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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

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Council Chambers

Scranton City Hall

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Scranton, Pennsylvania

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

JANET EVANS, PRESIDENT
(NOT PRESENT)

FRANK JOYCE, VICE-PRESIDENT

ROBERT MCGOFF
(NOT PRESENT)

PAT ROGAN

JOHN LOSCOMBE

NANCY KRAKE, CITY CLERK

JAMIE MARCIANO, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

BOYD HUGHES, SOLICITOR
(NOT PRESENT)

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

3 MR JOYCE: Roll call, please.

4 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff. Mr.
5 Rogan.

6 MR. ROGAN: Here.

7 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

8 MR. LOSCOMBE: Here.

9 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

10 MR. JOYCE: Here.

11 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

12 MR. JOYCE: Dispense with the reading
13 of the minutes.

14 MS. KRAKE: THIRD ORDER. 3-A. AGENDA
15 FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S REGULAR
16 MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 6, 2013.

17 MR. JOYCE: Are there any comments?
18 If not, received and filed.

19 MS. KRAKE: 3-B. APPLICATIONS ALONG
20 WITH DECISIONS RENDERED BY THE ZONING
21 HEARING BOARD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY
22 13, 2013.

23 MR. JOYCE: Are there any comments?
24 If not, received and filed.

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1 MS. KRAKE: 3-C. THE SCRANTON
2 MUNICIPAL RECREATION AUTHORITY'S 2011
3 BALANCE SHEET FOR DECEMBER 31, 2011.

4 MR. JOYCE: Are there any comments?
5 If not, received and filed.

6 Do any council members have
7 announcements tonight? Councilwoman Evans
8 not be in attendance tonight as she is
9 seriously ill, and Councilman McGoff will
10 not be in attendance tonight either. And
11 that's all.

12 MS. KRAKE: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'
13 PARTICIPATION.

14 MR. JOYCE: Our first speaker tonight
15 is Ron Ellman.

16 MR. ELLMAN: Hello, Council.

17 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

18 MR. ELLMAN: As council knows, I
19 usually define myself as a messenger to you
20 guys or a critic of you guys. I know I must
21 be a constant source of grief and
22 aggravation for you. Standing up here I
23 sure made a lot of enemies, I told people
24 you can make enemies two ways, walking your
25 dog, my whole neighborhood seems to hate me

1 for that, and standing up here. It's
2 just -- it's getting -- everybody used to
3 like me when I stood up here now I got a
4 bunch of enemies. If I side with you I
5 guess some people mad at me, but when I say
6 something adverse he get people mad. So I
7 know what you guys must be going through. I
8 know you must spend a lot of hours and time
9 on things that none of us appreciate, and
10 I'm on your side when a push comes to a
11 shove.

12 In yesterday's paper a Ben McCormick
13 wrote a harsh criticism of council and
14 Mr. Miller and Mr. Courtright and I think he
15 had a good point, but I think he just
16 overexaggerated in his statements and I
17 think council -- I don't see nothing wrong
18 with council using this podium to announce
19 your intentions to run for an office. What
20 Mr. McCormick failed to mention there is a
21 handful of people running for office that
22 seem to have a complete indifference to the
23 city. I don't know why they are running.
24 They don't come to council meetings, school
25 board meetings, taxpayers, commissioners,

1 anything to do with the city. I have never
2 seen any of them but they want an office all
3 of a sudden.

4 You know, there is just so many good
5 speakers that stand up here with so many
6 good suggestions like Mr. Bolus and Andy and
7 and Ozzie and Lee and Doug, it seems like
8 you just don't grasp them. It just seems
9 like unless you think of it yourselves that
10 our ideas are no good. I don't know.
11 That's just my say-so on it.

12 I'm just make it short and sweet.
13 When I was a little boy my daddy would buy a
14 Packard every year or two and the Packard --
15 the owner of the Packard dealer names Jack
16 Chamberlain he was like a member of the
17 family I saw him so much. He would bring a
18 car over to the house for my mother. My
19 mother bought the car. My father didn't
20 care if it was a convertible or a wagon or
21 what it was. Mr. Chamberlain would bring a
22 car over and my mom would say, "Yeah, that
23 one."

24 Where I'm going with all of this,
25 you have to go after sales sometimes. I

1 read in the paper last week that Mr. Hesser
2 is moving the Nissan dealer. The mayor or
3 one of you, somebody should go see this man
4 and stop this or attempt to stop this. I
5 know Mr. Hesser for years and he is just a
6 congenial person. You could walk into his
7 office if he is there and speak to him. All
8 of these inducements to get developers who
9 have done nothing but cheat us left and
10 right on building permits, there's got to be
11 something done to save this dealership from
12 leaving the city. This is really, that's
13 why you can't make a budget. Please, I mean,
14 somebody takes some time and go see this man
15 and see if you could keep him here somehow.
16 Thank you.

17 MR. JOYCE: Thank you. Our next
18 speaker is Giovanni Piccolino.

19 MR. PICCOLINO: Good evening,
20 Council. Giovanni Piccolino, one of the
21 owners of Buona Pizza and my message is just
22 simple, you know, it's only February but
23 Easter will be five weeks away, if you could
24 kind of roll this message out there in the
25 next few weeks, I'm not sure I'll be ever to

1 be here, but we are just having a free
2 Easter bunch from 11 to 2 Easter Sunday at
3 Buona Pizza. Again, if you could guys could
4 just roll that message.

5 And alos, the other things I have is
6 that I have teamed up with a partner and
7 Mr. Tom Moran and we will be opening up two
8 new businesses at the end of the block on
9 Lackawanna Avenue at 544 Lackawanna AVenue
10 within the next two weeks, the Corner Store
11 and an express coffee shop. Just kind of
12 ironic how they tried to throw me out of the
13 block and now I'm the only one opening up a
14 business there. So that's my two positive
15 messages for the city. Hopefully we can all
16 keeps our heads up with this city crises
17 ordeal constantly going on. Thank you.

18 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

19 MR. JOYCE: Thank you very much.

20 MR. ROGAN: Mr. Piccolino, thank you
21 for the invitation and the tour of the new
22 business that you are opening as well as --
23 and for the pizza, the great pizza at Buona
24 and I wish you the best of luck with the new
25 business as well.

