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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

Thursday, May 30, 2013

LOCATION:

Council Chambers
Scranton City Hall
340 North Washington Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania

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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 moment of reflection
2 observed.)

3 MS. EVANS: Roll call, please.

4 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

5 MR. MCGOFF: Here.

6 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

7 MR. ROGAN: Here.

8 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: Here.

10 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

11 MR. JOYCE: Here.

12 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

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

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

16 MINUTES OF THE COMPOSITE PENSION BOARD

17 MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2013.

18 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?

19 If not, received and filed.

20 MS. KRAKE: 3-B. MINUTES OF THE

21 SCRANTON POLICE PENSION MEETING HELD APRIL

22 24, 2013.

23 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?

24 If not, received and filed.

25 MS. KRAKE: 3-C. CONTROLLERS REPORT

1 FOR THE MONTH ENDING APRIL 30, 2013.

2 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?
3 If not, received and filed. Do we have any
4 clerk's notes this evening, Mrs. Krake?

5 MS. KRAKE: No, Mrs. Evans.

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

9 MR. ROGAN: Just one. The South
10 Side Neighborhood Watch Community Day will
11 be held on June 1 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in
12 the Saint Stanislas Church parking lot
13 located on the corner of East Elm and
14 Pittston. Again, that's June 1 from noon to
15 3 p.m.

16 MS. EVANS: Is there anyone else?
17 The Lackawanna County River Corridor
18 Association will conduct it's annual
19 Riverfest on Saturday, June 1, 2013,
20 including a canoe-a-thon, kayak excursions,
21 regatta and a duck-a-thon. For additional
22 information call 570-347-6311 or go to
23 www.lcra.org. Don't miss this fun filled
24 family event. And that's it.

25 MS. KRAKE: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'

1 PARTICIPATION.

2 MS. EVANS: Our first speaker
3 tonight is Bill Jackowitz.

4 MR. JACKOWITZ: Good evening,
5 Scranton City Council. Bill Jackowitz,
6 South Scranton resident and member of the
7 Taxpayers' Association. Recently my
8 standing as a speaker in this forum and the
9 facts I have presented was questioned. I am
10 a retired Air Force Veteran with 20 years of
11 active duty honorable service and can prove
12 of it. My taxes are paid up and current. I
13 am a resident of the City of Scranton. My
14 family has resided in Scranton for over 100
15 years. If you check out the county
16 courthouse, you will see my father's name on
17 two monuments, the General Kosciuszko
18 monument on Spruce Street and the General
19 Pulaski monument on the corner of Linden
20 Street and Adams Avenue.

21 I have been co-chairperson for the
22 Kids Swim Free Program and have successfully
23 conducted approximately 15 swimming events
24 at Nay Aug Park paying for children 15 and
25 under to swim free using the monies that

1 have been donated by the local businessmen
2 and private citizens. While others have sat
3 back and only talked about it, I did it.

4 Those facts that I present each week
5 are not mine. They are the produced by the
6 Pennsylvania Economy League, the city
7 administration, city council, Scranton Tax
8 Office, business administrator, State
9 Department of Labor and Industry, US Census,
10 local news report plus national and
11 international news reports, attendance at
12 court hearings and listening to testimony
13 and rulings from the bench and, finally,
14 experts in the field of municipal finance.

15 Unfortunately, these reports are not
16 always positive news as a matter of fact.
17 Mostly they are negative reports based upon
18 the fact that the City of Scranton has been
19 distressed for 21 1/2 years with no solution
20 on how to get out of this distressed city
21 status.

22 Furthermore, the financial evidence
23 points to bankruptcy municipality. Poverty
24 level in Scranton 31.5 percent. One family
25 out of every three families living in

1 Scranton live in poverty. I present them in
2 the hope that the administration and city
3 council and the Pennsylvania Economy League
4 will seek to correct the sins of the past
5 and improve the reputation and living
6 conditions for all Scranton residents and
7 taxpayers.

8 I have also been accused of
9 threatening, bullying and calling city
10 council members names from this podium. I
11 ask each of the council members and council
12 staff members, is this a truthful and
13 factual statement? Mr. McGoff?

14 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

15 MR. JACKOWITZ: Mr. Rogan?

16 MR. ROGAN: No.

17 MR. JACKOWITZ: Mrs. Evans?

18 MS. EVANS: Yes.

19 MR. JACKOWITZ: Mr. Joyce?

20 MR. JOYCE: No, you have never
21 called me a name.

22 MR. JACKOWITZ: Mr. Loscombe.

23 MR. LOSCOMBE: No.

24 MS. JACKOWITZ: Mrs. Krake? Nancy?

25 MS. KRAKE: Would you please repeat

1 what you just said?

2 MR. JACKOWITZ: Yeah, I have been
3 accused of calling city council members
4 names and bullying them from this podium and
5 I'm just wondering if that's true or not, if
6 that's an accurate statement.

