

COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON

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

- LORI REED, CITY CLERK
- KATHY CARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK - ABSENT
- 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, for
6 those who have passed away recently in our city
7 and for all of those people in our community,
8 in our country and around the world who are
9 suffering because of the pandemic.

10 Let us continue to pray for the
11 doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical
12 professionals who seek to heal and help those
13 affected and who put themselves at risk in the
14 process, may they have protection and peace.
15 Thank you. Mrs. Reed, roll call, please.

16 MS. REED: Mr. Schuster.

17 MR. SCHUSTER: Present.

18 MS. REED: Mr. McAndrew.

19 MR. MCANDREW: Present.

20 MS. REED: Dr. Rothchild.

21 DR. ROTHCHILD: Here.

22 MS. REED: Mr. Donahue.

23 MR. DONAHUE: Here.

24 MS. REED: Mr. Gaughan.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: Here. Thank you. An

1 executive session was held on Thursday, April
2 22nd, 2021 at 5:00 p.m., in Council Chambers in
3 order to interview four applicants for the
4 position of City Clerk.

5 This executive session was conducted
6 in compliance with Pennsylvania Sunshine Act
7 because the exclusive purpose of the Executive
8 Session was to address a personnel matter.
9 Please dispense with the reading of the
10 minutes.

11 MS. REED: THIRD ORDER.

12 3-A. EMERGENCY DECLARATION ISSUED
13 BY MAYOR PAIGE G. COGNETTI DATED APRIL 16, 2021
14 REGARDING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT.

15 3-B. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITY
16 CONTROLLER DATED APRIL 16, 2021 TO
17 MAYOR COGNETTI REGARDING EMERGENCY DECLARATION
18 FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES.

19 3-C. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM
20 BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR DATED APRIL
21 20, 2021 REGARDING EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR
22 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES.

23 3-D. MINUTES OF THE SHADE TREE
24 COMMISSION MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 10, 2020.

25 3-E. MINUTES OF THE NON-UNIFORM

1 MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD
2 MARCH 17, 2021.

3 3-F. AGENDA FOR THE NON-UNIFORM
4 MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD
5 APRIL 21, 2021.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: Are there any comments
7 on any of the Third Order items? If not,
8 received and filed. Do any Council members
9 have announcements at this time?

10 MR. MCANDREW: I have a quick one.
11 So tomorrow once again our friends at Friends
12 of the Poor will be having an emergency
13 drivethrough food giveaway, 2:30 to 5:30 at
14 Scranton High. That's all I have.

15 MR. DONAHUE: I have one too.
16 Effective today, April 27th changes were
17 made -- or changes take effect for the
18 Pennsylvania Move Over Law. It requires
19 approaching drivers who are unable to merge
20 into a further lane to reduce their speed by 20
21 miles per hour less than the posted speed
22 limit.

23 It imposes two points for failure
24 to merge into the lane not next to the
25 emergency response area. Sets fines at 500 for

1 first time offenses -- for first time
2 offenders, excuse me, 1,000 for second offense
3 and 2,000 for a third subsequent offense. Just
4 a reminder too when you're on the highway, if
5 there's an emergency vehicle or any vehicle on
6 the side of the road to move over into the
7 other lane.

8 DR. ROTHCHILD: I have a couple of
9 quick announcements. Tomorrow there will be a
10 Pridework community popup event, the
11 revitalization program that is hosting over at
12 National Bakery on Capouse Avenue.

13 That's going to be at 11 a.m. And
14 it's a press conference but it's also an
15 opportunity to learn about their
16 revitalization plans, sign up for committees,
17 find out some more about it.

18 And then I know Mark had mentioned
19 the Friends of the Poor. That was on my list
20 too. But also, I don't believe we've mentioned
21 here that coming up is going to be Observe
22 Scranton Week, which I believe is the first
23 time that they are doing this which will be a
24 celebration of Jane Jacobs who was a famous
25 author who had written the Death and Life of

1 Great American Cities. And she was born in
2 Scranton.

3 And there's going to be several
4 events going on throughout that week May 4th
5 through the 8th. And more can be found out
6 about the events on the Observe Scranton
7 Facebook page or at Observescranton.org. I
8 know that the Fringe Festival is hosting a
9 StorySlam that week and then the University of
10 Scranton is also hosting a community event.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Anyone
12 else? I just have one. As I mentioned
13 earlier, a public hearing will be held next
14 Tuesday, May 4th at 5:45 p.m., for Item 5-B on
15 tonight's agenda. The Historical Architectural
16 Review Board's denial of the Certificate of
17 Appropriateness by Joyce Outdoor Advertising
18 for signage at 539 Linden Street. Mrs. Reed.

19 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS
20 PARTICIPATION.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: At this time would
22 someone please make a motion to accept public
23 comment from the following individuals:
24 Patricia Nestor, Bev deBarros, Jeanie Davidson,
25 John White and Marie Schumacher.

1 MR. DONAHUE: I make a motion to
2 accept public comment.

3 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: There's been a motion
5 and a second to accept public comment. Mrs.
6 Reed, would you please read the comments into
7 the record?

8 MS. REED: Thank you. The first
9 submission is from Patricia Nestor as follows:

10 I keep hearing about drug use on the
11 increase caused by the isolation from Covid.
12 I was wondering if some money from
13 CARES Act could be used to purchase,
14 distribute, and train people to use Narcan?

