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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL

HELD:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2014

TIME:

6:30 P.M.

LOCATION:

The Theatre
Lackawanna College
501 Vine Street
Scranton, Pennsylvania

AMELIA NICOL, RPR
COURT REPORTER

1 CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

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3 ROBERT MCGOFF, PRESIDENT

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 PATRICK ROGAN, VICE-PRESIDENT

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6 WILLIAM GAUGHAN

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 JOSEPH WECHSLER
 (Not Present)

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 WAYNE EVANS

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 AMIL MINORA, SOLICITOR

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 LORI REED, CITY CLERK

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 KATHY CARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

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1 MR. MCGOFF: Everyone please rise
 2 for the Pledge of Allegiance.
 3 (Pledge of Allegiance.)
 4 MR. MCGOFF: Please remain
 5 standing for a moment of silent
 6 reflection for our servicemen and
 7 women throughout the world and all
 8 those who have passed away in our
 9 community during the past week.
 10 (Moment of Silent Reflection.)
 11 MR. MCGOFF: Roll call, please.
 12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.
 13 (No response.)
 14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.
 15 MR. ROGAN: Here.
 16 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.
 17 MR. EVANS: Here.
 18 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.
 19 MR. GAUGHAN: Here.
 20 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.
 21 MR. MCGOFF: Here. Let the
 22 record show that Mr. Wechsler did
 23 inform us that he would be unavailable
 24 for tonight's meeting.
 25 Dispense with the reading of the

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1 minutes.
 2 MS. REED: 3RD ORDER, 3A. TAX
 3 ASSESSOR'S REPORT FOR HEARING DATE TO
 4 BE HELD OCTOBER 16, 2014.
 5 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any
 6 comments? If not, received and filed.
 7 MS. REED: 3B. AGENDA FOR THE
 8 BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING HELD
 9 OCTOBER 8, 2014.
 10 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any
 11 comments? If not, received a filed.
 12 UNIDENTIFIED AUDIENCE VOICE:
 13 Could she speak a little bit louder?
 14 I can't hear her.
 15 MS. REED: 3C. TAX ASSESSOR'S
 16 RESULTS REPORT FOR HEARING DATE HELD
 17 SEPTEMBER 17, 2014.
 18 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any
 19 comments? If not, received and filed.
 20 MS. REED: 3D. BREAKDOWN OF
 21 ELIGIBLE SALARIES FOR THE LIQUID FUELS
 22 ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY,
 23 AUGUST, AND SEPTEMBER 2014.
 24 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any
 25 comments? If not, received and filed.

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1 Any notes?
 2 MS. REED: No, Mr. McGoff.
 3 MR. MCGOFF: Any announcement
 4 from council?
 5 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, I do. The
 6 annual Troop 16 Spaghetti Dinner is
 7 Saturday, October 18th from four to
 8 7:30 p.m. and the Maurer Memorial
 9 Center up at Hickory Street
 10 Presbyterian Church at 427 Hickory
 11 Street in South Scranton. The cost is
 12 \$10 for adults and \$6 for kids ten and
 13 under. Take outs available. This
 14 dinner is the troop's primary
 15 fundraiser for the year and helps
 16 offset the costs for badges, ranks,
 17 camping trips and other things. Thank
 18 you.
 19 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else?
 20 (No response.)
 21 MR. MCGOFF: I would like to
 22 first all thank the President, Mark
 23 Wolk and the staff at Lackawanna
 24 College for allowing us to use this
 25 beautiful facility while the elevator

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1 is being repaired at City Hall. It's
 2 greatly appreciated and we are happy
 3 to be in this building. Some of us
 4 who are -- some people who were
 5 graduates of Scranton Central High
 6 School and revisiting.
 7 The other thing I would like to
 8 announce, this Sunday is the 19th
 9 running of the Steamtown Marathon.
 10 Somewhere around 3,000 runners will
 11 start at 8 o'clock in the morning at
 12 Forest City High School and wine their
 13 way through the valley, Mid-valley,
 14 arriving in Scranton at about the 22
 15 mile mark and last four miles or so,
 16 three or four miles in the City of
 17 Scranton streets will be closed for
 18 part of the race. So if you are
 19 traveling in the downtown, know that,
 20 you know, some of the avenues and
 21 streets may be closed at certain
 22 times. The race usually finishes
 23 somewhere around -- the last runner
 24 somewhere around 2 o'clock. That's a
 25 rather long marathon but usually the

1 downtown is then cleared by about
2 three. So just be aware. It's a
3 great event. As I said, it's
4 somewhere around 3,000 runners and I
5 know for a fact most of the hotels,
6 motels, et cetera, in the area are
7 filled with families and friends of
8 those participating in the marathon
9 and that's all.

10 MS. REED: 4TH ORDER. CITIZENS
11 PARTICIPATION.

12 MR. MCGOFF: Joan Hodowanitz.

13 MS. HODOWANITZ: Joan Hodowanitz,
14 Scranton.

15 I wanted to talk about Item 7D
16 which was introduced last week and
17 it's the contract with Pennsylvania
18 Fire Recovery Services, LLC, for the
19 periods September 1, 2014, through
20 August 31st, 2018. I did try to do
21 some research on this item in the past
22 week. I did call my own insurance
23 agent and learned that these fees have
24 existed for some time what is known is
25 happening in agency collector for the

1 should not be creating fees. I think
2 if we create a fee, we take the
3 spotlight off of the taxes which is a
4 major issue for all cities. That
5 basically government is supposed to
6 serve and protect, not serve and
7 collect. But that's where we're
8 headed right now.

9 They also brought up the issue of
10 some of the arguments I heard about
11 the commuter tax. And as I recall one
12 of the arguments for having a commuter
13 tax was the commuters were getting the
14 advantage of emergency services.
15 Well, hush my mouth. Do you know that
16 if a commuter is in a traffic accident
17 in Scranton and the Fire Department
18 responds, that driver is going to be
19 build. So you have ask yourself the
20 questions why were we imposing a
21 commuter tax if they were also paying
22 for those fees. Granted they weren't
23 paying a police fee and a garbage fee,
24 but, yeah, they were paying for fire
25 protection just like any other

1 City of Scranton. But I learned other
2 things, too. I learned that
3 Pennsylvania has banned similar fees
4 for police services. So this would
5 only be fire. But I still have some
6 concerns about it because naive as I
7 am, I thought when I paid my taxes and
8 EMS LST tax when I was working that I
9 was basically buying or paying for
10 essential government services. I mean
11 that's why government exist. It
12 provides essential services which
13 citizens cannot provide for
14 themselves. Among those are police
15 and fire protection and garbage
16 collection and that was my
17 understanding. And that's why I was
18 surprised but then again you have to
19 look at the history of the garbage
20 fee, you know, which we charge our
21 citizens for that apparently is not
22 covered by the taxes which we pay. I
23 personally believe that. Yes, we do
24 have to pay for those services and
25 those should come out of taxes. We

1 citizen. If I was an accident in
2 Clarks Summit, Scranton couldn't bill
3 me. I don't know whether Clarks
4 Summit would have billed me but not
5 Scranton. So I just have a little bit
6 of heartburn about that. It's almost
7 like a back door method of helping to
8 balance the deficit for Scranton. I
9 know you're going to pass it. I just
10 want to go on record saying it seems
11 to me like it's the son of the garbage
12 tax and that's what you have created.

13 For what little time I have, is
14 there any update on the status of the
15 mayor's budget or the audit? Are we
16 getting any closer to an audit?

17 MR. MCGOFF: They have been
18 working on it. I don't, you know, I'm
19 not aware of what the status is at
20 this time and there had been
21 discussions and the administration on
22 the budget.

23 MS. HODOWANITZ: Are you
24 expecting the budget to be presented
25 by you by your council meeting on

1 November 13 or will it be after that?

2 MR. MCGOFF: It has to be by the
3 15th.

4 MS. HODOWANITZ: Which is a
5 Saturday.

6 MR. MCGOFF: I'm not sure what
7 the time schedule is for the
8 administration.

9 MS. HODOWANITZ: Because you're
10 bumping it up against Thanksgiving and
11 other issues so hopefully that will be
12 done. And I know that -- even though
13 this is a beautiful building and I
14 graduated from here in 1967, I know
15 that with regret that when Lackawanna
16 College remodeled the Scranton Center
17 on Adams Avenue, that's a block that
18 coming off the tax rolls. It's too
19 bad we couldn't have got a for-profit
20 agency to have taken over that block.
21 Thank you.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you.

23 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. Fay
24 Franus.

25 MS. FRANUS: Fay Franus. I

1 just -- I want to address a couple
2 things. I'm just -- when I saw the
3 newspaper the other day about the
4 eight million dollar deficit and then
5 I saw what I believe -- maybe I'm
6 wrong -- two million dollars in
7 raises. I'm sure the contract raises,
8 there's nothing you can do about. But
9 I just think that, you know, to say if
10 Mary only had three apples, you can't
11 give away four. She can't give away
12 four. My point is if you don't have
13 the money, I don't know understand
14 City's willingness to give anybody a
15 raise. I guess just other ones that
16 aren't in the contract like firemen
17 and police, there's nothing you can do
18 about that. But as far as giving like
19 Bulzoni a raise and anybody else in
20 the administration, how do you do that
21 when you're taxing people right out of
22 their homes, the senior citizens, you
23 know. And, Mr. McGoff, you kept on
24 saying, We can't keep go bankrupt
25 because we can just keep on taxing the

1 senior citizens and everybody, not
2 just the senior citizens but they're
3 the ones that really struggle. I
4 don't understand how you have the
5 nerve to keep going to the taxpayers.
6 It's like if you went a bought
7 something and sent me your bill. Like
8 I didn't cause it. Why should I pay
9 for it? This is out of hand and
10 you're supposed to be representing us,
11 not the people that are getting the
12 raises. Okay.

