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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.

8 Let us also once again take a moment
9 of silence for all of the people in our
10 community, in our country and throughout our
11 world who have passed away and who are affected
12 by the coronavirus. This pandemic has turned
13 our world upside down, but we must remain
14 hopeful and 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 home or abroad,
21 surrounded by many people suffering from this
22 illness or only a few, let us stick together,
23 endure together, mourn together and in place of
24 our anxiety let us have hope and peace. Thank
25 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. DONAHUE: Here.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

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

12 MS. REED: Thank you. THIRD ORDER.

13 3-A. AGENDA FOR THE CITY PLANNING
14 COMMISSION MEETING HELD APRIL 14, 2021.

15 3-B. LACKAWANNA COUNTY PLANNING
16 COMMISSION SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT
17 EVALUATION REPORT REVIEWED MARCH 16, 2021.

18 3-C. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM
19 CITY SOLICITOR DATED APRIL 13, 2021 REGARDING
20 APPOINTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE JOHN
21 JUDGE AS THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR.

22 3-D. STREET LIGHT REQUEST AND
23 APPROVAL RECEIVED APRIL 14, 2021 FOR
24 INSTALLATION OF A LIGHT AT 805-807 WEST ELM
25 STREET.

1 3-E. CONTROLLER'S REPORT FOR MONTH
2 ENDING MARCH 31, 2021.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Do any Council members
4 have any announcements at this time -- or, I'm
5 sorry. Are there any comments on any of the
6 Third Order items?

7 MR. SCHUSTER: Just on Item 3-C, I'm
8 glad they're appointing Mr. Judge there as
9 Emergency Management Coordinator. I know this
10 was something we knew was occurring or
11 happening, but I think some of the questions
12 that came up over the last two weeks may have
13 prompted them to send that along. So I'm glad
14 to see that's there.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Any other
16 comments? If not, received and filed. Do any
17 Council members have any announcements at this
18 time?

19 MR. MCANDREW: I have a quick one.
20 I just want to commend the 60 students and
21 staff from Marywood University that teamed up
22 with Gattens and his crew and donated their
23 time to help clean Nay Aug today. Great job.
24 That's all I have.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Anyone

1 else?

2 MR. DONAHUE: There is also a Nay
3 Aug Park cleanup, you know, it's open for the
4 community this weekend. I believe it starts at
5 10 a.m. And they're asking that everybody meet
6 at 10 at the Community Room at Nay Aug Park by
7 the pool.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Very good.
9 Anyone else? Okay. Mrs. Reed?

10 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS
11 PARTICIPATION.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. At this
13 time would someone please make a motion to
14 accept public comment from the following
15 individuals: Marie Schumacher and Thomas
16 Coyne.

17 MR. DONAHUE: I make a motion to
18 accept public comment.

19 MR. SCHUSTER: I'll second.

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

24 MS. REED: Thank you. The first
25 submission is from Marie Schumacher as follows:

1 0 Going into the sale of the Sewer
2 Authority all were aware the City held the MS4
3 Stormwater Permit. The City has invested money
4 in more than one contractor to study the issue
5 but for four years and almost four months the
6 City has been dancing around the May Pole
7 without proposing, let alone selecting, a
8 stormwater Plan.

9 How will the Plan be implemented?
10 Will it be in-house or through an Authority?
11 Is this foot-dragging because it's an election
12 year and the City doesn't want us to know how
13 much deeper into our pockets you will reach to
14 fund the Plan? If there is another reason,
15 please share that reason.

16
17 0 What is the date of the last
18 request for RACP funding for the renovation of
19 the Municipal Building?

20 While on the subject of grants I
21 would like to request the City Clerk keep a
22 Grant Log that would provide, when requested,
23 the date of the grantors expiration, if any,
24 and date awarded.

25 0 It has been over two years since

1 the City received the Highland Associates
2 Report on the condition of City Hall and the
3 estimated cost of the full renovation. Thanks
4 to Jim Lockwood and the Times-Tribune for
5 reporting the North Washington Street side of
6 the building's stained glass windows are being
7 repaired but we've heard nothing from Council.
8 What is to be done with the other deficiencies
9 of City Hall and when?

