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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

Thursday, July 17, 2014

LOCATION:

Council Chambers

Scranton City Hall

340 North Washington Avenue

Scranton, Pennsylvania

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

ROBERT MCGOFF, PRESIDENT  
(Not present)

PATRICK ROGAN, VICE-PRESIDENT

JOSEPH WECHSLER

WILLIAM GAUGHAN

LORI REED, CITY CLERK

KATHY CARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

AMIL MINORA, SOLICITOR

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

3 MR. ROGAN: Roll call, please.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

5 MR. WECHSLER: Here.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

7 MR. ROGAN: Here.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: Here.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

11 MR. ROGAN: Mr. McGoff was unable to  
12 attend tonight's meeting due to a procedure  
13 he had, an unplanned procedure he had to  
14 have done. He is doing well and he did  
15 phone into our office so we looking forward  
16 to his return next week.

17 I would like to make a motion to  
18 appoint Councilman Gaughan as temporary  
19 chair for the Committee on Public Safety.

20 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

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

23 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

24 Mr. GAUGHAN: Aye.

25 MR. ROGAN: Aye. The ayes have it

1 and so moved.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: I make a motion to  
3 appoint Council Rogan temporary chair for  
4 the Committee on Rules.

5 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

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

8 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

9 Mr. GAUGHAN: Aye.

10 MR. ROGAN: Aye. The ayes have it  
11 and so moved. Please dispense with the  
12 reading of the minutes.

13 MS. REED: THIRD ORDER. 3-A. AUDIT  
14 STATUS RECEIVED FROM ROBERT ROSSI & CO. ON  
15 JULY 10, 2014.

16 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?  
17 If not, received and filed.

18 MS. REED: 3-B. MINUTES OF THE  
19 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF SCRANTON  
20 HOUSING AUTHORITY HELD JUNE 2, 2014.

21 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?  
22 If not, received and filed.

23 MS. REED: 3-C. TAX ASSESSOR'S  
24 REPORT FOR THE HEARING DATE TO BE HELD JULY  
25 23, 2014.

1 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?  
2 If not, received and filed.

3 MS. REED: 3-D. BREAKDOWN OF THE  
4 ELIGIBLE SALARIES FOR THE LIQUID FUELS  
5 ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTHS OF APRIL, MAY, AND  
6 JUNE, 2014.

7 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?  
8 If not, received and filed.

9 Do any council members have  
10 announcements to make?

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, I have. Jeff and  
12 Traci Reese and their three children lost  
13 their home to fire on May 20. There will be  
14 a spaghetti dinner to benefit the Reese  
15 family at the Villa Maria at 1610 Washburn  
16 Street in Scranton on the July 20 from 5 to  
17 8 p.m. Tickets will be available at the  
18 door for \$10. The donations of items to be  
19 raffled are being accepted along with  
20 monetary donations to help the family. To  
21 make a donation or a purchase tickets in  
22 advance contact Kevin at 570-351-1762.  
23 That's all I have. Thank you.

24 MR. ROGAN: There be will a  
25 fundraiser for the family of former DPW

1 employee Dick Slocum, who just passed this  
2 week, at the Farr Street Tavern this  
3 Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m.

4 First speaker is Paul Kaymar.

5 MR. KAYMAR: Good evening.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: Good evening.

7 MR. KAYMAR: My name is Paul Kaymar,  
8 I'm a nonresident of Scranton, a resident of  
9 Duryea, Pennsylvania, I want to talk briefly  
10 about my opposition to the commuter tax  
11 that's being discussed and may be introduced  
12 as an ordinance. I don't have a lot of  
13 prepared remarks, but this is from the  
14 heart.

15 I'm here before the council here  
16 today to talk about what you are discussing  
17 as far as the commuter tax, a tax that I  
18 personally believe and strongly believe is  
19 basically imposing tax without our consent.  
20 As a non-resident of the City of Scranton we  
21 have no vote and we have no voice except for  
22 today, and I want to thank city council for  
23 suspending their -- the Rules of Council's  
24 chamber to let non-residents speak. But my  
25 concern is what happens to our voice after

1           tonight or after if this ordinance is ever  
2           passed? Again, as a non-resident there is  
3           no ability to vote. There is no ability or  
4           a voice to say whether it's right or wrong.  
5           You are asking us to pay for pension  
6           deficits that have been around since at  
7           least the 1980's, at that time at least the  
8           late 1980's, and is consistently resulted in  
9           a distressed city and the distressed  
10          pension.

11                         Imposing taxes without our consent  
12           is a fundamental violation of American  
13           principles. It's what our country was  
14           founded on. We just celebrated our  
15           Independence Day, July 4, based on freedom  
16           and the ability to say yes or no to our  
17           representatives and to say yes or no to  
18           taxes. Every tax I pay, whether it's real  
19           estate or income tax or school tax comes  
20           with a cost to government and that cost to  
21           government is a right to vote or a voice.

22                         If you impose this tax on us, that's  
23           fine, that's up to you, that's your  
24           decision, but don't take away my right to  
25           say yes or no to what's decided in the

1 pension boards or on city council. If you  
2 are going to take money out of my paycheck  
3 and take money out of my family's funds, I  
4 would like or at least have some type of  
5 fair and equitable representation on the  
6 pension board at a minimum because if we are  
7 helping pay for the pension, we should be  
8 participants in that, just like any other  
9 city resident has that same right. I'm  
10 asking for that right as well if you do, in  
11 fact, pass this commuter tax.

12 This is not about the City of  
13 Scranton's finance, it's about fundamental  
14 American principles about no taxation  
15 without representation. This was challenged  
16 in County Court and lost in the past, and I  
17 think it will be challenged again and lost in  
18 the future because what we just did was  
19 pledge to the flag of the United States of  
20 America and it represents something. As one  
21 of the largest cities in this state you can take  
22 a stand and say, hey, we understand what  
23 America is all about and what we stand on  
24 and what our principles are.

25 So I ask kindly that you consider



1 not passing this commuter tax for  
2 non-residents since we do not have a right  
3 to vote or a right to fair and equal  
4 representation. Thank you for your time.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you.

6 MR. ROGAN: The next speaker is  
7 Gerard Hetman.

8 MR. HETMAN: Good evening, Council.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: Good evening.

10 MR. HETMAN: Gerard Hetman,  
11 Lackawanna County's Community Relations  
12 Department. To begin this evening, the  
13 Lackawanna County Department of Arts and  
14 Culture has their 2015 Community Arts and  
15 Culture Grant Program now open for  
16 applications. Community Arts and Culture  
17 Grants are grants that can be applied for in  
18 the amounts of up to \$3,000, not exceeding  
19 \$3,000, to be used by individual artists as  
20 well as community groups and other art based  
21 groups such as cultural society or possibly  
22 a band or music group to produce arts and  
23 culture programming in Lackawanna County in  
24 the 2015 calendar year. The deadline to  
25 apply for the grant is Friday, October 10,

1 and I will leave a sample copy of the grant  
2 application and handbook with Ms. Reed for  
3 reference in the council office if anyone  
4 should be asked about the grants or which to  
5 inquire more about them.

6 And, of course, the applications as  
7 well as handbook are available on the  
8 Lackawanna County website at  
9 LackawannaCounty.org. It's a program that  
10 we see a broad range of applicants for from  
11 musicians, which do community concert  
12 series, up to individual artists doing  
13 community art projects, murals, sculptures,  
14 as well to produce art exhibits and other  
15 programming related to arts and culture. No  
16 limit increase with these applications  
17 certainly so everyone is welcome to apply.

18 Second, three upcoming community  
19 events related to the Arts and Culture and  
20 Parks and Rec Department. The first two  
21 will be taking place at McDade Park. The  
22 Art in the Park date for McDade will be on  
23 Tuesday, July 29, 10 a.m. to noon in the  
24 first pavilion at McDade Park. It's a free  
25 day of arts and cultural programming in the

1 morning for children and accompanying  
2 adults. We do this at each of the four  
3 county parks. It was very popular. We have  
4 free refreshments. It's a great date out  
5 for kids. If the grandparents have children  
6 for the day or something to do with the kids  
7 outside of the school everyone is more than  
8 welcome.

9 And then, also, McDade will host  
10 it's family fun day date on Sunday, August  
11 10 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. It's kind of an  
12 open house at the park, a chance for the  
13 Parks and Rec Department of Lackawanna  
14 County to thank everyone that comes out and  
15 to make all of our parks the great assets  
16 that they are in the community. They serve  
17 refreshments that are donated by the local  
18 businesses, and they will also have some  
19 face painters, a couple of the other  
20 entertainers. Champ, who is live for the  
21 Rail Riders. A good day to be out in the  
22 park and for the community.

23 And then Arts Engage Day, which is  
24 done in conjunction with the Lackawanna  
25 County Library System, takes place at the

1 Electric City Trolley Museum on Friday,  
2 August 1, from 10 a.m. to noon. Again, arts  
3 and culture hands activities for children.  
4 They also give free trolley rides. The  
5 stipulation is the children have to have a  
6 library card from the Lackawanna County  
7 Library system to attend.