13 Like my house value and, Wayne,
14 you know this. My house property
15 value has gone down considerably.
16 Just for one thing I couldn't give my
17 house away. People don't want to come
18 to Scranton and buy a house because of
19 the taxes. So all of us homeowners,
20 we can't get out if we want to. So
21 what are we supposed to do? And, Mr.
22 Rogan, you said last week that now you
23 can go after that computer tax because
24 now you met the criteria because we
25 got the 57 percent raise. I mean, you

1 seemed like you were proud of it last
2 week when you spoke. But you should
3 be fighting against more taxes for the
4 people. I just don't understand how
5 you all have the nerve to raise taxes
6 and one penny considering 57 percent
7 last year and the garbage fee
8 increase, and I think you should do
9 something about that garbage fee.
10 Senior citizens that have one bag of
11 garbage and like myself I have like
12 two bags, like that. And my next door
13 neighbor has five cans. Now, come on.
14 And you don't think -- and, Mr.
15 McGoff, I mean, I know you don't have
16 to worry about things because you have
17 a good pension coming and whatever,
18 Social Security. But many people in
19 this city don't but because you don't
20 have to about it, I guess you don't
21 think you should care about them.
22 You're supposed to be representing us.
23 I don't understand where you
24 representing us comes into place
25 because so far you haven't represented

1 us at all and you keep on saying,
 2 We'll just go to the taxpayers. And
 3 that's all you keep on saying. We'll
 4 just tax and tax and tax them that way
 5 we don't have to go bankrupt. You
 6 should be going bankrupt. I mean, you
 7 should be ashamed yourself. You're
 8 going to do whatever you want to do.
 9 That's why nobody is here because they
 10 know there's nothing they can do
 11 because you don't care what we think.
 12 You in never did, never well. Same
 13 with Dave Bulzoni. You have that
 14 thing in the paper saying that he's
 15 helping the City. Wow, he's the same
 16 Dave Bulzoni that had loan from
 17 Landmark Bank when he worked there
 18 that council never approved. And
 19 Landmark Bank is going to court now
 20 with the City and they shouldn't even
 21 have to be Court because the City
 22 Council never approved it. Council
 23 members read about it in the paper the
 24 next day. That's how much they knew.
 25 So we should not be in the whole for

1 that and that's the same Dave Bulzoni.
 2 And you're saying the people need
 3 raises in the administration because
 4 you need those kind of paychecks so
 5 that you'll attract more intelligent
 6 people, more qualified people. The
 7 mayor, is he qualified? Did the mayor
 8 have a college degree? I believe he
 9 only graduated from high school,
 10 didn't he? Does anybody know up there
 11 or tell me you don't know? You really
 12 don't know if the mayor has a college
 13 degree, Mr. McGoff?
 14 MR. MCGOFF: I don't believe he
 15 does. You would have to ask him to be
 16 sure.
 17 MS. FRANUS: Well, I'm pretty
 18 sure he doesn't. He ran a karate
 19 school and he graduated from high
 20 school and this is the kind of
 21 intellect that you want running a
 22 city. So for so far he hasn't done
 23 one thing to help the people. He
 24 hasn't gone to the nonprofits for one
 25 thing, he hasn't got concessions from

1 the unions. What has he done since
 2 he's in the office? I don't
 3 understand one thing he's done since
 4 he's in office, not one. He doesn't
 5 answer questions because he doesn't
 6 know the answers and he hires other
 7 people like Amoroso to do work that
 8 he's supposed to be doing. Amoroso
 9 never went to the nonprofits. He
 10 never got a penny. So what did we
 11 hire him for? And you're also hiring
 12 that other firm till 2018 with no cap
 13 and that's illegal but you said it
 14 wasn't but it's illegal that he's
 15 getting paid because there's no money
 16 in the budget for him till next year.
 17 So you're paying him -- in retrospect
 18 he's working now. He shouldn't even
 19 be working now. I've discussed it
 20 with you before. You approved that at
 21 council and it's illegal but we'll see
 22 later on in court.
 23 Anyway, that's all I have to say
 24 except you should have very ashamed of
 25 yourself, every one of you, each and

1 everyone of you taxing them, coming to
 2 them again. Thank you.
 3 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. Ron
 4 Ellman?
 5 MR. ELLMAN: Well, council, I may
 6 not have a friend left up there but I
 7 got a lot of them out here anyway that
 8 puts you in those seats. I wasn't
 9 even going to come tonight I was so
 10 disgusted with your choice of location
 11 for this meeting. I bet you wish I
 12 had stayed at the Taurus Club instead
 13 of coming anyway but this is the very
 14 people that have been stealing us
 15 blind on our taxable property. I just
 16 -- I think it's deplorable to have a
 17 meeting here with these people. You
 18 know, I'm not going to go into it but
 19 this is just -- this just rubbed me
 20 the wrong way. I don't want to get in
 21 trouble using bad words about what's
 22 going on and get thrown out of here
 23 tonight. Anyway, what I really -- I
 24 am just absolutely disgusted with this
 25 school board. They're just completely

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1 out of control when they have to go to
 2 the state to rape the public more than
 3 they usually do, it's time for
 4 something to be done about it.
 5 There's not a one of them -- that
 6 whole bunch, they shouldn't be sitting
 7 there any longer. You know, 6.6, that
 8 doesn't hurt me any. But I've talked
 9 to a couple people out there, it's
 10 going to kill them and you guys know
 11 it. They know what they're doing.
 12 And to use part of this money to
 13 threaten people's homes to buy a bunch
 14 of I-Pods is ridiculous. How many of
 15 them are going to be lost or stolen or
 16 just traded for dope or whatever. And
 17 then who is going to have to pay for
 18 them? More taxpayer money. You know,
 19 if somebody wants an I-Pad let them
 20 buy their own. If they can't afford
 21 one, let them borrow one. They just
 22 got to quit coming to the taxpayers
 23 for everything like this, you know.
 24 Standing up here and every week it's
 25 the same thing. I listened to these

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1 people, I listened to them talk
 2 outside of here. It just doesn't
 3 stop. The City is going downhill in
 4 such a spiral and nobody is -- it's
 5 right under your noses and nobody want
 6 to say nothing, to do nothing.
 7 There's nothing being done for the
 8 people of this City that puts you in
 9 those seats. You know, I don't mean
 10 this isn't bragging but when I just
 11 said \$70 or whatever, it was won't
 12 hurt me. But I've talked to some
 13 people, they've lost part of their
 14 food stamps and they've lost this and
 15 lost that and sold this and that and
 16 everything. For what? You know. Mr.
 17 Amoroso's plan to raise more taxes.
 18 Sometime I think it must have been his
 19 idea to use this place. He's been so
 20 adverse to the City. I don't think
 21 any of you read the letter from a
 22 young lady in the paper last Saturday
 23 but it says it's time to do something
 24 about the university. This Mrs.
 25 Scavo, PA, I can't see it, P-A-R-D_,

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1 but I wish you people would see this
 2 later and read it. It's sincere.
 3 It's what everybody keeps telling you
 4 week after week and you don't do
 5 nothing. The only one that was up
 6 there since Ms. Evans, it seems to be
 7 Mr. Gaughan. You know, you seem to be
 8 in touch with the people. But like I
 9 said last week, it seems like you're
 10 in one circle of friends and family
 11 and acquaintances and a third or maybe
 12 just a quarter of the City are in
 13 another but they need your help so bad
 14 and they're not getting it, you know.
 15 There's going to be a -- we've lost
 16 what, 4,000 houses in foreclosure. In
 17 the paper a few weeks ago it was 1,200
 18 pieces of property in the City and the
 19 County. I don't remember how many was
 20 in the City. But there's people that
 21 just can't afford it no more, and I
 22 don't know, something got to be done
 23 to save the City. But you're not
 24 doing it. You people just aren't
 25 doing it for God's sake. Well, I

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1 thank you for letting me vent my
 2 anger. I'll go back where I was this
 3 afternoon, make me happy over there.
 4 I'm not mad at you. Thank you.
 5 MR. MCGOFF: Why am I getting
 6 headaches then. I think you're
 7 putting the pins in that doll.
 8 MR. ELLMAN: Maybe it's my
 9 perfume I got on. It's from the
 10 Dollar store.
 11 MR. EVANS: Oh, that's the best.
 12 MR. MCGOFF: JoAnn Hicks Griffin.
 13 MS. GRIFFIN: Mr. President and
 14 members of council, I have come before
 15 you today because I believe I was
 16 inspired to come and share this with
 17 you. I read the old testament and the
 18 testament and this story about King
 19 Asa and King Jehoshaphat kind of tell
 20 me about you. King Asa was going into
 21 battle but he didn't have enough
 22 forces so he came before his God and
 23 he said "I am unable to do this battle
 24 but if you go before me and fight for
 25 me, I will overcome." Could you

1 acknowledge your weaknesses in this
 2 situation in which you find yourself
 3 in. Next, King Jehoshaphat, he went
 4 before the Ammonites, the Amos, and
 5 he, too, had a lot of soldiers. But
 6 he lost because an ambush occurred and
 7 his troops were killed. There is
 8 power in weakness and you all up there
 9 are members of the human race, just
 10 like me. And there come a time when
 11 we must acknowledge our weakness, our
 12 inability to solve the problems at
 13 hand. Our country was founded on
 14 Judeo-Christian principles which means
 15 if we're going to accomplish anything,
 16 we have to realize that without God's
 17 help, we will never succeed, never.
 18 Now, I have some suggestions. Tax --
 19 oh, I'm sorry.

