

SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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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

WAYNE EVANS

JOSEPH WECHSLER

WILLIAM GAUGHAN

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. 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. Evans.

9 MR. EVANS: Here.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Here.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

13 MR. ROGAN: Are there any motions  
14 for temporary chair?

15 MR. GAUGHAN: I make a motion to  
16 appoint Councilman Rogan as temporary  
17 Chairperson for the Committee on Rules.

18 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

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

21 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

22 MR. EVANS: Aye.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

24 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
25 have it and so moved.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: I make a motion to  
2 appoint Councilman Wechsler as temporary  
3 Chairperson for the Committee on Community  
4 Development.

5 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

8 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

9 MR. EVANS: Aye.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

13 MR. WECHSLER: I would like to make  
14 a motion to take from the table File of the  
15 Council No. 107-2015.

16 MR. EVANS: Second.

17 MR. ROGAN: On the question? This  
18 piece is being taken from the table, it will  
19 be placed in Seventh Order for final vote.  
20 Anyone who wishes to speak to this  
21 particular piece may do so during citizens'  
22 participation. This item will be amended,  
23 which is for the portable demand temporary  
24 storage containers, and then tabled. It  
25 will be amended and then tabled for a public

1 hearing per our attorney's suggestion. All  
2 those in favor signify by saying aye.

3 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

4 MR. EVANS: Aye.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

8 MR. EVANS: I would like to make a  
9 motion to table Item 7-B.

10 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

11 MR. ROGAN: On the question? This  
12 is the Comcast contract. Prior to the  
13 meeting today we did have a phone conference  
14 with our attorney representing us in the  
15 negotiations with Comcast. Two big items  
16 that the city council cares about and is  
17 very interested to try and see worked into  
18 this agreement is to maintain a service  
19 center within the City of Scranton,  
20 preferably at the mall at Steamtown, and  
21 obtain either a discount for senior citizens  
22 or an income based discount. There were  
23 also have concerns regarding funding for  
24 ECTV that have been discussed I know over  
25 the last few weeks as well so this item we

1 are hoping will be readdressed at our first  
2 meeting following the August recess, but we  
3 will keep the public informed as this  
4 develops.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.  
6 With the recent news of the acquisition of  
7 the mall by a local developer, I think  
8 council should take a stand as we are doing  
9 in tabling the Comcast contract that would  
10 have been on our agenda tonight until a deal  
11 can be reached to keep the Comcast service  
12 center in the mall at Steamtown. We should  
13 not forget that Scranton is Comcast's  
14 largest customer. Why should our citizens  
15 have to travel to Dickson City for service.  
16 If we are even going to consider this  
17 contract, Comcast should make a commitment  
18 to the city by guaranteeing us that they  
19 will keep their service center in the mall.

20 I am extremely disappointed that  
21 Mayor Courtright would negotiate a deal in  
22 which a business gets a 12-year contract and  
23 gets to close up shop and move to Dickson  
24 City in the next breath. Shame on Mayor  
25 Courtright for allowing this deal to even

1 get this far in the process and for keeping  
2 council in the dark. Let's not forget that  
3 as of May of this year Comcast is worth  
4 \$147.8 billion. Keeping their store in the  
5 mall and making an investment in Scranton,  
6 which is their largest customer, certainly  
7 won't break their bank.

8 MR. EVANS: On the question, I'll  
9 just comment that the reason it's also  
10 important to stay in the mall is because the  
11 Comcast store brings a tremendous amount of  
12 foot traffic to the mall and that's very  
13 important for the new developer and new  
14 owner and we are hoping that Comcast takes a  
15 look at this and reverses their decision to  
16 move to Dickson City.

17 MR. WECHSLER: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I  
18 started pushing for the Comcast remaining in  
19 the mall once they announced it earlier this  
20 year, and Comcast being a large company  
21 naturally turned their back on us.  
22 Fortunately, we have the opportunity for  
23 both the city and Comcast to correct this  
24 mistake that they made. Thank you.

25 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else? All those

1 in favor of tabling signify by saying aye.

2 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

3 MR. EVANS: Aye.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

5 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
6 have it and the item is tabled.

7 Please dispense with the reading of  
8 the minutes.

9 MS. REED: THIRD ORDER. 3-A.  
10 LACKAWANNA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
11 SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT EVALUATION  
12 REPORT REVIEWED JULY 16, 2015.

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

15 MS. REED: 3- B. TAX ASSESSOR'S  
16 REPORT FOR HEARING DATE TO BE HELD AUGUST  
17 12, 2015.

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

20 MS. REED: 3-C. AGENDA FOR THE BOARD  
21 OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING TO BE HELD AUGUST  
22 12, 2015.

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

25 MS. REED: 3-D. CHECK RECEIVED FROM



1 1539 NORTH MAIN, L.P. (GOODWILL INDUSTRIES),  
2 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,262.00, WHICH IS PAYMENT  
3 IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON.

4 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?  
5 If not, received and filed.

6 MS. REED: 3-E. CHECK RECEIVED FROM  
7 THE SCRANTON HOUSING AUTHORITY ANNUAL  
8 CONTRIBUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,970.69,  
9 WHICH IS PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR THE  
10 CITY OF SCRANTON.

11 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?  
12 If not, received and filed.

13 Do any council members have  
14 announcements at this time?

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, I have three.  
16 The West Side Boys Club will be holding  
17 their alumni reunion Saturday, August 15,  
18 from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Victor Alferi Club.  
19 It's \$35 per person which includes lunch,  
20 dinner, and draft beer. Tickets must be  
21 pre-purchased and your check is your  
22 reservation to the event. For additional  
23 information you can contact Gerry Ariema at  
24 GJALEA123@aol.com or Paul Ludovici at  
25 LUDOP6@aol.com. Checks should be made out

1 to the West Side Boys Club and mailed to 911  
2 West Linden Street or 414 Williamsburg Lane.

3 I would like to note that one of our  
4 residents here in Scranton has just been  
5 selected as a Pennsylvania delegate to the  
6 Young Democrats of America conference. He  
7 will be representing Scranton and Lackawanna  
8 County in a few weeks in Los Angeles where  
9 he will receive training on how to engage  
10 and elect Democrats and meet other young  
11 Democrats from across the nation, and his  
12 name is Paul McNally so I would like to  
13 congratulate him on that great honor.

14 John Anthony Pizzo, Jr., passed away  
15 earlier Friday after a courageous five-year  
16 battle with cancer. John worked in the  
17 Department of Public Works for the City of  
18 Scranton and I would ask that you please  
19 remember his family in your prayers tonight.  
20 And that's all I have. Thank you.

21 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Rogan, I have  
22 two. On Monday, August 3, beginning at 7  
23 a.m. until 5 p.m. the 300 block of Meadow  
24 Avenue will be restricted to one lane in  
25 both directions. They are installing a new

1 gas line there. Once again, these are one  
2 of the roads that was just paved two years  
3 ago and it's being torn up again. This  
4 construction project is expected to last for  
5 a period of three weeks so if you could  
6 avoid that area it would be suggested.

7 The only announcement I have is that  
8 August 2 is the 108th annual German Day to  
9 be held at Waldorf Park. It will be from 1  
10 to 5 p.m. It's the only day the Irish let us  
11 have up there so please attend.

12 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. A couple of  
13 announcements, the piece of legislation in  
14 Sixth Order this evening, the JAG grant,  
15 there will be a motion to move that to  
16 Seventh Order for final passage.

17 City council will recess for the  
18 month of August and will resume meetings on  
19 Thursday, September 3.

20 There is an event to benefit the  
21 family of Officer John Wilding. This will  
22 be on Saturday, August 1, from 1 to 6 p.m.  
23 at Toyota of Scranton, 3400 North Main  
24 Avenue. There will be t-shirts and signs  
25 available for purchase.

1                   And finally, Scranton's Police  
2                   Department will be having their National  
3                   Night Out on Tuesday, August 4, at Scranton  
4                   High School from 6 to 9 p.m. There will be  
5                   free food, kid's activities and police and  
6                   fire department demonstrations.

7                   MS. REED:   FOURTH ORDER.   CITIZENS'  
8                   PARTICIPATION.

9                   MR. ROGAN:   Our first speaker  
10                  tonight is Fire Chief Pat DeSarno.

11                 MR. DESARNO:  Good evening, how is  
12                 everybody doing?  My name is Pat DeSarno,  
13                 I'm the fire chief for the City of Scranton.  
14                 I have come here tonight to speak a little  
15                 bit about our smoke detector installation  
16                 program, and since I have been asked a  
17                 couple of other things directly related to  
18                 fire prevention and fire education in the  
19                 city have come up, so if you don't mind, if  
20                 you'll oblige me I will touch on them as  
21                 well.

