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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

Thursday, October 22, 2015

LOCATION:

Council Chambers

Scranton City Hall

340 North Washington Avenue

Scranton, Pennsylvania

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

ROBERT MCGOFF, PRESIDENT
(Not present)

PATRICK ROGAN, VICE-PRESIDENT

WAYNE EVANS

JOSEPH WECHSLER

WILLIAM GAUGHAN

LORI REED, CITY CLERK

JAMIE MARCIANO, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

AMIL MINORA, SOLICITOR

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

3 MR. ROGAN: Roll call, please.

4 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Wechsler.

5 MR. WECHSLER: Here.

6 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

7 MR. ROGAN: Here.

8 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

9 MR. EVANS: Here.

10 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Here.

12 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

13 MR. ROGAN: I will now turn the
14 meeting over to Councilman Wechsler for a
15 brief presentation for a proclamation.

16 MR. WECHSLER: Tonight we are
17 fortunate to have representatives here from
18 the First Catholic Slovak Union, I'd like to
19 ask the representative to please come
20 forward so we can present them with this
21 proclamation.

22 WHEREAS, in 1882 Stephen Furdek left
23 his native Slovakia for America where he was
24 ordained a Roman Catholic priest. Eight
25 years later, Father Furdek met with twelve

1 men in Cleveland, Ohio and formed the First
2 Catholic Slovak Union; and

3 WHEREAS, THE First Catholic Slovak
4 Union, which also goes by the name of
5 Jednota, meaning union or fraternity, is a
6 "union" of hundreds of branches throughout
7 the United States and Canada. Although
8 founded by men, today 40 % of the membership
9 is female; and

10 WHEREAS, this year - 2015 - marks
11 the 125th anniversary of the founding of the
12 First Catholic Slovak Union; and

13 WHEREAS, the main purposes of the
14 First Catholic Slovak Union/Jednota were to
15 improve the moral, mental and social
16 conditions of its members and to uphold,
17 preserve intact, and perpetuate the
18 doctrines of the Holy Roman Catholic Faith;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, since its founding, the
21 First Catholic Slovak Union has supported
22 Slovak families by maintaining a "Poor Fund"
23 to care for widows and orphans. It was
24 instrumental in helping to found the
25 religious order of nuns, known as the

1 Sisters of Saint Cyril and Methodius, and
2 WHEREAS, for many years the First
3 Catholic Slovak Union has awarded college
4 scholarships to deserving members and
5 currently grants 75 scholarships annually.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY
7 THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, we, the
8 members of the Council of the City of
9 Scranton do hereby declare Sunday, October
10 25, 2015 as "First Catholic Slovak Union
11 Day," and acknowledge this great
12 organization as the driving force for
13 fraternalism and service to people of Slovak
14 descent.

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

18 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

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

21 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

22 MR. EVANS: Aye.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

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

5 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

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

8 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

9 MR. EVANS: Aye.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

13 Councilman Evans, any motions?

14 MR. EVANS: I'd like to make a
15 motion to take from the table File of
16 Council No. 118-2015, as amended.

17 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

18 MR. ROGAN: On the question? This
19 piece is being taken from the table and
20 placed into Seventh Order for a final vote
21 and it is the OECD action plan for the Year
22 2016. Anyone who wishes to speak to this
23 particular piece of legislation may do so
24 during citizens' participation.

25 All those in favor signify by saying

1 aye.

2 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

3 MR. EVANS: Aye.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

7 MR. EVANS: I would like to make a
8 motion to take from the table File of
9 Council No. 120-2015.

10 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

11 MR. ROGAN: On the question? This
12 piece is being taken from the table AND
13 placed into Seventh Order regarding the
14 transfer of \$265,000 of CDBG funds from the
15 Novembrino Pool and Pine Ridge swimming
16 activities to the 2015 paving program.
17 Again, anyone wishes to speak on this
18 legislation may do so during citizens'
19 participation and the Novembrino swim
20 complex funding is being refunded using
21 current year dollars. All those in favor
22 signify by saying aye.

23 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

24 MR. EVANS: Aye.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

3 MR. EVANS: I would like to make a
4 motion to take from the table Resolution No.
5 200-2015.

6 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

7 MR. ROGAN: On the question? This
8 piece is also being taken from the table and
9 placed into Seventh Order for final vote.
10 It is the settlement agreement between the
11 City of Scranton and Teamsters Local 229.
12 Anyone who wishes to speak on this piece of
13 legislation may do so during citizens'
14 participation.

15 All those in favor signify by saying
16 aye.

17 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

18 MR. EVANS: Aye.

19 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

22 Please dispense with the reading of
23 the minutes.

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

25 LACKAWANNA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

1 SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT EVALUATION
2 REPORT REVIEWED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015.

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

5 MS. REED: 3-B. CONTROLLER'S REPORT
6 FOR THE MONTH ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015.

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

9 MS. REED: 3-C. TAX ASSESSOR'S
10 RESULTS REPORT FOR HEARING DATE HELD OCTOBER
11 2, 2015.

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

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

16 MR. WECHSLER: Yes, Mr. Rogan, I
17 have two. On Wednesday, October 28 and
18 Thursday, October 29, the Victor Alfieri
19 Society will hold their fall spaghetti
20 dinner. Serving will be from 5 to 8:30.
21 Pickups are available from four to five and
22 containers will be supplied.

23 Also, on November 1, an East
24 Mountain tradition will continue, the Lowell
25 Memorial Roast Beef dinner will be held on

1 Sunday, November 1, at Holy Name of Jesus
2 Worship Center for the Lowell memorial
3 dinner. The dinners will e served from 12
4 to 4. Takeouts are available starting at 11
5 a.m. Thank you.

6 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else? I have a
7 few. There was an executive session held
8 this evening prior to the meeting briefly
9 discussing potential litigation. That's the
10 first one.

11 The second one St. Cats and Dogs at
12 the Nay Aug Zoo is presenting their second
13 annual pasta dinner at St. Mary's Center,
14 320 Mifflin Avenue. This will be Sunday,
15 November 1, 2015, from 2 to 6 p.m. Ticket's
16 are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children 12
17 and under. Tickets will be available at the
18 door or they can be reserved by sending
19 checks to St. Cats and Dogs care of 1900
20 East Gibson Street, Scranton, PA, 18510, and
21 they can also be picked up at Mrs. Dee's in
22 South Scranton, who was great food so if you
23 are buying tickets there grab a hoagie as
24 well. And St. Cats, for those don't know,
25 is a great organization that is a trap and

1 neuter and release program to try to cut
2 down on the amount of stray cats within the
3 city.

4 Secondly, and this is a notice,
5 notice of public hearing for the 2015 to
6 2019 analysis of impediments to fair housing
7 choice. Notice is hereby given to the City
8 of Scranton that a public hearing will be
9 held on Tuesday, October 27, at 6:00 p.m. in
10 city council chambers located on the second
11 floor of Scranton City Hall, 340 North
12 Washington Avenue, Scranton, PA, 18503. The
13 purpose of this evening is to gather
14 information regarding 2015 to 2019 analysis
15 of impediments to fair housing choice within
16 the city. This must be submitted by the
17 City to the US Department of Housing and
18 Urban Development to receive the CDBG
19 funding, HOME funding, as well as ESG
20 funding. As a federal grantee, the city is
21 required to affirmatively further the fair
22 housing and must conduct a fair housing
23 analysis, which identifies any impediments
24 to fair housing choice and what steps will
25 be taken to affirmatively further fair

1 housing.

2 The City of Scranton will focus on
3 the status and interaction of six
4 fundamental conditions within the region.
5 The sale of rental or dwellings, public or
6 private. The provision of housing brokerage
7 services. The provision of financial
8 assistance for dwellings. Public policy and
9 actions effecting and approval of sites and
10 other building requirements, the
11 administrative policies concerning community
12 development and housing activities which
13 effect opportunities and minority households
14 and select housing inside or outside of
15 areas of minority concentration and where
16 there is a determination of unlawful
17 segregation or other housing discrimination
18 by a Court or finding of non-compliance from
19 HUD.