20 MR. MCGOFF: Just back away from
 21 the microphone a little bit.

22 MS. GRIFFIN: I'm afraid that
 23 nobody is going to hear me.

24 MR. MCGOFF: They will.

25 MS. GRIFFIN: Tax colleges on the

1 buildings that they use to make a
 2 profit such as science building, the
 3 business, the economics, the math and
 4 the biology. I think that would be
 5 able to be done. I think it might be
 6 lawful. Two, charge for dumping in
 7 City dumps. I was at the top of Wood
 8 Street in North Scranton walking the
 9 baseball field. They have two of them
 10 at the top of Wood Street. And I look
 11 over and I see the UGI dump truck
 12 dumping dirt in that property, and I
 13 wondered if they are paying the City
 14 of Scranton. I called the Mayor's
 15 Office and, of course, the secretary
 16 told me he wasn't available. I'm not
 17 surprised. Then she said, well, maybe
 18 I better put you in touch with the
 19 Legal Department. It sounds as though
 20 it might be something pertaining to
 21 the law. Jason Shrive came on, I
 22 talked to him, and then all of a
 23 sudden and vanished and on the phone
 24 came a young lady and she told me,
 25 Well, I'll have him call you back. I

1 says, "Really?" I was very doubtful
 2 of that because I do not think the
 3 citizens of the City of Scranton are
 4 paid attention to. But you are
 5 lacking in a lot of information, a lot
 6 of intelligence if you do not listen
 7 to the citizens of Scranton. So I
 8 wonder if charging for dumping in the
 9 City of Scranton might been a way to
 10 make money. The police, firefighters
 11 and Union member should be paying into
 12 their pension and for health coverage
 13 since most people in the city of
 14 Scranton do not have the opportunity
 15 to be treated like kings. Drop the
 16 tax on homeowners who try to improve
 17 their properties. If they're taxed
 18 for doing something on their property,
 19 what harm -- what is that doing? It's
 20 only causing properties to be blighted
 21 for as you well know I think next to
 22 Florida, the City of Scranton has a
 23 large member of seniors. And lastly,
 24 veto the raises. It's not possible.
 25 And finally for love of justice which

1 we pledged allegiance to the flag for
 2 liberty and justice for all, our
 3 citizens need to be treated with
 4 justice, not just the Union members.
 5 I thank you for the opportunity.
 6 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. Bill
 7 Jackowitz.
 8 MR. JACKOWITZ: Good evening,
 9 Scranton city council and members of
 10 the audience. When you borrow money
 11 to pay off a loan, are you really
 12 solving anything or are you just
 13 creating a bigger and larger loan? I
 14 think you're just creating more debt.
 15 This is the reason why the City of
 16 Scranton has been distressed for 22
 17 years. This is the reason why I come
 18 here week after week after week
 19 because we fall into the same trap.
 20 The City of Scranton, the elected
 21 officials and the administration falls
 22 into the same trap. We're doing the
 23 same things that we did 10 years, 12
 24 years, 15 years ago that caused us to
 25 be where we are in 2014 and here we

1 are, we're going to do it all over
 2 again. This is the reason I harp and
 3 I try to put blame on the people who
 4 are at fault for this. I've been
 5 coming here for 13 years basically and
 6 I've been saying the same thing for
 7 almost 13 years now but nobody
 8 listens. The people who are
 9 responsible for City of Scranton being
 10 in the position they are in right now
 11 in the City Council, the Business
 12 Administrator, I mean, and City
 13 Controller who has been there for 30
 14 years and three mayors, we've had
 15 three mayors. Okay. You are the ones
 16 who passed these ordinances, laws,
 17 loans, so on and so forth and you're
 18 getting ready to do the same thing all
 19 over again and we're going to end up
 20 deeper in debt and we're never going
 21 to get it out of debt. So again if
 22 you borrow money, you pay off you
 23 debt, are you really paying off your
 24 loan and paying off your debt or are
 25 you creating more debt? And as far as

1 raises go, take that 25,000 that you
 2 gave the mayor, take it back, take
 3 that loan that you gave the Business
 4 Administrator and the rest of these
 5 people and take that back and City
 6 Council should take a 50 percent pay
 7 cut themselves to show the people of
 8 the City of Scranton that you really
 9 care. Quit taxing the people. The
 10 people cannot afford it any longer.
 11 Okay? You're just creating another
 12 larger debt and another larger loan
 13 and, you know, lead by example. Set
 14 the example. You're the leaders,
 15 you're the elected people, you're the
 16 ones who campaigned saying you weren't
 17 going to raise taxes and you weren't
 18 going to do this and you weren't going
 19 to that. But yet you turn right
 20 around and you do it. Okay? Except
 21 for Mr. McGoff, he's state forward.
 22 He tells people he wants to tax them
 23 and he's happy about talking them
 24 because he's voted for three or four
 25 tax raises since he's been there. He

1 hasn't voted against one yet. I'm not
 2 sure if Pat has or not. Okay, the
 3 rest of you haven't voted on tax
 4 increases yet. But, hey, don't tell
 5 us you're not going to raise taxes and
 6 then turn around and raise taxes.
 7 Don't tell us you're working for the
 8 people when you're going to go around
 9 and you're going to raise fees and
 10 raise taxes and you're going to give
 11 city administrators and elected
 12 officials raises which you should know
 13 that you cannot afford to give to
 14 them. Okay.
 15 Now, four million dollars, it
 16 says it's going to be repaid from
 17 revenue from parking meters. Can
 18 someone tell me how many years that's
 19 going to take? How many years of
 20 revenue from parking meters will it
 21 take to repay four million dollars?
 22 Can someone please answer that for me?
 23 MR. MCGOFF: I don't have the
 24 amortization table with me.
 25 MR. JACKOWITZ: Will you have it

1 next week and promise me that you will
 2 give me an answer?
 3 MR. MCGOFF: I don't know. They
 4 haven't negotiated that yet.
 5 MR. JACKOWITZ: Well, it says
 6 that that's how you're going to pay it
 7 so how are you going to pay it if you
 8 don't know how you're going to pay it?
 9 Can you promise you'll have an answer
 10 for me in the next month of how much
 11 revenue will be paid from parking
 12 revenues to pay back this four million
 13 dollars? Will we get four million
 14 dollars in parking revenue?
 15 MR. MCGOFF: We get about a
 16 million a year.
 17 MR. JACKOWITZ: So you're saying
 18 in four years?
 19 MR. MCGOFF: Possibly.
 20 MR. JACKOWITZ: Can you give me a
 21 definite answer in a month from now?
 22 MR. MCGOFF: If I have it.
 23 MR. JACKOWITZ: Well, you should
 24 be able to have it. It doesn't take
 25 long to find out. All it takes is a

1 little leg work. That's all it would
 2 take to do. Okay? Again, we never
 3 get answers. All we get is spin, more
 4 and more political spin. That's all
 5 we get. It doesn't take long. All
 6 you've got to do is put a little time
 7 and a little effort into it. Because
 8 I already have the answer. And that's
 9 all it takes is a little time and a
 10 little effort. You ran to be elected
 11 saying you were going to support the
 12 people and work for people in the City
 13 of Scranton, not just the Doherty
 14 people, not just the elitist. You're
 15 working for all the people. At least
 16 that's my belief. Okay?

17 Okay. Why was the mayor not at
 18 the meeting on Tuesday night? Is he
 19 not the chief executive officer in the
 20 City of Scranton? Should he not be a
 21 meeting when you're discussing
 22 finances and you're discussing taxes
 23 and you're discussing commuter taxes.
 24 Should the CEO of the City not be
 25 present at that meeting? Does anyone

1 have an answer for that?

2 MR. MCGOFF: We're not the mayor.

3 MR. JACKOWITZ: Well, I
 4 understand that. Why wasn't he there?
 5 Was he invited?

6 MR. MCGOFF: You would have to
 7 ask him.

8 MR. JACKOWITZ: Was the mayor
 9 invited? Was the mayor invited? It's
 10 a question.

11 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Jackowitz, Mr.
 12 Jackowitz, I can't speak for the
 13 mayor.

14 MR. JACKOWITZ: I'm asking you if
 15 you invited as President of City
 16 Council, did you invite the mayor to
 17 the meeting?

18 MR. MCGOFF: We asked the
 19 administration to be present.

20 MR. JACKOWITZ: Okay. So he
 21 turned you down. So your answer is
 22 the mayor turned your down. That is
 23 your official answer that the mayor
 24 turned you down and refused to attend
 25 the meeting?