7 MS. KRAKE: If you have councilmen
8 names, is that your question?

9 MR. JACKOWITZ: Yes, or bullying
10 them?

11 MS. KRAKE: Or bullying them?

12 MR. JACKOWITZ: Harassing them?

13 MS. KRAKE: And you want to know if
14 I feel you have done that?

15 MR. JACKOWITZ: Yeah, I'm just
16 asking a yes or no?

17 MS. KRAKE: Yes or no? I think it's
18 to ambiguous a question because it's
19 determining how they feel about your remarks
20 and I can't really speak on anyone's
21 feelings. I can speak on my own.

22 MR. JACKOWITZ: Well, what about
23 your feelings?

24 MS. KRAKE: My feelings, yes,
25 sometimes I have been offended, but it is

1 your right to do that.

2 MR. JACKOWITZ: Okay. Attorney
3 Hughes?

4 MR. HUGHES: I would think that
5 whether it's offensive is how any council
6 member interprets that and, obviously, there
7 are a few council persons that do from their
8 standpoint. It's subjective. I think that
9 if you did, you would be called out of order
10 maybe.

11 MR. JACKOWITZ: I have never been
12 called out of order, but is it a yes or no
13 answer?

14 MR. HUGHES: I can't answer it yes
15 or no.

16 MR. JACKOWITZ: We'll just leave it
17 at that.

18 MR. HUGHES: Sometimes your comments
19 are to some council members are a little
20 offensive in my opinion.

21 MR. JACKOWITZ: Thank you. My
22 disagreement with the seven elected
23 officials in Scranton and the Pennsylvania
24 Economy League should not and does not in
25 any way represent bullying, intimidation or

1 disrespect for anyone. It only represents
2 my displeasure with the way Scranton elected
3 officials conduct Scranton business. My
4 belief and understanding is that elected
5 officials are elected to work for the
6 people. I hold all elected officials
7 accountable to the people.

8 I do not always agree with the mayor
9 and city council. This is my right as a
10 citizen, veteran and taxpayer to agree or
11 disagree. I also have the right to express
12 my opinion at any time and I will. You can
13 either or disagree with my opinion. That is
14 your right.

15 There is more to government than
16 taxes. How about financial management of
17 the tax money that has been generated and
18 spending restraints by the elected officials
19 in the city administration? Government
20 should not be a popularity contest. Some
21 will run away from danger, others will run
22 toward the danger to help save lives and
23 ensure freedom for all. They is why they
24 are called war fighters and first
25 responders. Without these people those who

1 run the opposite direction would be lost.

2 Does anybody at city council have
3 any questions or comments to make before I
4 leave the podium?

5 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Your time is
6 up.

7 MR. JACKOWITZ: Thank you very much.

8 MS. EVANS: And our next speaker is
9 Rick Schroeder.

10 MR. SCHROEDER: Good evening. I'm
11 here as the business manager of IBEW Local
12 81 which represents the electricians in the
13 City of Scranton. Offices located at 431
14 Wyoming Avenue. I want to take a minute to
15 thank council for the opportunity to come up
16 here to voice opinions that I have and I
17 also want to thank each and every one of you
18 for the service that they do for this city.
19 Whether anyone agrees or disagree certainly
20 the service that you do in the city I think
21 has to be recognized. For those of you that
22 will be leaving I thank you what you have
23 done in the past. For those of you that are
24 staying, I certainly look forward to working
25 with you in the future.

1 We have a number of people, we have
2 over 150 members that live in the City of
3 Scranton. I'm here tonight to ask the
4 council to consider accepting the
5 recommendations of the Historical
6 Architectural Review Board for approving the
7 certificate of appropriateness for the
8 University of Scranton Linden Street, 800
9 Linden Street in Scranton here. The
10 demolition of Leahy Hall and the new
11 building that will be constructed there.

12 After talking with people from the
13 University of Scranton, I understand it will
14 be an eight-story building and I think that
15 this building is going to be bigger and
16 better than what is there. It's going onto
17 a site where the building already is not on
18 the tax rolls and I think that, you know,
19 there was always some concern if there was a
20 nonprofit, but the fact that it wasn't on
21 the tax rolls and prior to that being the
22 YWCA wasn't on the tax rolls, I think that
23 it's a win-win for the city because of the
24 jobs that are going to be created.

25 Certainly I'm speaking here because

1 I represent construction workers that stand
2 to hopefully work on that project. I think
3 there will be hundreds of people that will
4 be working there generating a lot of tax
5 money that will be coming into the city. I
6 think that the utilization of that one is
7 going to be a bigger and taller building.
8 The space for the physical and occupational
9 therapy units that will be there I think is
10 going to be a big plus to us and the
11 community.

12 I lived and was grown up in the Hill
13 Section of Scranton and I can tell I
14 remember when the University was only a few
15 buildings here and I have seen it develop
16 into one of the finest institutions of
17 higher learning in the country. I don't
18 think there is anyone here or anyone in the
19 city that wouldn't be proud to say that they
20 had somebody graduate from the University.

21 I can personally tell you that I had
22 a son that went there, graduated from there,
23 and I'm very proud to say that he did go
24 there and, you know, unfortunately, lives in
25 another area now, he is a doctor that lives

1 in another area, but certainly I think that
2 he had some of the opportunities he had
3 because of going there.