1 MR. PICCOLINO: Thank you very much.
2 Have a good one. Thanks, guys.

3 MR. JOYCE: Thank you. Our next
4 speaker is Gerard Hetman.

5 MR. HETMAN: Good evening, Council.
6 Gerard Hetman from Lackawanna County
7 Community Relations Department. To begin
8 this evening, the Lackawanna County Armed
9 Forces Day parade will take place this
10 coming spring on Saturday, May 18, 2013, on
11 the same parade route in downtown Scranton
12 that it's followed for many years now. Our
13 department is working in conjunction with
14 the Armed Forces week committee to try to
15 build the parade and grow the parade both in
16 terms of spectators and also in terms of
17 participating organizations as much as we
18 can. This is something we worked on last
19 year as much as we could with the few months
20 that we had available from the time our
21 department started. This year we are trying
22 to do bigger and better and more
23 comprehensive job in growing the parade as
24 much as we can to pay tribute to our men and
25 woman in uniform and all of our veterans and

1 associated personnel.

2 We would like to ask council, not
3 obviously at the moment, but as you go
4 through your daily business if you can
5 recommend any community organizations, civic
6 groups, anybody you know who is there a
7 group in the city or in the region who may
8 be interested in entering the parade, to
9 march, to have some cars, any type of, you
10 know, representation. It would have to be a
11 community group, like a civic group, you
12 know, marching, some type of marching group,
13 like maybe a dance studio, something like
14 that, but any community group that you may
15 know that want to participate. We have
16 reached out to pretty much all of the
17 veterans groups, school bands and we have
18 got a number of community partners involved,
19 but there is always someone who may not be
20 aware of it or we have may have missed or
21 may not be aware of.

22 The two numbers they can contact on
23 the Armed Forces Day committee, first is
24 Sergeant First Class Tammy Naslowski and
25 that's 570-496-8908 and then Joe Sylvester

1 at 570-961-2696. And as always, we thank
2 council and everyone who is in attendance
3 and watching the meetings in helping us to
4 develop the parade bigger and better and
5 every year we aim for that goal.

6 Secondly, we have a letter on this,
7 and we will leave it with council's office
8 after the meeting, but the Lackawanna County
9 Arts and Cultural Department has their
10 annual \$500 municipal arts and cultural
11 grants available for application. This is a
12 program that provides municipalities with
13 the stipend to provide fee arts and cultural
14 programming in the community. There is a
15 very simple process to apply and there is no
16 set deadline, the Department just asks that
17 you apply approximately three to four weeks
18 before the program will be held. So if it's
19 a concert series, just a few weeks before
20 the concert starts, or if it's an art
21 exhibit, you know, maybe three or four
22 weeks before the gallery opens, but there is
23 a letter that details the process, it's
24 pretty simple, and we'll leave that with
25 your office at the conclusion of the

1 meeting.

2 And the third, just a note for
3 council and taxpayers, the Lackawanna County
4 Tax Claim Bureau will hold their annual
5 judicial sale on 10:00 a.m., it's going to
6 this coming Monday, February 25, at the
7 Lackawanna County Courthouse, and there is a
8 list of properties that will be available on
9 the county website at LackawannaCounty.org.

10 So that's all I have for this
11 evening and thank you, gentlemen. Have a
12 good night.

13 MR. JOYCE: Thank you very much. Our
14 next speaker is Andy Sbaraglia.

15 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia,
16 citizen of Scranton, fellow Scrantonian.

17 MR. LOSCOBME: Good evening.

18 MR. SBARAGLIA I know we are in
19 trouble financially. I'm not going to sit
20 up there and browbeat you on it, I know what
21 we got. I know what's going to happen, but
22 you got to put more of an emphasis down
23 there in Harrisburg. Our solution to where
24 we were now is down in Harrisburg. You can
25 only owe oppress the people so much. You

1 can't keep looking for ways to increase
2 revenue on the poor backs and for people
3 that are there, that doesn't work too well.
4 A lot of people are trying to get the heck
5 out of Scranton. You got to get down to
6 Harrisburg with our representatives.

7 We are 2-A city. Maybe there is a
8 possibility we could start charging for fire
9 service or police protection or one of these
10 things just like we charge for picking up
11 refuse. I mean, these nonprofits do pay
12 electric, they pay sewer, okay? Of course
13 they have their own trash haulers, but they
14 do pay for things that they use, but they
15 don't pay for fire protection and they don't
16 pay for police protection. We have to be
17 the great Santa Claus. The people in
18 Scranton are actually Santa Claus to all of
19 the nonprofits. Something's gotta be done.
20 You got to get down or get our
21 representatives down in Harrisburg and see
22 what you can do. Maybe even -- I know we
23 got a very young legislature, Blake and our
24 two representatives are all first term, so
25 hence, we are at a disadvantage down in

1 Harrisburg, I know that, but common sense
2 might prevail if you would explain that all
3 of the cities are in the same boat, it's not
4 only Scranton, but everyone is going down
5 the tubes, and they are going to continue to
6 go down the tubes unless some ways change.

7 We got to make an effort down there
8 either to get the state to take over the
9 schools, which would help us tremendously or
10 some way where we can charge the nonprofits
11 for police or fire protection or both. I
12 mean, we are -- you and I know there is a 40
13 percent increase coming. Do you want a 40
14 percent increase? I don't think you do. I
15 don't think anyone in the city does. You
16 got to try to head it off.

17 That selling the Sewer Authority
18 with their liabilities and this, that,
19 whatever, I don't think we are going to get
20 that much out of it. I didn't take a look
21 at the audit. I assume you studied the
22 audit to get some idea of what the Sewer
23 Authority is worth, how much they owe, how
24 much their vehicles are, because it's all in
25 the audit.

1 Now, I need to have somebody go out
2 there and I guess maybe to push, you have to
3 say it was done by somebody competent, but
4 the audit points everything out. Just look
5 at what's in the audit and then figure on
6 the liability for that 120 million is coming
7 off that would be split over 20 years or
8 something like that. You got to look at
9 that and figure out what we can actually get
10 by selling the Sewer Authority and actually
11 what will happen to the tax ratepayers when
12 a private entity gets in there. You know,
13 of course, when they get in there they will
14 be under the state, they become an
15 authority, not an authority, but -- in other
16 words, you would be like the PUC. I mean,
17 the PUC, under the PUC, public utility
18 commission, because they won't no longer be
19 an authority.

20 Somewhere along the line we got to
21 look at all of these things and try to head
22 off that 40 percent increase in taxation
23 that's coming up. I don't know if you can,
24 but you got to make an effort now because
25 really them months really fly by. We are

1 almost into March already.

2 And as far as the Parking Authority
3 goes, you and I know it's a lost cause.
4 Nobody would ever buy that Parking
5 Authority. There is no way. It doesn't
6 make sense. Why would you buy something that
7 you can't even pay off the bonds? And their
8 figures, I don't know where they got them
9 from, but we are going to be more in debt
10 with that Parking Authority and nobody
11 actually ever says we still have a Parking
12 Authority authority. I told you long ago, I
13 would have asked for their resignations. I would
14 have went out there and said, "Get the heck
15 out of here. What you did to the city is
16 almost criminal."