1 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Jackowitz, don't
 2 put words in my mouth.

3 MR. JACKOWITZ: I'm not. I'm
 4 asking you to put words in your own
 5 mouth. What's the answer?

6 MR. MCGOFF: And I gave you the
 7 answer.

8 MR. JACKOWITZ: Okay. Your
 9 answer was he was invited and he did
 10 not come. That's your answer.

11 MR. MCGOFF: He was not at the
 12 meeting.

13 MR. JACKOWITZ: Wow, wow, wow,
 14 wow. Citizens, I hope you're
 15 listening to this.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Lee Morgan. Good
 17 evening, Council.

18 MR. MCGOFF: Good evening.

19 MR. MORGAN: I just would like to
 20 say no to 5D on borrowing. It's
 21 pretty -- it's self-explanatory.

22 Mr. Evans, sir, have you set up
 23 an arrangement with Mr. Ozzie Quinn,
 24 the head of the Hill Neighborhood
 25 Association to do walk-thru's of the

1 Hill for private residences to take a
 2 good look at, you know, faulty
 3 porches, lack of repair, you know,
 4 anything along that line?

5 MR. EVANS: No, we have nothing
 6 set up to do that.

7 MR. MORGAN: Is it planned?

8 MR. EVAN: Not that I'm aware of.
 9 Not that we wouldn't do it but there's
 10 nothing planned at this point.

11 MR. MORGAN: Okay. You know, my
 12 name is Lee Morgan. I'm on Facebook.
 13 I want to make people aware of that
 14 tonight because I really think that
 15 Scranton government to be quite honest
 16 with everyone, elected or appointed or
 17 the works inside government is so
 18 seriously broken, there needs to be 30
 19 percent tax cut in order for this City
 20 to even begin to turn itself around.
 21 I've started laying the groundwork for
 22 recreating the neighborhood
 23 associations to cut the ability of
 24 political insiders to manipulate
 25 things that are going on in this City

1 for decades. I'm very troubled. I
 2 have received some feedback from some
 3 neighborhood associations. I think
 4 that Scranton's government is so
 5 broken that it just can't be -- it can
 6 be salvaged. I mean, you sit and you
 7 listen and we're talking about a
 8 commuter tax, we're talking about a
 9 community that has been distressed for
 10 22 years. We're talking about -- I'm
 11 talking to people. I talked to a
 12 gentleman today -- I forgot his pay
 13 stub. It's at home and I apologize
 14 for that before I came to the meeting.
 15 He earned \$66,000 and he paid \$2,300 I
 16 believe it was in city tax, more than
 17 state tax. And he handed it to me and
 18 he said, "Lee, I'm done here. I moved
 19 out. I'm done." Okay. We've created
 20 a situation in the City where we're
 21 creating more blight that you would
 22 ever imagined. We're giving money to
 23 organizations creating rental units
 24 when people don't live in rental units
 25 in the City because we've created

1 ordinances trying to go in and condemn
 2 as many of the as we possibly could.
 3 I've asked to look at the book for the
 4 condemnation book. You know, and it's
 5 just this administration. I mean, I
 6 did Right to Knows. The Right to Know
 7 law doesn't require me to do that. It
 8 just requires that I could ask
 9 council. I don't have to do anything
 10 in writing to the Right to Know Law.
 11 You may not agree, Mr. McGoff, and I
 12 appreciate your candor on that but,
 13 you know, the other thing is, why not
 14 answer some questions here. People
 15 come here for years, decades. You
 16 know, I stated here once before that I
 17 got here late. Mr. Clifford recently
 18 passed away. He was here for decades.
 19 This City hasn't turned around at all.
 20 We keep electing people like I say all
 21 the time, nice suits, but you know
 22 what, suits don't think. People do.
 23 There's no thought taking place, not
 24 that I can see. Because if we're
 25 going to keep talking about raising

1 taxes and then out of the same mouth
 2 speak about blight, I mean, where do
 3 you think people get their earnings to
 4 pay their taxes? Where is the great
 5 economic engine of Scranton? Does it
 6 really exist? And at what point does
 7 your populus reach a point when it
 8 can't pay the taxes you're asking for.
 9 Is there ever that point? Or have we
 10 elected people to government that
 11 believe that they can sign anything
 12 they want and they don't serve us.
 13 The problem in this community and
 14 across this country is the government
 15 isn't working for us. We're working
 16 for them. I hope Mr. Wechsler was
 17 here today because, you know, look at
 18 the North Scranton project. How did
 19 they get rental vouchers to complete a
 20 project that's been so heavily funded
 21 by the state or the federal
 22 government. And then where is the
 23 community development money that could
 24 have brought a lot of these properties
 25 inside of the City up to code and

1 really helped with the blight in the
 2 neighborhoods. Where did all that
 3 money disappear to? These are the
 4 elected officials who went to
 5 neighborhood associations and not only
 6 this group but prior ones and said
 7 they were going to represent the
 8 neighbors, represent the people and do
 9 the right thing. Hasn't happened.
 10 And I think what needs to be done is
 11 new neighborhood groups need to be
 12 established and the next election will
 13 get rid of two. And the election
 14 after that will get rid of three and
 15 then the mayor will go with them. And
 16 then we'll put somebody in here that
 17 will take the City into receivership,
 18 into leadership or bankruptcy. Thank
 19 you.
 20 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you.
 21 MR. MCGOFF: Doug Miller.
 22 MR. MILLER: Good evening. Doug
 23 Miller, Scranton. You know, a lot of
 24 good points have been made this
 25 evening. The woman this evening and I

1 apologize, I don't remember your name,
 2 but I want to comment her for coming
 3 forward. You know, listening to her
 4 this evening it was pleasure to hear
 5 many valid points that she made this
 6 evening in regards to a lot of issues
 7 taking place. I thought Mr. Jackowitz
 8 made a lot of good points and
 9 particularly in regards to 5D on the
 10 agenda. Here we go again with the --
 11 you know, the mind set that we think
 12 we can, you know, borrow to get
 13 ourselves out of debt and that's
 14 ultimately that's led us to where we
 15 are today because we excessively
 16 borrow and think that's the way you
 17 get of debt but common sense tells you
 18 that's not the way it works. But the
 19 one thing that really just disturbs me
 20 tonight is we're going to entertain
 21 legislation and I understand it's only
 22 for introduction but that's besides
 23 the point. We're introducing
 24 legislation this evening and yet we
 25 don't know how long it's going to take

1 to pay back this loan. And that
 2 really frightens me and it should
 3 frighten a lot of people because I
 4 think it really says a lot about the
 5 incompetence that we have throughout
 6 this City government whether it's at
 7 the level of council or right at the
 8 top with the mayor because that's
 9 where it starts. You know, you take a
 10 look at what's going on. You know, we
 11 heard that the sacrifice needs to be
 12 spread throughout the City. I think
 13 the residents of this city have
 14 sacrificed an awful lot through the
 15 year. I think you've done a job
 16 sucking the life out of them and now
 17 with our attempt to take it outside of
 18 the City. You know, listening to the
 19 opinions of Council members who, you
 20 know, we heard opinions can be wrong
 21 but never be false. You know,
 22 evidently a judge determined that that
 23 opinion was false. You know, we have
 24 a council member who believes that
 25 their opinion is more relevant than a

1 judge because a judge determined that
 2 what he wanted to do in regards to Act
 3 205 was illegal and yet now
 4 stubbornness wants to take place and
 5 now discussions are occurring of
 6 possibly appealing this decision made
 7 by the judge or considering going
 8 after the Act 47 version of the
 9 commuter tax. And I just stand back
 10 and I just have to ask myself, you
 11 know, how delusional can we get. It's
 12 really frightening how delusional our
 13 elected officials are as I sit and
 14 just listen to the, you know, rhetoric
 15 every week. Just take a look around
 16 the City. There's no opportunity.
 17 You just have walk out these doors and
 18 go outside. You know, we talk about a
 19 thriving downtown. There's no
 20 economic opportunity here. People are
 21 fleeing this City on a daily basis as
 22 I've said. And we're not doing
 23 anything about it. We're actually
 24 causing it through overtaxation. Now,
 25 I hate to say it but if this counsel

1 isn't willing to cut the budget 30
 2 percent, you know, I think it's a
 3 pretty safe bet that the residents of
 4 this City are going to take quite a
 5 beating come budget time because I see
 6 a 70 or 80 percent tax increase unless
 7 this Council or administration are
 8 willing to actually take some reviews
 9 of this budget which I'm very doubtful
 10 that you will because we continue to
 11 just follow the advice from
 12 consultants and people outside of the
 13 City, Mr. Amoroso who are just leading
 14 us down a path of destruction. It's
 15 already been proven with the latest
 16 ruling in court. Now the idea of
 17 selling assets. Is that really the
 18 avenue we want to take? Where is the
 19 creative thinking process in our
 20 government? There is none. We
 21 unfortunately have a very ignorant
 22 self-serving government who a speaker
 23 mentioned earlier, you know, we talk
 24 about getting answers to questions and
 25 respect. You know, it's hard to get

1 answers to question from people who
 2 don't have any answers and we haven't
 3 had any answers around here for a long
 4 time. We have a mayor who only
 5 understands one thing, that's chasing
 6 police cars and fire trucks around
 7 town. That's not leadership. I mean,
 8 its comical, it really is. And we
 9 really think we're productive and
 10 we're getting somewhere. We have
 11 delusional council. I have respect
 12 for Mr. Gaughan because he's separated
 13 himself from the majority of this
 14 Council on many issues and I do
 15 respect him for that because it takes
 16 someone with an independent mind to do
 17 that and we don't have too many people
 18 in government like that and that's why
 19 we're in the position we're in because
 20 politics has absolutely destroyed this
 21 City. It destroys everything it
 22 touches. You know, we talk about
 23 receivership and bankruptcy. Of
 24 course, that's not where we want to
 25 see the City head. Are we proud to

1 discuss that but at the end of the day
 2 I think we need to let reality set in
 3 and we need to realize that's where we
 4 are right now. We can talk about
 5 selling assets and all the fairytale
 6 fictitious plans out there but until
 7 we show some real leadership, I don't
 8 understand the reasoning why we should
 9 optimism whatsoever. Thank you.