15 The one dose I purchased with
16 insurance cost me \$50. Not everyone has
17 insurance or extra money to keep Narcan on
18 hand. It should be in everyone's first aid
19 kit.

20 If the mayor does her pop up tents
21 around the city again this summer, she should
22 distribute Narcan along with the recycling
23 bins. It should also be made available at these
24 vaccine clinics.

25 MS. REED: The second submission is

1 from Bev deBarros as follows:

2 Dear Friends.

3 ~ About the position of Parks and
4 Recreation Director ~

5 Brooke Newhart sounds ideal for the
6 Recreation part, but, is maintaining the parks
7 also her responsibility?

8 Could you elaborate on that part of
9 the job description?

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11 MS. REED: The third submission is
12 from Jeanie Davidson as follows:

13 Council,

14 On Monday, April 26, 2021, City Hall
15 employees experienced IT issues that were
16 preventing us from using our emails, scanners,
17 and faxes. In and of itself, this does not seem
18 like a big deal, but to a worker that relies on
19 these functions to perform their jobs, it is a
20 big deal.

21 My question, is, How can the City
22 operate an IT Department with "ONE PART TIME"
23 employee? We are paying an astronomical amount
24 of money for this BEDROCK company to assist in
25 the IT department, why don't they have someone

1 set up in house? Today with the issue, the
2 help desk was called, the response was from the
3 part time employee stating that he was in
4 class, and would try to resolve the issue when
5 he was done.

6 Needless to say, and not by any
7 fault of this young mans, but it was hours
8 before the issue was fixed. I would like to
9 know what the true function of this company is,
10 and why there isn't at least one of them
11 stationed in house to help with everyday
12 issues.

13 I don't understand how it is ok to
14 operate this way. We have endured many changes,
15 many protocols and rules not being followed, we
16 are trying to abide and do our jobs to the best
17 of our ability, but more so than not, there
18 always appears to be a technical issue
19 somewhere.

20 If this company is hired to handle
21 only the "Big Stuff", for that amount of money,
22 then I think we have all had the wool pulled
23 over our eyes.

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25 MS. REED: The fourth submission is

1 from Mr. Jack White as follows:

2 I live in the hill. Near nay aug.
3 The best. Some issues, however. The
4 neighborhoods here are beautiful, and for the
5 most part, we citizens take care of our
6 properties. But we need the city To lend a
7 hand.

8 While the gas company is currently
9 making cuts in our streets and avenues, they
10 leave a lot of debris behind, dust, dirt, tar
11 gravel, etc. Don't you think it would be a good
12 idea to, shortly after the cutting and before
13 the dust settles on our windows, porches, cars
14 and LUNGS. Clean as you go?

15 Let's work together Scranton council
16 to help us to keep our neighborhoods clean,
17 healthy and safe. Thanks

18 Ps. Send the neighborhood folks an e-mail or
19 text message over a few days before the
20 cleaning crew is coming. Maybe odd-even for
21 parking?

22 Thank you for your time and attention.

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24 MS. REED: And the fifth and last
25 submission is from Marie Schumacher as follows:

1 0 Would you please provide a list
2 of the can and cannot uses for the \$69.9
3 million we are borrowing from future
4 generations and the status of when it will be
5 available for spending.

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7 0 I am opposed to the 5C Resolution
8 primarily because the backup is not very
9 helpful in providing just what impact this will
10 have on Scranton residents and visitors to
11 Scranton. Before this is voted upon I would
12 like to know how this may impact Pennsylvania's
13 existing statutes. Please advise us of the
14 position this Group takes, if any on the PA
15 Stand Your Ground Statute.

16 Also, should other municipalities
17 take positions not 100% in sync it could cause
18 confusion and avoidance of Scranton.

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20 0 Will the 2020 Audit be received
21 on time this year.

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23 (Concludes public comment letters as
24 submitted to Council.)

25 MS. REED: And that is all.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you, Mrs. Reed.
2 On the question?

3 DR. ROTHCHILD: On the question, I
4 had a couple of things. First to Miss Nestor,
5 regarding her comments on Narcan. I do feel
6 that we should have it more readily available.
7 I've previously attended events where it's been
8 given away. So I was surprised that she had to
9 purchase one for \$50.

10 And I know that awhile ago the
11 Pennsylvania Department of Health was really
12 pushing for the distribution of Narcan so that
13 it was really available to the public. So I
14 would be interested in finding out more on how
15 we can help with the distribution of that as a
16 city.

17 And the second thing I know some
18 other Council members were making comments on
19 the submission we received from Miss Davidson.
20 But I believe that the purpose of the emergency
21 declaration from last week was so that we would
22 have a functioning Help Desk with IT. So I was
23 disappointed to hear that, you know, she had
24 difficulty getting a response and help from
25 them.

1 And I know that we've had, you know,
2 our problems with Council with being able to
3 access e-mail as Councilman Donahue mentioned
4 earlier. So I would like some more answers
5 from them. I did have a chance to just briefly
6 review what Mr. Deeley had sent over to us
7 earlier in the day which detailed some of the
8 reasons for the emergency declaration and
9 included like specifications on the positions
10 in that department and what tier some of the
11 employees are and what we're missing there.

