

COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON

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- WILLIAM GAUGHAN, PRESIDENT
- KYLE DONAHUE, VICE PRESIDENT
- MARK MCANDREW
- JESSICA ROTHCHILD
- THOMAS SCHUSTER

- LORI REED, CITY CLERK
- KATHY CARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK
- KEVIN HAYES, COUNCIL SOLICITOR

1 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

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3 MR. GAUGHAN: Please remain standing
4 for a moment of silent reflection for our
5 service men and women throughout the world and
6 also for those who have passed away in our
7 community, especially former State
8 Representative of the 113th legislation
9 district, Gaynor Cawley.

10 Gaynor Cawley served 25 years from
11 1980 to 2006. Representative Cawley was a
12 friend to all of those who knew him. He was a
13 representative who fought for all of the people
14 in his district including the majority of
15 Scranton that he had in his district and a real
16 true public servant. And he is going to be
17 missed.

18 Also, keep in our prayers the
19 Scott -- Reverend Scott Pilarz, University of
20 Scranton President who passed away recently
21 from complications from ALS -- his fight with
22 ALS. He dedicated his life to the service of
23 others. And he was a really great person who
24 had a tremendous impact on our city and on our
25 region. And he will be greatly missed.

1 And also, if we could take a moment
2 of silence for all of the people in our
3 community, in our country and our world who
4 have passed away from the coronavirus and who
5 have been affected by the coronavirus.

6 As we all know, the pandemic has
7 turned our world completely upside down. But
8 we must remain hopeful and strong. We continue
9 to pray for the doctors, the nurses, the
10 researchers and all medical professionals who
11 seek to heal and help those affected and who
12 put themselves at risk in the process, may they
13 have protection and peace.

14 Whether we are home or abroad,
15 surrounded by many people suffering from this
16 illness or only a few, let us stick together,
17 endure together, mourn together and in place of
18 our anxiety let us have hope and peace. Thank
19 you. Okay. Roll call, please.

20 MS CARRERA: Mr. Schuster.

21 MR. SCHUSTER: Present.

22 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

23 MR. MCANDREW: Present.

24 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

25 DR. ROTHCHILD: Here.

1 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

2 MR. DONAHUE: Here.

3 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Here. Please dispense
5 with the reading of the minutes.

6 MR. DONAHUE: I would like to make a
7 motion to take from the table Resolution No.
8 120 of 2021.

9 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: There's been a motion
11 and a second. On the question? All those in
12 favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

13 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

14 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

15 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

16 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. Opposed? The
18 ayes have it and so moved. Please dispense
19 with the reading of the minutes.

20 MS. REED: Thank you. THIRD ORDER.

21 3-A. CITY OF SCRANTON ACT 47 EXIT
22 STATUS DRAFT INITIATIVE SUMMARY REPORT RECEIVED
23 MARCH 8, 2021.

24 3-B. MINUTES OF THE ETHICS BOARD
25 MEETINGS HELD APRIL 17, JUNE 18,

1 AND DECEMBER 29, 2020 AND JANUARY 14, 2021.

2 3-C. CORRESPONDENCE SENT TO MAYOR
3 PAIGE G. COGNETTI DATED MARCH 5, 2021 REGARDING
4 APPOINTMENT OF POLICE CHIEF.

5 3-D. MEMORANDUM RECEIVED FROM
6 OFFICE OF THE MAYOR DATED MARCH 5, 2021
7 REGARDING APPOINTMENTS.

8 3-E. CORRESPONDENCE SENT DATED
9 MARCH 9, 2021 REGARDING APPLICATION
10 FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS AT 201 PENN
11 AVENUE.

12 3-F. MINUTES OF THE HISTORICAL
13 ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD MEETING
14 HELD JANUARY 14, 2021.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Are there any comments
16 on any of the Third Order items? If not,
17 received and filed. Do any Council members
18 have any announcements at this time?

19 MR. MCANDREW: The only announcement
20 I have is tomorrow is March 17th, St. Patrick's
21 Day. I'd like to wish everybody out there a
22 wonderful St. Patrick's Day. That's all I
23 have.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: Any other
25 announcements?

1 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yeah, I know that
2 that you had already mentioned about the
3 passing of Reverend Scott Pilarz. But I just
4 wanted to bring it up as well as a former
5 student from the University of Scranton.

6 He was President during my
7 undergraduate years there and then he had come
8 back for the last few years. And, you know, I
9 have been really saddened to hear of his ALS
10 diagnosis and now of his passing.

11 And I know the university community
12 as well as the City of Scranton is really
13 mourning his loss. He'll definitely be missed.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Any other
15 announcements? I'd also like to wish everyone
16 a happy St. Patrick's Day. Every year I
17 mention the impact that the Irish have had on
18 Scranton as we all know.

19 You can't go far in Scranton without
20 running into someone who has roots in Ireland,
21 whether it's County Mayo in Ballina which is
22 our sister City which we've made really strong
23 connections with over the years going back to
24 Mayor Jim Connors from Minooka. And, you know,
25 I just wanted to wish everyone a happy St.

1 Patrick's Day and to remember the contributions
2 of all of our immigrant groups in the City in
3 building Scranton up going back to the 1800s,
4 but also particularly on tomorrow's date the
5 Irish who again no matter where you go in the
6 City you could see the impact that they've had.
7 Mrs. Reed?

8 MS. REED: Thank you. FOURTH ORDER.
9 CITIZENS PARTICIPATION.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: At this time would
11 someone please make a motion to accept public
12 comment from the following individuals: Marie
13 Schumacher.

14 MR. DONAHUE: I make a motion to
15 accept public comment.

16 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: There's been a motion
18 and a second to accept public comment. Mrs.
19 Reed, would you please read the public comment
20 into the record?

21 MS. REED: Thank you. The first
22 submission is from Marie Schumacher as follows:

23 0 "MAKE SCRANTON YOUR HOME OFFICE.

24 PAY ZERO TAXES FOR A DECADE."

25 "COME TO SCRANTON FOR TAX FREE

1 REWARD

2 10 YEAR 100% TAX FREE."

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4 These are the content of two
5 billboards that are and/or have been posted
6 around town.

7 To me they belong in a "Bait and
8 Switch" Category. If they are promoting
9 LERTA.. Is the City paying for them or
10 receiving them free?

11 If I owned a business and found the
12 10 Year/100% Tax Free applied only to
13 improvements I made to my property I would not
14 only be angry I would also never trust Scranton
15 and pass the word around.

16 0 The Novembrino Pools closed in
17 2011 and it took the City five years to decide
18 what to do. Now, ten years after the pools
19 closed a drive-by indicates the Park may open
20 again this Summer as a Splash Pad.park.PIne
21 Brook residents have been asking for a
22 reopening of the Capouse Pool for well over a
23 decade.and they have received nothing.

24 Please explain why you are urging
25 going into debt for re-opening a Nay Aug Pool

1 while others must wait.and wait?

2 0 Would it be possible when you are
3 asking for grants to provide the cut-off date
4 if there is one?

5 Running out of time. More to come in
6 days ahead.

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8 (Concludes public comment as
9 submitted to Council.)

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11 MS. REED: And that is all the
12 public participation. Thank you.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you, Mrs. Reed.
14 On the question?

15 MR. DONAHUE: On the question, if
16 those billboards were referring to the LERTA,
17 thinking back to when we passed the LERTA I
18 believe it was the Chamber of Commerce who said
19 that they were going to take up the promotion
20 of that. So that would be the Chamber of
21 Commerce that paid for it to answer that part
22 of the question.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Anyone
24 else on the question? I want to thank
25 Mrs. Schumacher for her comments and we'll take

1 them into consideration and try to get some of
2 these questions answered.

3 The one comment I have related to
4 what Miss Schumacher had sent into us regarding
5 the Nay Aug Pool, I don't think anyone last
6 week urged -- was urging the City to go into
7 debt. What I think Council was saying is that
8 the Nay Aug Pool and Nay Aug Park as a whole is
9 very important to the City.

10 It's one of our biggest assets. So
11 we're, you know, going to work together with
12 the Mayor and her administration to make sure
13 that that pool does get open. The company that
14 came in last week is coming at the end of March
15 with another update. So that's an ongoing
16 situation.

17 But I think we should look at any
18 avenue to make sure that we do the right thing
19 up there. And, you know, so it lasts for the
20 next 40 to 50 years. You know, we need to make
21 the investment and do it the right way.

22 I think last week as well might have
23 been Mr. McLane that mentioned Novembrino
24 park -- the Novembrino Pool rather and the
25 ongoing improvements there. It's my

1 understanding that that is going to be wrapping
2 up soon hopefully by this summer. We can
3 double-check on that. Anyone else on the
4 question? All those in favor signify by saying
5 aye.

6 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

7 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

8 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

9 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. Opposed? The
11 eyes have it and so moved. And now we are
12 going to turn our attention to some of our
13 guests who we have here tonight.

14 So we have our City Solicitor, Joe
15 O'Brien and we have our City Planner, Don King
16 who is here to talk to us and give us an update
17 on agenda Item 7C which is the sponsorship
18 agreement that the City is going to enter into
19 with the Department of Environmental Protection
20 regarding the Meadow Brook Creek project. So
21 I'll turn it over to Solicitor O'Brien and our
22 City Planner, Don King to speak to this
23 project.

24 ATTY. O'BRIEN: Don, do you want me
25 to go first or do you want to take it?

1 MR. KING: You could go first, Joe.

2 ATTY. O'BRIEN: Okay. The -- as you
3 know, the Meadow Brook is a creek that extends
4 from up around Moosic Lake somewhere down to
5 the Lackawanna River right behind the cement
6 block plant, just a bit up from the old lace
7 company.

8 If you look at today, you know, a
9 lot of law offices, ours being one they have
10 these old maps in the City, beautiful old
11 hand-drawn maps of the City that -- of the
12 entire City that shows the Meadow Brook, you
13 know, creek a hundred years ago. But over the
14 years it was covered up and encapsulated in a
15 concrete culvert -- arch -- with a concrete
16 arch -- concrete sides, concrete top with just
17 a surface bottom.

18 And from the point where it entered
19 Scranton at the Pennsylvania State School For
20 the Deaf at the corner of North Washington and
21 Electric Street, there's only one remaining
22 part that is above ground and that is behind
23 the Green Ridge Club. It extends down -- all
24 the way down to the river.

25 Now, the portion of the creek to the

1 river to about Green Ridge Street was
2 previously reconstructed pursuant to state
3 funding and everything a number of years ago.
4 Half of the project was done.

5 Now the remainder of the half of
6 Green Ridge Street to the Scranton State School
7 for the Deaf -- I grew up in the neighborhood
8 right around the corner so I still call it
9 that. But it's now Marywood, whatever.

10 But now so the state has now come
11 forward and they are going to pay for the
12 complete reconstruction of the culvert. What
13 they're going to do is they're going to --
14 they're not going to reconstruct the concrete
15 arch. That would cost millions.

16 But what they're going to do is
17 they're going to put a 50 diameter inch pipe,
18 50-inch diameter pipe extending from the
19 opening at Green Ridge and Electric. You may
20 be familiar with that opening there all the way
21 down to the area where it was reconstructed on
22 Green Ridge Street.

23 And it's fully anticipated that that
24 will solve all the problems going forward. The
25 complete construction cost 7 or 8 million

1 dollars are going to be paid by the state. So
2 the City is not going to pay any of that.

3 However, under the terms of the
4 state of the sponsorship agreement, the City is
5 responsible for two parts of the cost. We have
6 to pay the soft cost. The soft costs are legal
7 easements, appraisals, surveys reconstruction
8 of the yards and sidewalks and things like
9 that.

10 Over 40 properties involved from the
11 point of Green Ridge and Electric out to Green
12 Ridge Street. An estimate that's going to cost
13 a million dollars. The City also has to pay
14 for the other costs. The soft cost are legal.
15 The other costs are reconstruction of the
16 yards. The total cost is going to be 2
17 million, 1 million soft, legal surveying; one
18 million other which is putting the yards and
19 everything back to their shape.

20 We're going to have to -- I think
21 we're going to have to move a swimming pool.
22 That's one of the things that we're going to
23 have to do in the 50 properties. So there's a
24 2 million dollar cost to the City. And the
25 idea of the sponsorship agreement is that the

1 Council has to approve it.

2 And once it's approved the state
3 will come into the full reconstruction cost of
4 the culvert which I think are between 7 and 8
5 million. We have an application in with
6 Pennvest to cover our share. John Pocius does
7 not think that Pennvest can cover the -- that
8 share against the state grant Pennvest won't
9 cover the municipality share.

10 But we have the application in.
11 We're talking to Rebecca Kennedy of Pennvest.
12 We're hoping she could help us in some way. If
13 not, I think it would be the plan, obviously,
14 the City and City Council (inaudible) money in
15 the bank. It would be the plan this would be
16 part of the borrowing.

17 In the budget there there's a
18 provision for the City's going to have to do
19 some capital borrowing this year. I think one
20 of the things at the top of the list would be
21 the borrowing to cover the soft cost and the
22 other costs of this project.

23 It's going to take a long time
24 because just the idea -- just imagine how much
25 it's -- long it's going to take to get 40

1 surveys, 40 easements, 40 appraisals, 40 legal
2 documents worked out.

3 So as soon as the -- soon as the
4 sponsorship agreement final approval, if it
5 does, that's where we're going to begin. We're
6 going to begin with the soft cost and get that
7 going and then prepare a bid for what we call
8 the other and for the construction cost.

9 It's a bid project. It has to be
10 bid. Reilly Engineering did the drawing. I
11 dropped a copy off for you in Lori's office.
12 But I understand she had a little trouble
13 uploading it because it's a big -- it's a
14 10-page plan of large paper that shows the full
15 length of the construction project.

16 It's very good, very informative,
17 very easy to understand. And if you can't --
18 if anybody is unable to access it on your
19 system, just let me know and I'll make
20 arrangements to get you a copy. So that's what
21 the project is. That's why we needed this
22 sponsorship agreement.

23 Now, a question has been raised I
24 think by Councilman Schuster about a temporary
25 fix. And I think the point he's making is it's

1 going to take a while. This isn't going to
2 happen tomorrow. This is years this project to
3 complete to get everything done.

4 Hope to start soon but it's going to
5 be a long time. Here's the problem with the
6 temporary fix, number one, that's what got us
7 in this trouble in the first place. In 2007,
8 none of us, but a prior administration now of
9 concern for the residents of Wyoming Avenue
10 where the culvert had broken, it cracked and
11 collapsed.

12 And they were getting flooding in
13 their backyard. And the City went out put that
14 area where the culvert had collapsed put what
15 they thought was the right thing, a 30-inch
16 diameter pipe to carry the water through the
17 collapsed area.

