

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
JANUARY 20, 2009
6:30 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. APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS RENDERED BY THE ZONING HEARING BOARD MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 14, 2009.
 - B. MINUTES OF THE VACANT PROPERTY REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 18, 2008.
 4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION
 5. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RE-APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS. MOTIONS & REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:
 - A. MOTIONS
 - B.
- NO BUSINESS AT THIS TIME.

6. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES – READING BY TITLE:

A.

READING BY TITLE – FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 59, 2009 – AN ORDINANCE – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO MAKE A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO INCREASE THE SALARY OF THE DEPUTY CITY CONTROLLER TO INCLUDE \$4,814.00 TO BE PAID AT REGULAR SALARY INTERVALS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2009.

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

A.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE – FOR ADOPTION – FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 52, 2009 – 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 TWO (2) MILLS 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 ONE (1) MILL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2009.

B.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE – FOR ADOPTION – FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 53, 2009 – 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 THE CALENDAR YEAR 2009.

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C.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE – FOR
ADOPTION – FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 54, 2009 – 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
2009.

D.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE – FOR
ADOPTION – FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 55, 2009 – 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 TWO PERCENT (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 TAXPAYERS 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 TWO AND FOUR TENTHS PERCENT (2.4%) ON EARNED
INCOME FOR THE YEAR 2009 FOR RESIDENTS.

E.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE – FOR
ADOPTION – FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 56, 2009 – 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 ONE (1) MILL FOR CALENDAR
YEAR 2009.

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F.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE – FOR
ADOPTION – FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 57, 2009 – 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 TWO AND
FIVE TENTHS PERCENT (2.5%) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2009.

G.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE – FOR
ADOPTION – FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 58, 2009 – AMENDING FILE
OF THE COUNCIL NO. 145 OF 2007 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE
RENAMING THE EMERGENCY AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAX
 (“EMST”) TO LOCAL SERVICE TAX (“LST”) AND BY IMPOSING A
WITHHOLDING OF \$52.00 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2009.

H.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT – FOR ADOPTION – RESOLUTION NO. 96, 2009 –
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY
OFFICIALS TO APPLY FOR AND EXECUTE A GRANT FOR THE
REDEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE CAPITAL PROGRAM (“RACP”)
THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA’S
OFFICE OF THE BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR MILLION
DOLLARS (\$4,000,000.00); IF THE APPLICATION IS
SUCCESSFUL, ACCEPTING AND DISBURSING THE GRANT; AND
COORDINATING THE USE OF THE GRANT FUNDS WITH “SCRANTON-
CONNELL, LP AND ITS GENERAL PARTNER “SCRANTON-
CONNELL GP, LLC”.

I.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES – FOR
ADOPTION – RESOLUTION NO. 101, 2009 – PURSUANT TO
SECTION 702 OF THE RIGHT-TO-KNOW LAW, THE CITY OF
SCRANTON, AS AN AGENCY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, IS NOT

REQUIRED TO FULFILL VERBAL OR ANONYMOUS VERBAL
REQUESTS FOR ACCESS TO RECORDS; AS SUCH, THE CITY OF
SCRANTON'S OPEN RECORDS OFFICER WILL ACCEPT ONLY WRITTEN
REQUESTS FOR ACCESS TO RECORDS AND WILL NOT ACCEPT
VERBAL OR ANONYMOUS VERBAL REQUESTS FOR ACCESS TO
RECORDS.

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J.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - FOR
ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 102, 2009 - AUTHORIZING
REVISION OF THE EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNAL ALONG 7TH
AVENUE/PROVIDENCE ROAD (SR 3029) AT THE INTERSECTION WITH
MUNCHAK WAY AND OLIVE STREET TO INCLUDE A NEW DRIVEWAY
APPROACH FOR THE ICE BOX DRIVEWAY.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

KAY GARVEY
CITY CLERK
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

