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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

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Scranton, Pennsylvania

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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 APPLICATIONS ALONG WITH DECISIONS RENDERED  
17 BY THE ZONING HEARING BOARD ON JUNE 9, 2011.

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

20 MS. KRAKE: 3-B. TAX ASSESSOR'S  
21 REPORT SCHEDULED HEARINGS JULY 6, 2011.

22 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?  
23 If not received and filed.

24 MS. KRAKE: 3-C. MINUTES OF THE  
25 COMPOSITE PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD ON MAY

1 25, 2011.

2 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?  
3 If not received and filed. Clerk's notes?

4 MS. KRAKE: We don't have any this  
5 evening, Mrs. Evans.

6 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mrs. Krake.  
7 Do any council members have announcements at  
8 this time? Mary Mother of God Parish, which  
9 was formerly Holy Rosary, will conduct an  
10 annual church picnic at the corner of West  
11 Market Street and Wayne Avenue by Cole  
12 Muffler this Thursday and Friday and from 6  
13 to 11 p.m., and this Saturday, June 25, from  
14 5 to 11 p.m. rain or shine. The picnic will  
15 feature live entertainment, children's  
16 games, a book nook and treasure cove, bingo,  
17 games of chance, raffle baskets and a  
18 delicious array of foods, including baked  
19 goods and ethnic treats. Join your  
20 neighbors and friends for a great time this  
21 weekend at the Mary Mother of God church  
22 picnic, and that's it.

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

25 MS. EVANS: Our first speaker this

1 evening is Andy Sbaraglia.

2 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia,  
3 citizen of Scranton, fellow Scrantonian.  
4 I'd like to say a few words on Robert Quinn,  
5 you nominated for a seat on the appeals for  
6 zoning board. Ozzie is a person that worked  
7 for -- actually for the poor most of his  
8 life. He used to do Habitat for Humanities,  
9 he worked on a lot of projects rehabbing  
10 homes, so is well-suited to this position.  
11 I'm sorry that he doesn't want to take the  
12 seat. Like I said, I worked with him on  
13 citizen's committees, and I worked on with  
14 him in a lot of different projects, I feel a  
15 little sad that he really doesn't want to  
16 take the seat. But, like I say, you have to  
17 make your own decisions, so whatever his  
18 decision is it's personal and you have to  
19 agree with it.

20 Okay, I see where up there, the  
21 gambling board up there in Monroe County  
22 donating money again. I have nothing  
23 against projects, but I don't like to be  
24 bamboozled. Originally when they were  
25 making all these gambling the money was

1           supposedly to utilize for tax relief. It  
2           never got there. Of course, I know you  
3           can't do much about it. This is done by the  
4           state legislature and if I got up there and  
5           tell Murphy about it, it really won't make a  
6           difference, one million votes don't do much  
7           about it, but that money should be.

8                     Actually, you know, gambling was a  
9           sin, we considered it a sin, gambling and  
10          when we considered legalizing the sin like  
11          they did that the money to make it more  
12          palatable to the people of Pennsylvania they  
13          promised to use this mean for tax relief,  
14          but unfortunately, it has a habit once it  
15          gets in our legislature to turn it into a  
16          lot of different projects.

17                    We have two projects on the agenda  
18          tonight that's going to get that money. I  
19          have nothing really against the projects  
20          because I really know little or nothing  
21          about them, but I know this, when you rob  
22          Peter to pay Paul, which all grants are  
23          basically, I don't care how you coat it,  
24          it's robbing Peter to pay Paul. You are  
25          taking money from somebody and giving it to

1           somebody else and basically that's what a  
2           grant is. It's just too bad the money  
3           wasn't placed where it should have been with  
4           tax relief.

5                     There isn't really much on your  
6           agenda and really there isn't much on it  
7           that's controversial other than the fact of  
8           the gambling money, and it's just too bad we  
9           didn't put this money where it was set to  
10          go, but in this city no money ever stays  
11          where it's supposed to go. Thank you.

12                    MS. EVANS: Thank you,  
13          Mr. Sbaraglia. Bob Bolus.

14                    MR. BOLUS: Good evening, Council.  
15          Bob Bolus, Scranton.

16                    MS. EVANS: Good evening.

17                    MR. BOLUS: If I may, Mrs. Evans,  
18          I'd like to hand you something here, please.  
19          Mr. McGoff, I'm glad to you finally decided  
20          to get involved and challenge the deed up  
21          there.

22                    MR. MCGOFF: I didn't.

23                    MR. BOLUS: Oh, sure, it's okay.  
24          I'm glad somebody finally did something and  
25          I'm glad you finally you got involved on it

1           because what I presented tonight, I think  
2           Paul Kelly needs to be better informed  
3           before me makes statements and puts things  
4           in a letter, number one.

5                         Number two, I think he should clean  
6           the wax out of his ears because our former  
7           counsel told him he doesn't represent me on  
8           a 16 1/2 foot easement for the waterway the  
9           city owns going through the heart of the  
10          property. So Paul Kelly needs to get it  
11          right for a change. He is quick to judge,  
12          he is quick to do things, he has an  
13          intervened -- had the city intervene in the  
14          suit regarding the 16 foot easement to my  
15          home to protect Hartman, but he has done  
16          nothing about and the 16 1/2 foot he owned  
17          for.

18                         First of all, the city does own the  
19          property, as I have just presented  
20          Mrs. Evans. The research goes back for a  
21          considerable time. In fact, it goes back to  
22          the 1800's and the deed goes all of the way  
23          from there through to the present time, it's  
24          never been deeded out. A subdivision does  
25          not give ownership rights to an individual



1 or a piece of land going through the  
2 property. While the subdivision may have  
3 been approved, it does not give a deeded  
4 over property that's owned by the City of  
5 Scranton to the Hartmans or the Selatines  
6 who had it prior and so on and so forth.

7 Going back to 1852 this property was  
8 put through, and I'll give you the deed book  
9 and page, it's 270, page 469, and deed book  
10 270, page 469, tells you, back in 1915,  
11 January of -- the 21st of January in 1915,  
12 this land was deeded over to the City of  
13 Scranton. It stayed in the City of Scranton  
14 to this day and if Mr. Kelly would decide to  
15 actually do the duties and due diligence he  
16 would have went to the courthouse and found  
17 through the public records the City of  
18 Scranton still owns in property.

19 What I have presented you tonight,  
20 Mrs. Evans is the deed, the descriptions,  
21 the survey map, and on this page here on the  
22 map here shows map Robinson Park, it shows  
23 the waterway owned by the City of Scranton  
24 going from East Mountain Lake. In here it  
25 gives the legal description and it goes onto

1 say, as you read it, where I have underlined  
2 it for you. "Also, one other piece or  
3 parcel of land described as follows,  
4 beginning at point of 165 feet from the  
5 proposed installed to the south end of said  
6 reservoir then on line and the same," then  
7 it's 182 and all of that nonsense, to lane  
8 here but becomes down to by a width of 16  
9 1/2 feet, being the same more or less. All  
10 said land being located in the 19th ward of  
11 the City of Scranton being the same land  
12 deeded, deeded to Robinson by John Jordan  
13 back in 1895.

14 I spent a lot of time researching  
15 this, Mr. McGoff. I don't come up here and  
16 just do things idly. This is land owned by  
17 the City of Scranton. While Mr. Hartman or  
18 the Celestine subdivision was a subdivision  
19 approved by the city, as Judge Mazzoni ruled  
20 there is no question it's a subdivision, it  
21 was approved, however, Judge Mazzoni's  
22 ruling did not give Celestine ownership of  
23 city-owned property.

24 So we are very clear on this, and  
25 I'd like you to take it back to Mr. Kelly

1 since he was so happy to hand you a letter  
2 to discredit me, so if you would kindly take  
3 it back and give him class 101 on real  
4 estate searches, I think Mr. Kelly should  
5 pay me a few dollars for the tuition and the  
6 education he is getting tonight.

7 This is about the city. It's about  
8 the people in the city. It's not about a  
9 select few. When Kelly ran for office he  
10 made me a political platform, so to speak,  
11 for him and Mr. Wechsler to challenge me to  
12 bring on the neighbors, the lies and the  
13 innuendoes about condemning my house  
14 illegally Mr. Kelly did.

15 We are going to a Court, we are  
16 going through a process, and why? Because  
17 Mr. Kelly thinks people just should be  
18 subjected to his rulings and his issues and  
19 is ill- informed. There is a \$50,000 bid  
20 for that property right now and Mr. Kelly  
21 needs to put it up for sale, this was built  
22 on illegally, it was built on with knowledge  
23 by the Hartmans and everyone else that were  
24 involved, he can go back to a surveyor, he  
25 can go back to a title company, that doesn't

1 change the ownership of the land, it's owned  
2 by us and the city, and if this isn't legal  
3 then people should go at every piece of  
4 property in the city and build their own  
5 homes on it and take squatter's rights.

6 So take a back it back, in fact, I'd  
7 like to even request tonight that Mr. Kelly  
8 resign, okay? He has not done his job and  
9 the best interest of all of the people in  
10 the City of Scranton -- I like the smile,  
11 Mr. McGoff, I really do. In fact, I came  
12 back, I have been out of town for the last  
13 three and a half weeks, and you know what, I  
14 couldn't wait to come here tonight to tell  
15 you that if you want information call me and  
16 I'll see that you get the factual  
17 information. It will make my job easier, it  
18 will make your job a lot easier, and then  
19 you could help Mr. Kelly do his job and do  
20 it for everybody and not just a select few.

21 And also, just one more thing, the  
22 Holy Cross Church that I bought to save the  
23 historic value in the city and our culture,  
24 I paid the \$35,000, it was being sold for a  
25 dollar by the Diocese in the city and to

1 Terry Gallagher for \$2 the hall, they were  
2 going to tear it down. Well, you know, they  
3 have assessed us \$17,000 in taxes for that  
4 property now? That's what they want. So  
5 that means the property is worth a few  
6 hundred thousand dollars to get a \$17,000  
7 assessment. Tell me about the politics and  
8 how they play in the City of Scranton.  
9 That's the under gutting. They are the ones  
10 that should go on trial, also. Thank you.

11 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

12 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Bolus.  
13 Les Spindler.

14 MR. SPINDLER: Good evening,  
15 Council. Les Spindler, city resident and  
16 homeowner and taxpayer. Two weeks ago when  
17 I was here I was telling council about a  
18 piece of land that caved in on the 200 of  
19 Franklin and it was a big piece of equipment  
20 that did that, and I'd like to commend  
21 council and DPW for quick action. As of  
22 yesterday that was all taken care of and, as  
23 a matter of fact I was here that Tuesday  
24 night two weeks ago, that Friday DPW was  
25 there taking out everything that was caved

1 in and they covered it. This week -- or  
2 Friday they replaced part of it and  
3 yesterday they finished it up, so in less  
4 two weeks it was taken care of, and I think  
5 that was quick action on council's part and  
6 DPW, and I want to commend all parties. I  
7 just wish I could get my corner taken care  
8 of that quickly.

9 Something else I brought up, boy, it  
10 might be as long as a year ago, coming over  
11 the West Lackawanna Avenue Bridge into the  
12 city I asked if they could put a left-turn  
13 signal there, and I know nothing has been  
14 said about that yet. I wonder if anybody  
15 has heard about that?

16 MS. EVANS: No.

17 MR. LOSCOMBE: I'm actually going to  
18 be meeting with a gentlemen from PennDOT  
19 this week, it was supposed to be last week,  
20 but we had to reschedule because he had some  
21 commitments, but that's one of the issues  
22 that I wanted to discuss with him, also.  
23 There's several issues, but that's on my  
24 list.

