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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

JANET EVANS, PRESIDENT

PAT ROGAN, VICE-PRESIDENT

ROBERT MCGOFF

FRANK JOYCE

JOHN LOSCOMBE

NANCY KRAKE, CITY CLERK

KATHY CARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

BOYD HUGHES, SOLICITOR

1 (Pledge of Allegiance recited and moment of reflection
2 observed.)

3 MS. EVANS: Roll call, please.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

5 MR. MCGOFF: Here.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

7 MR. ROGAN: Here.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: Here.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

11 MR. JOYCE: Here.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

13 MS. EVANS: Here. Dispense with the
14 reading of the minutes.

15 MS. KRAKE: THIRD ORDER. 3-A.

16 MINUTES OF THE SCRANTON FIREFIGHTERS PENSION
17 COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 15,
18 2010.

19 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?
20 If not, received and filed.

21 MS. KRAKE: 3-B. MINUTES OF THE
22 SCRANTON POLICE PENSION COMMISSION
23 MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 15, 2010.

24 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?
25 If not, received and filed.

1 MS. KRAKE: 3-C. MINUTES OF THE
2 SCRANTON/LACKAWANNA HEALTH AND WELFARE
3 AUTHORITY'S REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON
4 DECEMBER 16, 2010.

5 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?
6 If not, received and filed.

7 3-D. CHECK RECEIVED FROM THE
8 SCRANTON HOUSING AUTHORITY, WHICH REPRESENTS
9 PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF
10 \$21,927.44.

11 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?
12 If not, received and filed. Are there any
13 clerk's notes?

14 MS. KRAKE: We have none this
15 evening.

16 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mrs. Krake.
17 Do any council members have announcement at
18 this time?

19 MR. MCGOFF: I have one. I received
20 an e-mail from people at Elm Park Church.
21 There is a fundraiser of some sort the
22 Poet's in concert with the special
23 appearance by Frankie and Corvettes. It
24 will be held March 4. The doors open at 6
25 p.m., concert starts at 7 p.m. It's \$12.50

1 in advance, \$15 at the door. I have numbers
2 for advance tickets, I will give it to --
3 those numbers to ECTV so they can scroll
4 them, but that's the Poets in concert at Elm
5 Park Church on March 4. That's it.

6 MR. ROGAN: I have two. As Giovanni
7 Piccolino mentioned last week, he just sent
8 me a message he would like me to remind
9 everyone that he is throwing a party for
10 senior citizens on Valentine's Day from 5 to
11 10 at Buona Pizza, it's Monday, February 14,
12 there will be a meal, pizza, soda and
13 cannolis fr all senior citizens who attend
14 free of charge.

15 And actually the second one I will
16 save for motions.

17 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Rogan.
18 "Rock on" with the Little Sisters of the
19 Poor at the third annual rockathon, this
20 Saturday, February 5, from noon to 5 p.m. at
21 Holy Family residence, 2500 Adams Avenue in
22 Scranton. Take your family to an afternoon
23 of fun, music, food and prizes. That's it.

24 MS. KRAKE: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'
25 PARTICIPATION.

1 MS. EVANS: Our first speaker this
2 evening is Andy Sbaraglia.

3 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia,
4 citizen of Scranton. Fellow Scrantonians,
5 I'm very curious, how do you change an
6 assessment? The lawyer should be able to
7 handle. The only way you can change it is
8 to have an assessment for of properties so
9 whatever they assess that now they are going
10 to be assessed that for this green space
11 project, and that school must have been
12 loaded with asbestos. Have you seen
13 anything asbestos abatements in any of that
14 stuff?

15 MS. EVANS: Yes. Actually, I can
16 find the information that you are commenting
17 on for you within the back up and then
18 provide that to you.

19 MR. SBARAGLIA: Yes, there is no
20 hurry as long as it's done properly.

21 Okay, now, let's get back to some of
22 the others they said they will going to do.
23 First of all, it's a three-year project that
24 he has pointed out, anything they do with
25 the Scranton Lace project is this the same

1 group?

2 MR. LOSCOMBE: No.

3 MR. JOYCE: No.

4 MR. SBARAGLIA: No? But he seemed
5 to know whatever the Scranton Lace was
6 doing, didn't he?

7 MS. EVANS: Actually, my question
8 was regarding the project administrator and
9 both projects had to complete the same
10 application for this Redevelopment
11 Assistance Capital Program grants, and I
12 noticed a difference in some cases in how
13 the questions were responded to and that's
14 why I posed those questions.

15 MR. SBARAGLIA: Okay.

16 MS. EVANS: So I was drawing the
17 comparison, but they are not connected.

18 MR. SBARAGLIA: They are not
19 connected in any way?

20 MS. EVANS: No.

21 MR. SBARAGLIA: Now, we have the
22 other thing with this project, as you know,
23 the project they estimated at \$6 million,
24 was that they called for the project to be,
25 \$6 million?

1 MS. EVANS: Yes, funding sources.

2 MR. SBARAGLIA: And the \$3 million
3 is our money, all of our money.

4 MS. EVANS: \$3 million is the amount
5 of that particular grant.

6 MR. SBARAGLIA: And the grant is
7 everybody's money.

8 MS. EVANS: I would assume so, state
9 taxes.

10 MR. SBARAGLIA: I don't Rendell took
11 it out of his pocket.

12 MS. EVANS: No.

13 MR. SBARAGLIA: Now there is also
14 the \$400,000 is that the tax abatement.

15 MS. EVANS: \$400 thousand for
16 historic tax credits because --

17 MR. SBARAGLIA: Okay. Okay.

18 MS. EVANS: I believe the building
19 is listed on the Historic Register.

20 MR. SBARAGLIA: Yeah, they are all
21 because the mayor was very -- running on his
22 two feet to appoint that committee that
23 time, the Historical Committee, if you
24 remember back what it was done, when they
25 redid the Historical Committee that went

1 around to the key buildings and said it was
2 historic or not.

3 Okay, now we realize I didn't think
4 you are going to get that figure that they
5 said they are going to pay for taxes, okay?

6 Now, also were back to Russia with
7 five-year plans and three-year plans, this
8 is cold war stuff. Why would they need
9 fives years to complete a project or three
10 years to complete a project unless they're
11 coming back for more money? How much money
12 do you think we can poor into these
13 projects? I guess until we are all broke or
14 living on the street.

15 Okay, let's get down to over there
16 at -- over that the -- what the heck you
17 call this thing? Now, over there at -- it's
18 over here for the road, it's not Commerce
19 Boulevard, but you want to take over the
20 road over there at Mount Pleasant I guess
21 they are calling it now. I guess they are
22 calling it the same thing. Why would you
23 want that road before anything is done
24 there? Right now it's a private road. You
25 know how much construction equipment has to

1 go over that road that you are going to have
2 to maintain if you accept it?

3 Have you ever seen what a bulldozer
4 does or any kind of a heavy traffic does and
5 God knows if that road was built heavy and
6 shouldn't have been built for tanks, but I
7 doubt if it was, that road is going to get
8 torn apart and we are going to be stuck with
9 it.

10 MS. EVANS: Well, actually,
11 Mr. Sbaraglia, I know that Mr. Loscombe last
12 week had a number of questions regarding
13 that particular situation and a letter was
14 sent requesting agreements and other
15 documents, we have not received it of yet,
16 however, it does appear on tonight's agenda,
17 as you know, noted in Sixth Order, and we
18 will vote on Sixth Order, however, should we
19 not receive the information, should we not
20 have our questions answered in full prior to
21 the final vote, then the matter will be
22 tabled until those answers are forthcoming.

23 MR. SBARAGLIA: How many buildings
24 are in that project? How many buildings are
25 up there now?

1 MR. LOSCOMBE: Right now there is
2 only a footing.

3 MR. SBARAGLIA: That's right. So,
4 mainly it's a private road, that's all it
5 is. They know what's going to happen. No.
6 Once we accept it, believe me, we are going
7 to be paying and I don't think we should pay
8 until that -- all of them buildings are
9 built up there then we can accept it because
10 they'll be mainly traffic, pedestrian
11 traffic, maybe people walking in or car
12 traffic, but when you talk about
13 construction traffic, you got to realize
14 what it is and I spent 30 years, over 35
15 years in construction, I seen sites, and
16 believe me there is a lot of equipment that
17 has to be there to do anything because they
18 get the backhoes for plumbing and so forth
19 and so on, you got concrete trucks. Did you
20 ever see the weight of a concrete truck
21 that's going to have to go over these roads.

22 Believe me, I couldn't touch that
23 until they finish the project up there, if
24 they ever did. Other than that, leave it as
25 a private road, what it is now is private,

1 let them maintain what they did because they
2 didn't ask you or me, all they asked for was
3 a KOZ, probably if they got the KOZ there
4 would have been action up there. Thank you.

5 MS. EVANS: Thank you,
6 Mr. Sbaraglia. Bill Jackowitz.

7 MR. JACKOWITZ: Bill Jackowitz,
8 South Scranton resident, where police
9 officers their own police vehicles and
10 private citizens make contributions to hire
11 more police officers and firefighters and
12 volunteer businesses volunteer to repair
13 city police cars. What a place.