17 I don't know if it is criminal, you
18 would have to look, but certainly it was
19 incompetence and to keep an authority in
20 that's incompetent is ridiculous. You got
21 to make an action. I mean, Mr. Joyce, I
22 liked it when you told that guy from the
23 business to retire. Of course they are all
24 Democrats so you are not going to get too
25 much on that. Thank you.

1 MR. JOYCE: Thank you. Our next
2 speaker is Ozzie Quinn.

3 MR. QUINN: Good evening.

4 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

5 MR. QUINN: My name is Ozzie Quinn
6 with the Scranton Taxpayers' Association,
7 homeowner. May I give these to Jamie?
8 Thank you. First, I want to send my wishes
9 to Janet Evans to get well. Janet works
10 very hard in my opinion and she has taken a
11 beating by the news media and blamed for a
12 lot of things that it's not her fault. It's
13 the Doherty's administration's fault, she
14 and the rest of the majority up here have
15 tried to turn this thing around and they are
16 trying to turn it around on you. I feel
17 very sorry for you and I feel sorry for
18 Janet tell for all of the stress that she is
19 under.

20 I want to say that I want to thank
21 Mr. Rogan for coming to our taxpayers'
22 meeting two weeks ago. We spoke on some
23 various issues in the city and Mr. Rogan did
24 very good job and that is being televised
25 and anybody out there who wants to look at

1 the show, the taxpayers' program, go to ECTV
2 -- goggle ECTV schedule, ECTV schedule and
3 you will get the dates and times and you
4 will go and see that show over, okay? That
5 will be playing for all of February.

6 You know, in 1968 when the city and
7 Dunmore ventured into that Sewer Authority,
8 okay, having former a board of directors
9 voted on by Chase bond -- the Chase bond and
10 then in 1999 they had a management agreement
11 with Anglican American who then a subsidiary
12 of America Waters Association took over the
13 management and in 1999 and 2004 the city and
14 the Sewer Authority bailed out of agreement
15 and they went before the Court, Anglican
16 American, and they won a judgment against
17 the city for \$8 million, which the city had
18 to pay. Mayor Doherty went down to
19 Mr. Barrett at the Sewer Authority. Gene
20 Barrett is a good friend of mine, personal
21 friend of mine, and I know him for many,
22 many years in OECD and he has done a lot of
23 good public service, however, he signed an
24 agreement which you have in front of you
25 with Mr. Doherty and it's witnessed by one

1 person. It's a global agreement to sell the
2 Sewer Authority off, all right, and for \$8
3 million the Sewer Authority borrowed the \$8
4 million from a bank, paid off the Dunmore
5 judgment and paid off the City of Scranton
6 judgment and we are left holding the bag. He
7 did not come to city council for any
8 approval.

9 Now, the Home Rule Charter
10 unequivocally says that Section 502 that he
11 has to come to the city council, the
12 council, for any ordinance of legislation or
13 resolution. He just unequivocally went down
14 there and signed that agreement. Can you
15 imagine that, without anybody knowing? You
16 people did in the even know that. Nobody
17 knew that on city council, and he said -- he
18 says the only thing that the Sewer
19 Authority, the city council has the power
20 now, I give them the power to -- we have the
21 power to appoint board members. Of course,
22 he appoints the board members for your
23 verification or second, okay?

24 Now, come on. What do we have a
25 Home Rule Charter for? I would talk to

1 Mr. Hughes because I think this here whole
2 thing is void. This whole agreement that's
3 going on from day one if someone challenges
4 -- if somebody with any money ever
5 challenged the Court we are going to be in a
6 lot of trouble. There is no doubt about it.

7 The PUC, when he did it I called the
8 PUC up and I asked them, "What can be done?
9 What's going on here? He didn't go to city
10 council?"

11 The PUC again says to me
12 unequivocally "We have doing to do with the
13 municipal authorities. It's not a public
14 utility, the Sewer Authority. It's not a
15 public utility."

16 I read now where they have get
17 approval to sell it, okay? Now, I don't
18 know where this is coming from. I guess
19 it's factual or it wouldn't be printed
20 maybe, but the fact is that I was told by
21 the lawyer that the PUC says nothing to do
22 with --they couldn't do nothing -- they
23 couldn't do anything in regard to what
24 Mr. Doherty did by taking -- taking out a
25 loan through the Sewer Authority for \$8

1 million to pay off that judgment. I think
2 -- I hope you people look into it and find
3 out what's going on here because it's a sham
4 and it's a shame and it's deceptive and it's
5 put us in a very precarious position for a
6 further lawsuit in the City of Scranton.
7 Thank you very much.

8 MR. JOYCE: Thank you. Our next
9 speaker is Dave Dobrzyn.

10 MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening, Council.
11 Dave Dobrzyn, resident of the Scranton.
12 Chief troublemaker at large.

13 MR. JOYCE: Good evening.

14 MR. DOBRZYN: First of all, once
15 again, I would like to express support for
16 what council has gotten done during this
17 term, and I would also like to try to
18 influence everybody to run again, as many as
19 can, hopefully we won't have a health issue
20 or something involved there, but the job is
21 only partially done and if you can take it,
22 please do it because who knows what you will
23 get next time.

24 We missed the big opportunity here,
25 we should have bargained with that mayor's

1 race for it term of two limit, two-term
2 limit. It just got passed. We always seem
3 to have some kind of crises going on here,
4 but none of us walk on water. There is good
5 and bad in everybody and I'm not talking
6 about legislative side I'm talking about
7 administrative side. It's the power is too
8 concentrated there and people run out of
9 ideas and their ideas don't work and then it
10 just gets to be enemies of the glorious
11 revolution instead of, you know, getting
12 something done that need to be done the way
13 it needs to be done.

14 And once again, I would like to call
15 on a -- for a tax exempt -- a Commission on
16 tax exempts. We really have to -- how many
17 are too many, and I'll go to the bottom of
18 my little note page here because Senator
19 Blake is looking up some type or pushing
20 some type of -- what is it, constitutional
21 amendment maybe to ban towns from refusing
22 tax exemptions and now Scranton Times had an
23 editorial the other day on this, it said 20
24 percent. Well, we are at 33 or 35 percent
25 and how much is too much? And it's just

1 ashame but it's going to drain our tax base
2 and as you know every year you people makeup
3 the budget if you take what we would be paid
4 in taxes on tax exempts, and not all of them
5 are nonprofits, we would definitely have our
6 budget hole filled, so we really need to
7 emphasize this and then to lobby people like
8 Senator Blake because I think it's getting a
9 little wrong-sided there.