25 MR. SPINDLER: I'm sure. You're a

1 west sider so you know trying to make a left  
2 turn it's unbelievable.

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: Especially now since  
4 the Linden Street bridge is closed the  
5 traffic is backed up over the Lackawanna  
6 County bridge quite a bit.

7 MR. SPINDLER: Yeah. And since you  
8 mentioned the Linden Street bridge, that  
9 bridge, also, does council know -- is  
10 anything being done on that? I don't even  
11 see them working on it?

12 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes, that's also my  
13 list because that's a state bridge so --

14 MR. SPINDLER: Oh, I know, but I  
15 thought maybe -- -

16 MR. LOSCOMBE: I should have  
17 something to report next Tuesday.

18 MR. SPINDLER: Oh, okay, good,  
19 because that's causing a lot of traffic to  
20 come down Main Avenue, also, and trying to  
21 get out of Tripp Park is more difficult than  
22 it used to be.

23 Moving on, I saw the other day in  
24 the Doherty newsletter another story about  
25 blight. They are tearing down houses that

1 are supposedly blighted. I just don't  
2 believe in that. I think we should be  
3 rehabbing these houses. They tear things  
4 down and they just turn into more eyesores  
5 as it evident downtown here, I have spoken  
6 many times of the two holes in the ground  
7 with fences around them. I think we should  
8 rehab these houses. When they are torn down  
9 they just turn into people complaining about  
10 empty lots being filled with weeds and grass  
11 and it's just -- I think it's a bad idea to  
12 tear them down, we should be rehabbing them.

13 Lastly, again a couple days ago in  
14 the Doherty newsletter another story about  
15 Chief Duffy driving on Mulberry Street at  
16 three in the morning in his personal vehicle  
17 and he said he spotted someone shooting up  
18 in a car and that he lost them he was trying  
19 to follow them and he lost them. As I  
20 stated before, these arrests happen all the  
21 time by our uniform police officers, you  
22 don't hear anything in the newspaper. Every  
23 time this guy does something it's either  
24 front page or page three news, it's  
25 unbelievable. I mean, the people who should



1 be getting credit aren't getting credit.  
2 You know, I don't wish any harm to this guy,  
3 but think one of these days he might bite  
4 off more than he can chew and he might pay  
5 dearly. I don't want to wish any ill  
6 towards him. He professes to be family man  
7 with young children and a wife, what is he  
8 doing out at 3:00 in the morning? To me he  
9 is only looking for trouble. We have police  
10 officers to do the job, although, from what  
11 I'm told we don't have enough police  
12 officers on night shift. I'm told there is  
13 sometimes four and five officers that cover  
14 the whole city, so maybe that's why he is  
15 out at three in the morning. I know if I  
16 was in that position my wife wouldn't let me  
17 leave at 3:00 in the morning to go riding  
18 around town.

19 That's all I really have to say  
20 tonight. Like I said, a lot of police  
21 officers do this all the time and you see  
22 nothing in the newspaper about it. They  
23 make this guy out to be like a super here  
24 owe. Maybe when he takes his shirt off he  
25 has a T-shirt with an "S" on it. Thank you

1 for your time.

2 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Doug Miller.

3 MR. MILLER: Good evening, Council.

4 Doug Miller, Scranton.

5 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

6 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

7 MR. MILLER: I'd just like to begin  
8 tonight if I could, awhile back I had  
9 brought up a few streetlights near my home  
10 that have been out for quite sometime now  
11 and if I can be I would like to leave the  
12 address where they are near, unfortunately,  
13 I wasn't able to find any pole numbers for  
14 some reason. I don't know why they are not  
15 on there, but if I could leave them with Ms.  
16 Carrera --

17 MS. EVANS: Certainly.

18 MR. MILLER: -- maybe you could  
19 perhaps pass them along. Thank you. Last  
20 time I was here, Mr. Loscombe, I had asked  
21 about StreetSmart and you said you would  
22 give me a follow-up. Would you mind giving  
23 a brief follow-up? I didn't get to hear  
24 anything.

25 MR. LOSCOMBE: Apparently they had a

1 pre-bid conference two weeks ago and then  
2 this past Friday they had a bid opening.  
3 There were two bids, StreetSmart and IPS,  
4 and we haven't heard anything from the city  
5 yet. We're still -- they are still going  
6 over the bids apparently, but, you know, as  
7 far as I know IPS has never done this  
8 system. They are none more for their  
9 meters, their credit card meters. I don't  
10 believe they have a tested system anywhere  
11 in the country as this point, but there has  
12 been no decision at this point. It appears  
13 just reviewing it quickly with the extras  
14 and the odds and ends that were put in the  
15 IPS agreement it looks like theirs would be  
16 higher in the long run, but we haven't  
17 received anything back from the solicitor  
18 yet or Parking Authority, so as soon as I  
19 hear something I will definitely fill you  
20 in.

21 MR. MILLER: Thank you.

22 MR. LOSCOMBE: I do believe after  
23 seeing the two of them that StreetSmart is  
24 still the best deal for everyone.

25 MR. MILLER: Absolutely. I agree

1 with you. I mean, they are the only ones  
2 that came in and gave a presentation, and I  
3 just think it's truly ashame that it's taken  
4 this long to even to get to the point to  
5 even have them in here to discuss it. We  
6 have been talking about this since last year  
7 when you first proposed it, and like I said  
8 last time I was here two weeks ago, it's  
9 just ashame we are losing out on all this  
10 revenue that we could be generating. As we  
11 have talked about many times, all of the  
12 other communities have had success with it  
13 and I really feel sorry because you worked  
14 hard to take the time to come up with some  
15 revenue enhancements and, unfortunately, the  
16 administration once again, as we talked  
17 about for a long time, they don't want to  
18 cooperate and, you know, it's always them  
19 coming back and saying, "Council refuses to  
20 work with the administration," but it's not  
21 the case, it's the other way around.

22 You know, I haven't seen the mayor  
23 in here reaching out and I haven't seen  
24 anybody in the administration up here  
25 reaching out and I think it's time the mayor

1 does come here. I know we have said that  
2 many times and it's like talking to a wall,  
3 but if he is really as concerned as you are  
4 and wants to see us turn our financial  
5 situation around then he would be the first  
6 one up here, and that's what has to happen  
7 and I just would ask that you continue to  
8 push and push and ask him to come here.  
9 That's the only we are going to solve our  
10 problems is by working together and getting  
11 him in here. He needs to put all of this  
12 political nonsense aside and he needs to  
13 come up here as the mayor and work with you,  
14 because you are not doing the best you can  
15 with what you have, unfortunately, they just  
16 don't want to follow through on what you  
17 give them and the only one that's suffering  
18 throughout this whole process are the  
19 residents of this city.

20 And again, I commend you for all  
21 your hard work with that program, and  
22 unfortunately, it's just a case of them not  
23 wanting to put it through, but at the end of  
24 the year when we realize that we have a  
25 shortfall they have no one to blame but

1           themselves, the administration. They can  
2           look themselves in the mirror and they can  
3           gave their answer to that question right  
4           there.

5                        The last time I was here I talked  
6           about Novembrino Pool and I neglected to  
7           mention Capouse Avenue, and I believe the  
8           reason for Capouse Avenue being closed this  
9           summer is there some repairs that need to be  
10          made. Now, if I can remember correctly we  
11          have been talking about repairs to that pool  
12          for at least three years now and I don't  
13          understand what these repairs are. Do we  
14          know exactly what has to be done and why  
15          it's taken so long?

16                      MR. LOSCOMBE: All I heard was the  
17          bathhouse needed repairs.

18                      MS. EVANS: And the pool as well,  
19          and I believe last year as the pool remained  
20          closed the Director of Parks and Recreation  
21          said that it would be the first project that  
22          was tackled this year, this spring, so it  
23          would be prepared for an opening for the  
24          2011 swim season. Unfortunately, that  
25          didn't occur and, you know, another missing

1 piece of the puzzle was the fact that the  
2 DPW and the parks and recreation did not  
3 request any funding for repairs to that pool  
4 in the 2011 CDBG program, and certainly it's  
5 in an area, I'm sure, that qualifies as low  
6 to moderate income, so certainly the funds  
7 would have been available for this. Why  
8 they were not applied for I really can't  
9 supply that answer to you.

10 As a council, we tried to do that  
11 and we are told that the because the  
12 administration failed to file application  
13 with OECD requesting those funds we could  
14 not allocate funds towards the project.

15 MR. MILLER: Okay. Boy, this --  
16 it's hard to take some of this in sometimes,  
17 so what you are saying is that their goal  
18 was to have it open for 2011, yet, they knew  
19 they didn't have the funding so then how the  
20 heck did they expect to have the pool open?  
21 Plus if they knew the funding was there and  
22 they hadn't apply for it. I just -- boy,  
23 this is scary really.

24 So here we are we are going on  
25 another year now and what are those kids

1 going to do? Between West Side and the  
2 children down at Capouse Avenue, you know,  
3 I'm really embarrassed, I really am. As a  
4 Scrantonian I'm embarrassed by this. I  
5 understand our financial situation, but, you  
6 know, we can't even do a simple thing as  
7 operate a pool, it's pretty pathetic, and I  
8 really feel sorry for the children, and I'm  
9 hoping that something gets done.

10 And as far as this whole splash park  
11 thing, it's another thing that makes  
12 absolutely no sense to me. We know we don't  
13 have the funding so then why are we going to  
14 have a pool sit vacant all summer long?  
15 Again, just case of doing things backwards  
16 again.

17 But on a lighter note, I do really  
18 want to commend those that are involved with  
19 the Kids Swim Free program. I know it's  
20 been going on for a few years, and, you  
21 know, there are some people that do take the  
22 time to put the program together and make it  
23 a success. They go out and seek donations  
24 and give children the opportunity to swim in  
25 the summer and I believe the first Kids Swim



1 Free date is Tuesday, June 28, at 12:00 up  
2 at Nay Aug, and I would just encourage  
3 children throughout the city to take  
4 advantage of the opportunity, especially  
5 those in the West Side area and the once in  
6 the Capouse area who are affected by the  
7 closures, take advantage of it and enjoy it.

8 And, you know, I would just happen  
9 to think if this were Nay Aug Park would we  
10 be shutting down that park for the summer,  
11 would we be holding off on bathhouses and  
12 everything else for Nay Aug? I don't think  
13 so, so just something to think about.  
14 That's all for tonight. Thank you.

15 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Ron Ellman.

16 MR. ELLMAN: Hello, council.

17 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

18 MR. ELLMAN: It was pretty out  
19 today, wasn't it? I was riding my little  
20 Vespa up and down Main Avenue. People were  
21 waiving at me, blowing the horn to get out  
22 of their way. My son told me those waves,  
23 he said, those are gestures, not waves.

24 You know, I want to say that car  
25 club had a very successful Father's Day car

1 show, to those that -- I know it's not  
2 everybody's cup of tea, but some people that  
3 missed it really missed a nice event except  
4 the bathroom. That's supposed to be Mr.  
5 Doherty's flagship and I was told by several  
6 people that the city was given a grant years  
7 ago, a federal grant to restore that  
8 bathroom, and nothing ever been done. It's  
9 bad. In fact, the men's side was closed  
10 last year, it was bad this year, they closed  
11 it. I don't know if any of you ever been  
12 there, but it's no prize. I don't know why  
13 it's not fixed.

