From Nov. 10 meeting:

1. **Council President Tom Schuster asked the below questions:**
    a. **Mr. Schuster asked if the city administration may advise status on the outstanding FEMA funding related to the flooding that occurred in 2023 in North Scranton and Keyser Valley. May the city please advise where we are at with the FEMA flood funding, what the state and city matches are, if we may please have the breakdown of the numbers if still the same?**
        i. The FEMA BRIC is pending award at the federal office. The city match is $990,886.17 (see capital budget) and the state match is $0.

    b. **Mr. Schuster submitted a question via email regarding a resident's concern over alleged pay raise discrepancies in the operating budget.**
        i. The attached supporting document explains how the 2027 salaries are calculated based on current CBA language.
        The claimed "discrepancies" between the CBAs and operating budget are based on a superficial calculation using an incorrect mathematical formula to determine 2027 City employee salaries. The author clearly did not understand the city's CBAs which resulted in their presenting council entirely erroneous information.

2. **Council Vice-President Patrick Flynn asked the following:**
    a. **Mr. Flynn requested city management and Reilly Associates please advise status on the previously requested study and subsequent legislation related to the pending four (4) way stop sign requests at Ash Street & N Irving Avenue and Amelia Avenue & Dean Street.**
        i. The studies are completed and being prepped for legislation.

    b. **Councilman Flynn had inquired in last week's queries regarding the downtown streetscape project, Councilman Flynn advised that the attached November 2nd administration response was that the streetscape project is expected to create a net gain of an estimated sixty-nine (69) on-street parking spaces within the downtown footprint and the figure may change based upon an evaluation of loading zones. Mr. Flynn asks for more specifics on the parking spaces and asks for a list of every location that we are losing parking spaces in the downtown, every location we are gaining them, so Council members may see where we are gaining this number of new additional parking spaces downtown as it seems like a very high number. Mr. Flynn asked if Council may have an actual list of where those sixty-nine (69) spaces are and a list of where we will be losing them.**
        i. A net gain of 69 spaces was the conservative estimate based on original engineering. The estimated gain in parking could be as high as 85 street-level spaces.

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Council is being provided a parking summary originally presented in October 2025 as a separate document.
Major parking gains are anticipated on Lackawanna Avenue, Wyoming Avenue, and Adams Avenue because of changes in the road diet.
Main losses in parking will occur on North Washington north of Mulberry, North Washington north of Lackawanna, and Wyoming north of Mulberry to create additional turning lanes and accommodate new traffic patterns.

3. **Council member Dr. Jessica Rothchild asked the below question:**
    a. **Dr. Rothchild respectfully asked that the DPW Traffic and City Engineer review the pedestrian crossing signs at both Lackawanna Ave & Wyoming and Lackawanna & Penn Ave. Pedestrians advise the vehicle traffic receives the green light while the pedestrians crossing Lackawanna Avenue are only halfway through each crosswalk.**
        i. This has been referred to the city engineer

    b. **Council member Dr. Rothchild kindly asked if the city administration may officially finalize the ongoing issues surrounding the handicap sign request for 970 John Avenue and advise both her and the applicant.**
        i. The sign was installed on November 12, 2026.

4. **Councilman Sean McAndrew asked the below questions:**
    a. **Mr. McAndrew advised a local developer on Lackawanna Avenue reached out regarding city Permit E-26-602 requesting lighting for one of their businesses where a mural is being placed. The electrician claims he keeps getting denied and claims the city permits office are not giving any response.**
        i. This permit was never denied. It was submitted on Nov. 9, 2026, and there was a one-day delay due to Veterans Day. The electrical permit was approved Nov. 12, 2026, and ready for pickup at 12:37 p.m., representing a three-day turnaround that is consistent with the established timeline for permit approvals.
        Had the permit been denied, the contractor would have received a formal letter outlining the reason for the denial. No such letter was issued.

    b. **Referencing the caucus prior to the evening meeting, Councilman McAndrew kindly requests that the administration provide Council with a line-item report related to Professional Services for each city department in the Operating Budget.**
        i. Please be advised council receives this information monthly via the controllers report. The October report is attached for you convenience.

    c. **Mr. McAndrew asked again if the city IT Department may please revisit the request and advise if a Search feature is available in Granicus as yet?**

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i. Based on pricing and workflow changes received from Granicus, we are not in a position to deploy their toolset. We would need to move to their platform and eliminate the use of ECTV for the capture and transcription of the Council meetings. As a result, we put together an alternative search for Council to work with to provide them with search able past minutes. It can accessed here - https://council.scrantonpa.gov/

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