22                 About ten years or so we started our  
23                 smoke detector program and for the most part  
24                 it was a giveaway, just pretty much you  
25                 needed smoke detectors you came and saw us

1 and we gave them to you, a lot of that was  
2 due to large part to WNEP's Operation Save a  
3 Life program, which was amazing. Since then  
4 though, the actual installation by fire  
5 department personnel has only been going on  
6 for the past two and a half years or so and  
7 that is due in large part to the efforts of  
8 Deputy Chief Alan Lucas and our fire  
9 prevention officer Sean Flynn, and I can  
10 assuredly say that in that time thousands of  
11 smoke detectors have been installed in  
12 hundreds of homes directly by fire  
13 department personnel.

14 Now, since I have gotten to into my  
15 position I have kind of made moves to expand  
16 our fire prevention capabilities. We have  
17 doubled our efforts in finding and  
18 dedicating funding for new detectors and  
19 other fire prevention tools and now we are  
20 able to protect homes by the following  
21 means:

22 We now install one small battery  
23 operated detector in every bedroom of the  
24 house we go to, three, four, however many  
25 bedrooms, two. Now, they have ten-year

1           lifespans, but we strongly suggest that  
2           batteries are changed every six months. We  
3           also include two ten-year lithium detectors,  
4           that would be one on the first floor and one  
5           on the second floor of your home and there  
6           is no battery replacement necessary for  
7           those for ten years I could say.

8                       And now we are now able to include  
9           expanding them even further to include one  
10          carbon monoxide detector for each home, and  
11          this service is available to any and all  
12          city residents and Scranton Fire Department  
13          personnel will do the actual installations  
14          for you, and I will give you the information  
15          on how to get that done when I close.

16                      We are currently awaiting a \$100,000  
17          FPS or Fire Prevention Safety Grant, we are  
18          awaiting word on our application, and this  
19          is done under the umbrella of the AFG or  
20          assistance to firefighter grants through the  
21          federal government. If we are awarded this  
22          funding we will be able to go out and  
23          protect approximately 1,000 more homes. So  
24          the county after that particular thing,  
25          right now our detectors through Operation

1 Safe a Life and what we purchase through our  
2 own means, but the caveat to the -- for lack  
3 of a better word, for the AFS detectors  
4 should we get them is going to the low to  
5 mod household range, something like that, so  
6 with that in mind once we get them we will  
7 figure our way through it. We are thinking  
8 of reaching out in conjunction with the  
9 Scranton school district through their  
10 school lunch programs. I think that might  
11 be one of other better ways to go out and  
12 find out the homes that are need.

13 So speaking of the Scranton school  
14 district, that's a nice segue, go right into  
15 there, I would like to quickly add that we  
16 have a little bit of a partnership and a  
17 more aggressive fire prevention and  
18 education program, a lot more comprehensive  
19 with the Scranton School district and this  
20 is due in large part to Dr. -- the new  
21 superintendent Dr. Kerijan coming over and  
22 reaching out to us and with help from Jeff  
23 Brazil, and our two fire inspectors, Jamie  
24 Lundy and Jack Joyce, we are going to get  
25 together with them and as more details come

1 along I'll come back and announce how that  
2 program is going to go if you don't mind.

3 And speaking of partnerships, one  
4 more segue, the Red Cross awhile back had  
5 reached out to us and the new executive  
6 director, Mr. Bill Goldsworthy, and their  
7 disaster management program specialist, Jeff  
8 Banks, approached us and asked if he would  
9 consider going into a partnership with them  
10 on a smoke detector installation program  
11 and, of course, we said of course.

12 Now, I don't Mr. Goldsworthy, first  
13 time I had ever met him, he seems like a  
14 very aggressive and progressive person,  
15 really wants to get this done, and I have  
16 met Jeff several times on occasion on scenes  
17 and stuff and, you know, meeting Jeff is  
18 bitter sweet because if Jeff is there  
19 something -- an individual or family has  
20 experienced some sort of disaster, but Jeff  
21 is sweet because Jeff is awesome. Jeff is a  
22 go getter. If something happened to me I  
23 would like Jeff to be handling it, I would  
24 be in very good hands with Jeff.

25 Anyway, our discussions kind of came



1 down to this, we will -- what we are going  
2 to do is target different areas and  
3 neighborhoods of the city that we feel, we  
4 deem that are very much -- in very bad need  
5 of these detectors, and we will be reaching  
6 out to neighborhood associations to find out  
7 and get their input on who they think and  
8 where they think these detectors should go.

9 Now, the Red Cross is going to  
10 provide all of the detectors, they are going  
11 to provide the smaller battery operated ones  
12 and the ones with the ten-year lithium ones.  
13 If we can somehow drum up some funding for  
14 the CO detectors possibly through this  
15 program we will try to add them, but for  
16 sure smoke detectors and we, of course, they  
17 are going to provide detectors, as I said,  
18 and volunteers and Scranton Fire Department  
19 will assist them in every way that we can  
20 and what we can is we plan to hit three  
21 different areas, one each month in the city  
22 and that is in August, September, and  
23 October and our first efforts will be in  
24 South Side scheduled for installation --  
25 installations are scheduled for Saturday,

1 August 29, and September and October dates  
2 are yet to be determined. Tuesday morning  
3 August 25, we are going to, Engine 2 in  
4 South Side, and we are going to hit the  
5 areas that we picked and they will be  
6 passing it out and/or leaving door hangers  
7 telling neighbors and other residents what  
8 we are all about up there, they are  
9 bilingual, English and Spanish, and also a  
10 little questionnaire type, not  
11 questionnaire, a paper to have the residents  
12 tell them all about what they have received  
13 and education involved with installation of  
14 the different fire prevention tools.

15 So we will be meeting with the  
16 residents, talking with them and answering  
17 any questions or concerns and, again, I'll  
18 repeat that on Saturday, August 29, we will  
19 reconvene at Engine 2 and we will get out to  
20 the neighborhoods and do the actual  
21 installations.

22 Wilkes-Barre is doing this this  
23 Saturday, they are doing the installations  
24 Saturday and this past Tuesday they did the  
25 neighborhood canvases and I understand it

1 was very well received, very warm and well  
2 received.

3 So in closing I will get to what I  
4 came here for, again, our Scranton Fire  
5 Department smoke detector fire prevention  
6 installation program is available to all  
7 city residents and the number to call is  
8 570-348-4164, that will be extension one or  
9 prompt number one, for fire prevention  
10 officer Sean Flynn and, again, I repeat  
11 570-348-41644, extension one, prompt one,  
12 fire prevention officer Sean Flynn, and  
13 there is a link on the city websites landing  
14 page. You can click on that and that will  
15 take you to how to go about the process.

16 So, gentlemen, have any questions?

17 MR. ROGAN: Thank you very much,  
18 Chief. Just a compliment actually, I think  
19 it was about two years ago John Judge from  
20 the Fire Department contacted me just trying  
21 to get the word out and I put a post up on  
22 my Facebook page and I had nothing but  
23 compliments from the people about the guys  
24 that went out and did the installations and  
25 how much time they took to professionally

1           install the smoke detectors because when I  
2           think of I just think, okay, you buy a smoke  
3           detector and put it up, but they explained  
4           that there is a method to it and they were  
5           very happy with the service from everyone on  
6           the fire department so thank you.

7                   MR. DESARNO: Thank you, Pat, I  
8           appreciate that, and, yes, if nothing else  
9           we try to be as professional and as  
10          courteous as we can out there. Thank you.  
11          Have a great summer, see you in September.

12                   MR. ROGAN: Thank you, Chief. Tom  
13          Blomain.

14                   MR. BLOMAIN: Hello, Council. My  
15          name is Tom Blomain. I'm here on behalf of  
16          Electric City television, which I serve as a  
17          board member and apparently a very timely  
18          issue right now with the paper and your  
19          commentary just now about tabling the issue.  
20          I will be brief, the only reason I want to  
21          appear here today is to thank you for the  
22          efforts that you are trying to put forward  
23          to benefit not only ECTV, but the city, it's  
24          contract with Comcast, and all of the  
25          viewers that have come to rely on Electric

1 City television as a true community access  
2 channel. With the kind of help that is  
3 being suggested with this new contract, I  
4 think that not only will we be able to  
5 continue the types of services we provided  
6 but enhance them and I think that's to the  
7 benefit of something like 85,000 households  
8 in our area, most of which are in Scranton.  
9 I do hope they keep their center obviously  
10 in the Steamtown Mall and that we can  
11 continue to provide and expand the services  
12 that we have done, hope it passes many  
13 years.

