

COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON

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- WILLIAM GAUGHAN, PRESIDENT
- KYLE DONAHUE, VICE PRESIDENT - absent
- 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.

8 Let us also take a moment of silence
9 for all of the people in our community, in our
10 country and throughout our world who have
11 passed away and are suffering from the COVID-19
12 pandemic. The pandemic has turned our world
13 upside down. But we must remain hopeful and
14 strong.

15 We continue to pray for the doctors,
16 nurses, researchers and all medical
17 professionals who seek to heal and help those
18 affected and who put themselves at risk in the
19 process, may they have protection and peace.

20 Whether we are here at home or
21 abroad, surrounded by many people suffering
22 from this illness or only a few, let us stick
23 together, endure together, mourn together and
24 in place of our anxiety let us have hope and
25 peace. Thank you. Roll call, please.

1 MS CARRERA: Mr. Schuster.

2 MR. SCHUSTER: Present.

3 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

4 MR. MCANDREW: Present.

5 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

6 DR. ROTHCHILD: Here.

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

8 Mr. Gaughan.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: Here. Please dispense
10 with the reading of the minutes.

11 MS. REED: Thank you. THIRD ORDER.

12 3-A. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM
13 MCTISH, KUNKEL & ASSOCIATES DATED MARCH 26,
14 2021 REGARDING PRIORITY 1 BRIDGE REPAIRS OVER
15 LACKAWANNA COUNTY RAIL AUTHORITY.

16 3-B. MINUTES OF THE CIVIL SERVICE
17 COMMISSION MEETING HELD MARCH 4, 2021.

18 3-C. OVERTIME REVIEW FOR ALL
19 DEPARTMENTS AS PROVIDED BY CITY
20 CONTROLLER DATED APRIL 5, 2021 FOR THE PERIOD
21 JANUARY TO MARCH 2021.

22 3-D. MINUTES OF THE SCRANTON
23 REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING
24 HELD MARCH 3, 2021.

25 3-E. MINUTES OF THE HISTORICAL

1 ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD MEETING HELD MARCH
2 11, 2021.

3 3-F. MINUTES OF THE HISTORICAL
4 ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD SPECIAL MEETING HELD
5 MARCH 18, 2021.

6 3-G. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM
7 THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
8 PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION DATED APRIL 9, 2021
9 REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF PENNSYLVANIA
10 AMERICAN WATER COMPANY TO ALTER PUBLIC CROSSING
11 WHERE POPLAR STREET CROSSES AT PENNSYLVANIA
12 NORTHEAST REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Are there
14 any comments on any of the Third Order items?
15 If not, received and filed. Mrs. Reed our City
16 Clerk would like to make an announcement at
17 this time.

18 MS. REED: Thank you, Councilman
19 Gaughan, and thank you Council for the
20 opportunity address you this evening. As you
21 are aware, I will be retiring from the City of
22 Scranton from my position as City Clerk on
23 April 30th.

24 It has been an honor to serve the
25 City for the past 18 years and to serve as City

1 Clerk for almost eight of those years. I have
2 truly enjoyed serving as the City Clerk and my
3 professional dealings with the current and past
4 Council.

5 I appreciate this current Council's
6 patience and resilience as we were confronted
7 with the unprecedented challenges due to the
8 COVID pandemic. I am very proud of the fact
9 that we continued to fully operate during this
10 pandemic and to meet the needs of city
11 government despite these challenges.

12 The decision to enter retirement was
13 not an easy one. I have given considerable
14 thought to this decision. However, if we've
15 learned anything over the course of this past
16 year, it is that we shouldn't take anything for
17 granted.

18 Although serving as City Clerk has
19 been very fulfilling, it did occupy most of my
20 time and take me away from time that I could be
21 spending with my family and grandchildren. I'm
22 committed to assisting this Council and its
23 transition to a new clerk.

24 We have made tremendous progress in
25 streamlining the legislative process and I will

1 do everything I can to maintain these
2 operations for the betterment of Council and
3 the City.

4 I would like to thank the Mayor, her
5 administration and this Council for their
6 friendship and support. It has been my
7 sincerest honor and pleasure to serve the City
8 and this Council. Thank you, Councilman
9 Gaughan.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you, Lori. And
11 I just want to take a second and say a few
12 things. Lori and I have been working together
13 for the last eight years and even before that
14 when we were in OECD.