10 MR. MCGOFF: Is there anyone else
 11 who wishes to address council?

12 MS. SCHUMACHER: Yes, Council.
 13 Good evening. Marie Schumacher.

14 MR. MCGOFF: Good evening.

15 MS. SCHUMACHER: I can't help but
 16 be pained by just being in this
 17 building because I remember how it was
 18 torn down and the comments that were
 19 made about it when it was being closed
 20 and practically given to Lackawanna
 21 College and then taking a tour during
 22 my last high school reunion and
 23 hearing the virtues, the acoustic
 24 perfection of this auditorium, for
 25 instanced, the marble steps. It just

1 gives a bad taste of all elected
 2 officials that seem to do exactly what
 3 they want to do and get their own way
 4 and to heck with the average person.

5 Now onto business at hand. I
 6 agree on -- I don't think 7D is good
 7 legislation. I think that it's just
 8 putting it off on insurance rate
 9 hikes. And so instead of you guys
 10 collecting attacks, our insurance
 11 property rates will go up and that
 12 will be everybody, whether they have
 13 an accident or not because you get
 14 enough of those and that's exactly
 15 what will happen.

16 Now, moving onto 5D, I have a
 17 question on whether that was really
 18 legal. I think apparently the City,
 19 the administration and you Council
 20 believe in that adage it's better to
 21 apologize than to seek approval
 22 because I still would question whether
 23 the members of the Scranton Parking
 24 Authority, the new members were
 25 actually members when they voted on

1 their reorganization. And if that was
 2 invalid, does that not make what
 3 they're doing with this four million
 4 dollar loan invalid. But even beyond
 5 that, I was at that Scranton Parking
 6 Authority meeting when the Landmark
 7 people were there and they were happy
 8 they did put some things down so
 9 apparently they believed that the
 10 parking revenue that the Authority was
 11 going to glean in the coming years was
 12 sufficient to pay that debt. So if
 13 that's true, I think they should have
 14 to eat it. Why are we coming back now
 15 to the taxpayers to cover this private
 16 loan. They believed that it was
 17 possible and I would like to see that
 18 backup certainly before you vote
 19 because you're taking a big chunk out
 20 of our operating budget and then guess
 21 who gets to pay again, the property
 22 tax owners probably and I don't think
 23 that's fair. You had a business come
 24 in, they knew, i asked that question
 25 at that meeting if you look at the

1 minutes. They were perfectly aware
 2 that this loan was not going to be --
 3 come to City Council for the full
 4 faith and taxing power of the City. I
 5 think we should hold to that. They
 6 should have to eat this.

7 Then my next item is I would like
 8 to know from each of you and Mr.
 9 Wechsler maybe next week if you think
 10 there is a maximum combined property
 11 tax rate; and if so, what that might
 12 be. Do you have any concept of how
 13 much of a person's wealth, the
 14 continual rental that we must pay for
 15 our properties to the County and to
 16 the City and to the School Board. Do
 17 you have any idea how much that would
 18 be.

19 MR. ROGAN: In a perfect world it
 20 would be zero. Unfortunately that's
 21 not the case.

22 MS. SCHUMACHER: I said now, the
 23 maximum rate. What would your ceiling
 24 be?

25 MR. REGAN: We're certainly very

1 close to that ceiling currently
 2 overall.

3 MS. SCHUMACHER: How close?

4 MR. ROGAN: The school district
 5 portion obviously being the largest
 6 portion and the City was the third
 7 largest --

8 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay. Well,
 9 thank you. You do it motions.

10 MR. ROGAN: Sure.

11 MS. SCHUMACHER: But I would like
 12 to hear that from each of you.

13 And then last week Mr. McGoff or
 14 maybe the week before but I think it
 15 was last week was talking about
 16 streetlights and I was not able to
 17 bring the article but I will bring it
 18 next week because there is similar
 19 savings to be had in street lighting
 20 with LEDs as was touted for that
 21 Electric City sign. And so if we're
 22 going to do anything, we need to go
 23 the max, make the investment and have
 24 the LED lights so our operating costs
 25 and maintenance costs go down over

1 time and not more the same.

2 Next, the quality --

3 MR. MCGOFF: Finish.

4 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay. The
 5 quality of legislation that you're
 6 talking about, Mr. Evans, I have a
 7 problem with that. Can you tell me
 8 one thing, who you're modeling --
 9 what city you're modeling that on and
 10 that will tell me who the enforcers
 11 are going to be. I don't think our
 12 police -- we don't have enough
 13 property inspectors as it is, our
 14 police have better things to do than
 15 walk the neighborhood and tell
 16 somebody their grass is too high or
 17 they have the wrong furniture on their
 18 porch. And that really, I think, you
 19 need to consider whether or not it's
 20 going to be an unenforceable law. I
 21 can remember -- I live on East
 22 Mountain, we have -- I mean, you can
 23 tell when the weekend is here because
 24 all the all-terrain vehicles come
 25 doing their wheelies up and down, 11

1 o'clock at night sometimes, and you
 2 call the police and they say, Oh,
 3 sorry. We don't enforce that because
 4 they can go faster than we can and get
 5 away so it's pointless to come out.
 6 Well, then kill the ordinance and
 7 don't add another one that is not
 8 going to be enforceable or is going to
 9 switch what should be done to being
 10 neighborhood police.

11 MR. EVANS: I feel it -- yeah, I
 12 feel it could be enforced. I mean,
 13 it's modeled after the Hazleton's
 14 ordinance which is modeled after the
 15 Reading ordinance which is modeled
 16 after the Allentown ordinance so the
 17 fact of the matter is that it's being
 18 enforced very well in Hazleton and
 19 Allentown and in Reading, it's working
 20 very, very well in all those
 21 municipalities. Public officials are
 22 basically inspectors, police and even
 23 firemen enforce it, you know, when
 24 they have an opportunity to do it. So
 25 that is always the case when you pass,

1 will they be enforced and this one I
2 am confident will be because the truth
3 of the matter we need to enforce it.

4 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, will it be
5 selectively? That's even worse. Next
6 week, I'll be back.

7 MR. EVANS: That's something
8 that -- yeah, we'll talk.

9 MS. SCHUMACHER: Lord willing.

10 MR. DOBZYN: Good evening,
11 council.

12 MR. MCGOFF: Good evening.

13 MR. DOBZYN: Dave Dobzyn,
14 resident of Scranton. I recently been
15 advised as of today -- I think like we
16 have two microphones on here -- that
17 my escrow is going up \$55 a month. So
18 as far as raises are concerned, due to
19 the fact that the working class has
20 been taking the hit for years getting
21 reductions in pay, no raises for
22 anybody, period, unless they're
23 previously legislated, no way.

24 On 5D, I could say, well, I guess
25 maybe it's more trouble not to pay

1 that bank than to pay them, but I'd
2 love to see some legislation making it
3 never again possible for anyone within
4 the City to get or give a loan and if
5 they do, they should be barred forever
6 from serving the City of Scranton as
7 an employee. As far as the business
8 privilege and mercantile tax, well,
9 back in my drinking days the last
10 place I would ever go by is the
11 mercantile, the merchant section of
12 town. Now, why would that be?
13 Because it was loaded with police
14 officers that would have been more
15 than happy to arrest me for how much I
16 consumed. I can no longer drink but
17 the point in being that they get way
18 more police protection and amenities
19 from the City than what their taxes
20 that they pay and at least I feel and
21 nobody deserves a tax cut when you're
22 talking about raising the rest.
23 That's all there is to it. Tax exempt
24 property in our town, General
25 Dynamics, I was talking to a neighbor

1 who has a relative that works there
2 and I was told that only a skeleton
3 workforce as far as the blue color
4 section works there at this time and
5 they have possibly lost defense
6 business from the U.S. military to
7 NAFTA. Now then NAFTA was my idea
8 because I heard that years ago they
9 had to bid against Mexico and Canada.
10 Why are we doing that? Why did we
11 ever do that? And now once again we
12 have a tax exempt property that's
13 paying nothing towards the city and
14 now they're hardly even employing
15 people.

16 On 6J, the trash, I knew a
17 detective that I used to talk to and
18 his car was in the Public Works garage
19 for about 12, 15 weeks over a simple
20 job in the Mechanic Shop. And I have
21 to question do we really need to spend
22 that type of money now. I've worked
23 in truck garages, I worked in car
24 dealerships and believe me a good
25 mechanic is a lot better than a new

1 truck because a new truck will look
2 pretty damn old if you have a lousy
3 mechanic on it. So it's about time
4 that our Public Works gets their act
5 together with repairs.

