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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

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Council Chambers
Scranton City Hall
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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

- JANET EVANS, PRESIDENT
- FRANK JOYCE, VICE-PRESIDENT
- ROBERT MCGOFF
- PAT ROGAN
- JOHN LOSCOMBE
- NANCY KRAKE, CITY CLERK
- JAMIE MARCIANO, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK
- BOYD HUGHES, SOLICITOR

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

3 MS. EVANS: 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 MS. EVANS: Here. Dispense with the
13 reading of the minutes, please.

14 MS. KRAKE: Third order. 3-A.

15 AGENDA FOR THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
16 MEETING HELD APRIL 24, 2013.

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

19 MS. KRAKE: 3-B. AUDIT STATUS FROM
20 ROBERT ROSSI & CO. RECEIVED APRIL 18, 2013.

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

23 MS. KRAKE: 3-C. AGENDA FOR THE
24 ZONING HEARING BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD MAY
25 8, 2013.

1 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?
2 If not, received and filed.

3 Do we have any clerk's notes
4 tonight?

5 MS. KRAKE: No, Mrs. Evans.

6 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mrs. Krake.
7 Do any council members have announcements at
8 this time?

9 MR. MCGOFF: Please. I was asked to
10 announce that the Scranton High School
11 Football Boosters Club or friends of the
12 Scranton Knights is having their first
13 annual Scranton Knights pasta dinner. It
14 will conducted at Scranton High School in
15 the main cafeteria on Friday, May 3, from
16 five to eight. Charge is \$10 and takeouts
17 are available. That's Friday, May 3 from
18 five to eight at Scranton High School.

19 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Is there
20 anyone else? Election day is Tuesday, May
21 21. Be an informed voter by taking
22 advantage of these educational events and
23 candidate debates sponsored by the League of
24 Women Voters of Lackawanna County and the
25 University of Scranton's Political Science

1 Department. All of the following events are
2 open to the public and will take place at
3 the University of the Scranton.

4 Lackawanna County ballot questions
5 panel discussion will be held Monday April
6 29, at 7:00 p.m. political science
7 professors Jean Harris, PhD, from the
8 University of the Scranton and Thomas
9 Baldino, PhD, from Wilkes-Barre University
10 will serve as panelist for a discussion
11 exploring the five questions that will
12 appear on the May ballot. The discussion
13 will explain how voters' decisions at the
14 ballot box will effect future government in
15 Lackawanna County. Time will be allotted
16 for questions from the audience.

17 In addition to ballot questions,
18 voters will also be asked to select seven
19 members for a Home Rule Charter Study
20 Commission. The League of Women Voters has
21 partnered with the greater Scranton Chamber
22 of Commerce to gather information on the 38
23 candidates for the commission which will be
24 made available online through both the
25 Chamber and League of Women Voters' web.

1 A candidate forum for the Democratic
2 candidates for the Office of Lackawanna
3 County Register of Wills will be held on
4 Tuesday, April 30, at 7:00 p.m., that is the
5 following day. Four Democratic candidates
6 will appear on the May ballot for this
7 office, one Republican candidate will face
8 off against the Democratic winner in the
9 general in November.

10 Also, a candidate debate involving
11 Democratic candidates for the Office of
12 Scranton City Council will be conducted
13 Wednesday, May 8, at 7:00 p.m.

14 And finally, the two Republican
15 candidates for the Office of Scranton mayor
16 will debate on Monday, May 13, at 7:00 p.m.
17 and the -- well, all of the Democratic
18 candidates, I believe there are four, for
19 the Office of Scranton mayor will debate on
20 Tuesday, May 14, at 7:00 p.m. and that's it.

21 MS. KRAKE: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS
22 PARTICIPATION.

23 MS. EVANS: Our first speaker
24 tonight is Ron Ellman.

25 MR. ELLMAN: Thank you, Council.

1 You know, we've taken different roads now
2 and then, but you are still my council. I
3 guess you are stuck with me to the end
4 probably like Dillinger's mother was stuck
5 with him.

6 I know you're wondering what kind of
7 nonsense I got tonight to put up with, well,
8 here it comes. A majority of unconscionable
9 Penn Security bank board members in all of
10 their wisdom, of course, to rid themselves
11 of this archaic tax burden have donated now,
12 they have donated the bank building on Cedar
13 Avenue and to all people they have donated
14 it to Goodwill. The Goodwill that has sat
15 on this school for 20 years not explaining
16 where all the money is and not done nothing
17 except tell us they are go to work on it,
18 that's who is ending up with this building.
19 This is just a deplorable, senseless action.
20 It's against the people of this city.
21 It's evading their duty to pay taxes. That
22 was done last Thursday if somebody wants to
23 know.

24 You know, that building should have
25 been taken away from the school. I'm

1 talking about years ago and sold to somebody
2 credible. It's still sitting there and it
3 probably will be sitting there for another
4 20 years. This looks like -- what are we
5 going to do with another building like this
6 off the tax rolls unless, somebody
7 suggested, the city might buy it from
8 Goodwill for the library. Another one of
9 Doherty's shady deals might be in the oven
10 right now. Why else would all of this be
11 going on it? Goodwill doesn't need it, the
12 city doesn't need it, there is no money for
13 a library, but there is a reason for all of
14 this going on.

15 This complete evasion to do their
16 duty to pay taxes in this city should be
17 retaliated by the people. If we need -- if
18 we use that bank for any reason whatsoever
19 we should quit. This is an attack against
20 the taxpayers. It's against every single
21 one of us to do something like that. They
22 own half that street right around the bank.
23 What if they want to give everything up?
24 You know, it doesn't hurt them. Everything
25 gets keeps falling down on the taxpayers and

1 here we are broke, you know, and this is
2 just -- I don't know what could be done
3 about it, but this has got to stop
4 somewhere. We lost the building downtown
5 for \$2 million, I think, I forget what they
6 paid in taxes now, and I don't know what
7 this bank paid, I didn't even ask, but this
8 is nothing but a deliberate evasion by them
9 to pay city taxes.

10 Well, as you know, we had Tuesday
11 night at the taxpayers had an interesting
12 meeting Mr. Cardamon and Mr. Morgan and Ms.
13 Randol were there and I want to say that as
14 much as I wanted to I didn't attack her
15 adversely like people thought I would I was
16 on good behavior. Now, we got
17 Mr. Courtright is going to come back another
18 time I was told by Ozzie, we got four
19 qualified people wanting the position of
20 leading this city for whatever reason, I
21 don't know why anybody would want this job
22 myself, but they all were willing to accept
23 the \$50,000 salary, I can't understand why
24 we voluntarily raised the salary at this
25 time when we need money so bad. And I'm not

1 trying to be adverse about it, I just don't
2 understand it.

3 In fact, if you ask me these four
4 people should be sent to Scranton Counseling
5 and the one that lasts to the end can be the
6 mayor because this is such a thankless hard
7 job and I don't see how anybody could
8 accomplish what the city needs. Thank you.

9 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Our next
10 speaker is Lee B. Morgan.

