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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

- JOSEPH WECHSLER, PRESIDENT
- PATRICK ROGAN, VICE-PRESIDENT
- WAYNE EVANS
- WILLIAM GAUGHAN
(NOT PRESENT)
- 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. Mr.

11 Wechsler.

12 MR. WECHSLER: Present. The good
13 news tonight is Mr. Gaughan is not here
14 because he became a proud papa again today.
15 Everything is well. The new family Gaughan
16 consists of four members now. We saw the
17 pictures and they are doing wonderful so
18 congratulations to Mr. Gaughan and his
19 family.

20 An executive session was held this
21 evening to discuss a matter involving
22 litigation.

23 MR. ROGAN: I make a motion to
24 appoint Councilman Evans for the Chair on
25 Public Works.

1 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

4 MR. PERRY: Aye.

5 MR. EVANS: Aye.

6 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

7 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The
8 ayes have it and so moved. Dispense with
9 the reading of the minutes.

10 MS. REED: THIRD ORDER. 3-A. TAX
11 ASSESSOR'S RESULTS REPORT FOR HEARING DATE
12 HELD OCTOBER 6, 2016.

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

15 MS. REED: 3-B. AGENDA FOR THE CITY
16 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING HELD OCTOBER 26,
17 2016.

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

20 Do any council members have
21 announcements at this time?

22 MR. EVANS: I have one. There will
23 be a meeting to discuss the South Side
24 Athletic Campus Project by the University of
25 Scranton on Wednesday, November 2, 2016, I

1 think it's at 6:30 if I'm not mistaken, at
2 the United Neighborhood Centers of
3 Northeastern, PA, Bellevue Center at 531
4 Emmett Street, Scranton PA. The University
5 will be there to discuss the South Side
6 Athletic campus project which is one that is
7 a \$14 million improvement project for that
8 neighborhood so it's a very, ery good
9 project so if anybody has an opportunity to
10 go there to see about what's happening I
11 think it would be a good idea. Thanks.

12 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you, I have a
13 few. There is going to be a pumpkin contest
14 held at the Lackawanna Historical Society,
15 Creative Pumpkin Palooza, it will be held
16 Saturday 10 a.m. to noon at the Steamtown
17 Historical Site, bring decorated pumpkins to
18 the site for a weekend display honoring the
19 National Park's Service 100thn anniversary
20 and Steamtown's 30th. Prizes will be
21 awarded at 6:00 p.m.

22 There will also be a benefit that is
23 being sponsored by the Francis Willard
24 school staff and teachers, and an original
25 black sheep. It's going to be a spaghetti

1 fundraiser Saturday from 4 to 8 p.m. at
2 Villa Marie II, Washburn Street. This
3 benefit is for the Thompson family who lost
4 their home in the fire last week.

5 And, additionally, the North
6 Scranton Rotary will hold it's inaugural
7 turkey dinner that will be held, Sunday,
8 from 1 to 4 in the community center at North
9 Scranton Junior High. The meal will include
10 turkey, stuffing, mash potatoes, cranberry
11 sauce and the cost is \$10. Tickets are
12 available at North Scranton and also at
13 Sidel's Restaurant.

14 One other announcement, DPW has
15 informed us that the week of November 14
16 through 19 leaves will be picked up instead
17 of paper and cardboard during that week.
18 Please do not bring your leaves to the curb.
19 Please place them in paper bags if possible
20 and if not paper, plastic bags are fine.
21 Weather permitting, DPW is attempting to
22 have another week scheduled for leaf pick up
23 in December. Again, please bag your leaves,
24 do not rake them to the curb and we'll read
25 this a few times again, but that is for the

1 week of November 14 through the week of
2 November 19.

3 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'
4 PARTICIPATION.

5 MR. WECHSLER: Joan Hodowanitz.

6 MS. HODOWANITZ: Joan Hodowanitz,
7 city resident and taxpayer. Today the
8 City's audit is 150 days late. Do we have a
9 date for the working session?

10 MR. WECHSLER: No.

11 MS. HODOWANITZ: Seems Mr. Gaughan's
12 baby came faster, but that's another story.

13 MR. WECHSLER: Not fast enough for
14 him.

15 MS. HODOWANITZ: Yeah. With regard
16 to Item 5-D, I see Mr. Rinaldi's tax
17 abatement is on the agenda, have we found
18 out what he intends to do about his
19 delinquent taxes?

20 MR. WECHSLER: We investigated this
21 week and Mr. Rinaldi is not a part of that
22 property.

23 MS. HODOWANITZ: He is not a part of
24 that property?

25 MR. WECHSLER: It is another family

1 member. It is not Mr. Rinaldi. It is not
2 Don Rinaldi.

3 MS. HODOWANITZ: Okay, I'll check on
4 that myself. With regard to Item 5-B, the
5 new rental registration legislation, has
6 Mr. Hinton come up with a better process for
7 identifying and contacting potential
8 landlords other than what he used last time?

9 MR. EVANS: We are hopeful once the
10 ordinance is passed that that will be part
11 of the second phase of it to come up with a
12 plan.

13 MS. HODOWANITZ: Okay.

14 MR. EVANS: I have always been
15 encouraging outsourcing some of this, so I'm
16 hoping that's part of it as well.

17 MS. HODOWANITZ: Yeah, because many
18 people, I included, received that
19 correspondence and we are not landlords, and
20 the explanation I was given was that at one
21 time I owned a two properties so, the logic
22 was I could only live in one so I had to be
23 renting the other one, which was not true
24 and, unfortunately, the data was five years
25 old. I did not at the time own two

1 properties, so I'm hoping he has some kind
2 of method to the madness this time around.

3 MR. EVANS: So do we.

4 MS. HODOWANITZ: With regard to the
5 recent story in the Times about the
6 Pennsylvania State Police halting their
7 investigation on the double pensions because
8 the statute of limitations ran out, if I
9 recall many moons ago city council said that
10 it would not be appropriate for council to
11 make inquiries into this issue while the
12 state police were conducting an
13 investigation of their own. Now that the
14 state police have withdrawn from this issue
15 does council intend to look at this matter?