6 And a lot of letters have
7 appeared in the Scranton Times about
8 the commuter tax and I didn't really
9 feel it was fair. I supported it
10 because of our 33 percent tax exempts
11 and a 11 percent are unable to pay
12 their property taxes and some may be
13 unwilling but at any point if it ever
14 does come to fruition and you're from
15 outside the area, you can thank all
16 the people that donate every election
17 to Scranton politics at a tune of I
18 think it was mayor's race before last
19 or two races ago possibly, there was a
20 million dollars donated and much of it
21 was from outside of city. So if
22 you're so concerned about paying
23 taxes, then tell your friends to stop
24 the donations.

25 And once again I'd like to remind

1 everybody to get out and vote and keep
2 in mind that the PA government, the
3 current government and assembly, PA
4 assembly has done next to nothing for
5 Scranton so hold them responsible.

6 Thank you and have a good night.

7 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. Anyone
8 else who wishes to address council?

9 (No response.)

10 MS. REED: 5th ORDER, 5A.

11 MOTIONS.

12 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Rogan.

13 MR. ROGAN: Yes. Thank you.

14 First I would also like to thank
15 Lackawanna College for hosting us here
16 for the next month or so. We
17 certainly appreciate their
18 hospitality.

19 Next, and I don't want to steal
20 the thunder from Councilman Evans but
21 we did meet, Councilman Evans, myself
22 and Pat Hinton met with the Chief of
23 Police and the Mayor of Hazelton
24 regarding the quality of life
25 ordinance and we'll Councilman Evans

1 your tax bill, then it would be
2 followed by the County and the City.
3 Now the County and City are pretty
4 comparable because of the recent
5 increases in the city tax. I don't
6 support property tax increases in
7 general but we have a situation where
8 we have to find revenue somewhere and
9 in the past I opposed the commuter
10 tax. The reason why I now support a
11 commuter tax is because I understand
12 that if we don't have one, whether
13 through Act 205 or Act 47, it's going
14 to mean future property tax increases
15 on the residents of Scranton. That is
16 why I fought vigorously for the
17 commuter tax this time around when
18 just two years ago I opposed to it.
19 And on that issue I did read an
20 article. This was in Morning Call
21 newspaper. It was -- the headline
22 reads, "Northampton County and Easton
23 squabble over commuter tax." The town
24 of Easton, the City of Easton is a
25 very similar situation with their

1 elaborate on that but a big thank you
2 to Mr. Evans for leading the charge on
3 this. It seems following our meeting
4 and doing a little bit more research
5 into it that this could really be a
6 good tool to tackle a lot of the
7 nuisance problems in our neighborhoods
8 and in the town, many problems that
9 under the current system we're not
10 able to address and there are small
11 things that lead to bigger things in
12 our neighborhoods so hopefully that's
13 something that we will have in front
14 of us shortly.

15 Finally some comments on property
16 taxes and the commuter tax as well.

17 There's no question that the property
18 taxes in the City of Scranton between
19 the three taxing bodies are high and
20 it's all around Lackawanna County. If
21 you look at surrounding school
22 districts, they're pretty comparable.
23 In the past if you looked at your tax
24 bill, the school district was and
25 still is by far the largest portion of

1 commuter tax ordinance as the City of
2 Scranton. And this is all -- I'll
3 cite it from this article. "In 2013
4 Easton began levying a one percent
5 commuter tax on those who work outside
6 of city limits -- live outside of the
7 City of Easton. On 2014 that was
8 increased to 1.75 percent and they're
9 looking to increase it again to nearly
10 two percent of -- 2015 Easton is
11 proposing and 1.9 percent tax which is
12 expected to raise two million dollars
13 towards the nearly five million owed
14 to pensions." Now, the gist of the
15 article is that the county government
16 is upset with the city government over
17 this tax which is quite similar to
18 what we see here in Scranton where
19 nonprofits and government employees
20 that work in the city but live outside
21 of the city are upset with the City
22 regarding the tax. Now, the County of
23 Northampton is citing the Scranton
24 case saying that their tax isn't
25 legal. The mayor, Sal Panto of Easton

1 believes as I do that until there's an
 2 equal treatment provision in the law
 3 this can occur. What the City of
 4 Scranton was trying to do in court is
 5 an exact same thing that the City of
 6 Easton has done. So I definitely
 7 think it's something that we should
 8 look into as we continue to explore
 9 our options regarding an appeal of the
 10 judge's decision or pursuing a
 11 commuter tax through another avenue.
 12 And that is all I have tonight. Thank
 13 you.

14 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Evans.

15 MR. EVANS: Thank you. In
 16 response to Marie's question last
 17 week, parking meter revenue for 2014
 18 was budgeted at 1.75 million and
 19 through September we have received
 20 \$900,000. If this trend continues we
 21 should end up at approximately 1.2
 22 million in revenue. It's my general
 23 feeling that the budget and number for
 24 2014 was probably and aggressive and
 25 BA Bulzoni at this point is most

1 likely looking 1.25 million for 2014
 2 as a realistic budget entry. On the
 3 ticket side 850,000 was budgeted and
 4 through September 400,000 has been
 5 received. Two factors that may have
 6 caused this shortfall to date. It was
 7 based on an increase in the fine
 8 amount that never happened and the use
 9 of Pango probably accounted for less
 10 actual tickets being issued although
 11 the use of Pango should have increased
 12 the revenue side on the meters. Based
 13 on the current trend we should end up
 14 in the year in the range of 520 to
 15 540,000. Again I expect a more
 16 realistic budget number for the 2015
 17 budget.

18 Now, the quality of life
 19 ordinance as Pat said, Pat Hinton, Pat
 20 Rogan and myself met with the Mayor of
 21 Hazelton and its Police Chief on
 22 Monday, October 6th in Hazelton. They
 23 could not have been more helpful and
 24 gracious as our host in our discussion
 25 of the quality of life ordinance.

1 Their message to us was clear at that
 2 meeting, it is working. We met for
 3 well over an hour and they answered
 4 every question that we had, every
 5 question that we posed. We now have
 6 clear path or implementation once
 7 Scranton's is passed. This is
 8 critical tool in the fight against
 9 blight particularly in our
 10 neighborhoods. To be able to respond
 11 immediately to those quality of life
 12 issues lie high weeds and grass and
 13 litter and garbage and dog waste and
 14 indoor furniture on the front porch,
 15 snow removal from sidewalks in the
 16 winter, this can be a game changers.
 17 This ordinance is about what kind of
 18 city we want to be. Do we want to be
 19 viewed as a city in decline or a city
 20 that still cares about its appearance.
 21 We know our financial troubles are
 22 well documented but that is no reason
 23 to give up on ourselves. We can be a
 24 cleaner, more respectful and caring
 25 city. We can't allow a few that

1 simply don't care to continue to
 2 dictate to the many that do. When we
 3 were on our walking tour with Ozzie
 4 Quinn in the Hill along the 600 block
 5 of Prescott Avenue, it became more
 6 apparent than ever. I simply isn't
 7 fair to the homeowner that maintains
 8 their property to live next door to a
 9 property that is littered with trash,
 10 with couches on the front porch and
 11 cigarette butts on the sidewalk
 12 because someone who lives there simply
 13 doesn't care about their property,
 14 their are block or even their
 15 neighborhood. This ordinance if
 16 enacted will bring back accountability
 17 for the appearance of this property --
 18 or your property and this is all we
 19 can ask for.

20 On another note, I know my fellow
 21 councilmen are probably shocked that I
 22 did not discuss my favorite subject
 23 tonight. With that said, I'd like to
 24 take page out of everyone's favorite
 25 children's show, Sesame Street, and

1 say that tonight's motions have been
2 brought to you by the words pension
3 reform and 401K. Thank you.

4 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Gaughan.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. Thank you.
6 I'd like to also thank President Mark
7 Wolk of Lackawanna College and staff
8 here for allowing us to hold our
9 meetings in their facility.

10 Council received a streetlight
11 request from residents in the 1000 of
12 Bunzelli Court on September 22nd.
13 City Engineer John Pocius sent council
14 a letter explaining that after
15 evaluation of the Court, it was
16 determined that the pole where the
17 streetlight was requested was too
18 close to an existing streetlight in
19 order for it to be effective. DPW
20 personnel trimmed a large tree in the
21 court allowing back lighting help with
22 the issue so we thank them for that.

23 I'd like to give people an update
24 on the pending Act 47 legislation in
25 Harrisburg because there seems to be

1 and levy an Act 47 commuter tax with
2 the equal treatment provision, the
3 City would not be allowed to increase
4 the LST. If the City decided to enact
5 the 205 pension tax on both commuters
6 and residents, the LST tax would only
7 be doubled to \$104 a year. So just an
8 update on that to help with any
9 confusion.

10 Mrs. Reed, can you please send a
11 letter to the Mayor asking for an
12 update on negotiations with the police
13 and firemen unions. I'd like to know
14 if any progress has been made and what
15 the timeline is for a possible
16 conclusion to the negotiations. I'd
17 also like to know if the Mayor has
18 begun to formulate a plan for
19 appointing a commission of various
20 state holders and leaders to develop a
21 study on a shared services program.
22 This was a recommendations made in Mr.
23 Amoroso's plan. And that is all I
24 have this week. Thank you.