4 So the some of the positive things
5 that the University has done, you know, the
6 University has a \$404,077,660 regional
7 impact in 2011, 2012. They had an economic
8 impact of over \$5 billion since 1980. There
9 are some staggering numbers here. The
10 students spend an average of \$1.4 million
11 off campus each month.

12 The community organizations held
13 more than 4,500 events at the University of
14 Scranton since 2004.

15 The University employees make up
16 nearly 10 percent of the city's work force
17 and nearly 1 in 10 city residents are
18 students, alumni or employees.

19 Last year the University voluntarily
20 contributed \$175,000 to the city, \$58,000 to
21 Lackawanna County. The University committed
22 \$3.16 million to beautify Mulberry Street.

23 So there is a lot of positive things
24 that the University has done. I would hate
25 to think what Scranton would look like

1 without the University of the Scranton. I
2 remember the older delapidated buildings
3 that were there when I used to walk to
4 school every day and walk by the University
5 of Scranton. I think that it could be a
6 win-win and I certainly ask each one of the
7 council members to consider approving the
8 University of Scranton's plans for Linden
9 Street. Thank you for your time.

10 MS. SCHUMACHER: Thank you.

11 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

12 MS. EVANS: Jack Figured. Good
13 evening, council. Good evening, Janet,
14 Frank. Thank you for your service. Janet,
15 it wasn't that long ago when you were
16 walking through the city streets looking for
17 votes with your son and it doesn't seem to
18 be that long ago anyway, I have grayed a
19 little since then.

20 I'm here to speak on two subjects
21 tonight. I'd like to know if anyone has any
22 information on the Rockwell Avenue bridge
23 project? It seems that I went to a meeting
24 about three years ago where there was a
25 design study done and there was something

1 that was going to happen there but since
2 then it's fallen off the map and the road
3 has been closed off for a year and we don't
4 have anything. The neighborhood doesn't
5 have any indication what's going on. Does
6 anybody have update or anything on that?

7 MR. LOSCOMBE: The neighbors know as
8 much as we do, unfortunately. We have been
9 kept in the dark on a lot of stuff even
10 though we request information we still don't
11 receive it. We have passed extra money for
12 the bridge, also. But, you know, when it
13 comes to that point that's as far as it goes
14 here. Hopefully that will change in
15 January.

16 MR. FIGURED: Hopefully with the new
17 administration and new council members, it's
18 going to be a tough road to follow, you guys
19 did a great job and thank you for that. I'm
20 also here to speak on the University of
21 Scranton, and like Rick says, that building
22 will be an eight-story building. It's going
23 to a beautiful structure. There is an
24 economic impact to the city not only in
25 mercantile taxes that the builders, the

1 contractors, the architects and engineers
2 will be paying for that. There is also over
3 \$400,000 in permit fees that will be a
4 direct benefit to the city.

5 When we had previously spoken, and I
6 have been here before on projects for the
7 University and for other construction
8 projects, as you know, the previous projects
9 on the dormitories and science center that
10 were built two years ago, I did a little
11 research on it, and I am with the
12 bricklayers now and craft workers and for
13 the project for the dormitories alone the
14 bricklayers alone had 30,000 man hours. The
15 laborers, which are our coworkers and we
16 rely on to get the materials to us, had
17 about 20,000 man hours. That translated to
18 over a \$1,200,000 payroll. From that
19 payroll we figured that it was around 25 to
20 30 thousand dollars in city wage tax that
21 was paid. Noted, not all of those were city
22 residents that worked on that project, but I
23 can tell you as business manager for the
24 bricklayers when a project comes into the
25 city, whatever area it is, we use local

1 residents first in that area and give them
2 the opportunity to work close to home.

3 As we exhaust our work list we move
4 into Dunmore, Riverside, and Mid-Valley,
5 places like that. Occasionally we get the
6 opportunity to outreach into other areas,
7 maybe Schuylkill County or Monroe County
8 with the project the dormitories and the
9 science project were being concurrently
10 build I had 100 percent employment and that
11 was city workers, people that worked in the
12 Boroughs surrounding us. That was a great
13 think.

14 Currently, I have about 70 percent
15 unemployment at the present time. As you
16 can see, there is not much going around in
17 the City of Scranton and the work that is
18 being done those entities that came to you
19 and asked for special considerations on tax
20 breaks and LERTAs and stuff like that, they
21 made a lot of promises not only to us, but
22 to the council. If you were to go down on
23 Greenridge Street where they are building
24 that new project there for the elderly, all
25 out of state workers. You know, there are a

1 few workers from in the area there, but most
2 of them are from out of town, the
3 contractors are from out of town. Who
4 checks to see that they pay city wage tax?
5 Who checks to see that they pay the
6 mercantile? I think these people are coming
7 up here on a free ride. I don't think there
8 is anybody that goes down and checks their
9 books.