14 So just a thank you for your efforts  
15 and encourage you to get the best deal you  
16 can. If I or anyone affiliated with the  
17 channel could ever be of any help in any way  
18 please let us know and we will be happy to  
19 provide whatever service. If you guys have  
20 any questions from me or I'll go ahead and  
21 finish.

22 MR. ROGAN: Thank you very much.

23 MR. EVANS: Thank you.

24 MR. BLOMAIN: Enjoy the rest of your  
25 summer.

1 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Next speaker  
2 is Joan Hodowanitz.

3 MS. HODOWANITZ: Joan Hodowanitz,  
4 Scranton resident and taxpayer. With regard  
5 to the Comcast contract I want to compliment  
6 you on taking on this issue and not simply  
7 rolling over and rubber stamping what was  
8 coming before you. I personally don't  
9 subscribe to Comcast. I dumped them about  
10 two years ago primarily for their outrageous  
11 bills and their extraordinarily bad customer  
12 service.

13 One month they deposited my check  
14 into somebody else's account and they used  
15 to leave nasty messages on my answering  
16 machine because I hadn't paid my bill. So I  
17 sat back one day and spent an hour on the  
18 phone trying to reach them and just before I  
19 could talk to a human being they gave me  
20 message that I would have to pay \$4.99 to  
21 speak to a customer representative, so  
22 Comcast (sound uttered.)

23 I would tell people there is a  
24 option to having Comcast, if you don't have  
25 to have a cable service, and some people

1 want ECTV when they want and EWTN, but if  
2 you don't have to have those services and  
3 you don't have to have your sports channels,  
4 and you watch just the basic broadcast  
5 channels, consider buying a digital indoor  
6 TV antenna like I have. I get 14 different  
7 channels in high definition quality, ABC,  
8 CBS, NBC, PBS, WVIA, ION, all of them. 14  
9 different channels, 24 hours a day, 7 days a  
10 week and I pay zero, okay? And it's not  
11 just me because I'm on the fifth floor of  
12 the Forum, people on the second floor of the  
13 Forum get the same reception from downtown.  
14 So, you know, it's something you want to  
15 consider unless you want to feed the hog and  
16 I don't. So good luck with the contract,  
17 but they are superlatively bad and you can  
18 tell them I said so.

19 With regard to the Steamtown Mall,  
20 I'm so happy to see that we now know who  
21 bought it and we are so happy to see that  
22 the new owner is interested in working with  
23 the city and other city stakeholders in  
24 revitalizing that property, I hope they  
25 succeed.

1 I also want to compliment Mr. Evans  
2 and the rest of the council for the meeting  
3 you had on Monday brainstorming ideas to  
4 move the city forward. That was such a  
5 breath of fresh air and such a positive  
6 attitude. I would be the one standing up  
7 here saying where is the audit, where is the  
8 audit and following the money trail, but the  
9 other side of that coin is you do have to  
10 look at the things that are positive and  
11 that's when you have done and that's what  
12 I'm looking for in terms of leadership in  
13 the city and I'm glad that you stepped  
14 forward and are fulfilling that role.

15 I hope you have a good August, I  
16 hope you come back refreshed because you are  
17 going to need to hit the road running when  
18 you get back. You have got the 2016  
19 operating budget around the corner, you've  
20 got the 2014 audit, and I'm going to start  
21 asking what's the status of the audit, you  
22 are going to have the status of the sale of  
23 the Scranton Parking Authority, the Scranton  
24 Sewer Authority, what's happening with the  
25 mall, a whole lot of other issues, so I hope



1           you have a wonderful August recess and I  
2           hope when you come back on September 3 you  
3           have your stuff in one bag so we will be  
4           asking questions.

5                        I noted with pleasure the two PILOT  
6           payments that were made on your item three  
7           agenda for a total of over \$54,000. If you  
8           recall the city only budgeted \$200,000 for  
9           PILOTS so if you got \$54,000 there usually  
10          the University of Scranton pays you \$175,000  
11          if they come through again this year that's  
12          well over \$200,000 right there, so that's a  
13          good thing and hopefully we will get more  
14          people to belly up to the bar. And I'll be  
15          waiting -- also, I hope when you come back  
16          in September we have the minutes on the  
17          website for the July 9 council meeting,  
18          that's the one where the mayor was here with  
19          Mr. Amoroso, I'd like to see those minutes  
20          to go through those again so that we can  
21          keep looking at where we stand on the  
22          recovery program. That's another issue  
23          that's not going to be dropped. Thank you.

24                       MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Les  
25                       Spindler.

1 MR. SPINDLER: Good evening,  
2 Council. Les Spindler, city resident,  
3 homeowner and taxpayer. Friday evening I  
4 attended a benefit at Fellows Park for  
5 Patrolman John Wilding. It was a wonderful  
6 event, it was attended by hundreds of  
7 people, and lots of money was raised for the  
8 family and his widow was there, I think it  
9 was -- the chief had to be pleased by the  
10 great turnout.

11 One thing this bothered me, the only  
12 elected official I saw there was our mayor.  
13 I didn't see one city council person there.  
14 Unless you were out of town, I think you  
15 should have been there. I know, Councilman  
16 Rogan, you were on your honeymoon, that was  
17 a legitimate excuse. Unless you other  
18 people were out of town you should have been  
19 at that benefit.

20 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Spindler, I was  
21 out of town.

22 MR. SPINDLER: Okay. I said if you  
23 were out of town that's a different story.  
24 If you weren't out of town, there is no  
25 excuse. You should be there to show respect

1           for this fallen officer and his family, a  
2           wife and two young children, I don't think  
3           \$10 is too much to ask, and I spent much  
4           more than that going to that benefit and it  
5           was a great benefit to attend and it was a  
6           very good success.

7                       And I know there is another one  
8           September 20 at the former Ice Box, one of  
9           the officers told me that, and it's from 1  
10          to 9, that's a few months away, it will be  
11          here before you know it.

12                      MR. ROGAN: I think that one is  
13           going to be a very large one.

14                      MR. SPINDLER: It's going to be a  
15           very big one they tell me from 1 to 9 so I'm  
16           looking forward to that.

17                      Moving on, I was again glad to see  
18           that a local person bought the mall, I wish  
19           Mr. Basalyga all of the luck in the world.  
20           I just hope he gets the right people running  
21           that mall. I think the first thing he  
22           should do is hire a general manager that has  
23           previous experience in running a mall and I  
24           think he should get all of the help he can  
25           from Mr. Boscov. I think Mr. Boscov could

1 help turn that mall around.

2 And another thing, I said it before,  
3 I think he should lower the rent because I  
4 said it a few weeks ago, I said you better  
5 off having a mall filled with people paying  
6 less rent than a mall 75 percent empty  
7 paying high rent so I think the first thing  
8 he should do is lower the rent, we'd get  
9 more businesses in that building.

10 Lastly, Comcast. Every time this  
11 contract comes up I bring the subject up as  
12 why don't we look to another provider, and  
13 every year I come up it's fallen on deaf  
14 ears. I'm sure it will probably fall on  
15 deaf ears again, but I think their prices  
16 are outrageous. I have it because I love  
17 sports and I don't just want the basic cable  
18 so I pay the outrageous price. I think what  
19 they should do, and I've said this for a  
20 long time, they should have a package where  
21 you pay for the channels that you watch. We  
22 must get over 100 channels, I probably don't  
23 watch 25 percent of those channels so I  
24 think they should have a package where you  
25 pay for what you -- you tell them what you

1 are watching and you just pay for that. I  
2 don't know if that's something we can get  
3 into the contract, I think it's good idea  
4 because, like I said, their prices  
5 outrageous, but they are the only game in  
6 town so we are stuck with them, but I think  
7 we should look to other providers because  
8 there are many other providers in area.

9 That's all I have. Enjoy your month  
10 off, we'll see you in September.

11 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Ron Ellman.

12 MR. ELLMAN: Hello, Council. I'd  
13 like to say that from beginning one of the  
14 problems with the mall was just crossing the  
15 street. I heard that, you know, now AND  
16 then over and over and over again that was a  
17 dangerous place. Cars ran the light, cars  
18 turned, people couldn't get there in time.  
19 It was a bad intersection and nothing was  
20 ever done about it that I know of.

21 My associates at the Taurus Club are  
22 completely 100 percent, get ready for this,  
23 against your \$150,000 loan with what has  
24 happened in the past, I'm talking about, you  
25 know, some financially business people. We

1 shouldn't be in the banking business after  
2 the past history this city has like the  
3 glass company was here for a couple of  
4 months that blew out of here over \$50,000 or  
5 something, you know, the glass place  
6 downtown. The two motels, if some deadbeat  
7 can't go to a bank why should the taxpayers  
8 have to give money as much as it could be  
9 used all around this city.