12 But it didn't -- I don't believe
13 that it explained, you know, how Bedrock is
14 currently operating and why we might not have
15 the Help Desk there full time. So, yeah, I
16 would be interested in getting more answers
17 from them on that.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Anyone
19 else on the question?

20 MR. DONAHUE: Yeah, on that point, I
21 mean, we've -- we added jobs into that IT
22 Department. I understand that there's two jobs
23 that are yet to be filled. But there still
24 should be three people that are budgeted for
25 and are apparently on the payroll. But we

1 can't seem to get IT support anywhere.

2 I know we've all had issues with our
3 e-mails. We've had issues with our Granicus
4 accounts. I had an issue with my Granicus
5 account since last year that still hasn't been
6 resolved. So I read my agendas just like
7 everybody else does where normally we get them
8 in our system a couple of days before they're
9 posted to review, to give us more time to
10 review before we vote on them the next week.

11 But so I think we, you know, we need
12 to send correspondence to the administration to
13 see who exactly is our IT support person that
14 Council can reach out to directly on those two
15 issues. I mean, in terms of, you know, what we
16 do, not what office workers do; but what we do,
17 you know, really is just Granicus and e-mail
18 that we have to deal with. And I think those
19 should be simple fixes but apparently they're
20 not.

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

23 MR. MCANDREW: Yeah, on the
24 question, so I'd like to address
25 Mrs. Davidson's IT issues. You know, we're not

1 a modern stone age family from the town of
2 Bedrock; but we're at Bedrock's mercy right
3 now. We're paying \$12,700-and some dollars a
4 month. They've been here a while.

5 I feel bad for these employees.
6 That can't do the basic function of work every
7 day. So I agree let's send some
8 correspondence. Let's see where we're at. I
9 received a thing from Mr. Deeley today. I
10 haven't really had time to go through all that.

11 But we can't have these problems day
12 to day. These should be rectified. And I know
13 we're looking for an IT director since January.
14 How many people applied? Were any people
15 interviewed? And the two other positions,
16 where are we at with that? So I look forward
17 to an answer to some of these questions.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Anyone
19 else on the question?

20 MR. SCHUSTER: Yes, so as well, I
21 would like to echo the other Council men and
22 women with the issues of the IT Department. I
23 know three or four weeks ago I had an issue
24 with my Granicus. And I was scrambling at the
25 last minute to try to get an agenda.

1 So I know the frustration there and
2 that was only one day out of the week. So I
3 can't even imagine how that would be having to
4 go to work with those issues. So I hope that
5 gets cleared up and we get to the bottom of
6 that.

7 In regard to Mrs. Schumacher's
8 comments, looking into that -- the alliance,
9 I'm not really sure where they stand on a few
10 different issues. But I think stand your
11 ground one was the one thing that they were
12 opposed to. So I think her concerns are
13 legitimate there and for that I'll be making a
14 motion to table that tonight.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Anyone
16 else on the question? All those in favor
17 signify by 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 eyes have it and so moved. Mrs. Reed?

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

25 MOTIONS.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: I will now entertain
2 nomination for the position of City Clerk.

3 MR. DONAHUE: I make a motion to
4 nominate Frank Voldenberg for appointment to
5 the position of City Clerk effective May 3,
6 2021.

7 DR. ROTHCHILD: Second.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question?

9 MR. MCANDREW: On the question, I'll
10 be voting no for Mr. Voldenberg. It's nothing
11 personal. But he wasn't my choice. Thank you.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Anyone else on the
13 question? On the question, I'm going to be
14 voting for Mr. Voldenberg. I want to thank
15 everyone who applied and showed interest in
16 this position. I personally was very impressed
17 with Mr. Voldenberg's resume and background.

18 I think he brings a unique skill set
19 that I believe will serve this Council and the
20 public very well. Mr. Voldenberg has already
21 performed a lot of the duties and exhibited
22 many of the skills throughout his career that I
23 believe are necessary to be a successful City
24 Clerk and maintain the integrity and efficiency
25 in our office. So I'm pleased to vote for him

1 and I look forward to working with him. Anyone
2 else on the question? Okay. Roll call,
3 please.

4 MS. REED: Mr. Schuster.

5 MR SCHUSTER: Yes.

6 MS. REED: Mr. McAndrew.

7 MR. MCANDREW: No.

8 MS. REED: Dr. Rothchild.

9 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

10 MS. REED: Mr. Donahue.

11 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

12 MS. REED: Mr. Gaughan.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. The motion is
14 adopted. Frank Voldenberg is hereby appointed
15 City Clerk pursuant to Section 406 of the Home
16 Rule Charter effective May 3rd, 2021. So he
17 will officially start this coming Monday. And
18 as Kevin mentioned in the caucus, we are
19 working on an arrangement to keep Mrs. Reed on
20 for at least two additional weeks to help with
21 the transition.

22 So there would be more details to
23 come on that as we firm things up there. And
24 since this is Lori's last meeting, I would like
25 to give her an opportunity now to say a few

1 words. Lori?

2 MS. REED: Thank you, Councilman
3 Gaughan. First, I'd like to congratulate
4 Mr. Voldenberg on his appointment as City
5 Clerk. I wish him all the best. And I offer
6 him any assistance that I could provide for a
7 smooth transition.