8 And last, the 3-on-3 basketball  
9 tournament run by Lackawanna County each  
10 year will take place August 1st through 3rd  
11 on the streets here in downtown Scranton.  
12 This is an event that we see a lot of  
13 participation, and some members of the  
14 council in the past. I believe it's one of  
15 that people wait typically until the last  
16 week of the tournament to register for.  
17 There is nothing wrong with that, we just  
18 want to let folks know that they haven't  
19 missed the deadline. I know a lot of teams  
20 register right at the very end. They just  
21 have to go to [LackawannaCounty.org](http://LackawannaCounty.org). Right  
22 on our home page you will find the  
23 application form, more than welcome to  
24 submit it.

25 At just a reminder with that, we

1           thank everyone who cooperates with the  
2           street closures. The event gets great  
3           feedback from participants and a lot of  
4           businesses and residents downtown to do  
5           this. That will be the third year the  
6           tournament is held downtown, but the 100 and  
7           200 blocks of Wyoming Avenue as well as  
8           Spruce Street and the intersection at North  
9           Washington up to Oakford Court that runs  
10          back of Bank Towers will be closed from  
11          Friday morning, August 1, through Sunday  
12          afternoon, August 3, to accommodate the  
13          tournament. Again, some may not be aware of  
14          that, we'll share that information on social  
15          media, on our website, and again, we thank  
16          everyone for cooperating because we know  
17          it's a little bit of inconvenience, but we  
18          think the program is produces is a great  
19          value to downtown, to our area, to our  
20          participants.

21                        Last thing I just want to let folks  
22                        know, this came up two years ago and  
23                        apparently they are back by popular demand.  
24                        The producers of the television show on the  
25                        History Channel, American Pickers, contacted

1           our office recently to let us know that they  
2           will be in the area looking for anyone's  
3           antiques that may be of interest to them.  
4           They have left us a complete list here of  
5           their most coveted items and pretty much  
6           anything that might qualify as an antique in  
7           folk's home they are looking, exceptions are  
8           mostly agricultural-related equipment such  
9           as tractors, combines things that you  
10          probably wouldn't have as city residents.

11                   The information, if anyone wants to  
12           contact the producers to offer their items,  
13           they can e-mail American Pickers at  
14           Cineflix.com. That's C-I-N-E-F-L-I-X dot com  
15           at the end of the e-mail. And their phone  
16           numbers if 1-855-OLDRUST, spelled as it  
17           looks there. 1-855-OLDRUST. So I know last  
18           time they did hit some houses in the Hill  
19           Section and South Scranton and made several  
20           stops, so you never know one of your  
21           neighbors may be on the History Channel  
22           sometimes. That's all I have for this  
23           evening.

24                   MR. ROGAN: Mr. Hetman, just while  
25           are you here --

1 MR. HETMAN: Sure.

2 MR. ROGAN: Did the county  
3 commissioners reply or give any thoughts on  
4 the letter city council sit opposing the  
5 commissioners subsidizing the halfway house  
6 in South Scranton.

7 MR. HETMAN: Yes, absolutely. The  
8 letter, we did work on that a little bit  
9 this week with the Lackawanna County and  
10 Susquehanna Office of Drug and Alcohol  
11 programs. If the letter hasn't reached the  
12 council chambers yet, I would say tomorrow  
13 it will be probably at the latest with the  
14 weekend mail it should be there.

15 MR. ROGAN: Thank you.

16 MR. HETMAN: Not a problem. That  
17 will explain the situation with that  
18 situation, but the arrangement will give you  
19 a clear picture of that and after that feel  
20 free to contact us with any follow-up  
21 questions.

22 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Thank you  
23 very much.

24 MR. HETMAN: Thank you.

25 MR. ROGAN: Matthew Ford.

1 MR. FORD: Thank you,  
2 Mr. Chairperson, members of council and  
3 attendees, I appreciate the opportunity to  
4 speak tonight. I'm a non-resident as well  
5 from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and I  
6 commute five days a week to my job on Keyser  
7 Avenue at Jerry Donahue State Farm Office up  
8 there, and I'm also opposed to the proposed  
9 commuter tax. I heard about it on the radio  
10 yesterday, I apologize, I didn't have a ton  
11 of time to look into the matter. I do  
12 contend that it is very legal to do. We  
13 have seen in Hazelton and Allentown the  
14 commuter tax can be imposed, but I do stress  
15 the results of Hazelton, it has been a  
16 distressed city even longer than Scranton  
17 with regard to their city pension. They  
18 have had the commuter tax in effect for 30  
19 years now, it has not made a difference.  
20 They are still in a distressed situation.

21 You guys have attacked the budget  
22 problem in a number of different, raised  
23 property taxes, garbage fee, rental  
24 registration fees, local taxes, school  
25 taxes, length of meter hours, none of this



1 has helped the problem. Now you have  
2 syphoned you own population own population  
3 you want to grab on the outside of the city,  
4 too, but the true problem is two-fold. The  
5 first is very simple, it's a spending issue,  
6 your spending has raised over the last three  
7 years consecutively, regardless of the fact  
8 that you are in a budget crises. We have to  
9 curb the excess spending, and more  
10 importantly, simple corruption within the  
11 local government.

12 The second and more important is  
13 that long ago it was lost, the true value of  
14 a community is actually its citizens, and  
15 they are the most valuable asset a municipal  
16 actually has. If you want to increase the  
17 revenue, don't raise the taxes, raise the  
18 wage. This indirectly will both raise the  
19 wages and lower the burden of social  
20 programs that drains the coffers of the  
21 local establishments.

22 Once you raise the wages, citizens  
23 are going to want to live in Scranton. They  
24 are going to be able to purchase things.  
25 That in turn is going to bring the

1 businesses which will be broaden your tax  
2 base and an increase revenue to the city.

3 I beg council to stop putting the  
4 weight of the city on the backs of the poor  
5 and the elderly, and now communities outside  
6 their own and instead I urge you to empower  
7 your own community by giving them the  
8 opportunity to better their lives and their  
9 community and indirectly with their help you  
10 fix the city. And I yield the remainder of  
11 my time. Thank you.

12 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Bill  
13 Jackowitz.

14 MR. JACKOWITZ: Good evening,  
15 Scranton City Council, Kathy, Stenographer,  
16 Lori, Amil. First of all, you know, we have  
17 been here before several times. Do we  
18 really think a 30 percent property tax  
19 increase over the next three years tripling  
20 the local service tax, do we really think  
21 that that's going to help the City of  
22 Scranton or is going to hurt the City of  
23 Scranton?

24 And also the commuter tax, you know,  
25 like the speaker before me said, we have

1           been to Court about this and the city lost.  
2           I mean, it seems like we are trying to do  
3           the same things, selling the Sewer Authority  
4           again, trying to auction off the dilapidated  
5           parking garages we have that need like 10 to  
6           15 million worth of repairs.

7                        I mean, years ago I started the  
8           Legion of Doom. I hate to say this, but the  
9           Legion of Doom is actually accurate on  
10          everything that we spoke about over the last  
11          17 years. Everything that was predicted  
12          actually has come true and the city has  
13          found themselves in the position that we are  
14          in now, and I just feel that if we implement  
15          all of these proposals that are out on the  
16          table right now, I actually, feel it's going  
17          to hurt the city because more people are  
18          going to leave the city, less people are  
19          going to want to come to the city, and most  
20          importantly, there will be less people who  
21          really want to live in the City of Scranton.

22                        So I really hope that we take the  
23          time this time to really drill into this  
24          matter and see what's best for the city and  
25          for the residents especially the senior

1 citizens and the taxpayers. I mean, they  
2 are the most important people because they  
3 are the ones that have to pay the bills,  
4 okay?

5 Now, as far as the pension plan  
6 goes, how a pension plan got into the mess  
7 that it got into I have no explanation for  
8 it. Like, I don't have any explanation how  
9 the garbage fees fell delinquent by \$7  
10 million, I can't explain that one either,  
11 but it happened. You know, for years the  
12 hospitals never paid taxes, but now  
13 hospitals are paying taxes, and it's roughly  
14 \$2.5 million came in this excess of what we  
15 have gotten in a year from the hospitals  
16 paying the taxes. I would like to know what  
17 happens to that money? What account is  
18 money being placed into? Is it going into  
19 the general account? Is it going into the  
20 property tax account? I mean, that's  
21 actually, \$2.5 million or so roughly that  
22 the city got in taxes because the hospitals,  
23 some of the hospitals now, are paying taxes.

24 So these are questions that I  
25 believe that need to be answered and

1 explained, where that money has gone, what  
2 is it being spent on and who is spending it?