10 We check the books. As the union
11 our contractors are forced to pay the wages
12 and the benefits and the taxes in the
13 municipalities that they work in because we
14 enforce that. So, you know, that's one of
15 the things that you can see by looking
16 around in the area and that's why we are
17 here, we are here to support the University,
18 90 percent of the projects I have been
19 involved with in my type of work, and I
20 don't get everything at the University, but
21 90 percent of it comes from the people of
22 the City of Scranton. And I have asked that
23 question, I have asked, "Where did you
24 source materials and how do you do things
25 like this?"

1 This is going to be a silver leaf
2 project. It's not going to be built as a
3 silver leaf, but it's going to be built to
4 the standard of a silver leaf project. That
5 means that most of the materials and
6 everything is going to be sourced within a
7 200 mile radius of the Scranton. That's
8 going to benefit the businesses that live
9 and work in the City of Scranton. That's
10 going to be benefit the people that live
11 here in the City of Scranton.

12 They are the things that when we
13 come to you and we are looking to make sure
14 that things are passed for the progression
15 of this city, they are the things that you
16 really don't know about, but we do and they
17 are really what I want to bring to your
18 attention. And so when you are considering
19 this tonight I would like you to consider
20 all of those facts. The contractors, the
21 business people, the residents, the people
22 that are out there and everybody that it's
23 going to benefit from a project like this.

24 We have also met on other projects
25 with Geisinger Medical Center and stuff to

1 date, they are going to do another wonderful
2 project. That's going to double the
3 incentive in the city. You are going to get
4 double the permit fees and double the
5 mercantile taxes. Everyone needs certain
6 variances and certain things that happen to
7 make these projects go. It's about time we
8 take care of our own because those entities
9 that come before us, like the ones that I
10 spoke earlier on and the housing project
11 over on Davis Street, no benefit to anybody.
12 They benefit themselves.

13 And one thing that really nobody
14 knows about when those people from out of
15 state come here to work and they work here
16 eight, nine, ten months and they go back to
17 South Carolina, Nevada or get the
18 unemployment compensation \$200 a week they
19 take our money. They take the money from
20 Pennsylvania. They collect on Pennsylvania
21 unemployment. They don't collect from North
22 Carolina and Florida and things like that.
23 They take our money back with them and they
24 our taxes back and they take your money back
25 with them, so that's what we ask for here

1 tonight. We ask for that consideration and
2 I'm sorry I went over and thank you again.

3 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Drew
4 Simpson.

5 MR. SIMPSON: Good evening.

6 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

7 MR. SIMPSON: Again, I'd also like
8 to thank council for all your past support
9 to the working people here in this area.
10 You have been a great friend of ours and we
11 always look forward to working with you and
12 look forward to working with you in the
13 future.

14 I'm a resident of the City of
15 Scranton and I also represent the United
16 Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of
17 America. I also am here tonight to speak in
18 support of the University of Scranton's
19 Rehabilitation Center project. The
20 University of Scranton has since 2008
21 constructed four major projects with a cost
22 of approximately \$200 million. These
23 projects alone have generated for the City
24 of Scranton approximately \$2.5 million in
25 building permits and business privilege

1 taxes. These figures do not include the
2 smaller projects done nearby the University.
3 The University utilizes contractors who use
4 a local work force and professional trades
5 people who are in an established area
6 standard that including family sustaining
7 wages, health insurance and retirement
8 programs.

9 The University is one of only a few
10 entities who have continued to build and put
11 our members to work through one of the worst
12 economic times this country, state and
13 region has ever seen. One figure that is
14 difficult for me to calculate is the amount
15 of wage taxes paid to the city by our
16 members who live in the city and work on
17 these projects. One thing is assured, that
18 with the hundreds of the carpenters who have
19 worked on these projects the city has
20 benefited greatly.

21 The University of Scranton's
22 rehabilitation project comes at time when
23 two or three major projects in the city have
24 been put on hold causing our members to be
25 unemployed and with the new state laws on

1 unemployment makes many of them unable to
2 collect. This project takes a property that
3 is not on the tax rolls, and hasn't been
4 since its days as the YWCA and will make
5 another gateway to the city as you enter
6 from the expressway onto Jefferson Avenue
7 and by incorporating the existing Linden
8 Street entrance in the new building keeps
9 intact some of the architectural heritage of
10 the building.

11 This project will bring to the city
12 coffers approximately \$445,00 in building
13 permits, \$280,000 in mercantile tax, \$17,000
14 in plan review and an unknown amount of wage
15 taxes and another \$47 million to the total
16 the University has spent in building and
17 investment in the city.

18 There have been numerous projects in
19 the past and one currently that have
20 received KOZ or LERTA tax breaks to build in
21 the city that were approved by council.
22 Most of these projects bring in an
23 out-of-town contractor and an out-of-town
24 workforce and most recently an undocumented
25 workforce from California and Las Vegas.

1 These workers do not pay local taxes and
2 they take their money back to whatever state
3 they came from. The University of Scranton
4 has never turned its back on the local
5 workforce, as council hasn't. So tonight I
6 ask the council to accept the recommendation
7 of the Architectural Review Board and
8 approve the certificate of appropriateness
9 so we can put our members back to work.
10 Thank you for your consideration.

11 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Joanne
12 Davis.

13 MS. DAVIS: I have a couple of
14 packets here. I can bring them to you.
15 Good evening.

16 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

17 MS. DAVIS: Good evening. My name
18 is Joanne Davis. I'm a resident of Scranton
19 and owner of Mrs. D's Pizza, Hoagie and Beer
20 Eatery on South Washington Avenue across
21 from McDonald's in the South Side Shopping
22 Center. The purpose of my appearance
23 tonight is not only to inform Scranton
24 residents and council of the feral cat
25 problem in the city, but to offer a possible

1 solution in managing the problem.

2 Like many communities, we have a
3 serious feral cat problem. Unfortunately,
4 it is our responsibility as a community to
5 attempt to fix it or more realistically
6 manage it. The recent stabbing of a cat by
7 a University student was outrageous. Cats
8 are being poisoned and run down on the
9 streets daily. Euthanizing them is not the
10 solution as the Humane Society of the United
11 States website states, "Even if there were
12 enough money to remove and euthanize feral
13 cats, others would move into the vacant
14 territory to take advantage of the food
15 source and shelter now made available. It
16 is an endless cycle."

17 I am aware of the recent ordinances
18 adopted by several of our neighboring
19 communities which issues fines to
20 goodhearted citizens for feeding these
21 desolate animals.

22 I am hopeful that this council would
23 never consider such an uncivilized
24 ordinance. The Humane Society of the United
25 States addresses this issue by stating, "The

1 logic is that people think if there is no
2 food available the cats will go away.
3 However, they are territorial animals who
4 can survive for weeks without food and will
5 not easily leave to search for new food
6 sources. Instead, they tend to move closer
7 into human habitation as they grow more
8 desperate. Their malnourished condition
9 will make the more susceptible to parasitic
10 infestations such as fleas. They will
11 continue to reproduce resulting in the
12 visible of many kittens and cats, thus
13 making the situation much worse instead of
14 improving it. Another reason is that the
15 bands are nearly impossible to enforce.
16 Experience shows that people who care about
17 cats will go to great lengths to help a
18 starving animal."

19 The Humane Society of United States
20 has said, "That a program called TNR, which
21 stands for trap, neuter, release has proven
22 to work. Feral cats are trapped, neutered
23 and returned to their territory. They no
24 longer reproduce and because of this it
25 dramatically reduces fighting and the noise

1 associated with mating. Foul odors are
2 reduced as well because neutered male cats
3 no longer spray. Neutered cats also travel
4 less so they are less of a nuisance. TNR
5 improves the quality of life for existing
6 colonies preventing the birth of more cats
7 and significantly reduces the number of cats
8 over time.

9 Additionally, many groups that
10 provide resources for TNR have calculated
11 that the cost associated with TNR are
12 considerably less than those related to the
13 removal and euthanization of feral cats."

14 I, myself, can testify to that
15 because for the past ten years I have a been
16 feeding feral cats by home near Nay Aug
17 Park. I have personally found that using
18 the TNR method has been much more cost
19 efficient and limits new arrivals into the
20 colony. The Journal of Feline Medicine and
21 Surgery found that over a 11-year period in
22 six different states less than 1 percent of
23 103,643 feral cats examined had to be
24 euthanized due to infection, disease or
25 debilitating conditions. Less than 1

1 percent.

2 With this information, the solution
3 is to fully implement TNR. We at Mrs. D's
4 initiated a fund called Street Cats. Thanks
5 to the Good People of Eastern, Pennsylvania,
6 Animal Alliance or EPAA for short, we have
7 been able to use these monies to neuter
8 feral cats. EPAA charges just \$35 for each
9 medical procedure, whether male or female,
10 and includes ear tipping, which I'll explain
11 in a minute, as well as an injection for
12 rabies. This is \$15 cheaper than what
13 Griffen Pond Animal Shelter costs the city
14 to euthanize a cat.

15 The procedure, which is performed by
16 a veterinarian, gives a cat a chance to live
17 their lives by then releasing them back to
18 their territories. Thus far we have come
19 across many caregivers who feed and care for
20 feral cats. Cats do have a home, it's the
21 outdoors where they have been living for
22 more than 10,000 and it's their natural
23 habitat.

24 The clinic, however, is not only for
25 feral cats but for family pets. The charge

1 for a family cat is \$60. This involves
2 neutering and injections for rabies and
3 distemper. Cost for these services at a
4 veterinarian is approximately \$225. Some
5 families who have limited financial
6 resources and cannot afford the cost of a
7 veterinarian now have a much more affordable
8 option. Unfortunately, some of these family
9 cats are part of the problem when they are
10 not neutered and allowed to stray.

11 For a family cat there is also the
12 option of ear tipping, which is a surgical
13 procedure which approximately one-quarter
14 inch is removed from the tip of the cats
15 left ear. This identifies it as having
16 already been neutered in case it is trapped
17 again. Having been identified as a neutered
18 cat would then be immediately released and
19 all feral cats are automatically ear tipped.