20 Any interested parties or
21 organizations are encouraged to attend this
22 public hearing to discuss potential barriers
23 to fair housing choice and to provide
24 suggestions on actions that the community
25 can take to address these barriers. If

1 residents are unable to attend, they can
2 submit written comments to Ms. Linda Aebli,
3 executive director of the Office of Economic
4 and Community Development at city hall.

5 As part of the planning process, the
6 city is conducting a resident survey to
7 identify fair housing issues. This
8 confidential survey is available on-line at
9 www.Scrantonpa.gov and in paper form at the
10 Office of Community and Economic
11 Development.

12 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'
13 PARTICIPATION.

14 MS. HODOWANITZ: Joan Hodowanitz,
15 city resident and taxpayer. I want to start
16 with complimenting the League of Women
17 Voters for hosting two debates on Tuesday
18 night, one for county commissioners and one
19 for city council. Even the county
20 commissioner issues were important to city
21 residents and I would also recommend that
22 everyone that is a qualified voter take time
23 on November 3 to actually go out and vote.
24 That is your right and it's a civic duty.

25 The 2014 audit, it was mentioned a

1 week or so ago that Rainey and Rainey had
2 completed 90 percent of the audit
3 preparation which doesn't really tell us how
4 far along SB & Company is in the preparation
5 of the actual independent audit, do we have
6 any idea where we stand right now? Okay. I
7 ask largely because the audit should be one
8 of the key tools when preparing the next
9 year's operating budget, and if memory
10 serves that draft budget was due to the
11 council not later than November 15, which
12 more likely will be November 12 since that's
13 a Thursday.

14 At any rate, there is still some
15 outstanding issues other than the audit,
16 which impact on the preparation of the that
17 budget. The first one is the status of the
18 monetization of the Parking Authority. I
19 saw in this week's newspaper that incumbency
20 certificates have been granted, but I seem
21 to recall that we were trying to get this
22 parking authority action pretty much
23 completed by the end of the year, is that
24 still our goal?

25 MR. ROGAN: That is still the goal.

1 I had a conference call, and I believe
2 Councilmen Wechsler did as well, with Bill
3 Conaboy, who's handling a lot of legal
4 issues in the transaction and they are still
5 hoping to have this passed through council
6 before the end of the year.

7 MS. HODOWANITZ: Okay. As you may
8 recall, in April of 2014 we hired a company
9 called PFM to assist with this action and
10 there was no budget for them in the Year
11 2014 so apparently they agreed to defer all
12 of their fees until 2015 and their fees
13 ranged from anywhere between \$225 or \$300
14 per hour. Have we got any idea how many
15 billable hours they are going to sock us
16 for? That's a lot of money. Okay. I
17 wouldn't be surprised to see anything other
18 than six figures come in on that bill when
19 it happens.

20 Then there is the status of the
21 Sewer Authority and where we are going with
22 that, the status of the Greenridge goop or
23 the creature that lives below Dunmore. The
24 status of obtaining a bond to pay the \$24
25 million court award, the status of the

1 double pensions and how that's going to be
2 resolved. The MMO that's due at the end of
3 the year. The status of the rental
4 registration lawsuit. The status of the
5 union retirees lawsuit for their COLA, which
6 would have been effective January 1 of this
7 year, and probably a number of other
8 lawsuits of which we are not aware. All
9 those actions will effect the numbers that
10 are projected as revenues and expenditures
11 for next year and whether or not they are
12 guesses, shots in the dark or realistic
13 numbers.

14 And I bring that up because there
15 are two milestones that we are going to hit
16 next year, the State Auditor General will
17 again audit our municipal pensions, and the
18 coordinator -- the revised recovery plan
19 coordinator is going to have to recommend
20 what to do with the city sometime next year.
21 Four choices, either we come out of
22 distressed status, the city should be
23 disincorporated, the secretary should
24 request determination of fiscal emergency,
25 read in receivership, or we devise a

1 three-year exit plan, let's hope B and C are
2 not one of the choices selected.

3 And I remind all of the citizens
4 that next Wednesday morning are all of the
5 pension board meetings, and I believe at 11
6 will be the consolidated pension board
7 meeting at which perhaps we get some more
8 information on the status of the remaining
9 double pensions. Thank you.

10 MR. ROGAN: Les Spindler is our next
11 speaker.

12 MR. SPINDLER: Good evening. Les
13 Spindler, city resident and homeowner and
14 taxpayer. I have to shake my head, for
15 weeks I have been coming here asking for
16 hero fighter John Rivers to get a
17 proclamation. I come in tonight, and I have
18 nothing against these people here tonight to
19 get a proclamation, but I didn't hear
20 anything about them running into a burning
21 building and saving four firefighters lives
22 and they get a proclamation. John Rivers
23 has still yet to get a proclamation. The
24 man is a hero, he saved four firefighters.
25 If it wasn't for him they wouldn't be with

1 us anymore and it's fallen on deaf ears.
2 That's all I have to say about that.

3 Two weeks ago when I was here a
4 woman came up and spoke about businesses in
5 the University of Scranton maybe being
6 taxable. I brought this issue up many years
7 ago in front of the previous city council,
8 Councilman Rogan, I don't know if you
9 remember that or not, but I think you were
10 on council, and nothing was done. I think
11 it's a legitimate question. I think these
12 are taxable businesses, they are
13 non-nonprofits, they are for profit
14 businesses, and they should be able to be
15 taxed.

16 MR. ROGAN: Mr. Spindler, we did
17 look into it. What needs to happen is there
18 needs to be a change on the state level on
19 how nonprofits are determined. I agree, I
20 have been saying for years that there are
21 components of the University that should be
22 tax free, the classrooms, things of that
23 nature, but Chick-fil-A and Subway are for
24 profit business and they should be taxed and
25 council -- -

1 MR. SPINDLER: They have nothing to
2 do with the University, they are for profit
3 businesses. They should be able to be
4 taxed.

5 Okay, moving on, you know, it's only
6 been approximately three short months since
7 John Basalyga bought the Steamtown Mall and
8 I was really happy to read in yesterday's
9 paper and the hearing the news I think he is
10 moving ahead tremendously in three short
11 months. I knew about What the Fork
12 restaurant moving in and yesterday I just
13 learned about a gym is going into the mall
14 and now the theatre is going to have a major
15 upgrade, which that sounds tremendous to me.
16 It's going to be something really different
17 for this area with the bar and restaurant in
18 there and reclining leather seats. I think
19 this guy is doing a tremendous job and I
20 think he is going to bring this mall back to
21 life. Hopefully get some retail shops in
22 there now, that's what we need, but he is
23 doing a tremendous job and I wish him all
24 the best.

25 Lastly, this will be the last

1 meeting I attend before election day, I want
2 to urge everyone that can get out there and
3 vote, it's very important. The voter
4 turnout the last number of elections has
5 been terrible, it doesn't take much to get
6 out and vote, so I hope everyone gets out
7 and votes and votes for honest, truthful
8 people not for people that don't tell us the
9 truth, we don't need on council that aren't
10 truthful, so everybody that watches these
11 meetings and comes up to me and I hope they
12 listen and just vote for the right people on
13 election day. Thank you for your time.

14 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Ron Ellman.

15 MR. ELLMAN: Hello, Council.

16 Unfortunately for us council doesn't listen
17 to the people and you never have.
18 Unfortunately for us again, a quarter, maybe
19 a third, of the people of Scranton are
20 retired or low income. These are property
21 owners that the people that are in rental
22 units. I realize that your past performance
23 is a guide to the future, but so far what
24 have you done to make the city better?
25 Nobody seems to come up with an answer to

1 that. Council, the mayor, this whole
2 administration, you are more worried about
3 what's going on at the mall or Lackawanna
4 College than you are the city. Just a
5 couple of weeks ago, two, three weeks ago
6 Lackawanna College you were supporting these
7 people after all of the millions of dollars
8 they have stolen from the people in taxes at
9 this last piece of the property they have,
10 this is just senseless. They just -- the
11 reason we are in trouble is partly because
12 of them and the University and some of these
13 other phonies, nobody has done a thing to
14 help the people of this city with all of
15 these phony nonprofits.