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11 I am concerned about employees (and
12 perhaps the Mayor's daughter) health as the
13 mold issue was raised in the Report as City
14 Hall should be opening to the public even
15 without an appointment very shortly.

16 MS. REED: The second submission is
17 from Mr. Tom Coyne as follows:

18 Well it's obvious we will not have a
19 pool installed for a few years as it has been
20 pushed to 2022 at a minimum, if the pool was
21 agreed to and financed today.

22 That being said, I would suggest
23 going with the splash pad and getting it
24 operational first. I know we have a vendor who
25 is supplying plans for the build, but I am

1 police vehicles, trash trucks, and any other
2 equipment necessary for the health and safety
3 of the City residents. I believe May Aug Park
4 promotes the health and safety of the populous.
5 So it may be reasonable to use this as part of
6 matching for the equipment of the splashpad.
7 Please note the agreement for the donation was
8 for the life of the settlement/landfill. It was
9 expected to be 30 years, but it is defined
10 clearly as the life of the landfill. So the
11 expected 30 years ends in 2030, or based on
12 capacity and possible expansion, as long as the
13 landfill is open and operational; the city gets
14 100k a year.

15 Second, Is City Council agreeable to
16 separation of the Garbage funds to an account
17 that is not co-mingled with the general fund?
18 Are they willing to put in language to ban line
19 item or any transfer of garbage funds to any
20 non garbage related expense?

21 Trash/recycling has been moved in
22 the budget notes prior, nothing prevents the
23 movement of budgeted and collected garbage
24 funds to be reallocated by line assigning them
25 anywhere else.

1 Third, I understand the reason
2 people want to speak at council and have a
3 "Voice". The inflection words produce is much
4 more than the context of dry text. Public
5 Speech can move people more than just words...
6 and that is missing.

7 Fourth, speaking of water runoff, I
8 believe during the Wenzel administration pre
9 election, an improvement was approved for the
10 Minooka section. I got this information second
11 hand from neighbors, but I have verified
12 myself. On the 3200 block of Oak Avenue, Storm
13 drains/cement pits were installed and the
14 runoff pipes were placed in front of people's
15 homes. A number of months later the City
16 collected all the pipes and never installed
17 them.

18 This left large concrete wastewater
19 drainage pits connected to nothing. One of my
20 neighbors has issues with basement flooding and
21 I suspect it is cause by the large concrete
22 basin collecting and saturating the ground in
23 front of her house as it is filled days and
24 sometimes weeks after rainfall.

25 Instead of rainwater running off, it

1 holds and saturates the areas around our
2 properties and water table, and causes basement
3 issues due to constant water pressure and
4 infiltration. Someone needs to repair/complete
5 this installation.

6 A fair bit of 3200 Cedar avenue
7 water is dumped on Oak from home sump pumps
8 running to the non connected wastewater basins
9 as well.

10 Last the obscenity ruling. You
11 perched this on the Colts Bus incident of long
12 ago, that ruling was due to not wanting to
13 allow atheist advertisement but allowing
14 secular. The amended obscenity change falls
15 short and just removing the vagueness is not
16 enough. The court also discussed Mr. McAndrew's
17 obvious discomfort.

18 The 2019 ruling by the U.S. Supreme
19 Court takes it out of your hands. The case,
20 *Iancu v. Brunetti*, a First Amendment case about
21 "immoral or scandalous" trademarks.

22 The ruling stemmed from a trademark
23 the Patent office disallowed. A sign or doing
24 business as is so close to a business trademark
25 it falls well into the ruling.

1 The Supreme Court defended free
2 speech Monday, even for four-letter words.
3 Faced with a clothing line called FUCT, the
4 justices struck down federal prohibitions
5 against granting trademark protection for
6 "immoral" or "scandalous" material as
7 unconstitutional.