15 And just so everybody in the public
16 knows, the job of being a City Clerk is much
17 more than just being a clerk or a secretary.
18 It's actually a really, really important job.
19 And I've often said in the past that the clerk
20 is really the sixth Council person.

21 Very few people know what goes in
22 and making this Council and our office
23 operating effectively and officially on a
24 day-to-day basis. The preparation for the
25 meetings, the behind the scene's work that must

1 be done, the attention to detail, putting out
2 fires every hour of the day, working with city,
3 county, state and federal officials. And Lori
4 has done a phenomenal job the past eight years
5 at making it all work and doing it in such a
6 selfless way on behalf of this Council and the
7 people of the City.

8 I am really happy for Lori that
9 she's retiring and she could spend more time
10 with her beautiful grandchildren and her
11 family. But I have to be honest, I'm going to
12 be lost without her in this position. It's
13 going to be a big adjustment especially for me.
14 We've been working together the past eight
15 years.

16 She's been by my side and been my
17 sidekick through it all. So as I mentioned
18 earlier, I got to know Lori during my time
19 working with each other years ago in OECD. And
20 I was just thinking this this morning, you
21 know, Lori has been, like I said, by my side
22 through when I got married, when I had all of
23 my children, every big event in my life Lori
24 has been there in the picture.

25 So I'm going to miss her a lot in

1 this position. She is one of the most
2 respected public servants in city government.
3 And I have seen firsthand the passion that she
4 has for the City which is why she's been so
5 successful as a City Clerk.

6 She has had a unique ability to put
7 people at ease with her steady and very calm
8 demeanor. She's trustworthy. She's kind. And
9 she knows how to get things done. So, Lori, I
10 want to thank you very much for the work you
11 have done, for all the help you have given me.

12 I know that I have been sometimes
13 very frustrating to deal with. I have that
14 type of personality at times. But you've given
15 me so much help and so much guidance over the
16 years. And all the work that you have done for
17 the Council and for the people of the City.

18 I really appreciated working with
19 you on behalf of the citizens of Scranton and
20 you have been a very, very good friend to me.
21 So thank you. And I wish you the best of luck.
22 And you're going to be missed. And I'm not
23 sure yet how we're going to replace you. Thank
24 you. Okay. Anyone else like to say anything?

25 MR. MCANDREW: Yes. Lori, I don't

1 know what to say. First of all, I'm not going
2 to say good-bye. I'm going to say best of
3 luck. I don't know what we're going to do
4 without you. But I wish you all the best in
5 all your endeavors and enjoy your retirement.
6 You deserve it.

7 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yeah, I'll just add
8 to all of that. I mean, Councilman Gaughan,
9 you really said it perfectly. She's a really
10 integral part of our team here at Council. And
11 I really appreciated having her over the past,
12 you know, year and a half or so that I've been
13 serving on Council.

14 You could go to her for anything.
15 And she's always happy to find the answers or
16 to contact whoever we need to reach out to and
17 our jobs would be a lot more difficult without
18 her. And I wish her a happy retirement. I
19 know I have a couple more meetings left with
20 her, but it will definitely be hard to replace
21 her and, you know, wish her the best of luck.

22 MR. SCHUSTER: I also would like to
23 wish Lori the best of luck and a happy
24 retirement. I did know Lori prior to coming
25 onto Council. When I had made my switch to

1 come over to Council, I was happy to be working
2 with her. She was a familiar face and someone
3 that I could go to.

4 Since the start of the pandemic,
5 I've been telling her that I can't wait to see
6 her in person. And I guess that might not
7 occur. But best of luck, Lori, and I'll keep
8 in touch.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Do any
10 Council members have any announcements at this
11 time?

12 MR. MCANDREW: I have a quick one.
13 So Nay Aug Park is going to have a Mother's Day
14 drive for St. Joseph's Baby Pantry. This is
15 fantastic. It's going to be Mother's Day
16 weekend May 8th and May 9th, 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.,
17 Saturday and Sunday.

18 What they wish is to help us stock
19 their pantry so no child has to do without
20 diapers, formula, wipes, lotions, baby powder,
21 sippy cups, baby food and baby cereals. But
22 please at this time no clothing or furniture
23 will be accepted. That is all I have. Thank
24 you.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. I have

1 one. We have very good news to announce
2 tonight, a big congratulations is in order for
3 our colleague Councilman Donahue. His wife
4 Mary Kate had a beautiful baby girl Margaret
5 Mary Donahue clocking in at 6 pounds and 10
6 ounces. So congratulations to Kyle and best of
7 luck to him and his wife and his newborn.