18 And now we had a couple of major 100
19 year rainstorms since then. And as it turned
20 out, the 30 inches isn't enough. It should be
21 50. So that's what's caused these major
22 floods. At least that's what the engineers
23 think. There's litigation over it. But the
24 engineers say what caused these major floods is
25 that putting in that 30-inch pipe in that area

1 on the 1700 of Wyoming.

2 That's part of the problem with the
3 temporary fix it gets us -- makes us liable if
4 things don't go well. The second thing is the,
5 you know, we have this extensive plan that's
6 been done by Reilly that we have go out to bid
7 upon. And we don't want to jeopardize that by
8 doing something that the contractors that we
9 hire and the engineers that are working on it
10 is inconsistent with what they want to do.

11 So that's the problem with that. So
12 I think they're -- and, of course, the cost of
13 a temporary fix you're talking a big cost. So
14 that's -- they're there the problems we see. I
15 asked DPW to look into and see if there
16 something they could do. But the idea of a
17 temporary fix does involve multiple problems.

18 MR. DONAHUE: Could I just --
19 because I believe there was a temporary fix
20 that was done in '18 -- summer of '18, summer
21 of '19. And I think it was the Young and
22 Kennedy's property and it was a pipe. It was
23 just a temporary pipe that sort of alleviated
24 their problems for a minute but then once the
25 garage collapsed a couple houses down, you

1 know, that created new issues.

2 ATTY. O'BRIEN: Possibly. Possibly.

3 MR. DONAHUE: There was something
4 done there because I know in the Young's
5 backyard there is a manhole that, you know,
6 that wasn't there. So there was some pipe work
7 done there I believe within the last --

8 ATTY. O'BRIEN: You're talking about
9 the 2007 pipe work. That was --

10 MR. DONAHUE: No, I'm talking about,
11 you know, since at least -- you know, as far
12 back -- it was after the --

13 ATTY. O'BRIEN: Was that done by
14 DPW?

15 MR. DONAHUE: No, I think it was
16 done by Valvano. I think we paid Valvano to do
17 it.

18 MR. SCHUSTER: Yeah, so, Kyle, let
19 me jump in here. I think Mr. O'Brien he first
20 mentioned that 30-inch pipe. So I think that
21 30-inch pipe was first put in there. And what
22 happened was when we got a storm it caused
23 pressure. And that's what caused the flooding
24 in the homes.

25 So after that, we're talking about

1 the Valvano piece that Kyle is mentioning here.
2 And there is 50-foot pipe in there. And that
3 goes from that Young property to the Kennedy
4 property to -- is it the McCrown{sic} property?

5 MR. KING: Yes.

6 MR. SCHUSTER: Those three
7 properties there. And if I'm just going to
8 estimate, I would say maybe there's 40 foot
9 properties three of them in a row. So you got
10 about a 150 feet with that manhole cover. Is
11 the work that's done there behind those three
12 properties, is the work in the ground complete
13 right now is or that going to be reripped up
14 and redone?

15 ATTY. O'BRIEN: That's all redone.
16 It going to all be redone. Reilly's proposal,
17 they're going to install this new piping
18 system -- 50-inch pipe the full length. Now so
19 that there's no -- nothing in their plan about
20 not doing it. The whole thing is going to need
21 to be redone.

22 MR. SCHUSTER: Okay, then so number
23 one --

24 ATTY. O'BRIEN: You could bring a
25 contractor in there putting a -- this is going

1 to be a major contract job, big job. You bring
2 one of these big contractors in to do a mile of
3 piping, they are not going to say, okay, let's
4 leave the 50-foot pipe in for three houses.

5 They don't want to be liable for
6 that. They're not going to be liable for
7 somebody else's work. So I'm sure it's going
8 to be redone.

9 MR. SCHUSTER: Yeah, so that's my --
10 we're sure it's going to be redone or we think
11 it's going to redone.

12 ATTY. O'BRIEN: Well, I could tell
13 you I'm sure of it and I'll confirm it with
14 you. There's nothing in the plans that
15 indicate that the whole project isn't going to
16 be redone. But I will get back to you.

17 MR. SCHUSTER: So that mile of
18 piping goes from the ravine at the school of
19 the deaf --

20 ATTY. O'BRIEN: Exactly.

21 MR. SCHUSTER: Okay. So it starts
22 there, goes behind those houses and it's about
23 a mile of piping that goes up --

24 ATTY. O'BRIEN: Is that a mile or --

25 MR. KING: I'd say about a half of

1 mile.

2 ATTY. O'BRIEN: It could be a half a
3 mile. It might have been a whole mile all the
4 way down to the river and half of it was done.

5 MR. SCHUSTER: Okay. And the first
6 thing I wanted to say is that that file that we
7 got, I was unable to open it. I spoke to
8 somebody from DEP that tried to open that as
9 well. If you could get a copy of that to me
10 that would be great. And is that public
11 information?

12 MR. KING: Yes.

13 ATTY. HAYES: Yes.

14 ATTY. O'BRIEN: Yeah, it's a -- let
15 me just hold it up. You could see how big it
16 is. And it's 10 pages. You know, there are 10
17 different segments. And it is every property
18 drawn in. It has all the streeting, all the
19 work that has to be done in each individual
20 property, all the other work. It's a very,
21 very comprehensive plan.

22 It covers everything, the easements
23 needed. It's a very well done job. Again, all
24 properties owners identified. There's a legend
25 in there that has all the information you need.

1 This will be what they -- this will be document
2 one in the bid package when we put those out to
3 bid.

4 MR. SCHUSTER: Okay. And that was
5 the document that we received that came from --

6 ATTY. O'BRIEN: Yes, it was
7 uploaded. Now, I dropped a copy off at City
8 Council Chambers. But Lori did tell me there
9 was problem that some Councilmen had a problem
10 with the uploading of it. It is a large
11 document. It's a -- I don't know, what are
12 these?

13 MR. KING: Yes, I think I
14 packaged -- the package that was e-mailed has
15 about 10 different documents addressed in
16 there. The right of way drawings are part of
17 that package.

18 ATTY. O'BRIEN: You probably need a
19 bigger size one then. So I'll drop -- I'll
20 drop this off at Lori's and ask her to make
21 large copies for the Council.

22 MR. SCHUSTER: Do you want me to
23 continue with some questions or do you want --

24 MR. DONAHUE: I just have one other
25 real quick. In terms of the funding, I know

1 going back to -- this was the fall of 2019. We
2 were talking about, you know, extending that
3 temporary fix down past the Dowling{sic}
4 property where the garage collapsed and then
5 was then condemned.

6 So we were talking about -- and I
7 don't know exactly what it is. But there was a
8 million dollars in an account that was supposed
9 to be used as a match for, you know, as a start
10 of a match for the final project. And in the
11 fall of 2019, Dave Bulzoni was going to reach
12 out to DEP to see if we could use some of that
13 money to do a little bit of a temporary fix
14 down a little bit and then replenish the money
15 before there was -- before the final project,
16 you know, or match was due or whatever we owed
17 was due. So just so you're aware. I don't
18 know, you know, what the status of that is.

19 ATTY. O'BRIEN: My understanding
20 there's no money in any account for this job.
21 I'll look into that. But I was told -- I
22 looked into this and I was told that there was
23 no money. We don't have any cash money for
24 this job. I talked to Tom Preambo and Rebecca
25 about the money. As you request I'll look into

1 it again.

2 MR. DONAHUE: Thank you.

3 MR. SCHUSTER: So one more thing and
4 this might be a question for Mr. King. In the
5 schematics there that Mr. O'Brien's talking
6 about, are they going to redirect the creek
7 down Washington Avenue or are they going to use
8 the old creek bed?

9 ATTY. O'BRIEN: The old creek bed.

10 MR. KING: Yeah, for the most part
11 they're staying within the existing channel
12 where the existing pipe is.

13 MR. SCHUSTER: Okay. Is there any
14 section there that's going to veer off of that
15 existing creek bed or that existing stone
16 culvert, whatever you want to refer to that as?

17 ATTY. O'BRIEN: I don't think so.
18 In fact, it's going to still stay above ground
19 behind the Scranton -- I think they're using
20 the -- as Don said I think they're using the
21 existing system.

22 MR. SCHUSTER: And then last one for
23 this moment is going to be that wall on Ryerson
24 Avenue, is that wall included in this project
25 as well?

1 ATTY. O'BRIEN: Let me check.
2 Certainly the creek bed goes very, very close
3 to that wall. And my guess is that that's
4 part of the reconstruction that's going to have
5 to be done.

6 MR. SCHUSTER: Also thinking about
7 it, Mr. King, the piece that was done behind
8 those three properties was done by -- it was
9 done -- it was the Reilly blueprints that was
10 used for that, correct?

11 MR. KING: I believe Reilly because
12 they had done preliminary engineering on this
13 project before. So that's -- that could be
14 true. I'm not 100 percent sure.

15 MR. SCHUSTER: Even though that
16 Reilly did that original plan behind those
17 three properties, it's still going to all be
18 replaced even though it's the same company
19 doing this full plan.

20 MR. KING: Yes. In that area I
21 believe -- well, the whole project entails 1780
22 feet of 7 foot diameter pipe. 150 feet of a 7
23 by 7 concrete channel, that will be the open
24 area behind the Green Ridge Club. And 430 feet
25 of precast boxed culvert, I believe that's

1 where it goes underneath the streets.

2 So for the most part, it's going to
3 be a 7-foot diameter concrete pipe that's going
4 in. I'm not sure what was put in there when
5 they did that work in Mr. Young's property.
6 But I don't think it was a 7 foot pipe.

7 MR. SCHUSTER: No, I think was the
8 50 inch.

9 MR. DONAHUE: It might not even have
10 been that big.

11 ATTY. O'BRIEN: 2007 one was 30.
12 And that's all -- that was part of the
13 litigation that we just fought with.

14 MR. SCHUSTER: I'm talking about the
15 '18 piece. It might have been May, June of
16 '18.

17 ATTY. O'BRIEN: Well, in the 2000 --
18 the reports indicated that the 30 was too small
19 and it should have be 50. So you may be right.

20 MR. SCHUSTER: Yeah, it was
21 definitely too small when they replaced.

22 ATTY. O'BRIEN: Okay. The retaining
23 wall, Councilman, on page five dealing with
24 Ryerson Avenue sponsor adjustments. Sponsor
25 adjustment number seven, replace the retaining

1 wall on Ryerson Avenue behind Wyoming.

2 It's so close to where the culvert
3 is. Even if the retaining wall is fine,
4 they're going to have to knock it down to get
5 in there.

6 MR. DONAHUE: That retaining wall
7 holds up a city street too, you know, creates
8 another --

9 ATTY. O'BRIEN: Well, it certainly
10 does. It holds up Ryerson Avenue. Ryerson
11 Avenue is 25 feet above or maybe 20 feet above
12 those backyards. And drawing number five in
13 the sponsor adjustments, replace retaining
14 wall. So number six too, replace retaining
15 walls. It's going to be -- the answer is yes.

16 MR. SCHUSTER: Okay.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Is there any other
18 questions? Okay. I just have two quick ones.
19 Solicitor O'Brien, I thought I heard you say 50
20 properties. Is that a final number give or
21 that might be give or take?

22 ATTY. O'BRIEN: Yes, 40 to 50 --
23 yeah, 50 is a good number.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay.

25 ATTY. O'BRIEN: Somewhere in there.

1 MR. DONAHUE: And that counts
2 Wyoming Avenue and Delaware and Ryerson too,
3 right? It goes under houses on Delaware.

4 ATTY. O'BRIEN: It goes under houses
5 on Delaware. It goes down along Ryerson under
6 homes -- under houses on Delaware behind the
7 Green Ridge Club. It turns. It goes down to
8 Penn Avenue and then crosses there and then
9 goes out to Green Ridge Street.

10 Now, I don't know if you
11 remember -- any of you remember where Red
12 Coleman, he was a county official years ago.
13 He lived down in the 1500 block of Penn Avenue.
14 In his backyard it was above ground. But it's
15 been covered up now. I don't know when they
16 did that.

17 But I remember when I was a kid
18 going to church down there, the creek was above
19 ground behind the Green Ridge Club and behind a
20 couple of homes on the 15 of Penn. Now, it's
21 not. The 15 of Penn, now it's underground.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: And ultimately, what
23 we're voting on tonight if I'm assuming I hope
24 that it passes, I think it will. That allows
25 the City to move forward with this project,

1 correct? So without the agreement --

2 ATTY. O'BRIEN: Exactly.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: -- can't do anything.

4 ATTY. O'BRIEN: Exactly. Without
5 the agreement, the state's not going to commit
6 the money. The state wants the City commitment
7 too. The sponsorship agreement articulates the
8 City's commitment.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: And you probably
10 can't -- are you able to give a timeline? I
11 know you said a few years until the completion
12 of this project. I know there's so many
13 variables.

14 ATTY. O'BRIEN: There's so many
15 variables. I think -- Don, do you remember --
16 Don probably is better at that than me. Don,
17 do you remember what John Pocius said about the
18 time he thought it would take?

19 MR. KING: I'm going to guess this
20 is probably a two construction season project.
21 And at best I believe it could start next --
22 not this coming summer but next summer. After
23 this sponsorship agreement is signed off on,
24 DEP will authorize Reilly Associates to
25 commence with the final design.

1 They have a preliminary design now.
2 So they'll do a final design. And in the
3 meantime then we can start acquiring the right
4 of ways on the private properties that we need
5 to complete the project. Almost every bit of
6 this project goes through private property.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Very good.
8 Okay. I don't have any further questions.
9 Does anyone else have any questions for
10 Solicitor O'Brien or Mr. King?

11 MR. SCHUSTER: Yeah, I'm going to
12 ask Mr. King. So it's looking about three
13 years from now.

14 MR. KING: That would be my guess,
15 yes.

16 MR. SCHUSTER: Okay. And then
17 again, we said in that area that has been fixed
18 at least temporarily between that -- it's a
19 storm grate that was done by Reilly down past
20 the Young residence. That in there is a
21 50-inch pipe that's in there, and it's going to
22 be replaced by a 7 foot?

23 MR. KING: That's my understanding.
24 But I'll reach out to Reilly and get an answer
25 to that what was done there previously, why

1 can't that be reused and is it going to be
2 replaced with the 7 foot pipe.

3 MR. SCHUSTER: Yeah, I know my line
4 of questioning --

5 ATTY. O'BRIEN: I never heard that 7
6 foot. I never heard that. But you could be
7 right. But I didn't hear that in our meetings.

8 MR. SCHUSTER: Somebody just
9 mentioned that in the last couple minutes.
10 Didn't somebody mention that in the last couple
11 minutes?

12 MR. KING: Yeah, I did. That's what
13 they -- that's what they specified in their
14 letter. I don't know if you have the letter
15 that was addressed to Mr. Gaughan January 12th
16 where they transmitted all of these documents.
17 So right in the first -- the second paragraph
18 they go right into what the -- a brief
19 description of the project.