8 The vote was 6-3 in an opinion
9 written by Associate Justice Elena Kagan. Chief
10 Justice John Roberts and Associate Justices
11 Stephen Breyer and Sonia Sotomayor dissented.
12 "The First Amendment does not allow the
13 government to penalize views just because many
14 people, whether rightly or wrongly, see them as
15 offensive," Kagan said from the bench in
16 announcing the decision.

17 Due to this it is clear any
18 enforcement of this section is a violation of
19 federal law. There is not much to discuss, not
20 just the struck section from city code, but
21 from the entire section.

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23 (This concludes public comment as
24 submitted to Council)

25 MS. REED: And that concludes the

1 citizens participation. Thank you.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. On the
3 question?

4 MR. DONAHUE: On the question, just
5 to answer, you know, partially answer Marie's
6 question about stormwater is, the one thing
7 that has changed since we got our last update
8 was the passage of the American Recovery Act
9 which does have certain stipulations in it that
10 the money could be used for stormwater or waste
11 water -- or water or sewage treatment.

12 So I think it's getting into that
13 and how much money we could use from that
14 because that would, you know, could hopefully
15 be a big, you know, plus in terms of moving
16 this project forward, you know, stormwater
17 forward.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Anyone
19 else on the question? I want to thank Miss
20 Schumacher and Mr. Coyne for submitting their
21 comments and questions. And we will attempt to
22 get answers to those questions by next week, if
23 possible. All those in favor signify by saying
24 aye.

25 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

1 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

2 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

3 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

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

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

7 MOTIONS.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Councilman Schuster,
9 do you have any motions or comments tonight?

10 MR. SCHUSTER: Yeah, I have three
11 comments. So first I'd like thank Mrs.
12 Cipriani for getting back to me today. There
13 was some complaints coming out of the West
14 Scranton area about the Inspections Department
15 and who was taking the place of Mr. Liptai who
16 had retired.

17 So she did get back to me rather
18 quickly and let me know that there was a new
19 replacement there with inspections.

20 Secondly, I'd like to thank PennDOT
21 for meeting with me and Mr. Donahue with the
22 Oram Street neighbors and to Kyle and Lori for
23 getting and Kevin Hayes for getting that letter
24 out to PennDOT and awaiting their response.

25 And lastly, I'd like to thank Kevin

1 Hayes who reached out to the Parking Authority
2 for me. After we got the 2019 audit done,
3 there was an adverse opinion regarding the
4 Scranton Parking Authority.

5 So Mr. Hayes reached out to them to
6 see what needs to be done there and if there's
7 a need for a possible audit of the Parking
8 Authority. So thank you all for helping out
9 with those issues.

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

12 MR. MCANDREW: A few questions or
13 concerns that I had were addressed in caucus so
14 I'm good. Thank you.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you, Councilman
16 McAndrew. Dr. Rothchild, any motions or
17 comments?

18 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes, just a few
19 which I'd also mentioned in caucus but I'll
20 repeat again. I spoke with the administration
21 regarding some concerns about the speed of
22 vehicles on Harrison Avenue and the lack of
23 pedestrian safety for the crosswalks.

24 And they sent a request to PennDOT
25 for a traffic study because it is a state road.

1 So it's, you know, not necessarily something
2 that they can do anything about but hopefully
3 PennDOT would be interested in performing that
4 traffic study so we can get a better idea how
5 to increase the safety there along that road.

6 I also received some questions, a
7 request for updates on the Birch Street
8 project, which I know that was spoken a lot
9 about mainly some concerns along the 400 block
10 of Birch Street and the 800 block of Cedar
11 Avenue and the pave cuts that were -- we were
12 told that there would be a permanent
13 restoration sometime this month.

14 And now I've received an update that
15 tomorrow weather permitting that that part of
16 restoration should be completed which is good
17 news for the neighbors and commuters in that
18 neighborhood.

19 And then lastly, I expressed some
20 concerns over just the lack of transparency in
21 changes to personnel in City Hall. And, you
22 know, that's difficult for us to do I think
23 keep track and what positions are changing.
24 And I wanted to make a motion to request that
25 we send a letter from Council to the

1 administration for a regular update on our
2 personnel.