14 Anyway, I saw where they got a new  
15 warden coming in. They got a real clown for  
16 an assistant warden. They sent my son home  
17 with these orange cotton shoes. They kept  
18 his \$150 boots, they said they were lost  
19 some place, you know, and they are going to  
20 give him \$25, and I phoned the gentleman, he  
21 told me it's very evident my son wore the  
22 shoes home, his boots home, and they weren't  
23 going to give him the \$25. I said, "Well,  
24 where did he get these orange shoes," you  
25 know? This jail just stinks from one

1           irresponsible -- one move after another,  
2           like, the lady Donato, was that her name?  
3           When she was a warden she left us with two  
4           tremendous lawsuits that the people of this  
5           city are going to have to pay, you know, not  
6           just the rest of the county. Then we had  
7           Gilhooley and Hillborn in there for years  
8           that they should have been put in the jail  
9           not running the place. They just -- they  
10          got away with murder.

11                        I'm not an advocate for the jail,  
12          but it's not being run right? You know, the  
13          county is not even being run very well. I  
14          think that's one reason that Randy  
15          Castellani quit. These kind of people drag  
16          someone down and I'm glad he realized it,  
17          leave him some place for better positions.

18                        And among my travels I have had some  
19          people wanting to know, what's come up in  
20          conversation about CMC owes a half a million  
21          dollars, why can't something be done to  
22          collect that on their parking garage? You  
23          know, that's a great deal of money and it's  
24          been going on for years and years and years  
25          and it seems like we just get behind where

1           there should be some money collected. What  
2           about Al Boscov, he hasn't made any  
3           payments? You know, he just pleads poverty  
4           and then tells us how good business is.  
5           There is so many outlets for the city to get  
6           to collect on.

7                     You ever read -- to change of  
8           subject, the federal liens and the state  
9           liens in the paper? There are some  
10          tremendous ones, I don't see how people get  
11          three, four hundred thousand dollars behind.  
12          I don't see how. You know, last year they  
13          had a guy owed \$350 or something on his  
14          house it was in the paper, but I don't know  
15          how many people come to you all like every  
16          place I go I talk a couple of minutes of  
17          politics and most people aren't very happy  
18          in this city, they are not happy campers.

19                    I had a little girl tell me with her  
20          mother a couple of weeks ago, Miss Rosie  
21          made me stay at the bench over at Gerrity's  
22          outside and her mother was sitting there  
23          waiting for the car to come get their  
24          groceries, and she said she watches this, I  
25          don't know, she is eight or nine years old,

1 and she said the people of this city, the  
2 kids need something to bring the city  
3 together. And I said, "What could that be,"  
4 you know? And she said make it the quietest  
5 city, the best city in the country somehow,  
6 or make it the cleanest city and she had a  
7 good idea.

8 I was coming down Providence Road  
9 four or five years ago and there was some  
10 blond giggles coming from the roof a car  
11 tearing up paper going down by the -- I at  
12 the car wash, she is tearing up newspaper  
13 and letting it go all over the street.  
14 Maybe we could get something to bring the  
15 city together. I don't know what, if an  
16 eight or nine year old is thinking about it  
17 I think you people could come up with  
18 something to make everybody work together.  
19 Thank you.

20 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Ellman.  
21 Is there anyone else who cares to address  
22 city council?

23 MR. JACKOWITZ: Good evening, city  
24 council. Bill Jackowitz, South Scranton  
25 resident and member of the Taxpayers'

1 Association. I would like to start off by  
2 stating that next Tuesday, 28th June, will  
3 be the first free swim at Nay Aug Park from  
4 noon until 6:00 p.m. Supposedly we are going  
5 to have nice weather, let's hope we do, and  
6 invite all of the children between the ages  
7 of six to 15 years old to come up to Nay Aug  
8 Park and enjoy the pool and the slide.

9 Speaking of the pool and slide, I  
10 was up there on Sunday on Father's Day, the  
11 pool opened approximately 45 minutes late on  
12 Sunday, Father's Day. The reason for the  
13 pool being opened was they had to make a new  
14 sign. They put a brand new admission sign  
15 in front of the bathhouse \$4, so it did go  
16 up from \$3 to \$4. I was informed by the  
17 Scranton Times two weeks ago that they had  
18 talked to Parks and Recreation and Parks and  
19 Recreation had assured them that the price  
20 was not going to be raised. Well, if you go  
21 up to Nay Aug Park on the bathhouse it says  
22 "Admission \$4."

23 And the administration and the Parks  
24 and Recreation was nice enough to do that  
25 Father's Day, so I'd just like to let people

1 know what's going on, okay?

2 There actually are some people who  
3 are in favor of Novembrino pool and other  
4 pools in the City of Scranton being closed.  
5 I don't understand their rationale for that.  
6 We have nothing for our children to do in  
7 this city and the pools was a great place  
8 for them to go, at least from noon until  
9 six. As far as the trouble, trouble spots  
10 at the pools and juvenile delinquents, you  
11 know, we have about 300 some thousand  
12 dollars in federal grant money that was  
13 supposed to used to hire police officers,  
14 beat patrol officers, if that -- if beat  
15 patrol officers had been hired last year,  
16 which they were not, we could have stationed  
17 one of those beat officers at Novembrino  
18 pool and maybe we could have gotten the kids  
19 off the street and curtailed some of the  
20 juvenile delinquent antics that go on at the  
21 pool.

22 So, again, let's not blame the kids.  
23 I don't believe in punishing all for the  
24 actions of some and that seems -- that seems  
25 to be what some people in West Side or in

1 other parts of the city believe. I say  
2 let's open Novembrino pool. I say let's  
3 open Capouse Pool and let's the kids have  
4 fun. Let's put the beat officers and the  
5 patrol officers in place and let them do  
6 their job. Let the lifeguards and the  
7 Recreation Authority who are assigned at  
8 those pools also do their jobs and control  
9 the juvenile delinquents. Let's not punish  
10 all of the kids because of the actions of a  
11 few.

12 Also, what has American become, and  
13 that includes Scranton, Lackawanna County  
14 and Luzerne County and everywhere else in  
15 the United States? Has American become the  
16 land of special interests and home of the  
17 double standard? Let's see, if we lie to  
18 Congress it's a felony, and if Congress lies  
19 to us it's just politics. If we dislike a  
20 black person we are racist, and if a black  
21 person dislikes whites it's their First  
22 Amendment Right.

23 The government spends millions to  
24 rehabilitate criminals and they do almost  
25 nothing for the victims. In public schools





1           only when it supports our political  
2           ideology. We still have freedom of speech,  
3           but only if we are being politically  
4           correct. Parenting has been replaced with  
5           Ritalin and video games. The land of the  
6           opportunity is now the land of handouts.

7                        The similarity between Hurricane  
8           Katrina and the Gulf Oil spill is that  
9           neither president did anything to help the  
10          people. And how do we handle a major crisis  
11          today? The government points a committee to  
12          determine who is at fault, then threatens  
13          them, passes a law, raises our taxes, tells  
14          us the problem was solved so they can get  
15          back to their real election campaign.

16                       What has happened to the land of the  
17          free and the home of the brave? I hope  
18          someone can answer that question because  
19          I'll tell you what, this country, this  
20          county, this state, this city is falling  
21          into a deep hole very quickly, and it's up  
22          to you people as elected officials and every  
23          other elected official in this country to do  
24          something about it. I don't care if you're  
25          on city council, I don't care if you're a

1           congressman, I don't care if you're a  
2           senator, I don't care if you are president  
3           of the United States, it's time for this  
4           country, this state and this city to get  
5           back on the right foot and the only way you  
6           are going to do that is through cooperation.

7                   MR. JOYCE: Mr. Jackowitz, I just  
8           had a couple of questions for you before you  
9           left tonight, I haven't been up at Nay Aug  
10          yet this summer and I know you mentioned the  
11          fee is \$4 now, is it the same for  
12          nonresidents as well or did the  
13          nonresident's fee rise?

14                   MR. JACKOWITZ: As far as I know,  
15          the nonresident is still \$5, but I have no  
16          idea how they determine how a nonresident  
17          is-- or who a nonresident is because I have  
18          been there for five -- probably about ten to  
19          12 free swims and they have never checked  
20          ID's, so I think the blanket fee is \$4 per  
21          person.

22                   MR. JOYCE: Okay, and just another  
23          quick comment, I know that you spoke about  
24          the neighborhood police patrols, actually  
25          it's about \$663,000, I don't have a copy of

1 my budget here with me, that's being used  
2 from CDBG funds to fund actual regular  
3 patrolmen this year. I believe there was  
4 \$226,000 that was applied for in this past  
5 year plus the money that was left over from  
6 previous years when neighborhood patrols  
7 weren't on the streets that are actually  
8 being used to fund 13 regular patrolmen this  
9 year. I'm assuming that they are in low to  
10 moderate income neighborhoods because that's  
11 where they would have to be in my opinion,  
12 but just to give you some background on  
13 that.

14 MR. JACKOWITZ: Well, we could use  
15 one of those patrolmen from noon to six to  
16 post at the Novembrino pool and let's get it  
17 open.

18 MR. ROGAN: I could piggyback on  
19 what Mr. Joyce said, I hope it's not the  
20 case that it's \$4 for the residents and \$4  
21 for nonresidents. Personally what I think  
22 should be done is children from the public  
23 schools would show their report cards and  
24 showed they are enrolled in a school in the  
25 city they should swim for free, and the kids

1 outside of the area should have to pay a  
2 small fee.

3 MR. JACKOWITZ: As far as I know  
4 it's supposedly \$5 for nonresidents, like I  
5 said, I have no way of knowing how they  
6 control that because I have never seen  
7 anyone check anyone's ID to find out what  
8 county, what community, what state they are  
9 from. It's just mass entrance for \$4 per  
10 person unless you've got a yearly pass, I'm  
11 not sure if the yearly passes went up this  
12 year or not, but I do know for a fact  
13 because I was there on Sunday when they  
14 posted the sign on Father's Day and says  
15 right on there admission \$4, which is a  
16 dollar increase, and when we sponsor our  
17 Kids Swim Free on the 28th of June we will  
18 be paying \$4 per kid.

19 MR. ROGAN: I just hope what they  
20 are not doing is saying, okay, we will  
21 average that out and make it \$4, which is  
22 really just an increase because, like you  
23 said, they are not checking anyone from  
24 where they live.

25 MR. JACKOWITZ: Well, I don't have

1 the answer to those questions, but you can  
2 contact the mayor and Parks and Recreation  
3 and Jeff Brazil or Mark Dougher and  
4 hopefully they can have the answers for you  
5 and once you get the answers, Mr. Rogan, I  
6 hope you give them to me.

7 MR. ROGAN: No problem. That's if  
8 they'll give them to us.

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

10 MR. UNGVARSKY: Hello, city council.

11 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

12 MR. UNGVARSKY: I'm Tom Ungvarsky.  
13 Well, it's been six months since council  
14 requested that the insurance for the city be  
15 put up for bids. Before you know it,  
16 another six months will go by and we still  
17 won't have any bids for the city's  
18 insurance. I believe it's time that the  
19 city council did something on it's own,  
20 perhaps a member of city council could get  
21 ahold of a few insurance brokers and find  
22 out why they aren't starting some kind of an  
23 action or doing something to enable them to  
24 put in a bid. Maybe city council can find  
25 out for us just what the problem is with the

1 insurance brokers, why they are not howling  
2 at the mayor.