20 MR. SCHUSTER: Okay. And so --

21 ATTY. O'BRIEN: I just counted the
22 properties involved, 55 properties involved.
23 Not all of them will have the pipe in. A
24 number of them are for construction easements,
25 neighboring properties they need a temporary

1 easement to do the work, some of the properties
2 on Electric Street there right where it turns
3 and goes down Ryerson. We'll have to get 55
4 easements, some temporary for construction, the
5 others permanent.

6 MR. SCHUSTER: Yeah, I think I --
7 and, I mean, I know the questions that I had I
8 know I'm excited to see this thing get started.
9 And the questions I had I think are basically I
10 think out of all of those 50 properties right
11 now there is only three people possibly four to
12 five properties that are affected by it.

13 But the three properties that are
14 affected by it have their backyards dug up.
15 And when I was looking for a temporary fix -- I
16 mean, when I took a look it might be, you know,
17 120 foot long of a property. Maybe we only
18 need to bring in a couple truckloads of dirt
19 and some grass and maybe repave a section of,
20 you know, 6 by 60 asphalt.

21 So, I mean, to have that done so
22 these people could have their backyards for the
23 next three years was something that I was
24 looking the City to possibly look into.

25 ATTY. O'BRIEN: I will. We'll talk

1 to DPW about it.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Anyone else
3 have any questions? Okay. Solicitor O'Brien,
4 thank you. Mr. King, thank you very much. We
5 appreciate it. And we look forward to the
6 completion of this project. And as we know
7 this legislation -- the approval tonight is the
8 first step. So thank you very much.

9 ATTY. O'BRIEN: President Gaughan, I
10 did get a letter this week from the state.
11 Doug Hill is spearheading it for the state.
12 And he was questioning when it was going to go
13 to Council. So he'll be happy to hear that you
14 had your first reading tonight.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Great.

16 ATTY. O'BRIEN: He understands the
17 30-day process. It's not a problem. He
18 understands it. He'll be very happy to hear
19 that it was going through the first reading.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Great. Thank you very
21 much. Okay. Thank you guys. Have a good
22 night.

23 ATTY. HAYES: Thank you.

24 MR. DONAHUE: Thank you.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: Bye-bye. Okay. We

1 also have tonight -- we have quite a few people
2 here tonight. And I don't know who many of
3 them are. So we'll have to do some
4 introductions.

5 We have our Business Administrator,
6 Carl Deeley and I know we have Becky McMullin
7 who is a member of the business administration
8 office as well as our finance manager.

9 And they're here to talk about
10 OpenGov which is the legislation 7-F and 7-G.
11 And that is to -- not 7-F and 7-G -- I'm
12 sorry -- 5-H and 5-I. And that is to enter
13 into a contract with OpenGov for the
14 implementation of City management operating
15 system and a financial management system.

16 So I'll turn it over to our Business
17 Administrator, Mr. Deeley and Becky McMullin
18 now to talk about that.

19 MR. DEELEY: Thank you. It's always
20 good to see everybody. And also my
21 congratulations to Council Rothchild, first of
22 all. I haven't seen you for a while but
23 congratulations on the new arrival. It's good
24 to see you.

25 DR. ROTHCHILD: Thanks so much,

1 Carl.

2 MR. DEELEY: And thank you for the
3 opportunity this evening. Yeah, this is
4 something we talked about in the capital budget
5 last year. It's probably the biggest item for
6 us for 2021. The introduction of the new
7 platform is a tremendous opportunity in many
8 ways in the sense of immediate and long-term
9 benefits, right, both from the service levels
10 that obviously we can offer to the public and
11 secondly the actual cost of doing business.

12 So we do tonight -- we have some of
13 the team on the call tonight. So I'm going to
14 offhand to -- so first of all, I'll hand it off
15 to Amanda Hallock. So Amanda is leading our
16 digitization efforts for the city.

17 I'm going to ask Amanda to just give
18 a brief overview if you could give a control
19 screen. And then also we have OpenGov with us
20 tonight too that we'll also give you a brief
21 overview of the actual platform itself. And I
22 think that will give everybody a good context
23 in terms of what we're asking Council to
24 approve. So if you're comfortable with that,
25 Chairman, we can hand it over.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Certainly.

2 Sounds good.

3 MR. DEELEY: Okay, Amanda.

4 MS. HALLOCK: Hi everyone. Good to
5 see you. So thanks, Carl. So I will be kind
6 of walking you through our process, our
7 decision and then I'll be passing it off to
8 OpenGov to talk more about their timeline,
9 their implementation and give you a short demo
10 of the product.

11 So not only are there a lot of
12 benefits to switching to this new platform, we
13 also have to. There are current -- our current
14 platform Finance Plus and Community Plus it
15 will be ceasing -- you'll be have -- you'll
16 have support ceased by the end of 2021.

17 So around October, November there
18 will no longer be support for it. So we
19 actually do have to switch. And then it's just
20 an added benefit that there are several ways
21 many in which that will make the City a better
22 work environment, a better place to live.

23 We're pretty excited about the
24 outcomes that could come from this. So one of
25 the benefits of switching to this new platform

1 is that we'll be moving from on premises
2 servers to the Cloud.

3 So by doing this we'll be able to
4 access the software through any user device
5 through the internet. And this will allow
6 individuals who work for the City to work from
7 anywhere. It will increase our cyber security
8 by outsourcing -- by getting others to take
9 care of the servers.

10 It will decrease IT burden inside
11 the City. And it's incredibly more scalable.
12 And it will bring us more resources in terms of
13 servers. So the other things that this
14 platform will do will centralize our data. It
15 will help different departments collaborate to
16 serve citizens better, centralizing, for
17 example, address data, letting DPW and LIPS
18 know what the other is doing with the same
19 address.

20 It will have financial and service
21 level tracking so that we can monitor how both
22 of those areas are doing. And overall there
23 will just be more accurate information because
24 of the double-checking that will go on because
25 of the consistency several ways in which the

1 information will just be overall more accurate.

2 So the way that we went about this
3 selecting this new system, we had a selection
4 committee with representatives from all across
5 the City, several of which are on the call
6 tonight. We did independent reviews and
7 scores.

8 We compared the costs, compared the
9 responses to the technical specifications. We
10 contacted -- well, I contacted all of the
11 references listed for every proposal and we did
12 Q and A with platform demos with certain
13 finalists. So this process took from December,
14 2020 up until today.

15 And everything that we looked at we
16 could make available to you. I mean, the
17 proposals are -- the proposal can be made
18 available to Council. So the responses that we
19 got, we got four responses for the financial
20 management RFP and five responses for the City
21 management RFP.

22 As you could see here, a look inside
23 you could see the committee members if you'd
24 like to go back to the slide. But the key
25 takeaway from the slide OpenGov's got the

1 highest for score from the committee members
2 for both proposals.

3 And this is based on the criteria in
4 RFPs. This slide is also a reference slide.
5 It has the comparative costs over a one-year
6 timeline, five years and then just divide total
7 cost to operate by five so that you could
8 really get a sense of the cost over the next
9 several years.

10 So we took OpenGov for many reasons.
11 You saw the scores. We had really fantastic
12 conversations with the references for OpenGov.
13 And you could read the rest of that. But
14 essentially they're -- everything they have to
15 offer really -- it well-aligned with our goals
16 and what we're thinking for this project
17 especially their transparency.

18 They'll show you that they have a
19 fantastic system portal, transparent budget
20 information and they satisfy the need for
21 really secure server. And I guess the last
22 thing I'll mention before I pass it off to
23 OpenGov is the user-friendly nature of OpenGov.

24 Several people we talked to said
25 that they had no IT background. And it was

1 still fairly easy to use. And that was a huge
2 focus of our search team knowing that the City
3 needs something that will really be useful for
4 the workforce and for the citizens. So I'll
5 pass it over to OpenGov to show you a bit more
6 about the platform.

7 MR. FAHRENKOPF: Thanks, Amanda.
8 I'm just going to share my screen here briefly.
9 Yes. Can you all see the slide that says
10 introducing the open -- or the Government --

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, we can see it.

12 MR. FAHRENKOPF: Thank you.
13 Perfect. So good evening members of Scranton
14 City Council, Carl, Amanda, Rebecca, Don, the
15 rest of the evaluation committee that's on the
16 line this evening. Thank you again for the
17 opportunity likewise with, President Gaughan,
18 thank you as well.

19 My name is Eric Fahrenkopf. And I'm
20 a local account executive with OpenGov working
21 with a number of communities across the
22 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I'm also joined
23 by four team members from OpenGov here this
24 evening that I'd like to introduce as well.

25 First is Claudia Arriaga. She's our

1 Vice President of Global Customer Success and
2 Partnerships. Second is Eric DiProspero. He's
3 actually a Pennsylvania native and our Senior
4 Director of North America. Monica Cook who is
5 our Senior Manager of Solutions and Engineering
6 who will be walking us through the overall
7 implementation and timeline for the project and
8 Scott Williams who's been a lead solution
9 engineer working with the City's evaluation
10 committee through this RFP process as well.
11 And he'll be walking us through a brief
12 demonstration.

13 What we prepared for you all this
14 evening really is an introduction to OpenGov.
15 What we're going to be bringing to not only the
16 employees of the City of Scranton but also the
17 Scranton community and then an overview of the
18 project including our methodology in terms of
19 how we can successfully implement, go through
20 change management and then deploy the software
21 and then the timeline as well.

22 So for anyone that may not be
23 familiar with who OpenGov is, we were founded
24 actually about 10 years ago after our founders,
25 one of which is our CEO, Zach Bookman and the

1 executive sponsor for this project.

2 With us -- the City is allowed to
3 spend roughly 10 million dollars on a new ERP
4 system that believe it or not was actually
5 implemented on 20 discs and still had green
6 screens.

7 At that time right about 10 years
8 ago, this was also at the rise of computing and
9 our founders were really figuring out that a
10 lot of governments across the country were
11 facing similar challenges with outdated
12 technology hamstrung by the lack of purpose
13 filled technology for governments.

14 And so what we realized was with the
15 rise of cloud computing, the consumers
16 experience, right, all of us, our consumer
17 experiences and private sector organizations
18 have really been able to accelerate and
19 leverage modern workfull automation.

20 And now all of us in our consumer
21 life are starting to demand that same service
22 levels that we're accustom to when we interact
23 with government, right? And so in OpenGov,
24 we're helping governments really close this
25 gap.

1 And our and mission -- and we're a
2 mission-driven organization is how do we power
3 and we want to power more effective and
4 accountable government. And we do this by
5 delivering no code software that's purposeful
6 for government that's always up-to-date and
7 easy to use and enjoyable to use.

8 And when I look at where the City of
9 Scranton is currently and having to move to a
10 new software solution because the current
11 support is no longer going to be, you know,
12 valid through the end of this year, that's
13 exactly what OpenGov was designed for, right,
14 we're cloud based.

15 You're always going to be
16 up-to-date. You're always going to be on the
17 latest and greatest version. And you'll never
18 have to worry about moving to a new platform
19 because your support is going to end.

20 Looking at OpenGov how do we go to
21 market is with the OpenGov ERP Cloud. And so
22 that includes everything from core financials
23 to manage your accounts payable, accounts
24 receivable, your HR and payroll, utility,
25 billing. Amanda touched on it earlier with

1 collaborative budgeting and planning.

2 And then one of the most exciting
3 portions of the platform is the citizens
4 services, right? And that is where we start to
5 really improve the overall customer experience
6 whether it's with permits and licenses, code
7 enforcement, asset management, making it so
8 that you all have 24/7 online citizen services
9 available so not everyone has to come into City
10 Hall.

11 And then one of the more important
12 things as well is the reporting and
13 transparency platform. And what's interesting
14 is, I was actually having a conversation with
15 the CEO in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania who
16 is a customer of OpenGov earlier today.

17 And we were talking about the
18 American Rescue Plan and how OpenGov could help
19 the county be more transparent with how they're
20 going to be leveraging that funding and where
21 that funding is going to be applied to. And we
22 could do the same thing with the City of
23 Scranton and our transparency portal, not only
24 can we help you be able to share exactly what
25 that funding is going towards; but we could

1 also help you screen those projects and make
2 sure that, you know, there's an overall kind of
3 ranking and approval process to make sure that
4 the funding really is being put to projects
5 that are going to make an impact on the
6 community.

7 So why OpenGov? There's kind of
8 five key reasons, three which I'll touch on
9 here. First is this is purpose-built for
10 government. So everything we do at OpenGov is
11 how do we power more effective and accountable
12 government. And we spend a considerable amount
13 of our overall revenue on R and D to future
14 proof your investment in your technology
15 purchase.

16 The second is modern, intuitive
17 interfaces. I think you'll see this as soon as
18 we walk through the demonstration. But we want
19 this software to be very consumer-like. We
20 want this to be enjoyable to use. If employees
21 are liking the software they're working with on
22 a day-to-day basis, they're going to be more
23 inclined to lead in and enjoy the work they're
24 doing.

25 On the same side, if you're a

1 customer trying -- your community is enjoying
2 the software that they're having to apply for a
3 permit with, we're going to see more permits
4 being applied for.

5 Also, this software is very
6 configurable. We want this to be configurable
7 so that they could adapt to the workflows and
8 process for the City of Scranton. And then
9 lastly, being that it's multi-tenant software
10 is a service platform, it's always up-to-date.
11 We're releasing new enhancements every two
12 weeks.

13 So as I mentioned earlier, you're
14 not going to be in the position five years from
15 now where you're forced to upgrade to a new
16 platform because you don't have the support.
17 This is going to continuously be updated, be
18 upgraded and all enhancements are delivered
19 seamlessly over time.

20 Additionally when we look at
21 OpenGov, not only do we, you know, only service
22 the public sector -- and about 95 percent of
23 that is local governments. But we look to
24 bring in former government leaders like a
25 Monica Cook who is going to be speaking with

1 you all shortly to make sure that not only from
2 an executive level and where we're going from
3 an organizational standpoint is tied into how
4 we can better serve our customers, but also
5 from our inhouse professional services
6 organization.

7 We want -- we want to bring in
8 former individuals that, you know, are familiar
9 with how to do government accounting and
10 accounts payable and actually have them deploy
11 our solutions with our customers as well.

12 And then lastly is the overall
13 OpenGov ecosystem, right, so if there is an
14 area of government technology that OpenGov
15 doesn't provide today, we look to partner with
16 the best of great partners out there that are
17 similar minded to OpenGov.

18 And we're doing that for the City of
19 Scranton as well with NEOGOV which has
20 extensive experience in the Commonwealth from
21 an HR benefits platform and Cartegraph who also
22 has similar experience from an asset management
23 standpoint.

24 The key difference here is this is
25 an integrated solution. So even though we may

1 be different partners, we're still bringing
2 together an overall ecosystem that is
3 integrated so that the data can move seamlessly
4 between all three platforms as well.