3 MR. SCHUSTER: I'll second that
4 motion.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: We have a motion and a
6 second. On the question?

7 MR. SCHUSTER: On the question --

8 MR. MCANDREW: -- in the caucus I
9 agree. We had something similar at the school
10 district where we would have a personnel report
11 that entailed everything that -- that was
12 mentioned earlier. So I'm definitely in favor
13 of this. Thank you.

14 MR. SCHUSTER: Yeah, on the
15 question, thank you, Mr. McAndrew. I was also
16 thinking the same thing. The monthly personnel
17 report was helpful for knowing what was coming.
18 And I think that might -- something similar to
19 that, you know, might cover some of Jess's
20 concerns.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: Very good. Anyone
22 else on the question? All those in favor of
23 the motion 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 the motions passes.

5 DR. ROTHCHILD: That was all that I
6 had. Thank you.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Thank you.
8 Councilman Donahue, any motions or comments?

9 MR. DONAHUE: Yes. I just want to
10 thank my colleagues and everyone else who's
11 reached out over the last week congratulating
12 us on the birth of our daughter Maggie.

13 Both Mary Kate and Maggie are doing
14 great. I'm just over the moon. I've always
15 heard people say that you never know love until
16 you hold your first child. And now I know
17 exactly what they are talking about.

18 I wasn't here last week because of
19 the birth of our daughter, but I want to take a
20 moment just to congratulate Lori on her
21 retirement. Over the last three years your
22 friendship, your advice, your institutional
23 knowledge have just been invaluable on both a
24 personnel and professional level.

25 Although you'll be greatly missed, I

1 hope you -- I wish you a happy, healthy
2 retirement that's filled with time -- extended
3 time with your family, especially your
4 grandchildren. And I just want to thank you
5 for your service.

6 You know, you will be greatly
7 missed. I don't know what we're going to do
8 without you.

9 Also, you know, I know Jess brought
10 up the speed of vehicles. I've actually
11 noticed that especially on Pittston Avenue and
12 some of the side streets, you know, especially
13 in South Scranton going up and down the hills.
14 It just seems like people are going faster and
15 faster.

16 So hopefully we can get something
17 going there. You know, not only there but City
18 wide just looking into that and especially with
19 I've been getting a little bit of complaints
20 about ATVs, mopeds, dirt bikes that are
21 starting up again. So hopefully, you know, the
22 police department will step up some patrols
23 there.

24 I know -- I believe Mark brought up
25 the issues of St. Francis Cabrini. I got a

1 couple of those complaints. I believe he
2 brought them up last week but I wasn't here.
3 But there was also an incident there overnight.
4 So, Mrs. Reed -- because I don't think we got a
5 response on that too.

6 So, Mrs. Reed, if you could look
7 into see if there's been any progress over
8 there. A few -- a couple of times last year I
9 brought up a complaint about a storm drain on
10 the 500 block of Emmett Street. We passed it
11 along to the water company who said they were
12 going to go out and fix it.

13 I did -- Miss Reed did ask for an
14 update on that and that should be fixed by the
15 end of this week. Also, Miss Reed, if you
16 could, send it -- send a correspondence to the
17 DPW Director and the parks -- the new Parks
18 Director.

19 I don't know exactly who these --
20 we're supposed to -- I guess we got an e-mail
21 today that correspondence should go to the
22 DPW's administrative assistant. So if you
23 could just send it to them and also copy the
24 new Parks Director and DPW Director regarding
25 what the plan is for park maintenance this

1 year.

2 I know we are, you know, we're
3 waiting on that parks study that's going to
4 give us recommendations on how to properly
5 maintain our parks, you know, moving forward.
6 But I don't think that's going to, you know,
7 solve the need for this year.

8 So I just wanted to see, you know,
9 what our maintenance plan is for this year and
10 make sure our parks are properly maintained.
11 And also if there is any other -- if we know if
12 there is any other issues with any of the other
13 City pools and if that's going to, you know,
14 affect their openings.

