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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: Would everyone please
4 remain standing for a moment of silent
5 reflection for our service men and women
6 throughout the world and also for those who
7 have passed away in our community, especially
8 Patrick Coach Purcell who tragically passed
9 away this past weekend.

10 Coach was well-known throughout our
11 City, was a kind-hearted person who will be
12 missed by everyone who knew him. And our
13 prayers go out to the Purcell family.

14 Let us also take a moment of silence
15 tonight for all of the people in our community,
16 in our country and throughout our world who
17 have passed away from the coronavirus. This
18 pandemic has turned our world upside down. But
19 we must remain hopeful and strong.

20 We continue to pray for the doctors,
21 nurses, researchers and all medical
22 professionals who seek to heal and help those
23 affected and who put themselves at risk in the
24 process, may they have protection and peace.

25 Whether we are home or abroad,

1 surrounded by many people suffering from this
2 illness or only a few, let us stick together,
3 endure together, mourn together and in place of
4 our anxiety let us have hope and peace. Thank
5 you. Roll call, please.

6 MS CARRERA: Mr. Schuster.

7 MR. SCHUSTER: Present.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

9 MR. MCANDREW: Present.

10 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

11 DR. ROTHCHILD: Here.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

13 MR. DONAHUE: Here.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Here. I'd like to
16 announce that an executive session was held
17 this afternoon to discuss a personnel issue.
18 Mrs. Reed, please dispense with the reading of
19 the minutes.

20 MS. REED: Thank you. THIRD ORDER.

21 3-A. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM
22 PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMY LEAGUE DATED MARCH 15,
23 2021 REGARDING A REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED
24 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH LOCAL
25 LODGE 2462.

1 3-B. CONTROLLER'S REPORT FOR MONTH
2 ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2021.

3 3-C. MINUTES OF THE NON-UNIFORM
4 MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD
5 FEBRUARY 17, 2021.

6 3-D. AGENDA FOR THE NON-UNIFORM
7 MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD
8 MARCH 17, 2021.

9 3-E. MINUTES OF THE SCRANTON POLICE
10 PENSION COMMISSION MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 17,
11 2021.

12 3-F. LACKAWANNA COUNTY PLANNING
13 COMMISSION SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT
14 EVALUATION REPORTS REVIEWED MARCH 2, 2021 AND
15 MARCH 5, 2021.

16 3-G. MINUTES OF THE ETHICS BOARD
17 MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 10, 2021.

18 3-H. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM
19 ETHICS BOARD DATED MARCH 15, 2021 REGARDING
20 CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITATIONS AND
21 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

22 3-I. OPENGOV COST SUMMARY AND
23 FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Are there
25 any comments on any of the Third Order items?

1 MR. SCHUSTER: Yeah, I had three
2 comments on Third Order items. So looking at
3 3-C, there seemed to be -- going through those
4 minutes, it seems like there was confusion
5 going over the date when to submit for
6 retirement.

7 I kind of heard that was some kind
8 of an issue but I also saw it in those minutes.
9 And I think also maybe Mr. Deeley could touch
10 on this a little later on.

11 I think he stated that there was --
12 I think he stated that it was hard to deal with
13 with City Hall being closed. So if it's a
14 possibility that Mr. Deeley could maybe touch
15 on the timeline when City Hall plans on opening
16 any time soon.

17 And then with 3-I, the Open
18 Government cost summary, there were several
19 answers in the disclosure form where it says
20 specific personnel names after execution of
21 contract if he could just explain that
22 somewhat.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Anyone else on
24 the Third Order items? If not, received and
25 filed. Do any Council members have any

1 announcements at this time?

2 MR. MCANDREW: I have one. Friends
3 of the Poor next Wednesday, March 31st at
4 Scranton High will have an Easter food and
5 basket giveaway which is pretty cool for the
6 holiday coming up between 10 and 5 p.m. at
7 Scranton High. And there will be onsite
8 registration. That's all I have. Thank you.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Anyone
10 else?

11 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes, I just wanted
12 to congratulate the Scranton Fringe Festival
13 and their partners on this past weekend's Porch
14 Fest. It was really successful. A lot of
15 people went throughout the City and utilized
16 the maps that they provided to check out the
17 property owners and businesses that were
18 participating in it.

19 I know that it gave me and my family
20 a great opportunity to get out of the house and
21 go for a walk around the neighborhood and
22 listen to some music. And it was just a very
23 enjoyable weekend. And I hope to see more
24 events like that. It was, you know, it was
25 very safe in terms of COVID and, you know,

1 really nice way to -- that I get to see people.
2 Thanks.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Anyone
4 else? Okay. Mrs. Reed.

5 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS
6 PARTICIPATION.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: At this time would
8 someone please make a motion to accept public
9 comment from following individuals: Glenn
10 Clark, Bev deBarros, and Thomas Coyne.

11 MR. DONAHUE: I make a motion to
12 accept public comment.

13 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

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

18 MS. REED: The first submission is
19 from Mr. Glenn Clark as follows:

20 I reference exhibit B as it pertains
21 to this correspondence.

22 My name is Glenn R Clark and my
23 spouse is Valerie M Clark. We jointly own the
24 property at 801/803 N Main Ave. This property
25 is a 4 unit apartment building licensed as

1 required by the City of Scranton. Its been in
2 the family since 1952 and my wife and I occupy
3 one of the apartments. We have parking for 2
4 vehicles which my wife and I consume. We have
5 always had a no parking zone on the westerly
6 side of Main Ave. Our three tenants
7 traditionally park on the northerly side of
8 Oram St. Two of our three tenants are senior
9 citizens and the other tenant is a single male
10 in his late 50's. Most of the time parking is
11 available along the northerly side of Oram St.

12 This parking restriction would
13 require our tenants to find parking in the 1200
14 of Oram or somewhere along the 700 or 800 of
15 Main or Hyde Park. This will also extend their
16 walk to their residences at night. While they
17 sometimes are required to do that now, this
18 change would require them to source alternate
19 parking all of the time. We feel we will lose
20 these high quality tenants, two of whom have
21 been with us for over twenty years and one ten.

22 In addition to the issues this
23 project is causing me, the project causes
24 parking issues for two business operations
25 recently opened at the corner of Hyde Park Ave

1 and Oram St.

2 I would also like to point out that
3 on the Northwesterly corner of Main and Oram an
4 old steel utility pole exists that has no wires
5 or lights on it of any kind. This pole provides
6 the biggest impediment to traffic congestion as
7 drivers are always afraid of hitting it. This
8 dormant utility pole should be removed for
9 smooth traffic flow. The expansion of this no
10 parking zone will also entice off route tractor
11 drivers, who ignore the low bridge sign, to use
12 the street because of its openness.

13 I'm thinking my concerns probably
14 will not cause you to rethink the expansion of
15 the no parking zone on the Northern side of
16 Westbound Oram St. Ideally, for the sake of my
17 neighbors, the new businesses, and myself
18 please consider not expanding this no parking
19 zone. If your final decision is to put the
20 expansion of the no parking zone in place then
21 I would like the city to consider providing me
22 with a grant to create a parking area for my
23 tenants by paving the grassy area between the
24 curb along the northerly side of Oram St and my
25 sidewalks or at least a no charge permit to do

1 this modification.

2 Please keep me informed of the
3 outcome of this commentary.

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5 MS. REED: The second submission is
6 provided by Miss Bev deBarros.

7 Dear Friends ~ about that sign with
8 the curse word in Spanish, if that would have
9 been the same word, in the same predominantly
10 displayed location, written in English, would
11 it also have been permitted ? Vulgar graffiti
12 is not tolerated.

13 Also, I didn't hear the response to
14 Marie Shumacher's question about the Capouse
15 Pool I wish we had a t least four small pools
16 through out the city.,so our kids could enjoy
17 the benefits of summer swimming .

18 Why wait for a very big pool at
19 NayAug, which is not always accessible to our
20 city kids, anyway ?

21 When that whole slide installation
22 was erected, who got to use it, but mostly the
23 richer families from out of the city?

24 The admission fee was prohibitive
25 for our local neighbors.

1 Please consider using some of our
2 empty lots for b-ball, a few swings and
3 benches, etc.

4 In addition to the exercise and fun
5 of playing together outside, friendships can be
6 developed, making us more of a real community.
7 Thank you bev deBarros

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9 MS. REED: And the third and final
10 submission is from Mr. Tom Coyne as follows:

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12 Scranton City Council

13 It has been a while since I
14 presented before you and it seems some of the
15 same issues raised a year ago are still raised
16 unresolved.

17 First as a suggestion, I would
18 invest in a few fire plug caps to use instead
19 of the pool, to make temporary low cost splash
20 areas. Add outdoor rubber mats that can be
21 assembled and disassembled on spot and you have
22 a splash pad that can be mobile once the pool
23 project is complete to be used at other sites.

