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AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
JANUARY 6, 2005
7:00 P.M.



1. ROLL CALL
2. READING OF MINUTES
3. REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR & HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND INTERESTED PARTIES AND CITY CLERK'S NOTES:
 - A. MINUTES OF THE FIREMEN'S PENSION COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2004.
 - B. MINUTES OF THE SCRANTON POLICE PENSION COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2004.
 - C. MINUTES OF THE NON-UNIFORM PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2004.
 - D. MINUTES OF THE COMPOSITE PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2004.
 - E. MINUTES OF THE VACANT PROPERTY REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2004.
 - F. MINUTES OF THE SCRANTON/LACKAWANNA HEALTH AND WELFARE AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2004.
 - G. MINUTES OF THE SCRANTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2004.
 - H. MINUTES OF THE SCRANTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2004.

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MINUTES OF THE SCRANTON PARKING AUTHORITY MEETINGS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, OCTOBER 20TH, AND NOVEMBER 17, 2004.

CLERK'S NOTES

4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

5. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RE-APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS. MOTIONS & REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

A.

MOTIONS

B.

FOR INTRODUCTION - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 6, 1976 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) IMPOSING A TAX FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES ON THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY SITUATE WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON; PRESCRIBING AND REGULATING THE METHOD OF EVIDENCING THE PAYMENT OF SUCH TAX; CONFERRING POWERS AND IMPOSING DUTIES UPON CERTAIN PERSONS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES", BY IMPOSING THE RATE OF THE REALTY TRANSFER TAX AT 2.2% FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2005.

C.

FOR INTRODUCTION - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 7, 1976, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) IMPOSING A MERCANTILE LICENSE TAX OF 2 MILLS FOR THE YEAR 1976 AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER UPON PERSONS ENGAGING IN CERTAIN OCCUPATIONS AND BUSINESSES THEREIN; PROVIDING FOR ITS LEVY AND COLLECTION AND FOR THE ISSUANCE OF MERCANTILE LICENSES; CONFERRING AND IMPOSING POWERS AND DUTIES UPON THE TAX COLLECTOR OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON; AND IMPOSING PENALTIES", BY IMPOSING THE MERCANTILE LICENSE TAX AT 1 MILL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2005.

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D.

FOR INTRODUCTION - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 8, 1976, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) PROVIDING FOR THE GENERAL REVENUE BY IMPOSING A TAX AT THE RATE OF 2 MILL UPON THE PRIVILEGE OF OPERATING OR CONDUCTING BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON AS MEASURED BY THE GROSS RECEIPTS THEREFROM; REQUIRING REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT OF THE TAX AS CONDITION TO THE CONDUCTING OF SUCH BUSINESS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF SUCH TAX; PRESCRIBING SUCH REQUIREMENTS FOR RETURNS AND RECORDS; CONFERRING POWERS AND DUTIES UPON THE TAX COLLECTOR; AND IMPOSING PENALTIES", BY IMPOSING THE BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX AT THE RATE OF 1 MILL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2005.

E.

FOR INTRODUCTION - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 9, 1976, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) ENACTING AND IMPOSING A TAX FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES ON INDIVIDUALS FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF ENGAGING IN AN OCCUPATION WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON", BY IMPOSING THE OCCUPATIONAL PRIVILEGE TAX OF FIFTEEN (\$15.00) DOLLARS FOR RESIDENTS AND TEN (\$10.00) DOLLARS FOR NON- RESIDENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2005.

F.

FOR INTRODUCTION - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 11, 1976, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) ENACTING, IMPOSING A TAX FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES IN THE AMOUNT OF 2% ON EARNED INCOME AND NET PROFITS ON PERSONS, INDIVIDUALS, ASSOCIATIONS AND BUSINESSES WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, OR NON-RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, FOR WORK DONE, SERVICES PERFORMED OR BUSINESS CONDUCTED WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON, REQUIRING THE FILING OF RETURNS BY TAX PAYERS SUBJECT TO THE TAX; REQUIRING EMPLOYERS TO COLLECT THE TAX AT SOURCE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE SAID TAX; AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS", BY IMPOSING THE WAGE TAX AT 2.4% ON EARNED INCOME FOR THE YEAR 2005 FOR RESIDENTS.

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G.

FOR INTRODUCTION - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 17, 1994 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO ENACT A "WASTE DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION FEE" FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAISING REVENUE TO COVER THE WASTE DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION COSTS INCURRED BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON FOR THE DISPOSAL OF REFUSE", BY IMPOSING A WASTE DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION FEE OF \$178.00 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2005.

H.

FOR INTRODUCTION - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 100, 1976, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) LEVYING GENERAL AND SPECIAL TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1977", BY SETTING THE MILLAGE FOR THE YEAR 2005.

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FOR INTRODUCTION - AN ORDINANCE - SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY AT 2609 JACKSON STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TO ARTHUR WILLIAMS, 1522 N. KEYSER AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18504, FOR THE SUM OF \$6,800.00.

J.

FOR INTRODUCTION - A RESOLUTION - APPROVING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SCRANTON AND THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (NDC) AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO THE CONTRACT TO RETAIN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (OECD) FOR A COST OF \$5,000.00 PER MONTH, NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000.00 PAYMENT OF WHICH WILL COME FROM OECD. CONTRACT TO EXPIRE ON JANUARY 31, 2006.

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K.

FOR INTRODUCTION - A RESOLUTION - APPROVING THE TERMS AND CONDITONS OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SCRANTON AND WALLACE ROBERTS & TODD, LLC A PLANNING AND DESIGN FIRM, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO THE CONTRACT TO RETAIN WALLACE ROBERTS & TODD, LLC PLANNING AND DESIGN FIRM, TO PREPARE A REDEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE CEDAR AVENUE AREA OF SOUTH SCRANTON. TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.00.

L.

FOR INTRODUCTION - A RESOLUTION - RE-APPOINTMENT OF MARY ELIZABETH MOYLAN, 1421 PITTSTON AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18505, AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION. MS. MOYLAN'S CURRENT TERM EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND HER NEW TERM WILL EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2008.

6. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES - READING BY TITLE:

NO BUSINESS AT THIS TIME

7. FINAL READING OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES - CONSIDERATION FOR ADOPTION:

A.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 115, 2004 - APPOINTING REV. REGINALD MCCLAIN, 915 NORTH WASHINGTON AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18509, AS A MEMBER OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2005. REV. MCCLAIN WILL BE REPLACING REV. HOWARD STRINGFELLOW WHO IS RESIGNING EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2004 DUE TO HIS REASSIGNMENT. REV. MCCLAIN'S TERM WILL EXPIRE WITH THE TERM OF MAYOR CHRISTOPHER A. DOHERTY.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

JAY L. SAUNDERS
CITY CLERK
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA