5-G. FOR INTRODUCTION -
20 AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF
21 TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES
22 OF 2017 IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT
23 NOT TO EXCEED \$12,750,000.00; PROVIDING FOR
24 THE DATE, INTEREST RATE, MATURITY DATE,
25 REDEMPTION PROVISIONS, PAYMENT AND PLACE OF

1 PAYMENT IN RESPECT OF THE NOTES; ACCEPTING
2 THE PROPOSAL ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "B"
3 FROM THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION NAMED THEREIN
4 FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE NOTES; NAMING A
5 SINKING FUND DEPOSITARY/PAYING AGENT;
6 AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICERS OF THE CITY
7 TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER THE NOTES AND CERTAIN
8 OTHER DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATES IN
9 CONNECTION THEREWITH; AUTHORIZING AND
10 DIRECTING THE PREPARATION, CERTIFICATION AND
11 FILING OF THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS WITH THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC
13 DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF
14 PENNSYLVANIA; SETTING FORTH A FORM OF THE
15 NOTES.

16 MR. WECHSLER: At this time, I'll
17 entertain a motion that Item 5-G be
18 introduced into its proper committee.

19 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

20 MR. EVANS: Second.

21 MR. WECHSLER: On the question? All
22 those in favor of introduction signify by
23 saying aye.

24 MR. PERRY: Aye.

25 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

1 MR. EVANS: Aye.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

3 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The
4 ayes have it and so moved.

5 MS. REED: 5-H. FOR INTRODUCTION - A
6 RESOLUTION - ACCEPTING A ONE HUNDRED
7 (\$100.00) DOLLAR DONATION FROM MR. AND MRS.
8 RICHARD YOUNG PRESENTED TO THE CITY OF
9 SCRANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE K-9 UNIT.

10 MR. WECHSLER: At this time, I'll
11 entertain a motion that Item 5-H be
12 introduced into its proper committee.

13 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

14 MR. EVANS: Second.

15 MR. WECHSLER: On the question? All
16 those in favor of introduction signify by
17 saying aye.

18 MR. PERRY: Aye.

19 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

20 MR. EVANS: Aye.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

22 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The
23 ayes have it and so moved.

24 MS. REED: 5-I. FOR INTRODUCTION - A
25 RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER

1 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS FOR THE CITY OF
2 SCRANTON TO ENTER INTO A LOAN TO GRANT
3 AGREEMENT AND MAKE A LOAN/GRANT FROM THE
4 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COMMERCIAL
5 INDUSTRIAL REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM, PROJECT
6 NO. 150.38 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
7 \$35,000.00 TO DIVERSIFIED DISASTER RECOVERY
8 SERVICES, INC. TO ASSIST AN ELIGIBLE
9 PROJECT.

10 MR. WECHSLER: At this time, I'll
11 entertain a motion that Item 5-I be
12 introduced into its proper committee.

13 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

14 MR. EVANS: Second.

15 MR. WECHSLER: On the question? All
16 those in favor of introduction signify by
17 saying aye.

18 MR. PERRY: Aye.

19 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

20 MR. EVANS: Aye.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

22 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The
23 ayes have it and so moved.

24 MS. REED: 5-J. FOR INTRODUCTION - A
25 RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF BURT SCHWARTZ,

1 430 COLFAX AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA,
2 18510 AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE
3 SCRANTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY EFFECTIVE
4 NOVEMBER 16, 2016. MR. SCHWARTZ WILL BE
5 REPLACING JONATHON KRIEGER WHO RESIGNED
6 EFFECTIVE AUGUST 5, 2016. MR. SCHWARTZ WILL
7 FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF MR. KRIEGER WHOSE
8 TERM IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE ON FEBRUARY 5,
9 2020.

10 MR. WECHSLER: At this time, I'll
11 entertain a motion that Item 5-J be
12 introduced into its proper committee.

13 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

14 MR. EVANS: Second.

15 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?

16 MR. PERRY: On the question, I
17 served on that board with Mr. Krieger and he
18 was a heck of a guy and he worked hard and I
19 wish him well and welcome aboard Mr.
20 Schwartz.

21 All those in favor of introduction
22 signify by saying aye.

23 MR. PERRY: Aye.

24 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

25 MR. EVANS: Aye.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

2 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The
3 ayes have it and so moved.

4 MS. REED: 5-K. FOR INTRODUCTION -
5 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
6 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE
7 AND ENTER INTO A MASTER EQUIPMENT LEASE
8 AGREEMENT LEASE NO. 5981 BETWEEN THE CITY OF
9 SCRANTON AND BANK CAPITAL SERVICES, LLC
10 D/B/A F.N.B COMMERCIAL LEASING FOR THE LEASE
11 OF A 2017 KME PUMPER TRUCK FOR THE SCRANTON
12 FIRE DEPARTMENT.

13 MR. WECHSLER: At this time, I'll
14 entertain a motion that Item 5-K be
15 introduced into its proper committee.

16 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

17 MR. EVANS: Second.

18 MR. WECHSLER: On the question? All
19 those in favor of introduction signify by
20 saying aye.

21 MR. PERRY: Aye.

22 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

23 MR. EVANS: Aye.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

25 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The

1 ayes have it and so moved.

2 MS. REED: 5-L. FOR INTRODUCTION -
3 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
4 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE
5 AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HIGHLAND
6 ASSOCIATES LTD. FOR PROFESSIONAL
7 ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR
8 CITY OF SCRANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT FACILITIES
9 RENOVATIONS.

10 MR. WECHSLER: At this time, I'll
11 entertain a motion that Item 5-L be
12 introduced into its proper committee.

13 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

14 MR. EVANS: Second.

15 MR. WECHSLER: On the question? All
16 those in favor of introduction signify by
17 saying aye.

18 MR. PERRY: Aye.

19 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

20 MR. EVANS: Aye.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

22 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The
23 ayes have it and so moved.

24 MS. REED: 5-M. FOR INTRODUCTION - A
25 RESOLUTION - ACCEPTING A DONATION OF FIVE

1 THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) DOLLARS FROM GEISINGER
2 HEALTH SYSTEM PRESENTED TO THE CITY OF
3 SCRANTON TO COVER THE COST OF FIREWORKS AT
4 NAY AUG PARK.

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

8 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

9 MR. EVANS: Second.

10 MR. WECHSLER: On the question? All
11 those in favor of introduction signify by
12 saying aye.

13 MR. PERRY: Aye.

14 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

15 MR. EVANS: Aye.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

17 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The
18 ayes have it and so moved.

19 MS. REED: 5-N. FOR INTRODUCTION - A
20 RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
21 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO ACCEPT REVENUE
22 FROM THE SCRANTON SEWER AUTHORITY
23 TRANSACTION TO BE DEPOSITED INTO
24 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES, SALE OF ASSETS
25 ACCOUNT.

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

4 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

5 MR. EVANS: Second.

6 MR. WECHSLER: On the question? All
7 those in favor of introduction signify by
8 saying aye.

9 MR. PERRY: Aye.

10 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

11 MR. EVANS: Aye.

12 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed?

13 MR. GAUGHAN: No.

14 MR. WECHSLER: The ayes have it and
15 so moved.

16 MS. REED: 5-0. FOR INTRODUCTION - A
17 RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
18 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND
19 ENTER INTO AN ASSIGNMENT OF EASEMENT BY AND
20 BETWEEN THE CITY OF SCRANTON ("ASSIGNOR")
21 AND THE SEWER AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF
22 SCRANTON ("ASSIGNEE") WHICH EASEMENTS
23 CONSTITUTE PART OF ASSIGNEE'S SANITARY SEWER
24 SYSTEM.