14 Last week I listened as a developer
15 and Ms. Aebli addressed Scranton City
16 Council to secure funding, 4.5 million of
17 grant money to renovate and create jobs for
18 Scranton residents to improve the appearance
19 of the Scranton Lace Company property in
20 lower Greenridge. When it is all said and
21 done, if this risky endeavor is successful
22 the profits will go to the owners and
23 developers, not the taxpayers. If the
24 project fails, the taxpayers will pick up
25 the bill.

1 Again, I must reference past
2 experiences in Scranton. The Radisson, the
3 Hilton, Mulberry Street Project, renovation
4 of the old train station on Lackawanna
5 Avenue, Molly Brannigan's, 500 block of
6 Lackawanna Avenue, Medical School, Mount
7 Pleasant, \$350,000 dog park, tree house and
8 bridge to no where. So far every one of
9 these projects proposed by Scranton
10 politicians has not created any additional
11 revenue or jobs for Scrantonians.

12 If they had, Scranton would not have
13 the highest unemployment rate in the state
14 and one of the lowest median and per capita
15 income rates in the nation and the lowest in
16 the State of Pennsylvania. Furthermore,
17 Scranton has been distressed for 19 years.

18 Although the developers and bankers
19 have made money in the Scranton taxpayers
20 are seeing no return. Now, we have another
21 dream and vision that was put forward by a
22 developer to improve Scranton. Like Andy
23 said last week, if this project is so great
24 why not ask the banks for their help, maybe
25 because they know that it is a big risk and

1 the banks are not willing to take that risk.

2 Five years from now if I am still
3 alive and kicking I hope to be standing here
4 and praising the 2011 Scranton City Council,
5 not asking what happened to the 400 plus
6 jobs that never came our way. When words
7 like hope, risky, not sure of the amount of
8 jobs, are used by the people and trusted
9 with the future of the city that alarms me
10 and raises many red flags. Would you pack
11 your own parachute or would you rely upon
12 someone else to pack your parachute? I
13 always pack my own parachute.

14 Developers have been very -- have
15 been very not truthful in Scranton.
16 Remember, Scranton City Council, Scranton
17 has the biggest job creator in the nation,
18 Mayor Chris Doherty. He single handedly
19 created 9,000 jobs in Scranton in only eight
20 years, that is according to the mayor and
21 the Times-Tribune newspaper. I am not
22 talking about minimum wage jobs, the
23 metropolitan area again has the highest
24 unemployment rate in the state.

25 Also, last week Councilman Joyce

1 Bill Courtright and their staff, they are
2 really kicking butt with the tax collections
3 since taking over. My question to the past
4 city council majority, Mr. McGoff, Ms.
5 Fanucci and Mrs. Gatelli, how can you
6 approve budgets that have a \$5 million
7 deficit before the budget was even approved?

8 Every one of Mayor Doherty's budgets
9 was not balanced but his majority of folks
10 were always there for him. They would never
11 have voted against the greatest job creator
12 in the nation, Mayor Doherty. Still waiting
13 for the editorial and front page story about
14 the past city budgets that were rubber
15 stamped creating more debt for the residents
16 and taxpayers. Where is the cartoon with
17 the mayor sitting at the round table with
18 the Doherty three with rubber stamps in hand
19 alongside a large deficit hole showing
20 taxpayers falling into that deficit hole? I
21 would love to that cartoon Times-Tribune.

22 Good luck to the Packers, bring one
23 back to Wisconsin where the Lombardi trophy
24 belongs.

25 Furthermore, I just want to make it

1 perfectly clear, I am in favor of all of
2 these projects, I'm in favor of all of these
3 apartments, I'm in favor of all of these
4 boutiques, I'm in favor of all of this
5 retail shops, but you know what, they
6 haven't materialized. When are they going
7 to materialize? When is the 500 block of
8 Lackawanna Avenue going to be this bustling
9 place that Mr. Rinaldi and the mayor
10 promised us? We been waiting six years now.
11 When is Molly Brannigan's going to be
12 filled? You know, that -- when is it going
13 to happen, people? I mean, that's my
14 complaint. I'm not against it. I may sound
15 like I'm against them, but I'm not against
16 these projects, but I'm tired of the
17 taxpayers getting shafted, because I happen
18 to be a taxpayer, you know? I'm just tired
19 of it. So I'm just saying just make sure
20 you know what you are doing. That's all I'm
21 asking. Thank you.

22 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

23 MR. JOYCE: Thank you.

24 MS. EVANS: Lee Morgan.

25 MR. MORGAN: Good evening, Council.

1 My first question has to do with 5-B, we are
2 going to be leasing police motorcycles and I
3 read the back up that was in the packet
4 today at council and my question is how many
5 miles a year are we allowed to put on these
6 vehicles in a lease, does anyone know?

7 MS. EVANS: No.

8 MR. MORGAN: Well, I think that this
9 should be tabled until council knows because
10 if we are going enter into a lease agreement
11 and the city is going to be penalized for
12 every mile they put on the vehicle over a
13 certain amount that can turn into a
14 substantial sum of money, and I just think
15 it's important for council to have a very
16 thorough understanding of anything that they
17 agree to because the repercussions come to
18 the taxpayers.

19 Now, the school on Quincy Avenue, I
20 attended that school at one time as probably
21 a lot of people -- I mean, Mr. McGoff said
22 he taught there so evidently, you know, a
23 lot of us have a history with that building.

24 I had an opportunity to watch C-Span
25 and the White House was talking about

1 redevelopment and creating jobs and the
2 opinion that I took from there and, you
3 know, other people can look it up, it's
4 Whitehouse.gov, they were speaking about it,
5 and I have to chime in on what a lot of
6 other speakers have said that the residents
7 of this city have been promised a lot of
8 things and none of them have come through.

9 I think Mr. Rogan said something
10 that was really very important last week, he
11 talked about all of the blight in the
12 neighborhoods, so evidently he has noted
13 that and I think we are well aware of that.

14 And then we keep throwing and
15 millions and millions of dollars into
16 projects that give no benefits to the
17 residents, no jobs--

18 MR. ROGAN: Mr. Morgan, I'm sorry to
19 interrupt, it's 7,500 miles per year.

20 MR. MORGAN: Okay. I didn't see
21 that. I appreciate it. But we keep getting
22 promised some return on our investments and
23 from the state of the city I really don't
24 think we've received any benefit from lot of
25 these projects, probably the vast majority.

1 And I think that the President of the United
2 States with the committee he put together
3 was really starting to talk about a building
4 like the Scranton Lace and the things you
5 need to have in place to make these projects
6 successful and I just think that turning
7 everything into retail space and rental
8 property is just not the way to go and, you
9 know, I hope people would go and look at
10 that because we just keep digging a hole.

11 I mean, you know, Mr. Rogan, like,
12 you talked about it last week about all of
13 the vacant properties, how many more
14 apartments do we need? Do we really need a
15 monument to the Scranton Lace because they
16 were the second largest lace manufacturer in
17 America at one time? I think that we need
18 jobs. You know, we are looking at North
19 Scranton Junior High School that's sitting
20 up there on the top of the hill. I think
21 they paid \$750,000 for that building and
22 when Mr. McDade was in office he gave the
23 developers over 3 million, and I just think
24 that for a long time we have had a lot of
25 empty promises and we have watched our city

1 go to the point now where we are leasing
2 motorcycles and patrol cars and everything.
3 Everything. What are we really buying?

4 I mean, I'm watching DPW work within
5 my opinion vehicles too small to plow with
6 and I'm a heavy truck driver. I mean, I'm
7 just watching the city, everybody comes in,
8 they do their little spiel about what they
9 are going to do for us and in the end ten
10 years from now somebody will blame this
11 council because they did something and we'll
12 blame the council previous to this 20 years
13 about something they did and I think that in
14 order to control your future you have to
15 control your past, and we have to start
16 making smart investments. The blight in the
17 neighborhoods isn't going to go away by --
18 you know so many people talk to me about the
19 parking meter fiasco that this council wants
20 to go after, and this isn't a shot at you,
21 Mr. Loscombe, they just can't believe that
22 we are going to do something like that when
23 we have so many other problems, and so many
24 merchants closing, the mall in trouble. We
25 need jobs and we need this council to focus

1 on that, and like I said, I'm not here to
2 bash you we go to redirect, and I think this
3 council has already recognized that we have
4 a ton of blight, but we have been talking
5 about it for 20 years.

6 We have kids paying to swim at Nay
7 Aug, but yet still we won't get rid of the
8 Recreational Authority, we won't even
9 confront them. So, I mean, you know, the
10 residents feel helpless. They feel totally
11 disenfranchised from their government. And,
12 I mean, you know, just take a look at what
13 the federal government is getting ready to
14 do, they are getting ready to tell states
15 and municipalities to file bankruptcy so
16 they can torpedo pensions for schools and
17 states because we are broke. Thank you.

18 MS. EVANS: Thank you. I just
19 wanted to add though, about Item 5-B,
20 actually, that legislation had been held, I
21 had questions about it, primarily the fact
22 that the lease itself was executed in June
23 of 2010 and was coming before city council
24 approximately eight months later, and I will
25 report on those issues under that topic in

1 tonight's portion of the meeting in which
2 legislation is introduced. Ron Ellman.