11 MR. MORGAN: Good evening, Council.

12 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

13 MR. MORGAN: The first thing I have
14 here today is, you know, I did hear
15 Mrs. Evans talk about city residents today
16 that had passed and I don't if the council
17 and the mayor, and I don't want to single
18 out anybody for accolades, you know, I think
19 everybody should be respected, but I don't
20 know if it's possible for the city to make a
21 Mark Walsh day for one day on April 4, and
22 the same thing for the Scranton School
23 District because I really think he was a
24 real genuine human being and politics
25 wasn't -- I don't think politics was in the

1 front of his mind, and I remember him at the
2 school board, I remember all of the things
3 that the newspaper said about him today. I
4 know people he has helped pro bono and
5 that's something he didn't have to do and I
6 just think he kept giving to the community
7 anyway he could.

8 And I'd just like to see the
9 Scranton School District and the City of
10 Scranton acknowledge that a resident like
11 that lived in our city and contributed so
12 much and, you know, maybe it will fall on
13 deaf ears and maybe it won't. Maybe some on
14 council will go down and talk to the mayor
15 and he might find it to be acceptable.
16 Maybe the members of the Scranton School
17 Board may think that May 4 is a good time to
18 remember a person who -- a Scrantonian who
19 gave a lot to the city. I don't think
20 everything should be about, you know,
21 politics and I think he was just a really a
22 great person who showed what leadership
23 really was many times. So that's basically
24 all I have here today. Thank you.

25 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Our next

1 speaker is Doug Miller.

2 MR. MILLER: Good evening, Council.
3 Doug Miller, Scranton. I just, too, would
4 like to begin echoing some of the comments
5 that Mr. Morgan made. I, too, would like to
6 pay my respects to Attorney Walsh. He
7 certainly is someone I had a great deal of
8 respect for. When I started attending
9 council meetings years ago he happened to be
10 the council solicitor at the time, that's
11 how far back, you know, that it takes me
12 and, you know, I just always remember him as
13 being a very kind individual, someone who
14 was caring and a very honest individual and
15 I know he will be missed by many in the
16 community so I just want to express my
17 condolences to all his friends and family
18 and thank him for all of his contributions
19 to the city.

20 Moving onto the agenda tonight, 5-B,
21 in regards to the project dealing with West
22 Lackawanna Avenue bridge, we are looking to
23 transfer funds \$287,000 from projects
24 involving the West Side Falcons and I
25 believe the North Scranton Little League. I

1 understand that there may be some resentment
2 towards, you know, the administration and
3 the council for taking those funds away from
4 those projects, but at the same time I think
5 all of us know full well that we have had a
6 lot of problems with the West Lackawanna
7 Avenue bridge and it's certainly a dangerous
8 situation right now and something that needs
9 to be addressed, you know, right away.

10 And from reading the newspaper I do
11 understand that both of these leagues are
12 understandable of the situation and they now
13 that this needs to take priority right now.
14 You know, Councilman Loscombe brought this
15 to the forefront, he has been working
16 diligently on this for many months now and
17 I'm glad to finally see something on the
18 agenda tonight to allow us to put funding
19 towards this because, you know, I almost
20 feel sorry for Mr. Loscombe because he has
21 gone back and forth with PennDOT and DPW and
22 nothing, nobody ever listened to him, it
23 fell on deaf ears. Well, finally, we see
24 some actions being taken and his hard work
25 is paying off and hopefully in the end this

1 will be resolved once and for all and, you
2 know, we can relieve the potential burden
3 that certainly if anything were to happen if
4 this bridge did have to be shut down, it's a
5 main artery in the West Side to the downtown
6 and it would certainly be an inconvenience
7 for the residents of this city.

8 In regards to the PILOTS, we have
9 had many discussions on this and we had our
10 representatives here and even before that,
11 but I bring that up tonight because I know
12 there is some legislation going back and
13 forth down in Harrisburg in regards to
14 trying to get the nonprofits to contribute
15 more to, you know, the distressed
16 municipalities, and it's my hope that
17 something will come into play and
18 legislation can be passed that will give us
19 the opportunity to get more from nonprofits
20 and the community because certainly, you
21 know, seeing our financial status the way it
22 is right now we can certainly use their
23 help. If they have the ability to
24 contribute to the city, I believe that they
25 should be obligated to do so. They are

1 giving the services that the taxpayers pay
2 for and it's only right that they contribute
3 as well.

4 The final issue I have tonight, I
5 think we are all go to be talking about this
6 now that we are going to be heading into the
7 warmer months now, this is the annual pool
8 discussion we have here, and I just wasn't
9 sure if we had begun having any discussions
10 with DPW as far what pools we are planning
11 on opening this summer. I know Novembrino
12 and Capouse have been shut down the last
13 couple of summer, Capouse has been shut down
14 the longest, I believe it's four or five
15 summers now.

16 We were told splash parks were going
17 in and all sorts of other things.
18 Personally, I'm against the splash park, I
19 don't see the relevance to it. They were
20 built many years ago to be swimming pools
21 and that's what they should be, so it's my
22 hope that those pools will be open this
23 summer. Maybe we can get an answer from
24 Mr. Dougher on that. I know there is issue
25 of a lack of manpower supposedly to operate

1 these pools, lack of money. I'm sure there
2 is many caring citizens out there that would
3 like to see the pool open. I don't see why
4 we could perhaps if the DPW did need
5 assistance in getting these pools cleaned up
6 if we could get neighborhood volunteers or
7 even our neighborhood associations involved
8 in assisting the DPW and cleaning up these
9 pools and getting them in operation for the
10 kids this summer because I just don't feel
11 that these children in this community should
12 suffer another summer without a swimming
13 pool in their neighborhood.

14 Another suggestion I have, I know
15 it's been brought up in the past, perhaps we
16 can consider partnering up with the Scranton
17 School District and have discussions with
18 them and see if they would be willing to
19 assist us in getting these pools open
20 because it affects the children that they
21 educate and that they provide funding for as
22 well so it affects everyone, all sides, and
23 I think we just can't sit back and let
24 another summer go by and have these children
25 suffer. Thank you.

1 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

2 MR. JOYCE: Thank you.

3 MS. EVANS: That concludes our
4 sign-in sheet. Is there anyone else who
5 cares to address council?

6 MR. HANSON: Yes, ma'am. I'm Rich
7 Hanson, I'm the senior representative for
8 the Government Scranton Army Ammunition
9 plant and I'm here tonight --

10 MS. EVANS: Can you --and once
11 again, if you could --

12 MR. HANSON: Rich Hanson. I'm the
13 commander's representative of the Scranton
14 Army Ammunition Plant, it's also known as
15 Chamberlain and I'm here tonight to answer
16 any questions that anyone may have about the
17 parking permit that we are asking the city
18 for. I know that tonight is supposed to be
19 the second reading, I believe it's -- you
20 are also going to vote on it and I just
21 wanted to make sure the city understand we
22 are not asking to park on Mattes or River
23 only in heightened security conditions and
24 we really haven't got to a heightened
25 security condition since 9/11, so if we did

1 happen to go to a heightened security
2 condition we would, in fact, have to use
3 those parking areas. Otherwise, we would,
4 you know, shut down the streets by doing
5 invasive inspections on all vehicles for the
6 employees and that's something we certainly
7 don't want. So I'm not asking to park there
8 every day just, you know, during those
9 heightened security conditions.