3 And also, I'd like to know how did  
4 the city ever get the name Progressive City?  
5 If anything we are not a progressive city we  
6 are a regressive city because we are still  
7 talking about the same things that we were  
8 talking about 15, 20 years ago. I mean, the  
9 city has been distressed for 8,000 days.  
10 That's a long time and nothing has been done  
11 to make things better. All we do is tax the  
12 people, tax the people, tax the people,  
13 raise fees, raise fees, and ask people and  
14 the residents to do more and now we are  
15 asking people who don't even live in the  
16 city to pay for the pension plans of our  
17 city workers. I just don't think it's fair,  
18 I'm not even sure if it's legal, but I know  
19 it's not fair. It's not fair to the people  
20 who live in the surrounding communities and  
21 it's definitely not fair to the city  
22 residents either, because let's face it,  
23 everybody talks about Scranton and normally  
24 it's in the negative way, it's not in a  
25 positive way.

1                   So we really need to think about  
2                   this this time. I mean, we have had -- this  
3                   will be our third recovery plan, the first  
4                   two were complete failures. Let's hope the  
5                   third recovery plan is not a failure because  
6                   I don't think the city can afford another  
7                   failed recovery plan. I really believe the  
8                   City of Scranton is on its last legs right  
9                   now. This plan is going to have to work or  
10                  the city is going to have to file  
11                  bankruptcy. I mean, it's as simple as that.  
12                  That's just my belief.

13                  Like I said, the Legion of Doom  
14                  everybody laughed at us, everybody called us  
15                  names, but you know what, we were right  
16                  because everything that we predicted five,  
17                  six, seven years ago came true. We knew we  
18                  were going to be in this position that we  
19                  are in right now and we are here. So now we  
20                  need to get out of it. We really do.  
21                  Somebody -- the elected officials need to  
22                  sit down and work this out. There is only  
23                  seven elected officials in the City of  
24                  Scranton, five councilmen, a mayor and a  
25                  city control or. I blame them for

1 everything that has gone wrong in the City  
2 of Scranton. I'm not talking about you guys  
3 up there right now, I'm talking about in the  
4 past because they are the ones who passed  
5 everything, they are the ones who wrote the  
6 ordinances, so on and so forth, so they are  
7 the ones who have to be held responsible for  
8 where the City of Scranton is, not the  
9 commuters. Thank you.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you.

11 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Doug Miller.

12 MR. MILLER: Good evening, Council.  
13 Doug Miller, Scranton. Just to begin here,  
14 you know, a lot of people encourage me to  
15 put in the for council vacant seat by  
16 Mr. Loscombe and, you know, I just came to  
17 the conclusion that at this time it wouldn't  
18 be in my best interest to do that. You  
19 know, I think we have come to the point in  
20 administration and the things going on in  
21 this city that, you know, I'm not some sort  
22 a lap dog or a rubber stamper. It's not  
23 even worth the time or the aggravation. You  
24 know, it's my opinion that Saturday is  
25 nothing more than a horse and pony show. I

1 personally believe that a decision has  
2 already been made as to who is going to fill  
3 that seat, and to come up here and waste my  
4 time in offering solution, is I have done  
5 for 12 years, I believe would be a waste of  
6 my time and a waste of your time, and to  
7 subject myself to a horse and pony show,  
8 because that's what it is, is just totally  
9 irrelevant.

10 You know, we had some speakers come  
11 up from outside of the city in regard to the  
12 commuter tax and I'd like to take a few  
13 moments to address that. As we know in the  
14 past, it's not a secret, in 2012 I supported  
15 that commuter tax, and I just want to  
16 clarify that on the record, but today the  
17 situation is completely different. In 2012  
18 we were discussing a commuter tax that was  
19 in regards to services that the city  
20 provided for residents outside of the city.  
21 Today we are talking about a commuter tax  
22 because we have an inability to fund our  
23 pension because we mismanaged the funds. We  
24 are responsible for that, not the  
25 individuals that spoke prior to me, nobody



1 else. We caused that because our inability  
2 to elect the right people. We have elected  
3 incompetent people for decades in this city  
4 and the politics in this city is so  
5 disgusting that it's absolutely discouraging  
6 and it leaves you with absolutely no hope to  
7 think that anything is going to turn around  
8 because we continue just to kick the same  
9 can down the road and we expect a positive  
10 result, and now we want to punish people who  
11 had absolutely nothing to do with the failed  
12 decision making made by past councils and  
13 past administrations.

14 So what sense does it make now to  
15 put that burden on the people that commuter  
16 tax here every day to earn a living? They  
17 are not responsible. They don't even have  
18 the ability to vote in this town. We have a  
19 hard enough time getting people that live  
20 here to vote, let alone now we want to  
21 punish these people.

22 I mean, gentleman, where are we  
23 going here? We're taking advice from  
24 someone, from some transplant from New  
25 Jersey who has absolutely zero credibility

1 to begin with, Mr. Henry the Liquidator, we  
2 know why how left New York the way he  
3 liquidated the hospital, and now we want to  
4 listen to his plan. It's not a plan, it's a  
5 suicide mission. It's the final nail in the  
6 coffin for this city. There is not one  
7 thing in that plan that gives us any reason  
8 for hope.

9 Yeah, sure, we want to sell the  
10 Sewer Authority, that makes a lot of sense  
11 so that the rates can skyrocket. Let's  
12 continue to put the screws to the people.  
13 Their garbage fee just went up because we  
14 don't have the money to pay the tipping  
15 fees. Where did all of that money go  
16 through the years that we never were able to  
17 pay the tipping fee. Where is the money?  
18 Nobody has ever had the you know what to  
19 stand up and find out where that money went  
20 because we are timid and we're afraid of  
21 take on bullies, because that's all we have  
22 in this city are bullies and we are afraid  
23 to take them on.

24 There is absolutely no creativity in  
25 this government and the amount of the time I

1 have come here not one time have I heard a  
2 creative idea. There has been a few, but in  
3 general I have never heard real money making  
4 opportunities that we can utilize our assets  
5 to make money.

6 Selling the parking garages that are  
7 allegedly worth \$22 million, for what, to  
8 still owe \$30 million on them? We don't  
9 even know how much they cost build yet we  
10 want to go and sell them. Again, does not  
11 make any sense. We are taking advice and  
12 input from someone who doesn't live the life  
13 of a Scranton resident. You know, come here  
14 for just a day and look around. Go through  
15 the neighborhoods, the countless "For Sale"  
16 signs everywhere. There is no opportunity  
17 but yet we want to punish people out of town  
18 because we can't keep our finances in order.  
19 And we can't fund our pensions. Hazelton  
20 has been under this alleged commuter tax  
21 since 1986 and their pension is still under  
22 water, so what makes you think we are going  
23 to come here and resolve it with this and  
24 put it on the backs of people who had  
25 nothing to do with it. It's not fair to

1           them because we are incompetent and we are  
2           incapable of make being the right decisions.

3                     Take a look at the mall. We have a  
4           very unique opportunity to generate millions  
5           and millions of dollars out of that  
6           facility. You know, over the last few days  
7           there has been discussion on converting it  
8           to a casino and resort. It's my personal  
9           opinion that that would a fantastic  
10          opportunity, that within five years this  
11          city could be debt free and there would be  
12          no more property taxes because it's  
13          utilizing an asset with creativity. The  
14          amount of the jobs and opportunity that  
15          would come into this community would be  
16          endless. It's not a pipe dream, it's a  
17          realistic thing that can happen. You know,  
18          a lot of people want to brush it off with  
19          laughter and think it's completely false,  
20          but we have done a lot of laughing through  
21          the years and we see where we are, so it's  
22          not a joke, it can happen.

23                     I could say next week there will be  
24          a petition being circulated that there is  
25          support from many people in this community

1           that would like to see that happen because  
2           as far as keeping it as a mall as is, it's  
3           not realistic. It hasn't lasted, it hasn't  
4           worked for 20 years and it's not going to  
5           work now. We need to be creative and that  
6           solution and that suggestion, that plan  
7           brought forward by Mr. Bolus is the way to  
8           go, and we will be circulating a petition  
9           because we do have a lot of support in the  
10          community.

11                   MR. ROGAN: Thank you, Mr. Miller.

12                   MR. MILLER: As far as that plan,  
13           throw it in the garbage because that's all  
14           it is. We have an obligation to solve our  
15           own problems, not put it on the backs of  
16           other people. Thank you.

17                   MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Joan  
18           Hodowanitz.

19                   MS. HODOWANITZ: Joan Hodowanitz,  
20           Scranton resident. Have you heard anything  
21           from the mayor with respect to a possible  
22           town hall meeting on Mr. Amoroso's  
23           recommendations?

24                   MR. ROGAN: I think that idea,  
25           Mr. Weschler and myself talked about it

1           happening in some public forum such as, you  
2           know, opening up city council to residents,  
3           and I think what were talking about doing  
4           was having a comment period prior to a city  
5           council meeting as well, prior to a vote, an  
6           up or down vote regarding the 205 tax, and  
7           any agenda items included in the report.