24 If large inner cities can have them
25 installed on fire plugs as splash areas, maybe

1 something like that could be used as a splash
2 zone, allowing some water play in Nay Aug Park
3 this summer with minimal effort.

4 It's not a giant pool, but with a
5 few installed, it would offer something. After
6 construction is complete, fire plug sprayers
7 could be used in coordination with summer
8 events if requested, alone or with mats. (Since
9 assembled mats can be adjusted to the size
10 needed).

11 Second, Trash. Long ago, I
12 suggested isolation of the Garbage Collection
13 funds from the General funds. This was inspired
14 by Baltimore when they raised new funds for
15 schools from the casinos.

16 Baltimore was allowed to collect
17 funds, but they had to keep all collected funds
18 in a separate sequestered fund. It was not
19 mixed in with the general city funds and could
20 ONLY be spent on the Schools. (In our case only
21 on trash/sanitation).

22 This separation allows auditing,
23 being responsible to the letter of the code and
24 law, and provides a single point audit for both
25 cost and revenue generation, it isolates the

1 garbage fee from the general fund. Language
2 also needs to be binding that no funds can be
3 migrated out of that fund, to any other city
4 operation or expenditure. (No line transfers).

5 Third, the Mayor has used the state
6 of emergency as an excuse for a year now to
7 avoid protocol.

8 Ignoring hiring and required
9 interviews, summarily ignoring city council
10 mandated pay scale, eliminating workers
11 budgeted for hire as a city employee to create
12 an unbid HR position at will, handing out the
13 position to a new fire chief by fiat, creating
14 public safety rules for the pandemic, the role
15 of City Council and not the mayor, per the home
16 rule charter, as the mayor only enforces, it's
17 councils job to legislate rules, including on
18 health and safety. (None of the Covid orders
19 obeyed the time requirements).

20 This police chief should not be
21 allowed to rise to the spot as it is
22 prohibited, and nothing in the law allowed the
23 mayor to break the law or change the city code
24 of rule and ethics. Unless you are ready to
25 install a new code that Scranton laws and city

1 codes are now optional.

2 Retrospective laws are an
3 abomination and retroactive hiring is just a
4 way to abuse a legal structure. If the time is
5 to short change it going forward, but as for
6 now, the law is what it is. You can't have it
7 both ways and expect to be respected.

8 Fourth I understand the reason
9 people want to speak at council and have a
10 "Voice". The inflection words produce is much
11 more than the context of dry text. Public
12 Speech can move people more than just words and
13 that is missing.

14 Fifth as I have more to submit but
15 limited time, water main repairs were done at
16 Oak ave and Nancy Drive in Minooka, the road
17 was cut and though well done, a square patch
18 was left in place. The cut curb section was
19 replaced, but it was not a curb to curb pave as
20 suggested.

21 And last, why would the city
22 outsource again with a maintenance and upkeep
23 fee, a city portal that can be built, owned and
24 internally operated. Questions asked are
25 proper, if v provides we leave how will the

1 information be provided, what format will it be
2 in, are there conversion tools OpenGov provides
3 to aid in that transition and what other
4 government body has pulled its data from
5 OpenGov?

6 Wisdom says to reach out to one of
7 those cities for input for how an exit went
8 before jumping into the deep end.
9 Thank you for your time.

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11 (Concludes public comment as
12 submitted to Council.)

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14 MS. REED: That is all, Councilman
15 Gaughan.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. On the
17 question? On the question, just to respond --
18 well, first of all, I want to thank Mr. Clark,
19 Miss deBarros and Mr. Coyne for submitting
20 comments tonight.

21 With Mr. Clark's concerns with
22 regarding the parking changes on Oram Street,
23 Mrs. Reed has been taking those comments and
24 has reached out to PennDOT.

25 And PennDOT has responded really

1 quick, which we appreciate. So I just want to
2 read their response -- this is from Tom
3 Pichiarella -- I think I'm saying his last name
4 right, the assistant traffic engineer for
5 signals at PennDOT.

6 To Mr. Clark's concerns, he said
7 that PennDOT has adjusted the lane striping to
8 maintain at least one of the two parking spots
9 on Oram Street for Mr. Clark's tenant at
10 801-803 Main Avenue.

11 He also states that in order to
12 maintain the second parking spot PennDOT has to
13 modify the existing curb radius on curb of Oram
14 and Main to help buses make the turn which may
15 be possible with the redesign of the corner
16 curb in regard to the iron pole that Mr. Clark
17 mentioned at the corner of Oram and Main as
18 Mr. Clark mentioned as an obstruction, PennDOT
19 plans on removing that.

20 In regards to the no parking on the
21 southeastern side of Oram Street for the
22 business at the corner of Oram and Hyde Park,
23 the business has a small parking lot on Hyde
24 Park Avenue. Also PennDOT does believe any
25 customers have been parking on the southern

1 side of Oram Street since there's not enough
2 room for through traffic if Mr. Clark's tenants
3 park on one side of Oram and business customers
4 park on the opposite side of Hyde Park Avenue.
5 So this was just sent to us this afternoon. So
6 I'll forward that to the rest of Council if it
7 hasn't been already.

8 And hopefully that takes care of
9 some of the concerns that -- as for Miss
10 deBarros, her comments we appreciate those.
11 And as for the Capouse pool, I believe that
12 this was part of a larger conversation that's
13 being had in regards to the overall kind of
14 revitalization of Pine Brook.

15 I know that the City in conjunction
16 with one of the nonprofits now -- the name is
17 escaping me, is going for grant money and
18 looking to redesign that area. Whether
19 it's -- I don't know if they were going to have
20 it be a pool or some kind of play area.

21 And Mr. Coyne's comments, we will
22 definitely take into consideration. And I
23 think one of his concerns had to do with Nancy
24 Drive up in Minooka and the pave cut. So, Mrs.
25 Reed, if we could get that information to the

1 pave cut inspector, that would be great.

2 That's all I have. Anyone else?

3 MR. DONAHUE: Just to add on the
4 Capouse pool question too, I think, you know,
5 we have to wait for the assessment from McLane
6 and Associates. I believe that would be a part
7 of it, you know, and then that gets some of
8 that front end work done where, you know, we
9 could go out and start applying for grants to,
10 you know, help get that area, you know, cleaned
11 up and useful again for the residents of that
12 area.

13 DR. ROTHCHILD: I agree. I believe
14 that's what they're waiting on. But then
15 there's also the Pine Brook revitalization.

16 MR. DONAHUE: Yes. The Pine Brook
17 revitalization is more --

18 DR. ROTHCHILD: Right, and I know
19 that they're, you know, they're well aware and
20 also want to see that not necessarily fixed but
21 turned into something that's useable for the
22 neighborhood.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Anyone else on the
24 question?

25 MR. MCANDREW: I just want to touch

1 on the Oram Street piece. So my
2 understanding -- I haven't seen the
3 correspondence from PennDOT yet. So my
4 understanding is they're going to provide or
5 potentially the parking spots for the tenants
6 that were mentioned.

7 But I thought that that no parking
8 piece goes up even farther halfway to the
9 middle of the block. So I'd like to get more
10 data or confirmation on that. I read the piece
11 that came to us. But it's very confusing at
12 this point.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: I think what we could
14 do -- oh, I'm sorry, Mark. You froze and then
15 I thought you stopped talking. Go ahead.

16 MR. MCANDREW: That's fine. That's
17 fine. I'm just a little confused or the way
18 it's written is confusing. So I just want more
19 clarity.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Yeah, I think it might
21 make sense if we introduce it tonight and then
22 we have next week for final passage if we maybe
23 get on a call with Mr. Pichiarella from
24 PennDOT. He seems to be really knowledgeable.
25 Well, he is knowledgeable. He's the head

1 person in terms of signals for PennDOT.

2 So maybe if we set up or scheduled a
3 call with you or and Kyle or whoever else wants
4 to get on it. That would probably be helpful
5 to go through it point by point.

6 MR. SCHUSTER: Yeah, with that being
7 said, I mean, I wouldn't mind getting on that
8 call either. I was going to ask some of my
9 questions -- I was going to put them on the
10 question.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Yeah, sure. Yeah,
12 sure. So, Lori, if you could reach out to
13 Mr. Pichiarella, and if Mark and Tom want to
14 get on the call with him that would be great
15 before next week.

16 MS. REED: Will do. Thank you.

17 MR. SCHUSTER: Thank you.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Anyone else on the
19 question? Very good. All those in favor
20 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. Okay, we do have
2 two guests here tonight, one Carl Deeley is a
3 glutton for punishment. He keeps coming back
4 always with a smile on his face. He's been
5 very good to us in terms of, you know, giving
6 us information and always coming to Council
7 which we appreciate very much.