16 Just think of the millions of
17 dollars, and then some of them brag they got
18 this benefit and that benefit like keystone
19 does. You know, what have they given us?
20 Amoroso, that's a curse. That man is a
21 curse on this city. If you ever get out
22 there and talk to the people you'd know what
23 I'm talking about. It's a shame. If Al
24 Capone paid a cop not to oppose him it would
25 be called bribery. Here, Lackawanna College

1 gives him \$60,000 not to oppose them and
2 nobody seems to care. You don't think it's
3 conflict of interest? You don't see nothing
4 wrong in it. That's shameful. Somebody
5 needs to get on the computer and tell the
6 truth what's going on in this city to the
7 whole state.

8 And now I'll come to my latest
9 asinine gross act of stupidity you are
10 engaged in reassignment. Reassessment.
11 Whose house hasn't gone up four or five
12 times in taxes the past 50 years? I have
13 talked to, I don't know, eight, ten people.
14 Every one of them taxes are two, three times
15 what they were 15, 20 years ago, and here
16 you talk about reassessment. You ought to
17 be ashamed of yourselves.

18 MR. ROGAN: The point of
19 reassessment, and you are right, that taxes,
20 unfortunately, have gone up, what
21 reassessment would do is make it fair. At
22 the current time you may be paying hundreds
23 more in taxes on your land and your property
24 than somebody who owns a parcel that's
25 exactly the same size and exactly the same

1 condition.

2 MR. ELLMAN: Nobody's taxes would go
3 down, you know what will happen, they will
4 be 10,000 people downtown protesting as soon
5 as it's over with. They have already
6 reassessed my house when, in '06 or
7 something? I held the tape for some girl to
8 measure how long my house was and
9 everything.

10 MR. ROGAN: They never finished it.
11 They started the reassessment and never
12 finished.

13 MR. ELLMAN: I never heard nothing
14 about it, but I don't know how many houses
15 they did, but it's been reassessed once.

16 MR. ROGAN: No, it hasn't. It
17 hasn't about reassessed in 50 years.

18 MR. ELLMAN: Just a month ago in
19 this very room when we are talking about
20 taxes or going to go up maybe a couple of
21 hundred dollars and you talk about
22 reassessment? That's as needless as a
23 doorknob, you know, that doesn't make sense.
24 I'll tell you what, you guys were nice guys
25 until you got up there. Sitting up there

1 just seems to change people, like they say
2 what is it, all power corrupts? That's what
3 happened to you people. You are not one of
4 no more. You are not one of the city no
5 more. You just up there in that ivory
6 tower. Thank you.

7 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Is there
8 anyone else who would like to address
9 council?

10 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia,
11 citizen of Scranton. Fellow Scrantonians,
12 he has a point, you have been reassessed in
13 the City of Scranton every time you raise
14 taxes. That isn't reassessment. It's not
15 one from the county, but if it was from the
16 county I'd go and say lower it like everyone
17 else did. The reason we are in trouble is
18 you let people lower their taxes. It had
19 nothing to do. They assessed at the county.
20 Millions of dollars were lost, a lot of
21 properties were taken over by nonprofits and
22 so forth and so on so don't cry about
23 reassessment. Get your business in order
24 and you don't.

25 You said we got a lot of money from

1 the people who weren't paying their refuse
2 tax, I think paper said you collected around
3 \$200,000 or something like that, which was a
4 plus, but how much of that did we actually
5 get? Because they are out on contracts,
6 contracts take money, they don't do it for
7 free and never do we get the actual money
8 that poured in the city minus the fee caused
9 by the contractors.

10 And as far as you got to do
11 something with that \$3 million, you cannot
12 left that city there, that \$3 million is an
13 sore. Everybody says you cannot protect the
14 family you got to protect the city, and you
15 don't do it, all you are interested in is
16 family? I feel sorry for them, true, but I
17 always feel sorry for everyone else that had
18 to pay up from even that \$150 fee or the
19 \$300 fee. I feel sorry for them, but you
20 ain't out there doing anything for them
21 except thinking about how to raise it more.

22 You are the worst council that ever
23 came before the city. Even Evans, I think
24 she cried when she did it, you sat there
25 with a straight face and did it. You voted

1 for me, I'll suffer, and that's the reason
2 we are suffering. You ask why the Legion of
3 Doom don't come here because the doom is
4 here. We don't have to tell you anymore
5 about the Legion of Doom, everything we said
6 happened. You sat by and watched it happen,
7 Mr. McGoff takes more of the blame, he is
8 not here so I'm not going to really talk
9 about him. My mother always said never talk
10 about people if they are not there, but if
11 he was here to his face I would have talked
12 more in-depth about what happened, why we
13 got to the point we are. It wasn't done
14 overnight, it was step by step. It was like
15 somebody seeing an abyss and you couldn't
16 avoid it.

17 The mayor was interested in getting
18 out of the city, he wanted a higher job and
19 that's what started us down this lie, and
20 council agreed with him. We always knew
21 that the parking garage would never pay for
22 itself, but then you took on a debt. Now
23 you are cry they want to give it to a
24 nonprofit. We talked a lot about
25 nonprofits, you want to create another

1 nonprofit. Why are you thinking of saying
2 that runs the parking garage should be a
3 nonprofit? What are they doing for the city
4 that makes it a nonprofit or for anybody?
5 They are in business to make money and they
6 are going to make money, depending on how
7 this contract goes. I see it going under
8 emergency certificate. That's how you are
9 going to write it down, it's going to come
10 up in the last day in December and you are
11 going to say to us like tonight, put it on
12 an emergency certificate. This is what you
13 do to avoid really people looking at what's
14 there. We stand to lose millions of dollars
15 in parking revenue that you have no way of
16 making up instead of slapping higher on the
17 fine and other people that park.

18 I don't know, I haven't seen the
19 contract, but I'm against even a contract
20 with a nonprofit. That's ridiculous. You
21 should be out there looking for somebody
22 that's going to pay at least your mercantile
23 and business privilege tax that everyone
24 else has to pay as a business. Why do you
25 think they should be exempt is beyond me,

1 but that's the ways you work and then
2 that's why people don't trust you because
3 you don't make sense. You don't make common
4 sense. They look at what's happening in the
5 city and say how could these people look for
6 a nonprofit to run the parking garages?

7 Well, we had a nonprofit running the parking
8 garages called a Parking Authority. I don't
9 understand it. Well, I'm not going to try.
10 I know what's happening and the Legion of
11 Doom was right.

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

15 MR. BANHOFF: Marty Banhoff, a
16 resident of Scranton, well, the Minooka
17 section right up from Billy's mom and dad.
18 First of all, I'd like to get a pat on the
19 back to whoever is responsible for finally
20 paving some of those roads back there. I
21 have lived back there for 37 years and I
22 never remember hem being paved before.

23 Okay, much for the nice side. I
24 have a couple of questions, what about the
25 rental inspections that got put on hold when

1 that gentleman, I forget his name, that
2 owned 65 rentals, you know, buildings
3 that -- I mean, I think that was budgeted
4 money for those inspections, and another one
5 now paying, the Pennsylvania Natural Gas is
6 complaining about they don't want to pay the
7 money for the pave cuts.

8 MR. ROGAN: The first part I can
9 answer the question on the rental
10 registration, right now everything is on
11 hold pending the lawsuit that was filed, but
12 to your point if the lawsuit isn't in the
13 City's favor, which most people think it
14 won't be, it will create a hole in this
15 year's budget and moving forward we need to
16 come up with a plan, Councilmen Evans and I,
17 have been working on this and pushing for it
18 for well over a year now to have a fee that
19 is reasonable for the inspection. The
20 current fees are much higher than the actual
21 cost of the program and that's the basis of
22 the lawsuit.