15 And then also on that point is --
16 and I'll put all of this in an e-mail to you
17 too -- but how we're making out in terms of
18 hiring lifeguards because I know in the past
19 we've closed down pools not because of the
20 state of the pool but because we didn't have
21 enough lifeguards to properly man the pools.

22 And then one other issue and it's
23 one of my pet peeves is since we're in the
24 political season, is political signs in
25 right-of-ways and on City properties.

1 I know in the past DPW has gone out
2 and collected the signs for the candidates to
3 pick up down at DPW that are on right-of-ways.
4 So maybe if we could just send correspondence
5 to the administration, DPW Director if, you
6 know, they plan on doing anything like that
7 because usually what happens there is, they put
8 them out and don't come and pick them back up.

9 And it just looks terrible. And
10 usually, it's in entrance points to the City
11 whether it be on the, you know, Central
12 Scranton Expressway or on the McDade Expressway
13 and places like that. And it's just not a good
14 look coming in. And that's all I have for
15 tonight. Thank you.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you, Councilman
17 Donahue. Just one thing -- actually two
18 things. Mrs. Reed, did we get a response from
19 our request last week regarding Mr. Young's
20 property over on Wyoming Avenue?

21 MS. REED: I don't believe so,
22 Councilman Donahue, but I'll go back through my
23 e-mails. But I don't believe so. I would have
24 forwarded that.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Can we just

1 followup on that? You know, I know we
2 mentioned it last weekend. Mr. Young had
3 submitted comments on it so if there is any way
4 that we can help them out -- or the
5 administration could help them out, that would
6 be great.

7 The second thing I wanted to
8 mentioned and we all discussed this in caucus
9 was the fact that the Mayor had issued an
10 emergency declaration hiring a company called
11 Bedrock Technology in the amount of \$12,750 a
12 month to fill the gap that has been created by
13 the resignation of the Network Systems Manager
14 Frank Swietnicki who used to be the IT
15 Director.

16 So it's come to our attention that
17 the IT Director position has been vacant for
18 quite some time. So I know that Council has
19 some concerns with this. So I have the
20 following questions that I'd like to pose to
21 the administration and if we can have these
22 answered by next week.

23 So the first one is how long exactly
24 has the IT Director position been open for. We
25 do know that Frank Swietnicki who was the

1 long-time IT Director moved into a Network
2 Systems Manager position. So that's the first
3 question.

4 The second request would be a copy
5 of the contract with Bedrock Technologies.
6 Number three, I think we need to know a
7 timeline or what the plan is in terms of, you
8 know, when the City is going to hire an IT
9 Director and a Network Systems Manager, how
10 long they expect this company to perform the
11 work.

12 Does the administration expect the
13 contract with this company to cease when an IT
14 Director and a Network Systems Manager is hired
15 or is there a period of time after that they
16 plan on keeping him on. How will the current
17 employees within the IT Department work with
18 this company, what will the employees be
19 responsible for?

20 What will their duties be now that
21 this company is coming on and will be doing the
22 work of the network systems manager? And I'm
23 not quite sure what else because we don't have
24 a copy of the contract in front of us.

25 The next question I have is how is

1 the administration, the Mayor and her
2 administration planning on paying for this?
3 What account are they paying this -- these
4 funds out of?

5 I know that the professional
6 services budget in the IT Department was large.
7 And that was going towards the hiring of
8 OpenGov which we -- the City executed that
9 contract a few weeks ago after we passed that
10 legislation.

11 So there are these things I think we
12 need clarification on. My concern as I stated
13 in the caucus is that \$12,750 a month for a
14 whole year that's \$300,000. And this is --
15 it's open ended.

16 And I just want to make sure that
17 we -- that the administration has a plan in
18 place and can, you know, let Council know what
19 that plan is so that we don't have, you know,
20 this company in for months and months and
21 months and we're shelling out a significant
22 amount of money because someone resigned. So
23 that's all I have this week. Mrs. Reed.