5 And then lastly before I turn it
6 over to Scott to walk through the overall
7 platform and give you a better understanding of
8 what the City of Scranton can expect from the
9 partnership, I just wanted to touch on a few
10 other customers we work with in the
11 Commonwealth today like the City of York,
12 Abington Township, the city of -- I'm sorry,
13 Montgomery County, Pennsylvania I mentioned
14 earlier; City of Lancaster, City of Pittsburgh
15 and many others as well.

16 So with that, I'm going to stop and
17 turn it over to Scott and we'll be happy to
18 answer questions here as well just in a few
19 minutes. Scott, over to you.

20 MR. WILLIAMS: Fantastic. Thank
21 you. I'm going to share my screen here. So
22 thanks everybody for giving a little bit of
23 time to talk about this. I'm just going to
24 take a really quick walkthrough.

25 A full demo of this software is

1 going to take about five hours. We're going to
2 condense that down in 10 minutes and give you
3 the very brief version of this. In general at
4 a high level there's kind of two areas of
5 OpenGov that we're dealing with.

6 We want to talk about the customer
7 facing -- or the public facing portion of it
8 where your citizens are going to come in and
9 interact with it. And that's what you're
10 seeing on the screen right now. And I'll
11 explain a little bit more of that.

12 And then, of course, there's the
13 internal part of it where your folks, your
14 public works department, your utilities folks,
15 your finance folks, all of those people are
16 going to be dealing with it as well, your
17 budget people.

18 And these two things are going to
19 interact. We're not going to export and import
20 information. We're going to make this one
21 seamless system that everything acts together.
22 So what you see on the screen here is just a
23 mockup of what this could look like.

24 This will be links on your website
25 from the Scranton web page or it could be a

1 separate web page if you want to. And there's
2 a lot of different things that you could do on
3 this -- what we call the citizens services
4 portal.

5 Up here on the top the first things
6 here you see we have a project. And what's
7 great about this is when somebody has -- I like
8 this reference here. If I need to open a new
9 restaurant, I want to do a new business. I
10 want to create something. I don't really know
11 what I need to do.

12 So we could have a project up here.
13 All of this is customizable by you guys. And
14 like Eric said, this is no code. Everything
15 that you're going look at is drag and drop with
16 virtually no training. So I come in here and
17 say, hey, I want to start a restaurant. What
18 do I need to do?

19 Come in here, click on the next.
20 And it says -- you're going to ask some
21 questions. What are things that you need to do
22 for this? Am I serving food? Am I serving
23 alcohol? Will I require to sign in? And then
24 I go next. And it's going to tell me what
25 different permits that I need to do.

1 And the system is already
2 configured. As you answer those questions, the
3 next page is going to pop up for you
4 automatically. And you're going to be in
5 complete charge of how this is going to be
6 designed and how this all is going to work.

7 So that's just one aspect of this.
8 The citizens services portal has a lot more to
9 offer than just permits. So if I scroll down
10 here, you could see we have virtual City
11 Council meeting which is something that we
12 really embraced in 2020 obviously we are doing
13 that here today so we have a way that we can
14 help you facilitate that as well.

15 As well as our online budget book --
16 and I'm going to talk a little bit more about
17 this on the back end as I talk a little bit
18 more about it. When I come into here, one
19 thing that we found that people really like is
20 the idea of having that 800-page document that
21 people have to go through that's really not
22 very useful. And it's out of date as soon as
23 it's published.

24 We want to have an interactive
25 budget book that has data that's in it that's

1 going to be live and it's going to come to you.
2 Eric talked about our partner that we're
3 working with York -- the City of York in
4 Pennsylvania. This is their budget book that
5 they published out here. You could go to their
6 web page and look at it.

7 This is generated using OpenGov. So
8 as you go through here, you see all the
9 different components of this. As things go
10 through and if I click on one of these I'm
11 going to look at the City Council section.
12 This verbiage in here, this was written in
13 OpenGov and published out to the website.

14 You have your accomplishments. You
15 have your goals. But then as we go further, we
16 actually have some data here. We have some
17 charts and graphs. And these are actually
18 interactive, not just -- they're not just
19 static pieces of information.

20 As you click on these, these are
21 going to be interactive that you could deal
22 with. And this data was created and is coming
23 from the OpenGov reporting platform. So as you
24 see it here, you're actually going to be able
25 to update here -- or sorry, update it in

1 OpenGov and then update will come out here as
2 you go through that.

3 So that budget book isn't something
4 that just -- it can be a static document if you
5 want to. But it also could be a live and
6 interactive document if you want it to as well.

7 Another idea of this -- come back to
8 here -- is your reporting. So we're talking
9 about that transparency. We're talking about
10 getting that information out to the public in a
11 way that's easily consumable. So here's an
12 idea that could be for Scranton putting out
13 your first quarter report here, same kind of
14 idea where we're using a concept that we call
15 stories where you actually are able to put in
16 not just the data.

17 The data is great. And again, this
18 is an interactive report here. That's tied
19 into OpenGov. But you also have the narrative
20 that's really explaining what you're going to
21 be looking at so you could really get people
22 the answer that they want. And then they have
23 the opportunity to really drill down and answer
24 the questions that they might have using the
25 data here.

1 So just a couple things that you
2 could do. There's a lot of different ways that
3 the public can interact with your system and be
4 able to grab that information. I'm going to
5 switch over and talk about the -- some of the
6 internal mechanisms of OpenGov. And I want to
7 pause. Is there any questions or comments yet?

8 MR. GAUGHAN: I have a quick
9 question. Council uses -- first of all, thanks
10 for the presentation. This is great so far.
11 Council uses Granicus to -- we entered into a
12 contract with them a few years ago just to cut
13 down on the amount of paper that we have in the
14 office and to make Council more transparent so
15 that people could interact with our agendas.

16 How -- would this fit in with
17 Granicus or interact with Granicus and how
18 Council operates in terms of our agenda in any
19 way or --

20 MR. WILLIAMS: Yeah, it would.
21 Monica, do you want to elaborate on that just a
22 little bit?

23 MS. COOK: Sure. Hi, folks. My
24 name is Monica Cook. I lead our Solutions
25 Engineering team. Absolutely. So Granicus is

1 a great product. It's really flexible here.
2 So that's one of themes about OpenGov. It's
3 very configurable.

4 So we can absolutely put a section
5 in here for Granicus. And they could just link
6 right out to your existing system. And it will
7 be a nice way to bring it together to kind of
8 like a one-stop shop.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Great. Thank
10 you.

11 MR. WILLIAMS: No problem. So when
12 I go past this really quickly just touch on
13 this briefly, this is our OpenGov home page
14 where you could see we have our permitting and
15 licensing here, the open town hall, utility
16 billing, general ledger, everything that you
17 need to work on your ERP is in one system.

18 And we're going to branch out from
19 here to go to all of the other places. One of
20 the things I wanted to touch upon real quickly
21 is just our dashboard area. We have several
22 dashboards. I was actually messing around and
23 came into a dashboard. So you could come in
24 here and see all of these dashboards.

25 These are all going to be created

1 for you by you. And these could be internal.
2 They could be external. They might be public
3 facing or they might be internal facing. So
4 this is a great way for you to gather the
5 information that you need to be able to talk to
6 your own folks in here.

7 So if you look on this, we have all
8 these different dashboards for maybe -- for you
9 all. You might have your own City Council
10 dashboard that you might want to go into and
11 get information that's relevant to you. You
12 could have a dashboard specifically for a
13 department.

14 You might have a dashboard that's
15 specifically for accounts payable or maybe
16 housing and preservations. So all of these
17 dashboards could be very tuned in to what you
18 need to do. Within a dashboard you're going to
19 have several report tiles. These report tiles
20 can pull in information from OpenGov.

21 They could also pull in information
22 that could be imported from external systems.
23 So this is a really great way to get a
24 comprehensive look at how your City is doing.
25 So right here I could see my budget actual,

1 revenue trends, my economic growth, building
2 permits, police response time.

3 So there's both financial and non
4 financial data that you could put in here to be
5 able to get the information that you want. In
6 here we have a little more inner activity that
7 we could do than we saw in the budget book. So
8 this is more of an internal facing type of
9 document.

10 So now when you come in here,
11 currently what I'm seeing is -- this is an
12 annual report. I'm seeing a revenue trend over
13 multiple years broken down by revenue type.
14 Just by changing one option here -- maybe I
15 don't want to see revenues. Maybe I want to
16 look at expenses. I just change that. Now my
17 chart is going to change.

18 Well, instead of seeing it broken
19 down by expense type, maybe I want to see it
20 broken down by department. I could make that
21 change. And I could see the data broken down
22 there. You could drill into this, filter it
23 down a little bit more. Maybe I just want to
24 see my public safety.

25 And below this as I do all of that,

1 Scott. Monica, would you like to go through
2 the overall timeline and implementation that we
3 have proposed for the City?

4 MS. COOK: Absolutely. Awesome.
5 Can you see my screen? It should say
6 implementation on it.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

8 MS. COOK: Okay, great. So this is
9 the snapshot of our implementation methodology.
10 We come to the City with extensive experience,
11 folks who have spent time in the public sector
12 who are former finance directors, who are
13 former analysts. They really contribute and
14 define your implementation plan.

15 So along with initiation, there will
16 also be a best practices review. And that's
17 where we share what we've kind of diagnosed so
18 far at the City. And we share kind of
19 recommendations for you based on our experience
20 with similar sized cities, your goals,
21 timeline, things like that.

22 While that's happening, we're also
23 doing configuration. And that is kind of
24 the -- one of the really big themes I mentioned
25 previously. But because we are a true modern

1 cloud software, we're able to build a very
2 flexible ERP cloud that has sweets in it that
3 could be really configured for your needs.

4 And that is the work -- a lot of the
5 work that are our implementation team does
6 while you're learning and training how the
7 systems work. Then there's validation,
8 deployment with the goal in project completion
9 for you to be able to own and enable others at
10 the City.

11 So everything in OpenGov is point
12 and click on the screen. There is no technical
13 coding experience required. We want everyone
14 to be able to be involved, get their work done,
15 enjoy using OpenGov. And that's kind of why we
16 do what we do.

17 Along with the methodology, our
18 implementation, we have very well thought out
19 project plan. This is a big project and it has
20 moving pieces involved in it. So we had
21 defined roles and responsibilities on both
22 sides so that we could work in the different
23 work streams of the project efficiently.

24 So you'll see here some sample roles
25 and responsibilities on the OpenGov side and

1 then what we recommend on the City side as
2 well. We also know that communication is one
3 of or not the most important part of a
4 successful project.

5 So we have regular cadences set up
6 so that we know how the projects are going,
7 what support is needed and to keep all the
8 stakeholders apprised of where we are in the
9 project timelines and how we're meeting them.

10 And that brings me to the timeline.
11 So this is for the financial management system
12 which includes the items you see here on the
13 screen. It's about a 12 month full deployment
14 with all of those pieces. It is phased
15 intentionally so that we can get quick value
16 for the City while also setting up all of the
17 ground work that we need to do to have a
18 successful project.

19 So phased approaches is really
20 successful so we're not biting off more than we
21 can chew all at once. And this is for the
22 operational management system, a little bit of
23 a shorter timeline here. But you could kind of
24 see the different phases on this side as well.
25 Any questions?

1 MR. GAUGHAN: I have a few
2 questions. I'll start with a comment. So
3 the -- I'm very impressed by the presentation.
4 I think that this completely changes the way
5 that we do business here in the City. And
6 being on Council now for eight years, this has
7 been kind of the missing link.

8 I've been a big proponent over the
9 years of trying to make the City more business
10 friendly whether it's from licensing and
11 permits or any other office in the City and to
12 bring us into the 21st century.

13 I'm sure that anyone who now works
14 for the City understands that there's a lot of
15 programs and processes that we have that are
16 outdated. And we just need to upgrade it. So
17 I think this -- looking at your presentation
18 here and reviewing all the documentation, to me
19 this a no-brainer.

20 You know, it's going to make things
21 easier. And as we stated in the beginning, the
22 technology we have now is outdated anyway. So
23 we have to do something. The one question I
24 did have when I was going through the backup, I
25 don't -- unless I missed it. I see within the

1 legislative cover sheet that you have here a
2 cost that is listed.

3 I don't see that kind of broken down
4 in the actual agreement anywhere. Did I miss
5 that or was that not included? Within the
6 legislation, I see the breakdown of how it's
7 going to be paid out. But I don't see the
8 actual -- the actual cost listed anywhere in
9 the proposal.

10 MR. DEELEY: Was the statement of
11 work attached to that?

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Yeah, I saw a
13 statement of work. But I don't see the -- I
14 went through it twice. I don't see, like,
15 where they actually list their fees and stuff.

16 MR. DEELEY: Okay. Well, obviously
17 I could forward that to Council so you've got
18 that.

19 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay.

20 MR. DEELEY: I thought that was
21 included. My apologizes.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: That's okay. Also, I
23 didn't see the disclosures -- the signed
24 disclosures that usually are filled out. That
25 was just one thing I noticed.

1 MR. DEELEY: Yeah, disclosures are
2 definitely -- they are completed. Again, my
3 apologies. I'll send --

4 MR. GAUGHAN: That's okay. One
5 question I have was the current financial
6 management system in the operating system --
7 when -- just for historical purposes, when did
8 we purchase those and how long have we had
9 those in the City?

10 MR. DEELEY: Frank, you're on. So
11 maybe you got the history of this because I
12 think the name, the ownership, the various
13 arrangements of that system I think have
14 changed over the decades. So, Frank, could you
15 just maybe give a comment on that?

16 MR. SWIETNICKI: The original -- the
17 original for both of those I believe it was
18 2003, 2004 when it went out for sort of like
19 the phase we're in right now with OpenGov,
20 right? And then implementation was the back
21 end of 2004 and in 2005. And then for both for
22 the community -- so sort of the government
23 operations platform and then also in the
24 financial side, they -- it was the same until
25 we did the upgrade.

1 It would have happened in 2014 and
2 '15 which got us to the absolute latest that
3 was offered for both of those platforms at that
4 time. And, you know, just a lot has changed
5 since 2015, right? They're literally becoming
6 obsolete. So that is kind of where we are with
7 those. But original -- original out to
8 projects 2003, 2004, original implementation
9 2004, 2005.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: All right. Thank you.
11 In terms of how we're going to be paying for
12 this, Carl, I can't remember off the top of my
13 head how much is budgeted in the IT. But we
14 have enough in there to cover this.

15 MR. DEELEY: Yes, we do. So we
16 have -- we actually increased the budget for
17 2021 based on this. So the capital we had the
18 350,000 plus in the professional services which
19 takes care of the implementation, the
20 consulting work and the training. That was
21 also increased as well.

