

SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

JOSEPH WECHSLER, PRESIDENT

PATRICK ROGAN, VICE-PRESIDENT

WAYNE EVANS

WILLIAM GAUGHAN

TIM PERRY

LORI REED, CITY CLERK

KATHY CARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

AMIL MINORA, SOLICITOR

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

3 MR. WECHSLER: Roll call, please.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

5 MR. PERRY: Here.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

7 MR. ROGAN: Here.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

9 MR. EVANS: Here.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Here.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

13 MR. WECHSLER: Here. Council will
14 hold a public work session in council
15 chambers on Tuesday, June 21, at 6 p.m. to
16 discuss the parking transaction with members
17 of the administration, NDC and ABM, who we
18 will operate the parking system. It will be
19 open to members of the public and ECTV will
20 televise the work session. There will be
21 not be any time for public participation.
22 This session is for council to meet with all
23 parties involved.

24 Dispense with the reading of the
25 minutes.

1 MS. REED: THIRD ORDER. 3-A. TAX
2 ASSESSOR'S RESULTS REPORT FOR HEARING DATE
3 HELD MAY 25, 2016.

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

6 MS. REED: 3-B. TAX ASSESSOR'S
7 REVISED REPORT FOR HEARING DATE TO BE HELD
8 JUNE 22, 2016.

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

11 MS. REED: 3-C. TAX ASSESSOR'S
12 REPORT FOR HEARING DATE TO BE HELD JUNE 29,
13 2016.

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

16 MS. REED: 3-D. MINUTES OF THE
17 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF SCRANTON
18 HOUSING AUTHORITY HELD MAY 2, 2016.

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

21 MS. REED: 3-E. MINUTES OF THE
22 REGULAR MEETING OF THE LACKAWANNA COUNTY
23 LAND BANK HELD APRIL 8, 2016.

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

1 MS. REED: 3-F. LACKAWANNA COUNTY
2 PLANNING COMMISSION SUBDIVISION AND LAND
3 DEVELOPMENT EVALUATION REPORTS REVIEWED MAY
4 16 AND JUNE 1, 2016.

5 MR. WECHSLER: Are there any
6 comments? If not, received and filed.

7 Do any council members have
8 announcements at this time?

9 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'
10 PARTICIPATION.

11 MR. WECHSLER: Therese Brunetti.

12 MS. BRUNETTI: Before I start, I
13 just want to take a moment and thank all of
14 you for coming out and taking a look
15 firsthand at the situation at Deacon and
16 Sanderson at Brunetti's Pizza. It really
17 means a lot to me that you took time out of
18 your own day to come over and see exactly
19 what our problem was so thank you very much.

20 I have about 700 petition members
21 that have signed along with 500 that were
22 delivered today to city council office. I'm
23 not sure if you want them. I want the
24 people to know that took the time out of
25 their day to come in and voice their opinion

1 to us and their support how much it means to
2 my family so I'll hand that over.

3 I understand that it has been tabled
4 and we have been speaking in great detail
5 this past week and I look forward to the
6 traffic study as well as speaking with the
7 chief of the police and again with the
8 mayor. So again, thank you guys very much
9 for what you have done so far.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you.

11 MS. BRUNETTI: Have a good night.

12 MR. WECHSLER: Joan Hodowanitz.

13 MS. HODOWANITZ: Joan Hodowanitz,
14 city taxpayer and resident. I was one of
15 the people who attended the Parking
16 Authority's public meeting last night about
17 parking monetization, and although a lot of
18 the information was provided which was
19 useful, there were also some disturbing
20 aspects to this meeting. First, they would
21 not entertain any questions from the public,
22 so although they had a public comment
23 period, you couldn't ask any questions which
24 for me defeats the purpose of a public
25 comment period.

1 And the second thing was the shock
2 of the night for me was to find out what was
3 the selling price for the Electric City
4 garage. It was the magnificent total of \$1.

5 Now, as I recall this sale was not
6 bid out. I remember the mayor put out a
7 press release on, let's see, June 3, in
8 which he explained that the city basically
9 couldn't afford to repair it and if they had
10 to demolish it it would cost several million
11 dollars, and he talks about Mr. Basalyga
12 very glowingly, I quote. "My friend, John
13 Basalyga, needs no introduction in Scranton.
14 I think I speak for us all when I say that
15 we are incredibly excited about the work he
16 is doing at the newly rebranded Steamtown
17 marketplace, at the movie theater and the
18 downtown more broadly. John is not a
19 typical developer and I think that's exactly
20 what we need in Scranton, and it's what
21 makes me happy to be his partner."

22 I'm sure the man is doing good
23 things with the Steamtown Marketplace or
24 rather the Marketplace at Steamtown, but I
25 think he is getting a good deal with a sale

1 price of \$1 for the Electric City garage,
2 and then you come to find out Steamtown 300,
3 LLC, and the Parking Authority will split
4 the immediate capital expense costs to start
5 repairing the Electric City garage with
6 Steamtown putting in \$2.25 million and the
7 Parking Authority \$2.85 million, and then
8 apparently he is getting what is it a \$4.85
9 million upfront payment when the lease
10 begins and that kind of surprised me, you
11 know, and I'm thinking, my, God that almost
12 compensates him for what he paid for the
13 mall to begin with, so I'm not quite sure
14 what's going on there.

15 I would be less disturbed if the
16 sale had been put out for bid and while the
17 mayor maybe within his rights as mayor to do
18 it this way, I don't think he is doing the
19 right thing on behalf of the taxpayers. We
20 will never know what we could have done or
21 gotten for that garage, and Mr. Basalyga is
22 going to make out well because he is going
23 to have that nice renovated movie theatre
24 and a garage and all of those parking spaces
25 and then he is going to lease them back to

1 the city and we are all going to hold hands
2 and sing kumbaya and everything is going to
3 turn up roses, but enough about that.

4 Have we heard who is the new
5 engineer, and June 1 the bids were opened.
6 Is it going to be Pocius again, does anyone
7 know?

8 MR. GAUGHAN: We haven't received
9 any correspondence letting us know who is
10 the lowest bidder, but I'm sure we will
11 soon.

12 MS. HODOWANITZ: I attended all of
13 the Pension Board meetings yesterday morning
14 and apparently Mellon is going to have to
15 continue on a month-by-month basis since
16 they have not decided who will be the new
17 pension fund investment manager and trustee.
18 One of the five that are being considered is
19 the Hazzouri group and I think there may be
20 a conflict of interest since John Hazzouri
21 is a member of the Composite Pension Board
22 but he stated that he will not vote when
23 that contract comes up as part of that
24 process.

25 Also, since Scott Scheerer presented

1 this information last night he is from PFM.
2 Have we got any idea what they are going to
3 bill us once that Parking Authority lease is
4 finalized? You know they have been working
5 for us for two years and I have a feeling
6 the bill is going to be high. We were
7 supposed to have paid them last year and we
8 still don't even have any idea what they are
9 going to charge us. Thank you.

10 MR. WECHSLER: Bill Jackowitz.

11 MR. JACKOWITZ: Good evening,
12 Scranton City Council and Kathy, Council
13 stenographer and Lori and Amil. I was just
14 wondering was the article today's paper was
15 that a pretty accurate article of what's
16 going on with the parking garages?

17 MR. WECHSLER: Our meeting is on
18 Tuesday. Our meeting is on Tuesday, so --

19 MR. JACKOWITZ: No, but I was just
20 wondering about the article that was in
21 today's paper, did you have the opportunity
22 to read the article?

23 MR. WECHSLER: We did, but we are
24 going to get our information on Tuesday so I
25 can't say the article was accurate or

1 anything, our information is coming on
2 Tuesday.

3 MR. ROGAN: Mr. Jackowitz, I will
4 say this, the article was one page, this is
5 the parking transaction.

6 MR. JACKOWITZ: I understand that.

7 MR. ROGAN: There's a lot more to it
8 than what was in the paper.

9 MR. JACKOWITZ: I understand that,
10 but I'm just saying because there is lot of
11 people who are scratching their heads
12 wondering what's going on, and the main
13 question that I heard all day today at the
14 restaurant and a couple of other places
15 where I was at this morning and this
16 afternoon was why has there been this
17 discussion going on for 18 months and we
18 just find out about it on June 16? You
19 know, why haven't the public or the
20 taxpayers been involved in any of the
21 decision making or anything, and the only
22 answer that I had was the elected officials
23 and the appointed officials just basically
24 refuse to answer questions so that's why
25 there was no information being put out. I

1 mean, basically it sounds like it's a done
2 deal just like everything else that has
3 happened around here. You know, it's a done
4 deal before the public even finds out about
5 it and that's one of the things that needs
6 to change not only in the city but at all
7 levels of government.

8 It says that the city will retain
9 ownership of the assets except the Electric
10 City garage, and NDC would return profits to
11 the city, if any. Now, that's a little
12 scary. They will return profits to the
13 city, if any. What if there are no profits?
14 What if there is losses? What happens then
15 to the city?

16 MR. EVANS: They incur the losses.

17 MR. JACKOWITZ: What then happens to
18 the taxpayers? Pardon me?

19 MR. EVANS: They would incur the
20 losses. NDC would. Bill, I'm over here.

21 MR. JACKOWITZ: I mean, that's not
22 very confident. You know, the city, you
23 know, we lost money on the Radisson, the
24 Hilton, the mall, look at how many deals we
25 made with the mall and look what happened

1 with the mall, you know? I mean, the time
2 has come when we got to turn the tables
3 around here and start making right
4 decisions. Now, I don't know what decisions
5 are going to be made, you guys still have to
6 vote on it, but it sounds to me like
7 everything else the decision has already
8 been made that it's a gold project and we
9 are going to lease the garages, I guess, at
10 least that's the way I understand it, we are
11 going to lease the garages, and we are going
12 to pay for repairs, over 55 percent of the
13 repairs.

14 MR. ROGAN: Only on the Electric
15 City garage.

16 MR. JACKOWITZ: One garage is one
17 too many, Pat. You know, why isn't the
18 seller paying for the repairs? We sold it.
19 You know, isn't it buy as it is, you know?
20 Like, when you buy a car, you buy a used car
21 you do as is. There is no warrantee, there
22 is no guarantee, so why would we sell the
23 garage for a dollar and then agree to pay 55
24 percent of the repairs and repair that
25 garage when we currently own the garage? I

1 mean, it doesn't make any sense. At least
2 to me it doesn't and, you know, a lot of
3 other people because they are asking the
4 same questions and wondering and scratching
5 their heads, and I don't know, to me it just
6 doesn't sound like it's, you know, \$2.85
7 million towards renovations on the crumbling
8 Electric City garage, where is the city
9 going to get \$3.5 million? Is this coming
10 from the borrowed money that we are in the
11 process that we are going to eventually
12 borrow? I have been waiting for this
13 happen. We still haven't gotten that money,
14 whatever money we are borrowing, I don't
15 even know how much it is anymore. Is that
16 going to come out of that to pay this \$2.85
17 million or what? I don't know. There is a
18 lot of questions and people need answers
19 and, you know, the only people that have the
20 answers are the administration and the
21 elected officials, and there is seven
22 elected officials in the City of Scranton.
23 The mayor and five city councilmen and the
24 city controller.