3 A few years ago I used to be able to  
4 go across the street to Weston Field and see  
5 a softball game. For some reason they tore  
6 out all of the baseball fields. A few years  
7 later they sold the South Side Complex to  
8 the University of Scranton, so I can't go  
9 down there to watch a ball game. Now, it  
10 seems like the city is going to start  
11 tearing out the pools for the kids. I think  
12 our Bureau of Recreation is doing things in  
13 a backward manner. It seems like instead of  
14 providing places for the kids to play, they  
15 are putting in small parks where the only  
16 thing for people to do is to sit there and  
17 watch the birds.

18 I, too, am sorry that Ozzie Quinn  
19 decided not to take the post. With his  
20 knowledge of things he would have -- excuse  
21 me, he would have been an asset to the  
22 planning commission. We are losing a good  
23 person there. Thank you.

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

1 MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening, Council.  
2 Dave Dobrzyn.

3 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

4 MR. JOYCE: Good evening.

5 MR. DOBRZYN: Resident of Scranton  
6 and taxpayer. I have here a citizen's  
7 concern and I have the address that's  
8 listed, it's on the trash that doesn't get  
9 picked up and eventually it gets piled up  
10 and piled up and bags get tossed on the  
11 ground. There is three or four barrels in  
12 the back of this property and they get  
13 filled up and then obviously the resident  
14 doesn't have any place to put it and the  
15 other neighbors are getting tired of it and  
16 it's been before council about three years  
17 ago, so I'm going to leave this with you and  
18 hopefully somebody can do something for it  
19 because -- and I might note that anybody  
20 ought there in TV land, council is not  
21 getting communicated with directly by any  
22 department head, so if you are going to run  
23 around and blame somebody, blame the man  
24 that won't let the department heads talk to  
25 council.



1                   It's really ashame how bad this has  
2                   got, but for some reason they just seem  
3                   to -- the trash people that pick up the  
4                   trash just seem to get it out this property  
5                   and they don't want it pick up the trash,  
6                   and eventually, I noted before, that you  
7                   shouldn't have to bend over five times, but  
8                   if the trash doesn't get picked up and it's  
9                   spread all over the place then that could  
10                  contribute a lot to the efficiency in the  
11                  DPW. If the owner of the property is unable  
12                  to keep his trash together and then have you  
13                  to bend over five times, well, common sense  
14                  would state it's going to take four or five  
15                  times longer to pick up the trash if they  
16                  even do that. These bags just lay there and  
17                  the barrels are filled and there is no good  
18                  reason for it. Even if the bill isn't paid  
19                  the trash could be picked up and dealt with  
20                  in some other way.

21                  Audits, hopefully we can get audits  
22                  in there earlier this year and  
23                  understandably, once again, it's not your  
24                  fault, but do whatever you can.

25                  And these pools, also, I'd like to

1 express my concern about them, it's really  
2 ashamed.

3 And that bathroom that Ron was  
4 referring to is down on the corner by the  
5 old green house and it's all renovated and  
6 everything and grant money was spent and now  
7 it's there's a lot and key on it.

8 Okay, on 5-C I see that involves  
9 somebody with the Recreation Authority. All  
10 I have to say on that hopefully he harbors a  
11 little better opinion than some of the  
12 previous members of the Recreation  
13 Authority. I heard these guys got told that  
14 these kids all have cell phones and video  
15 thingies and widgets and stuff and they  
16 should have money to spend three bucks to  
17 swim therefore, so okay.

18 Finally the golden parrot. Vickie  
19 Hartsletter of Missouri, Congress person,  
20 ran against foreign subsidies, her husband  
21 received three-quarters of a million dollars  
22 in farm subsidies, and Marlin Stutsman  
23 flip-flopped once again on farm subsidies  
24 and he got 180 grand over the last few years  
25 for farm subsidies, and I wonder when these

1 people are going to start instead of taking  
2 these subsidies and tax cuts, start using  
3 these tax cuts to create job incentives, but  
4 I just had a thought down there that  
5 probably when they sign a trade pack it  
6 makes it illegal. Thank you and have a good  
7 night and to these people with their farm  
8 subsidies, bawk, bawk. Have a good night.

9 MR. JOYCE: Thank you.

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

12 MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening,  
13 Council. Marie Schumacher.

14 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

15 MS. SCHUMACHER: I want to thank  
16 council, Mrs. Krake gave me the materials I  
17 had requested on the Boscov's loan, which I  
18 was even more underwater than I had thought  
19 or recall. I believe it was last year when  
20 the representative from Boscov was here and  
21 I assumed because he made the presentation  
22 to city council that the subordination was  
23 going to come before city council, however,  
24 I am now wondering whether or not they are  
25 making payments and I guess, Mr. Rogan, do

1           you know since they made the payments  
2           through SRA and OECD, do you know whether or  
3           not they are making the principal and  
4           interest payments currently?

5                   MR. ROGAN: I haven't received  
6           anything in I think it was maybe about two  
7           or three weeks I also mentioned the Boscov's  
8           loan and I also assumed when they came in  
9           front of us that there would be legislation  
10          to follow.

11                   MS. SCHUMACHER: But are they making  
12          the payments, because from the way that the  
13          materials I received last week read they had  
14          to stop paying the principal and interest  
15          almost immediately, so I'm wondering if that  
16          was just an advisory and whether or not the  
17          SRA and the OECD have allowed them to stop  
18          paying, making payments. That's one of the  
19          reasons it's so important to get the loan  
20          payments from OECD on a regular basis and--

21                   MR. ROGAN: We have sent letters  
22          countless times.

23                   MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, I mean, they  
24          were in the Caper last time. I think you  
25          should keep asking.

1                   MR. ROGAN: Monthly the only report  
2 we have ever gotten, well, I have ever  
3 gotten on city council, the loans were  
4 either listed as open, closed or in  
5 litigation.

6                   MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, if I may, I  
7 would like to suggest you get the -- not the  
8 current Caper, the one from 2010, get the  
9 2009 Caper and get that portion that showed  
10 the payments by month and there were a lot  
11 of delinquencies and ask that that material  
12 be provided now, and that would show whether  
13 or not we have already granted Boscov's  
14 subordination of the loan where they owe \$60  
15 million on a \$25 million property, you could  
16 see where that's headed, so that would be  
17 very disappointing.

18                   Now, to the disconnects between the  
19 Single Tax Office and the way the city  
20 records the revenues received from the  
21 Single Tax Office. I know, let's see, it  
22 was back April 26 when, Mr. Joyce, that you  
23 said, "So now I'm sitting here questioning  
24 why is the city controller's report stating  
25 one thing, but the tax office report stating

1 another, and I just wanted to get to the  
2 bottom of this and find if there is just a  
3 lag in reporting time periods though they  
4 both are stating the same date as of the end  
5 of 3-31-11."

6 And just a comment and then a  
7 question, I'm sort of disappointed that  
8 apparently our auditor is negligent. I  
9 would think on something as important as the  
10 amount of the revenue that transfers into  
11 the city coffers from a Single Tax office  
12 and knowing the requirements the tax office  
13 require a monthly written report, that they  
14 would have pulled some of those and done a  
15 sampling to see if they are being reported  
16 properly here in the city.

17 I was here before you, I still say  
18 there is a \$35 million disconnect for a  
19 number of years and I would like to know  
20 that very much, and I don't know why the  
21 auditor hasn't done that, so I'm asking, now  
22 that was April, now it's June, first day of  
23 summer, by the way, happy summer, have you  
24 reconciled whether there is a lag or why  
25 there is a disconnect between what's

1 reported as being resent from the Single Tax  
2 Office and what's recorded by the city?

3 MR. JOYCE: I don't remember the  
4 actual reason why there was a disconnect. I  
5 know that we did receive some correspondence  
6 back, however, what we do receive now are  
7 checks, the actual checks from  
8 Mr. Courtright's Office, that are submitted  
9 to the city and I have been comparing them  
10 against the controller's report that are  
11 coming up along with the reports that  
12 Mr. McGowan has submitted to the State of  
13 Pennsylvania, and all of the numbers are  
14 right.

15 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, that's  
16 certainly encouraging.

17 MR. JOYCE: So that's --

18 MS. SCHUMACHER: Thank you, that's  
19 encouraging. Also, I have been asking  
20 Mr. Loscombe to let us know, as did  
21 Mr. Courtright, where our police were on  
22 various shifts and during one of those  
23 sessions, and I didn't grab the paper  
24 tonight, you said there was an attachment to  
25 the budget this year which showed the

1 schedule of what the -- not the police were  
2 -- how the police were supposed to be  
3 deployed. No, Mr. Joyce, you had mentioned  
4 that?

5 MR. JOYCE: I know I did say that.

6 MS. SCHUMACHER: I wonder if  
7 Mr. Loscombe took you up on that and has  
8 done the comparison between what that says  
9 and what's actually --

10 MR. LOSCOMBE: I have not gotten to  
11 that point yet, I apologize, but there has  
12 been a number of issues that I have been  
13 working on, I haven't gotten to that issue  
14 yet.

15 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay, and the other  
16 one other item I had tonight I will let go,  
17 but I would also like to also join my  
18 friends Andy and Tom and Dave, I'm severely  
19 disappointed that Ozzie Quinn will not be  
20 joining the zoning board apparently. Thank  
21 you, and happy summer.

22 MR. JOYCE: Mrs. Krake, perhaps when  
23 we can do is just send a quick letter to  
24 Chief Duffy or even e-mail, whatever works  
25 best, asking him for the number of the



1 police staff on each shift on each certain  
2 day of the week because I know the  
3 attachment at the end of the budget would be  
4 inaccurate now since there were more police  
5 officers added back during the budget  
6 amendments. Thanks.

7 MR. SLEDENZSKI: Jackie.

8 MR. LOSCOMBE: Chrissy.

9 MR. JOYCE: Hey, Chrissy.

10 MR. SLEDENZSKI: Frankie, what's  
11 going on?

12 MR. JOYCE: What's going on?

13 MR. SLEDENZSKI: Hanging in there,  
14 you know. Hey, Jack, these firemen do a  
15 good job. These firemen in the city,  
16 Jackie, you see them fighting, they do a  
17 good job down there, boys. Keep it up down  
18 there. Thank you.

19 MR. LOSCOMBE: Take care, Chrissy.

20 MS. EVANS: Is there anyone else who  
21 cares to address council? Mrs. Krake?

22 MS. KRAKE: 5-A. MOTIONS.

23 MS. EVANS: Councilman McGoff, do  
24 you have any comments or motions this  
25 evening?

1 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, yes. Once  
2 again, I would like to request that the  
3 grant for the Perry Street playground be  
4 placed on the agenda so that we may vote on  
5 it and receive the funds for that. This is  
6 a grant that will be used for the betterment  
7 of the neighborhood. The people are waiting  
8 to see this project start. I don't see any  
9 legitimate reason for not putting it on the  
10 agenda. As far as I can see, all we have  
11 done is hold this project hostage over a  
12 disagreement on a totally unrelated matter,  
13 a disagreement with the administration over  
14 this insurance brokerage.

15 I think this is something that  
16 should be put on the agenda, that we should  
17 vote on and we should try to get this grant  
18 in place and this project started, and I  
19 would hope that in the very near future that  
20 is on the agenda, and at the same time I  
21 understand that we do have some problem with  
22 the insurance brokerage and that issue, but  
23 I think that we should be able to deal with  
24 each of these individually and not uphold  
25 one because of the other.

1                   And the second thing, I know we have  
2                   the appointments to the zoning board on the  
3                   agenda and I would just -- I know that I  
4                   spoke to council beforehand that I will be  
5                   or intend to nominate Dominic Georgetti as  
6                   an alternate to the zoning board and I have  
7                   been in contact with Mr. Georgetti and he  
8                   will be submitting a resume for our perusal,  
9                   and that is all. Thank you.