24 MS. REED: Thank you. 5-B. FOR
25 INTRODUCTION AN ORDINANCE CREATING AND

1 ESTABLISHING SPECIAL CITY ACCOUNT NO. 02.229641
2 ENTITLED "HARRY AND JEANNETTE WEINBERG
3 FOUNDATION WESTON FIELD GRANT" FOR THE RECEIPT
4 AND DISBURSEMENT OF CAPITAL GRANT FUNDS FROM
5 THE HARRY AND JEANNETTE WEINBERG FOUNDATION,
6 INC.

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

10 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

11 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? On
13 the question, I have three questions regarding
14 this legislation. Mrs. Reed, if you could
15 reach out to OECD, I'd like to know how much
16 money is currently in the Weston Foundation
17 Trust, how much money does the City receive
18 from the trust annually and if they could give
19 us a few examples of how much money has been
20 used or given to the City in the past and what
21 that money has been used for. Anyone else on
22 the question? All those in favor of
23 introduction signify by saying aye.

24 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

25 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

1 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

2 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

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

5 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -
6 A RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND APPROVING OF THE
7 EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT
8 APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO THE
9 DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL
10 RESOURCES FOR THE PROJECT TO BE KNOWN AS THE
11 CONNELL PARK REHABILITATION LOCATED AT CONNELL
12 PARK, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, AND AUTHORIZING
13 THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF
14 THE CITY OF SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TO ACCEPT
15 THE GRANT, IF SUCCESSFUL, AND EXECUTE AND ENTER
16 INTO A GRANT CONTRACT AND COMMITMENT LETTER
17 AWARDED FOR SUCH PROJECT.

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

21 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

22 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? On
24 the question, and this goes for the next two
25 pieces of legislation as well. I'd like a copy

1 of the actual grant application.

2 Usually in the past when Council has
3 passed this type of legislation where we're
4 executing or we're approving the execution and
5 submission of the grant application by the
6 City, we usually always receive a grant
7 application that goes into great detail on what
8 the project details, drawings, things like that
9 that have been compiled in order to submit the
10 application.

11 So I would make that request before
12 final passage next week for this and 5-D and
13 5-E. Also, as I mentioned in the caucus it
14 states that the grant application was due to
15 DCNR April 15th, 2021. It's my understanding
16 that the grant application has already been
17 submitted in order to comply with the deadline.

18 I would like to double-check on this
19 though because I believe in the past, Council
20 has always had to pass the legislation first
21 and then the grant application was submitted.
22 I could be wrong on that. But I just want to
23 double-check.

24 I know even in the past few months
25 as I stated earlier, Council or the

1 administration rather has come to Council with
2 a grant application and an emergency
3 declaration attached in order to get the grant
4 application in on time to DCNR or whatever
5 other program they were going for.

6 So I want a clarification on that.
7 And that's all I have on 5-C. Anyone else?
8 All those in favor of introduction signify by
9 saying aye.

10 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

11 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

12 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

13 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. Opposed? The
15 eyes have it and so moved.

16 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION -
17 A RESOLUTION - RATIFYING AND APPROVING OF THE
18 EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT
19 APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO THE
20 DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL
21 RESOURCES FOR THE PROJECT TO BE KNOWN AS THE
22 NAY AUG PARK SWIM COMPLEX LOCATED AT NAY AUG
23 PARK, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, AND AUTHORIZING
24 THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF
25 THE CITY OF SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TO ACCEPT

1 THE GRANT, IF SUCCESSFUL, AND EXECUTE AND ENTER
2 INTO A GRANT CONTRACT AND COMMITMENT LETTER
3 AWARDED FOR SUCH PROJECT.

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

7 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

8 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? On
10 the question, as I stated in caucus, with this
11 one I just would want clarification. It's not
12 clear from this legislation what options the
13 City was going with in terms of all the options
14 that were presented by the pool consultant MKSD
15 which came to us twice within the last two
16 months.

17 So I just would just like
18 clarification on if the City is definitively
19 choosing one of those options that was
20 presented. I think Council would like to know
21 that. And also, it states that the City's
22 committing a 3.1 million dollar cash match to
23 the project.