25 MR. EVANS: That's why we are having

1 the work session next week because many of
2 your questions are the same questions that
3 we have so we want to get to the bottom of
4 that, and most of the questions we have do
5 relate to the Electric City garage and the
6 transaction that you are talking about, so
7 we are going to ask all of those questions
8 and see if we can get to the bottom of it.

9 MR. JACKOWITZ: Is this going to be
10 made public or is it going to be behind
11 closed doors?

12 MR. WECHSLER: The meeting will held
13 in council chambers on Tuesday night at 6
14 p.m., and it will be televised. I'm not
15 sure it will be televised live, but it's
16 going to be taped.

17 MR. JACKOWITZ: Okay, and the
18 citizens will be allowed to ask questions or
19 just you guys?

20 MR. WECHSLER: It's a work session
21 for council.

22 MR. JACKOWITZ: See, that's the
23 problem. The citizens need an opportunity
24 because they are with ones that are going to
25 have to pay the bill. Thank you.

1 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you. Les
2 Spindler.

3 MR. SPINDLER: Good evening,
4 Council. Les Spindler, city homeowner and
5 resident and taxpayer. First off, I want to
6 read something from the article in the paper
7 last week about the raises in the city.
8 "Mr. Evans strongly supported the raises and
9 said the salaries in question were
10 disgracefully low compared to other cities.
11 I only have one comment about that,
12 Mr. Evans, are these other cities 23 years
13 in distressed status?

14 MR. EVANS: Some of them were, yes.

15 MR. SPINDLER: I don't think so, not
16 23 years. Just no comparison. Okay, I am
17 going to change the tone here and be a
18 little positive. I read in the paper
19 yesterday and see where the city on schedule
20 to me the June 30 deadline of paying that
21 Court order to the police and firefighter
22 unions, I think that's a good thing. A lot
23 of people disagree with me, but it's
24 something that has to be done. We can't
25 keep paying \$100,000 in interest every

1 month. If we have to borrow money then it's
2 not really the way to go because it's got to
3 be paid off, and once that's paid off I
4 think that's a good thing for the city.

5 The next thing about the parking,
6 something other speakers haven't mentioned,
7 and it was in the paper today, the city is
8 supposed to get \$28 million from that.
9 Whether that's the total we are going to
10 get, whether we have to pay other stuff with
11 that I don't know. \$28 million is \$28
12 million. That's almost the amount that the
13 unions are going to be getting so I think
14 that's a good thing.

15 And lastly, always complaining about
16 the utility with these pave cuts, I said a
17 few weeks ago they are digging up North
18 Rebecca Avenue, they are fixing it up again,
19 but the seven and eight hundred blocks of
20 North Rebecca have been completely repaved
21 over the last year or so and now they have
22 been talking about the length of each block
23 and filled it in with it's a terrible job.
24 I hope they plan on repaving the whole
25 street. These utilities are just out of

1 control. Ripping up all of the city streets
2 and making a mess of them, not repairing
3 them correctly. As I said, these two blocks
4 are just recently totally paved and they dug
5 them both up. And, Councilman Rogan, I'm
6 sure you know the area because you live in
7 west side, also.

8 MR. ROGAN: And Farr Street was only
9 half paved.

10 MR. SPINDLER: I've talked about
11 that many times, so I'm sure it's the same
12 people doing this. Something has got to be
13 done. They can't be digging up brand new
14 streets and not repairing them correctly. I
15 don't know what can be done about it, I
16 think the city should look into it. That's
17 all I have tonight. Thank you for your
18 time.

19 MR. WECHSLER: Gerard Hetman.

20 MR. HETMAN: Good evening, Council.
21 Gerard Hetman from the Lackawanna County
22 Community Relations Department. To begin
23 this evening, one of our most popular
24 programs will begin to run in the next few
25 weeks as our farmers market nutritional

1 vouchers for seniors will be available at
2 all senior centers in Lackawanna County.
3 This is a joint program between the
4 Lackawanna County Area Agency on Aging and
5 the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.
6 Each senior center in the county has a
7 distribution date designated and we have a
8 full schedule here. The dates for the
9 centers located in the City of Scranton are
10 as follows: Thursday, June 23, at the
11 Downtown Senior Center. Friday, July 1, at
12 West Side Senior Center. Wednesday, July 6,
13 for the South Side Senior Center, and then
14 Wednesday, July 13, for the Jewish Community
15 Center. Distribution begins at 9 a.m. at
16 all locations and last until the supply of
17 the vouchers to that location are exhausted.
18 It's a first come first served basis.

19 If seniors can't attend in person,
20 they can send a proxy to pick up their
21 vouchers, but the proxy person does have to
22 have a proxy form completed in advance.
23 This is the proxy form. I will leave a
24 sample with your office. The form is
25 available at the Lackawanna County Area

1 Agency on Aging Office and the county
2 administration building and also at all
3 senior centers in the county as well as
4 online at the Area Agency on Aging website
5 via the link at LackawannaCounty.org.

6 We also should note the program is
7 income based. Proof of age for citizens to
8 receive the vouchers is required and you
9 have to be 60 years of age or older, and
10 again, that's the state setting that
11 guideline, it's not our designation of a
12 senior from the commissioners or our office
13 or any city, it's the state guideline from
14 my understanding, and also proof of county
15 residency is required, a utility bill or
16 driver's license will suffice.

17 Again, many folks make use of this
18 and lots of them shop at the farmer's market
19 here in the city so I look forward to seeing
20 these vouchers get out there and make a
21 difference in our community again this year.

22 Second, our inaugural senior fun day
23 event will be held tomorrow, Friday, June
24 17, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at McDade Park. We
25 will have free refreshments, musical

1 entertainment and free tours of the
2 Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour and the -- excuse
3 me, the Anthracite Heritage Museum at McDade
4 Park for all seniors in attendance, and
5 again, we don't set age limit regarding the
6 seniors, anyone who sees themselves as a
7 senior citizen and resident of the county or
8 the area is welcome to attend. It's kind of
9 a combination of the family fun days that we
10 have done in the past at the parks and also
11 our senior health fair. We are going to
12 continue to do those other two events, but
13 some folks asked for some more senior themed
14 events, picnic style within the parks and
15 that's what we are going to do this year.

16 Again, tomorrow our inaugural event
17 we hop to see it to be a success, and on the
18 note of family fun days, we will have our
19 first family fun day of the year at McDade
20 Park this Saturday, June 18, 11 a.m. to 2
21 p.m. I'd like to describe these as open
22 house type events at the park. We have some
23 free food, some entertainment. We just
24 encourage folks to take an extra look at the
25 park. It's a good time to have fun, and

1 just check out all of the amenities, a
2 little bit of an extra dose of fun in the
3 mix, so if you haven't come out to McDade
4 before check it out and will have it at the
5 other three parks in the system, we'll
6 provide those dates at a later council
7 meeting.

8 And just fourth, a weather note with
9 postponements from earlier in the month, our
10 April Field of Dreams High School All Star
11 Baseball Game will take place this Sunday
12 evening, June 19, 6 p.m. at PNC field. It
13 was postponed from June 3 due to the
14 inclement weather on that date. It features
15 senior baseball players from the Lackawanna
16 league playing against senior baseball
17 players from the Wyoming Valley conference.
18 The two visitors bureaus, Lackawanna and
19 Luzerne Counties help us out with the
20 funding as well as the RailRiders and also
21 the Citizens Voice and the Times-Tribunes,
22 pick the team for their relationship
23 coverage areas. So it's fourth annual, I
24 think, and I have to take my hat off to
25 Terry McCord, he is the master mind of this

1 whole thing, so he's got all of the roster
2 and detail but for the most part we still
3 most of the same players, I'm not sure if
4 there is any from Scranton or West Scranton
5 in particular, but normally we do see city
6 schools well represented on the Lackawanna
7 County league roster.

8 So that's all I have for this
9 evening. Are there any questions from
10 council?

11 MR. ROGAN: Mr. Hetman, I do have
12 one regarding the farmer's market vouchers,
13 I actually shared that on my Facebook page
14 and I had a question from a resident so I'm
15 glad you are here, is that strictly for
16 seniors or the disabled or widows be
17 eligible the way they are for property tax
18 rebate?

19 MR. HETMAN: I believe it's strictly
20 for seniors, but I can double check though
21 tomorrow. That's always how it's been
22 described to us, it's just for the seniors
23 and, again, 60 years of age and up.

24 MR. ROGAN: Yeah, that was the
25 question I had was from somebody that meets

1 the property tax rebate, they say well, I'm
2 eligible for that and I said, well, I'll
3 check.

4 MR. HETMAN: I do understand, that's
5 a good question and I think the answer is,
6 as I said, just seniors but we'll certainly
7 double check the area's agent tomorrow and
8 follow-up with council's office.

9 MR. EVANS: Are there income
10 guidelines for that or just seniors? Or if
11 you meet the guidelines for that voucher as
12 well or just 60 or older?

13 MR. HETMAN: There are income
14 guidelines that are here as they described
15 it to us. They are federal income
16 guidelines and those would be \$21,978 for a
17 single person household, \$29,637 for a
18 married couple, and then a three person
19 household \$37,296. They would have to be
20 below that level. Again, that's a federal
21 stated guideline. Anyone picking up the
22 vouchers is asked to sign a self-declaration
23 statement stating that they are at that
24 level.

25 MR. EVANS: Okay. Great. Thank

1 you.

2 MR. HETMAN: Again, a good
3 partnership between the state and federal
4 agency and the county, sometimes when we do
5 these type of endeavors we have to play by
6 the state or federal rules.

7 MR. ROGAN: It's a great program and
8 helps a lot of seniors and helps the farmers
9 as well at the farmers market.

10 MR. HETMAN: Sure. Thank you,
11 ladies and gentlemen.

12 MR. WECHSLER: Lee Morgan.

13 MR. MORGAN: Good evening, Council.
14 The first thing I have here today is that in
15 my opinion Scranton city government really
16 doesn't care what the residents think and it
17 has no interest in protecting their
18 interest. I think what's taking place here
19 is just beyond belief, just totally beyond
20 belief. I mean, I don't know, we are
21 getting \$28 million, but my point is how
22 much did it cost to build these garages and
23 is there ever a time when the things that
24 the residents possess is going to be
25 protected as we have shed almost everything?

1 I mean, the only bigger crime on the horizon
2 is the sale of the Scranton Sewer Authority
3 which is just mind boggling.

4 And you know something, I want
5 people to really consider something, when I
6 was a kid we went into space, we had Apollo
7 and before that we had a couple of things as
8 well, in the beginning they took a
9 chimpanzee and they put him in a space suit
10 and he circled around the earth and they
11 brought him back. Now, my question is he
12 may have been in a space suit, but he wasn't
13 an astronaut so when you take a look at
14 people in government they may be wearing a
15 suit but do they really represent us and are
16 they really our representatives? So just
17 because you have a suit on and you are outer
18 space doesn't mean you are an astronaut, and
19 just because you win an election and you
20 wear a suit doesn't mean you represent the
21 people who elected you.