25 MR. WECHSLER: At this time, I'll

1 entertain a motion that Item 5-0 be
2 introduced into its proper committee.

3 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

4 MR. EVANS: Second.

5 MR. WECHSLER: On the question? All
6 those in favor of introduction signify by
7 saying aye.

8 MR. PERRY: Aye.

9 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

10 MR. EVANS: Aye.

11 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed?

12 MR. GAUGHAN: No.

13 MR. WECHSLER: The ayes have it and
14 so moved.

15 MS. REED: 5-P. FOR INTRODUCTION -
16 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF
17 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY
18 OF SCRANTON ("APPLICANT") TO SIGN THE
19 APPLICANT'S AUTHORIZATION FOR AGENT
20 ("AECOM") TO APPLY FOR A HIGHWAY OCCUPANCY
21 PERMIT TO AUTHORIZE THE AECOM ("AGENT")
22 PERMIT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for the
24 Committee on Public Works --

25 MS. REED: Excuse me, Mr. Gaughan.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: Oh, I'm sorry, we're
2 still in Fifth Order. Oh, I need to make a
3 motion, that's right.

4 MS. REED: 5-P.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: I'd like to make a
6 motion to amend Item 5-P as follows: Amend
7 the summary title to read, "Authorizing the
8 Director of the Department of Public Works
9 of the City of Scranton applicant to sign
10 the applicant's authorization for agent
11 AECOM to apply for a highway occupancy
12 permit on behalf of the city."

13 MR. ROGAN: Second.

14 MS. REED: Excuse me.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Oh, sorry, I still had
16 more. Amend the, "Now, therefore," clause
17 to read, "Now, therefore, be it resolved by
18 the Council of the City of Scranton that the
19 Director of the Department of Public Works
20 is authorized to sign the applicant's
21 authorization for agent to apply for a
22 highway occupancy permit on behalf of the
23 city."

24 MR. ROGAN: Second.

25 MR. WECHSLER: There's a motion on

1 the floor to amend Item 5-B, is there a
2 second? On the question? All those in
3 favor signify by saying aye.

4 MR. PERRY: Aye.

5 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

6 MR. EVANS: Aye.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

10 At this time I'll entertain a motion
11 that Item 5-P, as amended, be introduced
12 into its proper committee.

13 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

14 MR. EVANS: Second.

15 MR. WECHSLER: On the question? All
16 those in favor of introduction signify by
17 saying aye.

18 MR. PERRY: Aye.

19 MR. EVANS: Aye.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

21 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

22 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The
23 ayes have it and so moved.

24 MS. REED: 5-Q. FOR INTRODUCTION -
25 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND

1 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE
2 THE CO-APPLICANT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN
3 PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES ("LANDOWNER") AND
4 CITY OF SCRANTON ("LOCAL GOVERNMENT") FOR A
5 HIGHWAY OCCUPANCY PERMIT FOR ENCLOSED
6 SURFACE STORM WATER FACILITIES.

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

10 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

11 MR. EVANS: Second.

12 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?
13 I've never been on "Q" before.

14 MR. EVANS: I was thinking that.

15 MR. ROGAN: Let's try for "Z" next
16 week.

17 MR. WECHSLER: All those in favor of
18 introduction signify by saying aye.

19 MR. PERRY: Aye.

20 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

21 MR. EVANS: Aye.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

23 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The
24 ayes have it and so moved.

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

1 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.
2 65, 2016 - AN ORDINANCE - APPROPRIATING
3 FUNDS FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE CITY
4 GOVERNMENT FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE
5 FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2017 TO AND INCLUDING
6 DECEMBER 31, 2017 BY THE ADOPTION OF THE
7 GENERAL CITY OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE YEAR
8 2017.

9 MR. WECHSLER: You've heard reading
10 by title of Item 6-A, what is your pleasure?

11 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-A
12 pass reading by title.