8 And we also have Kelly Lindsey here
9 from Kohanski Company who has been the lead
10 with our 2019 audit which we received and put
11 in Third Order back on March 9th agenda. So I
12 will turn it over to you, Carl and Kelly, if
13 you just want to run through some of the bigger
14 points from the audit and anything else that
15 you would like to present. Thank you.

16 MR. DEELEY: Thank you, Chairman
17 Gaughan. It is always a pleasure to speak to
18 Council and also to receive the kind of
19 feedback in terms of how we're doing and what
20 we need to do better. I think this is a good
21 introduction to where we are now.

22 So the 2019 audit -- and I'll hand
23 it over to Kelly in a moment just so she could
24 give you the highlights. And again, this is
25 obviously the first time I'm going through this

1 process.

2 So I think in terms of the
3 information that Council maybe would require in
4 the future or maybe how you want these exit
5 kind of meetings to go that would be very
6 helpful so we can work on that.

7 And we did come out of the audit
8 with several improvements that were identified
9 I think from Kelly and the team from Kohanski
10 so that we've got those. And I would like to
11 cover a couple of those at the end and also the
12 schedule for the 2020 audit as well.

13 So at this point, Kelly, if I could
14 hand it over to you and also provide the key
15 points and the takeaways for the 2019.

16 MS. LINDSEY: Okay. Thank you for
17 having me tonight. So regrettably this
18 information is a little outdated. So I'll try
19 to make it brief. If we could start with the
20 independent auditors report, I'll just point
21 out a few things that kind of are important to
22 understand about the audit process and what
23 we're doing.

24 If you look at the first page of the
25 independent auditors report, the first -- the

1 second paragraph actually is management's
2 responsibility for the financial statements.
3 And if you read what it says, it says is that
4 management is responsible for the preparation
5 of these financial statements.

6 So that includes everything from,
7 you know, gathering the data and then, you
8 know, controlling the data, making sure
9 internal controls are in place and then, you
10 know, ultimately preparing the financial
11 statement.

12 The next paragraph goes onto read
13 that our responsibility as auditors is only to
14 give an opinion on these financial statements.
15 So even though we prepared the financial
16 statements and put the data in here, ultimately
17 it's management's responsibility for the
18 content.

19 The next thing I'd like to point out
20 is the last paragraph on the first page talks
21 about our process a little bit. And it talks
22 about how in performing the audit, you know,
23 we as auditors have to look at the risks and
24 try to determine, you know, the best approach
25 to the audit to minimize any misstatements.

1 As part of that, we do spend time
2 looking at the internal controls of the City to
3 make sure that the controls are in place to
4 prevent misstatements from happening. That was
5 a little bit challenging this year given, you
6 know, the restrictions on being, you know, off
7 site at the city.

8 We were able to do some work that we
9 normally would do. This year in particular we
10 really took a look at the payroll cycle and
11 were able to do some test of controls over the
12 payroll process. Usually we just pick one area
13 and kind of zero in on that and really look at
14 it more closely than we would in some years.

15 So fortunately at the beginning of
16 the summer before things really started to get
17 locked down we were able to come onsite and do
18 some tests and control over payroll data. And
19 we were happy to report that we didn't have any
20 control findings with that process or just in
21 general with any of the internal controls that
22 we were able to review. So that, you know, is
23 part of the audit process.

24 So we were able to do that
25 fortunately with, you know, with the lockdowns.

1 If you look -- turn to the next page, this is
2 the summary of our opinions. Again, you will
3 see that the only adverse opinion is on the
4 aggregate discretely (inaudible) component unit
5 which is the Parking Authority.

6 Again, we've talked about ways to
7 address that. And I think ultimately, you
8 know, the only way to make this go away is that
9 there is some way that the Parking Authority
10 could be audited. I think we're still trying
11 to work through that.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Kelly, not to
13 interrupt you, that's been an adverse opinion
14 now for a number of years, correct? I feel
15 like that always comes up every time we have an
16 audit.

17 MS. LINDSEY: Yes, I believe so.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay.

19 MS. LINDSEY: All of the other
20 opinions on all of the individual funds and
21 then the overall entity opinions are all
22 unmodified. So what that means is that all of
23 the information present in the financial
24 statement is presented in accordance with
25 generally accepted accounting principles and

1 there is nothing -- there's nothing outside of
2 the way that should be. So that's good. Are
3 there any other questions about the auditor's
4 report?

5 MR. GAUGHAN: No, just and I think
6 we went over this a little bit the last time
7 that you had come in. But in terms of the
8 Parking Authority, you know, what, like, they
9 have to -- do they have to have their own audit
10 or you have to access to their files or how
11 does that work?

12 MS. LINDSEY: Well, two things could
13 happen. Someone else could come in and do an
14 audit of that entity or, you know, we as the
15 City's auditors could be engaged to do that as
16 an extension of the City's audit. You know, I
17 really don't -- you know, we haven't spent much
18 time looking at it.

19 I don't know, you know, we haven't
20 spent much time looking at it. I don't know,
21 you know, what that would look like in terms of
22 the audit because I'm not sure, you know, what,
23 you know, obviously the assets of the Parking
24 Authority still exist. But beyond that, I'm
25 not sure what an audit would entail.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Thank you. Is
2 there any other questions on that portion of
3 it?

4 MR. SCHUSTER: You know, with that
5 being said, I mean, maybe, Mr. Hayes, what's
6 the best way to get an audit of the Parking
7 Authority done?

8 ATTY. HAYES: I'm sorry, what was
9 that again, Tom?

10 MR. SCHUSTER: So this piece has
11 come up adverse for several audits on what is
12 the best way to get an audit of the Parking
13 Authority done?

14 ATTY. HAYES: I don't know. I think
15 at this point in time we'd have to, you know, I
16 don't know what the best option is at this
17 point in time. I mean, we can go off the
18 record and talk about some legal avenues that
19 we would pursue. I don't know that I want to
20 say them right here. But, you know, that's
21 something I could research for you.

22 MR. SCHUSTER: You know, with that
23 being said, I didn't mean that put you on the
24 spot with that. I was -- is that something
25 Council just needs to request or does it have

1 to go through a different route?

2 ATTY. HAYES: I think Council can
3 request it and see what the initial response
4 would be. And if they don't, then, you know,
5 we can look at other more formal ways to get
6 it.

7 MR. SCHUSTER: Okay. Thank you.

8 ATTY. HAYES: I'll look into it for
9 you, Tom.

10 MR. SCHUSTER: Thank you.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Any other questions?
12 Okay. Did you have anything else, Kelly?

13 MS. LINDSEY: It's up to you. I'm
14 happy to go through some of the numbers of the
15 financial statements, like I said, you know,
16 we're looking at 2019. So some of this after
17 the year we've had, it seems like a long time
18 ago.

19 MR. GAUGHAN: Yeah, I just -- I'd be
20 interested and, I mean, I was looking at this
21 before if you could just highlight surplus fund
22 balance, you know, some of the bigger numbers.

23 MS. LINDSEY: All right. So if
24 everyone could look at page eight, I think the
25 statement of revenue expenditure and change of

1 the fund balances is probably where the most
2 useful information is if we want to look at
3 kind of recap the year end of 2019.

4 If you look towards the middle of
5 the page a couple of things that I think are
6 important to highlight is that during that year
7 in question the debt was reduced by 6.4
8 million. And if you go down a little bit
9 further on that page you'll see that really the
10 only new debt that was incurred during that
11 year were some leases for some capital
12 equipment.

13 So you paid down 6.4 million and
14 there was only about 400,000 of new debt that
15 was undertaken that year. So I think that's
16 important to know. You'll also see that there
17 was a significant amount of capital outlay
18 during the year. There was approximately 5
19 million in investment back into the City.

20 Included in there was over a million
21 dollars in the City's parks. There was about
22 700,000 in sidewalk renovations and almost 3
23 million dollars in new equipment purchased for
24 the City. So with those two things when you
25 think about those two things and then in total,

1 the general fund finished with, you know, a
2 positive number.

3 You know, most of the other funds
4 did as well. I think that's important to note.
5 I do want to point out too that if you look at
6 it, there is a 22 million dollar decrease in
7 fund balance in the general fund.

8 And I think it's important to note
9 what happened there was that the money related
10 to the sale of the Sewer Authority was sitting
11 in an investment account in the general fund.
12 That money was just transferred to special
13 cities more just as an accounting procedure.

14 So you'll see that that money
15 shifted from the general fund to special
16 cities. So when you're looking at that
17 negative 22 million dollar decrease in the
18 general fund balance, that is why that
19 happened.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Any other
21 questions? My question is more towards just
22 the process. Obviously, you know, we know that
23 the audit was very late this year compared to,
24 you know, when by the code we should have it.