23 MR. BANHOFF: Now here is my biggest
24 peeve, what about dog licenses. You know,
25 it used to be in 2009 I believe it was,

1 right, we got our dog, well, it was actually
2 my mother-in-law's dog, she passed away, we
3 kept the dog, right, it was \$9. Chris
4 Doherty upped it to \$20, I was mad, but I
5 paid it. Unfortunately, you know, we had to
6 have the dog put down last year, then this
7 year after I was pretty much being over
8 wanting another dog I had some medical
9 problems and my wife and daughter got me
10 another dog and now it's \$35 for a dog
11 license and instead of it running from May 1
12 until April 30, you guys all voted on it,
13 now it's \$35 and it goes until the end of
14 the year. So that's what, maybe about 125
15 percent increase? It doesn't cost that much
16 for me to go and prove that my dog had my
17 shots, whereas you are saying, you know, it
18 doesn't cost that much for these people to
19 have their apartments or whatever or houses
20 inspected, I think there is something wrong
21 there, and maybe we can get on Facebook and
22 get a bunch of people and say, you know
23 what, let's file a lawsuit over the dog
24 licenses. You know, I'm just, you know, mad
25 over the dog licenses. That's my biggest

1 thing. I mean, every year our taxes,
2 everything goes up, I tried to park in the
3 Parking Authority garage to come to the
4 meeting, hopefully people, security doesn't
5 tow my truck away because I don't have a
6 debit card, I couldn't pay to get in there.
7 I mean, we have to start facing reality
8 here. You can't just keep crucifying all of
9 us for, you know, throwing -- I'm trying not
10 to say bad words, you know what I mean. The
11 dog licenses, that's a big thing with me and
12 I will go on Facebook, I'll get a bunch of
13 people and we'll file a lawsuit just like
14 the with the apartment house did, you know?
15 It's ridiculous. Thank you.

16 MR. ROGAN: Is there anyone else who
17 would like to address council?

18 MR. MORGAN: Good evening, Council.
19 Well, the last speaker, look it, I just
20 think you can just keep right on crucifying
21 us because after 20 plus years there is no
22 resistance and there is just no excuse where
23 the city is and nothing is going to change
24 until the state comes in here and puts you
25 guys out of business and maybe puts us into

1 receivership, and I hope that does happen to
2 be honest with you, but I think that people
3 should very closely listen to what Joan said
4 today and Andy, because I don't have to
5 repeat any of this stuff twice. This city
6 is just out of it's mind to be honest with
7 you, you know. And, Mr. Evans, you know,
8 during the debate you brought forward the
9 same tired plan of selling off the Sewer
10 Authority and monetizing it but, you know,
11 just kind of abbreviated the whole thing,
12 what about all of the comments that Joan
13 made here at the podium about all that
14 money, where is all that money coming from
15 after the Sewer Authority has been
16 monetized, all right?

17 And where is the 20 plus million
18 dollars we owe our employees so when that
19 money comes from the parking garages what do
20 we do after that? You know the only thing
21 we are going to do after that, we are going
22 to crucify every single person like we have
23 done in this city for decades and play make
24 believe council, okay, that has no clue
25 what's going on and doesn't care because

1 hey, the suits look good, the camera is on.
2 You know, you can put a spin on everything
3 you want to put on it.

4 You know, I had somebody called me
5 this week that was upset, but I don't know,
6 I think, Mr. Rogan, you are the only one
7 that can answer this, and I don't know if
8 it's true or false, but this person was
9 under the belief that you had bought a house
10 in Clarks Summit and --

11 MR. ROGAN: That's absolutely
12 untrue.

13 MR. MORGAN: -- I dont' know if
14 that's true or not.

15 MR. ROGAN: I have two properties in
16 Scranton now.

17 MR. MORGAN: And I said I couldn't
18 answer that question, but you could. But,
19 you know, like I said here months before,
20 Mrs. Gatelli might have had it right because
21 she had a police officer stand here and
22 evidently she felt threatened, and I can see
23 why because the time is going to come when
24 you are going to sheriff sales somebody
25 house and, look it, bad things can happen

1 and I hope they don't, but, I mean, if I was
2 60 or 70 years old and half out of my mind
3 already and I came in and went out of my
4 mind and there wasn't a cop here I don't
5 know what I would do because it's come to
6 the point now where you want to sell every
7 single asset every single person has. They
8 are up borrowing money to pay their property
9 taxes. It's ridiculous, okay? And you look
10 at how the city is run, this isn't how you
11 run a city. We kept hiring people even
12 though can't pay. It's just make belief.

13 Lok it, I really think this city
14 needs to cut the budget. You have to stop
15 worrying about maybe protecting employees
16 and maybe the first people we should lay off
17 are the administration and just go in there
18 with a knife and start cutting. Cut the
19 budget by 30 percent. Come up with whatever
20 it takes to do it. Don't sell off the --
21 don't monetize the Sewer Authority because
22 the truth be told later on the company
23 that's going to run it is going to make a
24 profit. The Scranton Sewer Authority, as
25 far as I know doesn't have to make a profit

1 does it, Mr. Evans?

2 MR. EVANS: No.

3 MR. MORGAN: So the person who is
4 going to privatize it that's a private
5 business, do you think they are going to
6 make a profit?

7 MR. EVANS: Absolutely.

8 MR. MORGAN: Okay, so that's
9 probably not a good idea then, is it,
10 because what you are doing is you are
11 robbing from the same people you represent,
12 and the thing to do is cut the budget. The
13 same thing with the parking garages, the
14 Commonwealth, the people of the city put up
15 the money for it, city government couldn't
16 manage it. I mean, am I wrong there? Did I
17 say something that wasn't correct? I mean,
18 you couldn't run it so now somebody has to
19 come in and they are going to run it and
20 they are going to make money off it, and you
21 pick anything else, the parking meters,
22 everything. People are coming in and they
23 are running it and they are making money,
24 and then the bills that come just send them
25 to the people that live here and their

1 houses are leveraged to the point where,
2 hey, don't worry, don't take a loan to pay
3 your taxes, and you sit here and you watch
4 this council function. You know, the suits
5 look good but where is the thought and where
6 is the train of thought to turn this city
7 around? It's population keeps declining and
8 we keep playing the same charades. Oh, I'm
9 on the mayor's team or I was on the last
10 mayor's team. Well, the question I have is
11 who is on our team because we don't have
12 anybody. We are paving streets with no
13 curbs. Don't make any sense to me, you
14 know, but maybe I'm wrong.

15 Okay, we are just -- how can anybody
16 sit in those seats that you are in, and you
17 asked to be there except you, Mr. Evans, you
18 were appointed, you may be elected, we'll
19 see, but you ran I guess under the idea that
20 you were going to do something for the
21 residents, but everything seems to be shift
22 money here, shift money there, bring
23 everything up on council, ram it through,
24 let's come up with another plan, but there
25 is never a plan with an end plan. It's

1 always go back to the taxpayers for more
2 money and they are broke. Thank you.

3 MR. ROGAN: Thank you.

4 MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening. Dave
5 Dobrzyn, resident. A few weeks ago I
6 mentioned council and the possible letter
7 endorsement for Steamtown to get their funds
8 replenished. They have been locked up, and
9 a little note, one of the council people
10 mentioned that somebody from Steamtown
11 should come over and that isn't possible
12 they will lose their jobs, they are not
13 allowed to do comments so, Joe, I think you
14 were over there, you mentioned it, if you --
15 please, consider just a letter to Congress,
16 to our representatives to get that because a
17 lot of these plans get altered after the
18 institution is already here and then the
19 results aren't the same, we don't have the
20 hotel state, we don't have the restaurants,
21 so then on top of it we wind up losing tax
22 money.

23 On candidates, last week I mentioned
24 tax brakes not justified when taxes are
25 raised on the majority. Mainly, I was

1 talking about non-incumbent idea on cutting
2 taxes, people that are running, if you are
3 out there please listen because my taxes are
4 raised every year, if that's the way it has
5 to be that's the way it has to be, but I
6 don't know want somebody else having some
7 kind of preferential tax cut.

8 On reassessment, once again, it's
9 supposed to be tax neutral and if I'm not
10 mistaken, and I read an opinion by
11 Mr. Amoroso so that they can get another 35
12 percent more that way and that's not the way
13 it's supposed to be, and he is seriously
14 mistaken if he thinks that he is going to
15 raise taxes 35 percent in any given year and
16 not at least be given a prebus ticket out of
17 town. I'm ready to pass on that because
18 myself and we can maybe round up some money
19 to give him a bus ticket back to New Jersey.