24 I'd like to know where that matched
25 money is coming from, what account it's coming

1 out of and what the plan is there how they're
2 going to get their hands on those funds. And
3 that's all I have on 5-D. Anyone else on the
4 question? All those in favor of introduction
5 signify by saying aye.

6 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

7 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

8 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

9 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

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

12 MS. REED: 5-E. FOR INTRODUCTION -
13 A RESOLUTION - RATIFYING AND APPROVING OF THE
14 EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT
15 APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO THE
16 DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL
17 RESOURCES FOR THE PROJECT TO BE KNOWN AS THE
18 WESTON PARK REHABILITATION LOCATED AT WESTON
19 PARK, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, AND AUTHORIZING
20 THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF
21 THE CITY OF SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TO ACCEPT
22 THE GRANT, IF SUCCESSFUL, AND EXECUTE AND ENTER
23 INTO A GRANT CONTRACT AND COMMITMENT LETTER
24 AWARDED FOR SUCH PROJECT.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: At this time I'll

1 entertain a motion that Item 5-E be introduced
2 into its proper committee.

3 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

4 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? All
6 those in favor of introduction signify by
7 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 ayes have it and so moved.

14 MS. REED: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A. No
15 business at this time.

16 SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR
17 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY
18 DEVELOPMENT - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF THE
19 COUNCIL NO. 65, 2021 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
20 AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF
21 SCRANTON TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO
22 IMPLEMENT THE HUD 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR
23 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS TO
24 BE FUNDED UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
25 GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM, HOME INVESTMENT

1 PARTNERSHIP (HOME) PROGRAM AND EMERGENCY
2 SOLUTIONS GRANTS (ESG) PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD
3 BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: What is the
5 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
6 Committee on Community Development?

7 DR. ROTHCHILD: As Chair for the
8 Committee on Community Development, I recommend
9 final passage of Item 7-A.

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-A legally and lawfully adopted.

24 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION
25 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - FOR

1 ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 66, 2021
2 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO APPROVE THE
3 DESIGNATION OF THIRD AVENUE AS ONE-WAY
4 NORTHBOUND FROM ELM STREET TO ITS INTERSECTION
5 WITH BROADWAY STREET WITH THE INSTALLATION OF
6 TWO (2) R5-1 "DO NOT ENTER" SIGNS (30"X30") AT
7 THE INTERSECTION OF THIRD AVENUE AND BROADWAY
8 STREET; R6-1L HORIZONTAL LEFT ONE-WAY SIGNS
9 SHALL BE INSTALLED AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF
10 THIRD AVENUE AND REGAN PLACE; THIRD AVENUE AND
11 FELLOW STREET; THIRD AVENUE AND LUZERNE STREET
12 AND THIRD AVENUE AND BROADWAY STREET ALONG WITH
13 "NO PARKING" DESIGNATED ON THE EASTERLY SIDE OF
14 THIRD AVENUE FROM LUZERNE STREET NORTH TO
15 BROADWAY STREET AND THAT SIX (6) R8-3 "NO
16 PARKING" SYMBOL SIGNS (12"X12"), FOUR (4) WITH
17 R-301 "NO PARKING" ARROW PLAQUE, ONE (1) WITH
18 R-301 "NO PARKING" LEFT ARROW PLAQUE AND ONE
19 (1) WITH R-301 "NO PARKING" RIGHT ARROW PLAQUE
20 BE INSTALLED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE CITY
21 ENGINEER TO ALLOW FOR IMPROVED ACCESS FROM
22 THIRD AVENUE ONTO BROADWAY STREET.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: What is the
24 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
25 Committee on Public Safety?

1 MR. MCANDREW: As Chairperson for
2 the Committee on Public Safety, I recommend
3 final passage of 7-B.

4 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? Roll
6 call, please.

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Schuster.

8 MR SCHUSTER: Yes.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

10 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

11 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

12 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

14 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. I hereby declare
17 Item 7-B legally and lawfully adopted.