16 MR. WECHSLER: The statute of
17 limitations would apply to us as well.

18 MS. HODOWANITZ: That's not --

19 MR. WECHSLER: As we go through
20 motions we will discuss it, but right now
21 personally I don't intend to --

22 MS. HODOWANITZ: The reason I ask
23 the question is I understand that with the
24 statute of limitations no one can be held
25 accountable, but that is no reason not to

1 find out what happened, what went wrong and
2 to institute internal controls within the
3 pension boards and the administration to
4 ensure such a thing never happens again.

5 MR. ROGAN: I agree wholeheartedly
6 with that and I'll be addressing pretty much
7 exactly what you just said.

8 MS. HODOWANITZ: I understand that
9 we can't hold anybody accountable, that's
10 too bad, but I still want to know what
11 happened and I want assurances that it will
12 not happen again. I believe it was
13 Mr. Gaughan last week raised the question
14 about what's going on with the third party
15 administrator for the pension funds.
16 Supposedly that was supposed to be addressed
17 once we identified the replacement from
18 Mellon. Now, that happened in September so
19 are we going to be seeing an RFP for a third
20 party administrator since Mayor Courtright
21 made a March 18 press release saying the
22 funds would be administered by a third party
23 administrator effective immediately, and I'd
24 like to know where we stand on that issue.
25 I mean, if he does not intend to have a

1 third party administrator I would like some
2 kind of public acknowledgment of that. If
3 you are going to have one, where is the RFP?

4 And I remind everybody that Monday,
5 October 31, 10 a.m. here in council chambers
6 they will be opening the bids for the RFP
7 for the preliminary storm water analysis and
8 everybody should have some interest in who
9 is taking on that mighty task. Thank you.

10 MR. WECHSLER: That is everyone
11 that's on the sign-in list, does anyone else
12 want to address council?

13 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia,
14 citizen of Scranton. Fellow Scrantonian,
15 I'll try not to get excited.

16 MR. EVANS: Appreciate it.

17 MR. SBARAGLIA: But I tell you, too,
18 anybody with common sense would really get
19 excited over the parking agreement leasing.
20 A man buys the mall for what five point some
21 million dollars. The city reimburses him
22 for the cost of buying the mall under a
23 guise of renting spaces and then they turn
24 around and sell almost as many spaces to the
25 man at the mall for a dollar, and normally a

1 hundred people would see something is wrong
2 with this deal, and there was something
3 wrong with this deal. I keep calling for an
4 investigation of this deal. I wish people
5 that hear me would contact federal and state
6 authorities and call for an investigation of
7 this deal. The city administration bent
8 over backwards to get this deal through.
9 They in turn gave the person the lease and
10 in turn they let him actually get money for
11 that lease to one of our authorities. A man
12 who doesn't put up a penny for the leasing
13 of the garages. The city residents lose
14 upward to \$150 million dollars over the life
15 of this contract and then it could be more.
16 Every time they raise the costs of the
17 meters that's money the city is losing. If
18 they raise the cost of the fines, that money
19 the city is losing. How anyone could do
20 what they did is beyond me? Seven people
21 can't give away \$150 million of city money
22 without an investigation, and I'm calling
23 for one and I speak to everybody I can. One
24 voice is very little, they think I might
25 have something against you, but many voices

1 will get action. This deal was never good
2 for the city, it's good for certain
3 individuals in the city, but not for the
4 majority of the city residents. If you hear
5 me, contact your federal and state officials
6 and ask for them this investigation of this.
7 The money is too great that we are losing.
8 Thank you.

9 MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening. Dave
10 Dobrzyn, resident and taxpayer. I'm just
11 going to back up the next week -- or last
12 week rather. Next week you don't back up.
13 I hope those recycling dates are cans and
14 bottles truly because obviously they won't
15 be collecting cans and a bottles that week
16 hopefully because papers are a real pain in
17 the neck and with two leaf pick up days then
18 we really get into possibly having papers
19 laying around through the holiday and that's
20 quite unacceptable, so I hope that's
21 somebody planned. I can store the cans and
22 bottles out under the evergreen tree, nobody
23 will even see it, but, please, no paper
24 dates cancelled.

25 Okay, on the paving of potholes, and

1 I think I found a solution, we should hire
2 Vladimir Putin as the enforcer of pothole
3 inspector. I make a motion right now.
4 He'll straighten them out.

5 And once again, I hope that the
6 castle house stays on books. If anybody in
7 the neighborhood wants a little advice, if
8 you purchase a buildable lot as additional
9 lawn or something like that you will be
10 sorry because your taxes are going to go sky
11 high especially if it's a buildable lot and
12 in the County's case they don't even care
13 that my lot is not buildable. It's doubled
14 in ten years and it was kind of high to
15 begin with considering they never received
16 ten cents from 1962 to 2002, not ten cents
17 taxes were paid on that lot now every year
18 it's 650, 700 bucks so it's up to the
19 neighbors in the neighborhood. Sometimes
20 you kind of think you would be careful, you
21 might get what you wish for and, once again,
22 on the South Side Sports Complex you people
23 -- a long time before you people were ever
24 here, but please don't throw more money at
25 them in grants than what they pay for. It's

1 time we start looking in other areas as far
2 as grants.

3 And the 500 block, once again, hover
4 owns that lot they sold it for a dollar and
5 we paid the salon caddy corner to it 275
6 grand and it was far more than Buona Pizza
7 was offered for it, tens of thousands of
8 dollars more for a growing concern where a
9 whole family virtually probably never
10 collected a dime of unemployment since the
11 70's or the 60's when he opened up.

12 I remember the father when Giovanni
13 was probably just in the planning stages he
14 used to wait on our table. And once again
15 on pensions and social security issues, I
16 think it's time that we start to consider
17 having special social security for public
18 safety workers and start to wean this
19 pensions in and get it on a national scale
20 where everybody should and hopefully will
21 care about each others retirement and you
22 can have a special -- you can legislate all
23 you want. If somebody has to retire at 55
24 because of a firemen they get their lungs
25 burned out and everything else, and there is

1 no reason why they get half of their salary.
2 Under social security their wages and
3 compensation falls well under -- well under
4 the maximum that you can collect and that's
5 what they are giving is half. I don't see
6 why we have 500 different school district
7 pensions and hundreds and/or maybe thousands
8 of different pension plans for cities and so
9 forth, so it's something that I just wanted
10 to get out there, some food for thought for
11 the public. Thank you and have a good
12 night.