8 MR. MCANDREW: Yeah, congratulations
9 big daddy Donahue.

10 DR. ROTHCHILD: Congratulations,
11 Kyle. I did have a few other announcements --

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Oh, sure.

13 DR. ROTHCHILD: -- I wanted to do
14 real quick here. First off, for the -- I know
15 I mentioned it previously the Porch Fest that
16 happened a few weeks ago was really successful.
17 And so there are some neighbors in the Hill
18 Section that are putting together live music on
19 Saturday, April 17th.

20 And that will be a, you know, free
21 event but donations are welcome and that will
22 go to the musicians that will be performing.
23 There will be social distancing, of course.
24 And it's a great way to be able to meet your
25 neighbors or even if you're not in the

1 neighborhood, anyone can attend.

2 It's a good way to support the arts
3 as well. And so it's going to be running from
4 12 to 5 p.m., Saturday, April 17th. And it's
5 going to be at a few different locations along
6 Ash Street, Taylor Avenue, North Irving and
7 Crotti's on Ash at 5 p.m.

8 So I believe Kristen Powers posted
9 the details at least in the Hill Neighborhood
10 Facebook groups. But I have some more details
11 if anyone is interested. And then the other
12 announcement that I wanted to make was that
13 there is going to be a COVID-19 vaccination
14 clinic.

15 It's going to be the Pfizer vaccine.
16 And the Scranton Fringe Festival just announced
17 it today they're going to be hosting it.
18 They're very limited on how many vaccinations
19 and vaccines they have. So you'll want to get
20 registered right away. The first day of it is
21 going to be Thursday, April 22nd.

22 That's going to be held at the Afa
23 Gallery downtown on Lackawanna Avenue. And
24 that's from 10 to 5 p.m. And so like I said,
25 you'll need to register. The information for

1 that can be found at the Scranton Fringe
2 Festival or I have it posted to my Council
3 Facebook page as well.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay, thank you. Any
5 other announcements? Okay. Very good, Mrs.
6 Reed?

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

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

13 MR. SCHUSTER: I'll make a motion to
14 accept public comment.

15 MR. MCANDREW: Second.

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

20 MS. REED: Thank you. The
21 submission is as follows:

22 Members of Scranton Council,

23 This is ironic, councilman Donahue
24 stated that it was discussed within that the
25 possibility of making some improvement to our

1 back yards.--- GREAT--- Absolutely nothing has
2 happened YET,
3 Then after talking to a member of the
4 contracted firm late last week it was mentioned
5 that and again I quote " THE CITY DOES NOT WANT
6 TO DIG TWICE' unquote. I guess the city thinks
7 I was born yesterday. IF and WHEN -- DEP --
8 does decide to come in and finish their LONG
9 overdue process they may skip over the
10 TEMPORARY REPAIR that was done two years ago,
11 and we will still be left with a mess. There
12 has been damage to the driveway along with
13 leaving a messed up yard in disarray, this is
14 OK with the city. They only want the tax money
15 but it is OK if things are left so we live in a
16 PIG STY.

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18 It is funny to me that it is ok for the city to
19 spend the tax payers dollars like drunken
20 sailers on other things, but can not complete
21 contracted work. It is known that the city has
22 out spent the jury awarded monies by far, a
23 short list is noted here.

24 Solicitor retainer fees for FOUR (4) attornies
25 Overpriced engineering plans

1 Contractors Fee for TEMPORY REPAIR to the storm
2 water culvert on Wyoming Avenue.

3 Plus the BILL for excessive hours used for
4 court appearances to the tune of more than
5 150,000.00.

6 And still there is hold out for the regrading
7 and paving, and of course to fact

8 The city still holds us hostage --- or is it
9 HOLD HARMLESS

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

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14 MS. REED: And that is all.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. On the
16 question? On the question, if we can send
17 something to the administration to see if there
18 is a way that -- did I freeze for a second
19 there?

20 MR. SCHUSTER: You're good.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. If we can send
22 a letter to the -- sorry, I think I froze
23 again. Am I okay now?

24 MR. SCHUSTER: Yeah.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Sorry. What I

1 was going to say is, I'd like to send a letter
2 to the administration asking if there is any
3 way possible to at least make the yards there
4 liveable until the project is started and
5 completed. I've been a part of the Young story
6 for -- since I've been on Council and the whole
7 thing is very unfortunate.