10 And I have been noticing in the
11 courts when I walk poochie TVs are no longer
12 accepted by DPW by law. Computer screens
13 are no longer accepted, electronics are no
14 longer accepted and tires haven't been for a
15 number of years and they are piling up in
16 the courts, so if we could get somebody to
17 start paying attention to that maybe put a
18 warning, you know, make a list that says,
19 "This is not an acceptable solution to
20 disposing the tires," before they wind up on
21 my lawn. I don't need them.

22 Okay, now up in Crown Avenue, and I
23 talked to people down the street now three
24 blocks at a local store and there is a lot
25 of animals being abandoned and maybe people

1 put them out after they lose their apartment
2 or they can't find a place for them to go,
3 and there is a low cost neuter clinic EPAA,
4 they do it up at Griffin Pond Animal
5 Shelter, it's \$60 and the number is a
6 570-994-5846 and I might note that the city
7 seems to be spending a lot of money on this
8 so, please, have your animal neutered and
9 then even if you did abandon the thing,
10 which is the wrong thing to do in the first
11 place, they won't be reproducing.

12 And on this Sewer Authority and the
13 parking meters and so forth, I think no
14 large deals for right now. Have it
15 appraised, have it audited and let's get it
16 straightened out, but that's -- I didn't
17 vote for anybody to go privatizing.
18 Unfortunately, Chris Kelly gets the golden
19 parrot award this week because once again
20 because Janet has to read off the proposals
21 of the administration and these authorities
22 somehow she is listed as a supporter of it
23 and I don't think that's the case. I
24 haven't talked to her about it, and she
25 probably has too many people to talk to in a

1 week every week, but the point being that
2 these were bad ideas to begin with and they
3 are not going to get any better. They are
4 not going to get any better. We have -- we
5 just need to stay the course and taxes have
6 to go up and that's the way it is and then
7 it's time for everybody to wake up and get
8 involved.

9 Once again, another golden parrot
10 for Harry Reid, he did change the filibuster
11 rules, one senator gets to dictate more
12 power than the president and we have Chuck
13 Hagle, I always liked him as a Republican
14 and I thought he would make a great
15 president, but a lot of people don't think
16 so, so they are filibustering. We don't
17 have a Secretary of Defense, we have NATO
18 negotiations and all this week, but nothing
19 is being done, so bawk, bawk, Harry, I'm
20 just wild about Harry. Have a good night.

21 MR. JOYCE: Thank you. You, too.
22 Our next speaker is Doug Miller.

23 MR. MILLER: Good evening, Council.
24 Doug Miller, Scranton.

25 MR. JOYCE: Good evening.

1 MR. MILLER: Before I get into my
2 issues tonight I just wanted to take a brief
3 moment just to express my condolences to the
4 family of Ms. Diane Marinchak, a West
5 Scranton teacher who passed away suddenly
6 the last few days and certainly is going to
7 be missed in the West Side community, made a
8 tremendous impact on the lives of many
9 students through the years and she was quite
10 instrumental in many community engagements,
11 particularly here yearly cleanup efforts
12 over at Fellows Park. She was never a
13 teacher of mine, but over my four years at
14 the high school I did get to know her and I
15 did work with her on a few of these cleanups
16 and she truly will be missed and just if we
17 keep the family in our prayers tonight.

18 Moving on, I wanted to ask tonight
19 it we can get an update on the Linden street
20 Bridge, I know that this has been ongoing
21 for quite some time now. This is going back
22 to when Mr. Brazil was still head of DPW and
23 I know that PennDOT and other officials were
24 going to take a look at it and I don't know
25 if we have any update at this point.

1 MR. ROGAN: I spoke to PennDOT I
2 believe it was two or three weeks ago and
3 the last update I had they were just working
4 on one or two last things regarding fiber
5 optic cables that were underneath the bridge
6 and with the railroad company as well, but
7 they do expect that project to be finished
8 before the end of the year. I will
9 follow-up with them again next week.

10 MR. MILLER: Okay. Appreciate it.
11 It's my understanding that the last few
12 weeks the situation over there has gotten a
13 little worse in the terms of the condition
14 of that bridge and, you know, I would hate
15 to see us have another, you know, Rockwell
16 Avenue bridge situation on our hands where
17 it's tied up for quite some time and
18 interferes with people trying to commute
19 daily.

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: Mr. Miller?

21 MR. MILLER: Yes.

22 MR. LOSCOMBE: Are you referring to
23 the West Lackawanna Avenue bridge?

24 MR. MILLER: I'm sorry, yeah. I'm
25 sorry, the West Lackawanna Avenue bridge.

1 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes, I actually was
2 over their the other day and took some new
3 photographs, that section is just about
4 ready to go down.

5 MR. MILLER: I apologize.

6 MR. ROGNA: Yeah, I'd assumed that's
7 the one you were talking about.

8 MR. MILLER: With all the bridge we
9 have out in this town it's hard to keep
10 track.

11 MR. ROGAN: Lucily -- if Linden went
12 back us in West Side would have a tough
13 commute.

14 MR. LOSCOMBE: I know, I was going
15 to say, I know Mr. Rogan addressed it last
16 week or the week before about the Linden
17 Street bridge and that's why I --

18 MR. MILLER: Yeah. No, thanks, Jack,
19 for correcting me on that. In regards to
20 the parking meter issue that we have
21 ongoing, as I have been stating for the last
22 few weeks it's my only hope had that a
23 decision will be made that certainly solves
24 the issue once and for all. You know, this
25 morning's paper we saw that with projections

1 they are projecting that we may be between
2 300 and 500,000 thousand dollars short in
3 revenue and certainly we know that the
4 outcome would be that the city would be on
5 the hook for those payments and that's
6 something we are trying to avoid and that's
7 why I think we are looking at some sort of
8 innovative way to generate new sources of
9 revenue so that we avoid placing that burden
10 on the taxpayers.

11 You know, Mr. Sbaraglia earlier
12 tonight spoke about the potential of seeing
13 a 40 percent tax increase. Well, if we
14 don't come up with some sort of the plan to
15 generate revenue I think you are looking at
16 well beyond the 40 percent tax increase and
17 that certainly something that we don't want
18 to have to deal with.