13 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you.

14 MR. UNGVARKSY: Hello, city council.
15 I'm Tom Ungvarsky. On tonight's agenda
16 there's two ordinances with people looking
17 for taxpayers' money, one of them is a
18 LERTA. Several weeks ago a woman came to
19 this council seeking help from a LERTA, two
20 weeks later she came back and asked what
21 council had done for her and she was told
22 there is nothing we could do, we don't have
23 any authority over them. Now we have a
24 LERTA coming here looking to develop the
25 Scranton Lace Company. The developer's

1 already received millions of dollars to do
2 the Lackawanna Avenue and we see what's
3 happened. We've seen what happened with
4 other developers where we have had to pay
5 for the Connell building to have the front
6 of it redone after the contract was already
7 made. He also came back to city council to
8 look for \$50,000 so that he could pay a tax
9 bill on the -- I'm sorry, I can't think of
10 the name of it across the street here. We
11 gave him the \$50,000 so he could pay off the
12 delayed tax bill, the late tax bill on that
13 property, and then he bought it. On the
14 Scranton Lace, the developer, have they
15 received any money already to develop that
16 property?

17 MR. WECHSLER: I believe so, yes.

18 MR. UNGVARSKY: Yes, we know they
19 did. They are going to build 193 rental
20 units or townhouses, can anyone on city
21 council tell me are those townhouses going
22 to be tax free for 10 years?

23 MR. EVANS: Any new construction.

24 MR. UNGVARSKY: So, in other words,
25 if he builds 900 or 190, I'm sorry, 190

1 townhouses they are all going to be tax
2 free?

3 MR. WECHSLER: For ten years. For
4 ten years.

5 MR. UNGVARSKY: For ten years.

6 MR. WECHSLER: Then forever they'll
7 pay taxes.

8 MR. UNGVARSKY: I don't think I'll
9 ever live to see any of that money paid back
10 to the city. I mean, you give money away
11 like --

12 MR. WECHSLER: There is no money to
13 pay back. There is no money to pay back.

14 MR. UNGVARSKY: You give \$130,000
15 now to somebody to the develop the eatery, a
16 retail space, and their apartment. I wish
17 you paid for my remodeling of the house,
18 that would have been nice of I can't instead
19 I had to pay for taxes on it. Thank you,
20 City Council, you are doing us a big favor.

21 MR. EVANS: Thank you.

22 MR. WECHSLER: Just to be clear, the
23 LERTA is not -- there is no money changing
24 hands on the LERTA. The LERTA is a tax
25 forgiveness for ten years. There is no

1 money changing hands. Right now it's
2 generating --

3 MR. UNGVARSKY: We know what LERTA
4 is, sir.

5 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

6 MR. UNGVARSKY: We know what it is.
7 However, they are not going to pay any taxes
8 on any improvements that they make. They
9 are going to put millions of dollars into
10 that property, okay, to bring it up. They
11 are going to collect all of the money for
12 the rent for whatever they sell and the
13 Scranton taxpayer is going to be with empty
14 pockets. We are not going to see a penny
15 out of that.

16 MR. WECHSLER: Until ten years.

17 MR. EVANS: To be clear though and
18 to be fair, much of that project is going to
19 be a rehabilitation of the existing
20 buildings.

21 MR. UNGVARSKY: Why doesn't he do it
22 on his own dime?

23 MR. EVANS: Which will not be
24 getting a LERTA, by the way.

25 MR. UNGVARSKY: I mean, didn't we

1 give him millions of dollars for the
2 Lackawanna Avenue? He has taken that now --

3 MR. EVANS: No.

4 MR. UNGVARSKY: And he can put it in
5 into this without charging the city any --

6 MR. EVANS: That's two different
7 developers.

8 MR. UNGVARSKY: It's the same thing.

9 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you, sir.

10 MR. EVANS: Thank you.

11 MR. UNGVARSKY: Yeah, I can see
12 where we are going with this one.

13 MR. REVLAY: Hello. My name is
14 Shane Revlay and I'm a resident of Scranton
15 and taxpayer. I also have questions about
16 the story I read in the Scranton Times about
17 the Scranton Police -- I mean, the State
18 Police pending their investigation into the
19 double pensions so if you would like I just
20 want got through my questions now. How many
21 non-uniform people received double pensions?

22 MR. WECHSLER: We would prefer your
23 questions in writing so you can read just
24 read them all right off.

25 MR. REVLAY: Okay, and what's the

1 department where each of these people were
2 working at the time? Was there a program or
3 employment contract that entitled these
4 people to double pensions? So why were
5 these double pensions granted? Who
6 authorized the double pensions? How much
7 money from the taxpayers was given as a
8 result of these double pensions? Are these
9 double pensions still active? What specific
10 steps or actions has city council taken to
11 uncover the facts of this case and when were
12 those steps and actions taken exactly? At
13 what point was the Pennsylvania State Police
14 brought in to investigate and by who? And
15 during the almost two years of the
16 Pennsylvania State Police investigation what
17 steps or actions did the city council take
18 to uncover the facts of this case. Thank
19 you.

20 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you.

21 MR. ROGAN: As I mentioned earlier,
22 I'm going to address a whole number of those
23 items that you brought up under motions.

24 MR. REVLAY: Thank you.

25 MR. WECHSLER: Anyone else?

1 MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening.
2 Marie Schumacher. The Sewer Authority did
3 meet tonight. I would like to say that the
4 issues that you discussed tonight are also
5 prevalent on the East Mountain and call to
6 your attention that four horses and a little
7 bit of macadam and some painted dotted lines
8 around the problem do not solve the problem.
9 We are getting into that time of year where
10 storm drains are not going to be able to be
11 addressed because of the weather. I don't
12 know if the city intends if those four
13 horses on 307 are going to be permanent
14 markers of the regard for the people of the
15 East Mountain and I will discuss hopefully
16 maybe next week what the difference is
17 especially with respect to the assessments
18 of the East Mountain on the 307 side of the
19 mountain and those on the other side. It's
20 like day and night.