8                       MS. HODOWANITZ: Well, I just think  
9           that if we ever needed a town hall meeting  
10          we need one now, okay? And I think it  
11          should be hosted by the mayor and his  
12          administration, I really do. He has made  
13          the statement that he supports Mr. Amoroso's  
14          recommendations. I think that the citizens  
15          and even those non-citizens that are going  
16          to be affected by a commuter tax really need  
17          an opportunity to express their opinions and  
18          their concerns and he may do his own thing,  
19          but he owes us the right to speak our  
20          opinions and our mind, and I hope that this  
21          can be done before the end of July because  
22          it's important.

23                       I saw in the Clerk's Office the  
24          audit status from Robert Rossi on the city's  
25          audit which is overdue, was due on May 31,

1 and the same 26 items are still outstanding.  
2 I think what they do is change the date on  
3 top, add a few memos to the last page that  
4 were issued since the last report, sign it,  
5 because it's not seeming to change at all,  
6 and as you should know, the budget has to be  
7 presented by the mayor to city council not  
8 later than November 15, which this year is  
9 actually November 13, because November 13 is  
10 Thursday and we have less than four months,  
11 and I don't see how the mayor and his  
12 administration can prepare a sound and  
13 realistic budget without the benefit of the  
14 Rossi audit because the audit will find  
15 problems. If it's done well it will find  
16 problems. So that should be an issue of  
17 concern to Mayor Courtright and his business  
18 administrator.

19 Just to let you know, since I asked  
20 about property assessment here and it was  
21 advised to bring it up with the county  
22 commissioners I did that yesterday morning.  
23 I really didn't get much satisfaction during  
24 that meeting. I was basically told that  
25 reassessment is difficult and impractical.

1           It would adversely effect mostly the elderly  
2           and that it is a statewide problem, but we  
3           really need is for the state to mandate one  
4           law for reassessment for all of the  
5           counties. So I will be hitting up  
6           Representatives Farina, Haggerty and Senator  
7           Blake on the same issue, but I don't think  
8           our assessment are fair, and even those it's  
9           not a city-controlled aspect, it's something  
10          that you should be as concerned about as I  
11          am.

12                        And finally, I intend to go to the  
13          next pension board meeting, which I believe  
14          is July 30, here in council chambers and I  
15          think anybody who's concerned about the  
16          unfunded pension obligations of the city  
17          should be here, too, if they have the time  
18          and the interest. And what we need to do is  
19          we need to send a message to city  
20          administration and it all of the legislators  
21          that people are watching, the people care  
22          and the people are not going to ignored.  
23          Thank you.

24                        MR. ROGAN: Thank you very much.

25                        Lee Morgan.



1 MR. MORGAN: Good evening, Council.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Good evening.

3 MR. MORGAN: It is my intention,  
4 even though it may be a waste of time, I'm  
5 going to ask that council consider  
6 appointing me to the seat. I'd just like to  
7 read a very brief statement.

8 MR. ROGAN: Mr. Morgan, if you are  
9 interested in the vacant council position  
10 please provide your resume to our City  
11 Clerk.

12 MR. MORGAN: I'll do that today.

13 MR. ROGAN: Okay.

14 MR. MORGAN: I made this out to  
15 Mr. McGoff and all it states is very simple,  
16 and this is going to be my application. My  
17 name is Lee Morgan and I'm asking to be  
18 appointed to the council seat vacated by Mr.  
19 Jack Loscombe. I hope to be appointed to  
20 the seat because over the course of the time  
21 my opinions regarding many of the city's  
22 financial problems have been validated. The  
23 city has fiscal problems and they are only  
24 one part of the many difficult situations  
25 that lie ahead for the city.



1 independent, okay, because I find, as it  
2 says here, I look forward to any interview I  
3 may be granted for any consideration for  
4 appointment by any individual council  
5 member. I have learned more than I can  
6 express on paper and over my two decades of  
7 the participation here at council meetings.  
8 I do have real answers to our real problems.  
9 I just hope that politics will not determine  
10 the appointment. It is my respectful  
11 opinion that politics has brought us to  
12 where we are today. I believe it is time  
13 for hard work and thought driven options to  
14 salvage our city before there is nothing  
15 left to work with, and I think together we  
16 can find answers.

17 So what I'm asking is every council  
18 member and, look, there is all kinds of  
19 rumors out there who is going to be picked  
20 already, and I think that's unfair to try to  
21 discuss that at this point, but it's my  
22 opinion, and I have been here a very long  
23 time, it's not a personal shot at anybody,  
24 the recovery plan Mr. Doherty presented was  
25 never a recovery plan. It just wasn't

1 possible. That PEL plan was never a  
2 recovery plan. This city has too many  
3 problems. We have gone and we have tried  
4 to, you know, create opportunity here, but I  
5 don't see how it's working. I mean. You  
6 look at Scranton Lace building, all they're  
7 doing over there is cutting all of the scrap  
8 metal out of the building and scrapping it.  
9 The North Scranton project, stalled for  
10 decades. Any real opportunity for change  
11 has just been thrown to the wind. We have  
12 come to the point now where we have our  
13 last, what we make consider our last major  
14 assets, and like I said before, how much did  
15 it cost to build the Scranton Sewer  
16 Authority? How much did it cost to develop  
17 that? Why are we giving all our assets  
18 away. We can't find solutions to our  
19 problems because we are too busy in this  
20 city playing politics. And as a young child  
21 there were 101,000 people here, there is 70  
22 here, okay? We expect a city of 70,000  
23 people to carry this debt? Not possible.  
24 Okay?

25 When people ask, well, what happened

1 to the pension plan? We need to ask why  
2 Mellon Bank was removed as the administrator  
3 when the pension plan took a beating. We  
4 have to ask why over all of these decades  
5 that pension plan wasn't funded. The  
6 residents here were paying the tax. We have  
7 to ask, you know, why weren't the tipping  
8 fees paid last year to the landfill. I  
9 mean, why are we going to scrap the pothole  
10 machine? Why?

11 I mean, there is just so many  
12 questions to be asked here and, you know,  
13 it's really time to start asking some real  
14 questions and getting some real answers and  
15 I believe, and my own opinion, that it is  
16 time for every resident in this city and  
17 non-residents to come forward and speak  
18 about the drain that this city is creating  
19 around itself and destroying everything  
20 around it because of it's lack of money and  
21 the lack of the ability to make the  
22 decisions based on fact and not politics,  
23 and I'll leave copy here with --

24 MR. ROGAN: Thank you, Mr. Morgan.  
25 You will have to give it to our city clerk

1 and you will get a time for an interview.  
2 We will consider your resume and we will  
3 also --

4 MR. MORGAN: Well, I'd like to hand  
5 it in today because I can't come tomorrow.

6 MS. REED: After the meeting is  
7 fine.

8 MR. ROGAN: After the meeting is  
9 fin.

10 MR. MORGAN: That will be fine.

11 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Dave  
12 Dobrzyn.

13 MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening. Dave  
14 Dobrzyn, resident of Scranton. And first of  
15 all, I'd like to speak on Mayor Courtright,  
16 I think when you told Mr. Amoroso we have no  
17 money to pay him that he was more or less  
18 departing from some of the plans anyway. So  
19 he hung around for a short time and I'm  
20 willing to give him a break on that and  
21 watch and see and try to influence him. I  
22 have to get a letter out to him. I know he  
23 is probably busy.

24 Now, in the Taxpayers, on two  
25 different occasions we threw conferences on

1 reverse mortgages, and I would really like  
2 the council over the summer break to  
3 consider this because it's a way of getting  
4 paid for the trash fees. Believe me, I did  
5 a medicate spend down I have a letters from  
6 the state that I did absolutely nothing  
7 wrong, everything is correct, but the point  
8 being the money goes once somebody gets ill  
9 and can't be attended to by lay people, and  
10 there is no sense in trying to hold on to it  
11 and they could pay their back fees and  
12 become a supporting member of the community  
13 hopefully, and I appreciate if the council  
14 would look into this and try to help people  
15 through their various offices.

16 Now, my advice for the commuters,  
17 petition your reps and state senators, state  
18 reps, for tax exempt replacement. I can't  
19 afford to support the whole region. If  
20 someone wants to hook a tow chain to the  
21 courthouse and haul it up to Mayfield and  
22 give them a tax exemption, feel free, but I  
23 can't keep having my city taxes raised in  
24 that sense either.

25 And a lot of poor language has been

1 used on us like rat hole and black hole, I  
2 don't get to say where my tax money goes  
3 and, you know, somebody in the city existing  
4 as a tax exempt entity and they seem to want  
5 to direct this money to some source that  
6 might benefit them all the more or maybe  
7 not, but the point being that that's very  
8 offensive, very offensive.