10                   MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. McGoff.  
11                   And, Councilman Rogan, any comments or  
12                   motions?

13                   MR. ROGAN: Yes, on the same issue  
14                   of the zoning board, I also had a choice for  
15                   the alternate on the zoning board and I  
16                   chose Charlie Spano, that will be on next  
17                   week's agenda, and I believe every council  
18                   member did receive a resume in their  
19                   mailbox.

20                   MS. EVANS: Yes.

21                   MR. JOYCE: Yes.

22                   MR. ROGAN: Just one brief meant and  
23                   I'll hold the rest of my comments for the  
24                   voting portion of the meeting, a few  
25                   weeks -- two weeks ago I asked about

1 something that happened down at the Sewer  
2 Authority where a piece of government  
3 property was used, allegedly at the time  
4 used at a private residence, and it turns  
5 out that that did, indeed, happen and I  
6 would be the first one to say that that's  
7 completely unacceptable if government  
8 property is being used on a private  
9 residence by I believe a contractor. It's  
10 completely unacceptable. I do believe  
11 somebody was fired over the incident, but it  
12 really does make my wonder why type of  
13 security is going on down at the Scranton  
14 Sewer Authority.

15 And I have said it before and I  
16 would say it again, now is the time to look  
17 at selling the Scranton Sewer Authority and  
18 putting it in private hands, let the  
19 private -- let the private industry deal  
20 with it. It's not a government --  
21 government shouldn't be in the sewer  
22 business. There is lot of businesses we  
23 shouldn't be in.

24 The Sewer Authority has been where  
25 Mayor Doherty has stacked all of his

1 political friends over the last eight years  
2 now, and with that being said, I know that  
3 there is at least 20 more people -- 20  
4 people that have been hired down there since  
5 Mayor Doherty took over, and even if you  
6 figure that on a small salary such as  
7 \$20,000, that's a lot of money, and it adds  
8 up year after year after year. If we sold  
9 the Sewer Authority we could bring in  
10 millions of dollars in the city, and some of  
11 the business people I talked to we have  
12 heard numbers of nearly \$50 million which  
13 could go a long way towards paying off the  
14 hundreds of millions of dollars of debt we  
15 have, paving roads, maybe even something the  
16 mayor doesn't want to do that I know at  
17 least four of us, maybe five of us on  
18 council want to do is make swimming free for  
19 the kids.

20 And, Mrs. Krake, I do have a request  
21 to send in to the Sewer Authority, and that  
22 is I want to request the number of employees  
23 at the Sewer Authority when Mayor Doherty  
24 took office and the number of employees  
25 currently employed at the Scranton Sewer

1 Authority, and that is all. I'll comment on  
2 the agenda items at voting time.

3 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Councilman  
4 Rogan. I might add, though, to what you  
5 have stated, because of a speaker's request  
6 last week regarding the 47 percent rate  
7 increase that has been voted on by the  
8 Scranton Sewer Authority, we are in the  
9 process of registering a complaint with the  
10 PUC. In addition, we will be registering in  
11 terms of the application process they  
12 provide, a formal complaint by which  
13 hopefully the PUC will conduct hearings  
14 locally, public hearings on this proposed  
15 rate increase, and if we are fortunate  
16 enough to be able to, let's say, have all of  
17 this happen, I am hoping that city residents  
18 would attend the public hearing and address  
19 the proposed rate hike, particularly, in  
20 light of the most recent rate hike that we  
21 all endured as citizens of the Scranton and  
22 Dunmore.

23 So, of course, the residents of  
24 Dunmore should also attend the public  
25 hearing if, indeed, we are able to get the

1 attention of the PUC and get them here in  
2 town regarding these rate increases.

3 MR. ROGAN: If I could just  
4 piggyback, that would be great if we could  
5 get the PUC in town and have something  
6 publically in council chambers where  
7 everyone could come in and, you know, rate  
8 increases at the Sewer Authority, gas prices  
9 are going up, heating oil, everything is  
10 going up and people can't afford it, and the  
11 Sewer Authority is where some -- it's the  
12 fat of the government along with a few other  
13 departments that I mention often during the  
14 meetings, and we need to cut the fat, and  
15 for our last budget it was a good first step  
16 towards that, but by privatizing the Sewer  
17 Authority and selling it and being done with  
18 it there won't be anymore crony hires, the  
19 rates will be -- the rates, you know,  
20 private business always tries to be as lean  
21 as possible, they will hire the people they  
22 need to do the job and nothing more. They  
23 won't hire people because they need votes  
24 because people that are in private  
25 businesses don't vote, they don't run for

1 office.

2 If we could get them in there that  
3 would be great and if we are could get  
4 Mr. Barrett and other people from the Sewer  
5 Authority in here that would be even better.

6 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Councilman  
7 Rogan. Councilman Loscombe, do you have any  
8 comments or motions this evening?

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes, thank you. I  
10 have a couple of quick items. I do have to  
11 agree with Mr. Jackowitz and several other  
12 speakers regarding the swimming at  
13 Novembrino pool and Pinebrook. It is ashame  
14 Pinebrook neighbors have suffered for a  
15 couple of years now and this year West Side  
16 is also going to suffer. A hot day like  
17 today driving up by Connell Pool there were  
18 hundreds of children up there enjoying the  
19 swimming. It's just unfortunate that we  
20 can't keep our pools open throughout the  
21 city and this just goes back they are  
22 looking to -- and again, I'm all in favor of  
23 the park at Perry Avenue, however, we can't  
24 maintain what we have at this point, there  
25 has to be something done to show us they are



1 going to maintain these facilities and keep  
2 them open for their use and, you know,  
3 that's where I stand on that, but I am  
4 disappointed for those areas that will not  
5 have swimming this year, and I think we have  
6 set enough on that in the past couple of  
7 weeks that those who watch this program know  
8 why they're closed and why they won't be  
9 open and it's unfortunate.

10 I was out doing -- I had several  
11 complaints about the Lackawanna Avenue  
12 Bridge, West Lackawanna Avenue, and I'm not  
13 ready to present my report this evening on  
14 the bridge itself, but while I was there I  
15 observed underneath I think it's the new  
16 line that the Sewer Authority put in there  
17 late last year. It appears that the lid has  
18 blown open in this photo here and it's a  
19 safety hazard, it's right above the railroad  
20 tracks, but there is two issues there, I  
21 don't know if it's because of the Sewer that  
22 all of this lumber from Olde Good Things is  
23 washing down to the railroad tracks along  
24 with the dirt, but if we can send this  
25 picture and a notice to the Sewer Authority

1           regarding this situation, and I think  
2           License, Inspection and Permits regarding,  
3           you know, the lumber going off site at Olde  
4           Good Things, and I'll provide this  
5           information to you after.

6                         And I did have a someone question me  
7           about a building that was under demolition  
8           at South Main and Washburn Street. I was  
9           e-mailed a photograph, it appears that  
10          Department of Public Works vehicles are  
11          on-site doing the demolition and somebody  
12          said that they believed it was a private  
13          owner that owned that property. So I was  
14          just wondering if we could find out from the  
15          Director of Public Works what the situation  
16          is on this, if we are doing demolition  
17          projects for private owners and we are  
18          contracting out demolition projects for  
19          other blighted properties, so if he could  
20          just get to the bottom of that I would  
21          appreciate it.

22                         And when we are making the motion  
23          Item 5-E I will comment on that, on  
24          Mr. Quinn, I'll save my comments to that  
25          point. Thank you.

1 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Councilman  
2 Loscombe. Councilman Joyce, any comments or  
3 motions this evening?

4 MR. JOYCE: Yes, just a few. A few  
5 weeks ago I had made a comment, and it was  
6 in reference to individuals placing trash  
7 containers out a bit too early. I know  
8 there was an article in GO Lackawanna and I  
9 see the reporter here tonight so I'm sure he  
10 remembers the report about Taylor passing an  
11 ordinance fining people who are putting  
12 their trash containers out too earlier, but  
13 I believe it was \$250 or so, but I ask our  
14 office to do some research and gratefully  
15 they responded rather quickly as they always  
16 do.

17 City council actually does have an  
18 ordinance on the books, File of Council No.  
19 166 of 1992. In this ordinance there is  
20 language that basically states, I'll read  
21 directly from the ordinance, in Section 6,  
22 that trash containers shall be placed at the  
23 curb for pickup no sooner than 24 hours  
24 prior to thereto, and then if you skip down  
25 to Section 15, (c), I'm starting to sound

1           like Boyd Hughes, now, it's in regard to the  
2           fines, "Any person who violates any of the  
3           provision of Section 6 shall be subject to a  
4           fine not less than \$150 or more than \$300."

5                       Therefore, we have a fine range of  
6           \$150 to 300, so for those who are listening  
7           right now if this problem is occurring in  
8           your neighborhood you can e-mail me or any  
9           one of the council members and we can could  
10          address this or you can call the Office of  
11          License, Inspections and Permits directly  
12          and perhaps they could send out an inspector  
13          to either cite the person putting their  
14          garbage out too early or hopefully rectify  
15          the situation in some type of manner.

16                      Over the past week I was also  
17          approached by several individuals that play  
18          softball at the Pinebrook field. To provide  
19          some background, softball leagues in the  
20          summer are held at the Pinebrook field and  
21          Rockwell park in North Scranton. The  
22          individuals playing in Pinebrook informed me  
23          of the field's poor condition. This past  
24          week, various players informed me of holes  
25          being present in the infield as well as

1 uneven surfaces throughout the infield  
2 making it very easy for players to become  
3 injured and also making for various sloppy  
4 conditions. These players informed me that  
5 the condition of Rockwell field is actually  
6 in much better shape and is maintained much  
7 better.

8 As a result, the softball players  
9 are requesting that the Department of Public  
10 Works assist them in transporting a truck of  
11 diamond text softball field surface coating  
12 to the infield and also leaving the field --  
13 or leveling the field back on a weekly  
14 basis. At this point from speaking to the  
15 players they said that the people from the  
16 DPW simply mow the lawn once a week.

17 The softball players that contacted  
18 me indicated that their league pays the city  
19 a fee of \$1,500 to play softball at  
20 Pinebrook field and feels that the city owes  
21 them a safe place to play, and I firmly  
22 agree.

23 So, Mrs. Krake, with this in mind,  
24 can you please send a letter to Mr. Brazil  
25 asking him to address this situation? And

1           since there are only two months left in the  
2           softball season please ask him to expedite  
3           this request as soon as possible.

4                         In addition, can you please obtain a  
5           copy of the contract between softball league  
6           and the city for the league at Pinebrook  
7           field and if you can place that in the  
8           mailbox with the ordinance. Players are  
9           wondering where their money goes when the  
10          city provides minimal maintenance to the  
11          field. These are people that are paying  
12          money to play there and they deserve the  
13          field to be at in least playable shape.

14                        Also, various residents living on  
15          the 1400 block of the West Gibson Street  
16          contacted me last week to inform me that the  
17          vacant field in back of the street located  
18          in the 1400 block of Manilla Place was being  
19          used as a storage facility for gravel and  
20          dirt as well as pipes and other construction  
21          material. I know that there is work being  
22          performed on some of the streets throughout  
23          West Scranton and placing pipes in the  
24          ground, I believe the water company is doing  
25          this, however, using this specific area of

1 land as a storage yard and as a dumping  
2 ground is causing some problems for  
3 residents and justifiably so. The residents  
4 on the 1400 block of West Gibson Street have  
5 expressed their concerns to me (a), that the  
6 20 foot high pile of dirt and gravel is  
7 blowing into their backyards any time the  
8 wind speed picks up causing their homes to  
9 be dust ridden, and also prohibiting them  
10 from enjoying the summer weather and the  
11 courtesy of their homes and in their  
12 backyards; (b), that the gravel and dirt is  
13 being dragged into the 1400 block of Manilla  
14 Place is destroying the road and making them  
15 a mess; and (c) that the overall site is an  
16 eyesore for their neighborhood.