20 A worthwhile footnote while I have
21 learned of more recently is a neighbor of a
22 friend called the city to help with feral
23 cats in their neighborhood and they were
24 told by the city they no longer trap cats
25 and it is up to the individual to trap, take

1 the cat wherever they see fit and pay for
2 the results of their actions out of their
3 own pocket, which makes this drive even more
4 important. And I thank you.

5 MS. SISLO: Good evening.

6 MS. EVANS: Could you state your
7 name please?

8 MS. SISLO: My name is Christine
9 Sislo.

10 MS. EVANS: Oh, I see you are next
11 on the list.

12 MS. SISLO: Yes, I'm a resident of
13 Scranton and I volunteer for Mrs. D's Street
14 Cats. I would like to emphasize that this
15 service is possible due to the devoted group
16 from Broadheadsville called Eastern
17 Pennsylvania Animal Alliance. The entire
18 process is fairly simple.

19 The group, which includes a
20 veterinarian, travels in an RV to Mrs. D's
21 and they arrive early in the morning. We
22 have a van already setup in one of Mrs. D's
23 parking lots to temporary house the animals.
24 The volunteers of Mrs. D's register the cats
25 and accept payments, which are made at the

1 time of the registration. Again, it is \$35
2 for a feral cat and \$60 for a family pet.
3 The owner leaves the cat and a telephone
4 number. Mrs. D's volunteers also observe
5 the cat before and after surgery and contact
6 the owners when the cats are ready to be
7 picked up later that same day.

8 One obvious question is how do we
9 trap a feral cat and bring it to Mrs. D's?
10 For those who do not have traps we do and we
11 will lend them to you and show you how to
12 use them. It's pretty easy. We have met
13 many others bringing cats in their own traps
14 in an attempt to manage the problem in their
15 neighborhood. To these people we say, "Keep
16 up the good work and when you get your area
17 under control please help us help others who
18 don't have traps and transportation."

19 We are all in this together and
20 together as a community we can make a
21 difference. For appointments please visit
22 EPAA's website at EPAAonline.com or call
23 them at 570-994-5846. If you have any
24 questions about feral cats trapping or would
25 like to volunteer at Mrs. D's in connection

1 with this worthwhile community service,
2 please call 570-604-4008. Donations, which
3 are solely used for neutering feral cats and
4 injections are also accepted at Mrs. D's.
5 Checks should be made out to Street Cats and
6 sent in care of Mrs. D's at 519 South
7 Washington Avenue in Scranton, Pennsylvania,
8 18505.

9 Thus far, we have neutered a total
10 of 85 cats in are three clinics. 17 of
11 those have been paid for by funds from
12 Street Cats. It is noteworthy that the
13 great majority of these costs associated
14 with neutering feral cats is paid for by
15 caring individuals bringing in the cats.
16 The monies are limited to St. Cat's fund and
17 is available to those who cannot afford the
18 service, so if there are feral cats in your
19 area and, believe me, they are all over the
20 city, and you would like to help manage the
21 problem, please contact us at 570-604-4008.

22 I would like to conclude by saying
23 if you think by fixing just one cat isn't
24 helping, listen to what the Alley cats
25 Allies proclaims, one female cat and her

1 offspring in a seven-year period
2 hypothetically can produce 420,000 kitten.
3 I ask the council to review the current
4 contract at the Griffin Pond Animal Shelter
5 ad it relates to euthanizing cats for \$50
6 per animal and give careful though to
7 providing funds to St. Cats to humanely
8 neuter these animals. It appears that
9 neutering is not only healthier for the
10 colony and cheaper, but in the long-term it
11 is much more cost effective in managing the
12 problem.

13 We would also like to ask a council
14 member how we could stay in touch with one
15 of you and be able to announce our upcoming
16 clinics. That dates are always available at
17 EPAA's website and the next two clinic dates
18 in June are the 4th and 18th. Their
19 voicemail is very limited so please be brief
20 and they will call you back. They are
21 volunteers and the EPAA is a nonprofit
22 organization. And above all, please spread
23 the word and don't forget to call us with
24 any questions. Again, 570-604-4008. Thank
25 you.

1 MS. EVANS: Thank you very much.
2 Our next speaker is Doug Miller.

3 MR. MILLER: Good evening, council.
4 Doug Miller, Scranton. I'd just like to
5 start off tonight by piggybacking on a
6 couple of comments that were made last week
7 by I believe it was Mr. Morgan and I thought
8 he made a lot of sense with the argument he
9 brought up and that was in regard to the
10 city's 2014 operating budget, and it was
11 dealing with council making a budget that I
12 also agree with them should be an interim
13 budget that only provides the services that
14 we need to get us started and I think we
15 should let the incoming council members that
16 take office in 2014 open the budget up and
17 do what they told us they were going to do
18 throughout the entire campaign. They all
19 thought it was so easy for four months and
20 they answers to everything, and they think
21 that it's so easy to not have to raise taxes
22 and, you know, making cuts solves all of our
23 problems and cooperation solves all of our
24 problems so why not let them come in and
25 let's see what they have. The new mayor,

1 the new council, let them put their money
2 where their mouth is. They made a lot of
3 promises throughout the campaign, let's see
4 if they have the ability to do the job
5 because, quite frankly, I don't think they
6 do.