20 The winter is coming, and the
21 bridges and areas around the entrance points
22 to central city, the sidewalks, something
23 has to be done with them. They are a total
24 risk and people are going to start getting
25 killed there, too, just like they are killed

1 on Wyoming and Lackawanna Avenue, and I'd
2 also like to remind the administration that
3 every Friday swiping up our recycling crew
4 to clear the downtown is not acceptable,
5 they have to spread the pain or otherwise
6 you poor people are going to have a group of
7 other people ripping from my neighborhood
8 because we had literally hundreds of pounds
9 of recycling that was never picked up all
10 winter, and we throw it in the trash, you'd
11 find it. If you put it out even during the
12 spring, we had a wet spring, and you
13 couldn't put papers out then with all of the
14 cardboard boxes and stuff I had it packed
15 in.

16 And on the Parking Authority, years
17 back Andy mentioned about over a quarter of
18 million dollars being handed out to a hotel
19 interest and free parking, and I also wonder
20 if these freebies still exist because with
21 them being bankrupt there is no reason
22 whatsoever for them to do so, so it would be
23 interesting to find out if these freebies
24 exist and it's time to pull the carpet.

25 On the Sewer Authority, I think it

1 will be a disaster, the Parking Authority is
2 a mess but the Sewer Authority has a AAA
3 bond rating, as I read in the Scranton Times
4 and so there is no real trouble down there
5 other than the trouble we make for it, and
6 as far as the PUC regulating it it's totally
7 ineffective. I'll cite Roseland, I'll cite
8 Water Regulations, we pay for the mall and
9 I'll also cite the current electric bills,
10 we have \$350 under deregulation. 350
11 entities proclaiming to be able to sell
12 electricity in Pennsylvania and if you are
13 stupid enough to buy into it you might find
14 your rates up three or 400 percent in the
15 middle of January when there is not much you
16 can do about it. Thank you and have a good
17 night.

18 MR. ROGAN: Thank you.

19 MS. UNGVARSKY: Good evening, city
20 council. I'm Tom Ungvarsky. Last week we
21 had a visitor from Boston visit us. She had
22 left Scranton about 40 years ago. We took
23 her for a ride downtown and walked around.
24 She asked, "Where are all of the people?"

25 She remembers when people were

1 walking the streets downtown and they would
2 be standing out in front of the Globe Store
3 and out in front of the Scranton Dry, now
4 there is no one there.

5 In three weeks you are going to be
6 getting the year's budget. Last year was
7 the first year that you had a chance to have
8 some input on it. I don't believe city
9 council came up with anything. I hope this
10 year city council can come up with some
11 recommendations for the new budget.
12 Perhaps, the population wouldn't be quite as
13 angry with you should you cut their taxes or
14 cut the expenses of the city by as much as
15 you raised our taxes.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you.

17 MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening,
18 Council, Marie Schumacher. The city
19 increased the 2015 contingency budget by
20 \$400,000 to compensate for the potential
21 reduced SAFER grant. However, the city did
22 receive a SAFER grant and I would like to
23 know if the \$400,000 in contingency budget
24 will then be used to pay a part of the
25 contract award interest that's been

1 accruing. May I have a yes or no answer
2 from any member who knows the answer?

3 Now, if a member of the clerical
4 union losses their job because of the
5 downsizing or outsourcing, and they have not
6 fulfilled all of the requirements for their
7 pension at what point will they be eligible
8 to begin collecting their earned pension?
9 If anyone can provide a concise answer
10 please do so, otherwise, I will ask it at
11 the Pension Board meeting next Wednesday.

12 MR. ROGAN: If they didn't meet the
13 requirement they wouldn't receive the
14 pension they would receive their
15 contributions back in a check.

16 MS. SCHUMACHER: Thank you. Now, I
17 asked that because in the January 26, 2015,
18 article in the Times-Tribune it was reported
19 that when Mr. Courtright entered office in
20 2014 he faced monumental problems including
21 a severely distressed pension system and the
22 arbitration and backpay award remaining
23 unpaid and growing at which time that stood
24 around \$23 million. Supported during his
25 election campaign by the unions,

1 Mr. Courtright brought in an outside
2 consultant, Henry Amoroso, whose
3 recommendations including seeking
4 concessions from the police, the Fire
5 Department and DPW and the clerical unions.
6 Mr. Courtright decided to negotiate with
7 each union one at a time starting with the
8 police and then moving on. To date, there
9 has been no mention of the clerical union,
10 although the current contract expires at the
11 end of this year, and I find this curious, I
12 have heard rumors that the city is currently
13 negotiating with the current third party to
14 outsource all or part of the LIPS Department
15 to them. Is this true, and if so when was
16 this opportunity advertised, and is it going
17 to be all of LIPS or is only going to be
18 components?

19 MR. GAUGHAN: I haven't -- I don't
20 know.

21 MS. SCHUMACHER: Mr. Evans, are you
22 aware of anything of that nature?

23 MR. EVANS: I hear the rumors like
24 everybody else does, but I don't know
25 anything. I know there is an RFP being

1 proposed for the rental registration
2 inspection part of that, but that's all I
3 know about the third party inspector.

4 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay. Mr. Rogan?

5 MR. ROGAN: I am under the same
6 impression as Councilmen Evans that the
7 rental registration inspection will be
8 outsourced.

9 MR. SCHUMACHER: What would be, the
10 inspections would be outsourced did you say?

11 MR. ROGAN: Correct.

12 MR. EVANS: For the rental
13 registration portion.

14 MS. SCHUMACHER: Oh, okay.
15 Mr. Wechsler?

16 MR. WECHSLER: I haven't heard
17 anything about it.

18 MS. SCHUMACHER: Again, I will ask
19 what Ms. Boyle's credentials are to perform
20 the position of assistant business
21 administrator. Also, I would like to know
22 what position Rebecca McMullen filled and
23 was it advertised?

24 MR. GAUGHAN: She is the finance
25 manager and I'm not positive if it was

1 year be -- in the 2016 budget be a tax or
2 will it be a fee even though it can't be
3 just a fee, it can't be justified or do we
4 have to do another lawsuit along with the
5 dog fee and the rental fee?

6 MR. EVANS: I'm not sure how they
7 are going to be. We haven't seen the budget
8 yet so I'm not sure how they going to
9 specify that.

10 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, you know it's
11 coming if it's not. And then if I may
12 finish with the last one, are you still
13 considering the rain tax also known as the
14 storm water authority for 2016?

15 MR. EVANS: I'm not sure. Well, we
16 are going to talk about the matrix a little
17 bit later, I don't know if you got a copy of
18 that, so we'll talk about that.

19 MS. SCHUMACHER: No, I don't, but
20 Gaughan said he would make it available to
21 me. Okay, I'll sit down and listen. Thank
22 you.

23 MR. ROGAN: Is there anyone else who
24 would like to address council?

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

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MOTIONS.

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

MR. WECHSLER: Just a few things, Mr. Rogan. Last week a resident talked about coming up with a plan for safety improvements in downtown Scranton so this week I contacted Leslie Collins from Scranton Tomorrow who is going to try to put together a group of people from PennDOT and also a member of the University of Scranton who actually teaches incoming students how to handle the traffic in the city, so Ms. Collins is working on that to put something together where we could do a presentation to familiarize with the most dangerous streets in the city and also a little bit of a class on how to obey the street signage and the crossing instructions, so that's something that we are trying to put together for later on this month.

This week I began working on a request from the city in regards with the personnel department, the fire chief and police department chief to get a gauge on

1 the overtime for the third quarter this
2 year, so we will be working on getting that
3 answered in a few weeks.

4 This evening in my correspondence I
5 did get some information back from the
6 Lackawanna County Emergency Management group
7 about the response to the Sandone fire. I
8 just received it tonight, I'll be reviewing
9 it and commenting on it later on next week
10 probably.

11 As several speakers mentioned
12 tonight, I am very encouraged, also, by the
13 good news at the Mall at Steamtown. I was
14 down there yesterday and it's quite
15 noticeable on the improvements, just the
16 appearance of it is quite inviting. I'm
17 most encouraged by speaking to people who
18 are employed by Boscov's and some of the
19 other stores who are very optimistic about
20 the improvements that Mr. Basalyga is making
21 there and it seems like they have all been
22 brought into that.