10 And, Mr. Minora, I think I got a  
11 question for you, when -- I'll wait for you  
12 to quit laughing at me.

13 MR. MINORA: No, I'm not laughing at  
14 you.

15 MR. ELLMAN: Well, you probably will  
16 when I ask you.

17 MR. MINORA: I won't laugh at you.

18 MR. ELLMAN: I know you have to be  
19 much more familiar with the American  
20 Disabilities Act where a person is supposed  
21 to be able to go and get a room or an  
22 apartment or buy a house after a certain age  
23 and with certain physical or mental  
24 problems, I've read little articles about  
25 the ad, I'd like to know why the University

1 of Scranton, Lackawanna College, Marywood,  
2 why somebody can't go to that dorm and ask  
3 for an apartment. I asked HUD and they have  
4 no reason they said it seems the person I  
5 talked to said it seems feasible. It looks  
6 like there can be some kind of legislation  
7 to make this possible for the people in the  
8 city that have lost all of this money and  
9 the property that they took to give us eight  
10 apartments to rent towards their money  
11 that's due. They just can't go on like they  
12 are and you can't rely on Mr. Amoroso to do  
13 a thing to help this city. How he is going  
14 to help the city when he is getting \$60,000s  
15 from Lackawanna College not to oppose them  
16 in anything.

17 This city is just a laughing joke,  
18 this is administration, but what is wrong  
19 with what I just said? It seems like there  
20 is a loophole --

21 MR. MINORA: I was just waiting for  
22 the question.

23 MR. ELLMAN: Sir?

24 MR. MINORA: I was waiting for the  
25 question.

1 MR. ELLMAN: Why can't the city  
2 through legislation take some of these  
3 dormitory apartments for people that the  
4 city is taking care of and putting in homes  
5 and everything right now? There have got to  
6 be thousands.

7 MR. MINORA: I'm not sure what  
8 you're referring to, dormitory apartments,  
9 that I don't what you mean.

10 MR. ELLMAN: Well, it seems all of  
11 these apartments, all these dormitories, I  
12 don't know how many, there are probably  
13 1,000, 2000 in the city, I don't know how  
14 many.

15 MR. ROGAN: You mean the student  
16 housing, Mr. Ellman?

17 MR. ELLMAN: These apartments they  
18 came from confiscated property that used to  
19 pay taxes. They built the dorms, we don't  
20 get a penny for them. It seems with all of  
21 the people in the city that the city and the  
22 county have to take care of they could  
23 demand amount of apartments in these  
24 dormitories, which they are going to turn  
25 you down, then give the city and the county



1 "X" amount of rent for those apartments that  
2 we need.

3 MR. MINORA: I'll tell you what,  
4 I'll talk to you after the meeting because I  
5 don't understand the question. Are you  
6 suggesting that the University should turn  
7 over their property to the city because it  
8 used to be tax producing, is that the  
9 question?

10 MR. ELLMAN: They're not going to  
11 turn it over, but maybe the threat --

12 MR. MINORA: Well, I'm just trying  
13 to find out what the question is.

14 MR. ELLMAN: Looks like the threat  
15 of doing something -- nobody has nothing to  
16 help the people of this city against the  
17 University. Nothing. Lackawanna College  
18 told Mrs. Evans to go to hell when she asked  
19 them for money. It's time something is done  
20 about it and Mr. Amoroso is not going to do  
21 nothing. He is getting \$60,000 not to do  
22 nothing to anybody.

23 MR. ROGAN: Thank you for your time,  
24 Mr. Ellman. Attorney Minora did say he will  
25 discuss it with you after the meeting

1 further.

2 MR. ELLMAN: Well, it's something  
3 that I -- it seems like somebody could toy  
4 around and that I'm not the least bit  
5 knowledgeable what I'm talking about, but it  
6 seems like it's something that somebody up  
7 there or Mr. Minora could investigate.

8 MR. ROGAN: Thank you.

9 MR. ELLMAN: Thank you. You all  
10 have a nice summer.

11 MR. EVANS: Thank you. You, too.

12 MR. ROGAN: Is there anyone else who  
13 would like to address council?

14 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia.  
15 Fellow Scrantonians, the loan again, it  
16 wasn't -- we built a garage for the Connell  
17 building, we gave them special tax  
18 incentives, now, you are planning to give  
19 \$150,000 to somebody to move into the  
20 Connell building, are you planning to give  
21 money to anybody that wants to rent a room  
22 in the Connell building, is that where we  
23 are heading? You are doing nothing to stop  
24 the tax increase that's going to come in  
25 January. How you can justify giving out a

1 contract to study one traffic signal on  
2 Parker Street and Main Avenue is beyond me.  
3 Everybody laughs. Why you would do that, I  
4 don't know. I just hope it ain't for  
5 contributions.

6 Another thing, you are giving out  
7 \$5,000 for recycling so the lady can say,  
8 "Put the glass in the can to the blue, put  
9 the newspapers and paper in the red."

10 Is that going to be our \$5,000 gift  
11 to her? You are not doing a thing to stop  
12 what's going to happen. All you do is add  
13 on. You shouldn't be giving out any  
14 contracts other than needed for safety  
15 actually. You don't need all of these  
16 contracts, there is no reason for them. If  
17 you don't stop that 6 percent is a joke that  
18 they said, it's going to be 12 to 18  
19 percent. You just don't watch the pennies  
20 or realize that people are looking. Why  
21 would somebody get \$5,000 to help with the  
22 recycling?

23 They look like their is payback.  
24 Everybody looks at your contracts like they  
25 are payback.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: Mr. Sbaraglia, can I  
2 interject for one second? The \$5,000 to the  
3 recycling consultant was a result of a  
4 meeting with the state, that was a state  
5 recommendation for the City of Scranton so  
6 that's why the administration decided to  
7 move forward with that, and it was included  
8 in the 2015 budget.

9 MR. SBARAGLIA: I realize that, but  
10 it's a joke. We got the county handling the  
11 recycling. What the state got to do, I  
12 don't know, but if anybody realized there is  
13 so much politics between the state and local  
14 governments that they are no longer  
15 trustworthy. Why you would have a contract  
16 out because the state says you should give  
17 them one is beyond me. The question is did  
18 you need one no matter what the state says.  
19 You and I know what's going to happen in  
20 January, but don't lie to the people.  
21 That's 6 percent is a house of cards just  
22 like he said. If one thing don't go,  
23 another thing don't go, that 6 percent goes  
24 to 12 percent and 15 percent, God knows  
25 what.

1                   You know, you gave a \$4 million to a  
2                   bank that you didn't have to, and you  
3                   mortgaged the revenue from the parking  
4                   meters. Did you have to do that? No, but  
5                   you did it and so and so on. You are not  
6                   helping what's happening. You are adding to  
7                   it and in the end people are going to see  
8                   what's happening and in the end you are not  
9                   going to be sitting up there somebody else  
10                  is going to be sitting up there that wants  
11                  to watch what's happening to the city.

12                  I'm sorry that you don't really look  
13                  at everything. You got to have a need, a  
14                  good need before anything is done. You  
15                  don't just say it looks good. A lot of  
16                  things look good, but we are not in the  
17                  position to look at things just because they  
18                  are good, you got to look and say that we  
19                  are in dire need of it.

20                  Them two lots that they are selling  
21                  up to at -- Gavin. They are worth more than  
22                  that, you and I know that. They are prime  
23                  lots, but yet you let them go for \$2,500  
24                  where each of them lots is probably worth  
25                  about \$10,000, but that's the way it goes in

1           this city. People are political connected  
2           and whether that had anything to do with it  
3           or not I don't know. I just hope not  
4           because this is what's happening with the  
5           city and I'm sorry to say it's true.

6                        I was brought up in this city, you  
7           are talking about the Boys Club, West Side  
8           Club for the Boys House, I with the poster  
9           boy for the Boys club. Thank you.

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

12                      MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening.  
13           Marie Schumacher. First, I would like to  
14           say I was elated to find that the mall was  
15           not sold to a nonprofit and I hope that it  
16           stays that way for a very long time and on  
17           the tax rolls, that is.

18                      And then since ads for special  
19           meetings have to be submitted to the Times  
20           at least a day before they appear in  
21           publication I'm a little bit dismayed that  
22           the special meeting that was held on Monday  
23           which appeared in Friday's paper was not  
24           announced at last week's meeting especially  
25           when I had asked about the status of the

1           brainstorming session. Now, the ones that  
2           are on in Seventh Order tonight. 7-E,  
3           again, I am definitely against a grant, a  
4           loan, yes. Frankly, I don't believe that a  
5           grant should be given to -- I think the  
6           grants out to be the people who have been  
7           here and require loans to help them stay in  
8           business or update should be the people who  
9           get the grants. I think others should be  
10          loans.