9 And on the sale of the Sewer  
10 Authority once again I have to express my  
11 deepest concern. In Detroit now, ALEX,  
12 American Legislative Exchange Council, they  
13 run around the country passing out proposed  
14 legislation to states and they a bi-template  
15 legislation. They have the same -- they  
16 have a few different words, the same state.  
17 They are basically an extreme right wing  
18 lobby group funded by Olagars and they --  
19 3,000 people have their water shut off a  
20 week in Detroit. 3,000 people. No water.  
21 If you don't pay your sewer bill, no water,  
22 so if my sewer bill goes out through the  
23 ceiling or my water bill goes high through  
24 the ceiling or my electric bill then you  
25 have no utilities, guess what? Your house



1 is condemnable immediately. So it's  
2 something to consider. I can't afford to  
3 have my sewer bill go from \$350 to \$400 a  
4 year to \$1,200 and \$1,500 so that I can pay  
5 for stock options and CEO -- CEO and centers  
6 to pick my pocket basically.

7 And it came to my attention, this is  
8 in state, that campaign funds are being  
9 solicited from certain public unions by our  
10 governor, and he hasn't been kind to  
11 Scranton, he hasn't been kind to many people  
12 and be aware because the average person has  
13 lost as much as 50 percent of their income  
14 when they became reemployed over this last  
15 one, and I'd also like to remind everybody  
16 everywhere that Scranton has lost \$26  
17 million out of their pension fund thanks to  
18 Wall Street.

19 So I have one other thing here, I'll  
20 give it to you and speak on it next week,  
21 but the way, if you guys could send some of  
22 these to Mr. Courtright it would be helpful.

23 MR. ROGAN: Sure thing. Thank you  
24 very much. Is there anyone else who would  
25 like to address council?

1 MR. DOBRZYN: That's on your PUC  
2 bill for electricity, there is 350 people  
3 vending electricity. That's what we get for  
4 deregulation and privatizing. Thank you.

5 MS. NEIHAUS: Good evening,  
6 everybody. Well, last time I was here I  
7 preliminarily announced the creation of a  
8 group to meet comprised of Scranton  
9 residents and citizens and I was hamstrung  
10 by not having a vehicle at the time. I do  
11 have transportation now and I also have a  
12 working name for the group, it's just a  
13 working name it doesn't have to stick, but  
14 for the few people that I have run to by  
15 they actually kind of like it. I think the  
16 those of us who love the city was something  
17 I spoke about several years ago at this  
18 podium, referencing it to then Council  
19 President Janet Evans, whom I truly believe  
20 and still believe loves the city as did the  
21 mayor at that point in time, and I think  
22 that is like the ongoing sentiment that I  
23 detect among residents in the city. They  
24 love the city, they're just not happy with  
25 the way it's been functioning, operating,

1           administered, etcetera, and this has been  
2           building up I think for decades and there is  
3           lot of the good ideas out there and they  
4           want to see- they want to pitch in and  
5           actually start making it happen. So with  
6           that in mind the working name is none other  
7           than Scranton Lovers, and again, has a  
8           little humor to it for Scranton. It's  
9           tongue and cheek, but Lord knows we need  
10          some humor in this city as well to get us  
11          through this stuff, so with that in mind  
12          I've been throwing around a few little  
13          slogans, too, such as "When you love a city  
14          you want good things for it, we are Scranton  
15          Lovers. "

16                    Another one is, "Improving Scranton  
17                    and loving every minute of it, we are  
18                    Scranton Lovers."

19                    Because I really do believe people  
20                    want to work and make the city better. And  
21                    my personal favorite, "Of course, I gotten  
22                    engaged in Scranton, I'm a Scranton lover."

23                    So with that, I contacted the  
24                    county, and unfortunately, Chris Minora has  
25                    I think gone off to law school now, but his

1 replacement has offered the following times  
2 for us to meet at the entrepreneurial launch  
3 pad, which is the former Scranton Electric  
4 building I believe on Linden Street, and we  
5 have the following times slots, I picked  
6 three, because I want people to show up and  
7 not have any, you know, the reason that they  
8 couldn't make it because of some other  
9 constraints, so we have next Tuesday  
10 reserved from 8:30 a.m. until noon, and  
11 anybody who wants to drop by the  
12 entrepreneurial launch pad just to sign up,  
13 give your name, your phone number, the idea  
14 and maybe what you can commit to doing for  
15 the group. It's just, you know, we need  
16 muscles, we need brains, we need  
17 combinations thereof, and we need ideas, so  
18 that's one time slot. Then we are going to  
19 have another one on Wednesday from 4 p.m. to  
20 8 p.m. for people who have to work during  
21 the day, and then on Thursday from 1 to 4 in  
22 the afternoon. So if any of those time  
23 slots work for people, hopefully they will,  
24 we want people to -- I want people to show  
25 up and offer their ideas, start making plans

1 to improve the city and, you know, maybe it  
2 will go nowhere and maybe it will end up  
3 doing some good, I don't know, I don't have  
4 a crystal ball, but no matter how small all  
5 I know is it that I want to help the city  
6 improve in a variety of ways, and if doesn't  
7 happen in my lifetime I'm at the point where  
8 at least I know I will die knowing I tried  
9 to improve the city and I think a lot of  
10 people feel that way because when I run the  
11 idea by people to do even simple things,  
12 like, pulling weeds or raking, you know, the  
13 layers of trash that are stuck on streets  
14 and curbs, they are, like, "I'll do that. I  
15 could do that."

16 So really we are going to be  
17 starting humbly and move on from there, and  
18 we are going to discuss concerns, ideas and  
19 try to figure out why we continue to have  
20 administrations that are basically not  
21 responsive to the vast majority of  
22 Scrantonians. We want to work with  
23 government, but we want it to be positive  
24 and as apolitical as possible.

25 I don't know how much time I have,

1 but I know last time I was here I believe  
2 Mr. Wechsler thought I wanted him to set his  
3 hair on fire. Well, nothing could be  
4 further from the truth, Councilman. You  
5 know, in that respect, that would be panic,  
6 and I would never advocate anybody to panic,  
7 but urgency to me, which is what I was  
8 requesting, means that people realize how  
9 critical a situation is and at least exude a  
10 fire in your belly about finding workable  
11 solutions, so that's really all I meant  
12 about wanting to sense that urgency.

13 I'm going to finish one point,  
14 people also discussed the plans that, you  
15 know, people wanted a plan, a plan, well,  
16 I'm not an advocate of having a plan for  
17 plan's sake. Often times good ideas require  
18 time to develop and take shape so while  
19 having a plan is a great thing, let's make  
20 sure it's a well thought out and as well  
21 vetted a plan as possible, and I think it  
22 also needs to be a fluid, adaptable plan  
23 that has fallback positions. So thank you  
24 for your time.

25 MR. ROGAN: Thank you very much. Is

1                   there anyone else who cares to address  
2                   council?

3                   MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening,  
4                   Council. Marie Schumacher.

5                   MR. GAUGHAN: Good evening.

6                   MS. SCHUMACHER: First, I'd like to  
7                   ask did any of the three of you bother to  
8                   read the paper that was written by the  
9                   Harrisburg of its first receiver that I  
10                  supplied you with, each of you with last  
11                  week?

12                 MR. ROGAN: This one?

13                 MS. SCHUMACHER: Yeah.

14                 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

15                 MS. SCHUMACHER: You read the second  
16                 paragraph? Mr. Gaughan, the second  
17                 paragraph?

18                 MR. GAUGHAN: I didn't get a chance  
19                 to read it.

20                 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay.  
21                 Mr. Wechsler?

22                 MR. WECHSLER: We had quite an  
23                 active agenda this week because of the  
24                 meeting last Thursday.

25                 MS. SCHUMACHER: Thank you. Also,

1 Mr. Wechsler, do you happen to have tonight  
2 the parking meter revenue comparison through  
3 June?

4 MR. WECHSLER: No, I do not.

5 MS. SCHUMACHER: And what about the  
6 PFM fees that have accrued since the  
7 beginning of that contract in March through  
8 June?

9 MR. WECHSLER: No. Once again, Ms.  
10 Schumacher, we have been working -- since  
11 last week with Mr. Loscombe resigning we  
12 have been working quite hard on that in  
13 addition to the legislation that we are  
14 working on tonight, also.

15 MS. SCHUMACHER: Could you provide  
16 that next week?

17 MR. WECHSLER: I will make an effort  
18 to, yes.

19 MS. SCHUMACHER: Then could you also  
20 find out if there is any -- have there been  
21 any terms and conditions changed in that  
22 contract since it was executed initially?

23 MR. WECHSLER: I will try.

24 MS. SCHUMACHER: Thank you. Okay.  
25 Now, Mr. Rogan, what about the surveys that



1                   were supplied to people for the five-year  
2                   OECD plan, how many were received?

3                   MR. ROGAN: I will follow-up with  
4                   Ms. Aebli.

5                   MS. SCHUMACHER: Twelve did you say?

6                   MR. ROGAN: No. I said I will  
7                   follow-up with Ms. Aebli to get a breakdown.

8                   MS. SCHUMACHER: Oh, I thought you  
9                   were on that committee that -- you haven't  
10                  met since then?