21 And I would like to know, the other
22 thing in that regard is I noted in the
23 newspaper article that the first hearing
24 public hearing which was held just down the
25 street of the county budget and no speakers

1 and I thought this council had taken a stand
2 and would send somebody. It doesn't seem
3 very genuine when nobody goes to the meeting
4 and, you know, I expected, and I don't mean
5 -- at least, but I thought Mrs. Reed would
6 attend if none of you could attend, but I
7 think you weaken the city's case of the need
8 when nobody bothers to attend the hearing.
9 Now, there are two more, I believe one is in
10 Taylor or Old Forge tomorrow morning and I
11 can't remember where the other one is.

12 And then I did not get an agenda so
13 I'll move onto the agenda item on what's
14 been in the paper about this \$130,000 grant
15 that you intend to give, specifically I
16 guess the article was correct this company
17 is moving from one area of the city to
18 another area of the city so where is the new
19 employment? They are shifting from one to
20 the other? Is that specified in the
21 agreement that they will be in addition to
22 anybody on their payroll now if they move?
23 When does the clock start running for the
24 one year? Is it one year from the state
25 it's signed or one year from the day they

1 hired those four additional employees? You
2 know, I don't really consider a whole lot of
3 good economic development when all you are
4 doing is moving downtown from a
5 neighborhood, so I would like if you could
6 answer those questions next week on whether
7 or not these jobs have to be in addition,
8 also do the employers if they work at that
9 establishment do they count as two of the
10 full-time employees that are required or are
11 they excluded? And why are we paying for an
12 apartment for somebody with economic
13 development money. If the article is
14 correct the renovations includes an
15 apartment on the third floor. I don't think
16 that's appropriate, so I think that needs
17 some work. I'll try get in and read the
18 backup, but you already have it so I know I
19 would appreciate if you would look through
20 and come up with those answers for next
21 week. And I guess, I don't know, I'm a
22 little bit winded from coming back from the
23 other meeting so I will quit there tonight,
24 but just to say that I do hope there is an
25 answer, if anybody knows it, on the

1 difference in the assessments on -- I always
2 thought East Mountain was one community, but
3 it appears to be bifurcated by the Mountain
4 Lake when it comes to property assessments,
5 and if anybody there knows the answers I
6 would like to know. And if not, I would
7 like for you to find out because it's a
8 distinct, very distinct differential and I
9 would like to see those -- the issues solved
10 on those storm drains. I guess I didn't run
11 out of material, I ran out of time. Thank
12 you.

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

14 MOTIONS.

15 MR. PERRY: Yes, thank you, I have a
16 couple of things today. First, I want to
17 start off by congratulating Councilman
18 Gaughan on the newest member to his family.
19 I know that doubles his clan so he has got a
20 lot of work on his hands. Just from being
21 around a large family myself he has seen
22 nothing yet, so God bless you and good luck.

23 Number two, we did have a public
24 caucus today regarding the faulty Keyser
25 Valley and I want to thank James May from

1 PennDOT, Bob Siskowsky at PennDOT, Richard
2 Harrison from the Sewer Authority, and Nolan
3 Trently from -- a representative of Marty
4 Flynn's office. We had a very good give and
5 take, you know, we had a lot of open
6 discussion and I believe all of us took very
7 good notes, extensive notes on some issues
8 that everybody is having and we'll start to
9 get to work on these right away. As
10 Councilman Wechsler said, this is step one
11 but it was very big step getting everybody,
12 both residents and people in the know, in
13 the same room at the same time to discuss
14 the issues because I think more times than
15 not the city there is so many departments
16 and there is so many issues that, you know,
17 whether it's an intimidation factor or not,
18 you know, residents aren't sure where to go
19 or who to take issues to. So I believe it's
20 a very, very effective public caucus and
21 that will get the ball rolling on some
22 really severe issues that they are having in
23 Keyser Valley with the flooding issues.

24 Also, I would like to address what
25 we talked about last week with the Scranton

1 Lace project and the relationship that has
2 to the vacant lot on the 500 block of
3 Lackawanna. Mr. Don Rinaldi was found to
4 not be a party of the property at 500
5 Lackawanna and then when I asked further
6 just to ensure that the Rinaldis that are
7 involved in that 500 block have no
8 affiliation or are related to the Lace
9 project that's happening so I just want to
10 state that. I'm sure other councilmen will
11 speak on that as well.

12 As far as the -- I know we had a
13 speaker talk about the PSP statute of
14 limitation on the double pension
15 investigation, that was very disheartening
16 for me. I came on council, of course, at
17 the tail end of that and at least I was
18 expecting to hear the results of the
19 investigation and when the investigation is
20 incomplete it was a very, you know, moment
21 for me as I'm sure it was for everybody in
22 the city and I know everybody on this panel
23 and I know Mr. Rogan is going to talk to
24 this in more length, but it's my expectation
25 to get the details from this investigation

1 so we are not opened up to this ever again.
2 Whatever was used to have any illegal
3 activity, if there illegal activity, we to
4 close that and shut that down. We can't
5 open ourselves up. There is not enough
6 money to go around for the things we would
7 like to do let alone anything like that.
8 So, again, again, Mr. Rogan is going to talk
9 more on this, but what's going to happen
10 with that information is paramount for us
11 never to letting had happen again.

12 Finally, Monday is Halloween so I
13 want everybody to be careful out there.
14 There is going to be a lot of tricker
15 treaters. Tricker treaters are in masks,
16 they can't see very well. If you are
17 accepting tricker treaters make sure your
18 pathways are clear, make sure your pathways
19 to your house are well lit, have a safe,
20 friendly environment, and if you are
21 driving, please, slow down, take your time
22 especially through our city streets we know
23 sometimes are very tight with on-street
24 parking, it can be dangerous and by all
25 means put the phone down. You know, that

1 just goes without saying anyway, but I'm
2 going to reemphasize that on Monday night
3 because we don't want any tragedies on our
4 hands. The kids are out there having a good
5 time and let's make sure we keep our
6 community and our children safe. Thank you,
7 that's all I have.

8 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you. Mr.
9 Rogan?