10 MS. EVANS: Well, based on I believe
11 it was Councilman McGoff's suggestion
12 regarding permit parking, we have asked the
13 administration and the mayor if that would
14 be possible, so that the employees would be
15 able to park there year round using permit
16 parking and we are waiting for a response on
17 that.

18 MR. HANSON: So will the vote be
19 deferred then or --

20 MS. EVANS: Oh, no. No, no.

21 MR. HANSON: So, if there is no
22 questions.

23 MR. ROGAN: Just speaking for
24 myself, this to me seems to be common sense
25 just to vote "yes" on it if it's a security

1 issue and also make traffic flow easier --

2 MR. HANSON: Absolutely.

3 MR. ROGAN: -- through the area
4 during those times and also, you know, I
5 stated that since those meters, the meters
6 were actually put out they should have never
7 been put there in the first place. The
8 point of meters is to basically put an extra
9 tax on employees, it's the great turn over
10 in business district, and then when they
11 were removed and I know myself and
12 Councilman Loscombe brought this up last
13 week the "No Parking: Signs that are there
14 right now are illegal. They never passed
15 council. They were put up without
16 legislation so hopefully the
17 administration -- and this I'm sure will
18 pass council and be signed by the mayor and
19 hopefully the administration will also work
20 towards allowing parking there because it
21 doesn't do anyone any good to keep that area
22 vacant. You know, when the employees come
23 can be parking there.

24 MR. HANSON: Right. Well,
25 unfortunately, we are down, you know, in

1 strength about 200 employees since 2009, and
2 2009 was the height of our employee, you
3 know, numbering or in strength, if you will,
4 and since then we are down to about 200 now,
5 so we do have the spots on the installation
6 now, approximately 250, you know, to
7 accommodate all of the employees so it's not
8 an issue not being able to park and the
9 permit installation.

10 However, I do want to make sure you
11 understand we don't want to shut down the
12 city streets in the case we have to go to a
13 heightened security condition and we would
14 have to, you know, stickers on the cars so
15 that if Parking Authority were to walk by
16 all of those cars that, you know, were
17 permitted to park there would be properly
18 marked and they wouldn't have an issue with
19 that hopefully.

20 MS. EVANS: Well, thank you very
21 much for coming in.

22 MR. HANSON: Thank you for all for
23 your consideration and vote. Appreciate it.

24 MR. JOYCE: Thank you.

25 MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening, Council,

1 Dave Dobrzyn, resident of Scranton.

2 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

3 MR. DOBRZYN: Last week when I was
4 discussing the many pension of police I said
5 accidentally it was \$25,000 and the police and
6 firemen's pension thanks to Wall Street lost
7 \$25 million, so it's rather nice of them to
8 tell us that our credit is trashed and we
9 have to pay higher interest rates, but I
10 wish they would see some responsible for
11 what they have done.

12 And, also, when I criticized the
13 Affordable Health Care Act, I wasn't
14 specific. In 2010, late 2010, we got a
15 insurance policy for my wife while she was
16 unemployed with a \$2,000 deductible and we
17 went back because she changed jobs just
18 recently and that very same policy and the
19 very same money now has a \$7,500 deductible.

20 And I'd also like to thank all of
21 the people in Congress that did the 151
22 amendments that keeping in mind that even in
23 an act of terrorism or crime you have to pay
24 your own hospital bills. Excuse me, but you
25 could have thought of something better if

1 you had all of that time to amend 151 times.

2 Now, last week it was mentioned
3 become vacant lots and letting them go to
4 the public and so forth, but what I'd like
5 to say is that on a non-buildable lot the
6 taxes are excruciating. I started out
7 thinking that I was going to get the lot for
8 about \$150 a year taxes, knowing it cannot
9 be built on and it started out at about \$330
10 a year and it's up to \$450 a year, so it's a
11 very expensive proposition and if anybody
12 plans on buying one of these lots it's buyer
13 beware. It's a nice lot, I like it, but
14 every time I look at the bill and think that
15 it's just money going into the till it's not
16 really what it seemed to be.

17 And, okay, now on the that Mattes As
18 avenue I would love to see public parking
19 permitted and I don't see where it would
20 interfere with anybody from General
21 Dynamics. I think those signs should be
22 just lifted out of there. Period. I seen
23 years back where people used to park there
24 for General Dynamics and there is nobody
25 else in the area, there is no other venue,

1 but say like on the weekend they have the
2 Iron Furnaces and so forth, festivals, and
3 you have to park three or four blocks away
4 because there is a "No Parking" sign in
5 front of Mattes Avenue and there isn't any
6 shift. I understand that they are down 25
7 percent of their work force currently, so
8 you could deal with a problem like that if
9 their force increased drastically at a later
10 time.

11 And last week the housing projects
12 were brought up in South Side and the trash
13 and so forth. Now, you know, every one of
14 us owning a house in Scranton has to keep
15 our house in fair condition and keep garbage
16 picked up and litter and so forth, why
17 should they be exempt from a blight control?
18 So, in other words, if we send a blight
19 officer up there and just tell the
20 management that this is not acceptable to
21 have bags of garbage strewn all over and
22 torn apart and blown all over other people's
23 lawns and their lawn, I think that would be
24 a totally sound idea for there is no reason
25 why people should have to put up with that.

1 And, you know, a lot has been said
2 on nonprofits and so forth and one of my
3 concerns is that what about nonprofits that
4 preach hate? Do they deserve a tax
5 exemption? Do they really deserve a tax
6 exemption when they are he preaching that
7 other people should be dealt with violently
8 or so forth? Personally, I think that any
9 tax exempt that preaches in those terms
10 should have their tax exemption lifted and
11 lifted ten years back and 15 years forward.
12 It's just ashame that you hear some of these
13 things and it's not just Islam, it's West
14 Borough Baptist Church shows up at our dead
15 servicemen's funerals and protests and says
16 they are burning in hell and stuff like
17 that. It's disgusting, you know, so --

18 MS. EVANS: Yes.

19 MR. DOBRZYN: -- if they want to
20 preach that let them pay the taxes. And
21 once again, sequester all further property
22 from tax exempts irregardless. Please, get
23 some kind of conference and we really have
24 to get going on it because ten years we'll
25 probably be paying 50 percent on the taxes.

1 Thank you and have a good night. Don't
2 forget to bawk, bawk, bawk, bawk.

3 MR. JACKOWITZ: Good evening,
4 Scranton City Council. Bill Jackowitz,
5 South Scranton resident and member of the
6 Taxpayers' Association.

7 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

8 MR. JACKOWITZ: I appreciate last
9 week when some of my questions were
10 addressed immediately after I was done
11 speaking. I hope the same thing happens
12 again tonight so my time is not interrupted.