3 MR. ELLMAN: Hello, Council. I
4 can't take my hat off because I look like
5 Kramer. Last week or two weeks ago the
6 paper had an article about the Chamber of
7 Commerce building being sold to the
8 Jefferson Investment Group and Mr. Jefferson
9 was bragging that they spent, I don't know,
10 20 or 23 million dollars on the Connell
11 building and I don't know what was tax money
12 and what was his, but the building permits
13 were nothing like that. Nothing. Take my
14 word for it. Go check on it. This goes on
15 and on, the building permits for everything
16 big in this city they are never paid for.

17 See, you people are overlooking an
18 orchid picking up roses. The roses being
19 trying to get money here and here and here
20 when there is millions of dollars out there
21 not being paid in building permits. You
22 know, the trouble is they take out a
23 building permit for let's just say \$1
24 million, the project cost \$23 million and
25 nobody goes after them and it should be

1 paid.

2 Now, these same people they haven't
3 brought the paperwork to the Assessor's
4 Office on that building because I finally
5 today I found out in the paper they want
6 another \$100,000 knocked off in taxes. They
7 bought that building that way and they
8 should pay the taxes and the school board
9 ought to do like they said and put an end to
10 this nonsense, but, it won't -- you know,
11 it's just keeps going on and on, it keeps
12 falling back on the taxpayers.

13 Before I have a stroke over that
14 I'll change my subject. I've had umpteen
15 people wanting to know when something is
16 going to be done with high school that
17 Goodwill has taken over, that thing should
18 have been sold 10, 12 years ago to anybody
19 for some money and put on the tax roles. I
20 can't find out, but I can't even see where
21 it's in Goodwill's name on the computer.
22 Ozzie Quinn and me tried yesterday, but they
23 have gotten a tremendous amount of money and
24 grants and they are supposed to be working
25 on that building for the grants and not

1 nothing is done. Absolutely nothing. And
2 it's time to tell them work on that building
3 and have it -- or give the grant money back
4 and give up the building. It seems like you
5 people just nothing will be done on that.
6 They'll just go over your heads.

7 There is money out there that should
8 be given to the city. It's our money and
9 let me add, why can't Arc take that building
10 over and make apartments there instead of
11 buying \$200,000 houses all around the city
12 and taking them off the tax roles? And I am
13 not an enemy of Arc. I talked to a young
14 boy last year they swim at the Weston Park,
15 I don't know if anybody knows, I don't know
16 the arrangement, there is a young kid that
17 came to me and said -- he was playing with
18 the dog for a minute, he said, "I don't get
19 ten cents for potato chips, "and he says, "I
20 work all week long," I don't know how much
21 many hours, some industry for Arc. So their
22 hands aren't particularly that clean either.

23 It's just the graft and corruption
24 around here, you know, the audacity of this
25 Jefferson Group to want another \$100,000 off

1 front there, and people walk by very, they
2 just don't have the enthusiasm they used to
3 years ago. I sat out there one time eating
4 some candy apples and I remarked to my
5 stepson, "Look how everybody looks happy and
6 all, they're walking around."

7 They don't look that way now. They
8 look like, you know, downtrodden. Thank
9 you.

10 MS. EVANS: Dave Dobrzyn.

11 MR. DOBRZYN: He is just trying to
12 hide that hair so he needs a haircut. Okay.
13 Good evening, I'll try and make it fast due
14 to the weather. With what Andy had to say
15 I'd take it with a grain of salt and
16 hopefully things will work out from there.
17 All you people can do is live with our
18 legacy. That's the problem with being
19 elected to a public office, there is a
20 legacy and sometimes it's good and sometimes
21 it's not.

22 Last week I was very concerned with
23 how to make the administration comply with
24 your decisions and votes, for instance, on
25 the Library Authority, so if something could

1 be said on that especially by a renowned
2 legal authority I would truly appreciate it.
3 Whatever we can do. It's not good that
4 something can just go on and on and on after
5 and legislative branch of our government
6 just be ignored.

7 Now, in making it fast, I have two
8 golden parrots this week, the HAMP program,
9 which allows banks to alter a mortgage for
10 people in the trouble, they are leading
11 people to believe that they qualify, letting
12 it go for so long and then foreclosing
13 anyway and the whole issue is to spread it
14 out, their losses. It has nothing to do
15 with modifying a mortgage and probably, as I
16 mentioned last week, it probably involves a
17 lot of people that are serving in the
18 military, also.

19 And Ceridan-Cobra we had a Vietnam
20 Vet with a need for a bone marrow transplant
21 and his wife sent a check for two cents less
22 than the \$375.67 or whatever it was to -- so
23 it was like \$375.69 is the bill and \$375.67
24 or something like that was sent to them and
25 they dropped him and refused him, so

1 eventually the newspapers got and it and the
2 media and Cobra-Ceredian backed off. But,
3 hey, they got the golden parrot award in
4 super, duper quantity. Thank you and have a
5 good night.

6 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

7 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thanks.

8 THE COURT: Is there anyone else who
9 cares to address council?

10 MR. SLEDENZSKI: Hold on, Janet, I'm
11 coming.

12 MR. JOYCE: Hey, Chris.

13 MR. SLEDENZSKI: Hi, Jackie.

14 MR. LOSCOMBE: Chrissy.

15 MR. SLEDENZSKI: Jackie.

16 MR. SLEDENZSKI: Just so you all
17 remember, Packers all the way this game,
18 Billy. That's right. Janet, I got to tell
19 you today, at my house, that alley, it's a
20 mess back there. They won't plow it back
21 there. They will not touch it.

22 MS. EVANS: Okay.

23 MR. LOSCOMBE: We'll check on it
24 that.

25 MR. SLEDENZSKI: Could you look into

1 that for me? Thank you.

2 MS. EVANS: We'll get it. Is there
3 anyone else who cares to address council?

4 MS. KRAKE: 5-A. Motions.

5 MS. EVANS: Councilman McGoff, any
6 comments or motions?

7 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. Last week
8 we had some discussion or there was some
9 things stated about the rental registration
10 program, and I was an advocate of that
11 program with the prior council and also with
12 this council. I believe that this is a
13 program that can be very beneficial to the
14 city, beneficial to the residents of the
15 city, but I also think that it's time that
16 we be proactive concerning this ordinance.
17 I think it's time that we stop looking to
18 blame one another and I think both the
19 administration and council is at fault for
20 trying to make this sort of a political
21 football being thrown back and forth.

22 I believe that this is really
23 something that we need to begin working
24 together on if it's going to be successful.
25 I know the current council is concerned

1 with, as I am, with the revenue that can be
2 generated from this program and I don't
3 think that by arguing with the
4 administration and the administration
5 arguing back with us that we will ever
6 achieve the revenue that's desired.

7 I think we need to do a number of
8 things in order to make this realistic.
9 Number one, leadership of the program. I
10 don't think that the rental registration
11 program will run itself. I don't think that
12 there are adequate people in place right now
13 to make it successful.

14 When it was originally suggested I
15 proposed that we had some sort of
16 professional service, a position that was
17 based on contingency so that it didn't
18 affect the budget in any significant way,
19 somebody to run the program and to get it
20 started so that it could be successful, and
21 I think that's the first step that we should
22 look at in trying to make this program that
23 will work for both council for the
24 administration for the city.

25 I would like to suggest that we sit

1 down with the administration and work out
2 some type of criteria for the choosing of a
3 rental registration director. I know that
4 we did it before, and again, it became sort
5 of a political football, who was -- as to
6 what was going to take place with this
7 position. There was nothing in the current
8 budget for this position, although, I know
9 we did add housing inspectors, but I think
10 that the these housing inspectors and the
11 people that are there need someone else to
12 direct the program, so I would suggest that
13 one for the first steps we take is to sit
14 down with the administration with the
15 appropriate people, work out some criteria
16 for hiring someone to run the rental
17 registration program.

18 Second thing I think that needs to
19 be done is a revision of the ordinance
20 itself. When this was first proposed we
21 looked at the ordinance, some suggestions
22 were made for amendments to the ordinance
23 and then it kind of stopped. I think some
24 enthusiasm was lost after the election a
25 year or so ago and knowing that the council

1 was going to change, some of the people that
2 were on council prior loss enthusiasm for
3 this ordinance and then when the new council
4 came on we never really got to work on the
5 ordinance itself, but the ordinance itself
6 as it exists now I think the fees need to be
7 adjusted right now, I don't think that the
8 way in which it's constituted will generate
9 the revenue that we want.

10 I think there are ways to change it,
11 some of those suggestions have been made in
12 the past, but the most important thing is
13 that the ordinance as it's now constituted
14 has no real way of enforcement. There is no
15 teeth to it. I think that what we need to
16 do is look at ways in which we can give some
17 enforcement possibilities to the rental
18 registration program so that violators are
19 fearful, I don't know if that's the right
20 word, but at least that there is some type
21 of punitive measures so that the people will
22 -- would rather comply with the ordinance
23 than defy the ordinance, and I think that's
24 what's happening now. It's easier to defy
25 it than it is to comply with it.