19 Mr. Ellman brought up a point
20 tonight, and I normally don't address the
21 criticism and things like that, but there
22 was I guess a letter to the editor I was
23 made aware of yesterday and it did refer to
24 myself campaigning, supposedly campaigning
25 from the podium. Mr. McCormick claimed that

1 I campaign from the podium and lay out my
2 agenda every week. Anybody that knows me
3 quite well knows that I come to these
4 meetings every week and I have done so for
5 close to 12 years now. I'm not an
6 individual that you only see here every
7 four years around election time. I believe
8 that would be the difference between myself
9 and any other individual or any other
10 candidate that may seek an office. I think
11 it's pretty safe to say that all of the
12 candidates that are you think for office,
13 whether it's council, school board, mayor, I
14 probably have been coming to these meetings
15 a lot longer than any of them and that's
16 something I'm very proud of because it shows
17 one thing, it shows a commitment to the city
18 and not that I'm someone who campaigns every
19 year from the podium. I'm here every week
20 in your face, I raise my issues and it's not
21 a secret.

22 So to Mr. McCormick, you know, when
23 you want to make statements, you know, talk
24 factual information. You know, you see me
25 here every week, you know this podium is

1 open, it's free speech, if you have an issue
2 or concern come on down. I don't believe I
3 have ever seen you down here, so rather than
4 focus our time on all the negative energy
5 maybe if we put that much effort into
6 something positive we might be able to get
7 something accomplished in the city rather
8 than worrying about who is running for an
9 office or who comes down and speaks and
10 let's put all that effort in something
11 productive so we can move the city forward.
12 We come here to try and find solutions to
13 move the city forward, rather than coming
14 down here being critical and, you know,
15 playing personal attacks I just think it's
16 irrelevant and it has no place in what we
17 are trying to do here.

18 And, you know, finally tonight, it
19 was stated earlier this evening, you know,
20 about the criticism that the council has
21 faced, whether it's the media, you know, the
22 Scranton times in particular, you know, its
23 writers Chris Kelly, the editorial board,
24 you know, all of the articles and the
25 editorials that they have done recently in

1 regards decisions that this council has
2 made, you know, maybe if they took a second
3 to sit back and actually see how difficult
4 these decisions are and what you have had to
5 go through, you know, especially last summer
6 when we had to go through the recovery plan
7 and the budget process and all the obstacles
8 that you faced they would see how difficult
9 it truly is.

10 You know, it's easy to sit back, as
11 I've said, and sort of cheerlead from the
12 bleachers and tell elected officials how
13 they should run the city and name call and
14 blame this one and blame that one, but, you
15 know, take a look and see how difficult it
16 really is and the city faces. You know,
17 it's all well and easy to sit behind our
18 computer screens and write our letters to
19 the editor and blame this one and blame that
20 one, but, like I said, come forward and put
21 all the energy into something productive and
22 that maybe if we put our minds together we
23 can turn the city around because it's about
24 cooperation and coming together. That's the
25 only way you get things done. Thank you.

1 MR. JOYCE: Thank you. Our next
2 speaker is Bob Bolus.

3 MR. BOLUS: Good evening, Council.
4 Bob Bolus, Scranton.

5 MR. LOSCOBME: Good ahead evening.

6 MR. BOLUS: I hate to see Mrs. Evans
7 not here, I hope she has a speedy return.
8 It's no fun without her being here, you
9 know? It just take the fun out of it. As
10 you know, we put a suggestion in that we are
11 interested, our group is interested in
12 taking over the city meters, and I'd like to
13 pursue that. If we are going to do
14 something about it then we might as well do
15 it locally then instead of if giving it
16 somebody out of the area, so I want to make
17 that approach to council before you do
18 something else with it. We would like to
19 review the contract, we would like a copy of
20 it and I'd like to submit our own offer.

21 I believe meters should be put
22 around all around the University, all around
23 their commercial properties that they are
24 leasing and renting out to students and
25 people, meters should be put there. At the

1 same rate that they want to put everywhere
2 else in the city. There should be no
3 separation as to who is is who and where
4 they should be. That's all lost revenue on
5 a daily basis since they have been taking a
6 free ride. We should go after them with the
7 Chick-fil-a and everything else inside, this
8 commercial businesses, they shouldn't be
9 exempt.

10 The parking garages all throughout
11 the city that we have been in litigation for
12 God knows how many years yet nothing has
13 come to fruition. There is litigation, why
14 isn't it pursued? What is Paul Kelly doing?
15 He wants to earn an extra fee, go get our
16 money on the parking meters and the parking
17 garages especially those that are owned by
18 the DeNaples that we have never received a
19 dime for, yet he has tied us up with
20 litigation now he wants to continue
21 litigation.

22 I don't know if anybody today
23 watched the dust storm going across the
24 Interstate, across Dunmore now from the
25 landfill. That wind was blowing, it was a

1 dust cloud blowing across. Well, if you
2 don't know anything about pollution, think
3 about airborne carcinogens going through the
4 air and that's what we are breathing.
5 That's our real health hazard, so I believe
6 people, especially the Scranton Council may
7 want to send a letter to DEP and inquire
8 about why we have to breathe what's coming
9 from the landfill because of the height and
10 the wind blowing across there, when all they
11 needed to look at to realize what I'm saying
12 here could be serious health consequences
13 for all of us. We don't even have that.
14 Us, our children, and their children for no
15 reason.

16 You know, the Scranton Times I heard
17 Mr. Miller talk about something. Well,
18 Mr. Miller doesn't know I took it to
19 litigation when I was a candidate and we
20 defeated the council that was here that was
21 trying to prevent candidates from coming
22 here and speaking and they lost. Every
23 candidate, including Mr. McCormick who wants
24 to sit back and play with his computer or
25 whatever, if he has got an issue and he

1 knows how to make the city any better than
2 it is or any worse come here, it's free
3 speech, so don't think he could sit there
4 and deny any candidate or any person from
5 coming here and speaking out. We took it to
6 Court, Mr. McCormick, and we won. It's free
7 speech for everyone, including yourself, and
8 any of those that want to quarterback from a
9 bleacher.

10 I think when you sit here and you
11 listen about the meters and stuff they
12 should put a big dart board behind you guys
13 because nobody's got an accurate figure yet
14 for the three judges, before anybody, and
15 throw a dart and see what we come up, but
16 it's the best estimation of where we are
17 financially. So let's just play darts next
18 council meeting. I think we'll get more out
19 of that than we will with all the
20 hypotheticals that we are shooting around
21 the place. Scranton needs a forensic audit
22 once and for all and know where you are
23 going because we are in the dark, we are
24 blind allied, we don't know what we want to
25 sell, what we want to do next because we

1 have no clue and we need to get a clue, we
2 need to know where we are going and then
3 make intelligent decisions. So far we
4 haven't made a single one that's
5 intelligence. Now, it's the Sewer
6 Authority, it's this, it's that. I think
7 before we put city hall up for sale we
8 should fix the lights in here. We will get
9 a heck of a lot of better price than you can
10 see in here.