22 And I don't want anybody to, you
23 know, misunderstand what I'm saying because
24 I'm not calling these councilmen
25 chimpanzees, but you know something, for

1 over two decades this city has been
2 distressed and we've shed almost all of our
3 assets, and you know I look at my paycheck
4 every week and I see the 2.4 percent wage
5 tax I pay and, you know, I listen to other
6 people come up here and talk about how they
7 allowed that tax to take place to protect
8 their mothers and their family members.
9 Well, they didn't protect anybody because
10 all that's allowed is the corrupt politics
11 that continue in this city, and when
12 somebody from the PEL tells you that the
13 city could have filed bankruptcy in 2012 and
14 didn't and then we have got people talking
15 about what previous councils did and how
16 they caused this problem by forcing the
17 Parking Authority into receivership, that
18 was the best thing that ever happened to
19 this city because it stopped the borrowing.

20 And to be honest with you, this city
21 is just a corps, and when it finally all
22 comes to an end there is no going to be one
23 asset left, and nobody represented us no
24 matter who elected them and no matter when
25 kind of suit they wore, and all of these

1 know, maybe we should look at the average
2 voter and ask them how they came to the
3 conclusion of who they were going to vote
4 for because evidently the Kool-Aid they are
5 drinking they should do an overdose, okay,
6 because the shape we are now is ridiculous
7 and for anybody in elected government to say
8 they are doing anything good for the
9 taxpayers, I don't know. You know what else
10 I think? I think this council should go up
11 and talk to Nancy Krake because I asked a
12 lot of questions in regard to the
13 construction of the mall, I mean,
14 construction of the parking garages and what
15 it cost and where the money came from, and I
16 think that this council should take a hard
17 look at that.

18 And, Mr. Rogan, you know, I doubt
19 any council member is going to read that
20 agreement, but I do know one thing for sure,
21 you were told what to do and you are going
22 to march out and do it just like you were
23 told what to do with the Sewer Authority
24 deal.

25 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you,

1 Mr. Morgan.

2 MR. MORGAN: And that's where we're
3 going.

4 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you. Ron
5 Ellman.

6 MR. ELLMAN: Hello, Council. I saw
7 on television about the little dispute about
8 Sanderson and Deacon Street, I have been
9 going by there 22 years I never seen a
10 traffic jamb or nothing. This man has such
11 a good business and I occasionally stop
12 there. There is never any complaints. I
13 can't see why there is even a problem. This
14 is what chases businesses away from our
15 city. You ought to be happy to have
16 somebody like this gentleman and his
17 business in the neighborhood and quit
18 worrying about lousy neighbors.

19 Next, I ran into this fellow who
20 drives a cab and he told me the problem with
21 the young people around West Side High
22 School and Walgreen's he said is
23 unbelievable. He said these people they are
24 just completely out of control in that
25 neighborhood and you need a curfew or

1 something. I don't know why people know
2 about it, but you don't see nothing in
3 paper. Well, he told me he can't even go
4 over on Luzerne Street and a bunch of those
5 streets for fares anymore because of young
6 people giving problems. When I grew up I
7 didn't have no trouble like that with my
8 boys, they skipped school and I thought that
9 was the worse thing in the world.

10 I got a one little question, I
11 phoned the council last week, they told me
12 there is no ordinances on yard sales, garage
13 sales, and my dysfunctional pair that live
14 next door to me that has made 13 years of my
15 life a living hell, now they can't stand
16 Rosie puts an a little table out and had a
17 flea market two weeks ago and the peanut man
18 ran over it with his camera taking pictures
19 trying to chase people off so it didn't work
20 and people -- a couple of people just wanted
21 to he what the hell is wrong with them.

22 Last week he started the same thing.
23 I jumped off my porch and took a picture of
24 them so he run home to the boss and stayed
25 on porch yelling obscenities like we go

1 through almost every day of my life. I'm
2 talking about that little blond lady that
3 stood right here telling you how mean I am,
4 the one that said I fell through my garage
5 roof. I guess I'm fortunate she didn't have
6 to come over and give me mouth-to-mouth
7 anyway. There is -- these people are so
8 irrational they don't they don't observe
9 rational laws in parts of our society. I
10 never seen nothing like this. My whole
11 street never seen nothing like them. Today
12 I stopped at the Dunkin Doughnuts in
13 Olyphant and I got a special for six
14 doughnuts or something, and the people were
15 talking a couple --they always have a table
16 in the back where all of fellows sit all day
17 long drinking coffee, they were saying they
18 are through coming to Scranton with the way
19 it cost to park here. I thought that was
20 going to be a plus for the city. It sure
21 sounds like a negative from what I read and
22 what I heard. This city is just, you are
23 anti-taxpayer, you are anti-business. I
24 don't know. This is what people think of
25 us. This is what's on the computer.

1 I've asked you for a couple of years
2 why can't something be done about this truck
3 that has ruined our house values. I got an
4 informal appraisal on my house it's \$20,000
5 less because of this lousy truck parked
6 there. They told me to sue him. What good
7 is it to sue him? She will probably file
8 bankruptcy. His boss doesn't have no money
9 or he wouldn't have 25 year old trucks.

10 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you, Mr.
11 Ellman.

12 MR. ELLMAN: You need to worry about
13 the people of this city more. There is
14 three codes, in the city codes there is
15 three different laws why this truck can't be
16 parked there, not a one of you ever looked
17 at the city codes.

18 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you,
19 Mr. Ellman.

20 MR. ELLMAN: Thank you.

21 MR. WECHSLER: Dave Dobrzyn.

22 MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening, Council.
23 Dave Dobrzyn, resident and taxes paid, and
24 fees paid, dog license. Once again, I'd
25 like to point out to the people out in TV

1 land, here is map of Pennsylvania, General
2 Dynamics job closures due to exporting jobs,
3 outsourcing jobs. Stop unfair deals. So if
4 we wonder why our malls and our movie
5 theatres and whatever else goes bust no
6 matter how much money we throw at it you
7 might scratch your head and think, well,
8 that guy makes some sense. And, by the way,
9 it's a Bernie Sanders campaign. It's not
10 sufficient to take the amount of retail
11 store off 29 hours a week and no benefits to
12 call that a job creation, and that's why I
13 think has happened.

14 I would your Honor you to do
15 everything with Brunetti's. I was a
16 customer from time to time, I stopped in,
17 and I think we should try and do everything
18 we can to help them.

19 Now, the Parking Authority, I asked
20 last week if we were going to be responsible
21 for repairs and here we go, several million
22 dollars worth and I don't think that's
23 right. I mean, I could see letting it go
24 for a dollar, but not putting a dollar into
25 it after that. It's totally too much

1 sweetheart and we are -- the amounts that
2 many of these city-owned properties are sold
3 or, for instance, the Audubon with all of
4 the land that the hospital takes up and
5 such, I mean, it was such a pitiful amount
6 as compared to building a new school which
7 was estimated at \$30 million and then in
8 turned out that the land was too polluted by
9 the US Army to have young kids on it, so it
10 will just sit and wither and whatever.

11 But another idea I've had is all
12 pending -- realize, all pending legislation
13 not available for comment until it's passed
14 and that's less than acceptable. I think
15 it's time that pending legislation get onto
16 a computer site that we can look it up and
17 we don't seem like paranoid jerks or silly
18 people coming up here looking bad, if it's
19 something that's negative we would like to
20 be able to talk about it with some
21 authority.

22 And last, ARRP news there was an
23 article in there, a very good article, it
24 was beware of education costs as per age
25 because if you go to school at 55 or 56,

1 which is what many of these people push, you
2 may never recover the amount -- you may not
3 pay off the loan, and if you don't pay off
4 the loan 15 percent of your social security
5 income will be garnished, so that's
6 something that to consider when somebody
7 tells you you can go to school. It's not a
8 case of a saddle maker, we are not making
9 saddles for horses anymore, all of these
10 goods are sold in the United States at this
11 time and there we have a defense industry
12 that's empty, and we need a good war to pick
13 up the economy, I don't think so.

14 One other issue I have here, and
15 possibly the Treasury Department,
16 Treasurer's Department, when these bills are
17 due for like trash and stuff like that would
18 it be possible for people to work 9 to 5 or
19 10 to 6 so that people can get in there if
20 they are busy and just for a week or week
21 and a half before the bill is past due
22 because I had to get down on the very last
23 day because I couldn't make it two days
24 before, the weekend before, and if anything
25 happened then I'm stuck paying another 12

1 percent or whatever it is so it would be
2 nice to just have them shift gears a little
3 bit when these bills are due for the trash
4 fees and stuff and maybe have them open
5 until 6:00 from ten in the morning. It
6 should be easy enough to do. Thank you and
7 have a good night.

8 MR. WECHSLER: Anyone else?

9 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia,
10 citizen of Scranton. Fellow Scrantonians, I
11 read a little article in the paper, I know
12 it's inconclusive but the little I read
13 there is more red flags in that agreement
14 than on the road project, everywhere you
15 looked there is a red flag. They claimed
16 you are going to get \$28 million apparently
17 on a lease but apparently they must --
18 somebody must have bawked on that deal where
19 now you getting into the mall and leasing
20 500 spaces for \$4.5 million. Apparently,
21 that loan must be very, very leery, anybody
22 wants a loan on a lease, but the worst part
23 about it is we stand to lose anywhere from
24 60 to 80 million dollars in parking fees,
25 and the liability for some of the repairs on

1 the garage. I don't even know how the mayor
2 could even come up with this agreement. How
3 do you expect -- well, you know, we are
4 going to lose more on this lease than we owe
5 on the garage, and that's true. Somebody is
6 going to make out, there is no question
7 about that. The mall owner is going to make
8 out, the men who bought the Electric City
9 Garage is going to make out because we are
10 going to do most of the repair and then the
11 county is probably going to come in and
12 continue how many more millions to lease it?

13 Do I see trouble with this
14 agreement? Yes, I see more than trouble
15 with it. I see things that should be
16 investigated by the state in this agreement.
17 We stand to lose too much. I don't know how
18 PEL could even agree with this agreement. I
19 would like to see a representative from PEL
20 come in and explain how this agreement is
21 good for the city. \$80 million loss in lost
22 revenue is pretty hard to make up, and
23 that's not even the tip of the iceberg.
24 They want to put more meters somewhere,
25 maybe on private streets so you are going to

1 piss off more and more residents of
2 Scranton.

3 People are not happy with what's
4 happening in city hall. They are not happy
5 at all. What they can do about it, I don't
6 know because they keep voting for the same
7 people and the same thing keeps happening.
8 We need a big change in city government. We
9 need somebody to look at the total picture.
10 How to pay off our debt without increasing
11 our debt. I haven't seen one agreement
12 that's any good. I don't even know what he
13 plans to do with that \$95 million. I guess
14 some of it will go to the pension fund and
15 other is going to be blown away with
16 projects.