1 I think if we do those things, if we
2 take those steps I think that we can
3 generate the revenue that we are looking for
4 and beyond generating the revenue that we
5 are looking for I think we can also begin to
6 deal with some of the problems, some of the
7 social problems that exist with the rental
8 properties, absentee landlords and, you
9 know, other items that exist and also the
10 safety issues with many of the these, you
11 know -- with many of the rental properties.

12 So I would like to see -- I hope
13 that in the coming weeks council can begin
14 to work with the administration and I would
15 also say that the administration can begin
16 to work with council. Make it incumbent on
17 both parties to step forward and put aside
18 whatever differences exist and get to work
19 on something that really needs to be done
20 for this city.

21 The second thing, and I don't know
22 just in -- from two weeks ago when we had
23 some discussions over voting and, you know,
24 the appropriateness, I just went and I
25 looked at the Home Rule Charter and also the

1 Rules of Council and there seem to be some
2 discrepancy between the two. In the Home
3 Rule Charter it indicates that the things --
4 ordinances and resolutions can be passed by
5 a majority of council members present, which
6 is what we did. In the Rules of Council, it
7 says, "Ordinances and resolutions are
8 approved by a majority of council elected."

9 Which would mean that you would need
10 three votes to pass anything, whereas, the
11 Home Rule Charter indicates that, you know,
12 as happened that night, you know, two votes
13 were appropriate. So I don't know which
14 applies. I would assume, and I'll defer to
15 Attorney Hughes, you know, on -- I would
16 assume that the Home Rule Charter has
17 precedence, but I don't know. That was the
18 one thing that I found.

19 The other thing, and I talked to
20 Mr. Rogan about it and I know I have done it
21 in the past, the Rules of Council also state
22 that no one on -- on a resolution or
23 ordinance everyone present must vote. I
24 don't know if an abstention is considered a
25 vote, and I know it's been done in the past,

1 I just -- I think it's just something that
2 perhaps we need to at least get cleared up
3 so that -- and some resolution to it so that
4 we, you know, don't stumble around like we
5 did two weeks ago, and that was all I have
6 for this evening. Thank you.

7 MS. EVANS: I would think certainly
8 though abstentions must be a part of the
9 voting process in that conflicts of interest
10 can certainly arise and it would become
11 necessary from time to time for council
12 members perhaps to abstain, for example, in
13 that event.

14 But something else that I wanted
15 to -- something else that I wanted to clear
16 up about the rental registration program, at
17 least from my perspective as a council
18 member I have never considered the program
19 to be a political football. I have
20 considered the program to be essentially --
21 an essential program that is empowered by
22 ordinance in the city and contained in the
23 operating budget each year for the years
24 that -- many years that I have been on
25 council. It's not something new this year

1 or last year, it's been a line item in the
2 city's operating budget for quite sometime
3 and up until 2008 the program did operate
4 with success.

5 Now, in 2008 I believe some
6 employees were cut in that office, they then
7 transferred into other departments of the
8 city and, thereafter, the program fell
9 apart.

10 In 2010, council wrote an
11 advertisement for an individual, you know,
12 we were seeking an individual to fill the
13 position of leadership in this program, we
14 forwarded that, let us say, advertisement
15 job description to the Human Resources
16 Department, specifically to Mrs. Moran. At
17 that point Mr. Renda stepped in and insisted
18 that legislation had to be written in order
19 to be able to hire this individual, hence,
20 the advertisement could not go forward and
21 council asked -- I honestly can't tell you
22 the number of times, but I know it was
23 multiple times for that legislation to be
24 written by the city's law department and to
25 date that has never come down.

1 In the meantime, however, I had
2 asked our council solicitor about the
3 possibility of a follow through on what
4 Mr. McGoff had suggested, hiring an
5 individual who would be paid based on
6 commission and our solicitor has advised
7 against that.

8 Now, in the mean time, I have sought
9 the assistance of the Pennsylvania Economy
10 League, and they are very interested in this
11 program and they themselves cannot
12 understand why it has not been enforced over
13 the last three to four years. They would
14 like to see this up and running because they
15 know from their own experiences that it is a
16 very beneficial program in other
17 municipalities, not only in terms of the
18 additional revenue it generates for a city,
19 but also the vigilance in terms of blight
20 that it provides within city neighborhoods.

21 And so the Pennsylvania Economy
22 League actually provided us with a number of
23 suggestions to pursue to get this program
24 moving along sooner rather than later, and I
25 was going to address that tonight under

1 motions, so I'll save the remainder of it
2 for then. But I did want everyone to
3 understand that the program has been an
4 important issue to council for quite awhile
5 and I don't view it, again, as a political
6 football, I view it as an necessity and
7 since the administration would not cooperate
8 or assist council in the enforcement of this
9 program, council thought outside the box and
10 went to the Pennsylvania Economy League for
11 it's assistance and hopefully we are going
12 to take it's advice of the League and pursue
13 those suggestions and do our level best to
14 get this program running to the level or at
15 the level it should be and should have been
16 over these past several years.

17 So, I have taken more than enough
18 time and, Mr. Rogan --

19 MR. MCGOFF: Could I just respond?

20 MS. EVANS: Certainly.

21 MR. MCGOFF: I don't dispute
22 anything that you said, Mrs. Evans, and my
23 intent was not to, again, not to place blame
24 or anything else, I just think that the
25 rental registration is something that we

1 really do need to be proactive about and I
2 thought that the most proactive thing we
3 could do was to engage with the
4 administration to bring it about.

5 And the second thing, just -- I just
6 found the Rules of Council, again, just to
7 clarify, and I'm not trying to make it issue
8 out of it or anything, I just think we need
9 some clarification on this so in the future,
10 it does say, "On the call, yay's and nays,
11 no member should be excused from voting
12 unless by the consent of the council."

13 And I know in the past there have
14 been, as you said, issues where someone was
15 involved in the legislation, and I remember
16 at least one, I know Mr. Courtright excused
17 himself from something on the University of
18 Scranton because his children were attending
19 there and he asked council for that, you
20 know, to be able to not vote, and so I just,
21 as I said, I just thought a couple of things
22 that basically needed some clarification.
23 Thank you.

24 MS. EVANS: Just to add though, I
25 don't know that did council vote to approve

1 that or did Mr. Courtright simply abstain
2 giving his explanation?

3 MR. MCGOFF: I think that -- I think
4 he simply said, "I'm going to -- "

5 MS. EVANS: Abstain.

6 MR. MCGOFF: -- abstain," and
7 everyone just sort of --

8 MS. EVANS: Because even in prior
9 years, yes, I remember this is long before
10 anyone's time here, but, for example, when
11 Mr. Pocius was seated on council contracts
12 for CECCO, a company in which he serves as I
13 believe as a vice-president would come
14 before city council and Mr. Pocius abstained
15 on each and every one of those votes due to
16 his obvious conflict of interest and that
17 was, again, without the permission of his
18 colleagues on council. He just provided the
19 explanation to council and the public and
20 then abstained.

21 But I do agree that we should
22 probably take a look at the Rules of Council
23 and get those in better since with the Home
24 Rule Charter, but I would hope, too, that,
25 you know, the other Rules of Council also

1 apply such as, for example, I know that city
2 council members should not be using cell
3 phones or I-phones or I-pads or whatever
4 throughout council meeting and sending and
5 receiving messages, and I know that that's
6 been ongoing since this council was seated,
7 so I think that, you know, if we are going
8 to take a look at things we need to look at
9 everything and then we need to apply
10 everything uniformly and jointly.

11 Mr. Rogan?

12 MR. ROGAN: Yes. And actually with
13 the Rules of Council I think, you know, when
14 I was first on council I think I voted "yes"
15 obviously on the Rules as we all did, but
16 after being on council I realized that
17 having a cell phone at meeting is sometimes
18 necessary when residents will send a message
19 to your phone for a request just like, for
20 instance, with Mr. Piccolino at the
21 beginning of the meeting today asked me to
22 announce the party he is having.

23 And as far as the abstention goes,
24 when I abstained two weeks ago I was just
25 following past practice as well. I know

1 Mr. McGoff that we discussed you abstained
2 on the appointments for Mr. Piccolino and
3 Sbaraglia at the beginning of the year, so
4 either way as long as we are going to get it
5 straightened out and consistent about it.

6 MR. MCGOFF: As I said, I wasn't
7 trying to make an issue of it, it's just a
8 clarification.

9 MS. EVANS: We should make it
10 consistent though.

11 MR. ROGAN: Yeah. As far as the
12 rental registration fee goes, I agree with
13 my colleagues that is something that, you
14 know, we have to get off the ground and it's
15 not only a program that will bring revenue
16 into the city, but more importantly than
17 that it will, you know, have some -- provide
18 some oversight to landlords, absentee
19 landlords and, you know, make our
20 neighborhoods a little bit better, people
21 will sleep a little sound at night when they
22 know if there is inspections going on.
23 That's why we added inspectors to the
24 budget.

25 And, Mr. McGoff, if you would like

1 to setup a meeting with the mayor I would be
2 more than willing to attend. It would be
3 actually the first time in my year on
4 council that I would be invited to the
5 mayor's office, so it would be a first for
6 me.