25 Now, I know that you and Carl and

1 the administration provided updates every few
2 weeks which we appreciated. And I know that
3 the pandemic had, you know, something to do
4 with the fact that it was late.

5 But can you just talk about that
6 maybe, Carl or Kelly, whoever wants to take
7 that question on the reason for the lateness of
8 the audit?

9 MR. DEELEY: Absolutely. Kelly was
10 in the weeds on this stuff. You know, when we
11 first started looking at this we met in July
12 was the first meeting with Kelly. And we put
13 together an outline for the activities in terms
14 of breakdown and what the requirements were to
15 track the hand over of information to Kohanski.

16 And, you know, we were tracking
17 that. But we had several issues I think where
18 the information when it's taken across was not
19 either complete or we had questions about the
20 information which then the back and forth, I
21 think, between the different departments, you
22 know, became an issue.

23 And so, yeah, we were meeting on
24 this regularly and, of course, Kohanski we're
25 not the only entity (inaudible) you know, so

1 we've got a timeline. And when we got off that
2 timeline it puts pressure on Kohanski to do
3 this. So we do have kind of I think nine items
4 of material things that we need to work on
5 process -- process related in terms of the way
6 that we're doing our accounting that we need to
7 improve going into the 2020 audit.

8 We did meet today actually to do
9 that to start that process of revising that
10 timeline so identifying in more detail what the
11 requirements are from the City's side to
12 provide to Kohanski.

13 So what we're doing is we're both --
14 on the City's side and Kohanski, you know,
15 after today's meeting is putting those details
16 together. We're going to get back together the
17 week after next to put a much more defined plan
18 together that we can track and also make it
19 more visible.

20 The other reason for is not just the
21 fact that it's delayed, right, it's badly
22 delayed, you know, which is not acceptable is
23 that what we do this year we do need to
24 incorporate into the new operating system into
25 OpenGov.

1 So the information that we require
2 for the audit, you know, we can make that more
3 readily available. In terms of doing one thing
4 that Kelly mentioned about was the, you know,
5 the testing, the testing we could do that as
6 well internally so we don't have to put that
7 burden on the auditor.

8 So there's a lot of benefits that we
9 could built into the schedule for the 2020
10 audit which could then be put into OpenGov so
11 that will take out a lot of the manual work.
12 And I think this year as you may know from
13 previously is something that I learned now the
14 hard way, there's a lot of manual transposition
15 of data, a lot of kind of downloading
16 information, cross referencing on Excel
17 spreadsheets which are prone to error
18 (inaudible.)

19 And I think as Kelly mentioned it
20 didn't help. The pandemic didn't help
21 obviously. We had people in the office and
22 working from home which didn't help. But,
23 yeah, overall we had a plan. But I think the
24 execution of that plan wasn't good.

25 And so it was the execution needs to

1 improve and the level of detail of that plan
2 needs to improve as well. So the plan was
3 delinquent and basically the execution of that
4 plan too. So that's what we're working on now,
5 which again, I think the week after next we can
6 share that I think with Council as well so we
7 could see what the plan is for 2020.

8 We like to see this side by side
9 what the plan was for 2019 versus what we're
10 now going to do. So, Kelly, you have some
11 comments on this issue. You're obviously
12 dealing with the detail, the back and forth,
13 right, so you probably have more detail in
14 terms maybe of what the issues were with
15 getting the tests done on time.

16 MS. LINDSEY: Okay. We did receive
17 some of the information to do the audit earlier
18 in the year. So like I said before, we were
19 able to get in and do some of the internal
20 control testing and some of the smaller funds.

21 I think just with some of the issues
22 with the pandemic I know the cyber incident I
23 think in City Hall had something to do with it.
24 But we didn't really get most of the
25 information we needed to do the audit as a

1 result of many factors until October.

2 You know, we were able to get the
3 testing done. You know, most of it was remote.
4 It was a little bit challenging this year for
5 sure. But then ultimately there was -- the
6 report that we needed from the actuary on the
7 OPEB Plan that held it up, that information
8 wasn't received until January.

9 So once we had that we were able to
10 complete the audit and all of the reporting
11 within a couple weeks and we had the financial
12 statements issued in February. So, you know,
13 there was a lot of different things that went
14 on this year, you know, hopefully those, you
15 know, definitely won't be repeated for 2020.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: Oh, believe me they --
17 we hope that they're not repeated. This has
18 been -- 2020 has -- hopefully no more pandemics
19 or, you know, it's terrible. But we appreciate
20 it very much. Any other question or comments?

21 MR. MCANDREW: I was going to bring
22 up pretty much the same thing you did, Billy.
23 I hear from -- I still hear from people
24 constantly about this years' audit, last years'
25 audit, the year before so -- and the timeliness

1 of it. And, you know, we're trying to put a
2 budget together it's very hard without the
3 numbers.

4 So I'm glad to hear there's a plan
5 in place. I hope to hear good things next year
6 around this time that -- actually before and
7 maybe OpenGov is the answer. And I hope it is
8 and it helps us streamline some of this process
9 for everybody.

10 MR. DEELEY: We've done some
11 benchmarking as well across other cities and
12 municipalities in terms of, you know, their
13 audit performance and also their documentation
14 and that's something else we want to bring into
15 it. So we can learn, right, we can learn from
16 other municipalities as well as to what they're
17 doing and we can see what they're doing well
18 and the timing that they do.

19 So, you know, the intent is as we've
20 discussed the last week is really a step
21 change, right, in the way that we manage data.
22 And it's certainly for recording, reporting the
23 transparency of that, the access to that data.
24 Ultimately we're going to get the tools in
25 place to do it.

1 We have to make sure that we have
2 the processes as well that help us live up to
3 that so that we could match the capability of
4 the system.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Thanks, Carl. Any
6 other questions on the audit for Kelly or Carl?
7 Okay. I think we're good. Thank you so much.
8 We really appreciate it. And, you know, thanks
9 for working with us on that.

10 MS. LINDSEY: Okay. Thank you.

11 MR. SCHUSTER: Mr. Gaughan, I just
12 have a couple questions for -- if we're
13 finished with the audit those couple questions
14 for Mr. Deeley.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Yeah, sure. Carl,
16 would you mind sticking around for a few
17 minutes?

18 MR. DEELEY: Absolutely. My
19 pleasure.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Thanks, Kelly. We
21 appreciate it.

22 MS. LINDSEY: Thank you.

23 MR. SCHUSTER: Thank you. Yeah, so
24 when looking at Third Order, Mr. Deeley, if you
25 could hear me, I think it was -- let me get

1 back to it, 3-C. It seemed like there was some
2 confusion over the date to submit intent for
3 retirement. Can you kind of explain what was
4 going on there?

5 MR. DEELEY: Yeah, during the -- I'm
6 not sure what the confusion was. I don't know
7 who was confused and when they were confused.
8 I could probably answer the question easier.
9 But in terms of the submit for the retirement,
10 it relates to the start of the changes, right,
11 for the benefits package.

12 So people could retire under the old
13 CBA, right, up to a certain point when the new
14 conditions come into play. So from the
15 benefits perspective, the first of April is
16 when for the clerical union that comes into
17 play. So the people retired I think it was
18 based on the lead time for the processing of
19 their request.

20 So I'm not sure what the date was
21 now. But we -- but as to the pension meeting
22 that we had last month, we actually held it
23 open so we could allow people time to prepare
24 requesting for that retirement package.

25 MR. SCHUSTER: Yeah, I saw there was

1 some -- I think the date was like, maybe
2 February 28th. But then it might have went to
3 the end of the year. And I saw in those
4 meeting minutes there was a lot of discussion
5 about that date.

6 MR. DEELEY: Yeah, I could look at
7 my notes and find out the exact timeline on
8 that for the communications that we have.

9 MR. SCHUSTER: And the other thing I
10 felt in those minutes, I think you made a
11 comment that with City Hall being closed it was
12 hard to work out some of those details
13 possibly. I don't remember what the exact
14 phrase was, but does the administration have a
15 timeline to open up City Hall and get all the
16 services --

17 MR. DEELEY: No. It's a priority
18 for any business, right, including City Hall.
19 So we're partially open right now and we're
20 open by appointment as required. But, yes, we
21 are -- we were to do a readiness check on that
22 right now. We started that last week going
23 around all of the public buildings getting
24 ready.

25 We do have some modification which

1 we're making just, you know, from security as
2 well as public health perspective. So we're
3 planning to open as soon as we can. And that's
4 something which I'm thinking it's going to be
5 in line, obviously with guideline that we get
6 from the states and maybe see what other, you
7 know, other municipalities are doing. But we
8 are getting ready to open.

9 In terms of when we get the go-ahead
10 and we get the approval then we could open the
11 doors. So the timing of that, I think that's
12 something that we can talk about and we should
13 talk about it with Council as well in terms of
14 what's appropriate.