22 That's at 220,000. And we've also
23 got some additional funding in in the BA
24 professional services as well for that and the
25 IT -- sorry, in HR for training. What I'll do,

1 I'll send you a breakdown for like in terms of
2 what we budgeted for. And then this definitely
3 comes within the budget. So we'll give you a
4 breakdown of the costs and, you know,
5 associated payments for that.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Thank you. And
7 how many years is this contract for? I don't
8 know if I saw that in here.

9 MR. DEELEY: Yeah, so this is
10 probably something for discussion in the sense
11 that of when it's implemented. The intention
12 is to have a contract for three years.
13 However, it's going to be ongoing, you know, in
14 the sense I think as Eric described. This is
15 continuous update.

16 As it's cloud-based in terms of
17 its durations -- you know, the intent is this
18 will be, you know, a very longstanding
19 application for us. But what we'll do is put
20 in there is automatic renewal. And I see
21 that's some thing we have in other contracts
22 that we have that could be renewed.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay, yeah, that's one
24 of the things I do want to take a look at. I
25 did notice the automatic renewal. But I think

1 we probably should spell out, you know, when
2 that will kick in. And then the last question
3 I have is, when you were determining the
4 overall cost of this, I noticed under the
5 software services agreement there is a 5
6 percent increase potentially yearly for
7 inflation. Is that included in this or is that
8 in addition to the total bill?

9 MR. DEELEY: In the five year number
10 that's included, correct, Eric?

11 MR. FAHRENKOPF: Yeah, the five
12 year -- and I think Carl is going to share the
13 overall (inaudible) here after the fact. But
14 that number is inclusive of everything for the
15 five years.

16 And then the City would -- obviously
17 we're going to be in close contact throughout
18 not only employment but ongoing with how we go
19 to market with your customers (inaudible) we
20 have a dedicated team before you even once the
21 professional services team completes the
22 project and signs off on that.

23 You will have the option, right,
24 ahead of that fifth year if you would like to
25 renew. And then if you wanted to either renew

1 the current terms or renegotiate also. So, no,
2 you're automatically locked in. You would have
3 the option to work through that contracting
4 phase after that.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Thank you.

6 MR. FAHRENKOPF: You're welcome.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Anyone else have any
8 questions?

9 MR. MCANDREW: I do.

10 MR. DONAHUE: Just on the cost, just
11 on the cost real quick. I just want to make
12 sure that -- so it's 447,000 the first year and
13 then it's 350 each year after that?

14 MR. DEELEY: Yeah, so what I did
15 there --

16 MR. DONAHUE: The two of them,
17 right, the City and the financial.

18 MR. DEELEY: Exactly. It's for
19 both. So it's, yeah, let's -- I rounded it to
20 448 for the first year and the implementation
21 cost as well. And then I also spread out that
22 five year cost. I just did annual budget for
23 350,000. It's actually less than that. But I
24 just rounded that up.

25 But what I'll do, I'll do a

1 breakdown on those so you have a full breakdown
2 of those costs.

3 MR. DONAHUE: And then the only
4 other question I had is -- and forgive me if
5 I'm wording this wrong. But I know we get, you
6 know, a lot of our property data from the
7 county. So if they were using a different
8 system is that, you know, does that transfer
9 over easily, you know, from the county using a
10 different system to then us using OpenGov?

11 MR. DEELEY: Eric, maybe you could
12 take a stab at that because you've done this
13 many times.

14 MR. FAHRENKOPF: Yeah, we'd be happy
15 to Carl. To answer your question, Councilman
16 Donahue, it will. So the system is agnostic
17 as long as we could have a CSD file brought in.
18 We work with over 300 communities on that, the
19 permitting side bring in multiple different
20 county databases including in the Commonwealth
21 into OpenGov.

22 And then we'll actually be able to
23 work with you to have that updated as well. So
24 however often you want that frequency updated,
25 obviously property ownership information is

1 going to change. We can actually bring that
2 information into the platform as well on a
3 recurring basis so that you'll work with
4 up-to-date information.

5 MR. DONAHUE: Okay. Great. Thank
6 you.

7 MR. FAHRENKOPF: You're welcome.

8 MR. MCANDREW: I have a quick
9 question. So this Cloud ERM platform is hosted
10 and managed by OpenGov, correct, I mean -- so
11 the platform you own. And then you said you
12 never have to worry about an upgrade. You
13 always have to worry about an upgrade.

14 So just because -- you know, of
15 course, you said, you know, the support never
16 ends so the upgrades are going to be done
17 yearly? Every three years? As needed? And
18 then at the end, say we sever ties in five
19 years. So the platform that we don't own,
20 we're renting, what do we have when this
21 terminates, just whatever is in the cloud? Do
22 we have any systems we no longer can use?

23 MR. FAHRENKOPF: Yeah, so I could
24 answer that, Councilman McAndrew. So in terms
25 of the updates, those will actually be

1 delivered seamlessly over the cloud. So when
2 we look at cloud based software versus
3 traditional kind of legacy on premise software,
4 the main difference is that OpenGov is taking
5 on responsibility for actually hosting that,
6 right, so all the server cost, all the energy
7 costs associated with maintaining those
8 servers, all the maintenance, right, of
9 maintaining the software programs, doing any
10 upgrades we do all of that.

11 We actually do that on a biweekly
12 release. So the software is getting updated
13 every two weeks. And all of those enhancements
14 are delivered over the cloud, right, so the
15 City doesn't have to worry about upgrading to a
16 new version.

17 In terms of support, U.S. based
18 customer support available eight to nine
19 eastern standard time that your teams is
20 available to work with whether it's, you know,
21 over the phone or via message chat. In terms
22 of, you know, if the City and OpenGov decide to
23 sever ties at any point, right, in the future,
24 your data is your data.

25 All, you know, things in terms of

1 the City of Scranton would be returned to the
2 City. In terms of the ongoing, you know,
3 software itself because it is a software that
4 is service, right, that would be returned to
5 OpenGov but all data would still remain with
6 the City.

7 MR. SCHUSTER: Sorry, Mark. Are you
8 finished?

9 MR. MCANDREW: Yeah, I just have one
10 more question. We're looking at financial
11 management and City management. So the
12 financial piece I get. So would that be
13 similar to like a local CSI system or CSIU
14 system where there's multiple levels of
15 approval say for a PO that's coming out of a
16 department.

17 Before, you know, before it's even
18 approved it has to go through Mr. Deeley, you,
19 or maybe the department head, then Mr. Deeley
20 and then final approval by the Mayor. And then
21 does that department or that employee that
22 submits that has the opportunity to see where
23 it's that through that level, where it's at
24 through the stage of this. And then it's all
25 kept and documented. And so that piece

1 financial.

2 And then for the City piece, we're
3 looking -- I saw there's going to be portals.
4 Will there be employee portals? So, like, say
5 I work for the City and I want to go in and see
6 how many sick days I have or, you know, or I
7 could print out my W2 from that portal. I
8 mean, is all of this being considered or part
9 of this?

10 MR. FAHRENKOPF: All of that is
11 included in the --

12 MR. DEELEY: And what I'd suggest is
13 because you're absolutely right, Councilman.
14 And that was a real short synopsis of the
15 capability and it took us several weeks to come
16 to this conclusion. And I really would
17 encourage Council to maybe to participate in a
18 demonstration.

19 And then you'll see the full
20 capabilities and have that time to deep dive.
21 But you're quite right, Councilman, in terms of
22 the workflows, the transparency of it, the
23 tracking of it, in terms of reducing the lead
24 time to do these things, the accuracy, the
25 checks and balances, it's huge. This is huge

1 for the City internally in sense of controls,
2 efficiencies.

3 But most importantly again, service,
4 right, to the public. It's going to be a lot
5 of -- as much as I love talking to Council, a
6 lot of the questions I think that come through
7 to us are probably questions that you hold back
8 on because you gave to us to answer, will be at
9 your fingertips as it should be and to the
10 public.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Councilman Schuster,
12 did you have a question?

13 MR. SCHUSTER: Yeah, so I guess
14 mister -- Eric described that data
15 transmission. So if we were to end ties, how
16 does that transmission occur?

17 MR. FAHRENKOPF: In terms of the
18 City being able to have the data to move onto
19 another platform?

20 MR. SCHUSTER: Yeah, you said that
21 the software would return to OpenGov. But the
22 data that's the City's would return to the
23 City. So how does that -- how do we do that
24 data transition here at that point in time?

25 MR. FAHRENKOPF: That's a great

1 question. So everywhere you're at with any
2 OpenGov platform, whether it's reviewing a
3 permit, reviewing a small business grant
4 program, right, that can be managed by OpenGov,
5 it could be a rental relief program that you're
6 managing.

7 It could be for employee information
8 on payroll and so on and so forth. At every
9 point in the platform you will have the ability
10 to export that data down to Excel at every
11 point in time.

12 So whether it's done at the end,
13 whether it's done, you know, to do enhanced
14 reporting if you want to look at it at a pivot
15 table as to Scott's point earlier, built into
16 the system, right, it's kind of core to OpenGov
17 is the fact that, you know, this is your data.

18 We're hosting your data so that you
19 could leverage our services to, you know, help
20 provide effective services for your community.
21 Your data is your data. You'll always be able
22 to export your data.

23 MR. SCHUSTER: Okay. And with that
24 being said, the system that we're currently in
25 and the transition from that system to this new

1 OpenGov system, how does that information being
2 -- is everything that we have currently being
3 brought over? I know I had some questions
4 about, you know, President Gaughan mentioned
5 Granicus. And Granicus has a lot of our --
6 well, it has our agendas in it. It has the
7 backup documentation for those agendas and
8 resolutions and things like that.

9 Is there -- do we still have the
10 database of past resolutions? Can we get onto
11 the system and look up any of the old documents
12 prior to this year?

13 MR. FAHRENKOPF: So --

14 MS. HALLOCK: I could answer that a
15 little bit. Just for the fact that we will be
16 for the time being at least sticking with
17 Granicus. The OpenGov platform does not -- or
18 I don't know if it does. But the thing that
19 we're purchasing will not have the agenda
20 software with it.

21 So all of that agenda backlog, all
22 of the current agendas, all the minutes will
23 stay on Granicus platform. When it comes to
24 the central square information, we will be
25 undergoing a process to extract that and load

1 it into the OpenGov platform, which OpenGov
2 could speak to a lot better than I can.

3 And then finally our share drive
4 where we host a lot of our address based data
5 will work on taking that back as many years as
6 we need to and keeping that share drive
7 available for future reference. But uploading
8 as much of that recent information as possible
9 so that, you know, so we keep referring what
10 happened two years ago, how many permits were
11 given out last year, that kind of a thing.

12 MR. SCHUSTER: And, Miss Hallock,
13 currently, are any of the old backlogs of
14 minutes, of resolutions, things like that, are
15 they currently available to the public or has
16 that site been shut down as of now?

17 MS. HALLOCK: So the past minutes
18 are all available on -- not all available but,
19 you know, back a certain amount of years on the
20 website. So that's where they live at the
21 moment and are available to the public. They
22 aren't -- Lori actually could answer that much
23 better than I could.

24 MR. SCHUSTER: Coming back to
25 OpenGov, I saw -- what is the post deployment

1 support look like?

2 MR. FAHRENKOPF: Monica, do you want
3 to take that or do you want me to?

4 MS. ARRIAGA: I could take it too,
5 Eric, if you'd like.

6 MR. FAHRENKOPF: That'd be great.

7 MS. COOK: Go for it, Claudia.

8 MR. SCHUSTER: We're talking
9 about -- so for me to clarify a little bit
10 more, we're talking, you know, there's not
11 going to be a time when we need to update.
12 It's going to be something that continues to
13 update.

14 So it doesn't seem like a life
15 span -- it seems like possibly the only life
16 span is when we are no longer satisfied with
17 the service possibly. So -- go ahead and I'll
18 go from there.

19 MS. ARRIAGA: Okay. Can you hear
20 me?

21 MR. SCHUSTER: Yes.

22 MS. ARRIAGA: Wonderful. So from
23 our perspective, OpenGov, the journey with
24 OpenGov really truly after you're out of
25 deployment is when it truly begins, right,

1 you're done implementing and now it's your day
2 to day.

3 We have our original support system
4 where you just call into. You get your service
5 level agreement. If there happens to be a
6 product -- question product issue you could
7 call a number. You could also login through
8 the chat.

9 But at the same time, I run our
10 customer success organization. We have over
11 1,000 customers. And I personally assign a
12 customer success manager to the account. So
13 you will have a customer success manager that
14 will work with you throughout the life of your
15 partnership with OpenGov.

16 It's your single point of contact.
17 And, you know, you could call him or her.
18 They're very knowledgeable on platform. But
19 they also reach out to teams like Monica's team
20 which are solutions and engineering as well as
21 subject matter experts.

22 So with your platform you have a
23 dedicated resource, a customer manager that you
24 have that, you know, checks in with you
25 monthly, quarterly depending on the cadence as

1 well as your regular support and your regular
2 service level agreements.

3 And on top of that, I handle all of
4 our accounts across the country. So we have
5 customer advisory boards. We have conferences.
6 We have training modules and all of that that
7 you'll be getting as a City constant
8 communication from us letting you know, hey, we
9 have training available. Oh, this is coming.
10 It's both input and output in terms of support.

11 MS. COOK: And I would just add one
12 of the big benefits of having somebody from
13 Claudia's team working with you is they will
14 also be working with our other customers in the
15 Commonwealth.

16 So as things change in the
17 Commonwealth or the City of York, for example,
18 comes up with a new process that they are doing
19 in OpenGov we like to share with our other
20 customers so that they can continue to get
21 benefits and value from OpenGov throughout the
22 entire time that you're with us.

23 MS. ARRIAGA: That's a wonderful
24 point, Monica. The power of the network too is
25 great. So lessons learned across all of your

1 peers, not only within the State of
2 Pennsylvania but across all 50 United States is
3 just a great experience.

4 MR. SCHUSTER: So we're going to
5 have these teams constantly working our IT
6 department, with other departments in the City.

7 MS. ARRIAGA: Yeah, mostly, yeah,
8 mostly with your budgeting, your finance -- I
9 mean, like Eric said, yes, they are more than
10 welcome to work with IT. But we work a lot
11 with endusers, the city managers because it's
12 an easy to use software.

13 MR. SCHUSTER: And then the course
14 of that three year contract per se it will be
15 working along side of them the whole time,
16 okay.

17 MS. ARRIAGA: Absolutely.

18 MR. SCHUSTER: Thank you.

19 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay, any other
20 questions? All right. Well, this was a very
21 impressive presentation. It's clear looking at
22 the proposal and documentation that there's
23 been a lot of thought put into this. It's not
24 like, you know, we took a dart and threw it at
25 the wall and picked a company.

1 There was a process that was put
2 into place. And I appreciate that. So thank
3 you for doing that. We'll vote on this and
4 introduce it tonight and work out some of the
5 details, Mr. Deeley, and some other information
6 that needs to be provided. And then we'll take
7 a final vote on it either next week or the week
8 after. Okay. Thanks everyone very much.