25 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. I would

1 some confusion. This will affect
2 Scranton in what options we will have
3 should the bill pass the House and get
4 signed by Governor Corbett. First,
5 there are equal treatment provisions
6 in the bill, meaning municipality
7 could not levy an EIT tax solely on
8 commuters. That goes for the Act 205
9 tax and Act 47. The EIT tax would
10 have to be levied at least equally on
11 residents. The bill if passed also
12 does the following: It allows for the
13 business privilege and mercantile tax
14 to be abolished in favor for a payroll
15 tax. The payroll preparation tax must
16 be implemented at a rate not to
17 collect more revenue than had been by
18 the business privilege and mercantile
19 tax in the previous year. This would
20 be revenue neutral but with more
21 business growth we would see more
22 revenue growth. With court approval
23 the local service tax could be tripled
24 from \$52 to \$156 dollars per year. If
25 the City decides to petition the Court

1 like to address Item 5D on the agenda.
2 There seems to be a little bit of
3 confusion as to what that is. The
4 City defaulted when it bankrupted the
5 Parking Authority, it defaulted on two
6 loans, two bank loans. We are
7 obligated to repay those loans. What
8 this legislation is doing is allowing
9 the Parking Authority to negotiate a
10 bond to repay what they owe. In the
11 backup it says the amount is not
12 exceed four million with the -- excuse
13 me -- with the interest rate not to
14 exceed 7.5 percent. All we are doing
15 with this legislation is resolving to
16 allow to use the parking revenues, the
17 meter revenues to repay this debt,
18 this bond that would be taken out. We
19 pledged on these debts. We need to
20 repay them. It's that simple. And
21 they were in litigation and by
22 agreement -- by agreement between the
23 parties the litigation was put on hold
24 so that we could reach a mutually
25 acceptable agreement. And this is the

1 beginning of that agreement. And
 2 that's all. Thank you.
 3 MS. REED: 5B. FOR INTRODUCTION
 4 AN ORDINANCE SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT
 5 PROPERTY MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 540
 6 NORTH REBECCA AVENUE, SCRANTON,
 7 PENNSYLVANIA, TAX MAP NO.
 8 14510-020-003 TO ARNOLD DOMMES, JR.,
 9 NORTH REBECCA AVENUE, SCRANTON,
 10 PENNSYLVANIA, 18504, FOR THE
 11 CONSIDERATION OF \$650.00.
 12 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll
 13 entertain a motion that Item 5B be
 14 introduced into its proper committee.
 15 MR. ROGAN: So moved.
 16 MR. EVANS: Second.
 17 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?
 18 (No response.)
 19 MR. MCGOFF: All in favor signify
 20 by saying aye.
 21 MR. ROGAN: Aye.
 22 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.
 23 MR. EVANS: Aye.
 24 MS. REED: 5C. FOR INTRODUCTION
 25 AN ORDINANCE SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT

1 PROPERTY MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 532
 2 PRESCOTT AVENUE, SCRANTON,
 3 PENNSYLVANIA, TAX MAP NO.
 4 15710-020-007 TO JAMES SMITH AND
 5 DENISE SMITH, 528 PRESCOTT AVENUE,
 6 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18510, FOR THE
 7 CONSIDERATION OF \$1,500.00.
 8 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll
 9 entertain a motion that Item 5C be
 10 introduced into its proper committee.
 11 MR. ROGAN: So moved.
 12 MR. EVANS: Second.
 13 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?
 14 (No response.)
 15 MR. MCGOFF: All in favor signify
 16 by saying aye.
 17 MR. ROGAN: Aye.
 18 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.
 19 MR. EVANS: Aye.
 20 MR. MCGOFF: Opposed?
 21 (No response.)
 22 MR. MCGOFF: The ayes have it and
 23 so moved.
 24 MS. REED: 5D. FOR INTRODUCTION
 25 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF

1 A NOTE BY THE PARKING AUTHORITY OF THE
 2 CITY OF SCRANTON IN A MAXIMUM
 3 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF
 4 \$4,000,000.00 TO FINANCE THE 2014
 5 PROJECT (AS DEFINED HEREIN);
 6 AUTHORIZING THE PLEDGE OF THE CITY'S
 7 ON-STREET METER REVENUES AS SECURITY
 8 FOR AND THE SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF THE
 9 PARKING AUTHORITY'S 2014 NOTE;
 10 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE
 11 PLEDGE DOCUMENTS (AS DEFINED HEREIN);
 12 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OFFICIALS OF
 13 THE CITY TO TAKE OTHER APPROPRIATE
 14 ACTION; PROVIDING FOR THE
 15 EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS ORDINANCE AND
 16 THE SEVERABILITY OF CERTAIN
 17 PROVISIONS; AND REPEALING ALL
 18 INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF
 19 ORDINANCES.
 20 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll
 21 entertain a motion that Item 5D be
 22 introduced into its proper committee.
 23 MR. ROGAN: So moved.
 24 MR. EVANS: Second.
 25 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

1 MR. EVANS: I would like to say
 2 that I agree with Mr. Jackowitz. I
 3 would like to see the terms of the
 4 final loan product prior to final
 5 passage assuming that can be done
 6 because they're giving the outline in
 7 the ordinance or at least we can have
 8 a better handle on this because right
 9 now it's up to 15 years which is a
 10 pretty big term at this point
 11 especially since we have approximately
 12 1.2 million dollars in revenue coming
 13 from meters and will all of that be
 14 going towards the loan or are they
 15 only dedicating the amount they need
 16 for the actual loan itself. So it's
 17 something I think we need to talk
 18 about as this moves forward.
 19 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. And I will be
 20 voting yes to introduce this. I think
 21 I agree with the statements that Mr.
 22 McGoff. This is necessary to clean up
 23 the mess up that was made by the
 24 previous council to let the Parking
 25 Authority default in their bonds and

1 we will suffer from this for the next
 2 few years.

3 MR. MCGOFF: All those in favor
 4 of introduction signify by saying aye.

5 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

7 MR. EVANS: Aye.

8 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed?
 9 (No response.)

10 MR. MCGOFF: Ayes have it and so
 11 moved.

12 MS. REED: 5E. FOR INTRODUCTION A
 13 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF ONE
 14 THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY (\$1,250.00)
 15 DOLLARS PRESENTED TO THE CITY OF
 16 SCRANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM
 17 GEISINGER BLOOD CENTER.

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

21 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

22 MR. EVANS: Second.

23 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?
 24 (No response.)

25 MR. MCGOFF: All those in favor

1 signify by saying aye.

2 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

4 MR. EVANS: Aye.

5 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed?
 6 (No response.)

7 MR. MCGOFF: Ayes have it and so
 8 moved.

9 MS. REED: 5F. FOR INTRODUCTION A
 10 RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND APPROVING OF
 11 THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE
 12 GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF
 13 SCRANTON, ON BEHALF OF THE SCRANTON
 14 CULTURAL CENTER AT MASONIC TEMPLE TO
 15 THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
 16 ACTING THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH
 17 FINANCING AUTHORITY FOR A LOCAL SHARE
 18 ACCOUNT GRANT, PURSUANT TO THE PA RACE
 19 HORSE DEVELOPMENT AND GAMING ACT IN
 20 THE AMOUNT OF \$1,017,975.00 FOR THE
 21 PROJECT TO BE KNOWN AS "SCRANTON
 22 CULTURAL CENTER AT MASONIC TEMPLE
 23 BUILDING RESTORATION PROJECT" LOCATED
 24 IN SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING
 25 THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY

1 OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO
 2 ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF SUCCESSFUL AND
 3 EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A LOCAL SHARE
 4 ACCOUNT GRANT CONTRACT AND COMMITMENT
 5 LETTER WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF
 6 PENNSYLVANIA TO ACCEPT AND UTILIZE THE
 7 GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,017,975.00
 8 AWARDED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF
 9 PENNSYLVANIA FOR SUCH PROJECT.

10 MR. MCGOFF: At this I'll
 11 entertain a motion that Item 5F be
 12 introduced into its proper committee.

13 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

14 MR. EVANS: Second.

15 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?
 16 (No response.)