11                  MR. ROGAN: No, we haven't.

12                  MS. SCHUMACHER: When is the next  
13                  meeting?

14                  MR. ROGAN: Again, I'll have to  
15                  follow up with Ms. Aebli.

16                  MS. SCHUMACHER: Thank you. Okay,  
17                  now back to the loans. I'm going to read  
18                  back on March 7, 1913, (sic) "You said I'll  
19                  address the loans that are currently in  
20                  litigation, and as I mentioned numerous  
21                  times, the amount totals over \$2 million in  
22                  taxpayer dollars, so I'll read off, these  
23                  are all currently in litigation."

24                  We have, and I'd like you to tell me  
25                  what happened to these. Danielle and

1           Company? I mean, I have asked several weeks  
2 ago, so Danielle and Company --

3           MR. ROGAN: Again, you can read them  
4 all off one by one, but the answer is the  
5 same for all of them, we are currently in  
6 the process, the administration and myself  
7 and OECD and working on a plan to recoup  
8 funds from those loans that were tied up.  
9 There was never formal litigation submitted  
10 in the past and that was part of the  
11 problem. They were listed as in litigation  
12 on documents that were handed to city  
13 council, but as far as actually filing that  
14 hasn't happened on a number of the loans,  
15 and the first step that I believe needs to  
16 happen is we need to try and work out with  
17 the loan holders if they can make payment,  
18 and if not then we have to take legal  
19 recourse. It's something I spoke to  
20 Solicitor Hickey about numerous times and  
21 met with Ms. Aebli along with President  
22 McGoff.

23           MS. SCHUMACHER: Is there a statute  
24 of limitations on loan from the time they  
25 default?

1 MR. ROGAN: I would have to ask  
2 Solicitor Hickey.

3 MS. SCHUMACHER: How about Solicitor  
4 Minora?

5 MR. ROGAN: I could ask Solicitor  
6 Minora, but he is not the OECD solicitor.

7 MR. MINORA: I have never seen the  
8 document so I can't possibly answer that.

9 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay, thank you.  
10 When did you expect to have something on  
11 that?

12 MR. ROGAN: Well, through the course  
13 of August it's something that we are going  
14 to be working on, so hopefully by the  
15 beginning of September we should have some  
16 more information.

17 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay, that's really  
18 disappointing. You know, it's \$2 million  
19 hanging out there and we could certainly use  
20 it and that's why overall I feel there are  
21 many items that you people could have gone  
22 after, prior people and you council people  
23 this year, and to be going after the  
24 nonresidents, and I am firmly of the opinion  
25 that taxation without representation is not

1 the way to go and I will maintain that  
2 position as long as I live, and I think you  
3 all need to start scratching around for  
4 other things that could be done and some  
5 innovation. Maybe you could go to the  
6 county, I understand innovation starts down  
7 there, so maybe if we go to the 200 block of  
8 Adams Avenue for some inspiration, but you  
9 need to find something else. Thank you.

10 MR. ROGAN: Is there anyone else who  
11 would like to address council?

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

13 MOTIONS.

14 MR. ROGAN: Mr. Wechsler do you have  
15 any comments or motions?

16 MR. WECHSLER: Yes. Thank you,  
17 Mr. Rogan -- I almost said Mr. McGoff, I'm  
18 so used to saying. I would like to mention  
19 we are happy that Mr. Bob is feeling well  
20 and we do miss him tonight.

21 Tonight I'd just like to talk a  
22 little bit -- I am going to go vote for the  
23 introduction of the Act 205 legislation.  
24 The reason why I'm doing this is so that the  
25 debate and information shared can begin on

1           this issue. We would like this plan to been  
2           voted on in a group, but, unfortunately, the  
3           time on issues don't allow that to happen  
4           all the time. I am of the opinion that the  
5           state has not offered the city much help in  
6           terms of our recovery. The Act 205 is  
7           current legislation that is available for us  
8           to take a look at, and we need to push  
9           forward, and as of tonight that's all we are  
10          doing right now. We are introducing it so  
11          we can start to debate and I encourage  
12          everyone in the city, outside of the city to  
13          please participate in this discussion. It  
14          is very important, as other speakers have  
15          said and I have been saying all along, this  
16          is the last chance the City of Scranton has.

17                 The problem is that if this plan is  
18                 not successful we can't afford bankruptcy  
19                 because many of the things that we are  
20                 saying we don't want to do either the  
21                 receiver or the bankruptcy court will make  
22                 us do and it will be much more painful to  
23                 have us told to do it than if we choose what  
24                 we can do ourselves.

25                         So, like I said, this is just to

1 start the debate, and I would encourage the  
2 mayor to have a town hall meeting. I could  
3 up encourage to allow us to participate just  
4 so we can get comments at the same time.  
5 This is an administration plan where the  
6 mayor has raised it, he has talked to the  
7 media, he has shared a letter with us on  
8 council that he does approve of the plan,  
9 and I believe that a town meeting may be in  
10 order. I can't make that happen. There is  
11 nothing that we can do as council here  
12 except listen to you because we do not have  
13 the answers of everything and for us to have  
14 a town meeting I think might add to the  
15 frustration level if the mayor is not  
16 present.

17 So there is some time to get this  
18 together, and like I said, tonight we are  
19 just looking to introduce this legislation.  
20 Thank you, Mr. Rogan.

21 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Councilman  
22 Gaughan, do you have any motions or  
23 comments?

24 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, I do, thank you.  
25 Scranton and Lackawanna County Taxpayers

1 will meet next Tuesday, July 22, at 7 p.m.  
2 in city council chambers. I was contacted  
3 by a gentleman at Kessler Court who had a  
4 streetlight out. We've made a request to  
5 DPW and Joyce Electrical. Hopefully that  
6 will be taken care of soon.

7 A reminder to everyone that parking  
8 will be banned on a section several miles  
9 long of Main Avenue starting Friday due to a  
10 resurfacing project. The project is  
11 scheduled to end July 28, weather  
12 permitting, and will run from the  
13 Scranton/Taylor border north of Providence  
14 Road according to PennDOT. It is part of a  
15 \$4.6 million contract to resurface various  
16 roads in Lackawanna County and a \$2.1  
17 billion statewide plan to upgrade highways  
18 and bridges.

19 Mrs. Davits from North Scranton came  
20 to council last week were concerns regarding  
21 her back yard being ripped up. City council  
22 spoke with Mr. Gallagher, the DPW director,  
23 who has since been up there and taken care  
24 of that issue.

25 And that is all I have until my

1                   comments on Item 5-B. Thank you.

2                   MR. ROGAN: Thank you, Councilman  
3                   Gaughan. Before addressing some items that  
4                   are on the agenda, I have a quick story and  
5                   a quick announcement that I wanted to make.  
6                   The announcement is that Giovanni Piccolino,  
7                   the owner of Buona Pizza downtown will be  
8                   hosting a Kids Swim Free day on Saturday,  
9                   July 26. The first 100 children that go to  
10                  the park that day will swim for free,  
11                  receive a free slice of Buona Pizza, and  
12                  free ice cream all courtesy of Mr. Piccolino  
13                  and Buona Pizza, and Mr. Piccolino has  
14                  always donated to the community, and we  
15                  certainly thank him for that, but there is a  
16                  little bit more of a story as to why he is  
17                  having this Kids Swim Free day.

18                  For a number of years Mr. Piccolino  
19                  was trying to get a 15 minute parking sign  
20                  in front of Buona Pizza downtown, and I had  
21                  mentioned it at council and number of times  
22                  and, unfortunately, it kind of fell on deaf  
23                  areas with the previous DPW directors, but  
24                  thanks to efforts from Mayor Courtright and  
25                  our DPW director, Denny Gallagher and



1           myself, that sign was put in and as payment  
2           back to the community Mr. Piccolino is  
3           hosting a Kids Swim free event, so we thank  
4           him for that and it will a very nice event.  
5           Very nice of him to give back to the  
6           community in that way.

7                     A couple of items that I'd like to  
8           talk about. First, I agree with what  
9           Councilman Wechsler said regarding the 205  
10          tax on the agenda tonight. Tonight's agenda  
11          is simply allowing debate amendments to be  
12          made to hear from residents and  
13          nonresidents. I think it's imperative that  
14          council listens to not only those who live  
15          in the city, but those who live outside of  
16          the city as well.

17                    On July 31 the final vote will be  
18          made on this legislation. By that point in  
19          time we hope, health willing, Councilman  
20          McGoff will be back and we hope that we will  
21          will have a new council member. As you  
22          know, city council has been taking resumes  
23          throughout the course of the week to fill  
24          the vacant council position. This Saturday  
25          we will hold interviews, and then after the

1 interviews we will begin the process of  
2 debating and selecting a new councilman.

3 This vote must be taken with a  
4 member with a full five member body on city  
5 council. Tonight our council president  
6 isn't here for unexpected reasons and we  
7 have a vacant position, so that the July 31  
8 meeting allows council and the public two  
9 more opportunities to address city council  
10 here publically, and we encourage residents  
11 and nonresidents to come.