11 You know, you see Mr. Volpe, there's
12 another guy. He wants somebody to do his
13 dirty work. He is like Mr. McCormick. He
14 won't run for an office, he won't come out
15 here where it takes a lot more, as each and
16 every one of you know, myself and other
17 candidates, what it takes to really run for
18 a public office. He has tried it and lost.
19 If the people wanted him they would have put
20 him in office, so don't come around and want
21 to change how the commissioners do business,
22 how we live our life. If you want to be a
23 changemaker run for an office, but don't ask
24 the people of the Lackawanna County to do
25 your dirty work. It's not going to work

1 changing the agenda by putting motions
2 first, changing the agenda items that we
3 didn't get to speak on before you voted on
4 them. I personally think, and it's been
5 challenged in the past, that was illegal to
6 do. Because we have the right to speak when
7 you change the agenda item that was on the
8 agenda, so I think you have to revisit that
9 and maybe make a motion to put it back where
10 it was then let people speak on it and then
11 vote and it. Thank you.

12 MR. JOYCE: Thank you. Is there
13 anyone else who would like to address
14 council?

15 MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening,
16 Council. Marie Schumacher, city resident.

17 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

18 MR. JOYCE: Good evening.

19 MS. SCHUMACHER: First I'd like to
20 thank Mr. Loscombe for providing the
21 quantity of false alarms for the last
22 calendar year. Thank you. Continuing where
23 I started last week on the Rich report, did
24 you all read the Rich report? Okay.

25 MR. LOSCOMBE: The parking report,

1 is that what you are asking? No, I haven't,
2 in fact, I've got to request a copy. The
3 last copy I have of a Rich report is 2003.

4 MS. SCHUMACHER: The last I think was
5 '4, the previous one. Okay, because the
6 Rich report states based on this, which was
7 a dialogue, it appears that the on-street
8 parking meter may be adequately staffed with
9 four issuing tickets, one collection and
10 repair person, and one on-street
11 coordinator.

12 Now, I'd like to make a little
13 comparison between the Parking Authority and
14 what we have been told about SP Plus. First
15 of all, in 2012 the city budgeted \$562,000
16 for the employees and to pay for the
17 expenses, which is \$416,000 less than the
18 amount that Mr. Hughes estimated would be
19 paying to SP Plus for their operating
20 expenses. I believe the figure he used was
21 \$978,000.

22 Next, the 2013 prepared by the
23 administration and you all increased the
24 revenue from the parking meter violations by
25 \$300,000 over the 2012 budget attributing

1 the increase to the upgrade of the meters
2 that will take place, so that's a wash. If
3 you put the new meters in it doesn't matter
4 who is -- and you have got the same people
5 doing this citation issuing. So so far the
6 SPA is still ahead of SP Plus by \$116,000
7 even if you give all the \$300,000 to SP
8 Plus, though one could argue that the SPA
9 would have collected more with the new
10 meters as well.

11 Now, Mr. Hughes estimated the
12 citation revenue would increase by \$1.1
13 million by the enhancement of the meter
14 people and with the conversion of the
15 meters. Since the citation issuers are, if
16 we are to believe Mr. Valera, the former SPA
17 people and will be trained by the
18 manufacture of the new meters according to
19 the proposal from IPS, with the balance
20 credited to the new meters it's again
21 reasonable to assume the Scranton Parking
22 Authority would have achieved the same
23 increased revenue with the new equipment and
24 training.

25 Bottom line, it's entirely possible

1 that we could do as well or better with the
2 prior SPA agreement than with the SP Plus
3 agreement. The only thing SP Plus brings to
4 the table is financing the new meters. But
5 if you put in that overwhelming \$120,000 a
6 year I think that the interest we are paying
7 on those meters goes up quite a bit.

8 I believe that a lease of the new
9 meters from IPS should be investigated if it
10 hasn't already been. Do we know what IPS
11 would charge to lease the meters to us
12 instead of outright buying?

13 MR. JOYCE: We don't know.

14 MS. SCHUMACHER: Because we are going
15 to pay all that money and we are not going
16 to have, according to go Mr. Valera, we are
17 not going to have any value because they
18 lose their value after seven years, so I
19 think you really need to look. Is that
20 going to be brought off the table tonight,
21 by the way?

22 MR. JOYCE: No.

23 MS. SCHUMACHER: Yeah, I think that's
24 sort of imperative that you get that off the
25 table because the new meters, all this

1 revenue is attributed to the new meters,
2 according to all sides, so every day or week
3 that you put off addressing that issue is
4 another week that the parking -- or the new
5 meters aren't put on order and are not
6 functioning, so we are just cutting the
7 revenue for this year.

8 Finally, after reading the Rich
9 report it's imperative that Mr. Washo appear
10 before council to answer the many questions
11 raised by this report. I would like to know
12 why the Scranton Parking Authority garages
13 offer a monthly rate of \$80 to the county
14 employees, yes, those people who spend our
15 tax dollars, but won't give a similar break
16 to city businesses, yes, the people who pay
17 the taxes on their gross receipts. Whether
18 or not they make a profit, the government
19 gets their share of the top off the top.

20 Now, we know from that report, if
21 anybody has read it, that the garages are
22 severely underwater. I believe the
23 valuation put on the garages was \$22
24 million. According to the last audit report
25 we owe \$54 million in principal and, of

1 course, another almost a like amount in
2 interest, and there is a big -- apparently a
3 big maintenance bill coming up. I mean, in
4 the millions of dollars, not huge, but in
5 the millions of dollars and I would like to
6 know where that's coming from.

7 And, if I may, just one more thing
8 on the other item that's tabled, which is is
9 there some place that I could read how it is
10 a procedure for selecting where parking
11 meters are placed? Is it just random?
12 Because, I mean, for instance somebody
13 called to my attention the fact that in the
14 500 block of Jefferson there are parking
15 meters and that's in front of the Amos
16 Towers building and so all the people there
17 who get either people coming in to help them
18 clean their apartments sometimes get \$20
19 tickets, but if you go down to the 600 block
20 of North Washington Avenue there are none.
21 None at all, and I don't understand that
22 difference and and I would think there is
23 some kind of a procedure and maybe you could
24 research that and see if there is a way,
25 some methodology that is used that could be

1 shared with the public?

2 MR. JOYCE: Yes. Something we'll
3 have to look into. I believe there would
4 have to be -- I believe when they meters
5 were put into place that there would have
6 been some sort of study to decide where
7 these locations would be.