13 MR. EVANS: Second.

14 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.
16 I'll be voting on this tonight to move it to
17 final passage. I'd like to thank
18 Mr. Bulzoni for coming to our caucus
19 tonight. I think he did a good job of
20 explaining certain aspects of the budget and
21 I appreciate his candor and his
22 professionalism, and any time I have had to
23 deal with him he has been nothing but
24 professional. So, again, I thank him for
25 coming.

1 from the administration that we have made
2 financial gains and that's pretty clear. I
3 do still have some concerns over salary
4 increases, number one. If you look at the
5 way that it was done they are talking about
6 equilibrium and I think there is no such
7 thing as equilibrium with what they did.
8 It's for key non-union positions. So,
9 again, I think that creates dissension in
10 the ranks and, quite frankly, if you are not
11 happy with your job because you can't get a
12 raise I know a hundred people right off the
13 bat that would love to have a job in city
14 hall and take the health care, so I don't
15 really agree with the sentiment that we
16 should be that concerned about giving out
17 raises when we are a distressed city and we
18 have all of the budgetary issues that we
19 have.

20 The additional positions that are
21 added, in some respects I think are
22 unnecessary. I will go into that in more
23 detail next week, and I do think there is a
24 concern about again being over budget if you
25 look at what PEL had presented with

1 personnel costs, we're over on that and
2 there are notable increases in
3 non-departmental and departmental
4 expenditures of nearly 30 percent.

5 And the other thing that causes
6 pause for me is almost a \$2 million increase
7 in health care costs and, again, Mr. Bulzoni
8 talked about possibly lowering that when we
9 are going out shopping for health care
10 insurance, but it still causes pause and is
11 a huge concern, and I'll have more next week
12 on that. Thank you.

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

15 MR. PERRY: Aye.

16 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

17 MR. EVANS: Aye.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

21 MS. REED: 6-B - FORMERLY 5-F -
22 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF COUNCIL NO.
23 70-2016 - AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE
24 CREATION OF AN EVENT LICENSE TO ALLEVIATE
25 THE DIRECT EXPENSE TO PEDDLERS AND TO ALLOW

1 FOR A MORE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF VARIOUS
2 EVENTS IN THE CITY, AND IMPOSING AN EVENT
3 LICENSE FEE SCHEDULE. (EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE
4 ATTACHED).

5 MR. WECHSLER: You've heard reading
6 by title of Item 6-B, what is your pleasure?

7 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-B
8 pass reading by title.

9 MR. EVANS: Second.

10 MR. WECHSLER: On the question? All
11 those in favor signify by saying aye.

12 MR. PERRY: Aye.

13 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

14 MR. EVANS: Aye.

15 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed?

16 MR. GAUGHAN: No.

17 MR. WECHSLER: The ayes have it and
18 so moved.

19 MR. ROGAN: I make a motion --

20 MS. REED: SEVENTH ORDER.

21 MR. ROGAN: I make a motion to table
22 Item 7-A.

23 MR. EVANS: Second.

24 MR. WECHSLER: There's a motion on
25 floor and a second to table Item 7-A, on the

1 question?

2 MR. ROGAN: Yes, this is the
3 contractor's legislation that we discussed
4 earlier tonight.

5 MR. WECHSLER: All those in favor
6 signify by saying aye.

7 MR. PERRY: Aye.

8 MR. EVANS: Aye.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

10 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

11 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The
12 ayes have it and so moved.

13 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION BY
14 THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION -
15 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 64, 2016 - CREATING
16 AND ESTABLISHING SPECIAL CITY ESCROW ACCOUNT
17 NO. 02.229621 ENTITLED "WM. SCRANTON
18 CHARITABLE TRUST" TO ACCEPT FUNDS TO BE
19 RECEIVED FROM THE WILLIAM AND MARY SCRANTON
20 CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST STATEMENT (CRUT)
21 FOR "TREES, SHRUBS AND FLOWERS IN HONOR OF
22 MARY L. SCRANTON".

