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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

JANET EVANS, PRESIDENT

PAT ROGAN, VICE-PRESIDENT

ROBERT MCGOFF
(NOT PRESENT)

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: Let the record show that
4 Councilman McGoff left following tonight's
5 public hearing, he is not feeling well.
6 Roll call, please.

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

8 MR. ROGAN: Here.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

10 MR. LOSCOMBE: Here.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

12 MR. JOYCE: Here.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

14 MS. EVANS: Here. Dispense with the
15 reading of the minutes, please.

16 MS. KRAKE: THIRD ORDER. NO
17 BUSINESS AT THIS TIME.

18 MS. EVANS: Clerk's notes?

19 MS. KRAKE: We do not have any
20 tonight, Mrs. Evans.

21 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mrs. Krake.
22 Do any council members have announcements at
23 this time?

24 MR. LOSCOMBE: I have one. I think
25 it was mentioned last week, but I'd like to

1 repeat it. There will be a pig roast at the
2 Elm Park Church, 712 Linden Street on June
3 18 at 1 p.m. The cost is \$10. For tickets,
4 you can get tickets at the door. You can
5 call Brian Grassi, 343-8076. Jason Miller,
6 342-4794 or Jack Dobenhauer at 909-4974.
7 That's all I have.

8 MS. EVANS: Anyone else? Fifth
9 order. Fourth order, I'm sorry.

10 MS. KRAKE: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'
11 PARTICIPATION.

12 MS. EVANS: Our first speaker this
13 evening is Andy Sbaraglia.

14 MR. SBARAGLIA: Good evening. Andy
15 Sbaraglia, citizen of Scranton. Fellow
16 Scrantonians, I was asked why the delinquent
17 tax sale was pulled from the agenda being
18 that we needed that \$1,500,000, and I said
19 you got to look at the penalties that went
20 with the old one. The three of you up this
21 didn't have the old one. Mrs. Evans,
22 Mr. McGoff, and Mr. McGoff pushed it at that
23 time, but let me read you a little something
24 on it so you know why there is lot of talk
25 about this thing. There was "A" to "W", a

1 list of the penalties, and I'll read some of
2 them off: Review and confirming of liens by
3 consultant retained, \$25 per lien. \$160 for
4 file opening. \$35 for preparation and
5 mailing of anything they had to mail out.
6 \$175 for the cost of preparing and filing
7 the lien. The actual filing and
8 satisfaction of lien in effect at the time.
9 The thing, there was no price given, so you
10 don't know exactly what it would have been.
11 \$175 for the preparation and filing of writ
12 of I guess it's certiori -- I guess that's a
13 lawyer term. \$30 for the mailing of any
14 correspondence. \$175 for the preparation
15 and filing of the default judgment. The
16 actual filing at the office, whatever they
17 wanted to charge. \$800 for the preparation
18 and filing of the writ of execution for the
19 sheriff's sale, the actually filing of
20 service upon the defendant, \$175 for
21 preparation and filing of proceedings. \$30
22 for the costs incurred in connection with
23 the issuance of the writ, after cost of
24 publication and required of notice. \$50 for
25 the filing of the petition, \$35. \$400 for

1 attendance by the legal counsel for the
2 sheriff's sale, and it went on and on and
3 on.

4 This is why Kevin Smith had a
5 hearing. I attended that hearing on this
6 subject. I guess nothing ever came from it.
7 Mr. Courtright added that, said there would
8 be no trouble separating the school tax from
9 the city tax, but as you noticed on your tax
10 bill they weren't separated. Now, whether
11 that is to be done in Harrisburg or not I
12 don't know, but I sure would like to know
13 because if this things has to go forward
14 Mr. Courtright and Mrs. Evans said, no,
15 okay, the coalition that signed this was
16 McGoff, Fanucci and Gatelli. They are the
17 ones that signed this, all of these list of
18 penalties.

19 Now, this is coming up again, as you
20 know, that's why it's been pulled. I read
21 the article in the paper and you are right.
22 You got to meet with a lot of people because
23 you don't want something like this on your
24 conscience.

25 Okay, let's move onto west side, the

1 pool. As you know, he still plans not to
2 open the west side pool. He is talking
3 about a little wading pool I guess with a
4 little fountain. I believe Fellows Park up
5 on Main Avenue there, across from the bank,
6 why can't it be put there? We have a lot of
7 invested in Novembrino complex. What does
8 he plan to do with the pools that are there,
9 fill them in? Is this what his intention
10 is? You don't know what his intention is,
11 but you know once he gets his little hands
12 in there doing things that could very well
13 happen.

14 I believe we pay for the lifeguards
15 at Nay Aug Park, I wish you would check into
16 it. Now, you tell me, why should we pay for
17 live guards at Nay Aug Park when that is, in
18 a sense, a private pool because you got to
19 pay to get in there. Isn't that ridiculous?
20 Why should we pay for lifeguards up at Nay
21 Aug but yet you want to close Novembrino
22 because you said you don't have money for
23 lifeguards.

24 This has got to stop. Like I says,
25 the three of yous are westsiders, I would be

1 at that guy's office every darn day pounding
2 on his door or calling him at home if you
3 are at work and make sure you get on his
4 back and say -- if you really have to we
5 should get a petition started up there, all
6 you west side people, and really give that
7 to the mayor, put it on his desk and say,
8 "This is our pool. We want to keep it. You
9 are only here for a little while, you are
10 going to be gone."

11 Thank you.

12 MS. EVANS: Thank you,
13 Mr. Sbaraglia. And if I might add to your
14 comments, the lack of funding for lifeguards
15 under the budget line other salaries was
16 created by the reinstatement of four DPW
17 supervisors and their overtime, so that, as
18 was discussed last week by our finance
19 chair, a tremendous amount of money has been
20 depleted from that category of "other
21 salary" which seasonally funds the
22 lifeguards at each of the city pools, so I
23 think that is a very clear piece of the
24 puzzle.

25 Our next speaker is Doug Miller.

1 MR. MILLER: Good evening, Council.
2 Doug Miller, Scranton. I, too, would like
3 to, as Mr. Sbaraglia just did moments ago,
4 talk about the Novembrino Pool Complex. I
5 have a question, do we have all of the
6 necessary funding in place to complete this
7 project at this time?

8 MR. ROGAN: No.

9 MS. EVANS: I don't believe so,
10 according to OECD --

11 MR. ROGAN: No.

12 MS. EVANS: -- Ms. Aebli, the money
13 has not yet I believe been wired to the city
14 from HUD in terms of the 2011 CDBG
15 allocations.

16 MR. MILLER: So then my question to
17 them would be why would we close this pool
18 for the entire swim season? What sense does
19 that make? It makes absolutely no sense
20 whatsoever. My question would be why would
21 we deprive the children of the city the
22 opportunity to swim? And another question
23 would be to the mayor, where does he expect
24 these children to swim this summer? I also
25 believe that it's an insult to the

1 Novembrino family, and to think of all of
2 the years that that pool has been there and
3 the Novembrino family has had the honor to
4 have had that complex named after them and
5 for the first time, I'm going to assume
6 ever, there won't be anybody anyone swimming
7 there this summer, and I'm totally appalled
8 by that. As a westsider, I take that as a
9 total insult and as a Scrantonian I'm truly
10 embarrassed over this. I don't believe the
11 mayor should be doing this, I don't believe
12 it should be his decision to shut down the
13 pool. I think that should come before
14 council. I think, again, this is another
15 example of the mayor playing politics and it
16 just has to stop.

17 You know, moving on here, I have an
18 opinion why this is happening and I think
19 it's a pretty common sense thing to think
20 and I think the reason that the Novembrino
21 pool is being closed this summer is that the
22 mayor finally realizes that we can't afford
23 to pay the lifeguards for there, and I think
24 the other thing he doesn't want to admit is
25 that he knows he took money he never should

1 have touched to play cronyism and to play
2 games in rehiring the four DPW casual
3 workers that, Mrs. Evans, as you mentioned
4 moments ago, we have -- due to that
5 situation it's cost the city enormous
6 amounts of money and that money should have
7 been used to pay the life guards this summer
8 and, unfortunately, the children take a big
9 hit over this and it's truly ashame and I
10 think the mayor should been ashamed of
11 himself for doing this.

12 I don't believe that this project
13 should move forward. I don't see why we are
14 going to take a pool that's been there for
15 years and turn it into a splash park. What
16 is this splash park about? Do we have any
17 idea of what -- how we intend to operate it,
18 what it intends to be? I know South
19 Abington has a splash park, I'm not sure if
20 it's going to be anything similar to that, I
21 don't know if any of you are familiar with
22 that, but is it going to resemble that?

23 But more importantly, as I said, I
24 just don't feel that we should be putting a
25 splash park there. What are kids going to

1 run around through water? I mean, it just
2 doesn't make any sense to me. Let the
3 children swim.

4 Moving on to another matter this
5 evening, just a question for council I would
6 like to know what the status on the
7 StreetSmart program is, if we have an update
8 on that?

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: Can I answer you now?

10 MR. MILLER: Sure.

11 MR. LOSCOMBE: Apparently, this
12 Friday is the pre-bid conference for anybody
13 that's interested in bidding on the meter
14 program, so we'll see who shows up for that
15 and we go from there. I'll have some more
16 information for you next week after that.

17 MR. MILLER: Thank you.

18 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

19 MR. MILLER: And this isn't a
20 criticism on council's part at all, I
21 commend you for what you're attempting to
22 do. Mr. Loscombe, I actually feel sorry
23 that's it's taken this long to get to this
24 point, this should have taken place months
25 ago.