17 Upon visiting the site, I did not  
18 notice any permits that are visible and  
19 posted for the activity being conducted on  
20 the site. I'm also unaware of whom the  
21 landowner is. Therefore, with this in mind,  
22 Mrs. Krake, can you please contact  
23 Mr. Seitzinger and ask him to address this  
24 situation as it's becoming quite burdensome  
25 for the residents.

1                   In addition, the under covered area  
2 of the land that contains grass is over 3  
3 feet high, and close to 4 feet high, so if  
4 you can please ask Mr. Seitzinger to address  
5 this as well.

6                   Residents on the 1100 block of the  
7 Faar Street have contacted me in regard to  
8 the property located the corner of 1100  
9 block of Faar and North Sumner Avenue. Upon  
10 visiting the site, it can be seen that the  
11 outside of the property is in poor  
12 condition, being that the grass on the  
13 property and also on the adjacent side of  
14 the property on the North Sumner side is  
15 over three feet high and it doesn't appear  
16 that this was actually cut once this summer,  
17 so if you could add this to the letter, Mrs.  
18 Krake, I would greatly appreciate it.

19                   Now, over the past few weeks there  
20 has been concern among council members that  
21 the Treasurer's office has been behind in  
22 delivering information regarding overdue and  
23 unpaid refuse collection fees to potential  
24 buyers of properties. This past week  
25 council received correspondence from someone





1           you could also send a letter to Mr. Boland  
2           and ask him what can be done in the office  
3           to rectify the situation and execute more  
4           timely searches. It's troubling to know  
5           that there are people ready to close on  
6           properties in the city and they don't have  
7           the information in regard to what they need  
8           to pay. I think this is very  
9           counterproductive and if he has some  
10          suggestions of what could be done in the  
11          office, it doesn't look like adding a clerk  
12          in the office is going to happen, so if he  
13          has some alternatives we would definitely  
14          entertain them and be willing to listen to  
15          his suggestions.

16                   And also while we are on the topic  
17          of the finances, has Mayor Doherty or  
18          Mr. McGowan responded to council's request  
19          to meet in a public forum to discuss  
20          financial issues?

21                   MS. KRAKE: We have not received a  
22          response.

23                   MR. JOYCE: Thank you. With that in  
24          mind, please resubmit the request and mark  
25          for a deadline of next Tuesday, and that is

1 all I have for tonight.

2 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Councilman  
3 Joyce. Good evening, I'd like to address a  
4 few business items at this time. First,  
5 please send correspondence to Ms. Aebli,  
6 OECD director, requesting that a complete  
7 and up-to-date accounting of all OECD loans  
8 is included in the June 2011 report to  
9 Scranton City Council.

10 Also, request a status report of the  
11 loan to Outrageous, a downtown business,  
12 which recently relocated to Wilkes-Barre,  
13 has the loan been satisfied? If not, what  
14 is the balance owed on the loan and when can  
15 OECD expect full payment?

16 Next, the city plans to demolish  
17 seven properties by August in addition to  
18 eight properties which were previously  
19 razed. The current demolition is conducted  
20 by a Taylor contractor and funded by federal  
21 moneys. While the previous demolitions were  
22 funded with \$55,817 in CDBG money, according  
23 to Mr. Preambo, the OECD has approximately  
24 \$300,000 remaining for additional projects.

25 In the last year, Scranton City

1 Council approved legislation for the  
2 purchase of equipment for blight removal.  
3 Therefore, please send a letter to  
4 Ms. Aebli, OECD director, and Mayor Doherty  
5 requesting a list of the properties that  
6 were demolished in-house by city employees  
7 using city-owned equipment from January 1,  
8 2010, to June 21, 2011. Also, if city  
9 employees did not perform the eight  
10 demolitions conducted in 2011 through May  
11 2011, what is the name of the company who  
12 received the contract and performed the  
13 work?

14 Is the house located at 601-603  
15 Wheeler Avenue scheduled for demolition in  
16 2011?

17 Next, in 2011 the City of Scranton  
18 was notified by C.C. Johnson and Malhotra,  
19 PC, that would be CCJM, an engineering firm  
20 that works with PennDOT and whose services  
21 include bridge design and inspection, that  
22 there was several significant issues with  
23 the Parker Street bridge that required  
24 immediate attention. City council requested  
25 a report from the city engineer and the DPW

1 director regarding what actions would be  
2 taken, but we received no response.

3 Mrs. Krake, please send a letter to  
4 Mr. John Pocius of CECO Associates, city  
5 engineer, requesting that he review the most  
6 recent report from CCJM regarding the Parker  
7 Street bridge and update city council on or  
8 before July 15, 2011, regarding the  
9 corrective action. What findings have been  
10 addressed by the City of Scranton to date?  
11 Please provide a timeline for additional  
12 required actions.

13 At such time as Scranton City  
14 Council receives a response from Mr. Pocius,  
15 I will update the public on the status of  
16 the this bridge.

17 I also wanted to remark about one of  
18 my colleagues comments earlier tonight  
19 regarding the proposed Perry Avenue Park.  
20 It troubles me that there is no concern  
21 outside of four members of council for a  
22 ten-year no bid contract for insurance  
23 coverage and we have insurance coverage that  
24 is incorrect, and I would ask that council  
25 work to continue to encourage the mayor to

1 place the broker of the record position out  
2 to bid so that all city residents may  
3 benefit from a potential cost savings as  
4 well as the security and peace of mind of  
5 knowing that the city is properly insured in  
6 each case.

7 And finally, I have a citizen's  
8 request for the week: A letter to Chief  
9 Duffy and Mayor Doherty, city residents  
10 remind us that the annual nine-day Novena to  
11 St. Ann conducted at St. Ann's Basilica in  
12 West Scranton is fast approaching. The  
13 timing of the traffic light at the  
14 intersection of St. Ann Street and South  
15 main Avenue causes significant traffic  
16 congestion from July 17 through July 26.

17 Consequently, city residents and  
18 Scranton City Council request the assignment  
19 of a police officer at this intersection to  
20 direct traffic before and after Novena  
21 services and masses during the ten-day time  
22 period.

23 In addition, I have learned that  
24 Councilman Loscombe will be meeting with  
25 PennDOT very soon and he intends to discuss

1 the traffic light timing at this  
2 intersection which hopefully will help with  
3 this problem.

4 And I also have a number of  
5 citizen's complaints that our office  
6 received since last week's meeting and  
7 rather than reading all of them out loud I  
8 have attached them to the request that I  
9 have received and I would ask that our  
10 office contact the appropriate departments  
11 for resolution to these problems, and that's  
12 it.

13 MS. KRAKE: 5-B. AUTHORIZING THE  
14 DISBURSEMENT FROM THE SPECIAL CITY ACCOUNT,  
15 AS ESTABLISHED BY FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.  
16 14, 2011, ENTITLED "URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACTION  
17 GRANT REPAYMENTS ACCOUNT".

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

21 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

22 MR. JOYCE: Second.

23 MS. EVANS: On the question? All  
24 those in favor of introduction signify by  
25 saying aye.

1 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

2 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

4 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

5 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
6 have it and so moved.

7 MS. KRAKE: 5-C. APPOINTMENT OF  
8 DANNY J. DAVIS, 275 LEWIS AVENUE, SCRANTON,  
9 PENNSYLVANIA, 18508 AS A MEMBER OF THE  
10 SCRANTON MUNICIPAL RECREATION AUTHORITY.  
11 MR. DAVIS WILL BE REPLACING SAM CHERRA, JR.  
12 WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 17, 2011. MR.  
13 DAVIS'S TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 17, 2016.

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

17 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

18 MR. JOYCE: Second.

19 MS. EVANS: On the question?

20 MR. ROGAN: Yes, on the question,  
21 Mr. Davis did have his resume attached, it's  
22 in the backup.

23 MS. EVANS: Thank you. I just  
24 wanted to add, I don't know Mr. Davis, I'm  
25 sure that he is a fine, upstanding citizen



1 of the City of Scranton. My concern is  
2 certainly not with Mr. Davis. My concern is  
3 with the Scranton Recreation Authority  
4 itself and the Scranton Recreation Authority  
5 has acted for many years now against the  
6 wishes of the people of the City of  
7 Scranton. It has acted independently of the  
8 Council of the City of Scranton and as a  
9 result we have, for example, pool fees at a  
10 Hill Section major recreational swimming  
11 facility.

12 When asked to come before council  
13 for public caucus, it has refused to do so.  
14 When -- oh, my goodness, I have lost my  
15 train of thought. There was another case --  
16 oh, I recall now. For example, there had  
17 been a sale, a potential sale of the Genesis  
18 Wildlife Zoo to Lackawanna College that was  
19 reported on I believe in 2010, and the  
20 Recreation Authority was moving ahead with  
21 that sale when, in fact, legally it was not  
22 empowered to do so, and the issue would have  
23 had to have been brought before city  
24 council, but once again, they ignored the  
25 legalities of the situation and as a result

1 I do not feel that the Recreation Authority  
2 functions in the best interest of the people  
3 of the city. I do not feel that the  
4 Recreation Authority is necessary in the  
5 City of Scranton, and as a result I would  
6 not be approving this appointment, not  
7 because of the individual, but because of my  
8 feelings regarding the actions of the  
9 Scranton Recreation Authority. I do believe  
10 it should be disbanded.

11 MR. ROGAN: I would just say I would  
12 agree with much of your comments, I don't  
13 know as I would be willing to vote "no".  
14 It's only the first reading, I prefer if we  
15 get Mr. Davis in here to see what his  
16 opinions are on fees for children in the  
17 pools, even though I agree that the  
18 Recreation Authority hasn't done anything  
19 good for the community, Mr. Davis might be a  
20 change for the better. I don't know. I  
21 don't know the man either.

22 MS. EVANS: Well, I don't either.  
23 We could certainly consider that  
24 possibility, but I have to say for the last  
25 appointment to the Recreation Authority I

1 did contact the individual who was nominated  
2 by the mayor and I asked her several  
3 questions and I found that her responses  
4 were most agreeable. I approved that  
5 appointment and thereafter the matters that  
6 had been discussed were matters that she  
7 certainly did an about face on once seated  
8 on the Authority, so I guess I'm just saying  
9 that having had experience with the  
10 Recreation Authority now since 2004 I feel  
11 that they are a detriment to the city rather  
12 than an advantage and I in good conscience  
13 can't continue to appoint respectable  
14 individuals to that Authority when the  
15 Authority -- the actions of the Authority  
16 would be harming the residents of the City  
17 and the children of the City of Scranton.

18 MR. ROGAN: And I would just --

19 MR. LOSCOMBE: If I may just make a  
20 quick comment, just a few months after being  
21 appointed to this position I did attend a  
22 Recreation Authority meeting. I think,  
23 Mr. Joyce, was it you that went with me?