15 MR. SCHUSTER: Yeah, with the
16 readiness check is there a timeline for the
17 completion of that?

18 MR. DEELEY: Yes, we've got that for
19 the buildings so we know what we need to do.
20 We've got some security things that we got to
21 work on at City Hall. It's got a four week
22 lead time so that what basically that does is
23 ensures, you know, we've got proper access to
24 the public. We've also got the necessary
25 restrictions as well, right, for safety of the

1 employees as well in the building.

2 MR. SCHUSTER: And then Item 3-I, it
3 was the cost and financial disclosures that are
4 on that Open Government piece. Some of the
5 answers in those sheets, the term specific
6 personnel names after execution of contract.
7 Can you give just an explanation on that?

8 MR. DEELEY: That I'll have to take
9 a look at. I know our legal department went
10 through this with OpenGov before we -- before
11 we put the contract forward. So I'll have to
12 take a look at that and kind of get a full
13 explanation of it.

14 MR. SCHUSTER: I'm trying to see
15 where it is specifically about -- yeah, it
16 lists the names of individuals that were
17 registered federal or state lobbyists. And I
18 think it just said, you know, provide specific
19 personnel names after contract execution.

20 MR. DEELEY: Yeah, I don't know.
21 I'll have to take a look at that. What page is
22 it on?

23 MR. SCHUSTER: It's on page -- the
24 pages aren't numbered. It's on page six of
25 seven number -- six of seven number one and

1 there was two subcategories under number one
2 and then number two.

3 MR. DEELEY: Okay. I'll take a look
4 at that and I'll get an answer to you.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: I think that I'm
6 reading that now. The first part says not
7 applicable.

8 MR. SCHUSTER: Yeah, I guess that's
9 where my confusion is. It seems like it's not
10 applicable. But then it kind of -- it seems to
11 read, like, if there is someone doing that, the
12 names will be given after the contract is
13 executed. I mean, just that language is
14 confusing.

15 MR. DEELEY: Right.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: Any other questions?

17 MR. SCHUSTER: That's all from me.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Anybody else?

19 All right. I think that's it, Carl.

20 MR. DEELEY: My pleasure. I'll
21 speak to you later in the week and hope to see
22 you next week.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Have a
24 good night.

25 MR. DEELEY: Appreciate it.

1 ATTY. HAYES: Thanks, Carl.

2 MR. DEELEY: Thanks.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Mrs. Reed.

4 MS. REED: Thank you. FIFTH ORDER.

5 5-A. MOTIONS.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you, Councilman
7 Schuster, any motions or comments? Oh, you're
8 muted, Tom.

9 MR. SCHUSTER: Nothing at this time.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Thank you.
11 Councilman McAndrew, any motions or comments?

12 MR. MCANDREW: I do. I received
13 this correspondence from a concerned resident
14 over on Luzerne Street. This address at 1814
15 Luzerne Street, I mean, this is -- there's a
16 ton of concerns here. I'm just going to bullet
17 some of them so we can circle around or have
18 the police and LIPS Department circle around.

19 So it's an apartment building, three
20 unit apartment. From my understanding -- this
21 is the letter I received -- from speaking with
22 zoning and the basement is actually condemned.
23 I've been told that it was, then it wasn't.
24 Two upstairs units are occupied.

25 But the real issue is there's trash

1 everywhere. They're finding hypodermic needles
2 all around in the yard. And this is a
3 neighbor. The chimney fell off last year. And
4 now there's a large gutter hanging -- you know,
5 this is where kids -- I know they're not in
6 school yet but they're going back soon -- that
7 walk through this area and that court -- that
8 Christ Court is part of that.

9 So this is a huge safety issue,
10 first of all, especially with the hypodermic.
11 That's beyond belief. There's a lot of drug
12 activity being observed. They've made some
13 comments to the police department. Cars come
14 out and cars are coming and going all hours of
15 the night.

16 There's a constant smell of
17 marijuana. Tenants are fighting, all different
18 types of license plates from different states.
19 I guess they've, you know, they've tried to
20 reach out to the Mayor with no response and the
21 LIPS Department, no response.

22 I guess there's a new code officer.
23 There's rats running around there now. So I
24 guess, you know, this was looked at. Maybe
25 there was a little remedy. But now it looks

1 like it's getting worse than it was maybe last
2 year. There is more to it. I mean, you all
3 seen this e-mail I guess or if you didn't have
4 the opportunity yet.

5 So, Mrs. Reed, you know, I think you
6 forwarded it to us. So if you could maybe
7 circle around, reach out to the LIPS
8 Department. Let's get an update on this
9 property. Maybe also send some correspond to
10 the police department, you know, that they
11 should probably take another look at this
12 residence and, you know, have them report back
13 to us. That's all I have. Thank you.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you, Mark.
15 Dr. Rothchild, any motions or comments?

16 DR. ROTHCHILD: I have some on one
17 of the pieces of legislation that I'm going to
18 speak to later tonight I believe, 5-C. So I'll
19 just -- on the question I'll discuss it at that
20 point.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Thank you.
22 And, Councilman Donahue, any motions or
23 comments? Oh, you're muted, Kyle.

24 MR. DONAHUE: Sorry, I was going to
25 bring up the same thing as Mr. McAndrew. But

1 as long as that's being forwarded along I have
2 nothing at this time.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Thank you. I
4 just have a few comments. So I want to thank
5 John Pocius, our City Engineer and our City
6 Solicitor, Joe O'Brien who are drafting
7 legislation who currently are working on not a
8 fix but something I think will help the
9 neighbors on Third Avenue. So that should be
10 coming down soon.

11 We received recommendations from
12 Mr. Pocius. And I'm looking forward to voting
13 on that. So there should be some relief for
14 the residents on Third Avenue. Also, I want to
15 thank the Chief of Police and Justin Butler who
16 was in charge of the Traffic Division for quick
17 action on an issue that I had brought up.

18 Neighbors had reached out to me
19 about speeding at Sanderson and Electric
20 Street. So they are potentially going to put
21 an electric speed sign in the area which we
22 think will help. And also we reached out to
23 DPW at the request of residents there for
24 crosswalks.

25 And the director got back to us

1 quickly that they're going to look into doing
2 that, if possible. Also I want to thank Brian
3 Fallon and the Parks and Rec employees.
4 Travelling around the City -- and I also live
5 across the street from a park, they have been
6 out working very, very hard the last week, week
7 and a half as the weather gets nicer to have
8 our parks prepared for the spring and the
9 summer.

10 They're doing a really good job. So
11 I've driven by a few parks. And they really --
12 they look good. And they're in the process of
13 getting them ready. Also, Mrs. Reed, if we can
14 reach out to Senator Blake's office.

15 I think was -- they were the contact
16 information or the contact for the wall at the
17 Radison on Lackawanna Avenue. A few years ago
18 there was a grant that was in play or that I
19 think the county may have received through
20 Senator Blake's office or something along those
21 lines.

22 I can't remember off the top of my
23 head to rehab that wall there either leaving
24 downtown Scranton past Lackawanna Avenue at the
25 Radison. That wall is falling apart. It's

1 really just -- it looks very, very bad. And I
2 think it's dangerous. So there was some
3 movement to fix that.

4 And I'm not really sure what
5 happened with it. So I'd like to just see if
6 we can work together with them and try to get
7 that up and running again.

8 Also, I received a complaint from a
9 gentleman in the North Scranton section right
10 behind Holy Rosary Hall. They're having some
11 problems with an apartment basically dumping
12 garbage, couches, things. They're not putting
13 them in the dumpster. They have a private
14 hauler.

15 And I did make my way over there
16 several times. This issue goes back a few
17 months on and off. And it's really bad. So if
18 we can just remind the LIPS Department and see
19 if they could try to do something about that.

20 And also I want to again thank the
21 DPW and DPW Director. There was a gentleman
22 actually retired, Scranton Police Officer, a
23 very nice gentleman reached out to me months
24 ago about a drainage issue over on Paul Avenue
25 in the Hill Section. And it took a little

1 while but the DPW took care of that.

2 They installed a new storm drainage
3 system. And that gentleman was very pleased
4 and so were the neighbors over there. So that
5 will take care of that problem. Also, I wanted
6 to as the weather gets nicer I want, Mrs. Reed,
7 if you could check in with the administration.

8 I know last year I had made a
9 suggestion about a park ambassador program,
10 just a suggestion. I thought in looking at
11 what other cities do with large park systems
12 like ours and I know that the Mayor had said
13 that they were looking into that. So if we can
14 see if they made any progress there. And
15 that's all I have. Thank you.