11                   The sewer and the water line, 7-I,  
12           is that an exclusive arrangement or will the  
13           insurance, line insurance, be available as  
14           it is now competitively?

15                   MR. EVANS: Your insurance still  
16           stays in effect, this is just another  
17           option.

18                   MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay, thank you.  
19           7-J. Oh, what was it, I put 7-J and I  
20           didn't put -- somebody help me, what was 7-J  
21           on, the subject, I'm sorry.

22                   MR. ROGAN: There is no 7-J.

23                   MS. SCHUMACHER: Oh, that's the one  
24           you are moving back on the agenda tonight?

25                   MR. ROGAN: It will be temporarily

1 placed back on the agenda and then --

2 MS. SCHUMACHER: But what is the  
3 subject? I understand that, what is the  
4 subject of that?

5 MR. ROGAN: The pods, the pods  
6 legislation.

7 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay. I still -- I  
8 think you should vote against that because I  
9 don't think there is any justification for  
10 charging a fee for having a storage  
11 container on your own lot because you are  
12 not providing any service in return for the  
13 fee which is the definition of a fee, so I  
14 think that needs to be reworked definitely.

15 What's the status of the matrix that  
16 PEL is preparing on the items that have be  
17 accomplished? When you come back it's going  
18 to be, two-thirds of the year is going to be  
19 gone by the wayside.

20 MR. EVANS: I know they are working  
21 on it, so I will talk to them about where  
22 they are with that.

23 MS. SCHUMACHER: We won't find out  
24 until September so --

25 MR. EVANS: I'm not sure.



1 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay, and how many  
2 firefighters have we hired now? Whose  
3 committee is that?

4 MR. WECHSLER: To my knowledge we  
5 haven't hired any.

6 MS. SCHUMACHER: When are we going  
7 to hire them? I mean, that whole MOU was  
8 based on savings of overtime because we are  
9 doing hiring, we have lost the firefighters,  
10 I think that the administration needs to get  
11 a kick in the butt from you people.

12 MR. WECHSLER: I request that from  
13 the mayor every time I speak with him.

14 MS. SCHUMACHER: I hear you. Well,  
15 I think maybe all of you need to send a  
16 consolidated message that it's time to start  
17 hiring. I'm sure there are people out there  
18 who would qualify or I can't believe that  
19 there isn't. And I guess, okay, that  
20 finishes it for the night. See you in  
21 September, as the oldies song says. Thank  
22 you.

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

1 MS. GAUGHAN: Good evening,  
2 gentlemen, my name is Mary Gaughan, and I'm  
3 a recent city resident and I'd like to say  
4 that I'm friends with the management at the  
5 Hilton Hotel, and today they had a lemonade  
6 stand at the corner of Spruce and Adams and  
7 they raised a little over \$800 and all of  
8 the proceeds will go to Patrolman Wilding's  
9 widow and they spent a lot of time, the  
10 employees volunteered, they wore shirts.  
11 The manager, Mr. John Argonish, approved  
12 this. He also sent them off to the baseball  
13 game with the shirts and the bracelets and  
14 he is also backed up by the desk manager,  
15 Mr. Luck Menaphy, and even his little  
16 six-year-old daughter came to help today,  
17 and I think that's wonderful.

18 And I also want to say that I talked  
19 to Borys Krawczeniuk yesterday while I was  
20 waiting to see Hillary Clinton and he told  
21 me that he looked at the internet and he  
22 said, indeed, what I asked him was right  
23 that John Basalyga, his father, was Sergei  
24 Basalyga, the later Sergei Basalyga, and I  
25 went to school with him in Dunmore and I'm

1 looking forward to seeing John.

2 And the other thing this gentleman,  
3 I understand you have an ordinance on the  
4 books and one of the ordinances is  
5 skateboarding in the city, and I see a  
6 policeman wandering very nice and he is very  
7 well dressed and very sharp and he should  
8 have a book full of money for the city  
9 because there are people going down the  
10 street, the sidewalks, on skateboards.  
11 There are people driving town the middle of  
12 the sidewalk on bicycles.

13 And also there are people smoking  
14 all over the place and if you look at city  
15 there are cigarette butts all over. I  
16 talked to a new business woman, Joann  
17 Martinelli Finnerty, and she says to me,  
18 "Tell me about the cigarette butts, they  
19 even put them in my planters."

20 And I think if we are going to  
21 attract business we better clean up the city  
22 a little bit, we better do something about  
23 the homeless population and we better make  
24 the city look clean. Let's be proud of our  
25 city, we have a lot to be proud of, and

1           thank you very much, gentlemen.

2                   Oh, and, Mr. Wechsler, August 2, as  
3           an Irish person, I'll be up at the Waldorf.

4                   MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening, Council.  
5           Dave Dobrzyn, resident, taxpayer. Taxes  
6           paid, etcetera. Once again, call Congress  
7           1-202-224-3121, I won't mention the  
8           president, that's 456-1111, 1-202. Last  
9           week I failed to mention that the reason I  
10          mentioned the 25 to 30 people corpses found  
11          in cages under slavery in Malaysia is the  
12          currently our US Chamber of Commerce is  
13          lobbying to lower them from code red to code  
14          two, meaning that they will qualify for the  
15          Transpacific partnership. Now, you wonder  
16          why we have no jobs in the United States  
17          that pay decently.

18                   Furthermore, it's been mentioned  
19          about schooling, well, at 55 years old you  
20          don't go to school and turn your life around  
21          and become something entirely different.  
22          Mr. Minora would no better make an  
23          automotive mechanic than I would make a  
24          lawyer or an attorney. We can't -- the  
25          doors are closed, so to speak, so if we

1           didn't need an attorney anymore, I mean, he  
2           could ponder around the shop and maybe get  
3           something up with the same with me going to  
4           Court, I get laughed out.

5                        On our local issues, on 7-E, once  
6           again I mentioned that I was opposed to it,  
7           one of the things that concerns me is a lot  
8           of these grant loans, and this is also a  
9           grant, so if they achieve what they say they  
10          are going to what type of wages do they have  
11          to pay, first of all, how many hours a week  
12          do they have to create a job for, or can we  
13          have five people working 20 hours a week and  
14          call it that, and with some of the employees  
15          would it be applicable to the low waitress  
16          wage or waiter wage where it's 30 percent of  
17          minimum wage which, you know, people just  
18          don't get it. The average age of a car  
19          right now in this country is 11.5 years.  
20          Now, talk about demand, there isn't any  
21          obviously. They are fixing up old rusted  
22          old clunkers just to get by, just to get by,  
23          so some of those people, although they are  
24          our friends and so forth, they are not  
25          necessarily doing us any favors.



1                   On tabling ECTV, please stay on it  
2                   and try to get some justice here for Comcast  
3                   or the city, it's up to them, they do get a  
4                   royalty so if they want to share it they  
5                   really should.

6                   And on the sewer pact once again  
7                   there was one in the paper today or  
8                   yesterday another article on the bid and  
9                   it's probably going to happen, but currently  
10                  if they have the right to bill other people  
11                  for my bill I disagree with that, and  
12                  currently I am being billed for luxury gated  
13                  communities that have to pay a high percent  
14                  and I disagree with that, also. I'll make  
15                  my bills, pay my bills and they can feel  
16                  free to do the same. Thank you and have a  
17                  good night and have a nice summer.

18                  MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Regarding  
19                  the questions regarding the loan grant, I do  
20                  have a packet of information I can give to  
21                  you after the meeting on that. Is there  
22                  anyone else who would like to address  
23                  council?

24                  MS. REED: FIFTH ORDER. 5-A.  
25                  MOTIONS.

1 MR. ROGAN: Councilman Wechsler, do  
2 you have any motions or comments?

3 MR. WECHSLER: Yes, thank you,  
4 Mr. Rogan. I would like to thank John  
5 Basalyga for his investment in our city. I  
6 don't know John personally, but I am  
7 familiar with some of his projects and all  
8 of them that I have ever seen are quite  
9 outstanding. All of a sudden with this  
10 purchase John now becomes one of the most  
11 important people in our area. For right now  
12 pretty much all we have to be are  
13 cheerleaders for John, I know I'm one of  
14 them. I promise to do anything that I can  
15 to help make his investment at the mall a  
16 success.