1 MR. LOSCOMBE: I agree.

2 MR. MILLER: And we are missing out
3 on all this revenue that we could be
4 bringing in. We've talked about
5 Wilkes-Barre, Easton, Reading and other
6 cities in Pennsylvania have been having
7 success with the program, they are
8 generating the revenue, and here we are in
9 Scranton, it doesn't come as a surprise to
10 me because we pretty much do everything
11 backwards here, and we are just missing out
12 on all of this.

13 I do apologize, I want to go back to
14 the swimming pool issue, I forget a few
15 notes here. The paper had mentioned, I
16 believe it was yesterday's paper, that there
17 was \$240,000 put aside to pay for lifeguards
18 this summer. Do we have any idea where that
19 money is coming from? I don't remember
20 seeing that much money put aside in the
21 budget?

22 MR. JOYCE: The \$240,000, it's
23 actually \$245,000, and it's in the "other
24 salary" account under Bureau of Parks and
25 Recreation, which is now a part of the DPW.

1 MR. MILLER: So we pretty much
2 assume that that money would be used for the
3 lifeguards then?

4 MR. JOYCE: Correct.

5 MR. MILLER: I believe that's all
6 for tonight. Thank you.

7 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

8 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Les
9 Spindler.

10 MR. SPINDLER: Good evening,
11 Council. Les Spindler, city resident and
12 homeowner and taxpayer. I want to talk
13 about a few things that were in the Doherty
14 newsletter on Friday, May 27. The first
15 thing was a picture of blight in South Side.
16 You know, it's all well and good that we are
17 trying to clean up blight in the
18 neighborhoods, but two of the biggest
19 examples of blight, which I have spoken
20 about many times, are right here in
21 beautiful downtown Scranton. The two holes
22 in the ground at the corner of Linden and
23 Wyoming and Linden and Penn. And there's
24 fences around with coverings and on windy
25 days the coverings are blowing right off and

1 you can see the trees growing there, I have
2 spoken about it many times and it's -- I
3 think it's an embarrassment to this city.
4 They would have been better off leaving
5 those buildings up that were there, the way
6 it looks now I think it's an embarrassment
7 to this city, especially when people come in
8 when there's La Festa on Labor Day weekend,
9 I just think it's embarrassing. It's all
10 well and good to clean up blight in the
11 neighborhoods, but they say about the
12 progress downtown, to me that's not
13 progress. It's disgusting every time I go
14 by there.

15 And on the same page there's a story
16 about an anti-graffiti program, and I have
17 to read a quote from my friend, Chief Duffy,
18 and I quote, "If we don't take on the small
19 crimes, the big ones will flourish."

20 Well, as this council is well aware
21 I told Chief Duffy about a small crime about
22 the stolen signs which was a dead issue with
23 me now, I wasn't going to talk about it
24 again until I saw this. He told me it was
25 not a priority, but graffiti is a priority I

1 guess. I guess it depends on if you are a
2 Doherty crony and you work for the city and
3 commit a crime you can get away with it, but
4 if you're not a Doherty crony and you commit
5 a small crime the chief will come after you.
6 To me, that's discrimination and it's wrong.
7 It's no way for a police department to be
8 run.

9 Moving on, this story about the
10 Redevelopment Authority defaulting on their
11 loan and now the city has to pay, to me
12 that's a crime. I mean, this city has
13 enough financial problems and now we have to
14 pay \$1 1/2 million, that's a sin. I said in
15 the past, all of these authorities should be
16 abolished. They are like -- the money they
17 are costing us is ridiculous, so I hope some
18 day council can look into abolishing all of
19 these authorities if can be done.

20 Okay, on the 200 block of Franklin
21 Avenue where Scranton Ford used to be they
22 are building -- not building, they are
23 making a parking lot there now, and right
24 off the alley is a manhole cover there, a
25 piece of heavy equipment went on the manhole

1 cover and caved the concrete around it right
2 in and it's -- everything around it's caved
3 right in, it's a real safety hazard. They
4 have orange cones around it, but -- and, you
5 know, Northeast Eye owns that so I don't
6 know if they should be responsible to get
7 that fixed or the construction company that
8 did the damage, but I don't think the city
9 should have to pay for that. I don't even
10 know if anybody is aware of that, and I do
11 have it in writing.

12 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

13 MR. SPINDLER: So I hope that can be
14 addressed pretty quick. It's a pretty scary
15 situation. It's really caved in there.

16 I, too, want to talk about the
17 Novembrino pool. It is ashame that there
18 won't be swimming there this year and
19 everybody else said basically what I wanted
20 to say and what they -- we could have lots
21 of money for lifeguards if a couple of the
22 crony hires with bloated salaries are just
23 laid off. We'd have plenty of money for
24 lifeguards and we wouldn't have to close it,
25 and as Doug said, where are the kids from

1 West Scranton -- they can't walk up to Nay
2 Aug and go swim. Some children don't drive.
3 It's a real shame that this is going on and
4 it's just politics.

5 Lastly, you know, I have to commend
6 Tax Collector Courtright on the job he is
7 doing. The man is just doing a tremendous
8 job. I don't know if it was last week or
9 two weeks ago Councilman Rogan said about
10 getting two checks of over \$500,000, and
11 last week in the paper over \$400,000 going
12 to the school district. You know, I think
13 the man is doing a tremendous job. I can't
14 say enough good things about him and we need
15 someone like that to run the city. Maybe we
16 would be in good shape. Thank you for your
17 time. That's all I have.

18 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Ron Ellman.

19 MR. ELLMAN: Hello, Council.

20 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

21 MR. ELLMAN: Last week I sat and
22 watched Vanna White and Rosie asked me why I
23 wasn't at the council meeting and I said,
24 "What day is it, Roseanne?"

25 And she said, "It's Tuesday," and

1 then she hit me alongside the head with a
2 newspaper to show me what day it was, so
3 need I say more about that. It just seems
4 like everything was Monday to me.

5 Instead of my usual complaining, I'd
6 like to say something about this little
7 girl, this Barley Lee that went to the
8 Shriners' Hospital for health problems. I'm
9 a great admirer of the Shriners'. I just
10 find small children that have health
11 problems just so heartbreaking, and I don't
12 know this family, and I'm not a Shriner, but
13 I admire them.

14 Many years ago, it must be in '68 or
15 '69 when I was in Memphis I befriended a
16 salesmen over at Hodox Ford and I guess
17 about '79 his little boy had a football
18 helmet on and got in an explosion, and he
19 was just burnt to a crisp and they sent him
20 to a Shriners' Hospital in Texas, I don't
21 know where it was, El Paso, I mean, San
22 Antonio or Dallas or somewhere, and he was
23 there for three years, and just did wonders
24 for him and he was burned to a crisp. He
25 just -- anyway.

1 About ten, 12 years ago I walked
2 into a restaurant and I ran into the boy and
3 his mom, and I just don't know how they
4 could work with somebody again and go out in
5 public when they were burned so badly, but
6 they just did wonders and he had a very good
7 job. I'm not sure, I think he was working
8 for a paper company, but he had a good job.

9 Ever since then, that's when my
10 parents were living in Memphis, and the
11 whole city just rallied behind this boy when
12 he was burned, this little child, and I'd
13 like to see the City of Scranton rally
14 behind people in our area that need help
15 instead of worrying about Jerry's kids.
16 Good God, they have been out there 40 years,
17 I guess, collecting money and I don't know
18 of one achievement that they can brag about
19 like, let's just say the Danny Thomas
20 Hospital all you hear about is goals being
21 reached and people being helped and, like I
22 said, I'd like to see the city help people
23 here instead of worrying about people every
24 place else. I mean, I know they need help,
25 but our own are more important to me.

1 And I would like to say something
2 about Andy and his children swimming, he
3 asked why the pool wasn't open, I'm going to
4 tell you why the pool wasn't open, the pool
5 wasn't opened solely because last year they
6 had some problems with low income people, I
7 guess you could say, and there was some
8 objections from people in this neighborhood
9 and I know this, and this racist attitude
10 like that can't be tolerated in the city.
11 That pool should be opened. There is some
12 black leaders in this city that need to make
13 sure that pool is opened and work on. It's
14 inexcusable for what is being covered up
15 here.

16 And I would like to say one other
17 thing, something has got to be done about
18 cast parking on the sidewalks, you know, I
19 have talked about this. I can't walk
20 anywhere in the afternoon or in the evening
21 around my house, there is cars completely on
22 all the sidewalks. Side streets,
23 everywhere. It's -- they're sidewalks, they
24 are not parking lots, and one problem is
25 there is people renting rooms out all over

1 North Main Avenue, they don't have no place
2 to park the cars. That's not my problem.
3 My problem, I walk down the sidewalk and
4 other people do. I think these cars should
5 be ticketed and towed. Something to get
6 their attention.

7 If you had to walk the big fat
8 basset hound like I do and go in the street,
9 basset hounds don't move fast. The cars are
10 going down North Main Avenue like it's a
11 racetrack and that poor dog, I have to pull
12 him, 88 pounds of basset hound around the
13 cars, it's not right. Thank you.

14 MS. EVANS: Mr. Ellman, if you want
15 to right down your address and list the
16 streets for Ms. Carrera where the cars are
17 parked on sidewalks then we could submit
18 this request to the police department, so if
19 you are able to do that and you can get it
20 to Ms. Carrera then we can make that request
21 for you.

22 MR. ELLMAN: Okay.

23 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Our next
24 speaker is Bill Jackowitz.