16 MS. REED: Thank you. 5-B. FOR
17 INTRODUCTION – AN ORDINANCE – ESTABLISHING A
18 “NO PARKING” ZONE FOR ECMS 102866 SR 3013
19 SECTION 203, CITY OF SCRANTON MAIN
20 AVENUE SIGNAL PROJECT, MAIN AVENUE (SR 3013)
21 AND ORAM STREET – PERMIT #7905.

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

25 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

1 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question?

3 MR. MCANDREW: On the question --

4 MR. SCHUSTER: On the question.

5 MR. MCANDREW: Go ahead, Tom.

6 MR. SCHUSTER: Sorry. Go ahead,

7 Mark.

8 MR. MCANDREW: Well, thank you.

9 I'll vote to move this into -- for
10 introduction. But I'm nowhere near a yes vote
11 at this time. There's going to be residents
12 even beyond that one piece of property that
13 lived there their whole life who can't park in
14 front of their house.

15 So the people at PennDOT, I mean,
16 I'm sure when they go home -- the ones who
17 wrote this and they're able to -- (audio
18 interruption.)

19 MR. GAUGHAN: Mark, we lost you. I
20 think he froze. I hope he froze.

21 MR. MCANDREW: -- but I'll have to
22 hear something. I'm sorry, what?

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Mark, we lost you for
24 20 seconds.

25 MR. MCANDREW: I'll just summarize.

1 I'll vote for introduction. I just don't
2 like -- I just don't understand the rationale
3 for this change.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Thank you.

5 MR. SCHUSTER: I would have to
6 parallel what Mark is saying. You know,
7 looking at this one, I lived on the corner of
8 North Main Avenue and Putnum in North Scranton.
9 And we had a similar incident when one of the
10 four-unit apartments there opened up and
11 started taking residents.

12 You know, it caused -- the parking
13 situation moving up and going onto Church
14 Avenue. And it caused a lot of issues there.
15 So, I mean, I have several questions about it.
16 First of all, are there any negative affects of
17 voting this down? Does it affect anything with
18 PennDOT or any of the PennDOT's monies for this
19 project?

20 How many homes are affected? How
21 many residents are affected because a lot of
22 the homes in that specific intersection on both
23 sides of Main are apartment buildings. And it
24 also gets me to think of that chain reaction
25 that happened in North Scranton as those cars

1 started moving up the street.

2 And it's going to be a similar
3 situation moving up Oram and then moving down
4 Hyde Park Ave. Also in looking at it, how many
5 intersections are affected as we go down Main
6 Avenue? It doesn't seem to be just this one
7 intersection. It seems to be several as their
8 moving.

9 So I'm not really clear on that one.
10 But there does seem to be a lot of negative
11 consequences here with the businesses with the
12 amount of residents affected. And also we
13 spoke about the issue of the bridge and the
14 tractor-trailers. And those tractor-trailers
15 now getting into the Tripp Park area and
16 getting over onto Clearview Street in North
17 Scranton. And the resident does have a point
18 there with maybe these tractor-trailers ending
19 up up Oram Street which is a larger road.

20 But once it gets into other
21 sections -- the offshoots off of Oram are
22 tighter squeezes. So several questions on that
23 on that piece of legislation.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Anyone
25 else?

1 MR. DONAHUE: I would just like to
2 add that, you know, I agree that I don't
3 really, you know, knowing that area I really
4 don't see the need. I appreciate PennDOT
5 getting back to us so quickly. But I don't see
6 the justification yet.

7 DR. ROTHCHILD: I'm with everyone
8 else. I want to know what, you know, what it's
9 needed for. I think it does mention that it's
10 going to make it safer for the intersection.
11 But I don't see how. So if we can get more
12 specifics and information before next week that
13 would be appreciated.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: Yeah. I think we
15 should set up a meeting with Mr. Pichiarella
16 from PennDOT and make sure that we get all of
17 these questions answered. The one thing that I
18 do know is that, you know, this whole -- this
19 piece of legislation also deals with the
20 traffic signal which is extremely old and does
21 need to be replaced.

22 And the good thing that PennDOT is
23 doing is funding this entire project. The City
24 is not paying for any of it. But I would agree
25 I think we need, you know, all the questions

1 answered. And so we'll introduce it tonight.
2 And then, Mrs. Reed, if you could reach out to
3 Mr. Pichiarella and the other representatives
4 at PennDOT and we'll try to schedule a meeting
5 and get these questions answered.

6 And even if they're opened to coming
7 to a caucus next week if that would help
8 because I'm sure, you know, there's people in
9 that portion of West Scranton and Oram Street
10 would be interested. That might even be
11 better.

12 Okay. And, Mrs. Reed, did you send
13 that -- can you send that e-mail from Mr.
14 Pichiarella out to everyone and also send that
15 e-mail to Mr. Clark?

16 MR. DONAHUE: I believe she did.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Oh, did you?

18 MR. DONAHUE: She sent it out to
19 everybody.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Oh, okay.

21 MS. REED: Yeah, and I'll forward it
22 to Mr. Clark. Thank you.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Okay. Anyone
24 else on the question? Okay. 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-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -
8 AN ORDINANCE - CREATING CHAPTER 426 OF THE
9 HOME RULE CHARTER ENTITLED "SEXUAL ORIENTATION
10 OR GENDER CONVERSION EFFORTS."

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

14 DR. ROTHCHILD: So moved.

15 MR. DONAHUE: So moved -- second.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question.

17 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes, on the
18 question, I wanted to speak specifically to
19 this piece of legislation. This is something
20 that I brought forward to Council and to the
21 administration that I felt was important for us
22 to address.

23 So I just wanted to explain a little
24 bit more about it. I know that my fellow
25 Council members have had time to review it.

1 But I'm open to additional questions about it.
2 So this is being introduced tonight to help
3 protect the LGBTQ community from the harmful
4 practices of conversion therapy.

5 We also reference it as conversion
6 efforts in this legislation because we don't --
7 it's not really a form of therapy. But that's
8 kind of how it's become known as. And
9 conversion therapy specifically refers to any
10 practices or treatment that seeks to convert
11 one's sexual orientation or gender identity or
12 expression including efforts to change
13 behaviors or to eliminate or reduce sexual or
14 romantic attractions or feelings towards
15 individuals of the same sex.

16 So this would specifically apply to
17 just to mental health professionals who are
18 working with minors under the age of 18. And
19 so conversion therapy is a practice that still
20 occurs today unfortunately. And it's been
21 proven not only to be ineffective, but it's
22 also -- it could be very harmful and
23 detrimental to a person's well-being, the
24 opposite of really what therapy and mental
25 health services are supposed to do for an

1 individual.

2 And there's also surveys that have
3 showed, like, an increased rate of attempted
4 suicide among LGBTQ youth who've been victims
5 of these conversions efforts. So it really
6 does have significant consequences.

7 And it's just been discredited by so
8 many professional associations over the years,
9 I mean, over decades. So there is a lot out
10 there and as you could see in this legislation
11 to, you know, point it out why this is
12 something that should be banned within our
13 city.

14 And there's been a lack of action
15 from the State of Pennsylvania on conversion
16 therapy over the years. It's -- there has been
17 legislation introduced several times. But it
18 just hasn't been acted on. And so that's why
19 many municipalities and counties in
20 Pennsylvania have taken it into their own hands
21 and passed similar pieces of legislation to
22 help protect the LGBTQ community.

23 And so there are other places that
24 are specified in the legislation; to name a
25 few, Allentown, Erie, Bethlehem, Reading --

1 and, of course, like the bigger cities like
2 Philly and Pittsburgh. But there is also
3 smaller boroughs too that have passed this.

4 So really, I think Scranton is
5 behind in this. I did talk last week to the
6 human relations ordinance that was passed many
7 years ago. This is separate and different from
8 that. But, you know, still related to, like I
9 said, protecting the LGBTQ community in
10 Scranton.

11 And it will establish a fines system
12 for violators. And hopefully we won't have any
13 violators of the ordinance and that it won't
14 need to be addressed. But at least this is
15 being done in a corrective way so we can have
16 these protections in place.

17 So I believe that was everything
18 that I wanted to say with regards to this
19 legislation. But if there is any other
20 questions or comments I welcome them.

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

23 MR. SCHUSTER: Yes, as actually the
24 only mental health professional on the Council
25 right now, I think I'd like to say a couple

1 things. You know, some of the things that Jess
2 said are correct. You know, it's tied up in
3 the state. I think it's been tabled at the
4 state level since 2010 at least; is that
5 correct, Jess?

6 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yeah, probably
7 around that time. I think Representative Brian
8 Sims, one of our (inaudible) gay legislators
9 was one to introduce this type of legislation.

10 MR. SCHUSTER: I do work with the
11 Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse or
12 OMHSAS. And just to, you know, say I don't
13 believe there is any facilities of this nature
14 in the City of Scranton. I don't know if there
15 is any operating under the state.

