

At its regular meeting on Tues., Jan. 28, 2025, Scranton City Council:

1. Introduced an [ordinance](#) to approve and authorize easements necessary to complete the Meadow Brood flood protection project. The ordinance was introduced by a vote of 5-0.
2. Introduced a [resolution](#) to accept a \$1,000 Pennsylvania American Water firefighting support grant. The grant will be used to purchase various firefighting equipment. The resolution was introduced by a vote of 5-0.
3. Advanced an [ordinance](#) extending the \$1 annual lease of 1409 Ash Street to St. Cats & Dogs by 12 months, expiring on January 17, 2026. The original lease of the building, which is the former Engine 15 firehouse, expired on January 17, 2025. The ordinance was advanced by a vote of 5-0.
4. Approved an [ordinance](#) formally establishing “No Parking” zones along the Easterly and Westerly sides of the 300 and 400 blocks of Cedar Avenue. The zones conform with Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) specifications for proper sight distance and will improve traffic safety. No Parking zones will be formally established near 428-436 Cedar Avenue near the Miller Bean Funeral Home, 406-408 Cedar Avenue, at the intersection of River Street and Cedar Avenue, 300 Cedar Avenue, and 301 Cedar Avenue. The ordinance was approved by a vote of 5-0.
5. Approved an [ordinance](#) to increase the salary of the position of mayor to \$95,000, effective Jan. 1, 2026. The ordinance was approved by a vote of 3-2, with Councilmembers Gerald Smurl, William F. King, and Dr. Jessica Rothchild in favor and Councilmembers Mark McAndrew and Thomas Schuster opposed.
6. Approved as amended an [ordinance](#) to increase the salary of each City Council member to \$18,000, effective Jan. 1, 2026. The ordinance was approved by a vote of 3-2, with Councilmembers Smurl, King, and Rothchild in favor and Councilmembers McAndrew and Schuster opposed.
7. Approved an [ordinance](#) to increase the salary of the tax collector to \$72,000, effective Jan. 1, 2026. The ordinance was approved by a vote of 5-0.

Council’s next meeting is scheduled for Tues., Feb. 4, 2025.