10 MR. ROGAN: Yes. As Mr. Perry
11 mentioned, I would also like to congratulate
12 Councilman Gaughan and his family on their
13 new addition today we wish them the best of
14 luck. As I mentioned earlier, and as a
15 couple of speakers mentioned, I am going to
16 address the double pension scandal and the
17 Pennsylvania State Police report that was in
18 the newspaper this week. In January of --
19 just taking a stroll down memory lane here,
20 in January of 2015 news broke by the
21 Scranton Times that many city employees
22 received double pensions that they weren't
23 entitled to and I want to preference all of
24 my comments by stating nobody is blaming the
25 recipients of the double pensions. The

1 blame is on the people who authorized them
2 not those who received the pensions, and I
3 know many of the people who received them
4 are elderly and they really had -- they
5 thought they were receiving a legitimate
6 benefit from the City of Scranton. I think
7 most people agree on that so we definitely
8 don't want to make the recipients into
9 villains here, but somebody does need to be
10 held accountable.

11 Like I said, when this scandal did
12 break in January of 2015 I think everyone in
13 the community was in shock that this much
14 money could be squandered without going
15 through the proper protocols. The pensions
16 were never approved. At that time, I came
17 out and I advocated for city council to use
18 it's subpoena power to investigate it
19 internally. At the time, my colleagues
20 respectfully disagreed because there was an
21 ongoing investigation by the state police
22 and possibly other law enforcement agencies.
23 This week we did learn that the statute of
24 limitations has run and I, for one, am very
25 disappointed to hear this and I'm even more

1 disappointed that it took two years to find
2 out that the statute of limitations have
3 run, a five-year statute on incidents in
4 2002, 2003. While I don't have all of the
5 details of why it took this long for that
6 information to be released, my hope is that
7 there was some investigation done as to
8 whether each pension payment that went out
9 could constitute if there is a criminality
10 of the crime where the statute wouldn't
11 account, but as I mentioned, since the
12 statutes have run out the state police has
13 reported to us and to the media that there
14 is no longer an active investigation. I do
15 believe it now falls upon the City of
16 Scranton to initiate an investigation to
17 find out who, what, why, when and most
18 importantly how these double pensions were
19 given out. The residents of Scranton
20 deserve answers on this very serious issue.

21 As I mentioned, I advocated for city
22 council to use it's subpoena power just as a
23 former city council did when millions of
24 dollars went missing from the Single Tax
25 Office. City council does not have the

1 authority to arrest, try, convict anyone,
2 but we do have the obligation to find out
3 why and how this happened.

4 Regarding the subpoenas, I am going
5 to talk to my colleagues and there is list
6 that I have in mind, but I think that the
7 best course of action, the first step should
8 be for us to contact the state police and
9 see what from their investigation can be
10 turned over to the city, if anything, and
11 also if they could have an executive session
12 with city officials to debrief us on what
13 their findings were. Obviously, if the law
14 is the statutes have run they have run and
15 there is nothing that can be done
16 criminally, but there is still an obligation
17 to find out what happened and to ensure that
18 it never happens again. So over the next
19 few weeks that will be my top priority to
20 get the ball rolling on this and hopefully
21 convince my colleagues that this is a
22 worthwhile endeavor to get these answers.

23 So the first thing I would like to
24 know if my colleagues would be in agreement
25 to send correspondence, and we could work on

1 the language throughout the week, to the
2 Pennsylvania State Police requesting any
3 public information is turned over to the
4 city from this investigation to city council
5 so we could begin to look through those
6 documents ourself, and I would also like to
7 have an executive session if that's
8 something that Attorney Minora believes is
9 legal with the five of us on council, state
10 police officials and possibly folks from the
11 administration to discuss what their
12 investigation entailed, where it lead them,
13 who they interviewed, what was going on with
14 how they got to the point where they got to,
15 and hopefully we can pick it up from there
16 and at least determine why and how it
17 happened so we can put controls in place so
18 this never happens again and despite all of
19 the attention this issue has received, the
20 important thing is, one, we make sure it
21 doesn't happen again, but there are millions
22 of taxpayer dollars that were squandered.
23 These pension funds, as my colleagues
24 mentioned, on a weekly basis pension reform
25 is brought up again and again, one of the

1 first reforms is making sure money isn't
2 given out that shouldn't be given out. So,
3 as I mentioned, I will make this my top
4 priority and if my colleagues agree I think
5 we should start with sending a
6 correspondence to the state police
7 requesting that information.

8 MR. WECHSLER: Councilman Rogan, I
9 would just do we know who we should send it
10 to? I'm not disagreeing, I'm just saying
11 who would be the contact person?

12 MR. ROGAN: It was listed in the
13 press release, I believe it came out of the
14 Special Investigations Unit out of I believe
15 it was out of Harrisburg, I don't have the
16 press release with me, but it was -- there
17 was actually a name of somebody to send it
18 to so I think it would be to the unit that
19 investigated it. I know it was not Dunmore,
20 the Dunmore barracks, it was folks out of
21 Harrisburg.

22 MR. WECHSLER: Yeah, I would
23 recommend that we get with the solicitor and
24 put this together in the proper fashion and,
25 like I said, get it started, I agree with

1 that.

2 MR. ROGAN: On that issue that is
3 all. I will address the agenda items as
4 they come up. Thank you.

5 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Evans?

6 MR. EVANS: Thank you. To touch on
7 that issue, I absolutely agree with
8 Councilman Rogan that that would be
9 invaluable if they could get that
10 information from the state police because
11 the most important thing is what do we do
12 moving forward? We have to get this thing
13 right. We talked about pension reform all
14 the time and if there is lessons to be
15 learned we need to know what happened to a
16 degree to find out how we can correct them
17 in the future so, yeah, I fully support that
18 concept.

19 Ms. Schumacher mentioned about the
20 assessed values on East Mountain,
21 specifically, I think what are you saying
22 both 307 to the left, the Oakmont area of
23 East Mountain, most of those homes were
24 built right before the last reassessment so
25 the reason the tax reassessment is so high

1 is because they were basically brand new at
2 the time. Same thing goes for Essex
3 development on the other side near your home
4 on East Mountain Road. These homes were
5 built almost simultaneously to the last
6 reassessment and that points to why we need
7 reassessment because they were assessed very
8 high because basically they were brand new
9 and now we are 46 years later and we still
10 have the same assessment for those
11 properties, so it's very important to get
12 that done and keep striving towards
13 reassessment, but that's one of the reasons
14 why the assessed values are so high on these
15 properties because they were two properties
16 at the time of the assessment.