17 We didn't need a light project at
18 this time, but yet he went out and going to
19 get a light project. That project isn't
20 going to bring a penny into the city for
21 nine years, and by that time God knows where
22 the city will be, and nobody cares. When
23 people come before you they are going to
24 paint the rosy picture, they always do. You
25 got to look at all of the negatives in this

1 deal and what it's actually going to cost
2 the city and what is it going to do to our
3 liability in the city, and God only knows if
4 in the end we don't have to back up that \$28
5 million loan or whatever loan they are going
6 to borrow through the Health and Welfare
7 Authority. I know that's the reason why
8 they are into mall trying to lease them 500
9 spaces. Apparently, somebody down there was
10 looking at what was on that books there and
11 decided you needed more and resources to pay
12 off the note so we give the guy \$4.5 million
13 because is he good friend of ours, he is a
14 good, good man. You are dreamers. Whoever
15 came up with this plan is a dreamer, that's
16 all I can say. That's the nicest thing I
17 can say about him. There is lot of other
18 things that are being floated out about him,
19 but this agreement is not good for the city
20 and there is no question about it and the
21 amount of money we are going to lose through
22 our lost revenue, okay, I won't talk much
23 more because all wait until you get all of
24 the information and I hope you come to the
25 same conclusion.

1 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you. Anyone
2 else?

3 MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening,
4 Council, Marie Schumacher. Well, last night
5 I added at least five persons to my never
6 trust again list, maybe I should make that
7 six. Though Mr. Wechsler told us on June 2,
8 "The first meeting that will be held will be
9 by the Parking Authority so I would
10 encourage anyone who has questions or
11 concerns to attend that meeting."

12 That was a joke to which I'm
13 confident are you all a party.

14 MR. WECHSLER: I disagree. I
15 disagree.

16 MS. SCHUMACHER: Yes, your question
17 -- I would questionable executive session
18 informed you questions would be restricted
19 to agenda items which consisted of four
20 resolutions. Being unsure whether ECTV
21 provided coverage of the last evening's
22 meeting, I will report to the public that
23 the presenters faces the Authority and were
24 not provided microphone so much of what was
25 said was inaudible. View graphs were mostly

1 unreadable, and those with dollar amounts
2 were especially unreadable.

3 Some of what I did manage to pick up
4 in included the parking meters will be
5 structured fees on the parking meters will
6 be structured to force people into parking
7 garages whose fees we know nothing about
8 other than the monthly fees will begin at
9 \$90. The city is getting a one time \$28
10 million with no guarantee of any future
11 income and lease is for 40 to 45 years.

12 In 2013, the last year for which we
13 have an audit, the city collected \$1.1
14 million largely from parking meter revenue
15 and the parking tax, but excluded revenue
16 from parking tickets and garage utilization,
17 so do the math, \$28 million now or well
18 above -- and well above, probably double,
19 the \$44 million over 40 years and double
20 digit stranded debt. What a deal.

21 Two questions that I do have of
22 council, one, whether the City or the
23 Parking Authority engaged Buchanan Ingersoll
24 to negotiate the agreement, and if so how
25 much will they be paid and from what

1 account?

2 Two, we get millions of dollars each
3 year from the federal government, why aren't
4 CDBG funds being used for what you are
5 classifying as economic development or
6 payoffs to Mr. Basalyga, in other words.

7 I would also like someone during
8 motions to provide the status of the
9 reclamation of the Young property, and then
10 I would like to move to an important, I
11 think, safety item, and I would like to
12 request that you provide before you go on
13 your summer recess, and maybe if you could
14 during Fifth Order you could also --
15 Mr. Evans, those committees that were
16 established last July what they are ever did
17 and what happened to them if they have been
18 disbanded, but during motions that will be
19 fine. I have two pictures which I will
20 provide of the storm water drain at 307 and
21 Snook Street. There are two, not one but
22 two horses, either of which are really very
23 -- really cover the hole, part of the
24 erosion as right along the white line at the
25 end of it plus we have talked before about

1 PennDOT telling us that we, the City of
2 Scranton, are responsible for those storm
3 drain lines that go north from 307 and that
4 sunk last year and PennDOT was nice enough
5 to include -- fill them in, but they are
6 collapsing again. We have to do that
7 project.

8 So, I guess, Mr. Gaughan, it's your
9 division, DPW, I would like you to ask our
10 engineer to take a look at that and find out
11 what the city intends to do about that and
12 these potholes that are there and the
13 erosion and I would encourage any of you to
14 go up and take a look at that, that you can
15 see the rotted away pipe, it doesn't show
16 the depth as it should and I didn't want to
17 get killed by a car, so I did not put a
18 yardstick in there, but it's a substantial
19 drop again, so I would like to know what the
20 city is going to do about that stretch of
21 307 north of Snook. Thank you.

22 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you. Anyone
23 else?

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

1 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Perry?

2 MR. PERRY: Yes, thank you,
3 Mr. Wechsler. First of all, this Sunday is
4 Father's Day so I would say Happy Father's
5 Day to all of you fathers out there. If you
6 still have a father, make sure you call him,
7 tell him you love him, and I'm sure he will
8 appreciate it even if you haven't talked to
9 him in awhile so don't let any love go by.

10 Secondly, I'm very thankful of us
11 tabling the issue of Brunetti's got -- yield
12 some positive results where we are actually
13 going to take a look at that and try to get
14 some parking for the Brunetti's instead of
15 just, you know, business as usual and just
16 letting government run right over the little
17 person so I'm very happy to see us slow down
18 the speed of legislation to actually do a
19 common sense approach, I'm very happy about
20 that.

21 Also, Ms. Hodowanitz, the Electric
22 City garage put out for bid, I believe it
23 was but I would like dates, so I'm going to
24 see if I can find out when it was put out
25 for bid and when it was taken down for bid

1 if, in fact, it was put out for bid. So I
2 can take a look at that this week and ask
3 those questions with some more on Tuesday.

4 Also, getting to Tuesday's work
5 session, that is -- that's contention and I
6 kind of see everybody's point about not
7 being able to put input in questions, but
8 that doesn't mean we can't ask questions.
9 My e-mail address is TPerry@Scrantonpa.gov.
10 If anybody ha a question that they would
11 like answered or e-mail me the question, I
12 would be more than welcome to ask that to
13 the officials that are going to be here. I
14 have no problem doing that for you.

15 I think Mr. Dobrzyn talked about
16 items on the website in a timely manner, we
17 were just talking about that today in
18 caucus. We would love to see some of our
19 not only agenda items but legislation get up
20 on that website in a quickly and a timely
21 manner, that way it's just going to expedite
22 things and put you guys more in the know
23 instead of having to come here and ask us
24 questions or walking, driving, taking a bus
25 to city hall, getting it printed out, taking

1 it back home, looking it over, so an
2 informed public is a smart public which
3 makes for a better community, I think. So I
4 think we are all board with that so we are
5 going to work towards getting more things on
6 the website in a quicker fashion.

7 Is there anything else that I wanted
8 to hit on? I think that is it for right
9 now. That's all I got.

10 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you.
11 Mr. Rogan?

12 MR. ROGAN: Yes, thank you, a couple
13 of the brief items. As was mentioned
14 earlier the parking situation with
15 Brunetti's pizza, on Monday Councilman
16 Evans, the mayor and myself did pay a visit
17 to Brunetti's Pizza and there is a new
18 engineering study and it's ongoing, we are
19 hopeful that the results of that study will
20 come back favorable so it could work for the
21 business and to keep the area safe as well.

22 And I would also like to mention we
23 did stick around for lunch and the pizza was
24 suburb, so I recommend that to everyone who
25 hasn't tried Brunetti's pizza to try it out.

1 On the parking transaction,
2 obviously we have lot to read and there is a
3 lot more involved in the transaction than
4 was reported in the paper. Regarding the
5 project being bid, there was -- the entire
6 project was bid out it was probably well
7 over a year ago and actually Councilman
8 McGoff was council's liaison at the time and
9 it was a whittling process from, I don't
10 know, 20 or 30 firms that were interested
11 and I think it went down to 10 and then it
12 was down to three, and then finally NDC was
13 selected, but I do have some additional
14 questions that I will be asking at our
15 meeting on Tuesday regarding that.

16 On Friday, I attended a fundraiser
17 that Neighbor Works NEPA had, it was called
18 "Off the Ledge" at the Bank Towers where
19 they raised money for community development
20 by having individuals pay to repel off of
21 the bank tower and it was a very interesting
22 event. Chief DeSarno was one of the first
23 to repel down the building and from talking
24 to the executive director of Neighbor Works
25 I know it was a very successful fundraiser

1 and they raised over \$60,000 and I'm
2 thinking next year I might be one of the
3 people that repels down the building, it
4 looked like a fun time.

5 Two other items, we did get an
6 e-mail from Dave Bulzoni regarding the
7 property registration program and just in
8 one month's time 93 properties were
9 registered which brought in \$9,300 into the
10 city, and as you know the companion
11 legislation to use those funds for our
12 homebuyer's program is on our agenda
13 tonight.

14 Also on the economic development
15 front, this is a press release from OECD,
16 and I want to read it off. This is
17 regarding current owner occupied, properties
18 that are currently owner occupied within the
19 city. The City of Scranton's Office of
20 Economic and Community Development recently
21 redesigned the City of Scranton's Owner
22 Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program.
23 This program is funded with federal
24 assistance throughout HUD, home investment
25 partnership program, and allows eligible

1 income eligible households within the City
2 of Scranton to have their homes brought up
3 to code to enable families to live in safety
4 and sanitary living condition.

5 In order to be eligible for
6 financial assistance, your total annual
7 gross income must not exceed 80 percent of
8 the 2016 HUD limits that are designed by the
9 federal government. I'm not going to read
10 them all off, but for a one-person household
11 that limit is \$33,850, for a four-person
12 household it jumps to \$48,000, and when you
13 go up to an eight-person household it jumps
14 to \$63,800.

15 In order to be eligible all property
16 taxes, utilities, garbage fees and your
17 mortgage must be paid up-to-date. The home
18 must be clear of clutter and debris in order
19 for the inspectors and contractors to
20 perform their duties and OECD urges anyone
21 that may qualify to contact OECD for an
22 application, and that phone number is
23 570-348-4216. This is a very good program
24 that can certainly help spruce up our
25 neighborhoods, and that is all. Thank you.

1 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you, Mr. Rogan.
2 Mr. Evans?

3 MR. EVANS: Thank you. Let's see, I
4 did talk to Mr. Young today about the
5 project over on Wyoming Avenue and they are
6 still waiting for the letter from the city
7 that's about two weeks that they have been
8 told that that's coming. The letter
9 basically gives permission for officials and
10 others that attend their property to do the
11 work. I have a call into Mr. Bulzoni -- or
12 e-mail to Mr. Bulzoni to find out what the
13 status of that is so hopefully we'll find
14 out soon.