23 I'd also, just one other comment, I
24 did receive a call from a constituent
25 regarding a DPW -- a repair job up on Beach

1 Street and Wintermantle Avenue to place a
2 drainage culvert and that resident was
3 inquiring when the final paving on that was
4 going to be done. I do have a call in to
5 Director Gallagher to get an answer on that
6 and hopefully I'll have something on that
7 tomorrow. And that's all I have right now.
8 Thank you.

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

11 MR. EVANS: A couple of things. I'd
12 like to touch on what Councilman Wechsler
13 said about the mall, I was at the theatre
14 announcement and it's going to be -- I think
15 it's a great benchmark and I think it's
16 going to be a major positive, but what I
17 really like what's happening is What the
18 Fork is going to be facing Lackawanna Avenue
19 on the street, the bridge is going to be
20 opened up for the gym and the theatre on
21 Lackawanna Avenue will be reopened again, so
22 what's happening is we are trying to get
23 something that should have happened before
24 more activity on the street and create a
25 connection to the downtown that wasn't there

1 before. Everybody would go inside of the
2 mall, there was not enough stores on the
3 street side so I think that's a very big
4 positive that they are focusing on that
5 first.

6 A lot of talk tonight about the
7 taxing of properties, I will ask that I
8 asked for this to be put into the recovery
9 plan, verification of property exempt as
10 taxable or nontaxable properties. We
11 received a matrix tonight from PEL they
12 basically said at this point it's not been
13 undertaken for 2015, but they are having
14 discussions with the coordinator to the
15 design and nature of this survey. I urge
16 PEL and the administration to get together
17 and get this thing done. It's not that
18 complicated. You send a survey to the
19 property owner, they can either justify the
20 tax exemption or they can't. It's that
21 simple.

22 On Monday I attended the community
23 event for Jimmy Hughes at Stirna's in North
24 Scranton with a few of my other council
25 colleagues that are here tonight and I have

1 to tell you the outpouring of love and
2 affection for this man from North Scranton
3 and their community was touching and
4 impressive. Every city and every
5 neighborhood should have a Jimmy Hughes and
6 North Scranton is lucky to have him and
7 certainly it showed on Monday night, so
8 kudos to Jimmy and to all of North Scranton
9 coming out for this amazing individual.

10 At the PEL meeting I did press for
11 the matrix and Councilmen Gaughan received
12 that, I'm sure he will talk about it a
13 little more tonight. These are the
14 beginning stages of the matrix, but while
15 speaking about PEL at the meeting on Monday
16 we had a special guest there Council
17 President Bob McGoff sat in for the most of
18 the meeting. While I've seen Bob on a
19 regular basis, it was great to see him back
20 in his element at city hall. As always, he
21 was here, informed and engaged in every
22 discussion, so I just want to comment on
23 that. It was a welcome surprise and it was
24 great to see Bob again at that table.
25 That's all I have tonight.

1 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Mr. Gaughan,
2 do you have any motions or comments?

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, thank you. I
4 attended the Weston field Bull's Head
5 neighborhood meeting this week, a few
6 citizens' requests. A citizen would like
7 red flashers or reflectors placed on stop
8 signs at the corner of North Sumner and
9 Court Street and if possible stop signs in
10 that area made to be replaced because they
11 are severely faded and they are several
12 faded street signs in that area that need to
13 be replaced, and I have noticed driving
14 throughout the city that there are several
15 street signs that are faded so I will get
16 those addresses to the DPW director.

17 Citizens would also like
18 neighborhood watch signs posted in the
19 Weston field area and I will list the
20 streets that I will give to Chief Graziano.
21 I met with a gentleman on East Mountain who
22 had several concerns about water runoff on
23 Brook Street, Wintermantle Avenue is
24 eroding, and there are utility cuts on
25 Moosic Street that need to be repaired among

1 others things, and I will speak to the DPW
2 director this week to try and rectify these
3 issues.

4 We received a letter from PennDOT
5 explaining that funding was recently secured
6 for safety improvements at the following
7 inspections: Pittston Avenue and Elm
8 Street, main Avenue and Shift's driveway,
9 Johnson Technical Institute driveway, and
10 Meridian Avenue and Luzerne Street. The
11 scope of the work will be limited to
12 replacement of incandescent signal heads to
13 LED signal head a back plates and upgrading
14 pedestrian signal heads to LED and countdown
15 pedestrian signal plates. This will
16 increase safety by providing better
17 visibility of the signaling equipment to
18 motorists and also reduce energy costs and
19 there is no cost to the city.

20 I received a call this week about
21 traffic issues in the Tripp Park area at
22 Dorothy Street and Everett Avenue.
23 Mr. Rogan I know has also received the
24 letter. Residents would like a stop sign at
25 this location. There is serious traffic

1 issues during school hours. We have
2 forwarded this request to Chief Graziano and
3 our city engineer for review.

4 Yesterday, I was up walking around
5 Nay Aug Park and I noticed that several
6 signs near the Kanjorsky bridge have been
7 tagged with graffiti and this is simply
8 unacceptable. It takes away from the beauty
9 of the park and the invites more criminal
10 activity, so I will be asking DPW to take
11 care of this situation up at Nay Aug Park.

12 We did receive a status update on
13 items in the recovery plan that Mr. Cross
14 e-mailed me this morning. It's quite a
15 lengthy list and I'm still reviewing it so I
16 will update everyone, I'm sure Mr. Evans
17 will, also, at next week's meeting, but if
18 anyone would like a copy please let me know
19 and I'll make that available.

20 We did receive a letter from the
21 Scranton Sewer Authority's executive
22 director Gene Barrett from a request two
23 weeks ago for more information about the
24 odor in Greenridge, and we are still
25 awaiting information from DEP. I appreciate

1 the letter that Mr. Barrett wrote to
2 council, and it's quite lengthy so I'll only
3 read two parts that I think are important.

4 In the letter Mr. Barrett writes,
5 "In cooperation with DEP for the last week
6 or so the Scranton Sewer Authority has been
7 conducting an inspection of all industrial
8 commercial facilities that utilize the
9 subject line. Enclosed is a sample of the
10 inspection report along with the entities
11 being inspected. In cooperation with DEP,
12 the Scranton Sewer Authority is making every
13 effort possible to determine the source of
14 the odor issue. All of our sample and tests
15 are undertaken by an outside third party
16 independent laboratory. As I understand it,
17 the DEP has taken it's own material testing
18 laboratory in Harrisburg.

19 The Scranton Sewer Authority system
20 consists of 350 miles of collection lines
21 both combined, sanitary and storm water, and
22 separate sanitary lines in over 7,000 catch
23 basins and manholes. Absent someone being
24 caught in the act, it is virtually
25 impossible for the Scranton Sewer Authority

1 to prevent the illegal discharge of
2 environmentally harmful material into our
3 system.

4 On behalf of the Board of Directors
5 and our 32,000 ratepayers, I can assure you
6 we are making a very concerted effort to
7 determine the source of the odor."

8 So I appreciate Mr. Barrett's
9 response to our inquiry and we are awaiting
10 the DEP for their response. And that is all
11 I have this week. Thank you.

12 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Just a few
13 very brief items tonight. The first one was
14 touched on by some of my colleagues, another
15 great development in downtown at the mall.
16 By all accounts John Basalyga has done an
17 amazing job since purchasing that property.
18 I know I'm looking forward to dinner and a
19 movie all at once in the same place, which
20 is a nice idea, and I know it's been very
21 successful in other cities across the
22 country. So, again, I hope -- we have been
23 saying this a lot that Mr. Basalyga has been
24 doing an amazing job and I hope we continue
25 to say it because the investment he made in

1 the city is huge and we hope to see the mall
2 come back to life and so far he was done an
3 excellent job by bringing in a number of
4 businesses, and as Councilmen Evans noted,
5 visible businesses to people driving down
6 Lackawanna Avenue to make that area look
7 more vibrant and it will be more vibrant so
8 that is some very good news.