17 That's all I have for now. I'm
18 going to discuss other items as we move
19 forward on the agenda.

20 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you, Mr. Evans.
21 Just to echo our congratulations to
22 Mr. Gaughan now that the world has another
23 Notre Dame fan.

24 MR. EVANS: That's one thing I did
25 miss, I'm sorry, I want to off my

1 congratulations as well to Bill and Kelly
2 Gaughan and Jack on their new brother and
3 son Murphy James Gaughan so welcome to the
4 electric city, Murphy. Thank you.

5 MR. WECHSLER: An echoing Councilman
6 Rogan's expectations here, there is some
7 gray area on this subpoena power that
8 council has had so I think we should
9 investigate that as well and see if we are
10 within our rights to subpoena, but I do
11 believe that the efforts to find out what
12 went wrong here should be a joint effort
13 between the administration, city council and
14 the Pension Board. The Pension Board and
15 the pension holders they are the ones that
16 have the most to gain by insuring that this
17 never happens again, so city council will
18 take the lead in putting this together, but
19 I do believe that we are going to have an
20 involvement of the administration and the
21 Pension Board and I think it's going to have
22 a be two-prong effort, one to take a look
23 back to see what went wrong, and also
24 looking forward to see how we can prevent
25 this from happening again. And, once again,

1 I believe it's our responsibility to
2 determine all of these issues.

3 During the summer and the past
4 couple of months city council has been
5 asking that the Scranton Sewer Authority
6 stop use of the so-called Greenridge line,
7 and I sent several correspondence to the
8 Scranton Sewer Authority asking them to do
9 that. As a follow-up, a regular council
10 speaker who comes here on this issue, Mrs.
11 Sam Maloney, did a Right-to-Know request
12 concerning records about the monitoring of
13 the Keystone line and as a result of her
14 Right-to-Know it has been determined that
15 the reason why she cannot get any copies of
16 the records is because there has been no
17 monitoring of that line, and as such it
18 opens up a question to me as we have been
19 going along with whole issue is a two-prong
20 thing: One, this shouldn't be used. Number
21 two, if it is being used is the proper
22 materials being sent down the sewer. So
23 once again, we will follow-up again with Mr.
24 Barrett to determine in the meantime has
25 monitoring begun again, if it isn't being

1 done should it be done and just to give some
2 peace of mind to the information of what's
3 going down to the sewer up there on the
4 Greenridge line. It's been over a year
5 since the episode of the smell incident. No
6 answer was ever found with that. It could
7 happen again tonight and no one will know
8 again so we are very interested in making
9 sure that we don't want the line used but if
10 it is being used we do want it to be used
11 properly and monitored properly so this is
12 something that we continue to work on and
13 try to get some answers about that line.

14 We did have two requests for
15 streetlights, new streetlights, one was in
16 the 300 block of 16th Avenue. City Engineer
17 John Pocius has determined that there is a
18 requirement for a new streetlight there and
19 the process will begin to install it in the
20 300 block of 16th Avenue. Also, there was a
21 street sign request for the 400 block of
22 Phelps Street and that request also has been
23 approved so that will be two new
24 streetlights for these neighbors here.

25 And I forgot to make one

1 announcement, Councilman Gaughan asked me to
2 read this announcement concerning the
3 fundraiser on November 2 from 11 a.m, at
4 lunch time until 8 p.m., there will be a
5 benefit for the St. Francis of Assisi
6 kitchen at Uno's on Commerce Boulevard.
7 Please call, if you need a voucher please
8 call 570-346-9294. That's all I have.

9 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION -
10 AN ORDINANCE - ESTABLISHING A REGISTRATION
11 PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTIES;
12 REQUIRING ALL OWNERS OF RESIDENTIAL RENTAL
13 PROPERTIES TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY MANAGER
14 FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS AND PRESCRIBING
15 DUTIES OF OWNERS, PROPERTY MANAGERS AND
16 OCCUPANTS.

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

20 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

21 MR. EVANS: Second.

22 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?

23 MR. EVAN: On the question, so
24 tonight we have before us a new rental
25 registration ordinance so I would like to

1 first thank Councilman Rogan and Attorney
2 Minora for working with me on this and for
3 all of the hard work that brought this
4 legislation to us tonight, and also to the
5 mayor and the administration to help us as
6 well, and also for the steadfast support of
7 all of my colleagues on city council that
8 has allowed for an ordinance to be drafted
9 that I think is fair to our property owners,
10 landlords, tenants and to the Rule of Law
11 while setting the city up for success for a
12 comprehensive registration program. We have
13 an ordinance that in my opinion is laser
14 focused on registering rental units while
15 still protecting the safety and well-being
16 of those who live within those properties.
17 The past failure of the previous legislation
18 and the city's inability to register rental
19 units beyond the estimated 20 percent rate
20 of all units has been an example of
21 inefficient systems and a lack of
22 understanding of the true issue.

23 To be at approximately 20 percent
24 after nearly 20 years is a disgrace that has
25 carried through several administrations and

1 to continually ask those same 20 percent of
2 the rental property owners to pay for the
3 other 80 percent over that time period is
4 even more of a disgrace. We are hoping that
5 this ordinance will allow the city to
6 aggressively register rental units which in
7 turn will cover the true cost of
8 implementation while increasing the refuse
9 fee collection for those unregistered and
10 seemingly unknown units dramatically, and as
11 more units are registered and more rental
12 bills are stamped paid then we should get to
13 the point where we can actually reduce the
14 per unit fee even more and possibly reduce
15 the refuse fee as well and finally get to
16 the point, and I've said this many times
17 before, where more are actually paying less.
18 That is how government is supposed to work.

19 I have talked at length recently
20 about an entrepreneurial government with
21 this legislation truly focusing on
22 registration we have an opportunity to see
23 firsthand the city and how it responds to an
24 entrepreneurial way by using its resources
25 in a new manner and maximizing efficiency

1 for all the fallback on bureaucratic
2 behavior and make new many opportunity for
3 success.