23 MR. WECHSLER: What is the
24 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
25 Committee on Finance?

1 MR. EVANS: As Chairperson for the
2 Committee on Finance, I recommend final
3 passage of Item 7-B.

4 MR. ROGAN: Second.

5 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?
6 Roll call, please?

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

8 MR. PERRY: Yes.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

10 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

12 MR. EVANS: Yes.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

16 MR. WECHSLER: Yes. I hereby
17 declare Item 7-B legally and lawfully
18 adopted.

19 MS. REED: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION
20 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - FOR
21 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 85, 2016 -
22 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
23 CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A
24 CONTRACT WITH TALLEY PETROLEUM ENTERPRISES,
25 INC. TO PROVIDE 80,000 GALLONS (MORE OR

1 LESS) LOW SULFUR DIESEL FUEL TO THE CITY OF
2 SCRANTON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE
3 PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31,
4 2017.

5 MR. WECHSLER: What is the
6 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
7 Committee on Public Works?

8 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for the
9 Committee on Public Works, I recommend final
10 passage of Item 7-C.

11 MR. ROGAN: Second.

12 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?
13 Roll call, please?

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

15 MR. PERRY: Yes.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

17 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

18 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

19 MR. EVANS: Yes.

20 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

22 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

23 MR. WECHSLER: Yes. I hereby
24 declare Item 7-C legally and lawfully
25 adopted.

1 MS. REED: 7-D. FOR CONSIDERATION
2 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - FOR
3 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 86, 2016 -
4 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
5 CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A
6 CONTRACT WITH DENAPLES TOWING, INC. TO
7 PROVIDE TOWING SERVICES FOR CITY OWNED
8 VEHICLES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2017
9 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017.

10 MR. WECHSLER: What is the
11 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
12 Committee on Public Works?

13 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for the
14 Committee on Public Works, I recommend final
15 passage of Item 7-D.

16 MR. ROGAN: Second.

17 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?
18 Roll call, please?

19 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

20 MR. PERRY: Yes.

21 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

22 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

23 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

24 MR. EVANS: Yes.

25 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

2 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

3 MR. WECHSLER: Yes. I hereby
4 declare Item 7-D legally and lawfully
5 adopted.

6 MS. REED: 7-E. FOR CONSIDERATION BY
7 THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - FOR
8 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 87, 2016 -
9 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
10 CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO AN
11 AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN TYLER
12 TECHNOLOGIES, INC. ("TYLER") AND LACKAWANNA
13 COUNTY 911 ("CLIENT") TO ADD THE CITY OF
14 SCRANTON TO THE AGREEMENT AS AN AUTHORIZED
15 AFFILIATED AGENCY.

16 MR. WECHSLER: What is the
17 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
18 Committee on Public Safety?

19 MR. PERRY: As Chairperson for the
20 Committee on Public Safety, I recommend
21 final passage of Item 7-E.

22 MR. ROGAN: Second.

23 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?
24 Roll call, please?

25 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

1 MR. PERRY: Yes.

2 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

3 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

5 MR. EVANS: Yes.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

9 MR. WECHSLER: Yes. I hereby
10 declare Item 7-E legally and lawfully
11 adopted.

12 MS. REED: 7-F. FOR CONSIDERATION
13 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - FOR
14 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 88, 2016 -
15 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
16 CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A
17 GOVERNMENT OBLIGATION CONTRACT BETWEEN
18 MUNICIPAL LEASING CONSULTANTS, LLC (OBLIGEE)
19 AND THE CITY OF SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA
20 (OBLIGOR) FOR THE PURCHASE OF POLICE RECORDS
21 MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON
22 POLICE DEPARTMENT.

23 MR. WECHSLER: What is the
24 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
25 Committee on Public Safety?

1 MR. PERRY: As Chair for the
2 Committee on Public Safety, I recommend
3 final passage of Item 7-F.

4 MR. ROGAN: Second.

5 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?
6 Roll call, please?