9 And, secondly, Councilmen Gaughan
10 touched upon the traffic problems at Isaac
11 Tripp School in my neighborhood, West
12 Scranton. I'm glad to see, and I want to
13 thank our staff for sending this letter out
14 right away to the chief as soon as it went
15 in. There is also another issue to look at,
16 there is an access road to the school that
17 currently isn't sanctioned to be used by the
18 general public. A few parents did contact
19 me this week about possibly opening that up
20 to make traffic flow a little bit better so
21 we will be looking into a number of options
22 to make traffic not only move better but
23 also be as safe as possible, again, in that
24 West Scranton neighborhood because it is one
25 of the largest schools in the city,

1 elementary, and the traffic is crazy. If
2 you there on the times school is getting in
3 and school is getting out so it is a very
4 busy intersection. And that is all I have
5 for tonight.

6 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Rogan, I'm not
7 sure if Mr. Gaughan was going to get into
8 the Sewer Authority letter so can I just
9 make one comment on it?

10 MR. ROGAN: Sure.

11 MR. WECHSLER: I agree with what
12 Dr. Barrett said about the extent of the
13 Sewer Authority, but this was not somebody
14 dumping a pale into one of the storm drains.
15 This was a major violation of the Sewer
16 Authority and the regulations involved with
17 it, so I don't think saying that unless
18 somebody gets caught I don't think that
19 that's an acceptable answer. This was a
20 large spill with a huge smell, so it's not
21 just something random that just happened.
22 So like we talked about before, if it didn't
23 have a smell we wouldn't even know it
24 happened. So, like I said, while I
25 appreciate Director Barrett's comments, but,

1 I don't think that's an acceptable answer.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: I mean, there is more
3 to the letter, I just didn't want to read
4 the whole thing because it's really lengthy,
5 but I would agree with you that the whole
6 situation is unacceptable, especially for
7 the people of Greenridge and really the City
8 of Scranton and it goes back to the larger
9 issue of the landfill and I would hope that
10 we could come to some kind of an agreement
11 in the future and that these type of things
12 don't happen ever again.

13 MR. ROGAN: And on that issue, I
14 wasn't going to comment but since it was
15 brought back up, I know for myself I was
16 always under the impression that that line
17 was primarily actually only from the
18 landfill. I didn't realize how many other
19 businesses, commercial businesses do look
20 into that line along the way. So it's
21 definitely a major issue for the residents
22 of Greenridge and throughout the city as a
23 whole so hopefully there will be an answer.

24 To me, it seems like it should be
25 easy to find out where it came from if

1 it's --

2 MR. EVANS: I agree.

3 MR. ROGAN: -- you know, if there is
4 tar going down the pipe and you could look
5 into the pipe and you could see where it
6 came from so hopefully we will get an answer
7 sooner rather than later to find out where
8 that discharge did, indeed, come from.

9 MR. WECHSLER: The Sewer Authority
10 has the ability to put a monitor next to
11 every downspout. They could monitor ever
12 person that puts things into that line.
13 Like I said, it's a starting point, that
14 letter is a starting point.

15 MR. ROGAN: Yeah.

16 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION - A
17 RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
18 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND
19 ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH KEYSER VALLEY
20 AUTO WRECKERS, INC. TO PROVIDE TOWING
21 SERVICES FOR CITY OWNED VEHICLES FOR THE
22 PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31,
23 2016.

24 MR. ROGAN: At this time I'll
25 entertain a motion that Item 5-B be

1 introduced into its proper committee.

2 MR. WECHSLER: So moved.

3 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

7 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

8 MR. EVANS: Aye.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

12 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION - A
13 RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
14 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND
15 ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SANDONE TIRE TO
16 PROVIDE NEW TIRES FOR CITY OWNED VEHICLES
17 FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH
18 DECEMBER 31, 2016.

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

22 MR. WECHSLER: So moved.

23 MR. EVANS: Second.

24 MR. ROGAN: On the question? All
25 those in favor of introduction signify by

1 saying aye.

2 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

3 MR. EVANS: Aye.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

7 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION -
8 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
9 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE
10 AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SANDONE TIRE
11 TO PROVIDE RETREAD TIRES FOR CITY OWNED
12 VEHICLES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2016
13 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016.

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

17 MR. WECHSLER: So moved.

18 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

22 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

23 MR. EVANS: Aye.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

25 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes

1 have it and so moved.

2 MS. REED: 5-E. FOR INTRODUCTION -
3 A RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF REV. KATHRYN
4 SIMMONS, 635 ADAMS AVENUE, SCRANTON,
5 PENNSYLVANIA, 18510 AS A MEMBER OF THE HUMAN
6 RELATIONS COMMISSION, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 14,
7 2015. REV. SIMMONS IS BEING APPOINTED TO A
8 THREE (3) YEAR TERM THAT WILL EXPIRE ON
9 OCTOBER 14, 2018.

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

13 MR. WECHSLER: So moved.

14 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

18 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

19 MR. EVANS: Aye.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

23 MS. REED: 5-F. FOR INTRODUCTION - A
24 RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF RABBI MOSHE
25 SAKS, 520 CLAY AVENUE, APARTMENT 100,

1 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18510 AS A MEMBER OF
2 THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, EFFECTIVE
3 OCTOBER 14, 2015. RABBI SAKS IS BEING
4 APPOINTED TO A THREE (3) YEAR TERM THAT WILL
5 EXPIRE ON OCTOBER 14, 2018.

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

9 MR. WECHSLER: So moved.

10 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

14 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

15 MR. EVANS: Aye.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

19 MS. REED: 5-G. FOR INTRODUCTION - A
20 RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
21 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND
22 ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT SETTING FORTH THE
23 TERMS AND CONDITIONS BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY
24 OF SCRANTON AND TOYOTA OF SCRANTON TO ACCEPT
25 THE DONATION OF A NEW 2015 TOYOTA TACOMA

1 TRUCK TO BE USED BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON
2 FIRE DEPARTMENT AS AN ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF
3 VEHICLE.

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

7 MR. WECHSLER: So moved.

8 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

12 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

13 MR. EVANS: Aye.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

17 MS. REED: 5-H. FOR INTRODUCTION -
18 A RESOLUTION - ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION
19 OF THE HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD
20 ("HARB") AND APPROVING THE CERTIFICATE OF
21 APPROPRIATENESS FOR 402 NORTH WASHINGTON,
22 LLC, 124 NORTH MAIN AVENUE, SCRANTON,
23 PENNSYLVANIA 18504 FOR THE FOLLOWING
24 ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS: REPAIR OF ORIGINAL
25 WINDOWS, REPAIR/REPLACEMENT OF DOUBLE HUNG

1 ARCH TOP WINDOWS WITH INSULATED GLASS,
2 INSTALLATION OF NEW PAINTED WOOD FAÇADE WITH
3 RAISED PANEL DETAIL AND MOLDING, PAINT WOOD
4 AND GLASS DOORS AND INSTALL NEW INSULATED
5 GLASS AT 324-326 PENN AVENUE, SCRANTON,
6 PENNSYLVANIA.

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

10 MR. WECHSLER: So moved.

11 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

15 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

16 MR. EVANS: Aye.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

20 MS. REED: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A. NO
21 BUSINESS AT THIS TIME.

22 SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR
23 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
24 WORKS- FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL
25 NO. 123, 2015 - CLOSING AND VACATING A

1 PORTION OF JONES COURT, BETWEEN BEECH STREET
2 AND MAPLE STREET.

3 MR. ROGAN: What is the
4 recommendation of the Chair for the
5 Committee on Public Works?

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

9 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

10 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll
11 call, please?

12 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Wechsler.

13 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

14 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

15 MR. EVANS: Yes.

16 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

18 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

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

21 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION
22 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY- FOR
23 ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 124, 2015
24 - AMENDING FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 92, 1994 (AS
25 AMENDED) ENTITLED "ESTABLISHING A

1 RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT PILOT PROGRAM FOR
2 CERTAIN ELIGIBLE RESIDENTIAL AREAS AS
3 DEFINED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN POWERS
4 AND DUTIES FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR OF SAID
5 PROGRAM WHO SHALL BE DESIGNATED BY THE
6 MAYOR; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION
7 OF THE SAID ORDINANCE", BY DELETING THE 700
8 BLOCK OF MONROE AVENUE FROM THE STREETS
9 DESIGNATED AS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
10 PERMIT PARKING PROGRAM AND THAT PERMIT
11 PARKING SIGNS BE REMOVED FROM THE 700 BLOCK
12 OF MONROE AVENUE.