25 MR. JACKOWITZ: Bill Jackowitz,

1 South Scranton resident and member of the
2 Taxpayers' Association. Well, it seems like
3 the topic today is kids swimming, right?
4 That's what everybody seems to be talking
5 about. That's good. I like that. Anyway,
6 I'd like to start off by thanking ECTV.
7 They ran a -- I don't know if anybody's seen
8 it, I hope they have, if people have been
9 watching ECTV, they ran a six-minute spot
10 about Kids Swim Free and they are running it
11 before and after each government meeting on
12 ECTV, and outlining exactly what the program
13 has been for the last six -- or five years,
14 excuse me, so I want to thank ECTV for doing
15 that and also Mark told me that when we get
16 ready to run our first swimming event we
17 will tape another interview and let people
18 know when the event is and when it's going
19 to start. So again, I would like to thank
20 ECTV for that. Free publicity is always
21 good.

22 Also, it helped me because I did get
23 several checks in the mail this past week,
24 so keep watching and keep sending the
25 checks. I'm being asked when the first

1 event is going to be, I can't give a
2 specific date, but it will be after the
3 Fourth of July, and again, everything rests
4 upon the amount of money that we collect.
5 The more money we can collect, the more
6 events we can run because it appears that
7 the rates have been raised from \$3 to \$4 a
8 year and so that's an extra dollar per kid.

9 As far as the Novembrino pool goes,
10 I don't think the pool should be closed
11 until after the swim season. I know we can
12 beat this until it falls down and dies, but,
13 you know, the pool -- the recreation, boy, I
14 wish council would invite someone from the
15 Recreation Board or the entire Recreation
16 Board to a council meeting authority -- I
17 mean, to a council meeting and maybe they
18 will show up and we can get some answers
19 because we all blame the mayor and the mayor
20 is the overall CEO and responsible, but the
21 Recreation Authority has something to say
22 of, this also. So maybe we can get the
23 Recreation Authority in here before, you
24 know, before the summer swim season actually
25 starts. I mean, tomorrow it's going to be

1 95 degrees, that would be a perfect day to
2 go swimming.

3 If you all remember the golf course
4 sale money, the money from the sale of the
5 golf course was supposed to be used for
6 recreation. Just think if we had that \$3
7 million. We wouldn't have to be having the
8 discussion about paying lifeguards because
9 we would have \$3 million to assist in
10 helping pay the lifeguards. Remember we had
11 that money when we sold the golf course,
12 that was set aside for recreation to help
13 the citizens out, but again, that money was
14 squandered and we no longer have it. You
15 know, we have supervisors being hired and so
16 on and so forth.

17 As far as the splash park goes, that
18 splash park can be built in the fall. I
19 don't know how long it takes to build one
20 but I'm pretty sure in the fall and maybe
21 finish it in the spring if it needs to of
22 next year. We don't need to deny the West
23 Side children the opportunity to swim, and
24 again, maybe we can get the Recreation
25 Authority in here and maybe they can answer

1 that.

2 MS. EVANS: Well, Mr. Jackowitz, the
3 Recreation Authority though has no over --
4 powers of oversight with regard to the
5 neighborhood pools. Their scope of
6 authority is limited to --

7 MR. JACKOWITZ: To Nay Aug.

8 MS. EVANS: -- Nay Aug Park pool.

9 MR. JACKOWITZ: I understand that,
10 but still, you know, maybe we can get them
11 on our side. They have political pull with
12 the mayor, maybe if they go in and knock on
13 the mayor's door downstairs and say, "Hey,
14 we are against it," maybe it will help, you
15 know. That's my point. You know, the more
16 allies you have the better chance you have
17 of winning the war. Maybe we can get them
18 on our side, even if we only get one of them
19 on our side, you know, that's one more than
20 we have now.

21 You know, like somebody mentioned
22 the fact about the West Side kids going up
23 to Nay Aug Park, they aren't going to be
24 able to afford to go to Nay Aug Park if it's
25 \$4 a day or even if they buy a pass. A pass

1 the last couple of years has been \$75 for a
2 family pass for the year, I don't know if
3 that's been raised or not, but again, they
4 are not -- West Side kids ain't going to be
5 able to afford to go to Nay Aug Park. The
6 Capouse Pool has been closed two years and I
7 think it's been three years, this year will
8 be the third year. You know, again, those
9 people down in -- what part of town is it,
10 Pinewood. I wanted to say Pennswood, but I
11 knew it wasn't Pennswood, Pinewood. They
12 haven't had any place to go swim either so
13 they got to go up Nay Aug Park, if they are
14 going to swim at all.

15 The point I'm trying to make is
16 swimming is a very active activity during
17 the summer months. I mean, it's going to be
18 95 degrees tomorrow, it's too bad the pools
19 ain't open tomorrow, you know. But, you
20 know, we need to -- and like they have the
21 swim park up at Montage, but I know that's
22 expensive, you know, and you are going to go
23 up there and spend \$100 if you take your
24 family up there, so a lot of families in
25 Scranton can't afford to do that. So again,

1 we are back to Nay Aug Park and the local
2 pools, Connell Park, Weston Field, so on and
3 so forth. We need to keep as many of these
4 pools open as we can. I know your hands are
5 limited, you know, your hands are tied, but
6 we really need to work on this as a city and
7 as a community.

8 I wish those people from Minooka
9 would have stayed. Where did they all go
10 to? This place was packed. As soon as they
11 got their point across, they all got up and
12 left. I wish, you know, shout out to
13 Minooka residents, come to city council
14 meetings more often, you know. We need --
15 we have issues, you know, so shout out to
16 everybody in Scranton, come to city council
17 more often, you know, because we need to
18 work on these problems. Again, if the golf
19 course money hadn't been squandered, we
20 wouldn't even have a lifeguard paying
21 problem.

22 And again, I'd like to thank ECTV
23 and I would like to thank all the people who
24 have been sending the checks and making
25 donations to the Kids Swim Free, keep them

1 coming because we need as many as we can.
2 Kids Swim Free, 1416 South Webster Avenue,
3 Scranton, PA., 18505.

4 MS. EVANS: Thank you,
5 Mr. Jackowitz. Dave Dobrzyn.

6 MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening, Council.
7 Dave Dobrzyn.

8 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

9 MR. DOBRZYN: City resident. I'd
10 also like to object to the pools being
11 closed at all. Personally I don't know
12 where a splash park would be a better
13 attraction than somebody actually getting
14 exercise. And furthermore, I mean, people
15 can drown in pools so you need a lifeguard,
16 but if there is splashing around and jumping
17 around and concrete and they fall you also
18 have other issues there with injuries and so
19 forth, so shame on whoever for coming up
20 with this idea, and just because we can get
21 some kind of a grant doesn't mean that it's
22 worth doing. If you are -- if it's not
23 worth doing what's the point? All it does
24 is maybe provide a job for some person that
25 or company that they can make a few dollars

1 on, but are we left with anything better in
2 the end? Probably not.

3 And I'd like to appeal to the city,
4 the people of the city, if you see your
5 neighbors throwing bags out days before, and
6 just bags of trash and they are chewed
7 through by animals and so forth, and a lot
8 of them are wild, I very rarely do I see --
9 occasionally I see a cat roaming around and
10 I very rarely see a dog. Maybe once a year
11 or twice a year I see a dog in my yard that
12 got loose from his chain or maybe somebody
13 left him out of the yard, but we have a lot
14 of people in this town that just seem to
15 think that walking out to the end of their
16 property and dropping a bag of garbage on
17 Monday morning say and our pick up in our
18 neighborhood is Friday, so that garbage is
19 sitting for five days, it stinks, it's
20 terrible, and if they want to keep people on
21 the DPW maybe they should have them running
22 around and at least first time warning and
23 second time it's just time somebody start to
24 pay a fine. It's ridiculous.

25 It's unsightly and if you have any

1 windy weather then the stuff just blows all
2 over the place and it looks like litter.
3 It's not really litter, it's just garbage
4 that didn't get disposed of because somebody
5 from the DPW might have to bend over five or
6 six times to pick up the same bag of garbage
7 and it's a small thing and could really make
8 the city look better.

9 And I'd also like to bring up, and
10 it's probably too late this year, when I
11 first moved back to the big city from the
12 country I was up by Nay Aug Park and I heard
13 some music playing in the evening and, oh,
14 this is the mayor's music festival, and I
15 went up there and there were rides for the
16 kids and I met a lot of old acquaintances
17 and so forth and I had a good time and I
18 actually came home and I didn't bother to
19 ready anything to eat, I would go up there
20 and have the potato pancakes or pierogies or
21 something, and I was talking to somebody a
22 few weeks ago and they said, "Oh, we used to
23 make \$10,000 on that."

24 Well, when somebody got into office
25 it got turned into a \$15 a day tent and

1 there were a few people sitting inside of
2 the tent and by and large the kids didn't
3 have the rides so they weren't interested in
4 even being there and basically it dissolved,
5 and to me if we can make ten or
6 twenty-thousand dollars on a music festival
7 at Nay Aug I think maybe it's a good thing
8 to bring it back with Jack.

9 Okay, and finally the golden parrot
10 award goes to two people this week, Anthony
11 Wiener, shame on you, you get the golden
12 parrot, and it's nothing to show off on the
13 internet, bawk, bawk, bawk. And Sarah
14 Palin, please study some history. Saying
15 that Paul Revere warned the British that
16 they were coming, I mean, give it a break,
17 lady. Go back to school. Thank you and
18 have a good night.

19 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Is there
20 anyone else who cares to address council?