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

8 MR. PERRY: Yes.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

10 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

12 MR. EVANS: Yes.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

16 MR. WECHSLER: Yes. I hereby
17 declare Item 7-F legally and lawfully
18 adopted.

19 MS. REED: 7-G. FOR CONSIDERATION
20 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - FOR
21 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 89, 2016 -
22 AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT
23 OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO
24 SIGN AND SUBMIT THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT
25 OF TRANSPORTATION ("PENNDOT") APPLICATIONS

1 FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL APPROVAL FOR THE
2 INSTALLATION AND/OR MODIFICATION OF THE
3 EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT THE
4 INTERSECTIONS LISTED BELOW AS PART OF A
5 PENNDOT ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

6 Excuse me, I failed to insert on
7 Resolution No. 89, 2016, as amended.

8 MR. WECHSLER: What is the
9 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
10 Committee on Public Works?

11 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for the
12 Committee on Public Works, I recommend final
13 passage of Item 7-G, as amended.

14 MR. ROGAN: Second.

15 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?
16 Roll call, please?

17 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

18 MR. PERRY: Yes.

19 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

20 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

21 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

22 MR. EVANS: Yes.

23 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

25 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

1 MR. WECHSLER: Yes. I hereby
2 declare Item 7-G, as amended, legally and
3 lawfully adopted.

4 If anyone would like to address
5 council on the emergency legislation you can
6 could do at this time?

7 MS. SCHUMACHER: Yes, I'm sorry, I
8 didn't have an opportunity to come in and
9 look at the backup to all of this stuff
10 tonight, but who is the event licensee and I
11 don't understand why we need this? I mean,
12 this event has been held -- last year it was
13 held at the Steamtown Mall. The year before
14 it was on the courthouse square.

15 MR. EVANS: Scranton Made is what I
16 think the sponsor is, and it's a license for
17 the event holder, so what this is doing is
18 allowing the person that runs the event to
19 have a blanket license for all of vendors
20 instead of having all of these individual
21 vendors get their own license.

22 MS. SCHUMACHER: So what was held
23 last year and the year before that was
24 illegal?

25 MR. EVANS: Yeah, I think each

1 vendor had to get their own license, which
2 is a very cumbersome process, and they have
3 to determine which ones are eligible, which
4 ones are not eligible, you know, so this --

5 MS. SCHUMACHER: And that was done
6 last year and the year before?

7 MR. EVANS: I'm sure it was, yeah.

8 MR. WECHSLER: They may have had
9 licenses, they may have not.

10 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay, thank you.

11 MS. REED: 7-H - FORMERLY 6-B - FOR
12 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY
13 DEVELOPMENT - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF THE
14 COUNCIL NO. 70-2016 - AN ORDINANCE -
15 AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF AN EVENT LICENSE
16 TO ALLEVIATE THE DIRECT EXPENSE TO PEDDLERS
17 AND TO ALLOW FOR A MORE EFFICIENT OPERATION
18 OF VARIOUS EVENTS IN THE CITY, AND IMPOSING
19 AN EVENT LICENSE FEE SCHEDULE. (EMERGENCY
20 CERTIFICATE ATTACHED).

21 MR. WECHSLER: What is the
22 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
23 Committee on Community Development?

24 MR. ROGAN: As Chair for the
25 Committee on Community Development, I

1 recommend final passage of Item 7-H.

2 MR. EVANS: Second.

3 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?

4 Roll call, please?

5 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

6 MR. PERRY: Yes.

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

8 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

10 MR. EVANS: Yes.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: No.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

14 MR. WECHSLER: Yes. I hereby

15 declare Item 7-H legally and lawfully

16 adopted.

17 If there is no further business,

18 I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

19 MR. ROGAN: Motion to adjourn.

20 MR. WECHSLER: Meeting 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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