4 So we will be watching closely as
5 this develops over the next few weeks and
6 months and make sure this legislation
7 becomes law and hopefully we'll get this
8 right this time. That's all I have on this.

9 MR. ROGAN: I would like to echo the
10 comments made by Councilmen Evans and I
11 would like to thank him and Attorney Minora
12 and everyone that worked on this as well and
13 I will say as somebody who is does real
14 estate on a part-time basis and knows a
15 little bit about investment, I have learned
16 a lot from working with Councilman Evans on
17 this on the many ins and outs in this
18 ordinance that really were a hindrance to
19 investors in the city and to neighbors who
20 have these properties in their community.
21 Two of the most important -- three of the
22 actually most important reforms that were
23 made in this ordinance is, number one, what
24 was important to me was a family exemption
25 where if you are renting to a daughter, a

1 son, a granddaughter that you shouldn't have
2 to pay to register a property or rent it to
3 a relative. That's just how good families
4 take care of each other, you shouldn't be
5 whacked with a fee from the city for doing
6 that.

7 Secondly, the \$150 fee per building
8 is eliminate. For a landlord who had a
9 duplex under the ordinance would pay \$250
10 per year to register that property. The per
11 fee building, the per building fee of \$150
12 is now eliminated and possibly most
13 importantly seeing there was constitutional
14 issues around it was the elimination of
15 arbitrary inspections and the worst part
16 about these inspections was they weren't
17 even being conducted. Like I said, the
18 people were paying for inspections that
19 never happened. The new registration
20 program, as Mr. Evans mentioned, focuses on
21 registration. Once we get the vast majority
22 of the properties registered then we can
23 look at other facets of how to move forward
24 but the registration is key and there are
25 other components in the legislation that

1 will really help the neighbors to crack down
2 on blight and learn which properties in
3 their neighborhood are actually rental
4 properties and which ones are
5 owner-occupied, so it's have a very good
6 piece of legislation and I hope it will once
7 and for all after 20 years fix this problem.

8 MR. PERRY: Yeah, on the question, I
9 just want to thank Councilman Evans as well
10 and Councilman Rogan and Attorney Minora,
11 Mr. Reed, I know you guys worked really on
12 this since I have been on council,
13 revisions, revisions, and you put in a lot
14 of time and for us to have some rental
15 registration reform that makes sense is very
16 important for the reasons that you guys said
17 and I just want to formally thank you guys
18 for putting the time in and getting this
19 done. Thank you.

20 MR. EVANS: Thank you.

21 MR. WECHSLER: This is a fine
22 example of how council took the lead on this
23 issue, worked with the administration,
24 negotiated, negotiated, negotiated back and
25 forth finally coming on an agreement we

1 think moves Scranton ahead in terms of this
2 legislation. My biggest concern as we were
3 negotiating this and going through this we
4 were quite concerned about the
5 constitutionality of the inspections. The
6 city has been exposed to some lawsuits and
7 in our state of financial situation we don't
8 need to fight lawsuits, but even if you win
9 lawsuits they still cost you money, so we
10 are very happy that we think we are in line
11 with the constitution. We also are going to
12 have the benefit of registering properties
13 even from a safety standpoint assisting the
14 fire department in knowing if there is
15 multi-people living in the building or
16 multi-residents in that building, so it's a
17 refocusing of us on trying to use the
18 legislation for what it was intended to be,
19 just identify properties and to make sure
20 they are safe and make sure that they are
21 operating properly.

22 It is also another piece, as we have
23 been talking about, this is one stage in the
24 development of areas of things that next we
25 will be moving on towards the condemnation

1 policy and looking at a loss of other things
2 in terms of making the city government more
3 efficient.

4 All those in favor of introduction
5 signify by saying aye.

6 MR. PERRY: Aye.

7 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

8 MR. EVANS: Aye.

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

11 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -
12 AN ORDINANCE - TRANSFERRING BOTH PERMANENT
13 EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY OVER PARCELS OF
14 PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON AS
15 NOTED BELOW IN CONNECTION WITH THE SCRANTON
16 SEWER AUTHORITY'S SEWER/STORMWATER
17 COLLECTION SYSTEM ACCESS AND MAINTENANCE
18 EASEMENT.

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

22 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

23 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

1 saying aye.

2 MR. PERRY: Aye.

3 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

4 MR. EVANS: Aye.

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

7 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION -
8 AN ORDINANCE - GRANTING LOCAL ECONOMIC
9 REVITALIZATION TAX ASSISTANCE TO A PROPERTY
10 LOCATED AT ALBRIGHT AND GLEN AVENUES AND
11 IDENTIFIED AS PIN NOS. 13420-060-017 AND
12 13420-050-028 OWNED BY LACE BUILDING
13 AFFILIATES LP AND SETTING FORTH AMOUNTS OF
14 TAX ABATEMENTS FOR EACH YEAR FOR TEN YEARS.

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

18 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

19 MR. EVANS: Second.

20 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?

21 MR. EVANS: On the question, before
22 we vote I'd like to disclose that I do have
23 a business relationship with relatives of
24 one of the principals of this project on a
25 totally unrelated business that is not

1 connected in any way. I know it's a stretch
2 that there may be any conflict at all, but I
3 always feel better to disclose more
4 information than less to remove the
5 appearance of a conflict.

6 Additionally, I will have no direct
7 benefit from this project now or will I in
8 the future, so with that said, I'm still
9 excited to vote on this legislation and help
10 move this project forward.

11 MR. WECHSLER: Just one comment I
12 think as we are discussing with one of the
13 speakers here this evening, this LERTA is a
14 tax abatement for ten years. There is no
15 money leaving the city. There is no money
16 leaving. It's actually bringing money in.
17 It's not a KOZ. The people who are going to
18 live in these townhouse are going to be
19 working in the city and paying wage tax so
20 it's a benefit. Right now we are collecting
21 zero. Right now the taxes that are being
22 paid on that property are going to be paid
23 so we are not losing any money there. For
24 ten years you don't collect taxes, that's an
25 investment that we can take. It doesn't

1 cost any cash that we make and then after
2 ten years or in perpetuity they will be
3 paying taxes so for to me it's a win forever
4 everyone. It cleans up the blighted
5 property, it brings new residents to the
6 city and it adds income for the future so I
7 think this is a win for everyone.