17 MR. MCGOFF: All those in favor
 18 signify by saying aye.

19 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

21 MR. EVANS: Aye.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed?
 23 (No response.)

24 MR. MCGOFF: Ayes have it and so
 25 moved.

1 MS. REED: 5G. FOR INTRODUCTION A
 2 RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND APPROVING OF
 3 THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE
 4 GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF
 5 SCRANTON, ON BEHALF OF LACKAWANNA
 6 COLLEGE TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF
 7 PENNSYLVANIA ACTING THROUGH THE
 8 COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY FOR A
 9 LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT, PURSUANT TO
 10 THE PA RACE HORSE DEVELOPMENT AND
 11 GAMING ACT IN THE AMOUNT OF
 12 \$1,000,000.00 FOR THE PROJECT TO BE
 13 KNOWN AS "EXPANSION OF ACADEMIC
 14 PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECTS
 15 AT LACKAWANNA COLLEGE" LOCATED IN
 16 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA. AUTHORIZING
 17 THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY
 18 OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO
 19 ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF SUCCESSFUL AND
 20 EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A LOCAL SHARE
 21 ACCOUNT GRANT CONTRACT AND COMMITMENT
 22 LETTER WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF
 23 PENNSYLVANIA TO ACCEPT AND UTILIZE THE
 24 GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000.00
 25 AWARDED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF

1 PENNSYLVANIA FOR SUCH PROJECT.
 2 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll
 3 entertain a motion that Item 5G be
 4 introduced into its proper committee.
 5 MR. ROGAN: So moved.
 6 MR. EVANS: Second.
 7 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?
 8 (No response.)
 9 MR. MCGOFF: All those in favor
 10 signify by saying aye.
 11 MR. ROGAN: Aye.
 12 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.
 13 MR. EVANS: Aye.
 14 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed?
 15 (No response.)
 16 MR. MCGOFF: Ayes have it and so
 17 moved.
 18 MS. REED: 5H. FOR INTRODUCTION A
 19 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
 20 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO
 21 ACCEPT THE GIFT OF A 2003 FREIGHTLINER
 22 PACKMASTER VIN# 1FVABXCX53HL79913 FROM
 23 THE SCRANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THE
 24 CITY OF SCRANTON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
 25 WORKS.

1 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll
 2 entertain a motion that Item 5H be
 3 introduced into its proper committee.
 4 MR. ROGAN: So moved.
 5 MR. EVANS: Second.
 6 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?
 7 (No response.)
 8 MR. MCGOFF: All those in favor
 9 signify by saying aye.
 10 MR. ROGAN: Aye.
 11 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.
 12 MR. EVANS: Aye.
 13 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed?
 14 (No response.)
 15 MR. MCGOFF: Ayes have it and so
 16 moved.
 17 MS. REED: 5I. FOR INTRODUCTION A
 18 RESOLUTION APPOINTING ROBERT GATTENS,
 19 528 ORCHARD STREET, SCRANTON,
 20 PENNSYLVANIA, 18505 AS AN ALTERNATE
 21 NO. 2 MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE
 22 ZONING APPEALS FOR THE CITY OF
 23 SCRANTON. MR. GATTENS IS FILLING THE
 24 UNEXPIRED TERM OF JOSEPH GILHOOLEY WHO
 25 RESIGNED ON JULY 25, 2014. MR.

1 GATTENS' TERM WILL EXPIRE ON JULY 1,
 2 2015.
 3 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll
 4 entertain a motion that Item 5I be
 5 introduced into its proper committee.
 6 MR. ROGAN: So moved.
 7 MR. EVANS: Second.
 8 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?
 9 (No response.)
 10 MR. MCGOFF: All those in favor
 11 signify by saying aye.
 12 MR. ROGAN: Aye.
 13 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.
 14 MR. EVANS: Aye.
 15 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed?
 16 (No response.)
 17 MR. MCGOFF: Ayes have it and so
 18 moved.
 19 MS. REED: 5J. FOR INTRODUCTION A
 20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
 21 AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
 22 TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A GOVERNMENT
 23 OBLIGATION CONTRACT BETWEEN KANSAS
 24 STATE BANK OF MANHATTAN (OBLIGEE) AND
 25 THE CITY OF SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

1 (OBLIGOR) FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR (4)
 2 2015 MACK GU813 REFUSE PACKERS FOR THE
 3 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.
 4 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll
 5 entertain a motion that Item 5J be
 6 introduced into its proper committee.
 7 MR. ROGAN: So moved.
 8 MR. EVANS: Second.
 9 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?
 10 (No response.)
 11 MR. MCGOFF: All those in favor
 12 of introduction signify by saying aye.
 13 MR. ROGAN: Aye.
 14 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.
 15 MR. EVANS: Aye.
 16 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed?
 17 (No response.)
 18 MR. MCGOFF: Ayes have it and so
 19 moved.
 20 MS. REED: 6TH ORDER. 6A.
 21 CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES - READING
 22 BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 50,
 23 2014 - AN ORDINANCE CREATING AND
 24 ESTABLISHING SPECIAL CITY ACCOUNT NO.
 25 02.229613 ENTITLED "LIQUID FUELS" FOR

1 THE RECEIPT AND DISBURSEMENT OF THOSE
2 FUNDS RECEIVED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

3 MR. MCGOFF: You've heard reading
4 by title of Item 6A. What is your
5 pleasure?

6 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6A
7 pass reading by title.

8 MR. EVANS: Second.

9 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. MCGOFF: All those in favor
12 signify by saying aye.

13 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

15 MR. EVANS: Aye.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. MCGOFF: Ayes have it and so
19 moved.

20 MS. REED: 7TH ORDER. 7A. FOR
21 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON
22 PUBLIC WORKS - FOR ADOPTION FILE OF
23 THE COUNCIL NO. 48, 2014 - PROVIDING
24 FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF UTILITY AND
25 ACCESS EASEMENTS IN THE LAUREL WOODS

1 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

2 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby
3 declare 7A legally and lawfully
4 adopted.

5 MS. REED: 7B. FOR CONSIDERATION
6 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - FOR
7 ADOPTION FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 49,
8 2014 - PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF
9 ASPEN DRIVE, SYCAMORE LANE AND AZALEA
10 WAY IN THE LAUREL WOODS SUBDIVISION
11 LOCATED IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON,
12 PENNSYLVANIA. ALSO AUTHORIZING THE
13 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY
14 OFFICIALS TO ACCEPT FOR THE SUM OF ONE
15 DOLLAR (\$1.00) AND RECORD IN THE
16 LACKAWANNA COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS
17 OFFICIAL RECORDS A DEED FOR THE ABOVE
18 MENTIONED RIGHTS OF WAY.

19 MR. MCGOFF: What is the
20 recommendation of the Chair for the
21 Committee on Public Works?

22 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for
23 the Committee on Public Works, I
24 recommend final passage of Item 7B.

25 MR. ROGAN: Second.

1 SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN THE CITY OF
2 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA. ALSO
3 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
4 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO ACCEPT
5 FOR THE SUM OF ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) AND
6 RECORD IN THE LACKAWANNA COUNTY
7 RECORDER OF DEEDS OFFICIAL RECORDS A
8 DEED FOR THE ABOVE MENTIONED
9 EASEMENTS.

10 MR. MCGOFF: What is the
11 recommendation of the Chair for the
12 Committee on Public Works?

13 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for
14 the Committee on Public Works, I
15 recommend final passage of Item 7A.

16 MR. ROGAN: Second.

17 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. MCGOFF: Roll call, please.

20 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

21 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

22 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

23 MR. EVANS: Yes.

24 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

1 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?
2 (No response.)

3 MR. MCGOFF: Roll call, please.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

5 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

7 MR. EVANS: Yes.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

11 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby
12 declare 7B legally and lawfully
13 adopted.

14 MS. REED: 7C. FOR CONSIDERATION
15 BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR
16 ADOPTION RESOLUTION NO. 85, 2014 -
17 ACCEPTING A DONATION OF FIVE THOUSAND
18 (\$5,000.00) DOLLARS FROM GEISINGER
19 HEALTH SYSTEM PRESENTED TO THE CITY OF
20 SCRANTON TO COVER THE COST OF
21 FIREWORKS AT NAY AUG PARK.

22 MR. MCGOFF: What is the
23 recommendation of the Chair for the
24 Committee on Finance?

25 MR. EVANS: As Chairperson for

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1 the Committee on Finance, I recommend	1 MR. MCGOFF: Meeting is
2 final passage of Item 7C.	2 adjourned.
3 MR. ROGAN: Second.	3 (Proceedings concluded at 7:51
4 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?	4 p.m.)
5 (No response.)	5
6 MR. MCGOFF: Roll call, please.	6
7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.	7
8 MR. ROGAN: Yes.	8
9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.	9
10 MR. EVANS: Yes.	10
11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.	11
12 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.	12
13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.	13
14 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby	14
15 declare 7C legally and lawfully	15
16 adopted.	16
17 MS. REED: 7D. FOR CONSIDERATION	17
18 BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR	18
19 ADOPTION RESOLUTION NO. 86, 2014 -	19
20 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER	20
21 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE	21
22 AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PA FIRE	22
23 RECOVERY SERVICES, LLC TO PROVIDE A	23
24 FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICES COLLECTION	24
25 REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF	25

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1 SCRANTON FOR THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER
2 1, 2014 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2018.
3 MR. MCGOFF: What is the
4 recommendation of the Chair for the
5 Committee on Finance?
6 MR. EVANS: As Chairperson for
7 the Committee on Finance, I recommend
8 final passage of Item 7D.
9 MR. ROGAN: Second.
10 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?
11 (No response.)
12 MR. MCGOFF: Roll call, please.
13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.
14 MR. ROGAN: Yes.
15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.
16 MR. EVANS: Yes.
17 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.
18 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.
19 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.
20 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby
21 declare 7D legally and lawfully
22 adopted.
23 If there is no further business,
24 motion to adjourn.
25 MR. ROGAN: Motion to adjourn.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the proceedings and evidence are contained fully and accurately in the notes taken by me at the hearing of the above-captioned matter and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript to the best of my ability.

Amelia Nicol, RPR
Court Reporter