15 On the idea sessions that was talked
16 about, we did have several meetings last
17 year, of course, our schedule gets away from
18 us, but they were very, very productive. In
19 fact, what Mr. Rogan just talked about the
20 community champions and the certification or
21 registration and certification of some of
22 the foreclosed properties, and the program
23 that came out of that was basically a
24 first-time homebuyer's program that was
25 driven by some of the ideas and the idea

1 sessions so we are going to get back
2 together on that and reconstitute some of
3 the committees. Mr. Perry wasn't involved
4 at the time so we are going to get him on
5 one of the committees and get moving on
6 that, and we have a lot of good ideas in the
7 can and we're going to start rolling them
8 out as time goes on.

9 I'd like to circle back to the
10 Brunetti's situation. All of us at one time
11 or another have been out to Brunetti's, and
12 as Councilman Rogan mentioned, him and
13 myself were there on Monday and yes, this is
14 of course another mess that we get ourselves
15 into. Decades ago Deacon Street was changed
16 to a one-way, apparently seven years ago or
17 so it was changed back to a two-way street.
18 It may be debatable if there was every prop
19 authority in both of these cases, but
20 nonetheless, this is where we are today.
21 What we have now is legislation to authorize
22 additional changes while it may have been
23 done properly and in accordance with law
24 rules, there is no doubt an abundance of
25 commerce of a 59-year-old city business and

1 that's simply not acceptable.

2 In most cases, two wrongs don't make
3 a right, and in this case maybe three wrongs
4 don't make a right. Although, I appreciate
5 the efforts of those trying to finally get
6 this right, but truly getting it right is
7 talking to the effected property owners and
8 coming to a reasonable and common sense
9 compromise that works for everyone. It is
10 currently under review and I'm hopeful that
11 will be a positive outcome. In the mean
12 time, everything is table which status quo
13 continued. Many times a square PennDOT peg
14 -- excuse me, many times you cannot fit a
15 square PennDOT peg into a round city hole.
16 Regulations for the 21st century roadways do
17 not always work for roads and neighborhoods
18 built and designed nearly 150 years ago.

19 When I came on city council to be a
20 leader and small business owner, I vowed to
21 help grow the small business community and
22 not be party to wrong headed practices of
23 the past where we continually harassed,
24 annoyed, taxed, charged excess fees to the
25 very business owners that we should be

1 striving every single day to help.

2 So to take a page from another
3 profession that we all might be familiar
4 with, the hypocratic oath that medical
5 students take has the following phrase in
6 it, "First do no harm." We could all use a
7 little dose of that and make every single
8 employee and also elected officials should
9 follow that practice when it comes to
10 dealing with small business owners and
11 others. Above all else, first do no harm.
12 That's all I have for now. Thank you.

13 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you. Mr.
14 Gaughan.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, thank you.
16 First, I'd like to thank all of the
17 volunteers who helped clean up the McLane
18 Park in North Scranton this past Saturday.
19 Everybody did a great job and the park looks
20 great.

21 The 1200 block of South Main Avenue
22 there is a blighted property that residents
23 are very concerned about so we'll send that
24 along to Licensing and Inspections. Also,
25 the 900 block of Cedar Avenue residents are

1 concerned about condemned properties that
2 are a block away from the South Scranton
3 Intermediate School. It's a danger to
4 students because it's not secured properly,
5 and there is also a number of properties
6 located on Maple Street right across from
7 the school which are condemned and are very
8 dangerous so I'd like to send something to
9 Licensing and Inspections about that.

10 I was asked by a resident to give an
11 update on the civilian parking enforcement
12 program. From January 1, 2016, through June
13 6, 2016, the civilian parking enforcement
14 personnel have issued parking violations
15 totalling \$111,000 and to date the city has
16 collected \$79,175 of that amount. Keep in
17 mind that the mayor budgeted \$270,500 for
18 the parking enforcement program for 2016.
19 Chief Graziano noted the first half of this
20 year has been challenging and staffing these
21 civilian parking positions on a consistent
22 basis due to personnel issues beyond the
23 department's control. For a good portion of
24 time, he operated with only one position
25 filled and for at least a couple of

1 additional weeks there was nobody available
2 to fill either of these positions. So as it
3 stands right now we've only collected 79 --
4 roughly, \$79,000 so it does not look good
5 that we will hit the budgeted amount for
6 this year.

7 I'm going to again request that we
8 send correspondence to the mayor asking for
9 a breakdown of how much we have saved to
10 date from the renegotiated police and fire
11 contracts. The mayor has said, as I have
12 said, a bunch of times that there would be
13 an immediate savings of \$1 million and all
14 I'm simply asking for is to see a breakdown
15 of how much we saved to date from both
16 contracts, and that is all I have. Thank
17 you.

18 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you, Mr.
19 Gaughan. This week I attended the
20 Greenridge Neighborhood Association meeting
21 pretty much because of the issues that are
22 going on at Brunetti's and there's just a
23 lot of issues in Greenridge right now that
24 need a lot of attention. Really the first
25 one is one that we have been talking about

1 since last year when the smell odor turned
2 up in Greenridge. As everyone is aware
3 last -- we had requested that Solicitor
4 Shrive get back to us on his opinion
5 concerning the Sewer Authority and their
6 operation allowing the use of the Greenridge
7 line. In the mean time, the Greenridge
8 Neighborhood Association had prepared a
9 Right-to-Know request from the Sewer
10 Authority that eventually found its way to
11 the State Open Records Department and they
12 were able to provide quite a few documents
13 to the Friends of Lackawanna in putting
14 together what they consider an argument
15 against the use of the Greenridge line. The
16 Friends of Lackawanna dropped off a letter
17 today detailing several issues that would
18 lead me to the same conclusion that the
19 Greenridge line was changed somewhere in
20 December.

21 As we have discussed here several
22 times, and it's been determined, that the
23 city solicitor is in charge of making the
24 decision whether to allow the use of the
25 line or follow with the lawsuit preventing

1 the use of the line so as a city council we
2 do not have much authority in pursuing legal
3 action against the Sewer Authority, but I
4 had spoken to Michelle Dempsey yesterday and
5 I also spoke to Solicitor Minora in a caucus
6 we mentioned it through the rest of the
7 council members, Mr. Shrive is going to
8 review these documents and now he has
9 requested that he has until next week to
10 provide his answer to us so while that's
11 going on we have discussed the possibility
12 of city council passing a resolution. A
13 resolution is what it is, it's just our
14 opinion and our intention to ask for
15 Keystone Sanitary Landfill to voluntarily
16 stop using the Greenridge line. There is a
17 dedicated line from the landfill that runs
18 uphill through Dunmore and East Scranton
19 that does not have any of these problems
20 associated with the Greenridge line. That
21 line was constructed to handle the leachate
22 and other liquids properly as it should be
23 handled from the landfill.

24 The Greenridge line is used an
25 overflow line. It's not constructed as

1 solidly as the dedicated line. In the past,
2 there has been discussions that when there
3 is an overflow Keystone Landfill has ponds
4 at the landfill that can be used to hold the
5 leachate before it's dispersed down into the
6 secondary line and I would like to see if
7 they could use that option instead of
8 rolling this downhill. It's not a question
9 of is it legal or is it illegal, this is a
10 question of is it right or is it wrong. If
11 the citizens of Greenridge don't need be
12 exposed to this problem then they shouldn't
13 be exposed. If the leachate and fluids can
14 go in another direction, they should go in
15 another direction, and as I said, city
16 council our hands are tied to an extent so
17 we are going to review based upon what
18 Mr. Shrive comes back with next week we are
19 going to see what we can do to at least get
20 some public support behind asking keystone
21 to stop using that line if possible.

22 This week we were contacted by some
23 citizens inquiring about the Novembrino Pool
24 Complex. I contacted Mr. Bulzoni and the
25 grant application is still being evaluated

1 at the state level. Also, at the meeting on
2 Tuesday night there was some problems on
3 Muncy Avenue, some problems with one-way
4 traffic and problems with parking and things
5 so we are going to contact the chief about
6 that.

7 In regards to the parking issue, we
8 are going to have our meeting on Tuesday.
9 The representative from both the management
10 and the leasing company will be here to
11 provide us with information, and as
12 Mr. Perry said, we are open to provide us
13 any questions. A lot of our questions
14 actually get generated as the meeting goes
15 on so I can't tell you what questions I'm
16 going to be asking, my questions may be
17 different than Mr. Rogan's or Mr. Gaughan's,
18 everybody looks at this in a different way,
19 but we like the idea of the work sessions
20 because there is no time limit to it. We
21 can ask as many questions as we like. We
22 have the option to really get in-depth on
23 this issue, so I think that work session
24 will be a very valuable tool for all of us
25 as we proceed with this issue.

1 I would like to send my support to
2 Commissioner Notarianni who made a motion at
3 the meeting the other day to start a
4 reassessment. The item failed for lack of a
5 second, but I was very, very happy to see
6 that Commissioner Notarianni is interested
7 in moving the ball forward on reassessment,
8 and as we discuss here nearly every week.
9 We made almost an hour and a half without
10 talking about it, I won't talk about it
11 tonight, but it is something very important
12 to us as that proceeds.

13 And just one more comment on the
14 Brunetti's Market, I went out there on
15 Saturday and I saw a very disturbing thing
16 when I was there, Mr. Brunetti he had on a
17 San Jose Shark hat on and he had just been
18 to the Penguin's game and I didn't realize
19 his hat was there and I said, "You must have
20 had a good night that they loss," and I
21 looked at his hat and he was one of I think
22 he said eight San Jose fans out in
23 Pittsburgh last year and he didn't get as
24 much support as Pittsburgh as he got from
25 city council and the rest of the city

1 government this weekend, so even though Mr.
2 Brunetti is a Shark's fan, we'll see what we
3 can do to help him out. And that's all I
4 have tonight.

5 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION -
6 AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
7 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE
8 AND ENTER INTO CONCESSION ARRANGEMENTS WITH
9 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROPERTIES, SCRANTON,
10 INC. (THE "CONCESSIONAIRE") WITH RESPECT TO
11 METERED PARKING IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON (THE
12 "CITY") AND THE GARAGES OWNED BY THE PARKING
13 AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON,
14 PENNSYLVANIA (THE "AUTHORITY") PURSUANT TO
15 THE SCRANTON METERED PARKING SYSTEM
16 CONCESSION AND SERVICES AGREEMENT (THE
17 "METERED SYSTEM CONCESSION AGREEMENT") AND
18 SCRANTON PARKING FACILITIES SYSTEM
19 CONCESSION AND LEASE AGREEMENT (THE
20 "FACILITIES CONCESSION AGREEMENT"), AND TO
21 AUTHORIZE CERTAIN ACTIONS AND ANCILLARY
22 AGREEMENTS CONTEMPLATED BY THE METERED
23 SYSTEM CONCESSION AGREEMENT AND THE
24 FACILITIES CONCESSION AGREEMENT.

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

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

3 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

4 MR. EVANS: Second.

5 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?