21 MR. HUBBARD: Good evening, Council,
22 Daniel Hubbard, lower Greenridge.

23 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

24 MR. HUBBARD: Let me start off by
25 saying as a resident of this city I dearly,

1 dearly want to see the streets paved. I'm
2 absolutely sick and tired of replacing ball
3 joints in my SUV's, but what I see is a
4 dangerous game of robbing Peter to pay Paul.
5 To pull money from an emergency flood fund
6 to fill potholes in this city at the onset
7 of hurricane season when the Lackawanna
8 River has always doing hurricane season with
9 heavy storms come to flood conditions, not
10 all of the city is protected by a levy
11 system. Residents --

12 MS. EVANS: If I might, I can read
13 to you some information that we received
14 since last week regarding this particular
15 allocation. The emergency flood relief is
16 no longer needed for the Pittston Avenue
17 project. So, in other words, this dollar
18 amount was set aside when that hole opened
19 up in Pittston Avenue. The City of Scranton
20 received funding from the Army Corp of
21 Engineers, so that this funding that was
22 allocated in our 2005 action plan was no
23 longer needed for this project. Again, that
24 project being the Pittston Avenue project.
25 And to date, we have a balance in the fund,

1 the flood relief account, let us say minus
2 the \$200,000 for paving of \$124,740.35.

3 MR. HUBBARD: Okay, so there is
4 something there if we have to deal with a
5 catastrophe this year.

6 MS. EVANS: Yes.

7 MR. HUBBARD: Okay, good. That was
8 my main concern because I don't want to see
9 an account depleted that could be used to
10 help residents in a time of need, and let's
11 face it, in this city we don't have just
12 flooding along the river. There is lot of
13 parts of Scranton that deal with a lot of
14 residual storm drain flooding issues,
15 various creeks throughout the city that
16 flood homes, even up in Tripp's Park, the
17 flooding that they have, I don't want to see
18 anybody have to go through what we went
19 through and not have any money there to help
20 the residents just because we needed to pave
21 the streets.

22 Secondly, can somebody find out what
23 happened to our pothole patching machine
24 that we had? I mean, really, like, I'd like
25 to know if it's broken, did we sell it, did

1 we not use it, is the money not there for
2 it?

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: I believe it fell
4 into a pothole.

5 MR. HUBBARD: It probably did. It
6 probably did. And I'd also like to know if
7 we are doing this, switching money from one
8 fund to another to cover street paving, the
9 way the streets have been let go for so many
10 years at this point \$200,000 is a drop in
11 the bucket, so where has all of the money
12 over the last let's just say four or five
13 years gone that really should have been
14 allocated to street paving, because when you
15 get to a certain point in any infrastructure
16 you are actually just putting a Band-Aid on
17 a gunshot wound.

18 So at this point, I mean, we need to
19 repave the streets. We don't need to just
20 have guys go around with dump truck and
21 shovels slopping in some asphalt in holes
22 and leaving it there for the next rainstorm
23 to come by and it's gone. It gets to be a
24 repetitive process that gets really
25 expensive if we don't really repave the

1 streets, just slapping some hot patch
2 doesn't fix the problem.

3 MS. EVANS: Well, actually, I'll
4 clarify this program for you. It is, of
5 course, for streets located in lower to
6 moderate income areas, but I think we can
7 all agree that we would be hard-pressed to
8 find even one street --

9 MR. HUBBARD: Anywhere in the City
10 of Scranton.

11 MS. EVANS: -- in Scranton that
12 doesn't need paving, so then it will be a \$1
13 million project in that there is \$200,000
14 coming from the Pittston Avenue project and
15 another \$200,000 that was allocated in the
16 2010 CDBG program, and finally a \$600,000
17 allocation from the 2011 CDBG program for a
18 grand total of \$1 million.

19 MR. HUBBARD: So we'll be working in
20 the low to moderate income neighborhoods
21 and, unfortunately, the rest of the city
22 doesn't seem to have to get their potholes
23 patched. Well, that's sad.

24 MS. EVANS: Well, that's a paving
25 program now, rather than a pothole patching.

1 MR. HUBBARD: So we are going to be
2 re paving instead of just slapping the
3 Band-Aid on the streets.

4 MS. EVANS: Yes.

5 MR. HUBBARD: Good. Good. The
6 third point I have is I was wondering if
7 Council can send a letter to the Fish
8 Commission? Throughout the City of Scranton
9 what I have encountered as a fishing guide
10 in this area and spending time in the
11 Lackawanna River is that I have seen this
12 year massive amounts of people within the
13 city boundaries fishing in the Lackawanna
14 River, (a), without fishing licenses; (b)
15 they are keeping the fish from the river
16 which by no stretch of the imagination
17 should any fish out of the Lackawanna River
18 be eaten. I think the state even
19 recommended that they are not to be eaten.
20 And I see people keeping fish that are far
21 -- native trout of the river, far below the
22 size they are supposed to keep, well over
23 the amount of fish and the limits they are
24 supposed to keep, and every time I talk to
25 somebody about it or I comment to somebody

1 about it the response I get is, "Whose going
2 to stop me?"

3 And I have talked to -- tried to
4 correspond with the Fish Commission and it
5 seems they just don't want to come within
6 the boundaries of the city to enforce the
7 rules. The trophy trout regulations in
8 Olyphant for catching they stop up there,
9 but it seems once you get to the city limits
10 of Scranton the Fish Commission stops and
11 they don't come into the city, they don't
12 enforce the rules, they don't enforce the
13 catch and release only during the trout
14 spawn. There is time you are not supposed
15 to fish the river at all that people are
16 fishing the river.

17 So a lot of the asset this river is
18 to the city because there are native trophy
19 brown trout in this river that people do
20 come from the area to fish this river,
21 especially fly fishermen, it's got a big
22 appeal to people, but it's not going to be a
23 resource or an asset to this city much
24 longer if the residents within the city are
25 just absolutely depleting it at an alarming

1 rate.

2 I have never seen the number of fish
3 pulled out of the river as I have seen this
4 year. I mean, I have seen people with ten,
5 12 fish on a stringer and they are keeping
6 everything from suckers to trout to whatever
7 they grab in the river and they are taking
8 it home. Health risk alone is alarming, but
9 what it's doing to an asset that we have in
10 the city here. You know, there are a
11 couple-- there is at least one fly fishing
12 shop on the river just over the city border
13 and they do a good business with city
14 residents, but, you know, if you look in the
15 river from say Parker Street down to Popular
16 or even Olive that is very well-fished area
17 by fly fisherman who generally catch and
18 release everything, but it's also getting
19 really beat up hard by people with no
20 licenses and that are not following
21 regulations, and I can't seem to get any
22 headway with the Fish Commission, so I was
23 wondering if council maybe could put a
24 letter in and see if we can get them to come
25 in and do some enforcement.

1 MS. EVANS: Certainly. If you can
2 commit to writing exactly what you would
3 like, what you are asking of the Fishing
4 Commission, then council can send a letter
5 to the commission requesting, you know, what
6 you are suggesting. So you can give that,
7 please, to Ms. Carrera.

8 MR. HUBBARD: I don't have it today,
9 but I'll have something in writing and I'll
10 just drop it off at the office.

11 MS. EVANS: That would be very much
12 appreciated.

13 MR. HUBBARD: I'm glad to do the.
14 And I'm glad to know that we're not going to
15 deplete the flood fund to patch the
16 potholes, unfortunately, but I really want
17 to know about that pothole machine. I want
18 to know where that went. There seems to be
19 a lot of equipment in this city that we see
20 for a little bit of time and then we no
21 longer see leaf machines that are supposed
22 to clean up the leaves, we don't see those
23 anymore. Pothole patching, we don't see
24 that anymore, so a lot of money was spent on
25 this equipment and I don't see it being used

1 any more, so I'd like to know where it is,
2 okay? Thank you.

3 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Mrs. Krake,
4 if we can send a letter to DPW Director
5 Brazil asking him for the location and
6 condition of the pothole machine, please.
7 Thank you.

8 MR. JOYCE: Mr. Hubbard, I just
9 wanted to clarify that for the non low to
10 moderate level income areas there is funding
11 in the budget allocated for paving and
12 patching as well.

13 MS. HUBBARD: Good evening, Council.
14 I haven't been here in awhile. I just have
15 a few comments. Because I have not been
16 here doesn't mean I have been watching the
17 meeting consistently, and a couple of times
18 it's come up about the privatization of the
19 DPW, of the garbage collection. Bad idea.
20 I lived in a township where we had to pay by
21 the bag and people that didn't want to pay
22 just didn't get the stickers and just dumped
23 their garbage where they happened to find an
24 empty spot.

25 If we go to privatization of garbage

1 in this city every empty lot in the city is
2 going to have ten times more garbage than it
3 already has. That's like a really bad idea
4 and I can't see where it's going to save the
5 city any money. And if they do that are we
6 still going to have pay the \$178 a year that
7 we pay for garbage collection plus buy
8 stickers for our bags? Could anybody answer
9 that?

10 MR. ROGAN: I would just say that
11 some -- and with privatization everyone
12 always assumes stickers. It's not always
13 necessarily true. There could be a flat fee
14 like we have now, for instance, our garbage
15 fee right now doesn't cover anywhere closes
16 to covering the cost of collecting garbage.

17 MS. HUBBARD: Even in most real
18 places in the world part of your property
19 tax goes to pay your garbage.

20 MR. ROGAN: Yeah. And if it was
21 privatized, which we may disagree, but if it
22 was privatized then that money, the tax
23 dollars that's coming into the budget,
24 wouldn't have to be used for garbage
25 collection and that's where the savings

1 would be realized.