12 And it also gives us an opportunity  
13 to hear different views, and I know all of  
14 us have probably have a number of e-mails,  
15 calls, text messages, Facebook messages from  
16 people on both sides of the issue. Many in  
17 the city would like to see the 205 tax move  
18 forward because it will help strength the  
19 city's pension, you know, it will be less in  
20 tax increases that they would have to pay.  
21 Many outside of Scranton have many questions  
22 about it.

23 It's our job as council members to  
24 take a deep thoughtful look at this issue  
25 over the course of the next few weeks and

1           determine which way is the best course for  
2           the city. That being said, the proper thing  
3           to do is for this legislation to be voted on  
4           by a full member body on the 31st, which  
5           would be our last meeting of the month, and  
6           that's how I believe we need to move  
7           forward.

8                         Finally, regarding in article on  
9           that I saw on WNEP regarding the mall, I  
10          know there has been a lot of talk regarding  
11          the mall and what the future of the mall  
12          will be, one thing that I think almost  
13          everyone agrees that we don't need more of  
14          in downtown Scranton is governmental  
15          offices. The proposal by County  
16          Commissioner Jim Wansack to turn the mall  
17          into more county offices would probably be  
18          one of the worst things that could ever  
19          happen to downtown Scranton. The mall is to  
20          be a place of commerce, a place for jobs to  
21          be created, for people to go and shop. It's  
22          not a place for bureaucracy. We had enough  
23          of that in downtown Scranton. It would  
24          create another tax exempt building in the  
25          downtown and that certainly is the last

1           thing we need in the City of Scranton.

2                       There have been a number of other  
3           ideas on how the mall could best be  
4           utilized. Obviously, the one mentioned, a  
5           casino comes up quite often. If the state  
6           were to grant a license I think that would  
7           be a great idea for the downtown, but that's  
8           a tall task that hopefully the state would  
9           help us out with. If that's not an option,  
10          I know there are many other developers in  
11          the city besides Mr. Boscov that are  
12          interested in that building if the price is  
13          right to use it for a commercial district to  
14          have a mixed use for shops on the lower  
15          floor, on the upper floor opening up the  
16          roof and being able to drive through to the  
17          park that sits right behind the mall.

18                      There are a number of things that  
19          can be done with that building that would be  
20          positive for the City of Scranton and for  
21          our community, but the one that will not  
22          work is more governmental offices that are a  
23          downtown. So that being said, I hope that  
24          county commissioners would consider that  
25          statement, I know there hasn't been a

1 decision as of yet, and hopefully we will  
2 have a vibrant mall in our downtown and a  
3 vibrate mixed use building, but certainly  
4 not another governmental building.

5 So that's all I have for now. I  
6 will be commenting more on agenda items as  
7 they come up, and that is all for now.

8 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
9 AN ORDINANCE - AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE  
10 REVENUE FUNDING FOR THE SEVERELY DISTRESSED  
11 PENSION(S) OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON BY  
12 ADOPTING AND IMPOSING AN ADDITIONAL  
13 SEVENTY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS (.75%) OF A PERCENT  
14 TAX UPON EARNED INCOME RECEIVED AND NET  
15 PROFITS EARNED BY NON-RESIDENTS FOR WORK  
16 DONE, SERVICES PERFORMED, BUSINESS CONDUCTED  
17 AND INCOME EARNED WITHIN THE CITY OF  
18 SCRANTON, REQUIRING THE FILING OF RETURNS  
19 BY TAXPAYERS SUBJECT TO THE TAX; REQUIRING  
20 EMPLOYERS TO COLLECT THE TAX AT SOURCE;  
21 PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, COLLECTING  
22 AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE SAID TAX; SAID  
23 REVENUE TO BE SPECIFICALLY RESTRICTED TO  
24 FUNDING OF THE SEVERELY DISTRESSED  
25 PENSION(S) OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, UNDER

1 AND PURSUANT TO THE MUNICIPAL PENSION PLAN  
2 FUNDING STANDARD AND RECOVERY ACT, ACT 205  
3 OF DECEMBER 18, 1984 (P.L.1005, NO. 205),  
4 AND ITS AMENDMENTS, SPECIFICALLY 53 PA.  
5 C.S.A. §895.101 ET SEQ. THIS TAX IS EXPECTED  
6 TO GENERATE APPROXIMATELY FIVE MILLION  
7 (\$5,000,000.00) DOLLARS IN ANNUAL REVENUE.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Mr. Rogan, before you  
9 speak, would I be able to make a motion?

10 MR. ROGAN: When it gets to that  
11 point, sure.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: No, I can make a  
13 motion.

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

17 MR. WECHSLER: So moved.

18 MR. ROGAN: Second. On the  
19 question?

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Well, I should have  
21 been able to make a motion to table the  
22 introduction of Item 5-B.

23 MR. ROGAN: You had that opportunity  
24 in Fifth Order when you provided comments.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: No, I just did. Well,



1 will help the city balance its budget in  
2 2015 and will result in long-term meaningful  
3 solutions to the city's fiscal health. The  
4 Act 205 tax along with the LST tax, property  
5 tax increases and asset sales are all  
6 extreme measures that only plug holes in the  
7 budget. If we are going to have any  
8 meaningful change, then we need significant  
9 concessions.

10 Further complicating matters, I put  
11 a call in earlier this week to Senator John  
12 Eikelberger. Senator Eikelberger is the  
13 chairman of the Senate Local Government  
14 Committee and is also the Senate sponsor of  
15 the Act 47 legislation pending in  
16 Harrisburg.

17 Senator Eikelberger believes that  
18 the Act 47 legislation will likely be  
19 brought to a vote this fall. He explained  
20 to me that if the general assembly passes  
21 the legislation, it will require any tax  
22 levied against commuters to also be levied  
23 against residents at an equal or greater  
24 rate. In other words, any increase in the  
25 nonresident wage tax will require a match in



1 the resident tax. Legislation would not  
2 allow the city's ordinance to be  
3 grandfathered in. This means that city  
4 residents would face an additional .075  
5 percent wage tax increase bringing the total  
6 resident wage tax to 4.15 percent.

7 I cannot think at this time of any  
8 compelling reason to introduce this  
9 legislation. What is the rush to impose in  
10 tax? We don't have the benefit of reviewing  
11 this tax within the context of a full budget  
12 proposal. The administration has not  
13 secured concessions from the unions and  
14 there is pending legislation in Harrisburg  
15 that could effect how the tax is levied. We  
16 are here tonight with a quorum, but not a  
17 full council. Council McGoff is not with us  
18 this evening and we are in the process of  
19 filling Mr. Loscombe's open seat. This is a  
20 serious decision and it should be made by at  
21 least a majority of the council. I strongly  
22 believe that introducing this legislation  
23 tonight is hasty and extremely premature.  
24 And that's all I have.

25 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else on the

1 question? I would just make a couple of  
2 comments regarding being a full body, I  
3 think we all agree that there needs to be a  
4 full body for this vote, but by the July 31  
5 meeting we will have a full body. This  
6 legislation, assuming it passes tonight,  
7 doesn't change anything. It takes three  
8 votes -- for those who are unfamiliar with  
9 the city council procedure, there is the  
10 initial vote, which opens up the opportunity  
11 for amendment and debate. There will then  
12 be a second vote, which passes it along to  
13 the third stage in the process, that third  
14 vote is the final vote, the up or down vote  
15 which decides whether a piece of legislation  
16 becomes law or whether it fails.

17 I have some concerns regarding this  
18 legislation as well, and I think council  
19 needs to do the research and look into it.  
20 That's why by passing -- by introducing it  
21 tonight that gives us that opportunity. It  
22 gives the public the opportunity to come  
23 here and talk to us. By simply voting it  
24 down and going away for the August recess  
25 that you voted for, that I opposed, that

1           doesn't give anyone an opportunity.

2                       So I think the proper course is to  
3           move forward and then at that point decide  
4           if there is still questions that are  
5           unanswered at the July 31 meeting then a  
6           motion to table would absolutely be  
7           appropriate.

8                       MR. GAUGHAN: All I'm saying is, I  
9           mean, when I introduce legislation I'm not  
10          -- it's not introducing it at the dinner  
11          table conversation. I mean, we are  
12          introducing this stuff because we should be  
13          prepared to answer questions and everything  
14          else. I don't understand the rush. I just  
15          outlined for you serious concerns about why  
16          we should introduce this legislation, and  
17          now we have three weeks, without a council  
18          to my left and a councilman to my right,  
19          whether or not we appoint someone by next  
20          week, I don't understand the rush. What is  
21          the rush by doing it now as opposed to in  
22          September when we know if this pending  
23          legislation has any effect on that? If we  
24          get answers from the mayor on where we are  
25          at in negotiations with the unions, which I

1           feel is important. I just don't understand  
2           introducing it tonight.