8 I also wanted to again state that it
9 has been an honor to serve the City and
10 especially you, the Honorable Council members,
11 and for placing your faith and trust in me and
12 for your friendship and support.

13 Former Councilman Bob McGoff was the
14 first Council President that I served under.
15 And I had the utmost respect and deepest sense
16 of appreciation and gratitude for him. I also
17 have to mention former City Clerk Jay Saunders
18 who actually hired me 18 years ago. And I
19 think of both of them often.

20 And I'd like to thank Maryann Kitlas
21 who I've work with in Council's office at that
22 time. Another former City Clerk who provided
23 his time and guidance to me which was just
24 invaluable when I became City Clerk was
25 Mr. Frank Naughton. And I'd like to thank your

1 Solicitor Kevin Hayes for all of his support.
2 It has been a pleasure working with you.

3 And finally, I have to thank Sally
4 Locher from the City's Law Department for her
5 friendship and support over the years and also
6 to Kathy Carrera from Council's office for
7 always going above and beyond for the
8 betterment of the Council and for all of her
9 assistance as we navigated this past year
10 despite all of its challenges.

11 Thank you again, Council, for
12 allowing me this time. And it has been truly
13 my pleasure to have served as City Clerk.
14 Thank you to all of you.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you, Lori. And
16 I know I said a few words about you last week.
17 But I just want to say again that, you know,
18 your dedication and your hard work is sometimes
19 under extremely difficult conditions was
20 unbelievable. You really did a very good job
21 for the City of Scranton keeping these meetings
22 running really without a hitch.

23 And I'm actually disappointed that
24 we're not able to do this in person and this
25 past year has been very, very difficult with

1 the pandemic trying to put these meetings
2 together and Lori, you know, has just been an
3 unbelievable asset to us to make sure that
4 these meetings were able to go on relatively
5 quickly as soon as the pandemic -- as soon as
6 things shut down we really got things up and
7 running rather quickly.

8 Lori, your reputation and your
9 commitment to the City of Scranton as the City
10 Clerk in my opinion is unmatched. Now, I'm
11 biassed because I had the opportunity to work
12 with you even before you were the City Clerk.
13 But I really feel that you have done an amazing
14 job.

15 And I personally have learned an
16 awful lot from the way that you were able to
17 handle all kinds of different personalities in
18 City Hall and in the public and on Council and
19 all the different situations with grace and
20 professionalism.

21 And, you know, people can really
22 learn from that. I've learned from that
23 because it's easy to get bogged down and caught
24 up in the minutia. But Lori was always able to
25 look past that, see the good in people. The

1 bottom line was to get things done to make sure
2 that Council meetings ran professionally and
3 she just did a really good job.

4 So, Lori, enjoy retirement. I don't
5 live that far from Lori. So I'm sure I'll see
6 her and we'll all be calling her, you know, for
7 advice and whatnot. So enjoy your retirement.
8 You deserve it. Thank you.

9 MR. DONAHUE: Thank you, Lori.

10 MS. REED: Thank you.

11 MR. MCANDREW: Thank you, Lori.

12 DR. ROTHCHILD: I'd also like to
13 thank Lori. You know, I think Councilman
14 Gaughan mentioned having, you know, worked with
15 her for a period of time. But it doesn't take
16 long to work with you to know the type of work
17 ethic that you have and what you bring to
18 Council and to City Hall.

19 And not only that but even like our
20 neighborhood Facebook group recently someone
21 had asked a question about how to contact
22 Council and I mentioned, you know, contacting
23 you and that that would just be for another
24 week or two before you retire.

25 But even the kind things that people

1 have said on there about you, I mean, the
2 people in the City know just how hard you work
3 and how helpful you could be or have been in
4 that position. And we'll really miss you going
5 forward. I wish you the best of luck in your
6 retirement. I truly hope you enjoy it. And I
7 also look forward to working with
8 Mr. Voldenberg.

9 MR. SCHUSTER: Also thank you, Lori.
10 Thank you for your service to the City. And I
11 wish you the best of luck.

12 MR. MCANDREW: Lori, thanks for
13 everything and I mean everything. I don't know
14 how we're going to do it without you.

15 MR. DONAHUE: Mr. Voldenberg has big
16 shoes to fill.

17 MS. REED: Thank you everybody for
18 your kind words. It was my pleasure. Thank
19 you.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Okay.
21 Mrs. Reed -- oh, I'm sorry. I say that in my
22 sleep; Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Reed. Councilman
23 Schuster, any motions or comments?

24 MR. SCHUSTER: Nothing at this time.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. I feel

1 like I'm at a wake. Councilman McAndrew, any
2 motions or comments?

3 MR. MCANDREW: I just have a
4 comment. So as Chairman on the Committee on
5 Public Safety, I would like to say that I was
6 thrilled to see that the police last week went
7 through bias training.

8 And I was even more thrilled and I
9 think the public needs to know that this wasn't
10 a reactive training or proactive, this training
11 has been going on for several years. And I'm
12 very glad to see it and proud of it. That's
13 all I have.

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

16 DR. ROTHCHILD: No, nothing at this
17 time. Thank you.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Councilman
19 Donahue, any motions or comments?