8 I think the least if the City if
9 there is any way that they could just at least
10 go out and make it so that they don't have a
11 mess all over the place because we're -- as
12 Solicitor O'Brien said, it could be a little
13 while until they get out and start and finish
14 the project.

15 So if we can do that and see if
16 anything could be done, I'd appreciate it.
17 Anyone else on the question?

18 MR. SCHUSTER: Yeah, on the
19 question, thank you, Mr. Gaughan, for bringing
20 that up. I know we raised it a couple weeks
21 ago. And we did ask the administration to take
22 a look at that piece. I don't have any
23 response back as of yet. But, yeah, I'll agree
24 let's send that over and see what they have to
25 say.

1 MR. MCANDREW: Yeah, please, God,
2 let's plant some grass for Mr. Young for this
3 summer. I mean, we have Parks and Recs that
4 plant grass. Just go over and -- I know
5 there's litigation. I don't want to hear about
6 litigation anymore. This man deserves a summer
7 with some grass, please. Thanks.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Anyone else? All
9 those in favor signify by saying aye.

10 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

11 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

12 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. Opposed? The
14 ayes have it and so moved.

15 MS. REED: FIFTH ORDER. 5-A.

16 MOTIONS.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Councilman Schuster,
18 any motions or comments?

19 MR. SCHUSTER: I'd just like to send
20 out condolences to the Sekelsky family. I'm
21 very sorry for your loss. And also say that me
22 and Councilman Donahue had a chance to go out
23 to Oram Street and Main Avenue to take a look
24 at the planned work from PennDOT.

25 We're just waiting on some changes

1 to that plan. So we'll see that when it comes.
2 That's all -- oh, sorry, one more thing. We
3 did get an e-mail from Mr. Howells on Clearview
4 Street thanking us for identifying that there
5 were some concerns -- some issues with signs.
6 The tractor-trailer is using that street and
7 going down to the dead end.

8 So I'm happy to see hear that
9 something was done about that. There were some
10 signs put up and they're saying that there is
11 tractor-trailers entering the streets down
12 there off of Euclid and Clearview. That's all.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Great. Thank
14 you, Councilman Schuster. Councilman McAndrew,
15 any motions or comments?

16 MR. MCANDREW: Yes, I would like to
17 also offer my condolences of the tragedy to the
18 Sekelsky family that happened here in West Side
19 earlier this week. You know, our hearts and
20 prayers go out to this poor family.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: I agree. Thank you.
22 Dr. Rothchild, any motions or comments?

23 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes, I had just a
24 couple quick things. First off, I wanted to
25 thank Director Cipriani for coming in to

1 explain the application for the funding and,
2 you know, I'm really happy to see, you know,
3 that we're receiving. I hope that there will
4 be even more that comes through.

5 I think that will be really helpful
6 for the City. And the other thing that I
7 wanted to -- sorry, I was just looking at my
8 notes.

9 I spoke with the administration
10 yesterday and Mayor Cagnetti about some issues
11 along Harrison Avenue, particularly the safety
12 issues with pedestrian crossings and the speed
13 of traffic. So we're inquiring about possible
14 traffic study to see what we could do about
15 that. And that's it. Thank you.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Thank you very
17 much. I just have a couple comments. As I
18 mentioned in caucus, Director Preambo of the
19 DPW had updated us on the replacement of signs
20 throughout the City.

21 So if anyone is interested, he
22 attached an Excel spreadsheet showing the signs
23 that have been replaced this year to March -- I
24 think the middle or the end of March. So if
25 anyone is interested in that, I could forward

1 that along or if anyone in the public is
2 interested they are keeping track of that now
3 which is a good thing.

4 He provided a summary of the three
5 type of signs that should be at the top of the
6 replacement list by priority. So those were
7 stop signs throughout the City. There is 700
8 approximately that still need to be replaced
9 because they are faded or damaged.

10 Speed limit signs, there's is 278
11 that still have to be replaced. And then the
12 biggest item there would be street name signs.
13 And that's 1,525 that still need to be
14 replaced. So they're working on attacking
15 those issues and replacing those signs. So I
16 want to thank them for doing that.

17 The second thing I had was, I had
18 asked for -- a resident had asked me what the
19 plan was for demolition in 2021. Director
20 Cipriani responded that there is going to be
21 two phases of demolition in 2021 and possibly a
22 third if the City is award a DCED grant that
23 they applied for.