24 MR. JOYCE: Yes, it was.

25 MR. LOSCOMBE: And we did request

1           that they hold a meeting, you know, once or  
2           twice a year in council chambers here where  
3           it could be televised and apparently they  
4           would like to keep it in the dark. They say  
5           it's not in the dark because it's a public  
6           meeting, but a lot of the public doesn't  
7           have access to getting to Weston Field or  
8           whatever, they would have more of an  
9           opportunity once in awhile to see what's  
10          going on if they were able to observe it on  
11          the TV station, also.

12                        So that, and again, I don't know if  
13           it was sale -- was it the lease of the zoo  
14           or if they were going to lease it or sell or  
15           if they --

16                        MS. EVANS: I believe they were  
17           going to sell it a minimal cost, but it  
18           was in legal action.

19                        MR. LOSCOMBE: I know it was a  
20           significant deal without us even being aware  
21           of it until after the fact. I just -- I  
22           mean, this is just one Authority, it just  
23           seems like all of the Authorities, all of  
24           the Authorities in this city have gone  
25           unreigned for too long, and I don't know

1           where we start, but we do have to start  
2           somewhere and they have to start working for  
3           the public they serve, not for certain  
4           masters they serve. And I feel the same way  
5           after listening to Mrs. Evans, based on my  
6           experience, I don't know this gentleman,  
7           maybe he would be a breath of fresh air, ut,  
8           this particular Authority, along with  
9           several others that I could name, but this  
10          particular Authority, I don't know, they  
11          sort of work against you rather than for  
12          you. That's my feelings, also. That's all  
13          I have to say on it.

14                 MR. ROGAN: I would just sum up, I'm  
15                 going to vote "yes" only because I don't  
16                 believe in punishing somebody for the sins  
17                 of their predecessors. If that was the  
18                 case, I don't think myself and Mr. Joyce  
19                 would have been elected as new members of  
20                 council if they judged us by the previous  
21                 members of council.

22                 I did vote against two appointments  
23                 in the past, Mr. Renda and Mr. McGowan, and  
24                 I voted against those appointments not  
25                 because of, you know, besides the people

1           that didn't submit the resume, Mr. Davis did  
2           submit his resume, but I voted against  
3           Mr. Renda because of his poor performance as  
4           business administrator, and I voted against  
5           Mr. McGowan because of the I believe it was  
6           the million dollars mistake that he tried to  
7           push off on a clerical worker, I don't have  
8           any reason to vote against Mr. Davis, and I  
9           do agree with the concerns about the  
10          Recreation Authority that the people on  
11          there now are not getting the job done for  
12          the people of Scranton or the children, but  
13          I don't think the way to go about it is to  
14          take it out on Mr. Davis who it doesn't seem  
15          like any of us up here know him, so I would  
16          vote "yes".

17                   MS. EVANS: Just one last comment, I  
18           don't think that continuing to make  
19           appointments solves the problem and, in  
20           fact, it's perpetrating the unaccountable  
21           power and autonomy of city authorities. I  
22           think, you know, we have seen tonight what  
23           the results of the unbridled Sewer Authority  
24           have produced, we have an unbridled Parking  
25           Authority, both have helped to bury this

1 city in historical debt for which the  
2 citizens are responsible and having had  
3 quite a number of years of experience now in  
4 attempting to work with these authorities I  
5 can tell you frankly, I do have the bad  
6 taste in my mouth now.

7 We had, for example, last week, we  
8 intended to hold a public caucus with the  
9 Scranton Redevelopment Authority, the mayor,  
10 the business administrator and a potential  
11 delinquent tax collecting company, and that  
12 was cancelled and the head of the SRA  
13 refused to attend the public caucus, among  
14 others, and so I think we should be heading  
15 in a direction where we are trying to demand  
16 accountability and arrest power back from  
17 these authorities who are accountable to no  
18 one, yet, you and I everyone else who lives  
19 in this city is paying their bills.

20 MR. ROGAN: One final comment, I  
21 don't want to go back and forth on this, but  
22 I agree with disbanding the Authority. If  
23 we had the power to disband it and vote to  
24 disband the Authority I'd be the first one  
25 to vote "yes", but under the present

1 guidelines there is an open seat, when  
2 somebody's term expires, Sam Chera, who I  
3 also don't know, term has expired June 17,  
4 2011, so that's when I am voting "yes."

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

8 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

9 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

10 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

11 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? No.

12 MR. LOSCOMBE: No.

13 MS. EVANS: And I believe the ayes  
14 have it and so moved.

15 MS. KRAKE: 5-D. RATIFYING AND  
16 APPROVING OF THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF  
17 THE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF  
18 SCRANTON, ON BEHALF OF UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD  
19 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (UNCDC),  
20 TO THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY  
21 AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR A LOCAL SHARE  
22 ACCOUNT GRANT, PURSUANT TO THE PA RACE HORSE  
23 DEVELOPMENT AND GAMING ACT, FOR THE PROJECT  
24 TO BE KNOWN AS THE CEDAR AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD  
25 HOUSING REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE LOCATED IN



1 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA AND AUTHORIZING THE  
2 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS  
3 OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO EXECUTE AND  
4 ENTER INTO A LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT  
5 CONTRACT AND COMMITMENT LETTER WITH THE  
6 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA TO ACCEPT AND  
7 UTILIZE THE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF  
8 \$225,000.00 AWARDED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF  
9 PENNSYLVANIA FOR SAID PROJECT.

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

13 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

14 MR. JOYCE: Second.

15 MS. EVANS: On the question? Just  
16 to give the public a bit of background on  
17 this particular grant, and I know it was  
18 addressed by some speakers earlier because  
19 it is, of course, the funding is coming from  
20 the Pennsylvania Racehorse Development and  
21 Gaming Act, the UNC intends to make the  
22 following improvements: Six new townhouses  
23 for sale, four fully rehabilitated  
24 apartments for rent, four new single family  
25 homes for sale, four commercial shops, which

1 will create new jobs, surface parking for 16  
2 vehicles, interior court with tot lot, and  
3 landscaping and street improvements.

4 Is there anyone else on the  
5 question? All those in favor signify by  
6 saying aye.

7 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

8 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

10 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

13 MS. KRAKE: 5-E. APPOINTING ROBERT  
14 "OZZIE" QUINN, 116 MASTERS STREET, SCRANTON,  
15 PENNSYLVANIA, 18510 AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD  
16 OF ZONING APPEALS FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON.  
17 MR. QUINN WILL REPLACE NANCY REEDY WHOSE  
18 TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2011. MR. QUINN'S  
19 TERM WILL COMMENCE ON JULY 1, 2011 AND  
20 EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2016.

21 MR. LOSCOMBE: At this time I would  
22 like to make a motion to amend Item 5-E per  
23 the following: In the first paragraph after  
24 "Appointing" deleting "Robert Ozzie Quinn,  
25 116 Masters Street, Scranton, Pennsylvania,

1           18510," and inserting "Kerri Newcomb, 230  
2           North Cameron Avenue, Scranton,  
3           Pennsylvania, 18504."

4                     Number two, in the first paragraph  
5           deleting "Mr. Quinn" and inserting "Kerri  
6           Newcomb."

7                     Number three, in the first paragraph  
8           deleting "Mr. Quinn's" and inserting "Kerri  
9           Newcomb's."

10                    Number four, in the fourth whereas,  
11           deleting "Robert Ozzie Quinn" and inserting  
12           "Kerri Newcomb."

13                    And number five, in the now,  
14           therefore, clause deleting "Robert Ozzie  
15           Quinn, 116 Masters Street, Scranton,  
16           Pennsylvania, 18510," and inserting "Keri  
17           Newcomb, 230 North Cameron Avenue, Scranton,  
18           Pennsylvania, 18504."

19                    MR. ROGAN: Second.

20                    MS. EVANS: We have a motion on the  
21           floor, we have a second, on the question?

22                    MR. LOSCOMBE: On the question, I  
23           would just like to say, just as everyone has  
24           spoken here favorably about Mr. Quinn,  
25           Mr. Quinn is a good friend of mine, the

1           reason his name was on here he did accept,  
2           but then he had -- he called to say he had  
3           withdrawn from the appointment for some  
4           personal reasons, but I'm sure we could put  
5           Mr. Quinn to work some future on some other  
6           issues that we have and I'm sure he would be  
7           willing and able to help us.

8                         And on the appointment of Keri  
9           Newcomb, with the departure of Ms. Reedy,  
10          the zoning board is left without female  
11          representation. Mrs. Newcomb will fill that  
12          void. As a young wife and mother she  
13          represents the next generation of Scranton  
14          homeowners and residents who are charged  
15          with the progress of our city. Mrs. Newcomb  
16          is also very interested in public service  
17          and has the time to do it. And finally, I  
18          personally know Mrs. Newcomb and I trust her  
19          ability and desire to work hard for the  
20          people of Scranton, and she has also  
21          submitted a resume. Thank you.

22                         MR. ROGAN: I'll second that, also.

23                         MS. EVANS: Is there anyone else on  
24          the question? All those in favor signify by  
25          saying aye.

1 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

2 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

4 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

5 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
6 have it and so moved. At this time I'll  
7 entertain a motion that Item 5-E as amended,  
8 be introduced into it's proper committee.

9 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

10 MR. JOYCE: Second.

11 MS. EVANS: On the question? I  
12 think it's also important for the public to  
13 understand this is an appointment to a  
14 zoning board, a Scranton Zoning Board, which  
15 is required by law. 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-F. APPOINTING STEVEN  
24 BARTNICKI, 425 PRESCOTT AVENUE, SCRANTON,  
25 PENNSYLVANIA, 18505 AS A MEMBER OF THE

1 BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR THE CITY OF  
2 SCRANTON. MR. BARTNICKI WILL REPLACE DAVID  
3 CARDEN WHOSE TERM EXPIRES ON JULY 1, 2011.  
4 MR. BARTNICKI'S TERM WILL COMMENCE ON JULY  
5 2, 2011 AND EXPIRE ON JULY 1, 2016.

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

9 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

10 MR. JOYCE: Second.

11 MS. EVANS: On the question?

12 MR. JOYCE: Yes. About a year ago I  
13 chose to appoint Steve Bartnicki as an  
14 alternate to the zoning board with my first  
15 election. Since that time, in my opinion,  
16 he has done a very good job for the  
17 residents of the city and he has the same  
18 ideals in mind that I think that this City  
19 Council also adopts. With that being said,  
20 I firmly believe it's in our wisest  
21 direction to make him a full-time member of  
22 the zoning board.

23 MR. ROGAN: I would just like to add  
24 that I agree with Mr. Joyce on both of these  
25 appointees, I know them pretty well, they

1 are both fine people and I'm sure they will  
2 do a fine job. Mrs. Krake, could we also  
3 send, with Council's agreement, a letter to  
4 Mr. Carden and Ms. Reedy thanking them for  
5 their time on the zoning board.