9 MR. DEELEY: Thank you.

10 MR. DONAHUE: Thank you very much.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. And finally we
12 have Mr. Deeley is going to stick around and
13 have our Police Chief Namiotka and Fire Chief
14 John Judge here with us tonight to talk about
15 the agenda items related to the Serrenti Center
16 and the simulator that's going to be put in
17 there.

18 And there's going to be work done on
19 the Serrenti Center too, I guess, prepare it
20 for the simulators. So I'll turn it over again
21 to you, Carl, and both Chiefs if they want to
22 touch on this and walk us through.

23 MR. DEELEY: Thank you. Yeah, so we
24 talked about this in -- when we looked at the
25 capital budget again last year, we believe that

1 this, you know, this is a very underutilized
2 building. I think it's been maybe a bit of a
3 blight sitting for a long time.

4 So finally, you know, starting to
5 use this, right, getting into a place where
6 it's having some value. So this first phase we
7 do have the Milo simulator has already been
8 purchased. It's ready to install. What we're
9 requesting here from Council is the approval to
10 "A", prepare the actual room itself so it could
11 be installed.

12 And also there's an adjacent room
13 that we also use for the control of that by the
14 trainer and to -- well, it's the trainees
15 actually sits and they discuss the results, you
16 know, of their efforts in the simulator.

17 So the -- in terms of the bid
18 itself, we went for the bids. We had some good
19 participation. I'm not sure if Bob
20 Mitchell{sic} is still on. He may be, may be
21 not. But, you know, kind of project manager
22 consulting engineer up there.

23 We did talk to each of the companies
24 that put the bids in, you know, to ensure that
25 "A" they could hold the pricing. Again, this

1 is one of the conditions again that we talked
2 about last year every project that we do now
3 will have, you know, timelines, milestones.

4 It will be reviewed every week. And
5 it will be reported every month in terms of
6 status. So we did talk to the bidders. We're
7 happy with the proposal that we put in front of
8 you.

9 Now, in terms of the use of the
10 building, this is phase one. We set this as
11 phase one. We do have on the funding side this
12 is from an LSA grant that has been
13 reappropriated. The LSA was for \$225,000 which
14 is obviously more than we need in this
15 particular grant.

16 But what it allows us to do is we
17 can take expenses that have been applied to the
18 Serrenti Center previously to that grant. And
19 then those monies can go back into the general
20 fund just so you're aware of that.

21 Maybe, Chief Namiotka, if you wanted
22 just to add any color to, you know, how we're
23 going to use the building and the importance of
24 it.

25 CHIEF NAMIOTKA: Sure, Carl. Thank

1 you. Good evening, Council. How are you
2 tonight? Serrenti Center, not only is it going
3 to be our training division that we'll have a
4 training room up there for everyone to utilize,
5 but our Bomb Unit is going to be stationed to
6 there, our Special Operations Group is going to
7 be stationed there, Street Crimes Unit will be
8 stationed there also.

9 We'll also store our emergency
10 vehicles, the larger ones that we need like a
11 bomb unit. Fire has some vehicles up there as
12 well that we keep inside to keep them safe. We
13 also have some conference rooms that will be
14 utilized up there along with if need be we
15 could utilize that facility as an emergency
16 medical facility in case for, you know, a
17 disaster or anything like that.

18 It's a very large building. We
19 could utilize that. But mainly what we're
20 talking about tonight is the Milo system where
21 it's a -- Milo Range Theater, 180 degree
22 multiscreen simulator. This is going to
23 provide realistic training for our officers.
24 It will put them in an environment where it
25 actually -- they could feed off the simulation.

1 There's hundreds of scenarios that
2 we can choose from to address the training
3 goals of our department. The instructors are
4 going to consult with the CI team which is the
5 Crisis Intervention Team, use of force, less
6 lethal options and active threat.

7 We're going to ensure that there's a
8 consistent philosophy throughout the department
9 on training. As we've seen most encounters
10 with police are -- never rise to the use force
11 now. So we're going to use some verbal
12 deescalation techniques in a simulation.

13 We're going to have the best chance
14 for avoiding injuries, not only to our
15 officers, bystanders and on the subjects that
16 we're encountering. The training itself it
17 uses real life the chaos that the officers are
18 dealing with out in the public.

19 We want to see them make the correct
20 judgments out in the field. We're going to be
21 able to utilize this for patrol officers, new
22 officers, special operations group, outside
23 agencies. We're going to welcome other
24 agencies to come in to use this facility.

25 Remediation, if we have someone,

1 some officer or someone going through some
2 issues that they have, firearms qualifications
3 or dealing with public, whatever the case might
4 be we can put them through the scenarios and do
5 that remediation.

6 Public education, we could bridge
7 the gap between the police and the community.
8 We could put the public in our shoes that --
9 what we face on the daily basis, you know, that
10 chaos that I referred to before that we're
11 exposed to and have the citizens react and, you
12 know, see what it's like there.

13 We're also looking at to doing an
14 add on component where it's a shoot back
15 system. This would engage a student with gun
16 fire if appropriate. So if that encounter --
17 that use of force encounter we have some shots
18 fired, how is the officer going to react, are
19 they going to use the proper techniques?

20 If not, then we could do the
21 remediation again and provide that feedback to
22 the officer so we could make them more
23 professional in how we deal with the public.
24 So you could see how the cost, you know,
25 benefits are great to the department.

1 We could use this system not only
2 for our officers but the public in general,
3 like I said, bridge that gap. It's a community
4 integration project here just to further that
5 relationship that we have with the public.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. So I'll
7 make one comment and then I have one question.
8 I think the one point that you all made that I
9 think is really important is that none of this
10 is coming out of the general fund, correct,
11 Carl it's all being funded by the LSA grant?

12 MR. DEELEY: That is correct, yes.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: Right. So I think
14 it's a -- this is going to be a great program
15 for our police department, can be utilized by
16 the police. I know the Fire Department
17 utilizes it -- is going to utilize that
18 building as well and the fact that it could be
19 a revenue generator as well.

20 Do we have a timeline yet on, you
21 know, once this construction happens when this
22 might be able to be used by the police
23 department?

24 MR. DEELEY: Yeah, so the timeline
25 for the work is 45 days is the estimate. We're

1 putting together the detail kind of
2 step-by-step plan. But from the point we get
3 the approval we're being told by contractors is
4 45 days when we can actually -- from start to
5 when we can actually open -- open the unit and
6 start using it. So that's the first thing.

7 And then I think the ongoing piece
8 there is we can start using the classroom areas
9 probably before that. The center is already
10 being used, you know, by the public safety
11 department and also from outside as well. You
12 know, we have people coming in to use that.

13 But the idea of this is to really
14 kind of have a multiuse center and ultimately,
15 you know, we could use it for public use as
16 well. And as mentioned, I'm looking for -- as
17 we do the 2022 budget, is to look at the
18 revenue stream for this center.

19 And this is really a start of that.
20 I know both of Chief Judge and Chief Namiotka
21 have got some good ideas I think where we could
22 use that center going forward that will both
23 save on training costs internally for Scranton
24 but also revenue generations for the training
25 other departments.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: Is there anything like
2 this like the Milo Ranger Theater in our area?
3 I'm assuming not.

4 MR. DEELEY: Not that I'm aware of.
5 Chief, are you aware?

6 CHIEF NAMIOTKA: No. We would be
7 the only agency that has something like this in
8 the area.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: Pretty cool. I don't
10 have any other questions. Anyone else?

11 MR. MCANDREW: I just don't -- I
12 don't have a questions. I have a couple
13 remarks. I think this is a fantastic program
14 providing extensive training for both the
15 police and the firefighters. I love the
16 revenue producing piece down the road to help
17 offset some of the costs.

18 And I also more than anything I like
19 that there is going to be an education and
20 awareness piece for our community, you know,
21 where they get to see firsthand the both sides.
22 So I'm thrilled with this. And I can't wait to
23 see it.

24 MR. DEELEY: That's great to hear.
25 I'd encourage Council to visit the center. As

1 we get this complete, I think it would be good
2 if everybody would come up there and see it in
3 action. But I would encourage you to visit the
4 center and see how it's used today as well.
5 And again, any ideas that you have for co-use
6 for the community.

7 You know, it's a big area. It's a
8 true asset for the City. And I think as you
9 point out, Councilman McAndrew, this could be a
10 big differentiator for Scranton, right, in
11 public safety. And it's -- I know the public
12 building that we could put to good use.

13 DR. ROTHCHILD: I would be happy to
14 visit it. It's only two blocks away from my
15 house. So I could walk down there. But --

16 MR. DEELEY: I could pick you up.
17 We can walk together.

18 DR. ROTHCHILD: Sounds good, yeah.
19 I know I'm on the way for you.

20 MR. DEELEY: There you go.

21 DR. ROTHCHILD: But I appreciate you
22 and Chief Namiotka explaining, you know, what
23 you expect to be using it for. And it sounds
24 really exciting and all good stuff to me.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Any other

1 questions?

2 MR. SCHUSTER: Yeah, with that being
3 said, it seems like a great system that the
4 police and fire can use. Mr. Deeley, after
5 this work is done, is there anything else that
6 is on the timeline for the Serrenti Center?

7 MR. DEELEY: There is indeed. So
8 the next phase and, in fact, both Chief Judge
9 and myself and Chief Namiotka, we had looked at
10 this about a week ago. There is additional
11 funding which hasn't been spent. I know the
12 classroom area which is a larger area which
13 will seat I think it's around -- is it 26
14 people, I think Chief? Like 26 to 30 people --

15 CHIEF NAMIOTKA: It is 30, Carl,
16 yes.

17 MR. DEELEY: Thirty people. And
18 with very low costs because the building is not
19 all in bad shape. But with very low costs
20 essentially, basically some cleanup work on the
21 walls, some routing of electrics that we need
22 putting some AV equipment in there.

23 Again, this is a place that can be
24 used for any community kind of training, any
25 community meetings as well for, you know, for

1 emergency services.

2 But that will definitely be part of,
3 again, the attraction to be able to generate
4 revenue from other areas because we'll be able
5 to have multiple training sessions going on in
6 that building, you know, simultaneously.

7 So, yeah, the next phase is this
8 extending the training rooms space and putting
9 some AV capability in there so that we could do
10 kind of whether it's remote training for people
11 that want to come in or, like I said, we can
12 have people onsite there kind of doing that
13 work.

14 MR. SCHUSTER: All right. So what
15 I'm hearing in that, you know, another
16 classroom so maybe electrical. I know
17 electrical and plumbing was done prior.

18 MR. DEELEY: Yeah.

19 MR. SCHUSTER: How about any big
20 projects? Any maintenance on the outside? Any
21 structural? Everything else is good?

22 MR. DEELEY: The vast majority has
23 already been done. We saw a lot of money has
24 gone into the center the last few years. But
25 we really haven't been able to leverage that,

1 you know, the spend that we put on there.

2 So that's why it's important to get
3 this thing moving and, you know, get some value
4 out of this building. And, you know, again
5 just getting the ROR, right, the investment's
6 already been made and then turning that into
7 some revenue generating for potential life for
8 2022 or maybe before.

9 We'll see what we can do. But
10 certainly what we're planning both Chiefs and I
11 have been sitting down talking about this is
12 putting stuff in place to set it up, you know,
13 so we can have like a booking and some
14 marketing capability of that center.

15 MR. SCHUSTER: All right. Thank
16 you.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Any other questions?
18 Okay. Gentlemen, thank you very much. We
19 appreciate it.

20 MR. DEELEY: Appreciate it. Good to
21 see. Thank you.

22 MR. SCHUSTER: Thank you.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. That concludes
24 our guests for tonight. Mrs. Reed?

25 MS. REED: Thank you. FIFTH ORDER.

1 5-A. MOTIONS.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Councilman Schuster,
3 any motions or comments?

4 MR. SCHUSTER: Nothing at this time.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Councilman McAndrew,
6 any motions or comments?

7 MR. MCANDREW: No, thank you. I
8 have nothing at this time.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: Dr. Rothchild, any
10 motions or comments?

11 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes, I just have a
12 couple of quick comments. The first one is
13 just pertaining to a few of the Sixth Order
14 pieces that we have tonight. I'd just figure
15 I'd mention it now since it's just pertaining
16 to appointments for the Human Relations
17 Commission rather than a specific individual
18 one.

19 And I just wanted to explain like a
20 little bit of background about it since I
21 previously served on the Human Relations
22 Commission prior to being on Council. And for
23 those who don't know, this commission was built
24 out of an ordinance that was passed back in I
25 think 2003 by the City of Scranton.

1 And the ordinance built the Human
2 Relations Commission in order to investigate
3 acts of discrimination against people in terms
4 of housing, employment, or public
5 accommodations. And the reason that that was
6 needed to be passed is because we don't have
7 statewide protections that cover people on the
8 basis of sexual orientation and gender identity
9 or expression.

10 There are many states that do offer
11 those protections but Pennsylvania is not one
12 of them unfortunately. And so over the years
13 municipalities have passed ordinances to help
14 protect those individuals or the person. So
15 it's related to the Human Relations Act which
16 our state has which protects people on the
17 basis of, you know, religion, creed, race, etc.

18 And so it just adds for the City of
19 Scranton those protections and then the Human
20 Relations Commission exists to, like I said, to
21 investigate if there has been a complaint of
22 discrimination that would apply to it. And
23 from my understanding, it has not been as
24 active, I think, with the switching of
25 administrations.

1 And so now I'm happy to see that
2 there are additional commissioners being added.
3 And I'm hoping that this will reinvigorate the
4 commission. And what I'd really like to see is
5 that they can start to get the word out about
6 the commission, not that we want there to be
7 such complaints.

8 But we -- it's important that
9 Scranton citizens know where to go if they do
10 encounter an issue. And I've had people over
11 the years remark to me that, you know, they've
12 had experience that they would have brought
13 forward a complaint but they just weren't aware
14 of the commission.

15 And so I think it's important to
16 explain the work that they are responsible in
17 doing and so that people know where to go for
18 help if they need it. And on another matter I
19 was going to ask Mrs. Reed to maybe send
20 correspondence over to OECD or the Office of
21 Community Development.

22 I received not so much of a
23 complaint but I had a conversation with someone
24 from the South Scranton Little League regarding
25 the field and facilities that they use. And

1 they have been trying to get several
2 improvements and upgrades to the facilities.

3 And some things they haven't
4 received a response on. And I know that they
5 had they applied for grants that I don't
6 believe they had received but they were looking
7 for other ways to make these improvements. And
8 it sounds like I would think very important
9 ones.

10 So that field is home to the
11 Challengers which is a special and (inaudible)
12 sports team. And they don't have handicap
13 accessible bathrooms, which I would think would
14 be really important for those who need it to
15 have that sort of access.