24 Phase one is currently out for bid.
25 Phase two, the list is being compiled. The

1 list is always subject to change if a property
2 is sold or something ends up happening. There
3 is a list of properties 15 -- actually 14 total
4 and then the 15th would be the Nay Aug pools
5 and the Weston Park bathhouse.

6 That list is here if anybody would
7 like to see it. I'll run through it really
8 quick, 710-712 North Bromley; 525 North
9 Bromley; 209-211 St. Francis Cabrini; 313-315
10 St. Francis Cabrini; 813 Hampton Street; 336
11 South Hyde Park Avenue, 607 North Hyde Park
12 Ave.; 1129 Swetland Street; 1210 Swetland
13 Street; 620-622 Pine; 1635 Sanderson, 505 12th
14 Avenue; 616 Cedar Avenue; 1025 Bergen Court.

15 So those are for 14 that's at least
16 for phase one. So I'm sure people in those
17 neighborhoods will be happy. These properties
18 are definitely an eyesore. And that's all I
19 have this week. Thank you.

20 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION -
21 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE BY
22 THE CITY OF SCRANTON BY KEYSTONE SANITARY
23 LANDFILL OF A JOHN DEERE BOMAG BW ASPHALT
24 ROLLER 120SL5-861880441449 PER SOURCEWELL
25 CONTRACT #032119-BAI FROM FIVE STAR EQUIPMENT.

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

4 MR. SCHUSTER: So moved.

5 DR. ROTHCHILD: Second.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? All
7 those in favor of introduction signify by
8 saying aye.

9 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

10 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

11 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

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

14 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -
15 A RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF PEDRO ANES,
16 555 SEYMOUR AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA,
17 18505, TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE SCRANTON
18 SEWER AUTHORITY BOARD EFFECTIVE MARCH
19 26, 2021 FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM THAT WILL
20 EXPIRE ON MARCH 26, 2026. MR. ANES WILL
21 REPLACE LARRY BOCCADORI WHOSE TERM EXPIRED
22 ON DECEMBER 31, 2017.

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

1 MR. SCHUSTER: So moved.

2 DR. ROTHCHILD: Second.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? All
4 those in favor of introduction signify by
5 saying aye.

6 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

7 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

8 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

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

11 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION -
12 A RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF BROOKE
13 NEWHART, 331 FERDINAND STREET, SCRANTON,
14 PENNSYLVANIA, 18508, AS PARKS AND RECREATION
15 DIRECTOR FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON EFFECTIVE
16 MARCH 29, 2021.

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. SCHUSTER: So moved.

21 DR. ROTHCHILD: Second.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? On
23 the question, I want to wish Mrs. Newhart the
24 best of luck in her new position. And I also
25 want to thank Brian Fallon for the outstanding

1 job that he did as Parks and Recreation
2 Director.

3 I've gotten -- I've known Brian even
4 before he took the position. But he did a
5 really great job in keeping our parks in good
6 condition. He was a good leader in that
7 department. And he had a really good crew
8 behind him and he did great work for the City.
9 So he will definitely be missed. Anyone else
10 on the question?

11 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes, I just wanted
12 to echo those comments. Thank you to Brian
13 Fallon for all the work that he did for our
14 Parks and Recs and congratulations to Barb
15 Newhart. I'm looking forward to having her.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: All those in favor of
17 introduction signify by saying aye.

18 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

19 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

20 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

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

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

24 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 65,
25 2021 - AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND

1 OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF
2 SCRANTON TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO
3 IMPLEMENT THE HUD 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR
4 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS TO
5 BE FUNDED UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
6 GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM, HOME INVESTMENT
7 PARTNERSHIP (HOME) PROGRAM AND EMERGENCY
8 SOLUTIONS GRANTS (ESG) PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD
9 BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021.