3                     Again, we are not introducing this  
4           to say, "Oh, okay, you know, we are having a  
5           dinner table conversation about it."

6                     This is very, very serious. There  
7           are a lot of people that are going to be  
8           effected by this, so that is the reason why  
9           that I was going to make a motion to table  
10          and I will make a motion to table after I  
11          assume this will be introduced.

12                    MR. ROGAN: Mr. Gaughan, as you  
13          know, the first vote is simply a vote to  
14          open debate on the matter. You have voted  
15          to introduce legislation --

16                    MR. GAUGHAN: But you can still have  
17          those conversations -- we can have those  
18          conversations, it doesn't need to be on the  
19          agenda for us to be able to have those  
20          conversations. That's all I'm saying.

21                    MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Rogan, one thing  
22          I'd like to comment on is since we started  
23          talking about this 205 tax we finally hear  
24          something from the state about the LST tax.  
25          We haven't heard anything from them

1           beforehand on a true commitment to get this  
2           passed. Now, we have someone who is in  
3           charge of the committee in Harrisburg saying  
4           that this tax has been passed. We haven't  
5           heard that. This Act 205 is on the table,  
6           we can discuss it, it's available to us. A  
7           promise from someone in a House committee or  
8           a Senate committee that it's going to pass  
9           to me that means nothing. That Harrisburg.  
10          Harrisburg doesn't move with concerns for  
11          Scranton, we have seen that before. They  
12          are not concerned about the City of  
13          Scranton. And if their intent is to pass  
14          something and it make an act to penalize us  
15          again that's even worse. That's why we have  
16          to get this started. It has to start  
17          somewhere.

18                        In terms of its all working  
19                        together. Concessions from the union, I  
20                        don't know what they are, I'm not involved  
21                        with it, but all I could give you is what's  
22                        in front of me and I can help move this  
23                        discussion along. If we don't start now and  
24                        we wait I don't think we are going to get  
25                        the information from the state about where

1           they really are with that LST tax. There is  
2           no pressure on them to do anything about it  
3           without moving this along.

4                   MR. ROGAN: My final comment prior  
5           to a vote would be, you know, many people  
6           have said, "Well, wait until budget time,"  
7           that hasn't worked. Two years ago I sat on  
8           city council when a commuter tax was  
9           proposed during the budget. The budget  
10          passed with a commuter tax in it, I opposed  
11          that budget. A Court battle then ensued.  
12          At that point the city had a budget with a  
13          multi-million dollar hole because it was  
14          passed prior with a commuter tax in it,  
15          prior to letting any time frame challenges  
16          to work through the system, and that  
17          presented a very large problem for that  
18          year.

19                   I think it's something whether  
20          people oppose it or support it that it needs  
21          to be addressed prior to the budget that way  
22          we know if it's a tool at the city's  
23          disposal come budget time. As I said,  
24          tonight's vote is simply a procedural vote.  
25          There is much research that needs to be done

1 by all members of council and the public and  
2 I for one am looking forward to hearing from  
3 residents and nonresidents' opinion on this  
4 issue, so we definitely welcome you to come  
5 here and comment.

6 Anything else on the question? All  
7 those in favor of introduction signify by  
8 saying aye.

9 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

10 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed?

11 MR. GAUGHAN: No.

12 MR. ROGAN: The ayes have it and so  
13 moved.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: I'd like to make a  
15 motion that we table Item 5-B.

16 MR. ROGAN: Is there a second? The  
17 motion fails for lack of a second.

18 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
19 AN ORDINANCE - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF  
20 SCRANTON ADOPTING THE 2009 EDITION OF THE  
21 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE,  
22 REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE CONDITIONS AND  
23 MAINTENANCE OF ALL PROPERTY, BUILDINGS AND  
24 STRUCTURES, BY PROVIDING THE STANDARDS FOR  
25 SUPPLIED UTILITIES AND FACILITIES AND

1 OTHER PHYSICAL THINGS AND CONDITIONS  
2 ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE THAT STRUCTURES ARE  
3 SAFE, SANITARY AND FIT FOR OCCUPATION AND  
4 USE; AND THE CONDEMNATION OF BUILDINGS  
5 AND STRUCTURES UNFIT FOR HUMAN OCCUPANCY AND  
6 USE, AND THE DEMOLITION OF SUCH EXISTING  
7 STRUCTURES IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON;  
8 PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND  
9 COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFOR; REPEALING  
10 ORDINANCE NO. 2, 2000 OF THE CITY OF  
11 SCRANTON AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND PARTS  
12 OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

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

16 MR. GAUGHAN: So moved.

17 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

18 MR. ROGAN: On the question? I  
19 would just like to say we were all provided  
20 with a copy of the new code and we all be  
21 reviewing that prior to the final vote.

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

24 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.



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

3 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
4 AN ORDINANCE - CREATING AND ESTABLISHING  
5 SPECIAL CITY ACCOUNT NO. 02.229611  
6 ENTITLED "TEAMSTERS LOCAL #229 REPUBLIC  
7 PARKING EMPLOYEES HEALTHCARE CONTRIBUTIONS"  
8 FOR THE RECEIPT AND DISBURSEMENT OF THOSE  
9 FUNDS RECEIVED UNDER THE CURRENT COLLECTIVE  
10 BARGAINING AGREEMENT.

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

14 MR. GAUGHAN: So moved.

15 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

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

18 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

19 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

22 MS. REED: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A. NO  
23 BUSINESS AT THIS TIME.

24 SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR  
25 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC

1 SAFETY - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL  
2 NO. 34, 2014 - ESTABLISHING PERMIT PARKING  
3 ONLY IN THE 900 BLOCK OF PRESCOTT AVENUE ON  
4 BOTH SIDES OF THE STREET 901 TO 949 AND 902  
5 TO 956 WHICH INCLUDES ALL THE RESIDENCES,  
6 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF APARTMENTS LOCATED  
7 ABOVE COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES.

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

11 MR. GAUGHAN: As temporary  
12 Chairperson for the Committee on Public  
13 Safety, I recommend final passage of Item  
14 7-A.

15 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

16 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question,  
18 I see some of the residents from Prescott  
19 Avenue here tonight, and it was great  
20 getting to meet you and know you and working  
21 with you and hopefully this will take care  
22 of those issues up there. Thank you.

23 MR. ROGAN: Roll call, please.

24 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

25 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

1 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

2 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

3 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

5 MR. ROGAN: I hereby declare Item  
6 7-A legally and lawfully adopted.

7 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION BY  
8 THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION -  
9 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 35, 2014 - CREATING  
10 AND ESTABLISHING SPECIAL CITY ACCOUNT NO.  
11 02.229610 ENTITLED "GERRITY PARK" FOR THE  
12 RECEIPT AND DISBURSEMENT OF GRANT FUNDS  
13 RECEIVED UNDER GRANT APPLICATION.

14 MR. ROGAN: What is the  
15 recommendation for the Chairperson for the  
16 Committee on Finance?

17 MR. WECHSLER: As Chairperson for  
18 the Committee on Finance, I recommend final  
19 passage of Item 7-B.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Second.

21 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll  
22 call, please?

23 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

24 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

25 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

2 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

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

5 MS. REED: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION  
6 BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION  
7 -RESOLUTION NO. 67, 2014 - ACCEPTING A  
8 DONATION OF TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00)  
9 DOLLARS FROM ALLIED SERVICES PRESENTED TO  
10 THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO PROVIDE FREE  
11 SWIMMING FOR ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED  
12 INDIVIDUALS AT THE NAY AUG PARK SWIM  
13 COMPLEX.

14 MR. ROGAN: What is the  
15 recommendation of the Chair for the  
16 Committee on Finance?

17 MR. WECHSLER: As Chairperson for  
18 the Committee on Finance, I recommend final  
19 passage of Item 7-C.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Second.

21 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll  
22 call, please?

23 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

24 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

25 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

1 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

2 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

5 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare  
6 Item 7-C legally and lawfully adopted.

7 MS. REED: 7-D. FOR CONSIDERATION  
8 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -  
9 RESOLUTION NO. 68, 2014 - APPOINTMENT OF  
10 THOMAS J. GALELLA, JR., 112 PELLER AVENUE,  
11 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18505, AS A MEMBER  
12 OF THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION EFFECTIVE  
13 JULY 3, 2014. MR. GALELLA'S TERM WILL BE  
14 FOR FOUR (4) YEARS AND WILL EXPIRE ON JULY  
15 3,  
16 2018.

17 MR. Rogan: As temporary Chairperson  
18 for the Committee on Rules, I recommend  
19 final passage of Item 7-D.

20 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

21 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll  
22 call, please?

23 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

24 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

25 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

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MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

MR. ROGAN: Yes. Hereby declare  
Item 7-D legally and lawfully adopted.

Being that there is no further  
business, I'll entertain a motion to  
adjourn.

MR. GAUGHAN: Motion to adjourn.

MR. ROGAN: 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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