17 Last night I attended a meeting of  
18 the Hill Neighborhood Association and our  
19 district forester and city forester Tony  
20 Santoli was there. If you want to hear  
21 about trees Tony is the guy that you need to  
22 speak to, and he went on for quite a bit  
23 about trees, but the most interesting thing  
24 that I came away with from the meetings, and  
25 I did not know this, is as you go through



1 the city you see trees with red dots or  
2 lines on them, and the red dotted trees are  
3 trees that are scheduled to be taken down  
4 and the trees with the lines on them are  
5 trees scheduled to be trimmed if you have  
6 any questions about that. And it was  
7 interesting that he told me there is an  
8 inventory that he has prepared for trees  
9 throughout the city that are scheduled  
10 either for trimming or for removal and we do  
11 have dedicated staff from DEP that when they  
12 can they go out and do trees every day.  
13 Unfortunately, in the DPW the first  
14 requirement is that the garbage trucks are  
15 filled with people first every day so they,  
16 unfortunately, don't get to do as much tree  
17 trimming as possible.

18 The other interesting thing I heard  
19 from Tony was that the city Recreation  
20 Authority has assisted him financially with  
21 some spraying up there of some hemlock  
22 trees, so all in all it was very encouraging  
23 me, Mr. Santoli had high remarks for the  
24 city and our efforts to control trees, and  
25 also had high marks for the DPW staff that

1 he works with on a daily basis so it was  
2 quite interesting.

3 The last thing that I have to say is  
4 that the meeting that we have on Monday,  
5 concerning new initiatives to bring some  
6 brighter and more spirited ideas to the city  
7 was quite a success. I have been contacted  
8 by several different people with ideas,  
9 people that I did not know were in this area  
10 and have a varied interest in contributing  
11 to this program. Now it's up to us to as  
12 council people now to make this work, and I  
13 think we will need as much assistance as  
14 possible, but I'm very excited about it and  
15 the initial response has been tremendous,  
16 and that's all I have tonight.

17 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Councilman  
18 Evans, do you have any motions or comments?

19 MR. EVANS: Thank you. Council  
20 President McGoff asked me to read the status  
21 report on the audit, the audit prep is  
22 making good process in support of the full  
23 audit and SP & Company is probably going to  
24 do the preliminary work at this point.

25 I'd like to touch a little bit on

1 comment that Mr. Spindler made, I absolutely  
2 agree that it would be phenomenal to have  
3 competition in the arena of cable TV. The  
4 problem being is that Comcast owns all the  
5 facilities for cable TV right now, so  
6 anybody that would want to compete with them  
7 would have to overbuild Comcast, which  
8 basically means it would cost close to  
9 \$100,000 million or more. With that said,  
10 the only one I could see competing would be  
11 Verizon. Verizon is telephone operator and  
12 Verizon does have the facilities to provide  
13 cable TV with a little bit of adjustment  
14 here and there.

15 Verizon does have cable to be  
16 serviced throughout the east coast, it's  
17 called FIOS, F-I-O-S, and by all accounts  
18 FIOS is one of the top five cable providers  
19 in the country when it comes to service, so  
20 what I would suggest is write a letter to  
21 Verizon, I'm going to write a letter to  
22 Verizon because I would like to see them  
23 implement their FIOS cable TV right here in  
24 the City of Scranton. It would be an easy  
25 build for them. They have it in

1 Philadelphia, they have it in New Jersey,  
2 Maryland, Baltimore, D.C., and it's  
3 something that I think would be a benefit to  
4 all of us, so I thank you for the suggestion  
5 I think that's probably our only opportunity  
6 for true competition in that arena.

7 Finally, when we return in September  
8 we will be entering into the last quarter of  
9 the year, so to say that we should expect a  
10 full court press from the administration  
11 would be an understatement. Some of the  
12 items that need to be addressed and have not  
13 been completed as of yet are the  
14 monetization of the Sewer Authority,  
15 monetization of the Parking Authority, full  
16 pension reform, rental registration  
17 revisions, rental registration RFP to get  
18 registration issues finally resolved,  
19 updated condemnation policy, foreclosed  
20 property registration RFP, the Comcast cable  
21 contract changes, a plan to collect the \$13  
22 million for delinquent garbage bills or at  
23 least some kind of cash infusion for the  
24 2016 budget and, of course, the budget  
25 itself.

1                   There is going to be numerous other  
2                   issues that we can expect to deal with in  
3                   the fourth quarter as well. I know we will  
4                   be more than ready to tackle them but we  
5                   have to get them before us so we can do  
6                   that.

7                   I also need to remind everyone that  
8                   on several of those hard issues failure is  
9                   not an option, we really have to get them  
10                  done so we are ready, willing and able to  
11                  work with the administration to get some of  
12                  those larger issues done this year. So for  
13                  that, that's the end of my motions for  
14                  tonight.

15                 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Councilman  
16                 Gaughan, do you have any motions or  
17                 comments.

18                 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. I received  
19                 a letter last week in support of the  
20                 legislation regulating portable on demand  
21                 storage containers this week. The resident  
22                 who wrote the letter would also like  
23                 something to be done about landscaping  
24                 trucks throughout the city. The letter says  
25                 that they take up more than one parking

1 space, block corners and many times sit for  
2 days with debris in the back of the truck  
3 and when it rains it smells unbearable and I  
4 guess this a problem in some of our  
5 neighborhoods so it's something that I'll be  
6 looking into over the break.

7 We received a complaint about  
8 parking in the 600 block of Campbell Street  
9 in South Side. Residents are having  
10 problems pulling out onto South Webster  
11 Avenue. Chief Graziano is having a member  
12 of the traffic division conduct an  
13 evaluation of that area.

14 I received several reports about  
15 issues on North Sumner Avenue that we  
16 forwarded to the appropriate departments.  
17 Several complaints about an overgrown lot at  
18 516 Leggett Street in North Scranton.  
19 Neighbors are having a hard time backing out  
20 of their driveway and there have been many  
21 close calls in that area because of the  
22 overgrowth of the weeds and grass in that  
23 lot so hopefully Licensing and Inspections  
24 will take care of that.

25 We received a letter last week from

1 a gentleman who is requesting that the city  
2 vacate their rights to the 900 block of  
3 Jones Court. Council sent a request  
4 officially to our city planner, Don King.

5 I received numerous questions from  
6 residents in North Scranton about utility  
7 work being conducted on Mary Street.  
8 Residents are concerned, and I am concerned,  
9 about the number of pave cuts that are  
10 taking place on a road that was paved within  
11 last five years. We reached out to the pave  
12 cut inspector and he reported that Mary  
13 Street will be paved curb to curb when the  
14 work is complete, so that was good news.

15 I was very pleased to see that local  
16 developer John Basalyga acquired the mall on  
17 Monday. It is a positive first step in the  
18 redevelopment of the mall and the overall  
19 improvement of our central business  
20 district. I commend Mr. Basalyga for taking  
21 on a difficult situation in a time where  
22 retail malls are struggling across the  
23 industry. Mr. Basalyga's investment will go  
24 a long way in restoring the vitality of  
25 Lackawanna Avenue. I'm confident that

1 Mr. Basalyga, with the support of the  
2 council and all of the stakeholders in our  
3 city will be successful in creating a  
4 vibrant and bustling mall downtown that will  
5 have a domino effect attracting more  
6 business and development and I am excited  
7 along with the rest of my colleagues to sit  
8 down with Mr. Basalyga in the next few weeks  
9 and discuss his plans for the future of the  
10 mall and our downtown.

11 I would also like to wish everyone a  
12 safe August and into the summer and look  
13 forward to seeing everybody back in  
14 September. Thank you.

15 MR. ROGAN: Thank you.

16 MS. GAUGHAN: We look forward to  
17 seeing your new Gaughan.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you, Mary.

19 MR. ROGAN: A few quick items and  
20 one that I can speak a little more at  
21 length. First, I would like to echo my  
22 colleagues who spoke regarding the mall. I  
23 was also very pleased that a local developer  
24 purchased the mall and it wasn't purchased  
25 by a nonprofit or a national company. We, I



1 think as a body, wish the developer best and  
2 we are your partner. We will do whatever we  
3 can to help see that mall succeed in any way  
4 we can, and we hope, and I personally hope,  
5 that the many ideas that have been brought  
6 up by the residents of this community are  
7 considered by the new owner of the mall.  
8 There have been many of them have that have  
9 been on social media, in the newspaper, and  
10 it's great space and right in the downtown  
11 we're a great city and that really needs to  
12 be revitalized, so we are very optimistic  
13 regarding that.

14 I apologize for my absence for last  
15 week's meeting and the idea session on  
16 Monday, but I would like to thank everyone  
17 who wished me well, I did get married last  
18 Saturday.