6 MS. EVANS: If I could, I had  
7 already directed the Office of Council to do  
8 so.

9 MR. ROGAN: Great.

10 MS. EVANS: So the letters are  
11 prepared and will be going out tomorrow,  
12 thanks to Ms. Carrera.

13 MR. ROGAN: Great.

14 Anyone else on the question? All  
15 those in favor signify by saying aye.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

17 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

18 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

19 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

22 MS. KRAKE: 5-G. APPROVING THE  
23 FINANCING BY THE SCRANTON-LACKAWANNA  
24 HEALTH AND WELFARE AUTHORITY OF CERTAIN  
25 CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE

1           WRIGHT CENTER MEDICAL GROUP, P.C., A  
2           PENNSYLVANIA NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION;  
3           DECLARING THAT IT IS DESIRABLE FOR THE  
4           HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF  
5           THE CITY OF SCRANTON, LACKAWANNA COUNTY,  
6           PENNSYLVANIA, AND THE AREA SERVED BY THE  
7           WRIGHT CENTER MEDICAL GROUP, P.C. TO HAVE  
8           THE PROJECTS PROVIDED BY AND FINANCED  
9           THROUGH THE AUTHORITY; DESIGNATING THE  
10          MAYOR OF THE CITY, OR, IN HIS ABSENCE, THE  
11          PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY  
12          COUNCIL, AS THE PERSON TO ACT ON BEHALF OF  
13          THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE "APPLICABLE ELECTED  
14          REPRESENTATIVE" WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE  
15          INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED;  
16          AUTHORIZING SUCH MAYOR OF THE CITY OR THE  
17          PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY  
18          COUNCIL OF THE CITY TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS  
19          ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY AS  
20          SUCH "APPLICABLE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE";  
21          AND AUTHORIZING OTHER NECESSARY AND  
22          APPROPRIATE ACTION.

23                   MS. EVANS: At this time I'll  
24                   entertain a motion that Item 5-G be  
25                   introduced into it's proper committee.



1 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

2 MR. JOYCE: Second.

3 MS. EVANS: On the question? I want  
4 to emphasize that the City of Scranton is  
5 not pledging it's full faith and credit  
6 behind this financing. I believe it is the  
7 Wright Center Medical Group intends to  
8 establish branch office in Jermyn,  
9 Pennsylvania. They are financing the  
10 project through the Scranton-Lackawanna  
11 Health and Welfare Authority. Our office  
12 has been in contact with the Office of the  
13 Health and Welfare Authority in order to  
14 have a number of my questions answered, and  
15 they have been answered to my satisfaction.

16 What was first and foremost in my  
17 mind was the even shadow of a possibility  
18 that the people of the City of Scranton  
19 would be responsible for this loan and that  
20 is not the case. The City of Scranton has  
21 no legal responsibility we are rather a  
22 pass-through simply because the Authority is  
23 named not only the Lackawanna Health and  
24 Welfare Authority, but the Scranton  
25 Authority as well.

1                   Is there anyone else on the  
2 question? All those in favor signify by  
3 saying aye.

4                   MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

5                   MR. ROGAN: Aye.

6                   MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

7                   MR. JOYCE: Aye.

8                   MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
9 have it and so moved.

10                   MS. KRAKE: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A.  
11 READING BY TITLE – FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 39,  
12 2011 – AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF  
13 COUNCIL NO.74, 1993 (AS AMENDED), ENTITLED  
14 “THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF  
15 SCRANTON” BY CHANGING THAT PORTION OF A 17  
16 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND FRONTING ON THE 100  
17 BLOCK AND 200 BLOCK OF DAVIS STREET AND ITS  
18 SURROUNDING AREA, AS MORE PARTICULARLY  
19 DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT “A” ATTACHED HERETO  
20 FROM C-N (NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL) TO R-1A  
21 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT).

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

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

1 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

4 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

5 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

6 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

7 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

8 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
9 have it and so moved.

10 MS. JOYCE: I'd like to make a  
11 motion to Table Item 6-A.

12 MS. EVANS: We have a motion on the  
13 floor, do we have a second?

14 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

15 MS. EVANS: On the question?

16 MR. JOYCE: Yes. There were a few  
17 structural issues with the ordinance and it  
18 will be required to return to the Planning  
19 Commission, and I wanted to defer to  
20 Attorney Hughes for an explanation.

21 MR. HUGHES: Yes, thank you,  
22 Mr. Joyce. After the public hearing --  
23 actually, before the public hearing the  
24 Minooka Neighborhood Association submitted a  
25 proposed ordinance regarding the rezoning of

1           this parcel of land, and it was sent to the  
2           Lackawanna County Regional Planning  
3           Commission and also to the City Planning  
4           Commission for their recommendation as  
5           required by the ordinance and by the state  
6           statute, the MCP, the Municipalities  
7           Planning Code.

8                     After the hearing, council directed  
9           me to draft the ordinance, which I did for  
10          last week. There were some slight --  
11          actually, I call it some massaging around a  
12          little bit, the form of the ordinance really  
13          did not comply with what I thought the  
14          ordinance should have, which is not unusual  
15          when somebody proposes an ordinance.

16                    They had the description right  
17          within the ordinance, I attached it as  
18          Exhibit A, and I put two whereas clauses in  
19          about the public hearing and whereas council  
20          seeks to rezone the parcel of land.  
21          However, there are various cases in  
22          Pennsylvania that any change to the  
23          ordinance that was submitted to the  
24          regional -- to the Lackawanna County  
25          Regional Planning Commission and to the CPC

1           that if there is any changes in the  
2 ordinance, however slight, it must be sent  
3 back to them for the recommendation.

4           If there is a significant change  
5 there has to be another public hearing.  
6 There is no significant change, that would  
7 be adding land, changing the zone as  
8 proposed, right now there is none of that,  
9 so just so in the event there is any  
10 procedural challenge to the ordinance the  
11 challenge it could raise is that even though  
12 the change was ever so slight it was -- in  
13 fact, one case Hanover Health Care vs. The  
14 Zoning Board of Benton Township they said  
15 the change was de minimus, the Commonwealth  
16 Court the Court said it still had to go  
17 back. So there's a series of cases, that is  
18 Newburg College vs. City of Allentown,  
19 Halter vs. Willard-Windsor Board of  
20 Supervisors, I reviewed the cases and I  
21 thought just to be sure, as I often say the  
22 belts and suspenders type of approach, we  
23 should direct Mrs. Krake to send a letter to  
24 the Lackawanna County Regional Planning  
25 Commission and the City Planning Commission

1 with the ordinance that has been introduced  
2 for them to review within the 30 days and  
3 submit back to us with their recommendation.

4 I will also add this, that the  
5 developer does not have anything pending.  
6 If they put in an application right now they  
7 do not have any standing on the application  
8 during this 30-day period to say that this  
9 is the same zone change. It's the same  
10 zone, the CN zone, because council has  
11 introduced the ordinance, it's at it's  
12 second reading, and with that introduction  
13 any application that they have would be a  
14 late application.

15 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Attorney  
16 Hughes. I believe council is well advised  
17 by it's solicitor to provide the belts and  
18 suspenders.

19 MR. ROGAN: I would have one  
20 question for Attorney Hughes, you said that  
21 it's a 30-day review period once we send it  
22 over to them they have 30 days to review it?

23 MR. HUGHES: That's what the statute  
24 says, they have to respond within 30 days,  
25 if they don't, we don't have to await the

1 recommendation.

2 MR. ROGAN: And if they don't  
3 respond in the 30 days then we just put it  
4 right back on the agenda?

5 MR. HUGHES: Yes, and if they do  
6 respond earlier we can take it off the table  
7 if we do have that recommendation.

8 MR. ROGAN: You cleared up my only  
9 concern if they submitted something within  
10 the 30 days, so --

11 MR. HUGHES: Yes.

12 MR. ROGAN: -- we are covered.

13 MR. HUGHES: But it says if there is  
14 an application pending that the developer,  
15 the applicant, would have -- you could not  
16 change the zone while the application is  
17 pending.

18 MR. ROGAN: But he doesn't have  
19 anything.

20 MR. HUGHES: They do not have  
21 anything pending.

22 MR. ROGAN: Thank you.

23 MS. EVANS: Anyone else on the  
24 question? All those in favor of the motion  
25 to amend Item 6-A --

1 MR. ROGAN: To table.

2 MR. HUGHES: Table it.

3 MS. EVANS: I'm sorry, to table Item  
4 6-A, signify by saying aye.

5 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

6 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

7 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

8 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

9 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
10 have it and so moved.

11 MS. KRAKE: 7-A. FOR CONSIDERATION  
12 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES FOR ADOPTION-  
13 RESOLUTION NO. 32, 2011- ACCEPTING  
14 OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY FOR  
15 TRAFFIC SIGNAL DEVICE AT THE INTERSECTIONS  
16 OF SR 3011 (KEYSER AVENUE) AND FERDINAND  
17 STREET; SR 3011/SR 307 (KEYSER AVENUE) AND  
18 SR 307 (MORGAN HIGHWAY); SR 0307 (KEYSER  
19 AVENUE) AND SR 8031 (SCRANTON EXPRESSWAY SB  
20 OFF RAMP); SR 0307/6307 (KEYSER AVENUE) AND  
21 SR 8031 (SCRANTON EXPRESSWAY NB OFF RAMP);  
22 SR 6307 (KEYSER AVENUE) AND KEYSER VILLAGE  
23 DRIVEWAY/PRIVATE DRIVE AND SR 6307 (KEYSER  
24 AVENUE) AND SR 3033 (OAK STREET) AND  
25 ACCEPTING TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE



1           AGREEMENT NO. 04S022 BETWEEN THE  
2           COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, DEPARTMENT OF  
3           TRANSPORTATION (COMMONWEALTH) AND THE CITY  
4           OF SCRANTON (SUBDIVISION) AS PART OF THE  
5           SCRANTON WEAVE/OAK STREET RAMP REMOVAL  
6           PROJECT.

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

10                   MR. ROGAN: Second.

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

13                   MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

14                   MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

15                   MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

16                   MR. ROGAN: Yes.

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-A legally and lawfully adopted.

24                   MS. KRAKE: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION  
25           BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1 FOR ADOPTION-RESOLUTION NO. 33, 2011 -  
2 RATIFYING AND APPROVING OF THE EXECUTION AND  
3 SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE  
4 CITY OF SCRANTON, ON BEHALF OF EMPLOYMENT  
5 OPPORTUNITY & TRAINING CENTER OF  
6 NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA (EOTC), TO THE  
7 PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY  
8 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR A LOCAL SHARE  
9 ACCOUNT GRANT, PURSUANT TO THE PA RACE HORSE  
10 DEVELOPMENT AND GAMING ACT, FOR A REAL  
11 ESTATE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT LOCATED AT 431  
12 NORTH SEVENTH AVENUE, SCRANTON, PA., AND  
13 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE  
14 CITY OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON  
15 TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A LOCAL SHARE  
16 ACCOUNT GRANT CONTRACT #C000051396 AND  
17 COMMITMENT LETTER WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF  
18 PENNSYLVANIA TO ACCEPT AND UTILIZE THE GRANT  
19 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$165,791.00 AWARDED BY THE  
20 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR SUCH  
21 PROJECT.

22 MS. EVANS: What is the  
23 recommendation of the Chair for the  
24 Committee on Community Development?

25 MR. ROGAN: As Chair for the

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

3 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

7 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

9 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

11 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

13 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

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

17 MS. KRAKE: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION  
18 BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE FOR ADOPTION-  
19 RESOLUTION NO. 34, 2011- AUTHORIZING THE  
20 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS  
21 TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT  
22 WITH HORSEPOWER HARLEY DAVIDSON, INC. TO  
23 LEASE FIVE (5) POLICE PACKAGE MOTORCYCLES.

24 MS. EVANS: What is the  
25 recommendation of the Chair for the

1 Committee on Finance?

2 MR. JOYCE: As Chairperson for the  
3 Committee on Finance, I recommend final  
4 passage of Item 7-C.

5 MR. ROGAN: Second.

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

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

9 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

11 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

13 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

15 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

17 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare  
18 Item 7-C legally and lawfully adopted.

19 If there is no further business, I  
20 will entertain a motion to adjourn.

21 MR. JOYCE: Motion to adjourn.

22 MS. EVANS: This meeting is  
23 adjourned.

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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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