2 MR. HUBBARD: Yeah. I still don't
3 think it's a good idea. Of course, my
4 opinion doesn't matter, but I am sure I'm
5 not the only one.

6 MR. ROGAN: It does.

7 MS. HUBBARD: My next question, what
8 is a splash park? When I was a kid the
9 splash park was my father with a hose in the
10 back yard, you know, on really hot days.
11 What's a splash park? Is it limited to two
12 and three-year-olds?

13 MS. EVANS: I believe it would
14 primarily for young children, yes.

15 MR. HUBBARD: So what happens to the
16 other kids, like, the 10 to 14 or 15, they
17 have no where to go so what do they do, they
18 just go out and get in trouble? I mean, to
19 me a splash park is the dumbest thing I have
20 ever heard of. Like I said, in my day it
21 was a hose and a sprinkler and my dad in the
22 backyard, so that was that.

23 Now I had another something I wanted
24 to say. I can't remember what it was. It
25 will come to me, I'll be back next week.

1 Anyway. Oh, I know what it was, I have seen
2 kids swimming in the river, okay? Now,
3 Daniel brought up about the fish, anybody
4 that would eat a fish out of that river, I
5 mean, they are going to be glowing in the
6 dark. I mean, I wouldn't eat fish out of
7 the river if I was starving to death, but I
8 have seen kids in the river swimming. Now,
9 the weather is getting hot, there is no pool
10 in our area or in any other area nearby,
11 what happens if one of these kids that are
12 swimming in the river drowns? Who is
13 responsible for that, the city? Something
14 to think about. Because I know -- I know
15 the little darlings are down there splashing
16 around and there is a few holes in that
17 river, you know, that are deep and it's like
18 they run them out of the Roaring Brook and
19 fine them and everything else so maybe they
20 should start thinking about something like
21 that in the river. Because very easily
22 could a small child drown and everybody is
23 so litigious these days, so something to
24 think about.

25 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

1 MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening.
2 Marie Schumacher, resident of the city and
3 taxpayer. This wasn't on my list of things
4 to talk about tonight, but if anybody could
5 describe the pothole patching machine I
6 think there may have been a sighting going
7 down my -- going down Seymour Avenue, it's
8 at least -- does anybody really know what it
9 looks like?

10 MS. EVANS: No.

11 MS. SCHUMACHER: Because there was a
12 truck I had never seen before went down
13 Seymour Avenue probably last week and it's
14 rather short and funnel shaped and it
15 appeared to be, you know, the end of the
16 funnel it drops out the asphalt, and I don't
17 know what else is involved, but it does say
18 something about patching, so I mean have
19 seen the pot hole patching machine with my
20 very own eyes.

21 Again now, I have brought this up
22 before but tonight I'd like to ask if each
23 of you would share with a "yes" or "no" on
24 whether or not you are in favor of the city
25 following the state and rescinding the

1 requirement for all new housing to install
2 sprinklers?

3 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

4 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

5 MS. EVANS: Yes.

6 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

7 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay. Is there
8 some way you can request that the ordinance
9 that included that requirement be amended so
10 that that is no longer a requirement? I
11 certainly think that would prohibit people
12 from building homes, so that would be nice.

13 And then one of my favorite subjects
14 is the capital budget, and I would
15 recommend, I know the park is not on the
16 agenda tonight, but I would recommend you
17 approve no legislation for a capital project
18 if that capital project is not on the
19 capital budget and if it requires amending
20 that it should be amended.

21 Now, also, I would remind you the
22 Home Rule Charter states, as follows: On or
23 before April 1 of each year, the Director of
24 the Department of Community Development,
25 with the assistance of the Bureau of

1 Planning, shall submit a proposed six-year
2 capital improvements program to the City
3 Planning Commission for it's study and
4 recommendations.

5 On or before June 1 of each year,
6 after receipt of the report of the Planning
7 Commission, the mayor shall submit the
8 program to city council incorporating any of
9 the recommendations of the Planning
10 Commission which he deems advisable. The
11 program submitted may be modified by a
12 majority of the members of council. Passage
13 of the six-year capital improvement program
14 shall be subject to annual revisions.

15 It is now getting close to June,
16 have you checked to see if the City Planning
17 Commission has that and if you all will
18 receive that in a timely manner this year?

19 MR. JOYCE: I will follow-up with
20 the City Planning Commission on that.

21 MS. SCHUMACHER: Thank you. Also,
22 on a minor item, but caucuses aren't to my
23 knowledge documented in writing, so I'm
24 unable to verify the critical date that
25 Boscov's will require action by the city.

1 As you recall, there was someone here awhile
2 back and I don't know, I know they had a
3 date certain for I think doing a refinancing
4 that required I believe a subordination of
5 their loan from the city, and again, I'm
6 concerned that, you know, they came, they
7 made their pitch, they have gone, and the
8 next thing we are going to hear from
9 Boscov's is it's got to be done by next
10 Tuesday or we don't get our loan and all
11 these people will lose their jobs.

12 So do you all keep records of the
13 caucus and could you find out what that
14 critical date is for the Boscov loan and
15 maybe report that in next week? That would
16 be nice.

17 Also, I have to disagree with my
18 friend from West Side because I'm concerned
19 about the Single Tax office. Did we not
20 several years ago chip in with the school
21 board for an audit of that office?

22 MS. EVANS: Are you referring to the
23 report that was produced by Nyhill and
24 Ridley?

25 MS. SCHUMACHER: Don't know -- we

1 did submit --

2 MS. EVANS: Following the discovery
3 of the \$12 million, yes.

4 MS. SCHUMACHER: Yes, and so we have
5 already done that for that -- it was for
6 2008, and I don't understand how a million
7 dollars can suddenly -- or close to a
8 million dollars suddenly appear. I would
9 like, maybe you can invite your former
10 colleague, Mr. Courtright, here to discuss
11 that because to me, I mean, I get my bank
12 statements and I know what I have, I know
13 what's been disbursed, and it just -- I just
14 can't wrap my brain around the fact that
15 there could still be a million dollars
16 sitting out there that just one day happened
17 to be found, so something is radically wrong
18 in that office.

19 MS. EVANS: Actually, Mr. Courtright
20 is invited to a public caucus that city
21 council hopes to conduct next week and
22 should he attend we will certainly ask him
23 that question.

24 MS. SCHUMACHER: That would be good,
25 and then I guess next week I'll talk about

1 third order items. Thank you very much.

2 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

3 MR. SLEDENZSKI: Last one. Hello,
4 Jack.

5 MR. LOSCOMBE: Chrissy.

6 MR. SLEDENZSKI: Janet. Well, Jack,
7 we got beat again at the stadium. We got
8 brutalized. Do you believe it? Well, guys,
9 good job. Thank you. Thank you.

10 MS. EVANS: I like that shirt,
11 Chrissy.

12 MR. SLEDENZSKI: Thanks, Janet.

13 MS. EVANS: Is there anyone else who
14 would like to address council? Mrs. Krake?

15 MS. KRAKE: FIFTH ORDER. 5-A.

16 MOTIONS.

17 MS. EVANS: Mr. Rogan, do you have
18 any comments or motions at this time?

19 MR. ROGAN: Yes, I'll be real brief.
20 First, I'd like to comment on the hearing we
21 had with regard to the proposed zoning, and
22 I spoke to many of the residents from
23 Minooka before the meeting today and, you
24 know, seeing how many signed the petition, I
25 believe it was over 500, and there was

1 approximately 40 to 45 people from that
2 neighborhood here today, and Minooka is one
3 of the nicest neighborhoods in Scranton. We
4 don't have the problems that many of the
5 other neighborhoods have, and I wasn't at
6 all sold by the man from the development
7 company who, you know, kept trying to say it
8 was a discrimination issue when there aren't
9 even any plans in the works at this point.
10 He said 75 units were going in and there
11 would be an income cap, which I don't
12 understand, why you would cap the income if
13 it's not going to be subsidized by the
14 federal government or by the programs?

15 I agree completely with the Minooka
16 Neighborhood Association and I support them
17 in the proposed zoning changes. Whether,
18 you know, the man from the Delaware Valley
19 Development Company is building a housing
20 project or apartments, either way, the
21 spending -- he can spend however he wants,
22 the last thing we need in the city is more
23 apartment buildings and more apartments, we
24 need more single family homes, and you can
25 find an apartment anywhere.

1 There are thousands of absentee
2 landlords who are buying properties in this
3 city and converting them into two units,
4 three units, four units and renting them out
5 for profit and it just wouldn't mesh well
6 with that neighborhood.

7 Secondly, a few residents contacted
8 me regarding the Sewer Authority and a piece
9 of equipment that was allegedly used on
10 private property. Mrs. Krake, could we
11 please a send a letter to Mr. Barrett of the
12 Sewer Authority asking, first, if those
13 claims are true if a piece of property owned
14 by the Authority was used privately, and if
15 so what disciplinary actions have been taken
16 against the person who used government
17 property for private use?

18 And I will comment on the agenda
19 items later. That is all for tonight.

20 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Councilman
21 Joyce. Councilman Loscombe, any comments or
22 motions? Or rather, Councilman Rogan.

23 MR. LOSCOMBE: You got my name
24 right. Thank you. Just a couple of brief
25 -- I jotted some notes as we were going on

1 here tonight. I see Mrs. Hubbard has left,
2 but I didn't address her question on
3 privatization of the DPW while she was here,
4 so I hope she hears this. I really didn't
5 get involved in this, you know. I mean, I
6 sat back and listened to it, but my belief
7 is that, you know, we agree on some things,
8 we don't agree on some things, but I don't
9 think it's something we should privatize.