13 A lot of people have been
14 complaining, and why they are complaining to
15 me I have no idea, but they are, about the
16 12 parking meters on Mulberry Street that
17 have been removed for the University of
18 Scranton, and their main complaint is that
19 the parking meters were placed around the
20 hospitals and people are required to put
21 money in and feed the meters when they go
22 into the hospitals to visit their sick
23 relatives and friends or otherwise they get
24 tickets, and several people have already
25 received tickets. But, yet, the teachers,

1 the professors and the students at the
2 University of the Scranton park for free.
3 And, first of all, who authorized that? Did
4 it come through city council? Did the city
5 council approve those meters to be removed
6 or did the mayor do it on himself? Did
7 Standard Parking do it? People want to
8 know. They want to know who to hold
9 responsible for those meters, those 12
10 meters on Mulberry Street being removed and
11 given to the University of Scranton.
12 Basically you gave -- whoever did it
13 basically gave the University of Scranton
14 free parking and 12 spots.

15 MS. EVANS: When were they removed?

16 MR. JACKOWITZ: They have been
17 removed for quite some time. There is 12
18 spots on Mulberry Street.

19 MS. EVANS: I believe that would
20 have come before city council, was that when
21 the road was being widened and such?

22 MR. JACKOWITZ: I guess so.

23 MS. EVANS: And the University would
24 have paid --

25 MR. JACKOWITZ: I hope my time is

1 not running.

2 MS. EVANS: No. The University
3 would have paid for those spots.

4 MR. JACKOWITZ: Can we see some
5 proof of the fact that the University is
6 paying for those? I mean, we have been told
7 a lot of things that don't seem to ever
8 pass.

9 MS. EVANS: I don't believe they are
10 paying for them constantly, they paid a lump
11 sum at the time to the city or the Scranton
12 Parking -- more likely the Scranton Parking
13 Authority than the City of Scranton.

14 MR. JACKOWITZ: Well, again, you
15 know, people are upset about this. This is
16 one of the reasons why we have the attitudes
17 and the dissatisfaction in this city because
18 of things like this. The University parks
19 for free, but yet if you go to visit a sick
20 relative at a hospital you have to feed the
21 meter.

22 So anyway, I'm just the messenger,
23 okay? People are asking me, I don't have an
24 answer. I'm not an elected official and
25 never will be, never want to be, you know,

1 we come here and we complain about
2 everything in the city because we have a lot
3 to complain about. You know, we have
4 outrageous budgets, we have outrageous
5 borrowing, outrageous so on and so forth and
6 loans, we can't make payments, I mean, our
7 payrolls are over \$1 million every two weeks
8 which comes to about \$28 million a year. We
9 really need to look at that. The elected
10 officials really need to look at this and
11 someone needs to sit down and renegotiation
12 or talk with the city employees because we
13 cannot afford to pay them the amounts that
14 they are being paid.

15 Now, once the city gets back on firm
16 financial situations, again, maybe we can do
17 it, but right now, I mean, we sit here
18 begging for money, asking everybody to help
19 us out, and we give the mayor a \$25,000 a
20 year pay raise before we even know if the
21 mayor can do the job.

22 Furthermore, we didn't even know who
23 the mayor is going to be, but yet we give
24 them at \$25,000 raise. But, on the other
25 hand, we turn around and say we don't have

1 money, we can't pay this, we can't pay that,
2 we can't pay our garbage fees, we got to
3 raise taxes and do this, but yet we are
4 throwing raises out.

5 That's why people are angry. That's
6 why people are upset and who is responsible
7 for it? There is seven elected officials.
8 I have said this before, there is seven
9 elected officials in the City of Scranton.
10 We elect all seven of you to work for us and
11 to make our lives better and when we see
12 people making 70, 80,000, 90,000 dollars a
13 year when the average salary in the city is
14 about \$24,000, \$28,000 it upsets people.

15 Something needs to be done about
16 this. You know, blaming the nonprofits and
17 everybody else, no, we got to blame
18 ourselves. We pay too much money.

19 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

20 MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening,
21 Council. Marie Schumacher, citizen and
22 taxpayer.

23 MR. JOYCE: Good evening.

24 MS. SCHUMACHER: Agenda Item 5-B
25 first, I'm sure that or pretty confident

1 that Mr. Rogan will be speaking to this when
2 it's introduced and comes up for
3 introduction anyway, but I stopped attending
4 meetings of the Vacant Property Review
5 Committee when they kept getting canceled
6 because there wasn't a quorum. However,
7 there were always on the agenda items where
8 people were interested in buying homes and
9 it -- or buying properties, I should say,
10 there were some were commercial, but it's a
11 rather expensive process to get the title,
12 get a clear title even those it's recouped,
13 so it becomes a revolving fund, but I am
14 definitely against the taking the \$30,000
15 away from the Vacant Property Review
16 Committee. If they are not meeting or can't
17 get a quorum the people who are members need
18 to get down there and we need to start
19 working on that.

20 As I recall, when Mary Chilipko was
21 here earlier this year she said there was
22 something like 300 properties on the
23 condemnation list. Now, not all of them are
24 obviously going to be up for demolition, but
25 as I drive around the city, and I did take a

1 different route here tonight, and my heart
2 bleeds for some of the people who keep their
3 properties nice and they're next to
4 something that's got broken windows and
5 partially boarded up, so I am against that
6 30,000 being removed.

7 Then moving on, again, just the
8 state the city is in. I'm going to show my
9 age now and tell that you when I was a kid I
10 listened to a radio, yes, radio, we did not
11 have television. There was a program called
12 "Let's Pretend" on Saturday mornings and I
13 think what we have to do because when you
14 look at our budget, just the expenditure
15 side, I'll be talking more about the budget
16 as the weeks go on, but much of the
17 expenditures side \$51 million goes to
18 employee compensation and workers' comp, \$47
19 million goes to TAN repayment, court awards
20 and unpaid bills and debt, that leaves a
21 grand total of \$11.7 million to pay for all
22 of the supplies and things that are needed
23 to maintain our properties and our roads and
24 it just isn't enough.

25 So I think council has to lead the

1 way and have a let's pretend meeting with
2 everybody involved, the representatives, the
3 workers, and say, "Look, here is what we
4 have coming in on a recurring basis that we
5 know is going to be revenue that's there and
6 here's what's going out and we have this
7 mismatch, let's come up with a solution."

8 Because if we don't we are going to
9 end up in bankruptcy. We just cannot keep
10 going. I would be willing to bet we are
11 going to end up with another deficit at the
12 end of this year and where do we go to
13 get -- do we go back to Court for a third
14 time and even if we get Court approval are
15 we going to -- are we going to be able to
16 find anybody to loan us the money? I would
17 assume the reason we don't have that \$22
18 million yet is because we are having a hard
19 time finding somebody to lend it to us.

20 So I think that's something that
21 should be considered just an all out, no
22 holds barred, we are in this together, let's
23 get ourselves out of it.

24 And I think a lot of place where we
25 could look for money, I'm going to be

1 talking about this as time goes on, too, but
2 one place I was alerted to what's happening
3 or not happening as the case may be by an
4 anonymous letter writer who says he or she
5 is a senior citizens who manages to pay my
6 property tax and refuse bill on time every
7 year. If the city allows property owners to
8 run up over ten years of taxes and take no
9 action against these property owners, why
10 should the rest of us pay our taxes on time?
11 And that certainly is a legitimate and
12 natural concern.