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

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

19 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

22 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Wechsler.

23 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

24 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

25 MR. EVANS: Yes.

1 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

3 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

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

6 MS. REED: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION
7 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES- FOR ADOPTION -
8 RESOLUTION NO. 201, 2015 APPOINTMENT OF
9 PEDRO L. ANÉS, 900 JAMES AVENUE, SUITE 5216,
10 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, AS A MEMBER OF THE
11 HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, EFFECTIVE
12 SEPTEMBER 16, 2015. MR. ANES IS BEING
13 APPOINTED TO A THREE (3) YEAR TERM THAT WILL
14 EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2018.

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

18 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

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

21 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Wechsler.

22 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

23 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

24 MR. EVANS: Yes.

25 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

2 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

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

5 MS. REED: 7-D. FOR CONSIDERATION
6 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES- FOR ADOPTION -
7 RESOLUTION NO. 202, 2015 - APPOINTMENT OF
8 LISA J. STANVITCH, 1813 SWETLAND STREET,
9 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18504 AS A MEMBER OF
10 THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, EFFECTIVE
11 SEPTEMBER 23, 2015. MS. STANVITCH IS BEING
12 APPOINTED TO A THREE (3) YEAR TERM THAT WILL
13 EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2018.

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

17 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

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

20 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Wechsler.

21 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

22 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

23 MR. EVANS: Yes.

24 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

1 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

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

4 MS. REED: 7-E. FOR CONSIDERATION
5 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS- FOR
6 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 203, 2015
7 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
8 CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A
9 CONTRACT WITH D.G. NICHOLAS COMPANY TO
10 PROVIDE THE CITY BULK OIL DELIVERED FOR THE
11 PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31,
12 2016.

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

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

19 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

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

22 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Wechsler.

23 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

24 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

25 MR. EVANS: Yes.

1 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

3 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

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

6 MS. REED: 7-F. FOR CONSIDERATION BY
7 THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - FOR ADOPTION
8 - RESOLUTION NO. 204, 2015 - AUTHORIZING THE
9 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
10 TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH
11 KEYSTONE QUARRY, INC. TO PROVIDE THE CITY
12 2000 TON (MORE OR LESS) ANTI-SKID SAND FOR
13 THE PERIOD OCTOBER 25, 2015 THROUGH APRIL
14 30, 2016.

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

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

21 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

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

24 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Wechsler.

25 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

1 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

2 MR. EVANS: Yes.

3 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

5 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

6 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare

7 Item 7-F legally and lawfully adopted.

8 MS. REED: 7-G - PREVIOUSLY TABLED -
9 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON
10 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - FOR ADOPTION - FILE
11 OF THE COUNCIL NO. 118-2015 - AS AMENDED -
12 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
13 OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO TAKE
14 ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE
15 CONSOLIDATED SUBMISSION FOR COMMUNITY
16 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS TO BE
17 FUNDED UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
18 GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG), HOME INVESTMENT
19 PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME) AND EMERGENCY
20 SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM (ESG) for the period
21 beginning January 1, 2016.

22 MR. EVANS: I make a motion to amend
23 Item 7-G per the following: In the 2016
24 HOME funding allocations move \$30,000 from
25 housing rehabilitation program thereby

1 reducing that proposed from \$225,000 to
2 \$195,000 and transferring \$30,000 to the
3 homebuyer program.

4 MR. ROGAN: A motion has been made,
5 is there a second?

6 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

7 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Again,
8 Councilman Evans and myself worked on this
9 over the last week, and Ms. Aebli did send a
10 letter to council stating the reason why
11 this program wasn't funded is because there
12 already is -- there is over \$100,000 in
13 funding from previous years in the program,
14 it was our hope by proposing this amendment
15 that this would give further incentive to
16 the Office of Economic and Community
17 Development to push the First Time
18 Homebuyer's Program, and since the paper is
19 here we are hopeful they will help us by
20 letting people know that the program is out
21 there to provide assistance for first time
22 homebuyers within the City of Scranton and
23 certain guidelines. We would also hope to
24 so those funds used for community outreach,
25 possibly advertisements to let the community

1 know that this program does exist because as
2 a city the only way we are going to recover
3 and grow is by growing our tax base and
4 attracting more homeowners into the City of
5 Scranton.

6 MR. EVANS: I couldn't agree more,
7 home ownership is far too important for it
8 not to be a major priority of the city and I
9 think that city council by doubling down on
10 homeowners is sending a message that that's
11 how important we believe it is, too.

12 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Rogan, I'd just
13 like to add my comment, I am planning on
14 voting for this amendment, but I would like
15 to make it a priority for this council and
16 the administration to monitor the progress.
17 If the amount of money that we've added this
18 year is not consumed by next year I think we
19 also have to take a look at why it didn't
20 happen, but I think this is something that
21 has to be looked almost on a monthly basis
22 to see the success.

23 MR. ROGAN: Absolutely. One of the
24 other things that we mentioned as it has
25 been some of the other programs is possibly

1 if the city isn't capable of running a
2 successful first time homebuyer's program is
3 having one of the other nonprofits in the
4 area run it. Neighbor Works NEPA is one
5 that comes to mind and they do great work
6 for consulting homebuyers and working with
7 those who have been in distress with their
8 mortgages, so this program one way or
9 another has to get off the ground whether
10 it's through city hall or whether it's
11 through another entity, it is far too
12 important to just let it go by the wayside.

13 MR. EVANS: Absolutely.

14 MR. ROGAN: All those in favor of
15 the amendment signify by saying aye.

16 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

17 MR. EVANS: Aye.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

19 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
20 have it and so moved. What is the
21 recommendation of the temporary Chair for
22 the Committee on Community Development?

23 MR. EVANS: As temporary Chairperson
24 for the Committee on Community Development,
25 I recommend final passage of Item 7-G, as

1 amended.

2 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

3 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll
4 call, please?

5 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Wechsler.

6 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

7 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

8 MR. EVANS: Yes.

9 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

11 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

12 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare
13 Item 7-G, as amended, legally and lawfully
14 adopted.

15 MS. REED: 7-H - PREVIOUSLY TABLED -
16 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON
17 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - FOR ADOPTION - FILE
18 OF THE COUNCIL NO. 120-2015 -- AMENDING FILE
19 OF THE COUNCIL NO. 47-2013 AND FILE OF THE
20 COUNCIL NO. 44-2014 - ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE
21 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
22 OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO TAKE
23 ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE
24 CONSOLIDATED SUBMISSION FOR COMMUNITY
25 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS TO BE

1 FUNDED UNDER THE COMMUNITY BLOCK (CDBG),
2 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME)
3 AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM (ESG)
4 BY AMENDING BOTH THE 2014 AND 2015 ACTION
5 PLAN TO ACCEPT, RECEIVE AND DISPERSE GRANT
6 FUNDS FOR BOTH THE NOVEMBRINO POOL ACTIVITY
7 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$220,000 AND THE PINERIDGE
8 SWIMMING COMPLEX IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,000
9 THAT TOTALS \$265,000 UNDER THE COMMUNITY
10 DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED
11 BY THE US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
12 DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFERRING THESE FUNDS TO
13 THE 2015 ACTIVITY ENTITLED "RECONSTRUCTION
14 OF CITY STREETS TO INCLUDE HANDICAPPED CURB
15 CUTS."

16 MR. ROGAN: What is the
17 recommendation of the temporary Chair for
18 the Committee on Community Development?

19 MR. EVANS: As temporary Chairperson
20 for the Committee on Community Development,
21 I recommend final passage of Item 7-H.

22 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

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

25 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Wechsler.

1 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

2 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

3 MR. EVANS: Yes.

4 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

6 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

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

9 MS. REED: 7-I - PREVIOUSLY TABLED -
10 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
11 - FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 200-2015 -
12 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
13 OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER IN TO A
14 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY
15 OF SCRANTON AND TEAMSTER'S LOCAL 229.

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

19 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

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

22 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Wechsler.

23 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

24 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

25 MR. EVANS: Yes.

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MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

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

MR. ROGAN: If there is no business,
I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

MR. WECHSLER: Motion to adjourn.

MR. ROGAN: 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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