20 MR. DONAHUE: I just have one thing
21 or two things really. I think we all received
22 an e-mail from a gentleman that was just trying
23 to find some information regarding liens that
24 the Law Department couldn't provide any backup
25 for.

1 His father had passed away. And
2 he's just trying to settle the estate. So I
3 did forward -- I just saw that today. So I did
4 forward that along to Mary Jo Sheridan just to
5 see if the Treasurer's office has anything
6 there.

7 And also since we've had just -- and
8 then on a DPW issue, since the fleet manager
9 has been in a position for a while, Mrs. Reed,
10 before you go, one more request for you. Would
11 you be able to just request a list of all DPW
12 vehicles and equipment, how old each is and
13 then where each piece of equipment is currently
14 being stored? And that's all I have.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Just a
16 couple issues, the first one we received an
17 e-mail. I received a personal e-mail. And I'm
18 going to call this gentleman tomorrow. I just
19 received it late this evening. We received
20 something from State Representative Marty
21 Flynn's office regarding a gentleman that lives
22 at 1031 South Webster Avenue.

23 And he's having continuing
24 deteriorating issue with a stream that curls
25 around his property at the corner of South

1 Webster and Elm. Apparently this has been
2 going on now for a number of years. The
3 property has been reviewed by City officials in
4 the past.

5 And apparently they were under the
6 impression that this area was being included in
7 a previous recent grant application. But the
8 project was not included in the final
9 application. So this gentleman is looking for
10 help. He e-mailed me. Like I said, I'm going
11 to give him a call tomorrow.

12 But, Mrs. Reed, if we could send
13 something to the administration making him
14 aware of this again to see if we can get this
15 gentleman some help. And I will make a few
16 phone calls tomorrow to see what I could do and
17 be up to speed on what's going on there.

18 I mentioned this in the caucus.
19 I'll just mention it again for the record,
20 there was an article in the newspaper about the
21 Nay Aug Park Pool. And there was some
22 confusion I think between Council and the
23 administration.

24 I was under the impression after
25 reading the grant application that the City, in

1 fact, chose a specific option for the pool, the
2 option that cost 6.2 million dollars. And I
3 was surprised by that as was stated in the
4 newspaper because I did not know that that was
5 the option that the City was going to choose.

6 I did have a conversation this
7 morning with the Mayor and Eileen Cipriani, the
8 Director of OECD. And they stated that no
9 final decision has actually been made on the
10 design or scope of the project at Nay Aug Park,
11 the pool complex.

12 So that will occur during the design
13 phase of the project. And Council and the
14 Recreation Authority will be involved in that
15 decision making process. So obviously over the
16 last month and a half, two months we had
17 provided our input.

18 The firm that did the analysis came
19 in twice along with members of the
20 administration. And that is going to continue
21 now at the later part of this process. One of
22 the things that was pointed out in my
23 conversation today and in the followup e-mail
24 with Miss Cipriani was that the RFP for the --
25 to select the engineering or architectural firm

1 that actually does the design and permitting
2 work that -- the process is anticipated to take
3 about nine months. So this isn't anything that
4 is going to happen overnight unfortunately just
5 by the nature of the process.

6 The other thing that I know I've
7 gotten questions on from the members of the
8 public is can the City use -- and I think Miss
9 Schumacher asked a question about how are we
10 going to use the -- or is the City going to use
11 the ARP funding, the American Rescue Package
12 funding.

13 As everyone knows, it's been
14 well-documented. We received 69.9 million
15 dollars. We have not officially received that
16 money. It's designated to the City. And
17 according to the Mayor and Eileen Cipriani this
18 morning, they are awaiting regulations on how
19 that money can be spent, the regulation as to
20 the manner that the funding could be spent.

21 So as soon as we have that, I think
22 then the process and the conversations will
23 kick in about how exactly we're going to fund
24 this project. As we know on the agenda tonight
25 we have a grant requesting 6.2 million dollars

1 in funding with a little over 3 million dollars
2 as a match to DCNR.

3 That determination on whether or not
4 we're awarded that grant will take place in --
5 sometime in 2022. It's not guaranteed that
6 we're going to get that full amount. So those
7 conversations will take place over the next few
8 months.

9 And as everyone knows, I've made
10 this clear in my comments. I do think that we
11 should go for the -- it is the more expensive
12 option. But I think it's important that we do
13 this the right way. We don't cut any corners.
14 And I know that the Mayor and Eileen feel that
15 way as well in talking to them this morning.

16 We want to make sure that we, you
17 know, have an impact up there. And if we're
18 going to replace it we do it the right way and
19 make sure that we get the best bang for our
20 buck. And I think -- oh, we did receive a
21 response from Mr. Deeley on the IT piece.

22 Again, we've received this kind of
23 late this afternoon. So I didn't get a chance
24 to go through the whole thing. But I did just
25 take a look as the Council meeting was going on

1 to answer Mr. McAndrew's question and this was
2 identified in a letter that as we know the
3 Director of IT has been a vacant position since
4 January of 2021 according to Mr. Deeley.

5 They've received five resumes that
6 met the minimum requirements for that position.
7 Two candidates progressed to second interviews.
8 One candidate was offered the position but
9 declined due to a counteroffer from another
10 employer.