8 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, that's what
9 is in my head, too. There must have been
10 something or there must be some kind of
11 methodology and I think that needs to be
12 brought out and maybe changed or followed
13 instead of just this block yes, that block
14 no, so thank you very much.

15 MR. JOYCE: Thank you. Is there
16 anyone else who would like to address
17 council? Mrs. Krake?

18 MS. KRAKE: 5-A. MOTIONS.

19 MR. JOYCE: Mr. Rogan, do you have
20 any motions or comments tonight?

21 MR. ROGAN: Yes, thank you. I would
22 also like to start off, as Mr. Miller did,
23 to send my condolences to the family of Mrs.
24 Marinchak. She was my 9th grade science
25 teacher at West High and she was liked by

1 everyone and I could speak for most freshman
2 classes, we weren't always the easiest to
3 deal with, but she was always very kind to
4 everyone and she was a great teacher and she
5 we will be missed in West Side.

6 Next onto a few items, I'd like to
7 thank Representative Kevin Haggerty, and
8 specifically his chief of staff Joe
9 Fabricatore, for contacting me earlier in
10 the week regarding a grant that PEMA is
11 opening up for emergency generators for
12 emergency shelters in the area and I did
13 pass that along to -- and, Mrs. Krake, if
14 would then pass it along to everyone who is
15 handling that issue so hopefully the city
16 will be able to reap the rewards of that
17 grant. And, once again, thanks to
18 Representative Haggerty.

19 Next, I would like to comment on the
20 report I received from OECD regarding the
21 loans. It's very lengthy, so I'm going to
22 break it down by weeks. The first week I'm
23 going to start off positive and name all of
24 the businesses who have received a loan from
25 OECD and that loan has been satisfied, and

1 next week I will address the loans that are
2 open and then the week after that would be
3 the loans that are in litigation, and just
4 to get the number out there regarding the
5 dollar amount for what's in litigation, it
6 is, when you add it up, to over \$2 million
7 worth of loans that are currently in
8 litigation.

9 But these are this list of
10 businesses or businesses that did receive
11 loans through OECD and have fully repaid
12 them: 119 Jefferson Associates; 410-412
13 Spruce Street; Preferred Produce; Scranton
14 Dunlop, Incorporated; SECCAS, LLC; Ash Car
15 Lackawanna County Station; Backyard Ale
16 House, LLC; Electric City Television; Jay's
17 Commons; United Neighborhood Centers; F & M
18 Restaurant Gree Bistro; About Tyme Cafe;
19 Main Street Tent Rental; and Mitchell
20 Restaurant.

21 So these are some of the success
22 stories where the loans were paid off and
23 taken care off and they were satisfied, so
24 they are the success stories and, as I
25 stated, next week I will list the longer

1 list of the open loans, and finally the also
2 long list of the loans that are,
3 unfortunately, in litigation, and the one
4 that really seems to burn me and many
5 residents the most is the infamous Molly
6 Branigans's loan for \$650,000 that still
7 remains unsatisfied.

8 Next, over the last weekend I had a
9 resident contact me who lives on West
10 Mountain who had an issue, and just to
11 briefly address the problem. Now, West
12 Mountain Road there is significant runoff
13 when it rains because it being built on a
14 mountain. The resident contacted me stated
15 that the DPW went on his land and averted
16 some of that water that was washing down
17 onto his property which could cause a very
18 big problem, and I went up there and by
19 looking at it, I'm obviously not an
20 engineer, but by looking at it all of water
21 on this road travels down one side. There
22 are gutters systems established for that and
23 they were clogged with leaves, debris,
24 bricks and instead of addressing that
25 situation or if there was a Sewer

1 Authorities' responsibility passing it onto
2 them, what they did was they took a section
3 of this resident's property, took a backhoe
4 or front end loader to it, pushed out a cut
5 and averted all that water coming down the
6 road onto his property.

7 And there is no doubt that there is
8 a problem with water on that road and
9 something has to be done, because you could
10 see the road may have eroded away where all
11 of the water is washing down and it's
12 something that needs to be addressed, but by
13 diverting water onto somebody's property
14 isn't the right way to go about it.

15 There is a police report. The
16 police report also states that the residents
17 contacted DPW and the DPW informed them that
18 the city would not correct the problem that
19 they caused on February 13 when they plowed
20 the ditch onto their property. Now, they
21 also showed the concern for the blocked
22 drainage pipes on the other side of the
23 roadway that seems to be the issue that
24 should have been addressed because it's
25 overflowing all the way to the other side of

1 the road.

2 This is just another one of these
3 issues where it seems that things were done
4 without thinking them through and this is
5 another issue that may end up in the courts
6 as a lawsuit because the property owner
7 obviously doesn't want all of the runoff
8 from the road traveling onto his property,
9 and when I spoke to him he mentioned that it
10 may wind up in litigation. We surely hope
11 that doesn't happen.

12 So, Mrs. Krake, can we please send
13 this to the DPW and ask them to reach out to
14 the residents, they know who they are, they
15 have contacted the DPW numerous times on
16 this issue and see if this can be worked out
17 without them getting into litigation where
18 it's going to cost the taxpayers more money?

19 I also have a few more requests:
20 Please send a request to the proper city
21 departments asking the status of the
22 Rockwell Avenue bridge. Some residents
23 called today asking for the status of that
24 project, and I did look up in the Scranton
25 Times, there was an older article regarding

1 this, and it mentioned about PennDOT being
2 involved. Well, PennDOT is only overseeing
3 the safety, they are not actually -- it's
4 not actually a PennDOT project from speaking
5 to them, so this is, you know, a project
6 that I know the residents of North Scarnton
7 have been waiting a long time for this to be
8 completed.

9 Next, another request to DPW that
10 Dewey Avenue behind Lackawanna Little League
11 is plowed when it snows. Residents have
12 contacted me and stated that they plow all
13 around, but not on Dewey Avenue.

14 Also to DPW, a request that Pike
15 Street is it paved with the grant money that
16 was recently announced that the city will be
17 receiving, and this unlike the funds that
18 are used yearly for paving, these funds are
19 not limited to low or moderate income areas,
20 they could be used anywhere throughout the
21 city and I know from being up at Pike
22 Street, I know Mr. Loscombe was up there as
23 well, and I believe Mr. Lockwood from the
24 Times, it might have been a previous
25 reporter that was up there with me and we

1 looked at it, and the road is in terrible
2 condition, so hopefully that can be placed
3 on the list for the grant funds.