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

12 MR. SCHUSTER: Mr. Chairman, I move
13 that Item 6-A pass reading by title.

14 DR. ROTHCHILD: 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 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

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

22 MS. REED: 6-B. READING BY TITLE -
23 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 66, 2021 - AN
24 ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO
25 APPROVE THE DESIGNATION OF THIRD AVENUE AS

1 ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND FROM ELM STREET TO ITS
2 INTERSECTION WITH BROADWAY STREET WITH THE
3 INSTALLATION OF TWO (2) R5-1 "DO NOT ENTER"
4 SIGNS (30"X30") AT THE INTERSECTION OF THIRD
5 AVENUE AND BROADWAY STREET; R6-1L HORIZONTAL
6 LEFT ONE-WAY SIGNS SHALL BE INSTALLED AT THE
7 INTERSECTIONS OF THIRD AVENUE AND REGAN PLACE;
8 THIRD AVENUE AND FELLOW STREET; THIRD AVENUE
9 AND LUZERNE STREET AND THIRD AVENUE AND
10 BROADWAY STREET ALONG WITH "NO PARKING"
11 DESIGNATED ON THE EASTERLY SIDE OF THIRD AVENUE
12 FROM LUZERNE STREET NORTH TO BROADWAY STREET
13 AND THAT SIX (6) R8-3 "NO PARKING" SYMBOL SIGNS
14 (12"X12"), FOUR (4) WITH R-301 "NO PARKING"
15 ARROW PLAQUE, ONE (1) WITH R-301 "NO PARKING"
16 LEFT ARROW PLAQUE AND ONE (1) WITH R-301 "NO
17 PARKING" RIGHT ARROW PLAQUE BE INSTALLED UNDER
18 THE DIRECTION OF THE CITY ENGINEER TO ALLOW FOR
19 IMPROVED ACCESS FROM THIRD AVENUE ONTO BROADWAY
20 STREET.

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

23 MR. SCHUSTER: Mr. Chairman, I move
24 that 6-B pass reading by title.

25 DR. ROTHCHILD: Second.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? On
2 the question, I brought this up in caucus just
3 to make sure that if we need a public hearing
4 on this or not. So we'll figure that out
5 before next week. All those in favor signify
6 by saying aye.

7 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

8 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

9 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. Opposed? The
11 ayes have it and so moved.

12 MS. REED: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR
13 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR
14 ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 63, 2021 -
15 AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 41, 2020
16 ENTITLED "AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.
17 11, 1976, ENTITLED 'AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED)
18 ENACTING, IMPOSING A TAX FOR GENERAL REVENUE
19 PURPOSES IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO PERCENT (2%) ON
20 EARNED INCOME AND NET PROFITS ON PERSONS,
21 INDIVIDUALS, ASSOCIATIONS AND BUSINESSES WHO
22 ARE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, OR
23 NON-RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, FOR WORK
24 DONE, SERVICES PERFORMED OR BUSINESS CONDUCTED
25 WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON, REQUIRING THE

1 FILING OF RETURNS BY TAXPAYERS SUBJECT TO THE
2 TAX; REQUIRING EMPLOYERS TO COLLECT THE TAX AT
3 SOURCE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION,
4 COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE SAID TAX; AND
5 IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS', BY
6 RE-ENACTING THE IMPOSITION OF THE WAGE TAX AT
7 TWO AND FOUR TENTHS (2.4%) PERCENT ON EARNED
8 INCOME FOR RESIDENTS AND ONE (1%) PERCENT ON
9 EARNED INCOME FOR NON-RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF
10 SCRANTON, FOR WORK DONE, SERVICES PERFORMED OR
11 BUSINESS CONDUCTED WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON
12 FOR THE YEAR 2021 AND THE SAME SHALL REMAIN IN
13 FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ANNUALLY THEREAFTER" BY
14 EXTENDING THE DATE THAT THE TAXES ARE DUE AND
15 OWING FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES ON EARNED
16 INCOME FROM ITS ORIGINAL DUE DATE OF APRIL 15,
17 2021 TO MAY 17, 2021 IN CONFORMITY WITH THE
18 UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT AND THE
19 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: What is the
21 recommendation of Chairperson for the Committee
22 on Finance?

23 MR. SCHUSTER: A Chairperson for the
24 Committee on Finance, I recommend final passage
25 of 7-A.

1 DR. ROTHCHILD: Second.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? Roll
3 call, please.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Schuster.

5 MR. SCHUSTER: Yes.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

7 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

8 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

9 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

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

13 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION
14 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - FOR
15 ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 64, 2021 -
16 AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 31, 2020 (AS
17 AMENDED), AN ORDINANCE "AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF
18 SCRANTON TO APPROVE THE DESIGNATION OF
19 THE 300 BLOCK OF CENTER STREET AS A ONE-WAY
20 STREET FROM PENN AVENUE TOWARDS WYOMING AVENUE
21 WITH THE SCRANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ENFORCE
22 THE DESIGNATIONS AS REFLECTED IN THE ATTACHED
23 DRAWING, C-4 CENTER STREET PARKING" TO CHANGE
24 THE DIRECTION OF THE ONE-WAY TRAVEL FROM
25 WYOMING AVENUE TO PENN AVENUE.