6 MR. PERRY: On the question, yeah, I
7 was very happy that they spent some time
8 with us a couple of weeks ago and just gave
9 us a good work session and introduced this
10 to us and we did get our mass amount of
11 information this week, you know. The lease
12 agreement for Steamtown is over 100 pages
13 long itself, so I do not have a problem with
14 introducing this tonight, but I will hold
15 any comments that I have on this until, you
16 know, I'm more thoroughly educated on it.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.
18 First, I think that we should acknowledge
19 that this is one of the most complex deals
20 the city has ever been involved in, and I
21 would be doing my due diligence by
22 thoroughly reviewing these pieces of
23 legislation. I think the public work
24 session on Tuesday will be important so that
25 the mayor and his administration can explain

1 this deal to council and the public and
2 answer any questions that we may have.

3 It's clear to me in looking at the
4 Parking Authority situation in the city in
5 the past few years and in detail over the
6 past few months as we have been in several
7 executive sessions that at some point we
8 have to stop the bleeding. However, I want
9 to make sure that this deal does not inflict
10 any additional wounds, and I do have several
11 questions.

12 I think everyone should keep in mind
13 that as we discuss the plan to lease the
14 garages that the city doesn't have many
15 options at this point, and I truly believe
16 that part of the decision to monetize the
17 parking garages was already made in June of
18 2012 when the previous city council, with my
19 colleague Mr. Rogan leading the charge,
20 engaged in one of the most devastating,
21 unconscionable act in the City's history by
22 purposely allowing the Parking Authority to
23 default on it's bond.

24 The default killed the City's
25 creditworthiness, cut us off from the

1 capital markets and triggered the insertion
2 of a receiver by the bond insurer which has
3 cost the taxpayers of this city millions and
4 millions of dollars. This would be similar
5 to an average citizen refusing to pay their
6 mortgage because they didn't like someone at
7 the bank and wanted to send a message. The
8 message has been sent to people around the
9 state and the country that moronic decisions
10 made by our leaders based on politics has
11 had catastrophic consequences for Scranton
12 taxpayers. The decision to allow the
13 default is dangerous, foolish and has had an
14 absolutely crippling effect on our finances
15 that the city is still reeling from today.

16 As we move forward in examining this
17 deal and making sure that is the best for
18 the city, I don't think that the people of
19 Scranton should forget what lead us to this
20 point. Thank you.

21 MR. ROGAN: I guess since we are
22 going to take a stroll down memory lane
23 tonight we'll ask for more context. The
24 Parking Garage debacle began long before
25 city council refused to bail out the

1 Scranton Parking Authority. This debacle
2 began when former Mayor Doherty built
3 garages that there were no need for. The
4 basic problem that the City of Scranton had
5 on a parking issue was that we had too many
6 spaces with too much debt and not enough
7 patrons. The solution that was proposed by
8 the former Parking Authority was to keep
9 increasing rates, and anyone that knows
10 anything about business knows just
11 increasing rates isn't going to work, you
12 are going to lose patrons, and that's when
13 we saw private garages throughout the
14 downtown thriving while occupancy rates
15 within the system have continually
16 decreased. That is what caused the Scranton
17 Parking Authority to be unable to make their
18 debt payments which, yes, the city did
19 guarantee. When a caucus was held, a very
20 lengthy caucus with the then leaders of the
21 Scranton Parking Authority, prior to bailing
22 out -- or prior to agreeing to bail out the
23 Authority to the tune of millions of dollars
24 Scranton City Council asked for an Authority
25 budget. Going back in the minutes you could

1 look at what our attorney stated when he
2 referred to that budget, it was I believe
3 one page, a multi-million dollar budget on
4 one page.

5 Was the decision to refuse to bail
6 out the Parking Authority a popular one? Of
7 course, it wasn't, but at this time it was
8 either that or continually fork over money
9 to the Parking Authority. It was a very
10 difficult decisions. I'm the only one
11 that's currently on this board that had to
12 make that decision. To get from where we
13 were then to where we are today is because
14 of a lot of hard work on the part of a lot
15 of people. There is much to be learned on
16 this agreement. As I stated, it's very,
17 very thick, we have a lot of reading to do,
18 but I have long stated, and I actually would
19 prefer a sale of the garages, I know this is
20 a lease, I have long advocated for selling
21 the garages.

22 They are a bad asset for the city we
23 are to constantly taking a loss on these
24 garages, something needs to be done.
25 Whether this is the solution or not remains

1 to be seen. On the preliminary evidence
2 that's coming regarding NDC and great work
3 that they have done in other areas I think
4 they can be a great partner and I would like
5 to see this deal not only reduce our debt
6 and reduce the amount that we have to fork
7 over to cover SPA debt every year, I would
8 like to see and encourage economic
9 development within the downtown.

10 I know much has been made of the
11 deal with Mr. Basalyga, and I have a lot of
12 questions about that as well, but he has
13 done an amazing job so far down at the mall.
14 He made a large investment within the city
15 and the dollar amounts that are in here are
16 certainly very large and I want to see how
17 they could be used, but if they are
18 reinvested back into the downtown I think
19 that could be a win-win.

20 So there is a lot of reading that we
21 have to do and I want to thank our council
22 president for scheduling a number of the
23 meetings so we can be fully educated before
24 we cast the final vote.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: Just one additional

1 point, just respectfully disagree with what
2 you said. You know, Mr. Rogan says they
3 didn't want to fork over the money, we had
4 to pay that anyways. I mean, I wasn't on
5 council then, but you don't have to be
6 rocket scientist to figure out that if you
7 have a credit card and you owe a payment and
8 you don't pay it you are going to be in
9 trouble, so not only did we have to fork
10 over that money, the Parking Authority went
11 into receivership, and like I said, it's a
12 proven fact, there is no way around it, that
13 this default has cost the city millions of
14 dollars in attorney fees and everything
15 else. Not only that, but it's costs us
16 or -- we have no credit rating so when I say
17 we have no options, one of the reasons is
18 because Mr. Rogan and the previous city
19 council made a disastrous decision. That's
20 a fact. There is no debating whether it was
21 popular or not. It was the wrong decision,
22 so I just wanted to make sure to put this
23 whole thing in context because when you are
24 looking at these things to say that we may
25 have, you know, I've heard some people say,

1 well, you can do this option or that option,
2 based on what prior councils have done or
3 the last council with Mr. Rogan leading the
4 charge, you know, we really don't have many
5 options at all. We have no credit rating,
6 so to say that we, you know -- they didn't
7 want to fork over the money they paid it the
8 next week or the week after anyways, so I
9 don't think there is any debating it was a
10 disastrous decision. It's a proven fact in
11 every executive session we have been in, all
12 of the financial managers that we have met
13 with, all of the bond insurers that we've
14 met with have said it was a -- in fact, it's
15 even in some of the documents, the Power
16 Point presentation, it was a disastrous
17 decision so I at least wanted to make sure
18 that people understood how we got to this
19 point, and there were other factors but that
20 certainly didn't help.

21 MR. ROGAN: Well, let's be clear,
22 the cause of the default was the SPA being
23 unable to pay their own debts, then it went
24 back to the city's guarantee. The parking
25 garages were going under regardless of what

1 city council did at any point in time.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: I disagree.

3 MR. ROGAN: So they could have been
4 saved? They were losing \$2 million a year.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Listen, Pat, you can
6 spin it any way you want.

7 MR. ROGAN: I'm not spinning it.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: You don't default on a
9 bond. I mean, I actually wish I was on
10 council so I could have debated when I know
11 that some people did. It was a bad move. I
12 can't believe that you are still standing
13 behind it.

14 MR. ROGAN: I'm not standing behind
15 it.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: So was it a good move
17 or a bad move?

18 MR. ROGAN: At the time, we had very
19 few options. At that time we were getting
20 estimates of millions of dollars without any
21 documentation. It was a very difficult
22 position to be in.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Well, I don't think it
24 was, but --

25 MR. ROGAN: Well, knowing your

1 current record I think it would be a
2 difficult for you to currently fork over
3 millions of dollars without getting
4 documentation. Is that too much of a
5 stretch?

6 MR. GAUGHAN: We guaranteed the
7 money. So, again, I'll simplify it for you,
8 when you have a credit card and you miss
9 your payment you don't get off scot free.
10 When the bill comes due at some point you
11 got to pay it. We guaranteed the money. We
12 had to pay it, you didn't pay it, and it was
13 your decision. You are the one that lead
14 the charge. That's what I'm saying, so when
15 we look at this deal and we look at all of
16 the things that have happened, I mean, you
17 are responsible for the city forking over
18 millions of dollars in attorney's fees,
19 receivership fees and everything else.
20 That's your legacy, and that's why I'm
21 simply respectfully putting this whole deal
22 into context.

23 MR. ROGAN: I didn't vote to build
24 any garages or take our guaranteeing any
25 loans on any garages. That was your former

1 boss when you working for Mayor Doherty who
2 did build the garages.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: But you voted to
4 default on a bond.

5 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Evans, do you
6 have a comment?

7 MR. EVANS: Yeah, I'm not going to
8 get in the middle of this one, but I'm just
9 going to take a simplistic viewpoint of
10 what's happening here, this is what happened
11 when government stays in business beyond a
12 historic role. I have no doubt in my mind
13 that when this is turned over to a private
14 company or nonprofit for that matter we are
15 going to see increases in efficiency,
16 cleanliness, service and rates because most
17 cases, if not all cases, private sector will
18 always do a better job than government and
19 the businesses that the government doesn't
20 belong in. That's all I have at this point.

21 MR. WECHSLER: Just to follow up on
22 Mr. Evans comments, last night at the
23 meeting there were several tenants who are
24 currently occupying spaces in the parking
25 garages who have according to their

1 testimony have seen a decline in their
2 business since the receiver has taken off,
3 especially I think members of
4 representatives from Pappa's Pizza were here
5 and also Commons on the Green who are very
6 excited about the opportunity of dealing
7 with, as Mr. Evans said, a professional
8 leaser, a professional company. They are
9 very excited that they are going to get some
10 service. I mean, right now over in the
11 parking authority garages the elevators
12 don't work. There is no handicap access.
13 There is no lighting. It's very very unsafe
14 and it is hurting those businesses that are
15 in that building.

16 In the Medallion garages there are
17 opportunities for a hair studio over there.
18 There is another -- the Coliseum is over
19 there, there is other building is the former
20 Poly Redners, and based upon the testimony I
21 heard last night NDC and ABM are committed
22 to marketing those properties and bringing
23 their expertise and successful track record
24 to this program. It was interesting that
25 NDC served as a conduit for funding for one

1 of the most popular spots in downtown,
2 Northern Light Coffee. So NDC has a
3 commitment, I think they said maybe over 20
4 some years in that commitment to Scranton
5 and as we go through this, and it will be
6 contentious, and we are going to go back and
7 forth, but as I have said as I'm sitting on
8 council I cannot wait for the day that we no
9 longer mention the former council and the
10 former mayor. We are sitting here for three
11 years, Mayor Courtright has been sitting
12 here for three years, in my opinion as we
13 work our way through this issue and then,
14 you know, we did the settlement with the
15 police department, I can't wait until the
16 day that we no longer mention former mayors
17 or former council. We are here right now.
18 It's up to us to get this done and get it
19 done properly, correctly, and addressing the
20 needs of the public and addressing the needs
21 of the city and addressing actually what --
22 this is one of the few economic development
23 tools that the city -- that the city has
24 taken since I'm on council.