16 And the Office of Mental Health and
17 Substance Abuse and other licensing bodies also
18 do not license therapy of this nature. So I
19 think what Jess is saying this is a proactive
20 measure that this type of thing doesn't happen
21 within our city limits. Do we need know if
22 there is any need for a ban on this type of
23 therapy --

24 DR. ROTHCHILD: Like I said, there,
25 you know, there are LGBTQ individuals who have

1 experienced these conversion efforts. And from
2 mental health professionals, you know, I can't
3 speak to any, like, individuals or practices
4 within our city limits that are including this,
5 you know, this form of therapy in their
6 practices.

7 But it doesn't mean that it's not
8 out there. And maybe, you know, people didn't
9 have a place to come forward about it. And so
10 now we're saying as a city, you know, if you
11 are experiencing this, we want to know about
12 it. And we want, you know, we want it to end.

13 MR. SCHUSTER: Yeah, I think as a
14 proactive measure it's a good thing. And just
15 so people could rest easy, I don't -- I'm not
16 aware of anyone practicing this in the City of
17 Scranton. I mean, I guess I can't speak for
18 the state. No one would be licensed in the
19 City of Scranton. I don't know of anyone
20 practicing it.

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

23 ATTY. HAYES: Bill?

24 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

25 ATTY. HAYES: It's Kevin. I just

1 wanted to point out so this legislation was
2 crafted under the leadership of Dr. Rothchild.
3 And we then submitted it to the City Law
4 Department for formatting. And the title to it
5 which indicates there was a change to the Home
6 Rule Charter is incorrect.

7 So there is not going to be a change
8 to the Home Rule Charter. It will be a --
9 there's going to be a new section of the City
10 Code. We made them aware -- we made the Law
11 Department aware of that issue. And it will be
12 corrected before final passage. So I just
13 wanted to point that out.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Thank you very
15 much.

16 DR. ROTHCHILD: And I also would be
17 remiss if I didn't thank Solicitor Hayes and
18 his assistance in crafting this legislation as
19 well. He's been a great resource.

20 ATTY. HAYES: You're welcome.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: Anyone else on the
22 question? Yeah, I support what Dr. Rothchild
23 is doing here. I think it is proactive. And
24 my philosophy on life is live and let live.
25 So, you know, I support what she's doing here

1 and thank her for her work on this. Anyone
2 else? All those in favor of introduction
3 signify by saying aye.

4 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

5 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

6 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

7 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

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

10 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION -
11 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
12 OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF
13 SCRANTON TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A COLLECTIVE
14 BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY
15 OF SCRANTON CLERICAL WORKERS AND LOCAL LODGE
16 NO. 2462 AFFILIATED WITH THE DISTRICT 1 OF THE
17 INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MACHINISTS AND
18 AEROSPACE WORKERS, AFL-CIO IN ACCORDANCE WITH
19 THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF A MEMORANDUM OF
20 UNDERSTANDING WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JANUARY
21 1, 2021 AND RATIFIED BY THE MEMBERSHIP.

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

25 MR. MCANDREW: So moved.

1 DR. ROTHCHILD: Second.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? On
3 the question, I'm still reviewing this
4 document. I'm glad that the clerical union and
5 the administration came to an agreement to
6 ratify this bargaining agreement.

7 One of the questions I did have just
8 at first glance at this is article -- article
9 eight, section three. It talks about a
10 performance -- the establishment of a
11 performance based bonus or incentive program
12 for employees in any department.

13 And that would occur if the City
14 emerges from the Recovery Plan or Act 47, which
15 we are going to reemerge from that next year
16 for several different reasons that we discussed
17 in the past. So I don't -- obviously they
18 haven't established it yet.

19 But I would like to know if they
20 have any idea on what that might like look,
21 what they might model it after and what -- how
22 much it might cost because they're talking
23 about in the memo within the legislation, they
24 are talking about the 2022 budget and having
25 funding in there for it.

1 So I did have a question on that. I
2 also would like to know so over this time
3 period, what is the overall cost of this
4 contract and what are the proposed or -- yeah,
5 what are the proposed savings they're saying
6 that they're saving from healthcare which I
7 think it's clear that they will be.

8 But if we could get hard numbers on
9 that. And there's also under the pension and
10 retirement benefits I do have a question on
11 Section eight. I just want further explanation
12 and clarification on the City putting in a new
13 section here about offering termination
14 incentives.

15 That's a new portion that's in the
16 contract. So I did have a question and wanted
17 clarification on that. And I'll have more
18 comment when I review the contract. Anyone
19 else? All those in favor of introduction
20 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: 5-E. FOR INTRODUCTION -
3 A RESOLUTION - ACCEPTING A DONATION PRESENTED
4 TO THE CITY OF SCRANTON HUMAN RESOURCES
5 DEPARTMENT FROM TYRONE HOLMES, 24 PEN Y BRYN
6 DRIVE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA TO DEFRAY THE
7 COST OF THE APPLICATION FEE FOR A CANDIDATE OF
8 THE SCRANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT CIVIL SERVICE
9 EXAMINATION.

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

13 MR. MCANDREW: So moved.

14 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

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

18 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

19 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

20 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

21 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

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

24 MS. REED: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A.
25 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 59,

1 2021 - AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
2 OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF
3 SCRANTON TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH
4 THE WEST SCRANTON LITTLE LEAGUE, INC. AND
5 SCRANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE USE OF CITY
6 OWNED PROPERTY AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE
7 LEASE AGREEMENT ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"
8 FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING APRIL 15,
9 2021 AND ENDING APRIL 14, 2026.

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

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

14 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question?

16 MR. SCHUSTER: On the question, I
17 hope this lease agreement clears up any of the
18 confusion that was -- that had occurred in the
19 past between the district and the City and who
20 rents and owns this field. I think that was
21 the intent.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Anyone
23 else on the question? All those in favor
24 signify by saying aye.

25 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

1 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

2 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

3 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

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

6 MS. REED: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR
7 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR
8 ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 56, 2021 -
9 AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 8, 1987, AN
10 ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AMENDING FILE OF THE
11 COUNCIL NO. 87, 1976 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE
12 ENTITLED 'PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION
13 OF A LICENSE FOR ALL PERFORMERS, ENTERTAINERS,
14 SPORTING TEAMS, MUSICAL GROUPS, BANDS,
15 THEATRICAL CAST, DANCING GROUPS, RECITAL
16 GROUPS, PAID LECTURERS AND SPEAKERS BY
17 INCREASING FEES" 'TO DECREASE THE FEES DUE TO
18 THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

19 MR. DONAHUE: I make a motion to
20 amend Item 7-A, in the Now Therefore clause, to
21 insert the following language:

22 "NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY
23 THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON that due to
24 the COVID-19 pandemic which has continued to
25 cause economic issues for businesses and

1 sellers of goods in the City of Scranton thus
2 prompting this temporary amendment and
3 reduction to”.

4 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? All
6 those in favor of the amendment to Item 7-A
7 signify by saying aye.

8 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

9 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

10 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

11 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. Opposed? The
13 eyes have it and so moved.

14 What is the recommendation of the
15 Chairperson for the Committee on Finance?

16 MR. SCHUSTER: As the Chairperson
17 for the Committee on Finance, I recommend final
18 passage of 7-A.

19 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

20 MR. SCHUSTER: As amended.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: As amended. And was
22 there a second?

23 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? Roll
25 call, please.

1 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Schuster.

2 MR SCHUSTER: Yes.

3 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

4 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

5 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

6 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

8 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. I hereby declare
11 Item 7-A as amended legally and lawfully
12 adopted.

13 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION
14 BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION -
15 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 57, 2021 - AMENDING
16 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 70, 2016, AN ORDINANCE,
17 "AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF AN EVENT LICENSE
18 TO ALLEVIATE THE DIRECT EXPENSE TO PEDDLERS AND
19 TO ALLOW A MORE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF VARIOUS
20 EVENTS IN THE CITY, AND IMPOSING AN EVENT
21 LICENSE FEE SCHEDULE" TO DECREASE THE FEES DUE
22 TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

23 MR. DONAHUE: I make a motion to
24 amend Item 7-B by removing the entire fee
25 schedule found in Section B. Event License Fee,

1 1, and inserting the following new fee schedule
2 for event licenses as follows:

3 A. 5-10 Peddlers - original fee \$250.00
4 reduced to \$50.00

5

6 Subsection B. 11-15 Peddlers - original fee
7 \$300.00 . Reduced fee \$60.00

8

9 Subsection C. 16-20 Peddlers - original fee
10 \$350.00 reduced to \$70.00

11

12 Subsection D. 21-25 Peddlers - \$400.00
13 original fee reduced to \$80.00

14

15 Subsection E. 26-50 Peddlers - original fee
16 \$500.00 reduced to \$100.00

17

18 Subsection F. 51+ Peddlers - \$1000.00 reduced
19 to \$200.00.

20

MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

21

22 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? All
23 those in favor of the amendments to the fee
24 schedule in Item 7-B 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 What is the recommendation of the
6 Chairperson for the Committee on Finance?