16 And then, you know, one of their
17 other issues were regards to the lights that
18 are very costly for them. And they wanted to
19 switch to new LED lights that would be more
20 energy efficient and cost effective. So I was
21 just looking for some more information from
22 OECD about ways that we would work with them to
23 help make those improvements.

24 I know that there's also some
25 issues with PennDOT because they have a piece

1 along the park that they are also having issues
2 with and so they're going to be having a
3 meeting with them to discuss those changes.
4 And that's all I have.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Thank you.
6 Councilman Donahue, any motions or comments?

7 MR. DONAHUE: I just have a few real
8 quick. I was able to touch base with Tom
9 Preambo down at DPW today. And I passed along
10 some poor road conditions that I had reported
11 to me. One was the 200 of Prospect Avenue. I
12 know that's been ongoing for a while.

13 And that's actually the utility's
14 responsibility to pave, I believe. That was
15 what the representative from PA American Water
16 was referring to when they got, you know,
17 behind last year in terms of their paving. So
18 that's going to be on the list to be paved as
19 soon as the factory is open.

20 And I also got one for 100 North
21 Cameron. So they're going to take a look at
22 that. The street sweeping I did ask about
23 that. That's going to be done differently this
24 year. Instead of having a schedule, you know,
25 neighborhood by neighborhood each week, they're

1 sort of going to follow the recycling schedule.

2 I'm going put together a full
3 explanation on what that was. I didn't get a
4 chance to look at the website. I guess it is
5 on the website exactly what they're doing.
6 It's -- they're really just going to follow the
7 recycling schedule.

8 So instead of just hitting one
9 neighborhood for one week, they're going to
10 hit it multiple times. That's the reason
11 behind it. And all three street sweepers will
12 be out on the street.

13 In terms of -- Mrs. Reed, I don't
14 know if this would go to Miss Cipriani, but
15 regarding the zoning officer, have we hired a
16 zoning officer yet? And also, I know that
17 Mr. Oleski has been out of the LIPS Department.
18 So who's signing the certifications for the
19 construction permits. I also just had a
20 question on that.

21 And I'll forward that along to you,
22 Mrs. Reed, in an e-mail. And then lastly, you
23 know, we're grateful that Congress was able to
24 pass the American Rescue Plan and that was
25 signed into law by President Biden last week.

1 I think it's important to note that this isn't
2 just, you know, an open check where you, you
3 know, you could spend the money on
4 everything -- on anything.

5 There's certain restrictions to it
6 and there is certain things where the money
7 could be spent. So I think they'll be a part
8 of discussions going forward. But we are
9 grateful that, you know, we're finally getting
10 some aid. And that's all I have.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. I first
12 want to officially congratulate our colleague
13 and Councilwoman Jessica Rothchild on having
14 her beautiful baby girl. So great job and I
15 saw a picture of baby. She really is
16 beautiful. Good luck and God Bless.

17 DR. ROTHCHILD: Thank you so much.
18 She's getting fussy right now.

19 MR. GAUGHAN: I could imagine.
20 That's great news. So two other things I want
21 to mention. I wanted to thank Director Preambo
22 of the DPW. I mentioned two weeks ago there
23 was a very dangerous situation at the top of
24 Ferdinand Street and his department and he
25 really led the charge to take quick action

1 there. And they are addressing that situation.
2 So I want to thank him personally for that.

3 Also, we did send a request to City
4 officials about speeding on Sanderson Avenue
5 and Electric Street. I've been contacted
6 numerous times by one neighbor in particular
7 out there. So we're going to see if there is
8 anything else that we could do.

9 One of the ideas was to put one of
10 those speed monitors up to potentially try to
11 at least tamp it down for a little while. And
12 as Councilman Donahue mentioned, good news has
13 been really hard to come by this past year with
14 the pandemic and everything else that's been
15 going on.

16 We did get very, very good news in
17 the fact that the American Rescue Package was
18 passed by Congress. And President Biden led
19 the charge with the Congressional Democrat
20 Center Casey, Congressman Cartwright.

21 I know Council, Mayor Cagnetti has
22 been advocating for this funding for a long
23 time. And we're extremely grateful and glad
24 that they came through for us. Cities often
25 face enormous challenges even outside of the

1 pandemic. And in many of the times we're left
2 to fend for ourselves.

3 We have federal mandates and no way
4 to pay for them. And then we have to turn
5 unfortunately in many respects to the taxpayers
6 of our City who are already overcharged and
7 don't have another dime to give. In this
8 respect, this money will go a long way. And it
9 is sorely, sorely needed.

10 I mean, over the past few months
11 we've heard from the Pennsylvania Economy
12 League or financial coordinator or Act 47
13 Coordinator we've heard from. PFM, our
14 financial consultant we've heard from the
15 administration officials that next year we're
16 looking at a sizeable deficit.

17 The year after that a sizeable
18 deficit. Some of that because of the pandemic
19 and some of that because of the other
20 challenges that we face.

21 And again, we're not in a unique
22 position because almost every other city,
23 borough, township across the Commonwealth is in
24 many of the same situations. I do think
25 it's --

1 MR. DONAHUE: Not so much the
2 townships, sorry.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Right, maybe not the
4 townships. I do think it's important over the
5 next few months to establish priorities for how
6 we're going spend these funds and make sure
7 that, you know, the greatest amount of people
8 are affected positively by this in the City
9 which I'm sure will be the case.

10 So I did speak to the Mayor. We are
11 going to work together, Council, Mayor Cagnetti
12 and her administration to make sure that these
13 properties are established that the funding is
14 spent in a very transparent way and that the
15 public can see every dime and every dollar
16 that's spent.

17 So again, grateful, much needed
18 relief and finally some good news, after a year
19 of not so good news. That's all I have. Thank
20 you.

21 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION -
22 AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
23 OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF
24 SCRANTON TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH
25 THE WEST SCRANTON LITTLE LEAGUE, INC. AND

1 SCRANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE USE OF CITY
2 OWNED PROPERTY AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE
3 LEASE AGREEMENT ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"
4 FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING APRIL 15,
5 2021 AND ENDING APRIL 14, 2026.

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

9 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

10 DR. ROTHCHILD: So moved.

11 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

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

15 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

16 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

17 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

18 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

19 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. Opposed? The
20 ayes have it and so moved.

21 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -
22 A RESOLUTION - AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 98,
23 2020, "RATIFYING AND APPROVING OF THE EXECUTION
24 AND SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE
25 CITY OF SCRANTON, ON BEHALF OF SCRANTON AREA

1 COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF
2 PENNSYLVANIA ACTING THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH
3 FINANCING AUTHORITY FOR A LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT
4 GRANT, PURSUANT TO THE PA RACE HORSE
5 DEVELOPMENT AND GAMING ACT IN THE AMOUNT OF
6 \$63,000.00 FOR THE PROJECT TO BE KNOWN AS 'NEPA
7 MOVES' LOCATED AT 615 JEFFERSON AVENUE, SUITE
8 102, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, AND AUTHORIZING
9 THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
10 OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TO
11 ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF SUCCESSFUL, AND EXECUTE
12 AND ENTER INTO A LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT
13 CONTRACT AND COMMITMENT LETTER WITH THE
14 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA TO ACCEPT AND
15 UTILIZE THE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
16 \$63,000.00 AWARDED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF
17 PENNSYLVANIA FOR SUCH PROJECT" TO REFLECT THE
18 CORRECT AMOUNT OF THE GRANT APPLICATION OF
19 \$75,000.00.

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

23 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

24 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? All

1 those in favor of introduction signify by
2 saying aye.

3 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

4 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

5 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

6 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. Opposed? The
8 ayes have it and so moved.

9 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION -
10 A RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF TERESA
11 OSBORNE, 631 HERBERT STREET, SCRANTON,
12 PENNSYLVANIA, 18505, TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF
13 THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION. MS.
14 OSBORNE WILL SERVE A FIVE YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE
15 FEBRUARY 23, 2021 AND WILL EXPIRE ON FEBRUARY
16 23, 2026.

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

20 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

21 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? All
23 those in favor signify by saying aye.

24 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

25 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

1 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

2 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. Opposed? The
4 ayes have it and so moved.

5 MS. REED: 5-E. FOR INTRODUCTION -
6 A RESOLUTION - REAPPOINTMENT OF THE REV'D
7 REBECCA ANNE BARNES, 801 WHEELER AVENUE,
8 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18510, TO SERVE AS A
9 MEMBER OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION. THE
10 PREVIOUS TERM OF REV'D BARNES EXPIRED
11 ON AUGUST 24, 2018 AND WAS HELD OVER UNTIL
12 FEBRUARY 23, 2021. HER NEW TERM WILL EXPIRE ON
13 AUGUST 24, 2023.

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

17 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

18 DR. ROTHCHILD: So moved.

19 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

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

23 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

24 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

25 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

1 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. Opposed? The
3 ayes have it and so moved.

4 MS. REED: 5-F. FOR INTRODUCTION -
5 A RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF ADELA ARTLEY,
6 1305 PRESTON PLACE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA,
7 18504, TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE HUMAN
8 RELATIONS COMMISSION. MS. ARTLEY WILL
9 SERVE A FIVE YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE MARCH 2, 2021
10 AND WILL EXPIRE ON MARCH 2, 2026.

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

14 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

15 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

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

19 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

20 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

21 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

22 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. Opposed? The
24 ayes have it and so moved.

25 MS. REED: 5-G. FOR INTRODUCTION -

1 A RESOLUTION – APPOINTMENT OF ROSEMARY
2 BOHENEK, 1445 THACKERY STREET, SCRANTON,
3 PENNSYLVANIA, 18504, TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF
4 THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION. MS.
5 BOHENEK WILL SERVE A FIVE YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE
6 JANUARY 29, 2021 AND WILL EXPIRE ON JANUARY 29,
7 2026.

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

11 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

12 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question?

14 MR. SCHUSTER: On the question, I
15 would just like to congratulate Ms. Bohenek
16 and the other appointees tonight.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Very good. Anyone
18 else on the question? All those in favor of
19 introduction signify by saying aye.

20 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

21 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

22 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

23 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

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

1 MS. REED: 5-H. FOR INTRODUCTION -
2 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
3 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND
4 ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
5 SCRANTON AND OPENGOV FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
6 CITY MANAGEMENT OPERATING SYSTEM.

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

10 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

11 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? I
13 want to say a few things about both 5-H and 5-I
14 as a package. I was -- as I said during the
15 presentation tonight by OpenGov, I was very
16 impressed with what they had to present. The
17 bottom line is the City has to do something.

18 We heard tonight that both the
19 financial management system and the operating
20 system -- management system of the City is
21 going to be outdated. We're no longer going to
22 be able to use the one that we currently have.
23 And it goes back to the early 2000s.

24 What they presented tonight brings
25 the City of Scranton I think in finally into

1 the 21st century with technology. I've been a
2 big proponent since I've been on Council of
3 making the City more technologically friendly
4 and more efficient.

5 And if you look at other cities who
6 are really progressive in Pennsylvania and
7 around the country, they use technology to
8 their benefit to be more efficient. They're
9 not afraid of it.

10 So I think it's very, very important
11 that we approve this. There obviously is a
12 cost to it. But I look at this more as an
13 investment because the benefit is our
14 government becomes much more user-friendly in
15 terms of the people who live here, who pay
16 taxes, who want to look at different
17 information like our finances.

18 This really opens the books in terms
19 of that information whereas they would have to
20 do a Right To Know request or you jump through
21 hoops to get something that could easily be
22 presented to them by OpenGov in their platform.
23 So that would be number one.

24 Number two, one of the things that I
25 really liked about this was the permitting and

1 licensing aspect. There's no reason that if
2 you're a contractor or if you are trying to do
3 business in the City that you need to
4 physically come down to the building and get a
5 permit.

6 In other cities it's all done
7 online. And if we go with this company it
8 looks like that is going to be the same case in
9 the City of Scranton. So we're making it
10 easier on people, more user-friendly. We
11 already have outdated technology. I think this
12 makes us much more efficient.

13 And I think it benefits the
14 residents of the City. So I'll be voting in
15 favor of this. There were some questions that
16 I would like answered before final passage in
17 terms of the detail of the cost that was not
18 included in either of the items on our agenda.

19 The disclosures, again, I don't know
20 how they were left out but they were. We need
21 to see those before we vote for this, I
22 believe. So as long as we get that breakdown
23 and that documentation, I will be voting yes.
24 Anyone else on the question? All those in
25 favor of introduction signify by saying aye.

1 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

2 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

3 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

4 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

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

7 MS. REED: 5-I. FOR INTRODUCTION -
8 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
9 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND
10 ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
11 SCRANTON AND OPENGOV FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
12 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

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

16 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

17 DR. ROTHCHILD: Second.

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

21 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

22 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

23 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

24 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. Opposed? The

1 ayes have it and so moved.

2 MS. REED: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A.

3 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 56,
4 2021 - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE
5 COUNCIL NO. 8, 1987, AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED
6 "AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 87, 1976
7 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED 'PROVIDING FOR
8 THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF A LICENSE FOR ALL
9 PERFORMERS, ENTERTAINERS, SPORTING TEAMS,
10 MUSICAL GROUPS, BANDS, THEATRICAL CAST, DANCING
11 GROUPS, RECITAL GROUPS, PAID LECTURERS AND
12 SPEAKERS BY INCREASING FEES" 'TO DECREASE THE
13 FEES DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: You've heard reading
15 by title of Item 6-A. What is your pleasure?

16 MR. DONAHUE: I move that Item 6-A
17 pass reading by title.

18 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

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

21 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

22 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

23 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

24 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. Opposed? The

1 ayes have it and so moved.

2 MS. REED: 6-B. READING BY TITLE -
3 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 57, 2021 - AN
4 ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.
5 70, 2016, AN ORDINANCE, "AUTHORIZING THE
6 CREATION OF AN EVENT LICENSE TO ALLEVIATE THE
7 DIRECT EXPENSE TO PEDDLERS AND TO ALLOW A MORE
8 EFFICIENT OPERATION OF VARIOUS EVENTS IN THE
9 CITY, AND IMPOSING AN EVENT LICENSE FEE
10 SCHEDULE" TO DECREASE THE FEES DUE TO THE
11 COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: You've heard reading
13 by title of Item 6-B. What is your pleasure?

14 MR. DONAHUE: I move that Item 6-B
15 pass reading by title.

16 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? All
18 those in favor signify by saying aye.

19 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

20 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

21 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

22 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. Opposed? The
24 ayes have it and so moved.

25 MS. REED: 6-C. READING BY TITLE -

1 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 58, 2021 - AN
2 ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.
3 33, 2013, AN ORDINANCE, "AMENDING SECTIONS
4 340-1, 340-8, 340-9 AND 340-13(A) OF THE CODE
5 OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON GOVERNING PEDDLING AND
6 SOLICITING WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON" BY
7 FURTHER AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE
8 SECTION 340-13(A) TO DECREASE THE FEE BY
9 20% DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: You've heard reading
11 by title of Item 6-C. What is your pleasure?