13 Now, the condemnation the City of
14 Scranton Condemned Property Policy right
15 here says, "When a condemned property is
16 being rehabilitated the owner must furnish
17 the Department of Licensing, Inspections and
18 Permits and the Zoning Bureau of the City of
19 Scranton with an affidavit that is signed
20 and notarized stating the following:" -- and
21 I'm only going to read two of the bullets.
22 One is "The copy of the tax certificate
23 verifying that all City of Scranton and
24 Scranton School District and county taxes
25 are paid in full.

1 Second, owner of the property must
2 present himself or herself to the City
3 Treasurer to verify that taxes and waste are
4 paid in full."

5 There is also a letter -- may I
6 finish this? Thank you. There is also a
7 letter from the city solicitor saying that
8 there were several properties that were
9 abandoned and that this response is a notice
10 to the trustee creditors and any other third
11 party that in the event any entity becomes
12 the record title holder of the following
13 properties then the entity must comply with
14 the city's LIPS Department Condemned
15 Property Policy Ordinance and all City of
16 Scranton zoning regulations in order to have
17 the condemnation removed.

18 Now, I also checked on one entity
19 bought four of six properties, two of which
20 have had building permits issued, and I did
21 not check all today of all of the -- all of
22 the taxes that were owed on all four
23 properties, but just of the two that have
24 received building permits, and bear with me
25 for a second it's here, here we go. One of

1 the properties, and this is through 2011
2 owed \$23,384.20 and another \$381.52 to the
3 sewer account. The other property, I must
4 have left it home on the table, but it was
5 about \$5,000, as I recall, yet they are able
6 to get permits. They weren't -- I checked
7 with zoning, they haven't come before
8 zoning, so why do we have these policies if
9 people are just doing whatever the heck they
10 want. Now, that's a lot of money to slip
11 out and that's only a couple. How many
12 times has this been repeated?

13 And I have got other similar things
14 that I'll be bringing to council on a
15 regular basis henceforth so thank you for
16 your time.

17 MS. EVANS: And if you can provide
18 that specific information, the amount of
19 taxes due and what a type of taxes, the
20 addresses and such, I think our office can
21 be looking into it with LIPS why they have
22 been issuing permits and that they are in
23 violation of the ordinances.

24 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay. Thank you.
25 I'll scan them --

1 MS. EVANS: We'll try and get the
2 answers for you.

3 MS. SCHUMACHER: -- and forward them
4 to Nancy.

5 MR. UNGVARSKY: Good evening, City
6 Council.

7 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

8 MR. JOYCE: Good evening.

9 MR. UNGVARSKY: I'm Tom Ungvarsky
10 and I have been here for all of city
11 council's caucuses. I have was here when
12 the manager for the parking garages
13 addressed you. I heard him tell you that
14 there was no specific plan to get the
15 Parking Authority out of the hole. He also
16 told you that you will have to come up with
17 money so that they could pay their bond
18 issue. What I didn't hear is what his
19 qualifications for the jobs are. We know he
20 is making \$100 an hour, but what qualifies
21 him to get that kind of an hourly rate?

22 I was also here when the three
23 representatives from the state were here,
24 our three representatives from the state
25 were here, I heard them tell the city -- or

1 the city council that there was nothing they
2 could do to help them out. Seeing as it was
3 PEL who really put Scranton in the hole, I
4 think there is something those three
5 representatives should be doing to help us
6 out.

7 I also was here two weeks ago when a
8 person came up and asked to have five meters
9 taken out so he could have an entrance to a
10 parking lot from Penn Avenue and an exit on
11 Linden Street. I heard city council ask him
12 if he would help contribute to the loss of
13 revenue and he abruptly replied, "No." Those
14 meters will bring in about \$150 a week.
15 Where are we going to makeup that revenue?
16 We keep losing revenue and no way of making
17 it up.

18 During the past year city council
19 has gone to the county commissioners with
20 three different plans to help out the city
21 and you were flatly turned down on all
22 three. I don't know what's going on, why no
23 one wants to help out the City of Scranton.
24 There must be something going on. Are we go
25 to be made an example of or something? No

1 one knows? Okay.

2 The manager for the parking garage
3 was asked if he would reduce his salary and
4 he told you flatly "No." I don't know why
5 people come -- well, does city council know
6 if he is charging his rate for appearing
7 here that night?

8 MR. ROGAN: That's a good question.

9 MS. EVANS: We don't know.

10 MR. UNGVARSKY: I'm sorry, I didn't
11 hear the answer.

12 MS. EVANS: We don't know that.

13 MR. UNGVARSKY: We don't know. Can
14 we find out?

15 MS. EVANS: We can certainly ask
16 Mr. Washo.

17 MR. UNGVARSKY: We have at least six
18 speakers here tonight that came on their own
19 time, they don't get paid for it. I think
20 with what this county has provided for him I
21 think he should be willing to help us out a
22 little bit. And I thank you for your time
23 attention.

24 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

25 MR. JOYCE: Thank you very much.

1 MS. EVANS: Mrs. Krake, if you would
2 forward a letter to Mr. Washo posing that
3 question, please.

4 MR. SLEDZENSKI: Janet.

5 MR. JOYCE: If you could add to that
6 if he would be charging to respond as well.

7 MR. SLEDZENSKI: Welcome, back,
8 Jack. What's up, Buddy? We missed you last
9 week.

10 MR. LOSCOMBE: Where were you?

11 MR. SLEDZENSKI: Baseball game last
12 week. We got clobbered, 22/nothing.

13 MR. LOSCOMBE: Kenny sent you a nice
14 hat. I have it for you.

15 MR. SLEDZENSKI: Janet, Frank, there
16 is one question for you, Frank. We need to
17 have a little benefit for little kids around
18 the city, a benefit for little kids, we will
19 need something for the little kids to play
20 around, the kids to play around with. Thank
21 you.

22 MS. EVANS: Is there anyone else?
23 Mrs. Krake?

24 MS. KRAKE: 5-A. MOTIONS.

25 MS. EVANS: Mr. McGoff, do you have

1 any comments of motions tonight?

2 MR. MCGOFF: Yes, thank you. First
3 of all it's a rare occasion I do agree with
4 Mr. Morgan, and I know in his own quiet way
5 Attorney Walsh has had a great impact on the
6 City of Scranton, serving in many capacities
7 to the citizens of the City of Scranton and
8 I, too, think that he should be honored for
9 this dedication to the city and to it's
10 residents and hopefully something will be
11 done through the city to honor this
12 gentleman.

13 Secondly, rental registration I did
14 contact people at rental registration and,
15 unfortunately, this week was a little bit of
16 a difficult time for people working there,
17 but I did receive -- the one thing I did
18 receive back from them was that as of April
19 25, 2013, we have received \$99,500 in rental
20 fees. The amount budgeted for 2013 I
21 believe it was \$100,000 so we are very close
22 to reaching that budgeted amount and I
23 believe that there are still, you know,
24 numerous outstanding fees, so we will
25 probably reach that budgeted amount, and I

1 will continue ask for further information
2 about the program.