7 MR. SCHUSTER: As Chairperson for
8 the Committee on Finance, I recommend final
9 passage of Item 7-B as amended.

10 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? Roll
12 call, please.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Schuster.

14 MR. SCHUSTER: Yes.

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

16 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

17 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

18 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

19 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

20 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

21 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. I hereby declare
23 Item 7-B as amended legally and lawfully
24 adopted.

25 MS. REED: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION

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

11 MR. DONAHUE: I make a motion to
12 amend Item 7-C as follows:

13 In the Summary Title, strike: "BY
14 20%" and insert: "TO 20% OF ITS ORIGINAL VALUE"
15 In the 1st Whereas Clause, insert after the
16 word "value": "80% reduction; and"
17 Insert a new Whereas Clause, following the 1st
18 Whereas Clause, to read:

19 "WHEREAS, Section 340-13(A) shall be
20 amended as follows:

21 For any annual license, for a period
22 of one (1) year, or for any fractional part of
23 the year that will elapse after the issuance
24 preceding the first Monday of April then next,
25 to peddle or vend as aforesaid, from or by

1 means of any bag, basket, crate or otherwise
2 howsoever, by an matter of peddling on foot,
3 the rate shall be the rate of twenty dollars
4 (\$20.00). Additionally, for a temporary
5 license which would limit the peddling/vending
6 to five (5) special events per year, the rate
7 shall be the rate of fifteen dollars (\$15.00).
8 The license fee shall be for a food cart \$10.00
9 and for a food truck \$50.00.”.

10 Strike the existing Now, Therefore
11 clause and insert a new clause to read:

12
13 “NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL
14 OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON that due to the
15 COVID-19 pandemic which has continued to cause
16 economic issues for businesses and sellers of
17 goods in the City of Scranton thus prompting
18 this temporary amendment and reduction to
19 Section 340-13(A) of Chapter 340 of the Code of
20 the City of Scranton retroactive to January 1,
21 2021 and only extends to December 31, 2021 as
22 stated above.”

23 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? All
25 those in favor of the amendments to Item 7-C

1 signify by saying aye.

2 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

3 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

4 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

5 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

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

8 As Chairperson for the Committee on
9 Rules, I recommend final passage of Item 7-C as
10 amended.

11 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

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

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Schuster.

15 MR. SCHUSTER: Yes.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

17 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

18 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

19 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

20 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

21 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

22 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. I hereby declare
24 Item 7-C as amended legally and lawfully
25 adopted.

1 MS. REED: 7-D. FOR CONSIDERATION
2 BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -
3 FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 140, 2021 -
4 AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 98, 2020, "RATIFYING
5 AND APPROVING OF THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION
6 OF THE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF
7 SCRANTON, ON BEHALF OF SCRANTON AREA COMMUNITY
8 FOUNDATION TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
9 ACTING THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING
10 AUTHORITY FOR A LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT,
11 PURSUANT TO THE PA RACE HORSE DEVELOPMENT AND
12 GAMING ACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,000.00 FOR THE
13 PROJECT TO BE KNOWN AS 'NEPA MOVES' LOCATED AT
14 615 JEFFERSON AVENUE, SUITE 102, SCRANTON,
15 PENNSYLVANIA, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
16 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF
17 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF
18 SUCCESSFUL, AND EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A LOCAL
19 SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT CONTRACT AND COMMITMENT
20 LETTER WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA TO
21 ACCEPT AND UTILIZE THE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
22 \$63,000.00 AWARDED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF
23 PENNSYLVANIA FOR SUCH PROJECT" TO REFLECT THE
24 CORRECT AMOUNT OF THE GRANT APPLICATION OF
25 \$75,000.00.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: What is the
2 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
3 Committee on Community Development?

4 DR. ROTHCHILD: As Chair for the
5 Committee on Community Development, I recommend
6 final passage of Item 7-D.

7 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? Roll
9 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 RULES - FOR ADOPTION -
23 RESOLUTION NO. 141, 2021 - APPOINTMENT OF
24 TERESA OSBORNE, 631 HERBERT STREET, SCRANTON,
25 PENNSYLVANIA, 18505, TO SERVE AS A

1 MEMBER OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION. MS.
2 OSBORNE WILL SERVE A FIVE YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE
3 FEBRUARY 23, 2021 AND WILL EXPIRE ON FEBRUARY
4 23, 2026.

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

8 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? Roll
10 call, please.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Schuster.

12 MR. SCHUSTER: Yes.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

14 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

15 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

16 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

17 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

18 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

19 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

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

22 MS. REED: 7-F. FOR CONSIDERATION
23 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -
24 RESOLUTION NO. 142, 2021 - REAPPOINTMENT OF THE
25 REV'D REBECCA ANNE BARNES, 801 WHEELER AVENUE,

1 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18510, TO SERVE AS A
2 MEMBER OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION. THE
3 PREVIOUS TERM OF REV'D BARNES EXPIRED ON AUGUST
4 24, 2018 AND WAS HELD OVER UNTIL FEBRUARY 23,
5 2021. HER NEW TERM WILL EXPIRE ON AUGUST 24,
6 2023.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for the
8 Committee on Rules, I recommend final passage
9 of Item 7-F.

10 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? Roll
12 call, please.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Schuster.

14 MR. SCHUSTER: Yes.

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

16 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

17 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

18 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

19 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

20 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

21 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

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

24 MS. REED: 7-G. FOR CONSIDERATION
25 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -

1 RESOLUTION NO. 143, 2021 – APPOINTMENT OF ADELA
2 ARTLEY, 1305 PRESTON PLACE, SCRANTON,
3 PENNSYLVANIA, 18504, TO SERVE AS A
4 MEMBER OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION. MS.
5 ARTLEY WILL SERVE A FIVE YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE
6 MARCH 2, 2021 AND WILL EXPIRE ON MARCH 2, 2026.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for
8 Committee on Rules, I recommend final passage
9 of Item 7-G.

10 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? Roll
12 call, please.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Schuster.

14 MR. SCHUSTER: Yes.

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

16 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

17 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

18 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

19 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

20 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

21 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

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

24 MS. REED: 7-H. FOR CONSIDERATION
25 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -

1 RESOLUTION NO. 144, 2021 – APPOINTMENT OF
2 ROSEMARY BOHENEK, 1445 THACKERY STREET,
3 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18504, TO SERVE
4 AS A MEMBER OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION.
5 MS. BOHENEK WILL SERVE A FIVE YEAR TERM
6 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 29, 2021 AND WILL
7 EXPIRE ON JANUARY 29, 2026.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for the
9 Committee on Rules, I recommend final passage
10 of Item 7-H.

11 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question?

13 MR. SCHUSTER: On the question, same
14 as last week, I'd like to congratulate Rosemary
15 Bohenek and the rest of the people tonight that
16 have been appointed to this board.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Anyone
18 else? Roll call, please.

19 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Schuster.

20 MR. SCHUSTER: Yes.

21 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

22 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

23 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

24 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

25 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

1 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

2 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. I hereby declare
4 Item 7-H legally and lawfully adopted.

5 MS. REED: 7-I. FOR CONSIDERATION
6 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -
7 RESOLUTION NO. 145, 2021 - AUTHORIZING THE
8 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO
9 EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT
10 BETWEEN THE CITY OF SCRANTON AND OPENGOV FOR
11 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CITY MANAGEMENT OPERATING
12 SYSTEM.

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

16 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? Roll
18 call, please.

19 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Schuster.

20 MR. SCHUSTER: Yes.

21 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

22 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

23 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

24 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

25 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

1 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

2 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. I hereby declare
4 Item 7-I legally and lawfully adopted.

5 MS. REED: 7-J. FOR CONSIDERATION
6 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -
7 RESOLUTION NO. 146, 2021 - AUTHORIZING THE
8 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO
9 EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE
10 CITY OF SCRANTON AND OPENGOV FOR IMPLEMENTATION
11 OF THE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for
13 Committee on Rules, I recommend final passage
14 of Item 7-J.

15 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

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

18 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Schuster.

19 MR SCHUSTER: Yes.

20 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

21 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

22 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

23 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

24 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

25 MR. DONAHUE: Yeah.

1 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

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

4 MS. REED: EIGHTH ORDER. OLD
5 BUSINESS. Nothing at this time.

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

8 MR. DONAHUE: Motion to adjourn.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: This meeting is
10 adjourned. Thank you, everyone. See you next
11 week.

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