12 MR. DONAHUE: I move that Item 6-C
13 pass reading by title.

14 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? All
16 those in favor signify by saying aye.

17 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

18 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

19 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

20 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

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

23 MS. REED: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR
24 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
25 WORKS - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.

1 54, 2021 – ESTABLISHING A “NO PARKING” ZONE
2 ALONG THE EASTERLY SIDE OF WYOMING AVENUE
3 (S.R.3025) FROM SEGMENT 0000 OFFSET 1292 TO
4 SEGMENT 0020 OFFSET 1417 TO ALLOW FOR SAFE
5 SIGHT DISTANCES FOR A PARKING LOT
6 PROPOSED BY MILLER LOFTS LOCATED AT 620 WYOMING
7 AVENUE.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: What is the
9 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
10 Committee on Public Works?

11 MR. DONAHUE: As Chairperson for the
12 Committee on Public Works, I recommend final
13 passage of Item 7-A.

14 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? Roll
16 call, please.

17 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Schuster.

18 MR. SCHUSTER: Yes.

19 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

20 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

21 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

22 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

23 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

24 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

25 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. I hereby declare
2 Item 7-A legally and lawfully adopted.

3 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION
4 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - FOR
5 ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 55, 2021 (AS
6 AMENDED) - ESTABLISHING A "NO PARKING ZONE"
7 ALONG THE WESTERLY SIDE OF THE 800 BLOCK OF
8 WYOMING AVENUE FROM NEW STREET SOUTH TO EAST
9 GIBSON STREET AND PLACEMENT OF THE FOLLOWING
10 SIGNS: FOUR (4) R8-3 NO PARKING SYMBOL SIGNS
11 12"X12", THREE (3) R-301 NO PARKING ARROW
12 PLAQUE AND ONE (1) R-301 NO PARKING LEFT ARROW
13 PLAQUE.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: What is the
15 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
16 Committee on Public Works?

17 MR. DONAHUE: As Chairperson for the
18 Committee on Public Works, I recommend final
19 passage of Item 7-B.

20 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: As amended. On the
22 question? Roll call, please.

23 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Schuster.

24 MR SCHUSTER: Yes.

25 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

1 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

2 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

3 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

5 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. I hereby declare
8 Item 7-B as amended legally and lawfully
9 adopted.

10 MS. REED: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION
11 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -
12 RESOLUTION NO. 135, 2021 - APPROVING A
13 SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA
14 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
15 FOR THE MEADOW BROOK FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT.

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

19 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? On
21 the question, I'm going to be voting for this
22 agreement. It's the first step to solve this
23 problem that has affected all the people in
24 this area for decades upon decades.

25 It is an absolute shame what some

1 people have had to go through. I've -- and
2 since I've been on Council I've been fighting
3 for the people down there. And unfortunately
4 because of so many of the things that were
5 mentioned here tonight and other reasons if we
6 go back a few years with the prior
7 administration this has taken a long time. And
8 it will ultimately take according to what they
9 said about two to three years for final
10 completion.

11 But I'll thrilled that this is the
12 first step. And we're taking it. And
13 eventually this problem is going to be solved.
14 Anyone else?

15 MR. SCHUSTER: Yeah, I also --

16 MR. DONAHUE: I agree with
17 Councilman Gaughan there. I mean, this should
18 have been done a decade ago. But at least
19 we're, you know, starting this process and
20 getting the ball moving, you know, they've --
21 the people on that block have dealt with too
22 much over the last decade.

23 MR. SCHUSTER: Yeah, I would agree
24 with my fellow councilmen. They've dealt with
25 it for too long. And I was happy to hear

1 Mr. O'Brien say that he would look into some
2 kind of temporary fix, if possible, since this
3 is going to take about three years.

4 But three years is down a little bit
5 from the first estimate we heard a couple weeks
6 back.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Anyone else?

8 MR. MCANDREW: I was just going to
9 say finally it's about time. There's nothing
10 else to say. Finally they're going to solve
11 this problem once and for all. And it looks
12 like they're going to do it right. So I'm
13 happy about that.

14 DR. ROTHCHILD: I agree with
15 everyone's sentiments. This is important for
16 us to pass and get into movement even if it
17 might take some time. People have been dealing
18 with this problem for way too long.

19 MR. GAUGHAN: I agree. Thank you.
20 Roll call, please.

21 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Schuster.

22 MR SCHUSTER: Yes.

23 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

24 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

25 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

1 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

2 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

3 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. I hereby declare
6 Item 7-C legally and lawfully adopted.

7 MS. REED: 7-D. FOR CONSIDERATION
8 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - FOR
9 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 136, 2021 - ACCEPTING
10 A DONATION PRESENTED TO THE CITY OF SCRANTON
11 FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM THE CLIFFORD TOWNSHIP
12 VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF
13 \$100.00 IN MEMORY OF SCRANTON FIREFIGHTER
14 STEPHEN SUNDAY.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: What is the
16 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
17 Committee on Public Safety?

18 MR. MCANDREW: As Chairperson for
19 the Committee on Public Safety, I recommend
20 final passage of Item 7-C.

21 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

22 MR. MCANDREW: 7-D, sorry.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: That's okay. We're
24 going through the alphabet tonight.

25 ATTY. HAYES: I have my cheat sheet

1 right here.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question?

3 MR. MCANDREW: On the question, this
4 is fantastic. This is -- I think this is
5 wonderful. It's a great testament to the young
6 man we lost recently. I'm happy to vote yes
7 for this.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: I agree. Anyone else?
9 Roll call, please.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Schuster.

11 MR SCHUSTER: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

13 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

15 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

17 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

18 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

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

21 MS. REED: 7-E. FOR CONSIDERATION
22 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - FOR
23 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 137, 2021 - ACCEPTING
24 A DONATION PRESENTED TO THE CITY OF SCRANTON
25 FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM TOM HESSER CHEVROLET/BMW

1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1514.00.

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

5 MR. MCANDREW: As Chairperson for
6 the Committee on Public Safety, I recommend
7 final passage of Item 7-E.

8 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question?

10 MR. MCANDREW: Also, this is another
11 great donation from Tom Hesser BMW, very
12 gracious of them and defrays some costs of the
13 Fire Department. It's great to have people
14 helping us out. That's all I have.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Anyone else? Roll
16 call, please.

17 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Schuster.

18 MR. SCHUSTER: Yes.

19 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

20 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

21 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

22 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

23 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

24 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

25 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. I hereby declare
2 Item 7-E legally and lawfully adopted.

3 MS. REED: 7-F. FOR CONSIDERATION
4 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - FOR
5 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 138, 2021 -
6 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
7 CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A
8 CONTRACT FOR THE RE-BID SIMULATOR AREA
9 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
10 SCRANTON AND SEAN BYRNE CONSTRUCTION FOR
11 GENERAL CONTRACTING WORK.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: What is the
13 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
14 Committee on Public Safety?

15 MR. MCANDREW: As Chairperson for
16 the Committee on Public Safety, I recommend
17 final passage of Item 7-F.

18 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

19 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? I'm
21 going to be voting in favor of both of these
22 pieces. And I want to thank Chief Judge, Chief
23 Namiotka and our Business Administrator, Carl
24 Deeley for coming tonight to give us an update
25 on this project.

1 Our police department and the
2 members of our police department I think deal
3 with so many different types of situations
4 today then maybe they did, you know, 30 or 40
5 years ago.

6 We have a lot of situations that
7 involve mental health in Scranton and in
8 Pennsylvania and around the country. And our
9 police officers in many respects are under some
10 really, really stressful situations that
11 require, you know, instincts to kick in right
12 away.

13 And I think any time that we can
14 invest in this type of training environment
15 which provides the realism that this system
16 provides and real life training scenarios, I
17 think it's a huge benefit for our police
18 department.

19 I also think the one benefit of this
20 is the fact that it's probably going to end up
21 being a revenue generator. And Scranton is
22 going to be the leader on this in our area.
23 According to the Chief and the Business
24 Administrator we don't have -- no other
25 community in our area has anything like this.

1 So they're going to be coming to the
2 Serrenti Center and we're going to be able to
3 generate some revenue. So these are all good
4 things. It's a positive project. It's not
5 going to affect our budget and our bottom line
6 in any way since this is all going to be funded
7 through an LSA grant, very positive for the
8 police department and very positive for the
9 City. Anyone else? Roll call, please.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Schuster.

11 MR SCHUSTER: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

13 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

15 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

17 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

18 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

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

21 MS. REED: 7-G. FOR CONSIDERATION
22 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - FOR
23 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 139, 2021 -
24 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
25 CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A

1 CONTRACT FOR THE RE-BID SIMULATOR AREA
2 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
3 SCRANTON AND LEBER ELECTRIC, INC. FOR THE
4 ELECTRICAL WORK.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: What is the
6 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
7 Committee on Public Safety?

8 MR. MCANDREW: As Chairperson for
9 the Committee on Public Safety, I recommend
10 final passage of Item 7-G.

11 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

12 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? Roll
14 call, please.

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Schuster.

16 MR SCHUSTER: Yes.

17 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

18 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

19 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

20 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

21 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

22 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

23 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. I hereby declare
25 Item 7-G legally and lawfully adopted.

1 MS. REED: 7-H. PREVIOUSLY TABLED -
2 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY
3 DEVELOPMENT FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 120,
4 2021 - ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE
5 HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD ("HARB")
6 AND DENYING THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
7 FOR L. R. COSTANZO CO., INC., 123 NORTH MAIN
8 AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18504 FOR THE
9 FOLLOWING UPGRADES TO SITE LIGHTING THROUGHOUT
10 THE PROPERTY AT PNC BANK, 201 PENN AVENUE,
11 SCRANTON, PA 18503.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: What is the
13 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
14 Committee on Community Development?

15 DR. ROTHCHILD: As Chair for the
16 Committee on Community Development, I recommend
17 a final vote of Item 7-H.

18 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

19 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? On
20 the question, just so we're clear on what this
21 vote is going to look like, a yes vote -- if
22 you vote yes that means you're voting to uphold
23 the HARB's recommendation which was to deny the
24 application. And a no vote will be a vote
25 against the denial and in favor of the

1 applicant.

2 I stated earlier during the public
3 hearing that we had that I'm going to be voting
4 no just solely -- well, based on two things,
5 the testimony that we heard tonight and also
6 the review of the HARB's denial.

7 In my view, the application does not
8 violate anything -- any of the criteria that is
9 set forth in our code for the historic
10 district. We can't make businesses jump
11 through hoops for minor things like this I
12 don't think. I think we'll actually drive
13 businesses away.

14 I am very supportive of the HARB.
15 And I do think that their efforts to preserve
16 our downtown and the historic nature of our
17 downtown are important. In this instance, I
18 don't believe that a personal preference
19 should, you know, drive this project in the
20 other direction and make them again jump
21 through hoops.

22 I think we have to look at the very
23 specific criteria that is set forth in the
24 code. And for those reasons, I'm going to vote
25 no against the resolution and for the

1 applicant.

2 MR. DONAHUE: I agree. You know,
3 they didn't meet the, you know, the criteria
4 that was outlined. And like Councilman Gaughan
5 said, you know, I think it was more stylistic
6 differences than, you know, basically off of
7 what's in the code. So for that reason I'm
8 going to be voting no.

9 DR. ROTHCHILD: I'll also be voting
10 no. You know, I appreciate hearing from the
11 applicants in our caucus earlier that I felt
12 like that they really helped explain where they
13 were coming from. You know, they already
14 purchased the materials but, you know, I also
15 don't think that it has an impact on the
16 historical building or the historical district.

17 So, you know, I appreciate the work
18 that HARB does. But I don't agree with their
19 decision just in this instance. And I'll be
20 voting no.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: Anyone else on the
22 question?

23 MR. MCANDREW: Yes, I'm voting no.
24 I posed a couple questions. They were
25 answered. The applicants pleaded their case.

1 I thought they did a great job doing that.
2 And, you know, I thought the historical piece
3 of violating were stretched. And I agree with
4 Councilman Donahue.

5 This is -- PNC's been around since
6 I'm kid. So, you know, like you said jumping
7 through hoops. And they're comparing lights to
8 the 70s. 70s to what? They were approved --
9 they were okay when they were in the 70s
10 looking like that. I just thought that they
11 did a great job pleading their case. And I'm
12 voting no.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Anyone else on
14 the question? So again just to be clear, a yes
15 vote means you're voting to uphold the HARB's
16 recommendation which was to deny the
17 application. A no vote will be a vote against
18 the denial and in favor of the applicant.

19 And I think we lost Councilman
20 Schuster. So I'll give him a second so he
21 doesn't miss the vote. Sorry, Tom, we lost
22 you. Did you have anything to say on
23 the -- oh, you're muted.

24 MR. SCHUSTER: Sorry, I was losing
25 my internet connection. No, I agree with you

1 all from what I've heard. But I plan on voting
2 no as well.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Roll call,
4 please.

5 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Schuster.

6 MR. SCHUSTER: No.

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

8 MR. MCANDREW: No.

9 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

10 DR. ROTHCHILD: No.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

12 MR. DONAHUE: No.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: No. 7-H has not been
15 adopted.

16 MS. REED: EIGHTH ORDER. OLD
17 BUSINESS. 8-A. RESOLUTION NO. 134, 2021 -
18 APPOINTMENT OF LEONARD NAMIoTKA, 1130 PHILO
19 STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18508, TO THE
20 POSITION OF SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE FOR THE
21 CITY OF SCRANTON EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 17, 2021.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: If there is no further
23 business, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

24 MR. DONAHUE: Motion to adjourn.

25 MR. SCHUSTER: Sorry, I have one

1 more thing, Kyle.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Oh, sure. Go ahead.

3 MR. SCHUSTER: I should have spoke
4 to it on Item 7-C. Is there a possibility we
5 could have Kevin send a letter to Joe O'Brien
6 to see if there's going to be a request for
7 qualifications to select law firms that are
8 going to be working on the Meadow Brook Project
9 how they are going to be selected and I think
10 that should be about cover it.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: I think they have to,
12 right, Kevin by law they have to put that out.

13 ATTY. HAYES: Not necessarily. I
14 don't know that they would have to.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay.

16 ATTY. HAYES: I will send a letter
17 to make sure that they will.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay.

19 MR. MCANDREW: Doesn't hurt to
20 remind them.

21 MR. SCHUSTER: Thank you.

22 ATTY. HAYES: No problem, Tom.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Anyone else before we
24 adjourn? Okay. Did someone make a motion to
25 adjourn? I'm sorry.

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MR. DONAHUE: Motion to adjourn.

MR. GAUGHAN: There you go. This meeting's adjourned.

ATTY. HAYES: Good night everyone.

MR. GAUGHAN: Thanks everyone. Have a good night.

MR. DONAHUE: Good night.

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