10 Perhaps a study to maximize our
11 department is something we can look at, but,
12 you know, privatization I just fear down the
13 road what would happen, again, I do believe
14 they do a good job picking up most of
15 everything that's placed out there and, you
16 know, all seasons depending on what they are
17 doing, but they do pick up most of
18 everything that is put out there and I do
19 believe having them under our control, per
20 se, is more of a benefit to us than private
21 contractor because a private contractor can
22 continually raise the rates and, you know,
23 down the road it would be it would another
24 situation whether we may have to raise the
25 taxes just to cover, you know, the

1 privatization rates and stuff like that.

2 So at this point I haven't and I
3 don't believe I will change my mind on
4 privatization, but, you know, as far as a
5 study to maximize the department, you know,
6 that's something I would definitely
7 consider.

8 And the other thing we had a lot of
9 discussion tonight on the swimming pools and
10 I do think it's a disgrace and it's a
11 disservice to the young people in this city
12 and the families. I mean, we have tougher
13 economic times and we are going to be
14 closing two pools this summer. You know, we
15 complain about the children being in the
16 house all the time playing computer games
17 and stuff, here is an opportunity for them
18 to get out, get some swimming in, get some
19 athletics done, meet with other groups from
20 their area of town and apparently this isn't
21 going to happen and I am disappointed at
22 that.

23 People in Pinebrook have suffered
24 for two years now and now the Novembrino
25 pool. And again, there is no reason to

1 close the Novembrino pool, first of all. I
2 don't believe the funding is totally in
3 place and guaranteed they won't have it even
4 started by the end of the swim season. They
5 could start it at that time and leave the
6 pool open this year.

7 And as far as the Capouse Avenue
8 pool the second year with a bathhouse
9 problem, they want to build new parks, but
10 we can't maintain the existing ones we have.
11 We have to have a plan, we have to get
12 together here, they could have at least put
13 up a temporary bathhouse or something, you
14 know, remember the constituents you serve.

15 But I am disappointed and, you know,
16 I have only been on council a year and a
17 half or so, but I don't know about the
18 details about the splash park, how it came
19 about, what the cost is, is that something
20 that came to us for a vote?

21 MS. EVANS: Yes, it was part of the
22 2011 CDBG program.

23 MR. LOSCOMBE: CDBG, it was laid
24 into that.

25 MS. EVANS: And council actually

1 decreased the funding allocation for that
2 project.

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: We have never really
4 had any input from the department heads on
5 what the splash park is about and what the
6 problems are. I was just wondering if there
7 is a possibility of a caucus with, you know,
8 the Parks Department, DPW or whoever is
9 involved, OECD, to explain exactly what the
10 park is going to entail and what the
11 problems are at Capouse Avenue, why it's
12 taken two years and there is still no end in
13 sight to repairs there. Is that a
14 possibility?

15 MS. EVANS: We can certainly ask for
16 the attendance of Mr. Brazil and Mr. Dougher
17 at a public caucus of Scranton City Council
18 any Tuesday after June 14. Whether or not
19 they will attend, however, is another
20 question.

21 MR. LOSCOMBE: They should attend to
22 answer to their constituents and if we do
23 set this caucus up I would appeal to those
24 people in West Side and Pinebrook to come
25 here and find out what the actual story is,

1 but I do believe it is a disservice to those
2 residents in those areas, and that's all I
3 have to say tonight.

4 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Councilman
5 Loscombe. Councilman Joyce, comments or
6 motions this evening?

7 MR. JOYCE: Yes. As it has been
8 alluded to in the Scranton Times by Mayor
9 Doherty, the Novembrino pools in Scranton's
10 west side will be closed this year for
11 repairs and to build a splash pool. I think
12 we have pretty much sustained that by
13 tonight meeting. Earlier in the year Mayor
14 Doherty was quoted in the Scranton Times as
15 saying that a splash park was a good idea
16 because it does not require a lifeguard to
17 be present.

18 Last year, council agreed that
19 repairs should be done and council also
20 allocated federal funding through the CDBG
21 program to make such repairs and to
22 construct this splash park. While I do
23 agree with the concept of adding a splash
24 park at the Novembrino complex, if it is in
25 addition to what we already have I think it

1 would be a good addition for small children,
2 I do question the timing, especially since
3 we have heard tonight that the city hasn't
4 even received the money yet from HUD. Why
5 does the splash park have to be built over
6 the summer months? Why can't the splash
7 park be built over the months that the city
8 pools are not in use? We must sit there and
9 ask ourselves that.

10 Well, looking through the budget
11 it's easy to see why the mayor is choosing
12 to close down the Novembrino pool as well as
13 the Penridge swim complex and Pinebrook.
14 Let's take a look at the facts here. In the
15 2011 operating budget, as well as other
16 previous budgets, there are various bureaus
17 within the Departments of Public Works being
18 administration, engineering, highways,
19 refuse, garages and parks and recreation.

20 Within the Bureau of the Parks and
21 Rec, there is an account marked as "other
22 salary" by which \$245,000 in funding had
23 been allocated for. The other salary
24 account generally funds the salaries of the
25 lifeguards and casual workers. Last week,

1 as I informed, Mayor Doherty chose to hire
2 back four foremen that were cut from the
3 2011 operating budget and pay them as casual
4 foremen. Though, as I also said, some of
5 those casual foremen, three out of the four,
6 are making more this year than they have
7 last year. Those foremen, as I said, are
8 actually on pace to make more than the
9 \$40,000 in salary that they were originally
10 budgeted for being that they have incurred
11 quite a bit of overtime over the first four
12 or five months of the year.

13 There is no where else in the DPW's
14 operating budget besides the other salary
15 account, since the only other salary
16 accounts are "other salary" and "overtime
17 salary" and "standard salary" which is
18 already funding the workers that are
19 actually in the operating budget.

20 Therefore, out of the "other salary"
21 account within Parks and Rec, roughly
22 \$140,000 to \$160,000 may be used to fund
23 workers that Mayor Doherty hired back though
24 they are not in the 2011 operating budget,
25 thus being the casual foremen. This leaves

1 about \$85 to \$105,000 to fund lifeguards and
2 other pool related workers. As one knows,
3 there are three city pools which will be
4 opened along with Nay Aug. Well, let's say
5 that each of those pools has two to three
6 lifeguards a piece at any given time, and
7 that there is total of 12 lifeguards working
8 at any one instance. We know that city
9 pools are in operation from 12 to 6, anyone
10 could find that out on the city's website or
11 by attending one of the pools themselves.
12 Therefore, there are six hours of work in an
13 operation or of operation in the day.

14 Now, let's make the assumption that
15 the city's outdoor pools are in operation
16 for 100 days out of the year and that the
17 expense for a lifeguard after salary match
18 and taxes is about let's say \$13 bucks an
19 hour. Okay, so now let's multiply \$13 at
20 six hours per day to the swell of lifeguards
21 times a 100 days. The grand tote is
22 \$93,600. Therefore, because the mayor chose
23 to hire back employees that were not
24 budgeted for pools will be closed. Add
25 \$93,600 to the cost of the four foremen

1 which is approximately \$160,000, give or
2 take a few, and there you have it. It's
3 roughly the same amount as the "other
4 salary" account.

5 So instead of keeping the Novembrino
6 pool open as well as the Pinebrook pool,
7 Mayor Doherty has chose to hire back four
8 DPW foremen that were not budgeted for and
9 compensate them with funding that should
10 have been used for lifeguards. That's
11 enough on that issue.

12 In addition to this, tonight in 6-A
13 we will be voting on whether or not to
14 transfer \$200,000 from the Emergency Shelter
15 Flood Relief Program to additionally fund
16 the reconstruction of roads and handicap
17 curb cuts. In correspondence with OECD, Ms.
18 Aebli informed that there will be roughly
19 \$130,000 in the Emergency Fund Relief
20 account, thus, justifying the transfer.

21 Though earlier tonight I was
22 critical of the administration's actions in
23 regard to the Novembrino pool, I am voting
24 in favor of this action. When reviewing the
25 money requested by the DPW from the CDBG

1 funds last year to repair roads, the amount
2 was \$600,000. Many of my colleagues on
3 council, in fact, just about all of my
4 colleagues sitting here they wish it was
5 higher and we would have amended it to be
6 higher if we could. However, it's violative
7 to amend CDBG fund requests in excess of the
8 original request from the requester. In
9 this case, the requester being the
10 Department of Public Works.

11 In correspondence from Ms. Aebli,
12 she indicates that in addition to the
13 \$600,000 that was originally requested,
14 \$200,000 from 2010, in addition to the money
15 that we're voting on tonight will be used to
16 pave and repair roads, and this would be a
17 \$1 million project and, as you know, anyone
18 could drive around Scranton and see that
19 this is sorely needed. So, therefore, when
20 we get to 6-A, I will be voting in favor of
21 this piece of legislation.

22 Mrs. Krake, I had a few questions
23 for you. Has Mayor Doherty or Business
24 Administrator, Ryan McGowan, responded to
25 request I had made for them to meet in

1 council chambers with us to discuss fiscal
2 issues and solutions for this year?

3 MS. KRAKE: We have received no
4 response.

5 MR. JOYCE: Okay, being that they
6 had two weeks to respond to this question,
7 please resend the request to them and ask
8 them to reply by next Tuesday, June 14.

9 Also, have we received information
10 regarding DPW overtime from the
11 Right-to-Know request that I sent out last
12 month?