8 MR. ROGAN: I could just add that
9 the residents in lower Greenridge have
10 waited decades for this project to start to
11 get rolling and it's finally going to
12 happen, and as Councilman Wechsler mentioned
13 and just to put it to a very easy to
14 understand example, if the owners of this
15 property are currently paying \$1,000 in
16 taxes they are going to continue to pay that
17 exact same amount of tax throughout the
18 course of this ordinance. The only break
19 they are receiving is on new construction on
20 this very large site. So just to be very
21 clear on that this is not a true tax
22 abatement, they are still going to continue
23 to pay their taxes, and I know one of the
24 speakers stated that, you know, people will
25 never see the money come back in many people

1 said the same thing when the Tripp Park
2 development was built and that development
3 is one of the nicest developments in the
4 city now and the homes are very popular,
5 they don't stay on the market long when they
6 do come up for sale and it's a great
7 addition to the city and each one of those
8 homes the owners are now paying taxes to the
9 city and the people who live in them are
10 paying wage tax to the city, so these
11 economic loans do work so I'm very proud to
12 support this project.

13 MR. EVANS: To reinforce what you
14 guys started to talk about it before, at
15 least 50 percent of this project is the
16 existing buildings that are on the site and
17 they will be totally rehabilitated, totally
18 restored so the impact on taxes are none
19 whatsoever as far as those properties are
20 concerned. It only effects the brand new
21 construction on some of the townhouses that
22 are part of the total project.

23 MR. PERRY: Yeah, on the question,
24 this -- yeah, I said I was for this project
25 from the start. Once the issue of that 500

1 block of Lackawanna was resolved I was very
2 happy because this is economic development
3 at it's purest. We are going to be planting
4 the seeds today, that's going to give us a
5 bounty of fruit in the future and for years
6 and years to come. Take this project to
7 Wilkes-Barre, to Hazelton, to Detroit or to
8 any other city and they are going to jump at
9 a chance to get a development like this for
10 what we are doing for that developer. This
11 is very good for the city, like we already
12 talked about what that's going to do for the
13 residents in that part of the city taking
14 that eyesore away, but this is going to be a
15 home run. Thank you.

16 MR. ROGAN: My final thoughts, Mr.
17 Rinaldi deserves a lot of credit for taking
18 on such a large project because development
19 at this scale really is a gamble.

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. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The

1 eyes have it and so moved.

2 MS. REED: 5-E. FOR INTRODUCTION -
3 AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION
4 OF TWO (2) ADDITIONAL STOP SIGNS AND
5 MAINTAINING ALL EXISTING STOP SIGNS ON EAST
6 LOCUST STREET AND SOUTH IRVING AVENUE IN THE
7 AREA AROUND MCNICHOLS PLAZA.

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

11 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

12 MR. EVANS: Second.

13 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?

14 MR. EVANS: I'd like to thank city
15 engineer John Pocius and Corporal Mitchell
16 from the traffic division of the police
17 department for their quick work on this.
18 There was a request I received, some of my
19 colleagues might have as well, that there
20 were a number of close calls by the
21 McNichols Plaza school around the time when
22 school went in and school went out. It was
23 actually looked into in the past and studies
24 were done not at peak times so obviously,
25 you know, it was in the middle of the day

1 near school there is not a lot of traffic
2 you have to monitor it when school goes in
3 and out so I think these stop signs will
4 make that area much more safe.

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

7 MR. PERRY: Aye.

8 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

9 MR. EVANS: Aye.

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

12 MS. REED: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A. NO
13 BUSINESS AT THIS TIME.

14 SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR
15 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
16 WORKS - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL
17 NO. 56, 2016 VACATING ANY AND ALL RIGHT,
18 TITLE AND INTEREST OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON
19 IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF A PORTION OF NORTH
20 EIGHTH AVENUE IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON, AS
21 MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON THE MAP AND
22 PROPERTY DESCRIPTION ATTACHED HERETO.

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

1 MR. EVANS: As temporary Chairperson
2 for the Committee on Public Works, I
3 recommend final passage of Item 7-A.

4 MR. ROGAN: Second.

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

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

8 MR. PERRY: Yes.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

10 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

12 MR. EVANS: Yes.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

14 MR. WECHSLER: Yes. I hereby
15 declare Item 7-A legally and lawfully
16 adopted.

17 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION
18 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - FOR
19 ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 57, 2016
20 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
21 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO ACCEPT AND
22 DISBURSE GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF
23 \$94,268.00 AWARDED THROUGH THE U. S.
24 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BODY-WORN CAMERA PILOT
25 IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM TO PURCHASE AND

1 DEPLOY BODY-WORN CAMERAS FOR THE SCRANTON
2 POLICE DEPARTMENT.

3 MR. WECHSLER: What is the
4 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
5 Committee on Public Safety?

6 MR. PERRY: As Chairperson for the
7 Committee on Public Safety, I recommend
8 final passage of Item 7-B.

9 MR. ROGAN: Second.

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

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

13 MR. PERRY: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

15 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

17 MR. EVANS: Yes.

18 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

19 MR. WECHSLER: Yes. I hereby
20 declare Item 7-B legally and lawfully
21 adopted.

22 MS. REED: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION BY
23 THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - FOR
24 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 82, 2016 -
25 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE

1 CITY OFFICIALS FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO
2 ENTER INTO A LOAN TO GRANT AGREEMENT AND
3 MAKE A LOAN/GRANT FROM THE COMMUNITY
4 DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COMMERCIAL
5 INDUSTRIAL REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM, PROJECT
6 NO. 150.39 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
7 \$130,000.00 TO 16TH WARD, LLC TO ASSIST AN
8 ELIGIBLE PROJECT.

9 MR. WECHSLER: What is the
10 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
11 Committee on Community Development?

12 MR. ROGAN: As Chair for the
13 Committee on Community Development, I
14 recommend final passage of Item 7-C.

15 MR. EVANS: 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. Wechsler.

25 MR. WECHSLER: Yes. I hereby

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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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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.

CATHENE S. NARDOZZI, RPR
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