11 One candidate does have a second
12 interview that was I think scheduled this week.
13 So according to him they may be getting close
14 to hiring someone. And there is other things
15 in here that I haven't -- a couple pages long.
16 I haven't had a chance look through it. Okay?
17 All right. That's all I have. Mrs. Reed.

18 MS. REED: Thank you. 5-B. FOR
19 INTRODUCTION - A RESOLUTION - ACCEPTING THE
20 RECOMMENDATION OF THE HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE
21 REVIEW BOARD ("HARB") AND DENYING THE
22 CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR JOYCE
23 OUTDOOR ADVERTISING, 317 POPLAR STREET, 2B,
24 SCRANTON, PA 18509 FOR THE MODIFICATION OF
25 SIGNAGE AT 539 LINDEN STREET, SCRANTON, PA

1 18503.

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

5 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

6 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? All
8 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 ayes have it and so moved.

16 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -
17 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF
18 SCRANTON TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
19 GUN SAFETY ALLIANCE.

20 MR. SCHUSTER: At this point in time
21 I'd like to make a motion to table Item 5-C.

22 MR. MCANDREW: Second.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: There's been a motion
24 on the floor to table agenda Item 5-C and
25 Councilman McAndrew seconded that motion. On

1 the question?

2 MR. SCHUSTER: On the question I
3 just feel we're starting -- Council is
4 starting to get into things that are out of the
5 jurisdiction of a municipality.

6 MR. DONAHUE: On the question, I'm a
7 huge advocate of increasing gun safety laws.
8 But at the same time, you know, we don't --
9 given the backup we were given there is nothing
10 in terms of what this alliance is advocating
11 for specifically and who is involved.

12 So I think once we get, you know,
13 some more information on that from the
14 administration I would be willing to entertain
15 this. But I'll vote to table until we receive
16 more information.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Yeah, I agree. I'm
18 going to vote to table it just because I do
19 think it's important to know, you know, who's
20 actually involved in this group, what does our
21 membership actually entail? Is it just to
22 support the group's goals which we don't know;
23 and it's not clear in the -- there is nothing
24 in the backup legislation that really states
25 all the information that we would need to give

1 our okay on this.

2 And then there is a sentence in here
3 that says that the City wishes to support the
4 group's activity by becoming a charter member
5 of the Gun Safety Alliance. So I think we need
6 more on what actually that activity is on
7 things of that nature.

8 And like Councilman Donahue said, I
9 support gun safety 100 percent. I don't have a
10 problem with that at all, universal background
11 checks. But I do think we need to know a
12 little bit more about the group before we give
13 our stamp of approval. Anyone else on the
14 question?

15 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes, I'll also vote
16 to table the motion. As I mentioned earlier in
17 caucus, I am also in favor of gun safety laws.
18 But I would never want us to sign onto
19 something when we don't know what we're
20 supporting, what legislation this organization
21 is pushing or what our support would mean or
22 entail.

23 I mean, we really need to find out
24 that before -- before we can make an
25 appropriate vote on it. So that's it. Thank

1 you.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Anyone else on the
3 question?

4 MR. MCANDREW: Yes, I'll be voting
5 to table also. I do believe in gun safety.
6 But I also respect, you know, the rights of the
7 legal gun owners. So like I said in caucus, I
8 mean, this is to join a membership with very
9 little information.

10 I said it earlier like, you know,
11 AAA membership you know what you're getting.
12 But with this membership I have no idea what it
13 entails. I have no idea what the reaction or,
14 you know, have we looked for input from, you
15 know, our local Fraternal Order of Police or
16 like Solicitor Hayes said, you know, the DA.

17 You know, is this accepted by other
18 cities, which ones? Is this, you know,
19 accepted? Are there members from, you know,
20 the DA Association across the state or the FOP
21 memberships across the state? So without that
22 information, of course, I'll never vote on
23 something I don't totally understand. So
24 that's where I'm at with this. Thank you.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Anyone else on

1 the question? Okay. There's been a motion
2 and a second and on the question to table
3 agenda Item 5-C. All those in favor of the
4 motion signify by saying aye.

5 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

6 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

7 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

8 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. Opposed? The
10 ayes have it and 5-C has been tabled.

11 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION -
12 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
13 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO APPLY FOR
14 AND EXECUTE A GRANT FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT
15 ASSISTANCE CAPITAL PROGRAM (RACP) THROUGH THE
16 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA'S OFFICE OF THE
17 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION FIVE
18 HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$1,500,000.00) DOLLARS;
19 ACCEPTING AND DISBURSING THE GRANT IF THE
20 APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL; AND COORDINATE THE
21 USE OF THE GRANT FUNDS WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF
22 SCRANTON AT 301 JEFFERSON AVENUE, SCRANTON FOR
23 THE PROJECT TO BE NAMED "ENGINEERING PROGRAM
24 FACILITIES PROJECT".

25 MR. GAUGHAN: At this time I'll

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

3 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

4 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? On
6 the question, this is an outstanding project.
7 This is going to be a huge investment that the
8 University of Scranton is making. I fully
9 support this project for one major reason it's
10 going to help not only the University retain
11 students but I think and I hope that it helps
12 the City of Scranton retain that talent.