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

4 MR. MCANDREW: I make a motion to
5 amend Item 7-B as follows:

6 To strike the Summary Title and
7 replace it with the following title:
8 AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF THE 300 BLOCK OF
9 CENTER AS A ONE-WAY STREET IN THE DIRECTION
10 FROM WYOMING AVENUE TOWARDS PENN AVENUE WITH
11 THE SCRANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ENFORCE THIS
12 DESIGNATION; AND REPEALING FILE OF THE COUNCIL
13 NO. 31, 2020 (AS AMENDED), AN ORDINANCE
14 "AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO APPROVE
15 THE DESIGNATION OF THE 300 BLOCK OF CENTER
16 STREET AS A ONE-WAY STREET FROM PENN AVENUE
17 TOWARDS WYOMING AVENUE WITH THE SCRANTON POLICE
18 DEPARTMENT TO ENFORCE THE DESIGNATIONS AS
19 REFLECTED IN THE ATTACHED DRAWING, C-4 CENTER
20 STREET PARKING."

21 In the second Whereas clause, strike
22 the word "amend" and replace it with: "repeal"
23 and insert new language to read: "and replace
24 it with this part", immediately following the
25 Ordinance number.

1 In Section 1., strike the word
2 “amended” and replace it with: “replaced with
3 this part.”

4 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: There's a motion on
6 the floor and a second to amend Item 7-B. On
7 the question? All those in favor signify by
8 saying aye.

9 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

10 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

11 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. Opposed? The
13 eyes have it and so moved. What is
14 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
15 Committee on Public Safety?

16 MR. MCANDREW: As Chairperson for
17 the Committee on Public Safety, I recommend
18 final passage of Item 7-B as amended.

19 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? Roll
21 call, please.

22 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Schuster.

23 MR. SCHUSTER: Yes.

24 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

25 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

1 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

2 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

3 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. I hereby declare
5 Item 7-B as amended legally and lawfully
6 adopted.

7 MS. REED: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION
8 BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION -
9 RESOLUTION NO. 152, 2021 - ACCEPTING A DONATION
10 PRESENTED TO THE CITY OF SCRANTON FROM 9-11
11 MEMORIAL COMMITTEE OF LACKAWANNA COUNTY IN THE
12 AMOUNT OF \$145.00 TO PURCHASE A SIGN THAT WILL
13 BE USED TO DEDICATE THE 1800 BLOCK OF ROSEN
14 COURT IN MEMORY OF WALTER A. PASIAK.

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

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

21 MR. MCANDREW: Second.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question?

23 MR. SCHUSTER: On the question, it's
24 very nice to see a World War II vet honored in
25 this way.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: I agree. Anyone else
2 on the question? Roll call, please.

3 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Schuster.

4 MR SCHUSTER: Yes.

5 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

6 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

7 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

8 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

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

12 MS. REED: EIGHTH ORDER. OLD
13 BUSINESS. Nothing at this time.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. And really
15 quick before we adjourn the meeting, I failed
16 to mention this earlier. Council is going to
17 accept resumes and letters of interest for the
18 position of City Clerk since Mrs. Reed is
19 retiring at the end of the month.

20 So we will accept those resumes and
21 letters of interest for the position until next
22 Tuesday at 4 p.m. Please send those -- and
23 that date would be the 20th of April, so
24 Tuesday, April 20th at 4 p.m.

25 Please send them to Lori Reed, City

1 Clerk, Lreed@scrantonpa.gov. So that's the
2 e-mail, Lreed@scrantonpa.gov or you could mail
3 your letter of interest and resume to 340 North
4 Washington Avenue, Second Floor, City Clerk's
5 Office, 18503, Scranton, Pennsylvania,
6 attention City Clerk, Lori Reed.

7 And then we will deliberate and make
8 a decision next week hopefully. Okay. If
9 there is no further business, I'll entertain a
10 motion to adjourn.

11 MR. SCHUSTER: Motion to adjourn.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: This meeting is
13 adjourned. Thank you everyone. Have a nice
14 night. Be safe.

15 MR. SCHUSTER: Have a nice night.
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