7 And we would like to sit back and
8 laugh and make a mockery out of this council
9 when I think next year at this time, as I
10 said two weeks ago, yeah, we will be
11 laughing, and are we going to ask ourselves,
12 you know, do we miss the good ole' days?
13 The good ole' days, yeah, you bet we will
14 because I think we are taking for granted
15 what we have here.

16 And you can be bullied and you can
17 be name called and you can be, you know,
18 told that you didn't do the job the right
19 way, well, what people don't realize is the
20 difficult task you had at making that budget
21 and that before you even went into that
22 budget you had to draft a recover plan, and
23 I don't think you were given enough credit
24 for that.

25 And I think, you know, we hear

1 speaker after speaker who come up here week
2 after week and tell us how we should run the
3 city and they all cite off that's resumes
4 and, you know, I'm going to rebut
5 Mr. Jackowitz because I understand he did
6 bring my name up last week, referring to me
7 many times as young Miller. I don't have a
8 problem with the young Miller claim, I know
9 that that's a sign of disrespect, but I
10 don't mind that. I know I'm youthful, I
11 think that's actually an asset to me because
12 many individuals my age are fleeing the city
13 and I chose to stay here, so I'm going to
14 respond to old Jackowitz.

15 He made a statement that I'm a
16 cheerleader for failed government. I take
17 that as a compliment being a cheerleader.
18 You're right, I am a cheerleader, Mr.
19 Jackowitz, and I appreciate that. I have
20 been a cheerleader here to 12 years
21 cheerleading a good cause. Trying to
22 cheerlead good government and to see that my
23 city moves forward in a positive direction
24 so that my generation has a reason to stay
25 here.

1 I think we are all cheerleaders to a
2 certain degree. Mr. Jackowitz is a
3 cheerleader. I think we can all recall for
4 years Mr. Jackowitz came here weekly wearing
5 a Legion of Doom t-shirt cheerleading his
6 cause.

7 So we all are here for one reason
8 and that's to see the city move forward and
9 to see good productive things happen and I
10 think, quite frankly, it's unfair when we
11 have individuals like Mr. Jackowitz who come
12 up here, and I appreciate his service to the
13 country and everything he cited, but he is
14 missing one thing and it has nothing to do
15 with council, what does it have to do with
16 council? I appreciate his service to the
17 country. I appreciate that he has had lunch
18 with presidents. I'm sure the president
19 probably didn't make any decisions regarding
20 the country until they sat down with him.

21 And, you know, while we are on that
22 subject of having the next council come in
23 and do the budget perhaps Mr. Jackowitz
24 himself, you know, the guru of knowledge,
25 let him come in and offer his service. You

1 know, he has all the answers, let Mr
2 Jackowitz come in since he thinks he can do
3 your job, which I personally think he would
4 last five minutes in your spot, let him come
5 in and help do a budget.

6 You know, he has gone onto say that
7 council is not qualified, he wants to talk
8 about facts so let's do that tonight. Let's
9 talk fact. I have a copy with me tonight
10 Article II of the city's Home Rule Charter,
11 Section 201 through 204 has to do with the
12 governing body and the division of powers.
13 Basically to summarize it talks about the
14 two powers of government, the legislative
15 branch and executive branch.

16 So to simplify it for Mr. Jackowitz
17 and anybody else out that there may not
18 understand it because those of us who have
19 paid attention and understand how the city's
20 functions wouldn't have to refer to this,
21 but I figured tonight we'd have to educate
22 people like Mr. Jackowitz, you are the
23 legislative branch, you pass legislation.
24 It's the guys downstairs, it's his job to
25 enforce it. So when we come up here and we

1 criticize you for things not being
2 implemented and we wonder why revenue
3 enhancements haven't been implemented we
4 could go knock on the door downstairs and
5 get our answers down there. You can only
6 implement. You can only try. There is
7 other people involved. They have a job to
8 do as well. You can't run the entire city.

9 We talked about bankruptcy and he
10 made a comment that my statements were
11 misleading. They weren't misleading at all.
12 If we did a little research, like I did, I
13 pulled up an article today from Stockton,
14 California. As we all know they are the
15 United States' largest city to file for
16 bankruptcy and I pulled up an article from
17 April 1 of this year in regards their public
18 safety, and I just would like to cite a few
19 of the paragraphs in here.

20 "Stockton's violent crime rate
21 jumped 25 percent from 2011 to 2012. In an
22 attempt to stay solvent, the City of 296,000
23 people cut 25 percent of its police force
24 resulting in a record number of homicides
25 and a surge in property violence."