3 And the last thing I did receive a
4 note that apparently the American flag that
5 was flying over the Vietnam Veterans'
6 monument in Nay Aug Park is apparently no
7 longer there. I don't know if it was taken
8 down, whether it was -- you know, by Parks
9 and Recreation or what happened to it, but I
10 will contact Mark Dougher to find out the
11 status of that and if there is a replacement
12 to be made at that memorial, and that's all.
13 Thank you.

14 MR. JOYCE: Mr. Rogan, do you have
15 any motions or comments?

16 MR. ROGAN: Yes, just a few.
17 Mr. McGoff, when you follow-up on the flag,
18 if the city does not have another one can
19 you let me know the size, and I'll purchase
20 the flag for the memorial if we don't have
21 one.

22 MR. MCGOFF: I'm pretty sure that
23 there are replacements available, I know in
24 the past that when flags had become tattered
25 on whatever that there were, but thank you

1 for the offer and I will make that known to
2 Mr. Dougher.

3 MR. ROGAN: Absolutely. Just a
4 couple of brief items tonight, the first is
5 numerous speakers commented and my
6 condolences to the Walsh family, I didn't
7 know Mr. Walsh as well as some others in the
8 room, but every time I had a conversation
9 with him it was very kind, very
10 enlightening, and he is a very smart, caring
11 person that will be missed in the community.

12 Just two items of business for
13 tonight, the first one is the item on the
14 agenda regarding the West Lackawanna bridge.
15 We did request from OECD a list of all of
16 the accounts to look if there were alternate
17 sources of the funding this project. I know
18 I spoke to Mr. Loscombe and I know he had
19 the same concerns as me and I'm sure our
20 colleagues might as well, my concern is that
21 we are going to be taking away \$200,000 of
22 it from demolition of hazardous structures
23 which -- so there is no secret that blight
24 is one of the biggest issues throughout the
25 city.

1 Also, as was mentioned by a speaker,
2 the Vacant Property Review and West Side
3 Falcons and North Scranton Little League
4 these are worthy projects and worthy groups
5 that were funded. Now, it does say that
6 some of the other ones -- some of the
7 projects were not eligible, and I did just
8 receive this from Linda today and she did
9 ask that I call so I do plan on giving her a
10 call tomorrow morning to see if it can be
11 done another way. I will vote to introduce
12 the legislation this week and, you know,
13 hopefully find another way to fund it
14 through working with OECD or try to find
15 some offsets where the cuts aren't as
16 drastic, especially for me the big one is
17 demolition of the hazardous structures and
18 the little leagues.

19 Traveling through the city you are
20 lucky if you go one block without seeing a
21 vacant home that's in need of demolition,
22 some blocks in the city have multiple homes
23 that they need to be demolished and when we
24 appropriate funds for the CDBG program one
25 of the areas where we have been focusing on,

1 actually the top two areas council has
2 focused to put a lot of money into was
3 paying and blight reduction. They are two
4 of the biggest concerns that everyone in the
5 city has, and not only does a vacant home,
6 you know, look bad, but it reduces property
7 values in the neighborhoods and it causes
8 safety issues, fires, could collapse.

9 So hopefully there is a middle
10 ground that can be found here and I know I
11 definitely will be in touch with Linda and
12 hopefully we can find a resolution on that
13 issue.

14 And one issue, it's not so much city
15 related, but just something I thought to
16 bring up because it's been in the news, I
17 would just like to commend local
18 universities for taking the name of Bob
19 Mellow off some of the buildings and I would
20 request, with my colleagues' agreement, that
21 Lackawanna College change the name from
22 Mellow Theatre to some name honoring
23 veterans in our community.

24 MR. JACKOWITZ: They already did
25 that today. It's no longer the Mellow

1 Center.

2 MR. ROGAN: I know they took the
3 name off, but with the park there was a
4 proposed, a group out there that organized
5 to try and have it named after veterans, I
6 don't know if one-half named after a
7 specific person that fought for the country
8 and died and there were others who were
9 pushing for a veterans park and I hope that
10 the officials at the local university now at
11 that Mr. Mellow's name is off those
12 buildings and off those monuments that it
13 should be changed to honor people who
14 actually did sacrifice for the country. And
15 that is it all I have for tonight. Thank
16 you.

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

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes, just briefly. I
21 would like to also echo my colleagues and
22 some speakers from the audience on my
23 condolences to the family of Mark Walsh. I
24 did know Mark personally for quite a few
25 years and, you know, he was always a

1 gentleman, always willing to help, and in
2 spite of his health problems he always, you
3 know, kept the high road and, you know,
4 looked at the positive things and he was
5 always an inspiration and my heart goes out
6 to his family and relatives and friends.

7 Also, two of my former colleagues,
8 two retired firefighters, have passed away
9 this past week, too. One was mentioned,
10 Harry Kirby and Jake DeAquino and, you know,
11 they were both fine men who served the city
12 well, and I would like to send my prayers
13 out to their families, also.

14 And just with lastly, the West
15 Lackawanna bridge, as Mr. Rogan stated we do
16 have concerns, nobody knows I've been more
17 concerned about that in the past few years
18 than most, and ironically there is this --
19 and this is an emergency, we have to get
20 this taken care of, but as of yet nothing
21 has been done to barricade the area of
22 concern. I mean, it's still a dangerous
23 situation at this time where we are trying
24 to get funding to do this there is still no
25 barricades setup there. I think that has to

1 be done immediately to keep people off that
2 north sidewalk of West Lackawanna bridge.

3 In the mean time, we do, again, I
4 have some questions on some of the funding
5 sources for this here, this problem didn't
6 happen overnight. There were opportunities
7 I think missed over the past few years to
8 get the proper funding to do this and, as
9 Mr. Rogan stated, we just received some
10 information today and we will be working
11 closely together to try and work out the
12 funding sources for this. It does have to
13 be taken care of, although, I was assured by
14 the PennDOT engineers that road structure
15 itself is not in danger, it's the pedestrian
16 area that there is the dangerous spot.

17 But, you know, it's been ongoing for
18 years if you look back in the -- and I just
19 briefly looked at what Ms. Aebli gave us
20 today, they had some funding put in there
21 back in 2006 that has not been used yet for
22 the West Lackawanna Avenue bridge. So we do
23 have several questions, several issues. I
24 will be voting to introduce it, but I do not
25 want to see some of these worthy projects

1 that we have placed in there stripped away
2 and I believe we will be able to work
3 something out for everybody's interest and,
4 you know, that's all I have to say on it,
5 but I will be voting to introduce it and we
6 do have some homework to do beyond that and
7 there is a lot of questions on some of the
8 funding. That's all I have.

9 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Councilman
10 Joyce, do you have any comments or motions
11 tonight?

12 MR. JOYCE: Yes, I do. First, I'd
13 like to express my deepest condolences to
14 the family of Mark Walsh. Mark Walsh was a
15 great man who served the city selflessly,
16 and as Mr. Morgan and Mr. McGoff mentioned I
17 do think that we should have a Mark Walsh
18 day in the City of Scranton and if we could
19 contact the mayor's office and see if that
20 is something that can be arranged that would
21 be greatly appreciated.

22 Secondly, the status of the city.
23 Financially in the bank right now we have
24 \$9.9 million and we have \$490,000 in
25 accounts payable as of this week.