13 MS. KRAKE: No, we have not received
14 that either.

15 MR. JOYCE: Being that nothing has
16 been received, can you please contact
17 Mr. McGowan on our behalf, who is our
18 Right-to-Know officer, and ask him if there
19 is a projected date that we received this
20 information by.

21 I also see that we have received
22 notification from Rossi & Rossi that there
23 is still ten outstanding items that Rossi &
24 Rossi is waiting for from the administration
25 to perform our annual audit, which is now

1 officially late because of the failure of
2 the administration to provide information in
3 a timely manner.

4 With this in mind, Mrs. Krake, could
5 you please also contact Mr. McGowan and ask
6 him to provide a status update on the
7 outstanding taxes. As I said, there are ten
8 of them in total and I believe you have the
9 same letter from Rossi & Rossi that I do.

10 I will comment briefly about Minooka
11 and changing the zoning in that specific
12 neighborhood. I have walked the streets of
13 that specific neighborhood and I have
14 knocked on doors in that area, and I have
15 spoken to residents, and I saw the residents
16 here tonight. Out of all of the folks that
17 I spoke to, I'd say there were probably
18 about 150 to 200 in total, not one person
19 was in favor of keeping that area of land as
20 a commercial -- approved for commercial use.
21 All were in favor of changing it to single
22 family residential.

23 Tonight we saw two stories in the
24 public hearing. We heard from a few
25 residents of Minooka, and we also have heard

1 from a developer who does not live in
2 Scranton and in my opinion is most likely
3 trying to make money. That's what he is
4 here for. He wants to make money off of a
5 job, but I was elected by the people of
6 Scranton to represent the people of
7 Scranton, not an out-of-town developer who
8 wishes to go against what the wishes of
9 people are in a specific neighborhood, so
10 when that does come to vote on the agenda I
11 will be voting in favor of changing the
12 zoning in that neighborhood to an R-1-A,
13 which is a single-family residential. And
14 that's all I have for tonight.

15 MR. ROGAN: Mrs. Evans, I apologize,
16 I forget to mention the Novembrino pool and
17 I would just say I agree with everyone that
18 spoke about it and my colleagues, but there
19 are two pools at that Novembrino complex.

20 MR. JOYCE: Correct.

21 MR. ROGAN: Maybe it's possible that
22 one can be kept open while the construction
23 is being done if it has to be done during
24 the summer. So, Mrs. Krake, would you
25 please attach that as well to the request

1 that hopefully, you know, if we meet in the
2 middle here with the administration, even if
3 one of them was to be kept open the kids
4 would have a place to swim, it would be
5 better than closing the complex down
6 entirely for the whole summer. Thank you.

7 MR. JOYCE: I'll just say that while
8 I would love to see one of the pools open,
9 because of the situation that has been
10 created with the addition of four DPW
11 foremen which were not budgeted for, I would
12 highly doubt at this point that Mayor
13 Doherty would deem it economically feasible
14 to afford paying lifeguards at that pool and
15 I think that it was planned this way all
16 along. That's just my opinion.

17 MR. ROGAN: And I would agree with
18 you, Mr. Joyce, but the administration is
19 citing the construction as the reason.

20 MR. JOYCE: Correct.

21 MR. ROGAN: So if only one is needed
22 to be shut down maybe they could, you know,
23 follow the budget as was passed and open the
24 pool as they should.

25 MR. JOYCE: And I agree with you and

1 I don't think that the real reason is all
2 due to the construction, I think it's more
3 or less that they are using the money to pay
4 other workers that weren't budgeted for and
5 that's the real reason why this pool is
6 being closed.

7 MR. ROGAN: Oh, I agree.

8 MR. JOYCE: That's all.

9 MS. EVANS: Okay, good evening. I
10 was most disappointed to learn that the
11 mayor refused to allow the Novembrino pool
12 to remain open during the upcoming swim
13 season. In fact, I had predicted
14 neighborhood pool closings in January and
15 February of 2011 when council first heard
16 that the mayor had reinstated four positions
17 using the Parks and Rec "other salary"
18 budgetary line item. Thereafter, council
19 sent letters asking the mayor if he intended
20 to close neighborhood pools, and if so to
21 identify which pools be closed. Of course,
22 the mayor failed to respond to those
23 letters.

24 Most recently, city council
25 respectfully requested that the mayor delay

1 construction at the Novembrino Swim Complex
2 until early September and we received his
3 response in the newspaper. I'm very
4 disappointed, very sorry as council
5 president, that the children of West
6 Scranton will not enjoy free swimming this
7 summer and I hope that their parents will be
8 able to take them to Nay Aug Park for a free
9 swim day sponsored by the Scranton/
10 Lackawanna County Taxpayers' Association.

11 Also, with my honorable colleagues'
12 agreement, I would like to send a letter to
13 the chairman of the Scranton Recreation
14 Authority requesting that at least one
15 weekend in each of the months of June, July
16 and August 2011 be designated for free
17 swimming for the children of Pinebrook and
18 West Scranton since their free neighborhood
19 pools are closed this summer, and council
20 requests the courtesy of a reply on or
21 before June 17, 2011. And do I have the
22 agreement of the colleagues?

23 MR. LOSCOMBE: Definitely.

24 MR. JOYCE: Absolutely.

25 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

1 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Next, I have
2 a few citizens' request for the week:
3 Residents of the 600 block of Wheeler Avenue
4 report that a house at 601-603 Wheeler
5 Avenue was condemned by the city
6 approximately five years ago due to drug and
7 gang activity. Since then, the grass
8 remains so overgrown with snakes, mice,
9 skunks and other rodents inhabit the ground
10 and travel to other neighborhood properties.

11 Also, the plywood installed on doors
12 by the city has been removed and people are
13 observed entering and exits exiting the
14 house during nighttime hours. Neighbors
15 contacted the mayor's office on May 31,
16 2011, and were told that an inspector would
17 be sent to the location. To date, no action
18 has been taken. Please send an inspector
19 and direct the DPW to board the doors once
20 again. After five years the property owner
21 cannot be allowed to continue to ignore city
22 ordinances regarding property maintenance.
23 Provide a written update to council
24 concerning corrective measures taken on or
25 before June 30, 2011.

1 Hill section residents report that
2 within the last six weeks three accidents
3 occurred at the corner of Harrison Avenue
4 and Pine Street. On May 31 a car went into
5 a telephone pole on the odd side of Harrison
6 Avenue at this intersection.

7 Coming off Wheeler Avenue and
8 traveling west on Pine Street toward
9 Harrison Avenue, a motorist will reach a
10 stop sign on Pine Street while attempting to
11 cross or turn left onto Harrison Avenue. At
12 this location, motorist's vision is
13 obstructed by two trees and vehicles which
14 are partially parked on sidewalks during
15 evening hours. Residents request that the
16 trees are trimmed or cut down and then
17 parking is prohibited for an appropriate
18 distance from the corner of Harrison and
19 Pine Street in order to restore safety to
20 drivers.

21 Also, residents ask for the
22 installation of three or four-way stop signs
23 at this intersection in order to prevent
24 additional accidents. Please direct letters
25 of request to the DPW and to PennDOT.

1 Following is a second request: At
2 the council meeting of May 3, 2011, city
3 council first addressed this issue, please
4 remove large pine trees approximately 60
5 feet in length which are lying on the ground
6 in back yards between the 2800 block of
7 Webster Avenue and Monterey Road. The
8 property owner is a senior citizen in her
9 90's who cannot afford tree removal.
10 Residents of the block report that water
11 runoff from city streets floods their yards
12 and basements during rain storms and is a
13 contributing factor to the collapse of these
14 pine trees. Please help this elderly city
15 resident. And that's it.

16 MR. LOSCOMBE: Mrs. Evans, if I may
17 add to that, I do have photos of those
18 trees, it's definitely a water problem.
19 It's uprooted them and I do have photos of
20 the ponding around the base and everything.
21 It just washed the roots away and the trees
22 fell, fortunately, they weren't long enough
23 to hit the homes.

24 MS. EVANS: Very fortunate.

25 MR. LOSCOMBE: But I will be provide

1 you with the photos to pass along. Thank
2 you.

3 MS. EVANS: And this is a very
4 elderly city resident on a small fixed
5 income who cannot afford tree removal and
6 since the actual collapse of the trees
7 appears to be due to causes related to the
8 city I think the DPW should be ought there
9 removing those trees.

10 MR. LOSCOMBE: I would agree after
11 seeing the situation.

12 MS. KRAKE: 5-B. NO BUSINESS AT THIS
13 TIME.

14 SIXTH ORDER. 6-A. READING BY TITLE
15 - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 36, 2011 - AN
16 ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 83,
17 2009, ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
18 THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF
19 THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY
20 ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE CONSOLIDATED
21 SUBMISSION FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND
22 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS (AS AMENDED) TO BE
23 FUNDED UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
24 GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM, HOME INVESTMENT
25 PARTNERSHIP (HOME) PROGRAM AND EMERGENCY

1 SHELTER GRANT (ESG) PROGRAM", BY
2 TRANSFERRING \$200,000.00 FROM PROJECT
3 05-15 EMERGENCY FLOOD RELIEF TO PROJECT
4 10-04 RECONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND HANDICAP
5 CURB CUTS.

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

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

10 MR. JOYCE: Second.

11 MS. EVANS: On the question?

12 MR. ROGAN: I would just like to
13 echo the sentiments of my fellow council,
14 that the city, the roads in the city are a
15 mess, it's no secret, there is no use in
16 belaboring the point, but this is \$200,000
17 that will be used in low to moderate income
18 areas and, you know, it's a good start
19 towards a paving program. Obviously, we
20 need more and hopefully next year, this year
21 actually DPW Director Brazil will apply for
22 more.