25 This is a major investment and a

1 partnership with several national companies
2 with Mr. Basalyga. The whole downtown is
3 going to be impacted by this decision and I
4 disagree that it's going to be so bad. I
5 think this is the proper thing for the city
6 to do and as we go to the meeting on Tuesday
7 and we get more information hopefully that's
8 the case, and also in this one thing that's
9 not mentioned in this issue is there is also
10 going to be a \$1.7 million coming to the
11 city through the borrowing for repairs of
12 the fire stations, that's also part of this
13 agreement.

14 So, you know, as Mr. Gaughan said,
15 we are trying to overcome our financial
16 history, get a credit rating and you can see
17 that we are succeeding with that because the
18 money for the judgment is on schedule and
19 the checks are going to be on time so even
20 with our differences we are making progress
21 and I am very enthusiastic about that.

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

24 MR. PERRY: Aye.

25 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

1 MR. EVANS: Aye.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

5 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -
6 AN ORDINANCE - ATTACHED IS AN ORDINANCE OF
7 THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON,
8 LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING
9 AND DIRECTING ISSUANCE OF ITS GENERAL
10 OBLIGATION NOTES, SERIES OF 2016 (THE
11 "NOTES") IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT
12 NOT TO EXCEED \$47,000,000 PURSUANT TO THE
13 ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
14 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, KNOWN AS THE
15 LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT DEBT ACT, WITH THE
16 PROCEEDS, TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR AND TOWARD
17 THE COSTS OF A PROJECT CONSISTING OF: (1)
18 REFUNDING ALL OF THE CITY'S OUTSTANDING
19 LEASE RENTAL DEBT REPRESENTED BY THE CITY'S
20 GUARANTY OF THE PARKING AUTHORITY OF THE
21 CITY OF SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA'S GUARANTEED
22 PARKING REVENUE BONDS, SERIES OF 2004,
23 GUARANTEED PARKING REVENUE BONDS, SERIES OF
24 2006 AND GUARANTEED PARKING REVENUE BONDS,
25 SERIES OF 2007 (COLLECTIVELY, THE "REFUNDED

1 *BONDS*"), (2) FUNDING RENOVATIONS TO VARIOUS
2 FIRE STATIONS LOCATED IN THE CITY, AND (3)
3 PAYING THE COSTS RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF
4 THE NOTES; FINDING A PRIVATE SALE BY
5 NEGOTIATION TO BE IN THE BEST FINANCIAL
6 INTERESTS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT;
7 DETERMINING THAT SUCH DEBT SHALL BE
8 NONELECTORAL DEBT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
9 UNIT; ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FOR PURCHASE OF
10 SUCH NOTES, AND AWARDING SUCH NOTES, AND
11 SETTING FORTH RELATED PROVISIONS; PROVIDING
12 THAT SUCH GENERAL OBLIGATION NOTES, WHEN
13 ISSUED, SHALL BE GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE
14 LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT; FIXING THE
15 SUBSTANTIAL FORM, DENOMINATIONS, NUMBERS,
16 DATE, MATURITY DATES, YIELDS, INTEREST
17 RATES, INTEREST PAYMENT DATES, REGISTRATION
18 PROVISIONS, PLACE OF PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL,
19 MATURITY AMOUNT AND INTEREST; AUTHORIZING
20 EXECUTION OF SUCH NOTES AND AUTHENTICATION
21 THEREOF; PROVIDING COVENANTS RELATED TO
22 PAYMENT OF DEBT SERVICE AND PLEDGING THE
23 FULL FAITH, CREDIT AND TAXING POWER OF THE
24 LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT IN SUPPORT THEREOF;
25 CREATING A SINKING FUND AND A CLEARING

1 ACCOUNT; APPOINTING AGENTS AND
2 PROFESSIONALS; AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION
3 OF BOND INSURANCE; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING
4 SPECIFIED OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
5 UNIT TO DO, TO TAKE AND TO PERFORM CERTAIN
6 SPECIFIED, REQUIRED, NECESSARY OR
7 APPROPRIATE ACTS AND THINGS; RATIFYING PRIOR
8 ADVERTISEMENT AND DIRECTING FURTHER
9 ADVERTISEMENT; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF
10 EXPENSES; AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF A
11 PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND FINAL
12 OFFICIAL STATEMENT; PROVIDING COVENANTS
13 RELATED TO CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AND
14 COMPLIANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNAL
15 REVENUE CODE; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES
16 OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INSOFAR AS THE SAME
17 SHALL BE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

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

21 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

22 MR. EVANS: Second.

23 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?

24 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question,
25 I'm going to ask Tuesday for clarification

1 on two things relating to this legislation.
2 Number one, we are going to be borrowing an
3 additional \$1.75 million, it says to fund
4 repairs to the fire stations. That seems
5 like an awfully high number so I would like
6 to know exactly how much repairing the fire
7 stations or renovating the fire stations
8 will cost, and will this \$1.75 million be
9 used for anything else, and if so what.

10 And the second question, and I'll
11 ask Tuesday for clarification, is will
12 anybody from the administration be receiving
13 any fees from this deal, the city solicitor,
14 the business administrator, anybody like
15 that. So I will Tuesday, again, ask for
16 clarification on those two issues. Thank
17 you.

18 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Gaughan, my
19 impression is that the study that was done
20 of the firehouses is the basis for this.
21 I'm not sure if that's all to it, but it is
22 part of that.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Right. I didn't think
24 it cost that much, but I'll have to go back
25 and look, I though it was more like six or

1 seven hundred thousand.

2 MR. PERRY: It was also included as
3 opposed to getting the armory, setting up
4 some kind of training facility behind the
5 police station. That's also included in the
6 repair and upkeep of all the delapidated
7 fire house.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay, I would like
9 clarification on that Tuesday. Thank you.

10 MR. ROGAN: I'll just add on that
11 aspect our firehouses in the city are in
12 dire need of repair. I remember not too
13 long ago seeing the firehouse on East
14 Mountain literally a tree growing through
15 the roof. These are the men and women that
16 keep us safe and they deserve topnotch
17 facilities and we need top notch facilities
18 to maintain the public safety within the
19 city.

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

22 MR. PERRY: Aye.

23 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

24 MR. EVANS: Aye.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

3 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION -
4 AN ORDINANCE - EXTENDING THE TERM OF
5 EXISTENCE OF THE PARKING AUTHORITY OF THE
6 CITY OF SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA (THE
7 "AUTHORITY") TO FIFTY (50) YEARS FROM THE
8 DATE OF ENACTMENT OF THIS ORDINANCE;
9 DIRECTING THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF
10 ENACTMENT HEREOF AND OF INTENT TO FILE A
11 CERTIFIED COPY HEREOF, TOGETHER WITH PROOFS
12 OF PUBLICATION OF SUCH NOTICE, WITH THE
13 SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, AND DIRECTING
14 SUCH FILING, ALL PURSUANT TO THE PARKING
15 AUTHORITY LAW; AND REPEALING INCONSISTENT
16 ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, OR PARTS
17 THEREOF.

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

21 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

22 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

1 MR. PERRY: Aye.

2 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

3 MR. EVANS: Aye.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

5 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The
6 ayes have it and so moved.

7 MS. REED: 5-E. FOR INTRODUCTION -
8 AN ORDINANCE - REPEALING FILE OF THE COUNCIL
9 NO. 30, 2012 (AS AMENDED) ENTITLED "IMPOSING
10 A TAX FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES ON
11 OPERATORS OF PARKING SPACES AT THE RATE OF
12 FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%) UPON EACH PARKING
13 TRANSACTION AND ESTABLISHING ANNUAL LICENSE
14 PROCEDURES AND FEES AND PROMULGATING THE
15 RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING RULES AND
16 REGULATIONS ON PARKING TRANSACTIONS PURSUANT
17 TO THE LOCAL TAX ENABLING ACT 53 PA. C.S.A.
18 6901 ET SEQ AND FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 30,
19 2014 WHICH AMENDED FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.
20 30, 2012.

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

24 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

25 MR. EVANS: Second.

1 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?

2 MR. EVANS: On the question, this is
3 actually a very positive thing that we are
4 repealing this. It was a failed ordinance,
5 a failed idea, it was never collected
6 properly because it was so dumb in the first
7 place, so repealing this is giving me great
8 pleasure.

9 MR. ROGAN: I agree wholeheartedly.
10 I actually voted against this legislation
11 when it was first introduced because there
12 were so many unanswered questions regarding
13 charging a parking tax and especially in
14 regards to parking garages such as the mall
15 that we weren't charging anything. I think
16 it really was never -- it wasn't a
17 well-thought out idea and I do think this
18 will help make the city more business
19 friendly.

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

22 MR. PERRY: Aye.

23 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

24 MR. EVANS: Aye.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

3 MS. REED: 5-F. FOR INTRODUCTION -
4 AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL
5 NO. 91, 2002 "AN ORDINANCE AS AMENDED
6 PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PARKING
7 METER ZONES WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON;
8 ESTABLISHING HOURS OF OPERATION; PROVIDING
9 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF METERS AND PARKING
10 METER RATES; AUTHORIZING THE ENFORCEMENT OF
11 PARKING ORDINANCES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES
12 FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF" BY AMENDING SECTION
13 3(A) TO REFLECT THE CHANGE IN HOURLY RATES.

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

17 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

18 MR. EVANS: Second.

19 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?

20 MR. ROGAN: Yes, I would just like
21 to state there were questions brought up
22 from the podium regarding locations of the
23 meters. There are no meters that are going
24 to be placed in residential neighborhoods.
25 This will be confined to the downtown area.

1 I did also inquire about the business
2 districts in West Scranton and North
3 Scranton and other areas that are currently
4 unmetered and outside of the downtown areas
5 those areas will remain unmetered.

6 MR. WECHSLER: And it's been my
7 impression from what we have said for the
8 first time this is going to be approached
9 with an actual plan to make the collection
10 of the meter fees more efficient and also
11 actually less obtrusive actually, so as
12 Mr. Evans stated when you have a
13 professional company doing this, a private
14 company, you tend to get some good results.

15 All those in favor of introduction
16 signify by saying aye.

17 MR. PERRY: Aye.

18 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

19 MR. EVANS: Aye.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

23 MS. REED: 5-G. FOR INTRODUCTION -
24 AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING
25 THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON (THE

1 "CODE"), CHAPTER 439 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC BY
2 ADDING AND DELETING LANGUAGE IN SECTIONS
3 439-12, 439-25, 439-26, 439-27, 439-29,
4 439-29.1, 439-41, 439-43, 439-45, 439-48,
5 439-51, 439-52, 439-53, 439-54, 439-60 AND
6 439-61.