7 The snow removal for this storm. I
8 received many messages and e-mails today
9 about how terrible it was. One resident
10 described it as if I was a teacher I would
11 give the DPW an "F", and as Mr. Joyce
12 mentioned last week, we are spending a lot
13 of money on overtime and a lot of money on
14 supplies for snow removal and the job is not
15 getting done. Even coming to council today
16 at a quarter to six driving around West
17 Scranton the roads were still a mess, and it
18 stopped snowing for hours. I don't
19 understand what's going on in the DPW, but,
20 you know, we need better than that. The
21 residents deserve better than that.

22 Green Space. The Green Space
23 project, we thank Mr. Romanowsky for coming
24 in today and providing us some information
25 about it and a few speakers mentioned that

1 it's taxpayer money being used, which is
2 true, and it's state funding. Now, being
3 the fiscal conservative I am if I was a
4 member -- if I was the governor or a member
5 of the Pennsylvania House of Pennsylvania
6 Senate I would be against spending this
7 money, but as a city councilman for the City
8 of Scranton I am for it because it benefits
9 the residents in Scranton. You know, if we
10 turn down these projects the money is going
11 to be spent elsewhere outside of the city
12 and as Mr. -- I think it was Mr. Jackowitz
13 mentioned, there is no guarantee whether
14 these projects are going to come out as
15 planned, but to turn down the money I think
16 would be foolish. I think we need with this
17 project as well as the Lace Works project
18 the first -- the biggest initial benefit is
19 removing the blight.

20 Mr. Romanowsky mentioned that there
21 were vagrants living in out of these
22 buildings and that's something the Hill
23 Section neighbors certainly don't want and
24 we don't that anywhere in the city, so I'm a
25 supporter of this project, I look forward to

1 touring the building, as they offered for us
2 to come out and take a tour and hopefully,
3 you know, everything will go as planned.

4 I have an announcement to make, I
5 received this from Linda Aebli this morning,
6 and it's the second round of the design
7 challenge grant. Reimbursements will be
8 available up to \$5,000 for residents and
9 business owners in South Scranton for
10 exterior improvements visible from the
11 street. Grants do not exceed 50 percent of
12 the total project cost, except in the case
13 of the low to moderate income residents.
14 All applicants must attend a public meeting
15 in order to apply. The public hearing will
16 be held Wednesday, February 9, at 6:30 at
17 the South Side Senior Community Center
18 located at 425 Alder Street. If there is
19 snow that day the snow date is Wednesday,
20 February 16 at 6:30.

21 The grant recipients will be
22 announced by June 1. Priority will be given
23 to properties that are owner-occupied. The
24 property must be located between Cedar
25 Avenue and South Webster Avenue and between

1 Front Street and Brook Street. Grants will
2 be awarded based on project merit, not
3 financial need, and further rules and
4 regulations may apply and I have a list of
5 the streets that I'll read off. If you live
6 on a property on any of these streets, I
7 would urge you to attend this meeting and
8 receive some assistance for some upgrades on
9 the outside of your property that will
10 increase your property value as well as your
11 neighbors.

12 From 300 to 800 block of Front
13 Street. The 500 and 600 block of Shea
14 Place. The 500 and 600 block of Moosic
15 Street. The 100 block of Quinnan Court.
16 The 500 and 600 block of Hemlock Street.
17 The 200 block of Galvin Place. The 300 to
18 500 block of O'Connor Place. The 400 to 600
19 of River Street. The 400 block of Coyle
20 Place. The 300 to 600 block of Hickory
21 Street. The 500 block of Gunster Court.
22 The 400 to 600 block of Alder Street. The
23 500 block of Rosar Place. The 300 to 800
24 block of Irving Court. The 400 to 600 block
25 of Willow Place. The 500 block of Koch

1 Place. And 322 to 600 on the following
2 three streets: Birch Street, Neptune Place
3 and Beach Street.

4 The southwest from the 300 to 700 of
5 Schimpt Court. From the 200 to 800 block of
6 Cedar Avenue. The 400 to 800 block of Kirst
7 Court. The 200 block of Steven Avenue.
8 From 100 to 800 Pittston Avenue. From 0 to
9 800 Hamm Court, which is one I know that we
10 have received a lot of requests about,
11 actually from 0 to 800 Donnelly Court as
12 well. From 200 to 800 on South Webster
13 Avenue and from 0 to 800 on Herz Court.

14 So if anyone would like anymore
15 information about this project, feel free to
16 contact me, and that is all I have for
17 tonight. Thank you.

18 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Rogan.
19 Mr. Loscombe, do you have any comments or
20 motions?

21 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes. Thank you.
22 Briefly in the interest of getting everyone
23 home safely tonight I'm going to reserve
24 most of my comments until next week, but I
25 would like to make a request from our city

1 clerk if we can get information from the
2 appropriate departments regarding the Re-Re
3 account. I'd like to know what payments
4 have been made out of that account through
5 2010 and to 2011 to date, and that's all I
6 have. Thank you.

7 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Loscombe.
8 Councilman Joyce, do you have any comments
9 or motions?

10 MR. JOYCE: Yes, just very briefly.
11 I echo some of the comments that Mr. McGoff
12 and Mrs. Evans made regarding the rental
13 registration program as well as Mr. Rogan.
14 There does need to be a sense of leadership
15 in this program. In the budget that was
16 sent down by the administration originally
17 the administration projected \$11,000 of
18 revenue from the rental registration program
19 and yet at the same time on the expenditures
20 side there is a dedicated rental
21 registration assistant employed in the
22 Office of License, Inspections and Permits
23 that earns \$33 to 34,000 a year plus
24 longevity pay plus benefits, so we are
25 spending \$50,000 to essentially make

1 \$11,000, so I am definitely in agreement
2 with Mr. McGoff and Mrs. Evans and Mr. Rogan
3 that a meeting should be held, however, I
4 think that this should be a public meeting.
5 I know personally it's very hard for me
6 because of my work schedule to make it to
7 city hall during the day and during normal
8 business hours, I personally would like to
9 see a meeting set up where perhaps the
10 mayor, Director Seitzinger, perhaps
11 Solicitor Kelly and council could all sit
12 down at the table and discuss the process to
13 move forward with this because something
14 definitely needs to be done.

15 Secondly, Mr. Jackowitz stated
16 earlier in his -- in his speech that Mount
17 Pleasant paid a total of \$29 in building
18 permits. Now, not that I doubt your
19 judgment, that very well could be right,
20 but, Mrs. Krake, could you please verify
21 that with Director Seitzinger? One thing I
22 am definitely against are any breaks on any
23 of these projects, and that is definitely
24 something that needs to be looked into. If
25 everyone else has to pay a set permit fee

1 then so should anyone coming in with the
2 project. It's only logical and it's only
3 fair to the people.

4 All right, next up let's talk about
5 bond ratings. Last week in the Scranton
6 Times it was mentioned that the fact that
7 the city has obtained a BB bond rating from
8 Standard & Poors is a sign that the city is
9 on it's way to sound fiscal management, and
10 I will say it's true that this statement is
11 in the audit. It is in the 2009 audit. I
12 don't recall exactly what page, and it is
13 true that the newspaper reported this, but
14 it doesn't tell the whole story.

15 To inform, just in case those of you
16 at home may not be too familiar with bond
17 ratings, a bond rating's primary purpose is
18 to assess credit risk and essentially at the
19 end of the day the interest rates on future
20 bonds are determined from this rate.

21 To obtain a bond rating, S & P
22 assesses a number of factors such as the
23 economy, the debt structure, the overall
24 financial condition, demographics and
25 management and practices of the

1 administration, so in laymen's terms it's
2 somewhat analogous to a credit score for the
3 city.

4 So to assess where Scranton really
5 falls in comparison with bond ratings and
6 what's viewed as good, adequate, average,
7 below average, let's take a look here. You
8 have your category of AAA bond ratings that
9 are considered prime and low risk. You also
10 have your category of AA plus, AA or AA
11 minus that are considered a high grade
12 rating. You have a category of A plus, A,
13 or A minus, which is a considered to be a
14 medium gray rating.

15 Then you have a category of BBB
16 plus, BBB or BBB minus, that's considered to
17 be a lower medium grade rating, and then you
18 have the category of BB and BB minus that's
19 considered to be a speculative rating.

20 From 2003 to 2008, I verified by
21 checking the past audits that the City of
22 Scranton had a BBB rating which means that
23 we have fell in the lower to medium grade
24 rating category. However, in 2009, that
25 bond rating dropped to a BB which means that

1 our credit risk is now considered
2 speculative by Standard & Poors standard.

3 Next, long-term debt, this is
4 something else that can be seen in the pages
5 of the 2009 audit. The long-term debt of
6 the City of Scranton that the city is
7 ultimately responsible as of the end of 2009
8 is \$303,469,587. This debt consists of not
9 only the general city debt, but also the
10 debt of the Sewer Authority, the
11 Redevelopment Authority, and the Scranton
12 Parking Authority since ultimately if they
13 go under the city is responsible.

14 To further elaborate as per the 2009
15 audit, the following debt includes both what
16 is owed in principal and what is owed -- or
17 what will be -- or what is owed in interest
18 considering that the current schedule of
19 payments is maintained and no refinancing or
20 anything of that nature or no early payment
21 actually occurs.

22 So when I read off some of the
23 numbers for interest that is the figure as
24 if the city were to stay on schedule for the
25 remainder of the contract that the debt is

1 associated with.