19 MS. GAUGHAN: Hurray.

20 MR. ROGAN: So thank you to those  
21 who did wish me well and my wife regarding  
22 our marriage and we are gone away on our  
23 honeymoon so I did miss the idea session,  
24 but I am very anxious to work with  
25 Councilman Evans on the economic development

1 committee and also with Councilman Wechsler  
2 on the arts committee, but I will preface it  
3 with the arts committee I do have a little  
4 bit of a learning curve there so --

5 MR. WECHSLER: We'll help you.

6 MR. ROGAN: We'll have to get a  
7 group of people on that committee, but it is  
8 a great idea and I think good things will  
9 come out of those committees.

10 And finally turn to something I am  
11 quite upset about. When I returned from my  
12 honeymoon I had a few voice mails from an  
13 neighbor of mine who is involved with some  
14 veterans groups and some other organizations  
15 within the city, and apparently last --  
16 about a week or so ago there was a large  
17 fundraiser at the Gino Merli Veterans Center  
18 and the point of the fundraiser was to raise  
19 money for some of the veterans canteen fund.  
20 What the canteen does is it's basically an  
21 account that each vet in the center has  
22 where they could go and buy toothpaste,  
23 snacks, things of that nature, and they were  
24 trying to raise money more so for the vets  
25 that are in the center that don't have

1 families that could support them, and by all  
2 accounts the fundraiser was a big success,  
3 there were a number of groups that are  
4 active in it and it was a very successful  
5 fundraiser and they all did a great job from  
6 what I am told.

7 What I'm upset about, and what many  
8 of the veterans that I spoke to are upset  
9 about is for that event they requested to  
10 use the city showmobile. Now, city council  
11 just recently, and the administration,  
12 recently passed legislation regarding the  
13 showmobile. I firmly believe we need to do  
14 something to make it -- to carve out an  
15 exemption for veterans, veterans groups and  
16 veterans organizations. This group that put  
17 on the fundraiser received a \$600 bill from  
18 the city. Now, they are able to find a  
19 donor to cover that \$600 bill, but that \$600  
20 most likely would have been donated to the  
21 fund for the vets instead of going to the  
22 city.

23 So I did speak to our city clerk  
24 regarding this issue and what we are going  
25 to do is send a letter to DPW asking that

1 the \$600 is refunded to the organization. I  
2 am also going to speak to Mayor Courtright  
3 personally about this issue after the  
4 meeting today. Moving forward to ensure  
5 that this does not happen again, I am going  
6 to speak with Attorney Minora and see if  
7 there is anything legally we could do to  
8 amend this ordinance so veterans groups are  
9 exempt from paying this fee. I don't think  
10 it's right, a group raising money for  
11 veterans and disabled veterans and shouldn't  
12 be charged a \$600 fee by the city to use the  
13 showmobile.

14 On all my time on council I have  
15 brought up veterans issues. I voted against  
16 the fee for the parking -- for the  
17 handicapped signs because there was no  
18 veterans exception. I think veterans should  
19 receive a discount on their city taxes just  
20 like they do -- disabled vets do from the  
21 state.

22 They fought for us, many were  
23 wounded and died for us, we need to do what  
24 we can to help them and although it's a  
25 small fee it's more than principal of it

1 than it is that fee. So I am hoping that  
2 that fee can be refunded to this group and  
3 moving forward there will be a little bit  
4 more discretion when it comes to the fees  
5 being charged to the use he show mobile.  
6 Certainly a veterans organization should not  
7 be charged \$600 from the city. And that is  
8 all I have nor tonight.

9 MS. REED: 5-B. NO BUSINESS AT THIS  
10 TIME.

11 SIXTH ORDER. 6-A. READING BY TITLE  
12 - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 114, 2015 - AN  
13 ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER  
14 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO APPLY FOR AND  
15 EXECUTE A GRANT APPLICATION AND IF  
16 SUCCESSFUL A GRANT AGREEMENT AND ACCEPT THE  
17 FUNDS RELATED THERETO THROUGH THE BJA FY 15  
18 EDWARD BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT  
19 ("JAG") PROGRAM-LOCAL SOLICITATION IN THE  
20 AMOUNT OF \$19,390.00.

21 MR. ROGAN: You've heard reading by  
22 title of Item 6-A, what is your pleasure?

23 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Chairman, I move  
24 that Item 6-A pass reading by title.

25 MR. EVANS: Second.

1 MS. ROGAN: On the question? All  
2 those in favor signify by saying aye.

3 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

4 MR. EVANS: Aye.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

6 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
7 have it and so moved.

8 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Chairman, I make  
9 a motion to suspend the rules to move Item  
10 6-A to Seventh Order for final passage.

11 MR. ROGAN: At this time, I will  
12 entertain a motion that council suspend the  
13 Rules and place Item 6-A into Seventh Order  
14 for final passage.

15 MR. EVANS: So moved.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: Second.

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

19 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

20 MR. EVANS: Aye.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

24 MS. REED: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR  
25 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE -

1 FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 110,  
2 2015 - APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE UPDATED  
3 CITY OF SCRANTON CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE YEAR  
4 2016 THE THIRD-YEAR REVISION AND EXTENSION  
5 OF THE 2013 FIVE-YEAR PLAN.

6 MR. ROGAN: What is the  
7 recommendation of the Chair for the  
8 Committee on Finance?

9 MR. EVANS: As Chairperson for the  
10 Committee on Finance, I recommend final  
11 passage of Item 7-A.

12 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

13 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll  
14 call, please?

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

16 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

17 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

18 MR. EVANS: Yes.

19 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

21 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

22 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare  
23 Item 7-A legally and lawfully adopted.

24 MS. REED 7-B has been tabled.

25 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE

1 COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION FILE OF  
2 THE COUNCIL NO. 112, 2015 - SALE OF TAX  
3 DELINQUENT PROPERTY MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS  
4 114 WEST MARKET STREET, SCRANTON,  
5 PENNSYLVANIA, TAX MAP NO. 13412-080-006 TO  
6 JAMES GAVIN AND CATHERINE GAVIN, 2301  
7 HOLLISTER AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA,  
8 18508, FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF \$1,500.00.

9 MR. ROGAN: What is the  
10 recommendation of the Chair for the  
11 Committee on Finance?

12 MR. EVANS: As Chairperson for the  
13 Committee on Finance, I recommend final  
14 passage of Item 7-C.

15 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

16 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll  
17 call, please?

18 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

19 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

20 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

21 MR. EVANS: Yes.

22 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

24 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

25 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare



1 Item 7-C legally and lawfully adopted.

2 MS. REED: 7-D. FOR CONSIDERATION BY  
3 THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION -  
4 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 113, 2015 - SALE OF  
5 TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY MORE COMMONLY KNOWN  
6 AS 116 WEST MARKET STREET, SCRANTON,  
7 PENNSYLVANIA, TAX MAP NO. 13412-080-003 TO  
8 JAMES GAVIN AND CATHERINE GAVIN, 2301  
9 HOLLISTER AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA,  
10 18508, FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF \$2,300.00

11 MR. ROGAN: As temporary Chairperson  
12 for the Committee on Rules -- I apologize, I  
13 lost my place. What is the recommendation  
14 of the Chair for the Committee on Finance?

15 MR. EVANS: As Chairperson for the  
16 Committee on Finance, I recommend final  
17 passage of Item 7-D.

18 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

19 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll  
20 call, please?

21 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

22 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

23 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

24 MR. EVANS: 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-D legally and lawfully adopted.

5 MS. REED: 7-E. FOR CONSIDERATION  
6 BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -  
7 FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 165, 2015 -  
8 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE  
9 CITY OFFICIALS FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO  
10 ENTER INTO A LOAN TO GRANT AGREEMENT AND  
11 MAKE A LOAN/GRANT FROM THE COMMUNITY  
12 DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COMMERCIAL  
13 INDUSTRIAL REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM, PROJECT  
14 NO. 150.36 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED  
15 \$150,000.00 TO BAR PAZZO, INC. TO ASSIST AN  
16 ELIGIBLE PROJECT.

17 MR. ROGAN: What is the  
18 recommendation of the Chairperson for the  
19 Committee on Community Development?

20 MR. WECHSLER: As temporary  
21 Chairperson for the Committee on Community  
22 Development, I recommend final passage of  
23 Item 7-E.

24 MR. EVANS: Second.

25 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll

1 call, please?

2 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

3 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

5 MR. EVANS: Yes.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

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

11 MS. REED: 7-F. FOR CONSIDERATION BY  
12 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -  
13 RESOLUTION NO. 166, 2015 - AUTHORIZING THE  
14 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS  
15 TO GRANT A SPECIAL ENCROACHMENT PERMIT TO  
16 BAR PAZZO, INC. TO OPERATE AN OUTDOOR  
17 RESTAURANT AT 131-133 NORTH WASHINGTON  
18 AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

19 MR. ROGAN: As temporary Chairperson  
20 for the Committee on Rules, I recommend  
21 final passage of Item 7-F.

22 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

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

25 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

1 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

2 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

3 MR. EVANS: Yes.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

7 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare  
8 Item 7-F legally and lawfully adopted.