1 Obviously, at this point in time we are
2 receiving a lot of the real estate tax
3 revenue being that it's real estate tax
4 season and we are also receiving refuse
5 revenue and in the future that will slow
6 down. That's why there is at this point an
7 abundance of cash and not much in accounts
8 payable.

9 Next order of business, back on the
10 12th of April, regarding the Blue Cross
11 contract we had sent correspondence out to
12 city controller Roseann Novembrino and she
13 did respond in response to our letter
14 regarding the Blue Cross contract, this was
15 properly bid out and the contract was
16 signed. She did inform the us that she
17 tried to obtain a copy of the contract but
18 was unsuccessful and that she felt that this
19 matter should be referred to the law
20 department.

21 So, Mrs. Krake, if you could please
22 refer this matter to the law department that
23 would be greatly appreciated.

24 MS. EVANS: Councilman Joyce,
25 actually our office, Mrs. Krake

1 specifically, has been working on this now
2 diligently almost daily. I know I made the
3 initial request quite awhile ago and we have
4 been in touch with both Blue Cross and the
5 BA and according to a response we received
6 from Blue Cross they should be providing it
7 any day.

8 MR. JOYCE: Great.

9 MS. EVANS: So we have already taken
10 the channels on that. But I think it's
11 important that you brought up the point that
12 not even the city controller had a copy of
13 that contract. It seems very difficult to
14 locate for some reason.

15 MR. JOYCE: Yeah, I agree. Also, we
16 received correspondence to inform us that
17 bids were opened on Friday, April 19, 2013,
18 in city council chambers for the cutting of
19 South Scranton Albright Plot and Greenridge
20 levies for a two-year seasonal contract, and
21 Dunbar's Evergreen Landscaping was the only
22 bidder and their price for this bid was
23 \$28,800.

24 And finally we have a few requests:
25 Number one, in regard to pools, as per

1 Mr. Miller brought up earlier, if we could
2 send a letter to the mayor's office and
3 Mr. Dougher asking which pools will be
4 opened this year.

5 And also, we had a concern from a
6 resident regarding speeding in front of John
7 Whittier School in the 800 block of Orchard
8 Street, and also speeding in Nay Aug Park,
9 so if we could ask Chief Graziano if he
10 could keep these two areas in mind for a
11 possible patrolman to go out and visit and
12 monitor that would be greatly appreciated.
13 And that's all for tonight.

14 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Good
15 evening. The Office of City Council
16 received legislation from the city
17 administration related to the recent food
18 truck controversy, because I had asked
19 Council Solicitor Hughes to review the three
20 proposed ordinances they do not appear on
21 tonight's agenda for introduction.

22 These ordinances include, first the
23 repeal of File of Council No. 112 of 2009,
24 the previous ordinance which provided for
25 payment of an annual license fee for public

1 eating or drinking establishments and
2 established annual application and renewal
3 requirements, among other items.

4 Second, the amendment of sections of
5 the city code governing pedaling and
6 soliciting within the City of Scranton to
7 include definitions of a food truck and food
8 cart, setting hours of operation and
9 proximity of food carts and food trucks to
10 store buildings and establishing an annual
11 license fee for these types of businesses.

12 And third, a new ordinance meant to
13 replace the repealed 2009 ordinance which
14 contains similar verbiage included in the
15 previous two ordinances.

16 And again, after review and
17 correction by our solicitor these ordinances
18 may be placed on council agenda for it's May
19 2 meeting. If so, Seventh Order reading and
20 final approval would occur on Thursday, May
21 16. During the intervening time I ask any
22 interested owners of eating or drinking
23 establishments in the city to meet with
24 owners of the food trucks and food carts to
25 discuss the ordinances proposed by the city

1 administration and offer council chambers as
2 the location for this dialogue. The meeting
3 will be solely among the business owners and
4 they can determine the date and time. Their
5 final recommendations can be submitted to
6 city council for it's consideration of
7 amendments to the proposed legislation.

8 My hope is to see these businesses
9 arrive at a solution that is fair to each of
10 them. I firmly believe that all businesses
11 should be welcomed within our city.
12 Further, they should compliment, not cancel
13 out one another.

14 If the Office of the City Council is
15 not in receipt of the recommendations of the
16 city business owners on or about before
17 Monday, May 13, city council will proceed
18 with the legislation and its own amendments,
19 if any, to a final vote on May 16.

20 Next, on tonight's agenda for
21 introduction is Item 5-B, an ordinance for
22 transfer of CDBG funds for the West
23 Lackawanna bridge project, specifically the
24 repair of crumbled wall and sidewalks, and
25 last week I asked my colleagues,

1 specifically Councilman Rogan, who is chair
2 of this particular committee, and Councilman
3 Loscombe because he had done so much legwork
4 leading up top this project, to review CDBG
5 projects and accounts and determine whether
6 other accounts might be tapped for this
7 project either in addition to or in place of
8 the accounts chosen by OECD and the
9 administration. They will submit their
10 recommendations to our office in the near
11 future in order that council will proceed
12 with this vital legislation in a timely
13 manner since the bridge repair project is a
14 high priority to city residents.

15 And finally, I believe there was
16 earlier discussion regarding the American
17 flag over the Vietnam Veterans monument in
18 Nay Aug, if I'm not mistaken I believe I
19 have a flag at home that was given to me by
20 an Army officer who served in Afghanistan
21 and I can donate that flag then and there
22 won't be a need of a new purchase. And
23 that's it.

24 MS. KRAKE: 5-B. AMENDING FILE OF
25 COUNCIL NO. 41, 2008, FILE OF COUNCIL NO.

1 40, 2010, FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 53, 2011
2 ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
3 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE
4 CITY OF SCRANTON TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY
5 ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE CONSOLIDATED
6 SUBMISSION FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND
7 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS TO BE FUNDED UNDER THE
8 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
9 PROGRAM, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME)
10 PROGRAM AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG)
11 PROGRAM", BY TRANSFERRING \$287,000.00 FROM
12 PROJECTS 09-05.8 WEST SIDE FALCONS; 12-05.8
13 WEST SIDE FALCONS (ROOF); 12- 05.8 WEST SIDE
14 FALCONS (PAVING); 12-05.22 NORTH SCRANTON
15 LITTLE LEAGUE; 12-235.A SRA/VACANT PROPERTY
16 REVIEW COMMITTEE; 11-99 DEMOLITION OF
17 HAZARDOUS STRUCTURES TO PROJECT 12-01 WEST
18 LACKAWANNA AVENUE BRIDGE PROJECT.

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

22 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

23 MR. JOYCE: Second.

24 MS. EVANS: On the question? All
25 those in favor signify by 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. AUTHORIZING THE
8 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
9 TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A COOPERATION
10 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SCRANTON
11 ("MUNICIPALITY") AND THE WEST SCRANTON HYDE
12 PARK NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH (WSHPNW)
13 ("ORGANIZATION") IN ORDER TO FILE AN
14 APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH
15 THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, DEPARTMENT
16 OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
17 ("DCED") FOR A KEYSTONE COMMUNITIES "ELM
18 STREET" DESIGNATION.