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

10 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

11 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

15 MR. PERRY: Aye.

16 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

17 MR. EVANS: Aye.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

21 MS. REED: 5-H. FOR INTRODUCTION -
22 AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING
23 THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, CHAPTER
24 439 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, BY ADDING AND
25 DELETING LANGUAGE IN SECTION 439-28 ENFORCE

1 ON-STREET PARKING REGULATIONS.

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

5 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

6 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

10 MR. PERRY: Aye.

11 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

12 MR. EVANS: Aye.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

16 MS. REED: 5-I. FOR INTRODUCTION - A
17 RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
18 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO APPROVE THE
19 BOND COMPLIANCE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR
20 THE TAX EXEMPT STATUS OF TAX-EXEMPT BONDS OR
21 NOTES ISSUED FOR ITS BENEFIT.

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

25 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

1 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

5 MR. PERRY: Aye.

6 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

7 MR. EVANS: Aye.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

11 MS. REED: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A.
12 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.
13 31, 2016 - AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE
14 MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO THE
15 AGREEMENT OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION
16 AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND
17 BETWEEN THE LACKAWANNA COUNTY LAND BANK,
18 COUNTY OF LACKAWANNA, CITY OF SCRANTON AND
19 SCRANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR LAND BANK
20 ACQUISITION AND RESTORATION OF BLIGHTED,
21 VACANT, ABANDONED AND TAX DELINQUENT
22 PROPERTIES.

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

25 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-A

1 pass reading by title.

2 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

5 MR. PERRY: Aye.

6 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

7 MR. EVANS: Aye.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

11 MS. REED: 6-B. READING BY TITLE -
12 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 32, 2016 - AN
13 ORDINANCE - APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE
14 ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES BY EMINENT
15 DOMAIN, DEED IN LIEU OF CONDEMNATION,
16 AGREEMENT, OR OTHERWISE OF ANY AND ALL
17 RIGHTS, LICENSES, PERSONAL PROPERTY,
18 EASEMENTS, INTERESTS, OR TITLES IN REAL
19 ESTATE AND/OR STRUCTURES REQUIRED IN ORDER
20 TO OBTAIN FEE SIMPLE TITLE TO SAID
21 PROPERTIES TO COMPLETE THE LACKAWANNA RIVER
22 LOCAL FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT.

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

25 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-B

1 pass reading by title.

2 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

5 MR. PERRY: Aye.

6 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

7 MR. EVANS: Aye.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

11 MS. REED: 6-C. READING BY TITLE -
12 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 33, 2016 - AN
13 ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
14 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO APPROVE THE
15 USE OF THE SCRANTON HOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
16 (SHAP) AS AN INCENTIVE FOR PROSPECTIVE
17 HOMEBUYERS TO PURCHASE SINGLE FAMILY HOMES
18 WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON.

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

21 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-C
22 pass reading by title.

23 MR. EVANS: Second.

24 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?

25 MR. ROGAN: Yes, I'm going to give a

1 little shout out to our Scranton Times
2 reporter to hope for a little assistant
3 getting this program out there as well as
4 the rehab program for existing homeowners
5 within the City of Scranton. They are two
6 great programs and we want to shut it from
7 the rooftops so people can take advantage of
8 them.

9 MR. EVANS: And as mentioned before,
10 we have \$9,800 already in the kitty and it's
11 growing and we have it good news from the
12 business administrator to look for matching
13 funds as well so I think the program is
14 going to be great.

15 MR. WECHSLER: All those in favor
16 signify by saying aye.

17 MR. PERRY: Aye.

18 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

19 MR. EVANS: Aye.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

21 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The
22 eyes have it and so moved.

23 MS. REED: 6-D. READING BY TITLE -
24 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 34, 2016 - AN
25 ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.

1 21, 2016 AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "DEFINING AND
2 AUTHORIZING TAX EXEMPTIONS FROM REAL
3 PROPERTY TAX IN ORDER TO IMPROVE
4 DETERIORATING REAL PROPERTY IN CERTAIN AREAS
5 IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON, ESTABLISHING AN
6 EXEMPTION SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURES FOR
7 OBTAINING EXEMPTIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR
8 NON-PERMISSIBLE EXEMPTIONS AND LIMITING
9 AMENDMENT THERETO" BY AMENDING SECTION 10.
10 EFFECTIVE DATE TO CHANGE THE RESPONSE TIME
11 FOR APPROVALS BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE
12 CITY OF SCRANTON AND LACKAWANNA COUNTY BOARD
13 OF COMMISSIONERS FROM THIRTY (30) DAYS TO
14 NINETY (90) DAYS.

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

17 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-D
18 pass reading by title.

19 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

22 MR. PERRY: Aye.

23 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

24 MR. EVANS: Aye.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

3 MS. REED: 6-E. READING BY TITLE -
4 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 35, 2016 - AN
5 ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.
6 22, 2016, AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "DEFINING
7 AND AUTHORIZING TAX EXEMPTIONS FROM REAL
8 PROPERTY TAX IN ORDER TO STIMULATE
9 RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND OTHER BUSINESS
10 ACTIVITY IN CERTAIN AREAS IN THE CITY OF
11 SCRANTON, ESTABLISHING AN EXEMPTION SCHEDULE
12 AND PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING EXEMPTIONS,
13 PROVIDING FOR NON-PERMISSIBLE EXEMPTIONS AND
14 LIMITING AMENDMENT THERETO" BY AMENDING
15 SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE TO CHANGE THE
16 RESPONSE TIME FOR APPROVALS BY THE SCHOOL
17 DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON AND
18 LACKAWANNA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
19 FROM THIRTY (30) DAYS TO NINETY (90) DAYS.

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

22 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-E
23 pass reading by title.

24 MR. EVANS: Second.

25 MR. WECHSLER: On the question? All

1 those in favor signify by saying aye.

2 MR. PERRY: Aye.

3 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

4 MR. EVANS: Aye.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

8 MS. REED: 6-F. READING BY TITLE -
9 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 36, 2016 - AN
10 ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.
11 57 OF 1996 (AS AMENDED), ENTITLED "DEFINING
12 AND AUTHORIZING TAX EXEMPTIONS FROM REAL
13 PROPERTY TAX IN ORDER TO STIMULATE
14 RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN CERTAIN AREAS IN
15 THE CITY OF SCRANTON, ESTABLISHING AN
16 EXEMPTION SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURES FOR
17 OBTAINING EXEMPTIONS, PROVIDING FOR
18 NON-PERMISSIBLE EXEMPTIONS, AND LIMITING
19 AMENDMENTS HERETO" BY AMENDING SECTION 10.
20 EFFECTIVE DATE TO CHANGE THE RESPONSE TIME
21 FOR APPROVALS BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE
22 CITY OF SCRANTON AND LACKAWANNA COUNTY BOARD
23 OF COMMISSIONERS FROM THIRTY (30) DAYS TO
24 NINETY (90) DAYS.

25 MR. WECHSLER: You've heard reading

1 by title of Item 6-F, what is your pleasure?

2 MR. ROGAN: Mr. Chairman, I move
3 that Item 6-F pass reading by title.

4 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

7 MR. PERRY: Aye.

8 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

9 MR. EVANS: Aye.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

13 MS. REED: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR
14 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES -
15 FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 44, 2016 -
16 AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT
17 OF GARY PROPERSI AS DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR FOR
18 THE CITY OF SCRANTON SINGLE TAX OFFICE ON
19 BEHALF OF THE MUNICIPALITY AND AUTHORIZING
20 THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE ACT 164-2014
21 APPOINTMENT OF A DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR FORM.

22 MR. EVANS: I make a motion to amend
23 Item 7-A per the following changes: After
24 the second "whereas" clause insert an
25 additional clause to read, "The Deputy Tax

1 Collector will receive no compensation for
2 this position in the form of income benefits
3 or pension benefits either directly or
4 indirectly."

5 MR. ROGAN: Second.

6 MR. WECHSLER: There's a motion on
7 the floor and a second. On the question?

8 MR. EVANS: On the question, the
9 purpose of this is our backup information
10 showed or indicated that there was no
11 compensation for this position so in the
12 legislation itself there is no -- it's
13 silent on this issue so as just to preserve
14 that to make sure.

15 MR. ROGAN: I appreciate the
16 amendment. My concern was, you know,
17 regarding the deputy not living within the
18 City of Scranton. Although, I would still
19 prefer to see somebody within the city, it
20 actually being in there black and white that
21 they will receive no compensation
22 whatsoever, you know, makes it much more
23 agreeable for myself.

24 MR. WECHSLER: All those in favor of
25 the motion to amend Item 7-A signify by

1 saying aye.

2 MR. PERRY: Aye.

3 MR. EVANS: Aye.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

5 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

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

8 As Chairperson for the Committee on
9 Rules, I recommend final passage of Item
10 7-A, as amended.

11 MR. ROGAN: Second.

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

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

15 MR. PERRY: Yes.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

17 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

18 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

19 MR. EVANS: Yes.

20 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

22 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

23 MR. WECHSLER: Yes. I hereby
24 declare Item 7-A, as amended, legally and
25 lawfully adopted.

1 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION
2 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -
3 RESOLUTION NO. 45, 2016 RE-APPOINTMENT OF
4 MAUREEN MCNICHOLS, 551 NORTH HYDE PARK
5 AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18504 AS A
6 MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE SCRANTON PARKING
7 AUTHORITY FOR AN ADDITIONAL FIVE (5) YEAR
8 TERM, EFFECTIVE JUNE 6, 2016. MRS.
9 MCNICHOLS' PRIOR TERM EXPIRED ON JUNE 1,
10 2015 AND WAS HELD OVER TO JUNE 1, 2016. HER
11 NEW TERM WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 1, 2020.

12 MR. WECHSLER: As Chairperson for
13 the Committee on Rules, I recommend final
14 passage of Item 7-B.

15 MR. ROGAN: Second.

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

18 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

19 MR. PERRY: Yes.

20 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

21 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

22 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

23 MR. EVANS: Yes.

24 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

1 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

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

5 MS. REED: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION BY
6 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -
7 RESOLUTION NO. 46, 2016 RE-APPOINTMENT OF
8 THOMAS BORTHWICK, 719 NORTH SUMNER AVENUE,
9 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18504 AS A MEMBER OF
10 THE BOARD OF THE SCRANTON PARKING AUTHORITY
11 FOR AN ADDITIONAL FIVE (5) YEAR TERM
12 EFFECTIVE JUNE 6, 2016. MR. BORTHWICK'S
13 CURRENT TERM EXPIRED ON JUNE 1, 2016 AND HIS
14 NEW TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 1, 2021.

15 MR. WECHSLER: As Chairperson for
16 the Committee on Rules, I recommend final
17 passage of Item 7-C.

18 MR. ROGAN: Second.

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

21 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

22 MR. PERRY: Yes.

23 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

24 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

25 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

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MR. EVANS: Yes.

MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

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

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

MR. ROGAN: Motion to adjourn.

MR. WECHSLER: Meeting adjourned.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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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