13 According to the grant application,
14 the closest university or college that has this
15 type of program is Wilkes. There is only seven
16 other Jesuit universities out of 27 across the
17 country that have this type of major. And it's
18 going to help retain that talent to work in
19 industries like automotive, H-vac, aerospace,
20 biotechnology, computers, electronics,
21 manufacturing.

22 So it's going to improve --
23 hopefully improve our regional workforce. So
24 this is a great project and I thank the
25 University of Scranton to make an investment

1 not only in their campus and their student body
2 and in their program but in the City of
3 Scranton as well. Anyone else on the question?
4 All those in favor of introduction signify by
5 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 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
14 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO APPLY FOR
15 AND EXECUTE A GRANT FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT
16 ASSISTANCE CAPITAL PROGRAM (RACP) THROUGH THE
17 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA'S OFFICE OF THE
18 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION
19 (\$1,000,000.00) DOLLARS; ACCEPTING AND
20 DISBURSING THE GRANT IF THE APPLICATION IS
21 SUCCESSFUL; AND COORDINATE THE USE OF THE GRANT
22 FUNDS WITH SLOCUM HOLLOW PROPERTIES LLC, FOR
23 THE PROJECT TO BE NAMED THE "517 BOGART
24 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 DR. ROTHCHILD: So moved.

4 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

5 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? On
7 the question, another exciting project that I
8 hope gets funding from the state. It's going
9 to have a huge impact on our downtown, these
10 buildings. These three buildings are currently
11 vacant.

12 And there's -- they have a very
13 historical nature going back decades in the
14 City of Scranton. So again, this is good for
15 our downtown and good for the City of Scranton.
16 All 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: 5-F. FOR INTRODUCTION -
25 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND

1 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO APPLY FOR
2 AND EXECUTE A GRANT FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT
3 ASSISTANCE CAPITAL PROGRAM (RACP) THROUGH THE
4 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA'S OFFICE OF THE
5 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE MILLION
6 (\$3,000,000.00) DOLLARS; ACCEPTING AND
7 DISBURSING THE GRANT IF THE APPLICATION IS
8 SUCCESSFUL; AND COORDINATE THE USE OF THE GRANT
9 FUNDS WITH CITY OF SCRANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT,
10 FOR THE PROJECT TO BE NAMED THE "EMERGENCY
11 BUILDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT".

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

15 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

16 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

17 MR. MCANDREW: Second.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? On
19 the question, again, another great project.
20 And I'm a product of the Scranton School
21 District from preschool all the way up to 12th
22 grade. And I had great experience in the
23 Scranton School District. So did all of my
24 friends growing up.

25 And I am always concerned that the

1 school district is getting knocked around
2 terribly all over the place lately. We need
3 the school district to be strong in order for
4 the City to be strong. I know it's been stated
5 here since I've been on Council and it just
6 goes without saying but as the school district
7 goes, so goes the city, really so goes the
8 county.

9 So this is the least that the State
10 of Pennsylvania can do is to fund this project
11 and give us help with our schools. And
12 going -- looking through this -- the backup
13 information in the grant, and obviously we have
14 former school directors in the meeting today,
15 everyone is fully aware that there's so many
16 issues in our schools with maintenance needs.

17 I used to work at South Intermediate
18 when I was a substitute teacher, the boiler
19 down there, all of these things that are going
20 to benefit our students and ultimately benefit
21 the City of Scranton. So I fully support this
22 project. And I truly hope that our state
23 legislators and the Governor is going to
24 approve this and make sure they get the full
25 amount. Anyone else? All those in favor of

1 introduction 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 MS. REED: 5-G. FOR INTRODUCTION -
9 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
10 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS FOR THE CITY
11 OF SCRANTON TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO AN
12 AGREEMENT WITH SMART RECYCLING COMPANY, INC.,
13 TO PERFORM DEMOLITION WORK WITHIN THE CITY.

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

17 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

18 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

19 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? On
20 the question, I was thrilled to see this
21 legislation in this contract with this company
22 to demolish these properties. Several of
23 these properties have actually gotten phone
24 calls on and e-mails over the last few years.

25 And finally the City is taking

1 I agree, you know, looking through this list of
2 these properties a lot of them, you know, have
3 been problem properties over the past three
4 years. So I'm glad they are being taken down
5 because they are eyesores in their
6 neighborhood.

7 But I will, you know, restate my --
8 what I said in caucus that, you know, we still
9 need to have an overall plan to avoid getting
10 to this point with properties because most of
11 time, like you said, going into the land bank
12 but most of the time we tear down properties in
13 the City, nothing will ever be put up there so
14 the land bank is the only option.

15 So we need a better overall plan and
16 strategy to avoid, you know, getting to this
17 point as much as we are right now.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Anyone else?

19 MR. MCANDREW: I'm excited too
20 because, you know, the majority -- not the
21 majority of complaints, but we get a constant
22 flow of complaints concerning buildings that
23 need to come down. So I'm glad to see it's
24 finally going to happen. And I'm sure the
25 public is going to be thrilled to hear this

1 too.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. All those in
3 favor of introduction 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: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A.

11 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 67,
12 2021 - AN ORDINANCE - CREATING AND ESTABLISHING
13 SPECIAL CITY ACCOUNT NO. 02.229641 ENTITLED
14 "HARRY AND JEANNETTE WEINBERG FOUNDATION -
15 WESTON FIELD GRANT" FOR THE RECEIPT AND
16 DISBURSEMENT OF CAPITAL GRANT FUNDS FROM THE
17 HARRY AND JEANNETTE WEINBERG FOUNDATION,
18 INC.