19 MS. EVANS: At this time I'll
20 entertain a motion that Item 5-C be
21 introduced into its proper committee.

22 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

23 MR. JOYCE: Second.

24 MS. EVANS: On the question?

25 MR. ROGAN: Yes, on the question. I

1 would just like to commend the neighborhood
2 watch in West Scranton for the good work
3 they have been doing and there is no doubt
4 that Main Avenue in West Scranton has
5 changed for the worse through the last
6 decade and even longer and somebody who
7 lives in this part of town and travels that
8 area every day I think this is definitely,
9 definitely welcomed, and I know for myself
10 and I know the council and the
11 administration will be doing everything we
12 can to try and assist with revitalizing that
13 part of West Scranton.

14 MR. JOYCE: And I would also like to
15 commend the West Scranton Hyde Park
16 Neighborhood Watch, especially Karen Foster
17 and Mike Foster for their dedicated work
18 that they do with the watch. They have a
19 great organization. They are dedicated to
20 making West Side a better place and all the
21 members of the watch should be commended for
22 their actions.

23 MR. ROGAN: But also I believe it's
24 Tom Borthwick and Greg Evans that are
25 co-chairing this project.

1 MR. JOYCE: Oh, okay. Sorry, I
2 forgot to mention them and I'd also like to
3 commend Tom Borthwick and Greg Evans as
4 well.

5 MR. LOSCOMBE: I would just like to
6 echo my colleagues without dragging this any
7 further. Definitely it's a worthwhile
8 project and I believe we are all behind it.

9 All those in favor signify by saying
10 aye.

11 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

12 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

13 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

14 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

17 MS. KRAKE: 5-D. AUTHORIZING THE
18 CITY OF SCRANTON TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE
19 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, DEPARTMENT OF
20 TRANSPORTATION FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL APPROVAL
21 FOR THE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE
22 INTERSECTION OF CEDAR AVENUE (S.R. 3023),
23 SCRANTON EXPRESSWAY RAMPS (S.R. 8025) AND
24 ORCHARD STREET TO REMAIN AS A PERMANENT
25 TRAFFIC SIGNAL.

1 MS. EVANS: At this time I'll
2 entertain a motion that Item 5-D be
3 introduced into its proper committee.

4 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

5 MR. JOYCE: Second.

6 MS. EVANS: On the question?

7 MR. MCGOFF: Yes, very briefly.

8 Those signals are now operational and one of
9 the things I think that will be interesting
10 is to see how much, and forgive me, but I
11 can still only refer to it as Chamberlain,
12 how the traffic flow is as workers are
13 coming in and out of Chamberlain and see how
14 those signals work at those times, so take a
15 look at that as well.

16 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Is there
17 anyone else? All those in favor signify by
18 saying aye.

19 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

20 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

21 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

22 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

25 MS. KRAKE: 5-E. AUTHORIZING THE

1 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
2 TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT
3 WITH HORSEPOWER HARLEY DAVIDSON, INC. TO
4 LEASE FIVE (5) POLICE PACKAGE MOTORCYCLES.

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

8 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

9 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

12 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

13 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

14 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

15 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

18 MS. KRAKE: 6-A. READING BY TITLE -
19 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 18, 2013 - AN ORDINANCE
20 - TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM FUND 01 CITY OF
21 SCRANTON PENN SECURITY TAN A AND FIDELITY
22 BANK 2012 TAN ACCOUNTS WHICH PROJECTS ARE
23 COMPLETED AND NO LONGER NEEDED FOR THE
24 CONDUCT OF CITY BUSINESS, AND ABOLISHING AND
25 CLOSING SAID ACCOUNTS AND TRANSFERRING THE

1 FUNDS REMAINING IN SAID ACCOUNTS TO THE PNC
2 GENERAL FUNDING CHECKING ACCOUNT LISTED
3 BELOW.

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

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

8 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

11 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

12 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

13 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

14 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

17 MS. KRAKE: 6-B. READING BY TITLE -
18 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 19, 2013 - AN ORDINANCE
19 - ESTABLISHING A "NO PARKING ZONE" ALONG
20 THE WESTERLY SIDE OF THE 1700 BLOCK OF NORTH
21 WASHINGTON AVENUE BEGINNING FROM THE END
22 LINE OF PIN 13518-030-019 NORTHWARD TO THE
23 CORNER OF THE 1100 BLOCK OF ELECTRIC STREET
24 WESTWARD AND SOUTHWARD ENDING AT THE END
25 LINE OF PIN 13518-030-017 ON THE 1800 BLOCK

1 OF WYOMING AVENUE.

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

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

6 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

9 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

10 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

11 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

12 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

15 MS. KRAKE: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR
16 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
17 SAFETY - FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 15,
18 2013 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
19 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND
20 ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
21 BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY SCRANTON
22 ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT (SCAAP) AND THE CITY
23 OF SCRANTON ("CITY") TO ALLOW PARKING ALONG
24 MATTES AVENUE AND RIVER STREET WHERE "NO
25 PARKING" SIGNS ARE PRESENT.

1 MS. EVANS: What is the
2 recommendation of the Chair for the
3 Committee on Public Safety?

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

7 MR. ROGAN: Second.

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

10 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

11 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

12 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

13 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

14 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

15 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

16 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

17 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

18 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

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

21 MS. KRAKE: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION
22 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES- FOR ADOPTION -
23 RESOLUTION NO. 16, 2013 - APPROVING THE
24 FINANCING BY THE SCRANTON-LACKAWANNA HEALTH
25 AND WELFARE AUTHORITY OF A CERTAIN CAPITAL

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

23 MS. EVANS: As Chair for the
24 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
25 passage of Item 7-B.

1 MR. ROGAN: Second.

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

4 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

5 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

6 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

7 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

8 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

10 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

11 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

12 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

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

15 MS. KRAKE: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION
16 BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT-
17 FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 17, 2013
18 - ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE
19 HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD
20 ("HARB") AND APPROVING THE CERTIFICATE OF
21 APPROPRIATENESS FOR POCONO SIGN & GRAPHIC,
22 1147 THE HIDEOUT, LAKE ARIEL, PENNSYLVANIA
23 FOR REMOVAL OF EXISTING SIGNAGE LOCATED ON
24 LEFT-SIDE FAÇADE; REPLACE WITH NEW SIGNAGE
25 OF THE SAME DIMENSIONS; BLACK & WHITE COLOR

1 SCHEME AND CHANGE BUSINESS NAME ON EXISTING
2 AWNING TO MATCH DIMENSION OF 10"H X 7'W AT
3 414 SPRUCE STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

4 MS. EVANS: What is the
5 recommendation of the Chair for the
6 Committee on Community Development?

7 MR. ROGAN: As Chair for the
8 Committee on Community Development, I
9 recommend final passage of Item 7-C.

10 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

13 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

14 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

15 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

16 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

17 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

18 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

19 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

20 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

21 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

22 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare
23 Item 7-c legally and lawfully adopted.

24 If there is no further business,
25 I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

1 MR. JOYCE: Motion to adjourn.

2 MS. EVANS: This meeting is

3 adjourned.

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6 (Meeting adjourned.)

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