2 The first category is the city's
3 general obligation bonds. At the end of
4 2009, \$66,765,000 is the principal owed.
5 \$37,409.024 is the interest owed. This is a
6 total of \$104,174,024, and is currently
7 scheduled to be paid off in 2034.

8 The Redevelopment Authority also has
9 some note payable, \$2,166,446 is the
10 principal owed. \$97,417 is the interest
11 owed, this is a total of \$2,263,863 that is
12 currently owed and scheduled to be paid off
13 in 2012.

14 Scranton Parking Authority has a
15 debt consisting of revenue bonds from the
16 notes payable \$52,570,000 is the principal
17 owed. \$50,591,013 is the interest. This is
18 a total of \$103,161,013 and is scheduled to
19 be paid off in 2039.

20 The Scranton Sewer Authority
21 consists of their differences in revenue
22 bonds and notes payable, to report
23 \$39,456,742 is the principal that's owed,
24 \$25,643,648 is the interest that's owed,
25 that's a total of \$65,100,390 and is

1 schedule to be paid off in 2037.

2 And last, but not least, capitalized
3 leases, \$20,547,555, is the principal that's
4 owed. \$8,222,742 is the interest that is
5 owed, that's a total of \$28,770,297 and is
6 scheduled to be paid off in 2029.

7 Therefore, in total the long-term
8 debt, as I stated before, is \$303,469,587
9 which includes \$181,505,743 in principal
10 that's owed and \$121,963,844 in interest
11 that is owed if the current agreements hold
12 up through the life of the agreements
13 themselves. And that's all I have for
14 tonight.

15 MR. ROGAN: Mrs. Evans, I forgot, I
16 have one thing I forgot to mention, I
17 received a few requests from residents who
18 reported their neighbors are throwing snow
19 in the road. And as I mentioned a few weeks
20 ago, it is illegal in the city to throw your
21 snow in the road, it presents a safety
22 hazard for others and if they do see this I
23 would just hope the neighbors would tell
24 them, you know, that it is illegal and if it
25 comes to it they can be cited for it.

1 And secondly, I would agree with
2 Mr. Joyce, I would like if the mayor and
3 Mr. Seitzinger would come in here, I think
4 writing a letter and sending it would almost
5 be a waste of a sheet of the paper judging
6 from the mayor's track record when we know
7 he pledged be the sixth councilman when he
8 ran and he has only been here once; right,
9 Mr. McGoff?

10 MR. MCGOFF: I wasn't here.

11 MR. ROGAN: I think it was one time.
12 Three times. Well, three times in ine
13 years.

14 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

15 MR. HUGHES: Madam President, if I
16 could just on what Mr. Joyce commented on,
17 on a BBB bond, Pennsylvania has what's known
18 as a legal list, anyone who is a trustee or
19 actually fiduciary capacity as they long as
20 they invest in stocks or bonds on a legal
21 list their liability is limited for loss of
22 money in a trust or in a fiduciary capacity.

23 BB bonds are not on the legal list.
24 A trustee of a fiduciary cannot invest in
25 anything that's a triple -- a BB or lower.

1 Most states also have legal lists.
2 Investment gradings, securities, especially
3 bonds that are rated BBB or above are the
4 only investments that trustees or
5 fiduciaries can invest in, so any bond
6 that's rated a BBB would be excluded from a
7 legal list because it is not investment
8 grade, and I think as Frank said, it is
9 speculative.

10 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

11 MR. HUGHES: They are considered
12 junk bond status. Have a much higher
13 interest rate. That's all I want to stay.

14 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Good
15 evening. Scranton City Council will conduct
16 a public caucus with Mr. Charles Jefferson
17 next Tuesday, February 8, at 6 p.m. to
18 discuss a redevelopment assistance capitol
19 program grant in the amount of \$3.5 dollars
20 for the Mulberry Loft's Project.

21 City council has a demonstrated
22 record of working with the mayor to benefit
23 the people we jointly serve. In 2011, for
24 example, council will have accepted and
25 approved legislation for major redevelopment

1 projects, an administrative appointment, a
2 citywide traffic signalization project, and
3 professional services contracts among
4 others.

5 However, to date, the mayor has
6 failed to cooperate with city council and
7 enforce the 2011 operating budget. Mayor
8 Doherty began the new year by reinstating
9 four foreman to the DPW whose positions were
10 cut from the budget. He is paying these
11 four full-time foremen from the other
12 salaries accounts designated for summer
13 casual workers, specifically, lifeguards.
14 This will cause select city pools, none of
15 which the mayor will identify, to close this
16 summer and will eliminate summer jobs for
17 our local high school and college students.

18 In addition, the mayor continues to
19 ignore the Scranton rental registration
20 program, although, it is empowered by city
21 law and has been included in each annual
22 operating budget. Even more troubling is
23 the fact of the mayor does not attend a
24 public caucus with StreetSmart
25 representative John Miskell which was held

1 to answer the mayor's questions and he has
2 done nothing to place the parking program
3 out to bid.

4 Although these StreetSmart
5 Technology program does not require bidding
6 because of it's sole source declaration, the
7 same determination used in the past by the
8 mayor himself to prevent unnecessary
9 bidding, council agreed to the bidding of a
10 contract. It is February 1 and the mayor
11 has to done nothing. As the clock is
12 ticking the city loses money. The longer
13 the mayor postpones the bidding and
14 selection process, the less revenue the city
15 will receive.

16 At the same time, the administration
17 has warned some city employees within the
18 public safety departments that it intends to
19 enact layoffs in July through September.
20 While Mayor Doherty seems to hold up or even
21 strongly oppose new revenue for our city, he
22 is already planning to cut public safety,
23 close neighborhood swimming pools, and place
24 the blame on city council.

25 I am stating tonight that if any

1 deficit should develop it will occur because
2 the mayor willfully ignores the 2011 budget,
3 spends money that is not included in the
4 budget, fails to enforce city laws, and
5 refuses to pursue revenue sources such as
6 the StreetSmart Technology parking program.

7 The mayor's obvious attempts to
8 sabotage the 2011 budget will be reported to
9 you, ladies and gentlemen, as each attempt
10 occurs. If your children do not swim in
11 your neighborhood pool this summer, you can
12 thank the four DPW foremen that the mayor
13 protects in every budget. If your son or
14 daughter loses a lifeguard job or other
15 city summer employment, you can thank the
16 same four DPW foremen and the mayor.

17 Lastly, if the mayor lays off public
18 safety personnel in 2011 it will be not be
19 based on finances. City council is now
20 aware of the numerous financial shortfalls
21 and deficits that have occurred in prior
22 city budgets and the annual ability of the
23 administration to meet those conditions
24 during every third and fourth financial
25 quarters.

1 Council will not city quietly while
2 the administration tries to fool or fleece
3 the taxpayers and will exercise it's
4 legislative powers and authority to meet
5 adverse situations created by Mayor Doherty
6 and his administration.

7 Last week an 83-year-old resident of
8 Hyde Park called our office to inform us of
9 her sincere gratitude to Scranton
10 firefighters for responding to an emergency
11 at her home. Water was gushing from all
12 radiators. She called 911 and was told they
13 didn't have anyone to send for this type of
14 problem. When the poor woman insisted that
15 she needed immediate assistance 911
16 dispatched our Scranton Fire Department.
17 The men responded quickly and handled the
18 flooding situation in her home. I would
19 like to read the letter that the senior
20 citizen sent to council following her phone
21 call.

22 "I am sending this so that many more
23 firemen can be hired and help the ones that
24 helped me when my house was being flooded
25 from the radiator's water pouring out. They

1 are a fine bunch of men that go beyond
2 fighting fires and we need many more like
3 them to replace any who get injured in the
4 line of duty. The mayor should go with them
5 on at least one call so he can see for
6 himself what fine men they are and how hard
7 they work."

8 And I am not giving her name, let us
9 just say a Scranton senior citizen. She
10 also thanked city council for the work that
11 we are doing and we say very humbly that is
12 our honor to work for her.

13 City council thanks her, in
14 addition, for her generous \$100 donation to
15 the Public Safety Manpower Initiative. We
16 realize this is a tremendous portion of a
17 senior citizen's fixed monthly income.

18 And next, Mrs. Krake, please send a
19 letter on behalf of city council to the
20 Pennsylvania Economy League requesting
21 written responses to the following
22 questions:

23 Did the Pennsylvania Economy League
24 know that the former business administration
25 removed \$2.9 million dollars from the

1 worker's comp trust fund in 2009? If so,
2 when was PEL informed of the action and by
3 whom? Was PEL informed when the return of
4 the \$2.9 million occurred? From what
5 sources was the \$2.9 million taken in 2010
6 to refund the worker's comp trust fund?

7 In addition, Scranton city council
8 requests the assistance of the Pennsylvania
9 Economy League in obtaining information,
10 documents, and timely responses to the
11 following questions previously forwarded to
12 Mr. McGowan in January 2011:

13 Number one: Corresponding bank,
14 financial documentation that allowed the
15 city administration to remove the \$2.9
16 million from the worker's comp trust fund.

17 Two: Documentation of the receipt
18 of the \$2.9 million and to what line items
19 in the 2009 budget it was applied.