18 MS. REED: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION
19 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - FOR ADOPTION
20 RESOLUTION NO. 153, 2021 - AUTHORIZING THE
21 ACCEPTANCE BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON BY KEYSTONE
22 SANITARY LANDFILL OF A JOHN DEERE BOMAG BW
23 ASPHALT ROLLER 120SL5-861880441449 PER
24 SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #032119-BAI FROM FIVE STAR
25 EQUIPMENT.

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

4 MR. DONAHUE: As Chair for the
5 Committee on Public Works, I recommend final
6 passage of Item 7-C.

7 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question?

9 MR. DONAHUE: On the question, I'm
10 looking forward to seeing this put to use over
11 the summer.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Anyone else on the
13 question? Roll 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 legally and lawfully adopted.

25 MS. REED: 7-D. FOR CONSIDERATION

1 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION
2 RESOLUTION NO. 154, 2021 - APPOINTMENT OF PEDRO
3 ANES, 555 SEYMOUR AVENUE, SCRANTON,
4 PENNSYLVANIA, 18505, TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF
5 THE SCRANTON SEWER AUTHORITY BOARD EFFECTIVE
6 MARCH 26, 2021 FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM THAT
7 WILL EXPIRE ON MARCH 26, 2026. MR. ANES WILL
8 REPLACE LARRY BOCCADORI WHOSE TERM EXPIRED ON
9 DECEMBER 31, 2017.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for the
11 Committee on Rules, I recommend final passage
12 of Item 7-D.

13 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question?

15 MR. SCHUSTER: On the question, I'd
16 just like to congratulate Mr. Anes. I had the
17 pleasure to meet him several times and always
18 had great conversations, so congratulations to
19 him.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Anyone
21 else?

22 MR. MCANDREW: Yeah, I'd like to
23 also congratulate Mr. Anes. I've also been in
24 his company a few times. I think he'll do a
25 fantastic job.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you.

2 DR. ROTHCHILD: I as well would like
3 to congratulate him. We served on the Human
4 Relations Commission together. And I'm sure
5 that he will do great work on the Sewer
6 Authority.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Anyone
8 else? Roll call, please.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Schuster.

10 MR. SCHUSTER: Yes.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

12 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

13 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

14 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

16 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

17 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

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

20 MS. REED: 7-E. FOR CONSIDERATION
21 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION
22 RESOLUTION NO. 155, 2021 - APPOINTMENT OF
23 BROOKE NEWHART, 331 FERDINAND STREET, SCRANTON,
24 PENNSYLVANIA, 18508, AS PARKS AND RECREATION
25 DIRECTOR FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON EFFECTIVE

1 MARCH 29, 2021.

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

5 DR. ROTHCHILD: Second.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? Roll
7 call, please.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Schuster.

9 MR. SCHUSTER: Yes.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

11 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

13 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

15 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

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

19 MS. REED: EIGHTH ORDER. OLD
20 BUSINESS. Nothing at this time.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you, Mrs. Reed.
22 If there's no further business, I'll entertain
23 a motion to adjourn.

24 MR. DONAHUE: I would just like to
25 make -- I was mistaken before when I said we

1 didn't get -- and I apologize -- that we didn't
2 get an update on the issues on St. Francis
3 Cabrini. Mrs. Reed was kind enough to forward
4 me that.

5 And I did realize that I just missed
6 that in my e-mail. So I do want to apologize
7 for that. We did receive an update on that.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. No problem.
9 Thanks, Kyle.

10 MR. SCHUSTER: Sorry, as well as
11 we're saying that, I did this afternoon while I
12 was speaking with Miss Cipriani, I also
13 inquired a little bit about the property. And
14 she sent an e-mail that I could forward to the
15 rest of Council probably after 2:30 today. So
16 I'll forward it to the rest of you guys after
17 the meeting.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Great. Thank
19 you. If there is no further business, I'll
20 entertain a motion to adjourn.

21 MR. DONAHUE: Motion to adjourn.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: This meeting is
23 adjourned. Thanks everyone. Have a nice week.

24 MR. DONAHUE: Thank you.

25 MR. SCHUSTER: Have a good night.

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