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

21 MR. DONAHUE: Mr. Chairman, I move
22 that Item 6-A pass reading by title.

23 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? All
25 those in favor 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: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR
8 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY
9 DEVELOPMENT - FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO.
10 156, 2021 - RATIFYING AND APPROVING OF THE
11 EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT
12 APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO THE
13 DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL
14 RESOURCES FOR THE PROJECT TO BE KNOWN
15 AS THE CONNELL PARK REHABILITATION LOCATED AT
16 CONNELL PARK, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, AND
17 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
18 OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON,
19 PENNSYLVANIA, TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF
20 SUCCESSFUL, AND EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A
21 GRANT CONTRACT AND COMMITMENT LETTER AWARDED
22 FOR SUCH PROJECT.

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

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

4 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question?

6 MR. SCHUSTER: On the question, I'd
7 just like to say it's nice to see some of these
8 parks getting some money put towards them. I
9 did have the pleasure of playing baseball here
10 in high school and happy to support this.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Anyone else? Roll
12 call, please.

13 MS. REED: Mr. Schuster.

14 MR. SCHUSTER: Yes.

15 MS. REED: Mr. McAndrew.

16 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

17 MS. REED: Dr. Rothchild.

18 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

19 MS. REED: Mr. Donahue.

20 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

21 MS. REED: 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 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -

1 FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 157, 2021 -
2 RATIFYING AND APPROVING OF THE EXECUTION AND
3 SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY
4 OF SCRANTON TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
5 AND NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE PROJECT TO BE
6 KNOWN AS THE NAY AUG PARK SWIM COMPLEX LOCATED
7 AT NAY AUG PARK, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, AND
8 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
9 OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON,
10 PENNSYLVANIA, TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF
11 SUCCESSFUL, AND EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A
12 GRANT CONTRACT AND COMMITMENT LETTER AWARDED
13 FOR SUCH PROJECT.

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

17 DR. ROTHCHILD: As Chair for the
18 Committee on Community Development, I recommend
19 final passage of Item 7-B.

20 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

21 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question?

23 MR. DONAHUE: On the question, I was
24 happy to -- that President Gaughan had the
25 chance to talk to the Mayor and Director

1 Cipriani this morning to clear up the fact
2 that, you know, this necessarily isn't a done
3 deal in terms of design and that Council as
4 well as the Recreation Authority will have some
5 input what the final project will look like.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay.

7 DR. ROTHCHILD: On the question, I
8 agree with Councilman Donahue that, you know,
9 I'm glad that our input will be considered
10 because I think we all had thoughts about this
11 and it's a lot of money that we'll be putting
12 into the park either way no matter what plan we
13 choose.

14 And we want to make sure that it's
15 going to be the best most successful plan. So
16 happy to vote tonight for the Scranton
17 Application and I look forward to continuing
18 to discuss improvements to the park.

19 MR. GAUGHAN: Very good. Anyone
20 else? Roll call, please.

21 MS. REED: Mr. Schuster.

22 MR. SCHUSTER: Yes.

23 MS. REED: Mr. McAndrew.

24 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

25 MS. REED: Dr. Rothchild.

1 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

2 MS. REED: Mr. Donahue.

3 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

4 MS. REED: Mr. Gaughan.

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

7 MS. REED: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION BY
8 THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -
9 FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 158, 2021 -
10 RATIFYING AND APPROVING OF THE EXECUTION AND
11 SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY
12 OF SCRANTON TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
13 AND NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE PROJECT TO BE
14 KNOWN AS THE WESTON PARK REHABILITATION LOCATED
15 AT WESTON PARK, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, AND
16 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
17 OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON,
18 PENNSYLVANIA, TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF
19 SUCCESSFUL, AND EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A
20 GRANT CONTRACT AND COMMITMENT LETTER AWARDED
21 FOR SUCH PROJECT.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: What is the
23 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
24 Committee on Community Development?

25 DR. ROTHCHILD: As Chair for the

1 Committee on Community Development, I recommend
2 final passage of Item 7-C.

3 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question?

5 MR. SCHUSTER: On the question, all
6 three projects here I wish the City success
7 with the grants and also had the opportunity to
8 play sports at Weston Park during my high
9 school and teener league years and wish them
10 success.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Anyone else?
12 Roll call, please.

13 MS. REED: Mr. Schuster.

14 MR SCHUSTER: Yes.

15 MS. REED: Mr. McAndrew.

16 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

17 MS. REED: Dr. Rothchild.

18 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

19 MS. REED: Mr. Donahue.

20 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

21 MS. REED: Mr. Gaughan.

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

24 MS. REED: EIGHTH ORDER. OLD
25 BUSINESS. Nothing at this time.

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

3 MR. DONAHUE: Motion to adjourn.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: This meeting is
5 adjourned. Lori, thank you. Enjoy your
6 retirement. Enjoy your free Tuesday nights
7 now.

8 MR. DONAHUE: Thank you, Lori.

9 MS. REED: Thank you everyone.

10 MR. SCHUSTER: Have a good night,
11 Lori.

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