20 Three: List the exact expenditures
21 for which the \$2.9 million was used.

22 Four: Provide the corresponding
23 bank financial documentation that the
24 worker's compensation trust account was
25 refunded by \$2.9 million in 2010.

1 Five: On what date did this
2 transaction occur?

3 Six: What is the expenditure line
4 and account number in the 2010 budget that
5 documents the \$2.9 million repayment.

6 And next, Mrs. Krake, please forward
7 a letter on behalf of Scranton City Council
8 to Mr. Gene Barrett, executive director of
9 the Scranton Sewer Authority regarding the
10 Scranton Rental Registration Program.

11 As I alluded to earlier, during a
12 weekly meeting with the Pennsylvania Economy
13 League and representatives of the City
14 administration, the Pennsylvania Economy
15 League advised that city officials contact
16 the Scranton Sewer Authority to request it's
17 assistance in 2011 with the identification
18 and billing of owners of Scranton
19 residential rental properties. This is a
20 practice that is followed in other cities in
21 similar situations.

22 The city has funding available
23 through it's 2011 Community Development
24 Block Grant Program for administration of
25 blight programs and demolition for billing

1 purposes. Please contact the Office of the
2 City Clerk to discuss the issue in further
3 detail. Your prompt attention is
4 appreciated.

5 And finally, I have citizens'
6 requests for the week. A letter to
7 Mr. Oleski, deputy director of LIPS, in
8 2010, Mr. Oleski stated to residents of the
9 800 block of Prescott Avenue that the
10 property at 837-839 Prescott Avenue would be
11 demolished on April 6, 2011. City council
12 allocated additional funding to the city
13 demolition program through the 2011 CDBG
14 program.

15 In addition to these CDBG funds, Ms.
16 Aebli's most recent monthly report states
17 that HUD awarded an EDI grant in the amount
18 of \$292,200 for demolition which will be
19 used citywide. She also stated that HUD
20 signed the contracts in October 2010 and
21 demolition will begin in 2011. However,
22 structures have not been selected. Since
23 Mr. Oleski previously provided a date of
24 demolition for 837-839 Prescott Avenue,
25 residents of the 800 block of Prescott

1 Avenue and city council request an update
2 and confirmation from Mr. Oleski on or
3 before February 18, 2011.

4 Next, a city resident recently
5 contacted the DPW and me regarding safety
6 concerns at the intersection of Washington
7 and Lackawanna Avenues. She reports that
8 the only indications of the right-turn lane
9 and straight lane on Lackawanna Avenue are
10 the painted street arrows which vehicles
11 pull onto while awaiting the traffic light
12 to change. During her frequent travels on
13 Lackawanna Avenue, she has witnessed
14 numerous vehicles in the turning lane
15 attempting to proceed straight, thereby
16 causing what she terms near misses and road
17 rage. She requests overhanging signs at
18 this location as well as a sign stating "No
19 left turn" onto North Washington Avenue."

20 Next, residents report that all of
21 Birch Street was never plowed during the
22 snowy events that occurred during the week
23 of January 24r. They ask that the DPW plow
24 this street during the remaining winter
25 weeks of the inclement weather, and I

1 checked on that the matter today and Birch
2 Street had been plowed after last night's
3 snowfall, and that's it.

4 MS. KRAKE: 5-B. AUTHORIZING THE
5 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
6 TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT
7 WITH HORSEPOWER HARLEY DAVIDSON, INC. TO
8 LEASE FIVE (5) POLICE PACKAGE MOTORCYCLES.

9 MS. EVANS: At this time I'll
10 entertain a motion that Item 5-B be
11 introduced into it's proper committee.

12 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

13 MR. JOYCE: Second.

14 MS. EVANS: On the question?

15 Because the lease agreement states this
16 agreement shall continue in full force and
17 effect from June 1, 2010, to May 31, 2011, I
18 had a few questions including why the lease
19 was presented to council for approval eight
20 months after it was executed. City
21 Solicitor Kelly responded as follows:

22 The least agreement had to be
23 amended because (a) the person who signed it
24 from the DPW had no authority to do so and
25 it had not been forwarded to council for

1 approval before that person signed it; and
2 (b), the initial lease signed by the DPW
3 person had errors in it involving trade-ins
4 on other motorcycles.

5 Council has been asked to introduce
6 and approve legislation long after the lease
7 was executed. However, the lease was
8 revised and amended to show proper VIN
9 numbers for the motor cycles and the
10 insurance carrier was notified.

11 In addition, the law department
12 waited for months to receive a corrected
13 lease from the lessor according to Attorney
14 Paul Kelly.

15 Is there anyone else on the
16 question? All those in favor of
17 introduction signify by saying aye.

18 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

19 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

21 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

22 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
23 have it and so moved.

24 MS. KRAKE: 5-C. AUTHORIZING THE
25 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS

1 TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO SUPPLEMENTAL
2 REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT NO. 041439-C WITH
3 THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, DEPARTMENT
4 OF TRANSPORTATION REGARDING THE SCRANTON
5 CENTRAL BUSINESS SIGNALIZATION PROJECT TO
6 CONTINUE FUNDING OF THE FINAL DESIGN,
7 BIDDING AND CONSTRUCTION PHASES OF THE
8 PROJECT.

9 MS. EVANS: At this time I'll
10 entertain a motion that Item 5-C be
11 introduced into it's proper committee.

12 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

13 MR. JOYCE: Second.

14 MS. EVANS: On the question?

15 MR. MCGOFF: Do we have any idea
16 when this program will end -- or be
17 completed? We have been talking about this
18 since the time I came on council.

19 MS. EVANS: Indeed.

20 MR. MCGOFF: And I know it existed
21 long before. I certainly would like to see
22 it completed.

23 MS. EVANS: Perhaps Mr. Swanson
24 might be able to provide us with that
25 information that I agree we need.

1 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

2 MS. EVANS: Mrs. Krake, if we can
3 please ask Mr. Swanson for a completion date
4 of the signalization project citywide.

5 MS. KRAKE: Yes.

6 MS. EVANS: Is there anyone else on
7 the question? All those in favor of
8 introduction signify by saying aye.

9 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

10 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

11 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

12 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

13 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
14 have it and so moved.

15 MS. KRAKE: 5-D. AUTHORIZING THE
16 CITY OF SCRANTON TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE
17 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF
18 TRANSPORTATION FOR A PERMIT TO INSTALL AND
19 OPERATE A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION
20 OF WYOMING AVENUE (S.R. 3025) AND POPLAR
21 STREET FOR A NEW SIGNAL FOR THE CENTRAL
22 BUSINESS DISTRICT WHICH IS NECESSARY FOR THE
23 COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT.

24 MS. EVANS: At this time I'll
25 entertain a motion that Item 5-D be

1 introduced into it's proper committee.

2 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

3 MR. JOYCE: Second.

4 MS. EVANS: On the question? City
5 engineer, Brian Swanson, reviewed permit
6 materials pursuant to this signalized
7 intersection. The permit is for a new
8 signal for the CBD or Central Business
9 District Project and is necessary for
10 completion of the project. The signal was
11 requested by the Scranton Preparatory School
12 and if this signal were not approved the
13 entire project would be cancelled according
14 to PennDOT sources. Anyone else on the
15 question? All those in favor of
16 introduction signify by saying aye.

17 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

18 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

19 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

20 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

21 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
22 have it and so moved.

23 MS. KRAKE: 5-E. ACCEPTING
24 OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY FOR
25 TRAFFIC SIGNAL DEVICE AT THE INTERSECTION OF

1 WYOMING

2 AVENUE (SR 3025) AND POPLAR STREET AND
3 ACCEPTING TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE
4 AGREEMENT NO. 04S-19 BETWEEN THE
5 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, DEPARTMENT OF
6 TRANSPORTATION (COMMONWEALTH) AND THE CITY
7 OF SCRANTON (SUBDIVISION) AS PART OF THE
8 CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT SIGNALIZATION
9 PROJECT (CBD).

10 MS. EVANS: At this time I'll
11 entertain a motion that Item 5-E be
12 introduced into it's proper committee.

13 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

14 MR. JOYCE: Second.

15 MS. EVANS: On the question? All
16 those in favor of introduction signify by
17 saying aye.

18 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

19 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

21 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

22 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
23 have it and so moved.

24 MS. KRAKE: 5-F. AUTHORIZING THE
25 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS

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

12 MS. EVANS: At this time I'll
13 entertain a motion that Item 5-F be
14 introduced into it's proper committee.

15 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

16 MR. JOYCE: Second.

17 MS. EVANS: On the question?

18 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

19 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

20 MR. ROGAN: After you.

21 MR. JOYCE: Why thank you. Very
22 briefly, I made a request to Mrs. Krake to
23 send a letter or contact Detective
24 Seitzinger asking him if the total amount of
25 permits paid to the whole Mount Pleasant

1 project was, in fact, \$29. I would actually
2 like to add that and ask Director Seitzinger
3 and perhaps if you can copy Attorney Kelly
4 on this, as I'm sure he would need to verify
5 this, and I would like you to ask for a
6 statement in writing that no discounts on
7 permits for fees required by the city will
8 be given for any of these projects. I
9 firmly believe that everybody should be
10 paying the same rate that's building
11 something here. So that's all I ask.