9 MS. REED: 7-G. FOR CONSIDERATION  
10 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -  
11 RESOLUTION NO. 167, 2015 - AUTHORIZING THE  
12 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS  
13 TO GRANT A SPECIAL ENCROACHMENT PERMIT TO  
14 THE 16TH WARD, LLC TO OPERATE AN OUTDOOR  
15 RESTAURANT AT 306 PENN AVENUE, SCRANTON,  
16 PENNSYLVANIA.

17 MR. ROGAN: As temporary Chair for  
18 the Committee on Rules, I recommend final  
19 passage of Item 7-G.

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. Evans.

1 MR. EVANS: Yes.

2 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

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

7 MS. REED: 7-H. FOR CONSIDERATION  
8 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -  
9 RESOLUTION NO. 168, 2015 - AUTHORIZING THE  
10 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS  
11 TO GRANT A SPECIAL ENCROACHMENT PERMIT TO JJ  
12 MCNALLY'S TO OPERATE AN OUTDOOR RESTAURANT  
13 AT 501 LINDEN STREET, SCRANTON,  
14 PENNSYLVANIA.

15 MR. ROGAN: As temporary Chair for  
16 the Committee on Rules, I recommend final  
17 passage of Item 7-H.

18 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

19 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll  
20 call, please?

21 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

22 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

23 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

24 MR. EVANS: 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-H legally and lawfully adopted.

5 MS. REED: 7-I. FOR CONSIDERATION  
6 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - FOR  
7 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 169, 2015 -  
8 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE  
9 CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A  
10 SEWER AND WATER LINE MARKETING LICENSE  
11 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SCRANTON,  
12 PENNSYLVANIA, AND UTILITY SERVICE PARTNERS  
13 PRIVATE LABEL, INC. D/B/A SERVICE LINE  
14 WARRANTIES OF AMERICA ("SLWA").

15 MR. ROGAN: What is the  
16 recommendation of the Chairperson for the  
17 Committee on Public Works?

18 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for the  
19 Committee on Public Works, I recommend final  
20 passage of Item 7-I.

21 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

22 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.  
24 We will be entering into this licensing  
25 agreement, the term is three years, the

1 agreement will renew automatically for one  
2 year unless one of the parties opts out and  
3 then they have to provide a 30-day written  
4 notice.

5 I did get a couple of calls on this  
6 legislation in the past week, a few  
7 concerned plumbing contractors in the area.  
8 Their question was if we go through with  
9 deal and someone buys a warranty and then  
10 they need a contractor to work on their  
11 line, where does this company get the  
12 contractor from?

13 And I was in contact today with a  
14 woman who provided me with several answers  
15 and was very helpful from this company.  
16 Basically what happens is this company has a  
17 contractor network, so they will create a  
18 Scranton network, contractors within the  
19 city that they will then choose from when  
20 work is needed on any of these lines. So  
21 the contractors have to be licensed, they  
22 have to be bonded and they have to have the  
23 proper insurance, and they also check their  
24 Better Business Bureau rating.

25 So everything is above board on

1           this. I was concerned at first because I  
2           did have a little bit of hesitation that we  
3           would be picking contractors from out of the  
4           area and we wouldn't be sticking with  
5           contractors locally, but that was cleared up  
6           for me today so I will be voting for this in  
7           final passage.

8                   MR. ROGAN: Is there anyone else on  
9           the question? I would just add I was  
10          contacted also by a number of concerned  
11          individuals within this industry and I  
12          understand where they are coming from and I  
13          do see both sides of the issue, and I guess  
14          it's just a judgment call on our part on  
15          which way to proceed.

16                   MR. GAUGHAN: Right. And I will  
17          also add that the city is going to get a  
18          licensing fee from this deal, it's 50 cents  
19          for each warrantee that is sold for each  
20          month the warrantee shall be in force. I  
21          did ask if we have had an idea of how much  
22          money we would take in from this and we do  
23          not. This company has 6,000 customers  
24          across the state, the closest municipality  
25          that this company does business with is



1 Wilkes-Barre.

2 MR. EVANS: On the other side of it,  
3 you know, this is a competitive service so  
4 it's already being provided now by a branch  
5 of American Water I think, so it's nothing  
6 new, only difference is we have licensing  
7 rights so if we get this company in the city  
8 gets a little money.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: Right, and also if you  
10 were to purchase a warrantee it is around \$8  
11 to purchase the warranty a month so it comes  
12 out to \$88 annually.

13 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else.

14 MR. WECHSLER: Yes. Just as  
15 Mr. Evans mentioned I personally have this  
16 on my water bill so it seems to be redundant  
17 to be honest with you. I had to use the  
18 service with the water company earlier this  
19 year and it worked out quite well, but on  
20 the other side of it the competition is also  
21 good.

22 MR. EVANS: Yeah.

23 MR. ROGAN: Roll call, please?

24 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

25 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

1 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

2 MR. EVANS: Yes.

3 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

5 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

6 MR. ROGAN: No. I hereby declare

7 Item 7-I legally and lawfully adopted.

8 MS. REED: 7-J, PREVIOUSLY TABLED,  
9 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON  
10 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - FOR ADOPTION - FILE  
11 OF THE COUNCIL NO. 107-2015 - DEFINING AND  
12 REGULATING THE SIZE, OPERATION AND USE OF  
13 PORTABLE ON-DEMAND TEMPORARY STORAGE  
14 CONTAINERS, AS DEFINED HEREIN AND  
15 AUTHORIZING ENFORCEMENT, AND IMPOSITION OF  
16 PENALTIES AND FEES FOR VIOLATIONS WITHIN THE  
17 CITY OF SCRANTON.

18 MR. WECHSLER: I make a motion to  
19 amend Item 7-J, File of the Council No. 107-  
20 2015, by changing the caption title to read  
21 as follows:

22 AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.  
23 74-1993 (AS AMENDED) TITLED CITY OF SCRANTON  
24 ZONING ORDINANCE OF 1993, BY ADDING TO IT  
25 SECTION 807, TEMPORARY STRUCTURES USE, AND

1                   DEFINING AND REGULATING THE SIZE, OPERATION  
2                   AND USE OF THE PORTABLE ON DEMAND TEMPORARY  
3                   STORAGE CONTAINERS AS DEFINED HEREIN AND  
4                   AUTHORIZE THE ENFORCEMENT AND IMPOSITION OF  
5                   PENALTIES AND FEES FOR VIOLATIONS WITHIN THE  
6                   CITY OF SCRANTON.

7                   MR. EVANS:    Second.

8                   MR. ROGAN:    On the question?  All  
9                   those in favor of the motion to amend 7-J  
10                  signify by saying aye.

11                  MR. WECHSLER:  Aye.

12                  MR. EVANS:    Aye.

13                  MR. GAUGHAN:  Aye.

14                  MR. ROGAN:    Aye.  Opposed?  The ayes  
15                  have it and so moved.

16                  MR. WECHSLER:  I would like to make  
17                  a motion to table Item 7-J, as amended, in  
18                  order to schedule a public hearing.

19                  MR. EVANS:    Second.

20                  MR. ROGAN:    On the question?  All  
21                  those in favor of tabling Item 7-J, as  
22                  amended, signify by saying aye.

23                  MR. WECHSLER:  Aye.

24                  MR. EVANS:    Aye.

25                  MR. GAUGHAN:  Aye.

1 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
2 have it and so moved. Item 7-J is tabled.

3 MS. REED: 7-K, FORMERLY 6-A, FILE  
4 OF THE COUNCIL NO. 114, 2015 - AN ORDINANCE  
5 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER  
6 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO APPLY FOR AND  
7 EXECUTE A GRANT APPLICATION AND IF  
8 SUCCESSFUL A GRANT AGREEMENT AND ACCEPT THE  
9 FUNDS RELATED THERETO THROUGH THE BJA FY 15  
10 EDWARD BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT  
11 ("JAG") PROGRAM-LOCAL SOLICITATION IN THE  
12 AMOUNT OF \$19,390.00.

13 MR. ROGAN: What is the  
14 recommendation of the Chairperson for the  
15 Committee on Public Safety?

16 MR. WECHSLER: As Chairperson for  
17 the Committee on Public Safety, I recommend  
18 final passage of Item 7-K.

19 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

22 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

23 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

24 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

25 MR. EVANS: Yes.

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MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare  
Item 7-K, formerly 6-A, legally and lawfully  
adopted.

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

MR. WECHSLER: Motion to adjourn.

MR. ROGAN: This meeting is  
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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