4 And finally, another request to
5 Licensing and Inspections asking if there is
6 a date for rooming house inspections in
7 Pinebrook; and also they want to know, some
8 people brought up the question about the
9 outsourcing of certain inspections within
10 the city and they would like to know what is
11 recently done in-house and what is currently
12 outsourced and that's definitely something I
13 think all of council should be informed
14 about it and the citizens as well.

15 So that is all I have for tonight.
16 Thank you.

17 MR. JOYCE: Thank you, Mr. Rogan.
18 Mr. Loscombe, do you have any motions or
19 comments?

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes. Thank you.
21 Just to echo Mr. Rogan and Mr. Miller, I,
22 too, would like to send my condolences to
23 the Marinchak family, although I'm not as
24 young as Pat, I wasn't a student, but I have
25 known Diane for many, many years and it is

1 heartbreaking. Her husband George was a
2 colleague of mine for many years on the fire
3 department and keep the whole family in your
4 prayers because this last year has been a
5 tough one on the whole family. Diane and
6 George have raised a special needs child
7 through all of the years, but she lost two
8 brother-in-laws very young in this past year
9 too, so it's been a tragedy for the family
10 and I would like you to keep the whole
11 family in your prayers and give them your
12 strength. And that's all I have tonight.
13 Thank you.

14 MR. JOYCE: Thank you very much,
15 Mr. Loscombe. Good evening. I would just
16 like to begin by addressing a few issues,
17 but before I do that I also would like to
18 send my condolences to the Marinchak family,
19 and I would ask that you keep them in your
20 prayers over the uncoming weeks.

21 Secondly tonight, there was an
22 article in the Scranton Times, as everyone
23 knows, regarding the parking garages and the
24 SPA and that the SPA -- or that the parking
25 garages, rather, aren't performing up to par

1 according to Standard parking estimates.
2 Basically here's how it goes: The SPA has
3 to pay \$3.4 million worth of bond payments.
4 The city budgeted \$1.9 million to assist in
5 those payments. That leaves \$1.5 million
6 left. According to the figures in the
7 newspaper based on the four months of
8 Standard Parking data, it looks like we are
9 only going to come out \$1.2 million, which
10 would be leave the city -- or the authority,
11 rather, \$300,000 short with the additional
12 \$1.9 million that the city budgeted.

13 Now, with this in mind, I'd like to
14 know what Standard Parking plans on doing to
15 meet the revenue projections that they
16 originally provided.

17 So, Mrs. Krake, if we could please
18 send a letter to John Rogers from Standard
19 Parking and ask him the steps that Standard
20 plans on taking to address the parking
21 garages and what they intend to do to
22 increase revenue. It's very important that
23 revenue is increased so we don't go over
24 that \$1.9 million amount.

25 Secondly, there has been a lot of

1 talk tonight about nonprofits, and I know
2 that Mr. Sbaraglia said that we need to put
3 more of an emphasis on Harrisburg, and I
4 can't agree with him more. Basically there
5 is a lot of good ideas for revenue that
6 people bring to the podium, that other
7 council members think of, that the
8 administration thinks of. However, the
9 Local Tax Enabling Act, which is
10 Pennsylvania law, prohibits a lot of what
11 these ideas would bring to us. Basically it
12 sets restrictions on what the City of
13 Scranton as a class 2A city can and cannot
14 do.

15 With this in mind, I think that a
16 public safety fee is something that we
17 should definitely look into as far as the
18 nonprofits are concerned because I know that
19 the University of Scranton and Marywood do
20 have a security force, however, there is --
21 there is still instances where the Scranton
22 Police is called out and also the Fire
23 Department is called out and the Fire
24 Department is a service that the taxpayers
25 of Scranton provide for.

1 So with this in mind, I would like
2 to construct a letter or letters to
3 Representative Flynn, Haggerty and Senator
4 Blake asking if they would support fighting
5 for a public safety fee for nonprofits
6 organizations because they do use our
7 services in the city such as the size of
8 Scranton we have a lot of nonprofit
9 institutions here, and I know that some
10 nonprofit institutions are contributing to
11 in the form of PILOTS, however, we have to
12 get more out of the nonprofits because the
13 taxpayers are constantly getting slammed and
14 it's not right.

15 Other than that, I do have just two
16 requests for tonight, two citizens'
17 requests: There is a stop sign knocked down
18 at the corner of Rockwell Avenue and Charles
19 Street in North Scranton. No one has been
20 out to fix it.

21 So, Mrs. Krake, if we could please
22 contact Mr. Dougher, Director Dougher, and
23 ask him to have his stop sign repaired.

24 And a second request about the
25 property at 1346 Sanderson Avenue. It's in

1 very poor shape. In 2011 the person who --
2 or a person contacted the city about the
3 property, spoke to one of the inspectors,
4 however, nothing was done. However, to this
5 day there has been no progress and it's
6 2013.

7 So, Mrs. Krake, if we could please
8 contact Director Seitzinger and ask him to
9 handle this situation the best way he sees
10 fit. And that's all for tonight.

11 MR. ROGAN: Mr. Joyce, one thing I
12 forget to mention, and I do see a stack
13 here, that Mr. Dougher, he did reply, and I
14 would like to thank him for sending
15 responses on these, and a lot of times we,
16 especially myself, always complain for lack
17 of a response, but I would like to thank him
18 for a response on these and hopefully these
19 requests will be taken care of.

20 MR. JOYCE: Thank you.

21 MS. KRAKE: 5-B. ESTABLISHING A "NO
22 PARKING" ZONE ALONG THE EASTERLY SIDE OF
23 WYOMING AVENUE (S.R.3025) FROM SEGMENT 0030
24 OFFSET 2190 TO SEGMENT 0030 OFFSET 2410 AND
25 ALONG THE SOUTHERLY CURB LINE OF LARCH

1 STREET 175 FEET EAST FROM ITS INTERSECTION
2 WITH WYOMING AVENUE TO ALLOW FOR SAFE SIGHT
3 DISTANCES FOR A PROPOSED MCDONALDS
4 RESTAURANT AT WYOMING AVENUE AND LARCH
5 STREET.

6 MR. JOYCE: At this time I'll
7 entertain a motion that Item 5-B be
8 introduced into its proper committee.

9 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

10 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

11 MR. JOYCE: On the question? All
12 those in favor of introduction signify by
13 saying aye.

14 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

15 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

16 MR. JOYCE: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
17 have it and so moved.

18 MS. KRAKE: SIXTH ORDER. NO BUSINESS
19 AT THIS TIME.

20 SEVENTH ORDER. NO BUSINESS AT THIS
21 TIME.

22 MR. JOYCE: If there is no further
23 business, I'll entertain a motion to
24 adjourn.

25 MR. ROGAN: Motion to adjourn.

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MR. JOYCE: This meeting is
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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