12 MR. ROGAN: I would just like to say
13 that I support this. I support the removal
14 of blight in our neighborhoods. I'm hopeful
15 that as Mr. Joyce mentioned they will pay
16 the full fees. I agree 100 percent, you
17 know, the rate shouldn't be any different
18 for a resident than it is for a developer.
19 Hopefully this project of the Scranton Lace
20 Works and the project we will be talking
21 about next weekend will all come to fruition
22 and be a benefit for the community, and I
23 know in the past they haven't, but
24 hopefully, you know, things will start
25 moving in the right direction.

1 MS. EVANS: These grants I think
2 it's important for the public to understand
3 cannot be applied to neighborhood projects
4 such as home renovations, heating assistance
5 and repair, etcetera. These grants can only
6 be used in the manner in which has been
7 presented during our public caucus tonight
8 and last Tuesday evening, January 25.

9 I am supportive of the Lace Works
10 and Madison School Projects because they are
11 located in city neighborhoods. The focus
12 for the last nine years has been
13 predominantly on the downtown to the
14 detriment of our neighborhoods, and was
15 stated earlier, these are blighted
16 properties, they are an attraction for
17 criminals, the residents of these areas are
18 very pleased to have blight removed, to have
19 redevelopment occur, and city council is
20 also pleased that these properties are on
21 the tax roles, so it's serving two purposes.
22 It's helping the citizens in two ways by,
23 number one, putting things on the tax roles
24 so that it lessens your tax burden; and
25 number two, by eliminating blight in

1 neighborhoods.

2 The downtown, that's a subject that
3 takes I think further consideration on my
4 part, but city neighborhoods have long been
5 overlooked and I believe these projects are
6 worthwhile. Is there anyone else on the
7 question? At this time -- or, excuse me,
8 all those in favor of introduction signify
9 by saying aye.

10 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

11 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

12 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

13 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

14 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
15 have it and so moved.

16 MS. KRAKE: 6-A. READING BY TITLE -
17 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 9, 2011 - AN ORDINANCE -
18 PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF MOUNT
19 PLEASANT DRIVE IN THE MOUNT PLEASANT
20 SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON,
21 PENNSYLVANIA. ALSO AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
22 AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO
23 ACCEPT
24 FOR THE SUM OF ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) AND RECORD
25 IN THE LACKAWANNA COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS

1 OFFICIAL RECORDS A DEED FOR THE ABOVE
2 MENTIONED RIGHT OF WAY.

3 MS. EVANS: You've heard reading by
4 title of Item 6-A, what is your pleasure?

5 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-A
6 pass reading by title.

7 MR. JOYCE: Second.

8 MS. EVANS: On the question?

9 MR. ROGAN: Yes, on the question. I
10 know that Councilman Loscombe made some
11 requests last week and I think if they are
12 not responded to by next -- by final passage
13 we should table it, and also Mr. Sbaraglia
14 made a really good point today in that if we
15 are taking responsibility for this road and
16 obviously none of the construction has
17 happened yet it's going to be destroyed if
18 the development does come that we hope to
19 see. So, obviously, we will wait to see
20 what the information we get back before
21 making any final decisions, but I'll vote
22 "yes" this week, but I'm leaning towards
23 voting "no" on the final passage.

24 MS. EVANS: And I do hope that you
25 will receive documentation, Mr. Loscombe, in

1 ample time in which to be able to review it
2 and adjust it to a prior final vote. In
3 addition to that, I, too, believe
4 Mr. Sbaraglia raised very valid concerns. I
5 received complaints as I know probably
6 Mr. McGoff has as well from city residents
7 whose homes are in an area that would be
8 heavily traveled by certain, oh, let's say
9 contractors.

10 MR. MCGOFF: Construction vehicles.

11 MS. EVANS: Construction vehicles,
12 etcetera, and as a result their streets have
13 deteriorated tremendously and, of course,
14 you know, putting a Band-Aid on it with a
15 pothole repair really doesn't address the
16 situation properly, and I know we were
17 trying to even encourage these businesses to
18 repair these roads that they had damaged
19 rather than having the city do it.

20 So, certainly, you know, as I said,
21 that is a very valid point and it is what we
22 will consider with regard to this
23 legislation.

24 MR. MCGOFF: I think that one thing
25 that can be looked at is that if we do

1 accept the road that any future development
2 that causes damage to the roadway would be
3 part of contract that the developer would be
4 responsible for repair and that way the
5 responsibility then turns to the developer
6 and does not remain with the city.

7 MS. EVANS: And I think that's -- I
8 think that's a good route to take actually.
9 My concern would be, however, that we would
10 receive that type of agreement in writing
11 from maybe SLIBCO or the developer prior to
12 approving this legislation because once
13 approved should they not concur with your
14 reasonable and fine idea we have no
15 recourse, so that is something I think that,
16 you know, we have to put the -- the horse
17 and the cart in the proper order there.
18 Okay.

19 MR. LOSCOMBE: I also agree with
20 everything that's been commented on here.
21 As was mentioned, I did request some
22 information. I just don't understand the
23 urgency all of a sudden because most
24 developments are completed or very near the
25 end of the completion before the roads are

1 dedicated strictly because of these
2 situations, so I would hope we would get
3 some very good information that we requested
4 in order to make our decision on this.
5 Thank you.

6 MS. EVANS: All those in favor
7 signify by saying aye.

8 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

9 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

10 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

11 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

12 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
13 have it and so moved. All those in favor
14 all eye.

15 MS. KRAKE: 6-B. READING BY TITLE -
16 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 10, 2011 - AN ORDINANCE
17 - PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF A STORM
18 WATER BASIN IN THE MOUNT PLEASANT
19 SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON,
20 PENNSYLVANIA. ALSO AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
21 AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO
22 ACCEPT FOR THE SUM OF ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) AND
23 RECORD IN THE LACKAWANNA COUNTY RECORDER OF
24 DEEDS OFFICIAL RECORDS A DEED FOR THE ABOVE
25 MENTIONED RIGHT OF WAY.

1 MS. EVANS: You've heard reading by
2 title of Item 6-B, what is your pleasure?

3 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-B
4 pass reading by title.

5 MR. JOYCE: Second.

6 MS. EVANS: On the question? All
7 those in favor signify by saying aye.

8 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

9 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

10 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

11 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

12 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
13 have it and so moved.

14 MS. KRAKE: 7-A. FOR CONSIDERATION
15 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES FOR ADOPTION-FILE
16 OF COUNCIL NO. 7, 2011 - APPROVING THE
17 TRANSFER OF A RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE
18 CURRENTLY OWNED BY DEPE, INC., 108-112
19 PROSPECT STREET, DUNMORE, PA 18512, LICENSE
20 NO. R-14820 TO CARL VON LUGER, LLC FOR USE
21 AT 301 NORTH WASHINGTON AVENUE, SCRANTON, PA
22 AS REQUIRED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR
23 CONTROL BOARD.

24 MS. EVANS: As Chairperson for the
25 Committee on Rules, I recommend final

1 passage of Item 7-A.

2 MR. ROGAN: Second.

3 MS. EVANS: On the question? Roll
4 call, please?

5 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

6 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

8 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

10 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

12 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

14 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare
15 Item 7-A legally and lawfully adopted.

16 MS. KRAKE: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION
17 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY FOR
18 ADOPTION-FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 8, 2011 -
19 CREATING AND ESTABLISHING SPECIAL CITY
20 ACCOUNT NO. 02.229598 ENTITLED "PUBLIC
21 SAFETY MANPOWER DONATIONS" TO ACCEPT
22 DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE CITIZENS AND/OR
23 ENTITIES FOR COSTS RELATED TO PUBLIC SAFETY
24 MANPOWER.

25 MS. EVANS: What is the

1 recommendation of the Chair for the
2 Committee on Public Safety?

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: As Chairperson for
4 the Committee on Public Safety, I recommend
5 final passage of Item 7-B.

6 MR. ROGAN: Second.

7 MS. EVANS: On the question? Roll
8 call, please?

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

10 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

12 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

14 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

16 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

17 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

18 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare
19 Item 7-B legally and lawfully adopted. If
20 there are no --

21 MR. MCGOFF: Prior to adjourning. I
22 noticed or we received -- last week we
23 tabled the final vote on the appointment of
24 Mr. McGowan.

25 MS. EVANS: Yes, and we did

1 receive --

2 MR. MCGOFF: We received his resume,
3 I would hope that it would on next week's
4 agenda.

5 MS. EVANS: Yes. In fact, I spoke
6 with Mrs. Krake about this yesterday and
7 asked that she would place that legislation
8 back on the agenda for next week and then
9 prior to that we will need a motion to
10 remove the item from the table for placement
11 back on the agenda in Seventh Order, so it
12 will be taken care of.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.

14 MS. EVANS: You are welcome. Is
15 there other business? If not, I'll
16 entertain a motion to adjourn.

17 MR. JOYCE: Motion to adjourn.

18 MS. EVANS: This meeting is
19 adjourned.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I hereby certify that the proceedings and evidence are contained fully and accurately in the notes of testimony taken by me at the hearing of the above-captioned matter and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the same to the best of my ability.

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