23 MS. EVANS: In fact, that was
24 something that -- that particular issue is
25 something that I made a notation for myself

1 about this evening, but since you have
2 touched upon it perhaps we will just move
3 ahead at this time. If we can also send a
4 letter to DPW Director Brazil urging him to
5 increase the funding requested in the
6 forthcoming 2012 CDBG program for the paving
7 of citywide streets. I know we have been
8 waiting a long time, it's been about nine
9 years now, and the roads have become worse
10 and worse. They are much like washboards
11 now across all stretches of the city and
12 even in the downtown, and I believe it is a
13 priority to put as much funding as we can
14 into paving of city roads.

15 It is a disgrace and having traveled
16 to other cities of our size throughout even
17 the State of Pennsylvania we certainly have
18 no rival for potholes and road disrepair.
19 We are the exception to the rule it seems
20 and it's not fair to city residents and it
21 sends I think a very -- a very poor message
22 about our city to those visiting Scranton.

23 MR. ROGAN: I would also add for
24 Director Brazil if he is watching or if,
25 Mrs. Krake, you want to include this in the

1 letter, he can apply for as much money as he
2 wants. Say he applied for \$10 million,
3 obviously, we don't have \$10 million to
4 allocate for paving, but then we would be
5 able to go up to that amount. This year I
6 believe the number was \$600,000.

7 MS. EVANS: Yes.

8 MR. ROGAN: And we funded it for
9 the, maximum. If he had applied for
10 \$700,000 we probably -- actually, I know we
11 could have funded \$700,000.

12 MS. EVANS: Yes.

13 MR. ROGAN: Money could have been
14 taken from other areas towards the paving,
15 but with that cap of \$600,000 there was
16 nothing more that council can do and
17 hopefully next year Mr. Brazil will be very
18 ambitious with the number he comes up with
19 and give council some more leeway on how we
20 allocate the money.

21 MS. EVANS: Yes.

22 MR. LOSCOMBE: I'm sorry.

23 MS. EVANS: No, go ahead.

24 MR. LOSCOMBE: If I may just add,
25 too, that I hope that the DPW does their due

1 diligence with all the utility companies so
2 that we don't pave a road and two weeks
3 later tear part of it up. I know there is
4 some major sewer project that are coming up
5 under the Chesapeake Project and I believe
6 they would have to pave the road themselves.
7 It would be ashame to pave a road and have
8 it dug up for sewer and pave it again where
9 we could use that paving in some other area.
10 Like you said, probably 99 percent of our
11 streets could use a paving at this point so
12 I would just hope that they would when they
13 are putting their list together do their
14 homework, notify the utilities because I
15 have seen it happen many times week after a
16 road is blacktopped, you know, it starts to
17 look like a zipper again, so I would just
18 hope that we could count on that.

19 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Anyone else
20 on the question? All those in favor signify
21 by saying aye.

22 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

23 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

24 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

25 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes

1 have it and so moved.

2 MS. KRAKE: 6-B. READING BY TITLE -
3 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 37, 2011 - AN
4 ORDINANCE - ESTABLISHING THE LIST OF
5 AUTHORIZED TOWING COMPANIES FOR THE CITY OF
6 SCRANTON AND ESTABLISHING THE RULES,
7 QUALIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS TO BE FOLLOWED
8 BY ALL SAID TOWING COMPANIES, ESTABLISHING
9 FINES AND PENALTIES FOR TOWING AND FEES
10 RELATED TO THIS ORDINANCE.

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

13 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-B
14 pass reading by title.

15 MR. JOYCE: Second.

16 MR. LOSCOMBE: I'd like to make to
17 motion to amend Item 6-B by deleting the
18 following: "Section 9, The chief of police
19 is hereby given the discretion to add and
20 subtract the names from the list," and
21 inserting, "Authorized towing companies can
22 only be added or deleted by amending this
23 ordinance which must then be approved by the
24 governing body."

25 MR. ROGAN: Second.

1 MS. EVANS: Are there questions on
2 the amendment? I believe council's
3 intention is to prevent any type of, oh --
4 pardon?

5 MR. ROGAN: Favoritism.

6 MS. EVANS: Favoritism that's
7 probably -- or monopoly by any particular
8 towing company in that rather than one
9 person, the chief of police, having the sole
10 discretion as to which towers are positioned
11 on this list, which towers can be removed
12 from this list, and which new towers can be
13 added to the list, certainly it is I think
14 much more fair for city council to be
15 involved in that process and to amend the
16 legislation in order to provide for
17 deletions and additions. We certainly are
18 seeking the recommendation of the chief of
19 police in terms of compliance by towing
20 companies with the ordinance, but I do not
21 believe that it is entirely wise to allow
22 the chief of police sole discretion over
23 what towers are working for the City of
24 Scranton.

25 MR. ROGAN: I would also add it's

1 just not -- it's not a lack of trust in
2 Chief Duffy, it's for the future as well,
3 whoever the next chief may be.

4 MS. EVANS: Exactly. And the next
5 council.

6 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

7 MS. EVANS: All those in favor of
8 the motion to amend Item 6-B signify by
9 saying 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. All those in favor of
15 Item 6-B, as amended, signify by saying aye.

16 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

17 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

18 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

19 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
20 have it and so moved.

21 MS. KRAKE: 6-C. READING BY TITLE -
22 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 38, 2011 - AN
23 ORDINANCE - CREATING AND ESTABLISHING
24 SPECIAL CITY ACCOUNT NO. (TO BE DETERMINED)
25 ENTITLED "COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER PARKING

1 REVENUE ACCOUNT" FOR THE RECEIPT OF ALL
2 PAYMENTS TO BE MADE BY THE COMMUNITY MEDICAL
3 CENTER TO THE CITY OF SCRANTON PURSUANT TO
4 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 26, 2011, (AS AMENDED),
5 AND FOR THE DISBURSEMENTS OF DEPOSITS FROM
6 SPECIAL CITY ACCOUNT NO. (TO BE DETERMINED).

7 MS. EVANS: You've heard reading by
8 title of Item 6-C, what is your pleasure?

9 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-C
10 pass reading by title.

11 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

14 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

15 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

16 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

17 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
18 have it and so moved.

19 MS. KRAKE: 7-A. FOR CONSIDERATION
20 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES FOR ADOPTION-FILE
21 OF COUNCIL NO.34, 2011- AUTHORIZING THE
22 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE
23 CITY OF SCRANTON TO ENTER INTO LEASE
24 AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS LITTLE LEAGUE,
25 TEENER LEAGUE, MISS-E LEAGUE, AND JUNIOR

1 AND/OR MIDGET FOOTBALL LEAGUE ASSOCIATIONS
2 FOR USE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY IN CONNECTION
3 WITH APPROVED LITTLE LEAGUE, TEENER LEAGUE,
4 MISS-E LEAGUE, AND JUNIOR AND/OR MIDGET
5 FOOTBALL LEAGUE ACTIVITIES FOR A THREE-YEAR
6 PERIOD COMMENCING APRIL 15, 2011 AND ENDING
7 APRIL 14, 2014.

8 MS. EVANS: As Chair for the
9 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
10 passage of Item 7-A, as amended.

11 MR. ROGAN: Second.

12 MS. EVANS: On the question? Roll
13 call, please?

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

15 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

17 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

18 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

19 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

20 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

21 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare
22 Item 7-A, as amended, legally and lawfully
23 adopted.

24 MS. KRAKE: 7-B. OR CONSIDERATION
25 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES FOR ADOPTION-

1 RESOLUTION NO.31, 2011- APPOINTMENT OF
2 STUART RENDA, 1114 WOODLAWN STREET,
3 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18509 AS A MEMBER OF
4 THE BOARD OF THE SCRANTON SEWER AUTHORITY.
5 MR. RENDA WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF
6 MATTHEW FLYNN, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MAY 5,
7 2011. MR. RENDA'S TERM WILL EXPIRE ON
8 DECEMBER 31, 2012.

9 MS. EVANS: As Chair for the
10 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
11 passage of Item 7-B.

12 MR. ROGAN: Second.

13 MS. EVANS: On the question?

14 MR. ROGAN: Yes, on the question. I
15 would just like to reiterate my opposition
16 to Mr. Renda's appointment. It's nothing
17 personal against Mr. Renda, I do think he is
18 a nice person, but his track record as
19 business administrator was lackluster at
20 best. I don't want to make this sound
21 personal, but he was Mayor Doherty's mate
22 through the budgetary process including the
23 tax and spend policies of Mayor Doherty and
24 including much of the budget mess we see
25 ourselves in now because of the

1 administration, so I will be voting "no" to
2 the appointment.

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: I have to agree with
4 Mr. Rogan's comments, however, you know, our
5 vote really doesn't matter on these here.
6 The mayor can appoint who he wants. This
7 will be the second former cabinet member in
8 the last few months that he has appointed.
9 Our vote is just token, so just to pass it
10 along I'm going to say "yes", but I agree
11 with the comments in my heart, but this is
12 a -- you know, it doesn't matter what we say
13 here, he'll still be in there.

14 MS. EVANS: Roll call, please.

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

16 MR. ROGAN: No.

17 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

18 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

19 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

20 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

21 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

22 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare
23 Item 7-B legally and lawfully adopted. If
24 there is no further business, I will
25 entertain a motion to adjourn.

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MR. JOYCE: Motion to adjourn.

MS. EVANS: This meeting is
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.

CATHENE S. NARDOZZI, RPR
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