1 What did this do? Well, it prompted
2 the council of Stockton to consider raising
3 their sales tax to 8.75 percent to make up
4 for the lost revenue so they could hire back
5 an additional 25 police officers. This is
6 fact, Mr. Jackowitz.

7 This is just an example of what
8 would go in the City of Scranton, so when we
9 come up here and we say we want to file for
10 bankruptcy, maybe she should file tomorrow
11 and maybe that's the only way people are
12 going to realize how great they have it
13 today that tomorrow when they wake up and
14 they see less police officers on the street,
15 less firemen, and a garbage collection that
16 goes from weekly to monthly, so I think we
17 really need to sit back and I think a lot of
18 us need a wake up call of reality and fact
19 because the facts are right here. I listen
20 to a lot of silliness week after week and
21 it's time to give them reality. Thank you.

22 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

23 MS. EVANS: Thank you. That
24 concludes our sign-in sheet, is there anyone
25 else who would like to address council?

1 MS. CHILIPKO: Good evening,
2 Council.

3 MR. ROGAN: Good evening.

4 MS. CHILIPKO: Mary Chilipko,
5 resident of the City of Scranton, getting to
6 be a repeat offender here at council. I
7 just want to comment briefly on the program
8 that those women are so gallantly are
9 running, they are lovely cats in my
10 neighborhood, I have had three spayed
11 already, and there is such a need. I know
12 our animal control officer has been out for
13 surgery for awhile now so it is a problem in
14 this city, and there is no backup for animal
15 control, so if he is out, you know, he is
16 out for surgery, I do know him personally,
17 he does a great job, it's impossible and as
18 she said with a kill shelter, again,
19 according to her figures it is cheaper to
20 spay or neuter than to euthanize, which I am
21 very strongly against.

22 One positive for Pinebrook, I was
23 told today that we will be receiving mulch
24 for the playground at the Pinebrook Field,
25 which is very badly needed. We have some

1 very poor kids or disadvantaged kids in our
2 neighborhood who that will certainly benefit
3 so we are very grateful to the Department of
4 Public Works for that.

5 Next, I saw two articles in the
6 paper today about the swimming pools and the
7 only one not mentioned again is Capouse
8 Avenue or Pennridge with it's extensive
9 repairs as what we were told. I did see
10 where Wells Fargo will donate to open Weston
11 Park and Weston Field, so one question is
12 will that free up some of the money
13 designated for those parks to at least do
14 some of the repairs at Pennridge? Could
15 somebody --

16 MS. EVANS: I don't believe there
17 was any money allocated in this year's
18 budget for any type of the pool repairs so
19 what is being donated by Wells Fargo was
20 enabling those two pools to open and then
21 the OECD Urban Development Action Grant
22 Funds are being used to open two additional
23 pools and make the improvements to them that
24 are necessary to get them open.

25 MS. CHILIPKO: Oh, because I thought

1 the other pools were mentioned with that
2 OECD money, Weston Park, I'll have to go
3 back and look again.

4 MS. EVANS: The OECD money is I
5 would say much like a matching fund or a
6 matching grant to what's being provided by
7 Wells Fargo. Wells Fargo will sponsor two
8 pools basically and then Councilman Joyce
9 suggested using RE-RE money, that is the
10 UDAG RE-RE account money to open the two
11 additional pools and make the improvements.

12 MS. CHILIPKO: Oh, okay. That
13 wasn't the way I understood it. I know the
14 people in Pinebrook and Greenridge are very
15 anxious. Well, first of all, they don't
16 want to see it. It's blight. It's an
17 eyesore and they don't want to see it just
18 razed, so I guess I'm asking there are some
19 volunteers, there are some people that have
20 approached me, that would like to do some
21 physical work, take a look at the pool and
22 possibly have a fundraiser because
23 Novembrino -- well, I don't want to mention
24 any other names of the pools that may need
25 work, but it's important. It's an important

1 part of our neighborhood. As I said, we are
2 probably one of the lowest in the low to mod
3 neighborhoods in the city and somehow, I
4 know, Mr. Rogan, you have been involved, I'm
5 going to put you on the spot, with Pinebrook
6 in the past, and, Mr. Loscombe, I would just
7 like if there is any way that we could look
8 into it and see if we can come up with any
9 way to save that pool. Even if we made some
10 of the repairs that if maybe, you know, the
11 mayor said they are extensive, even if we
12 could take a look at it and just try to do
13 something to maybe upgrade it just a little
14 built.

15 And that's all I have to say, thank
16 you for the mulch, and I would volunteer to
17 help save the cats and I would hope that
18 others in the city, I spoke briefly to the
19 ladies out in the hall and I would hope that
20 other people who step up. There are a lot
21 of people stepping up in the city. I have
22 noticed that in the last few minutes -- or
23 few months, I'm sorry, with the animals and
24 projects and food trucks and everything else
25 that really benefits the City of Scranton so

1 for that I'm very happy. Thank you.

2 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

4 MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening,
5 Council. Marie Schumacher, resident and
6 taxpayer.

7 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

8 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

9 MR. JOYCE: Good evening.

10 MS. SCHUMACHER: Will there be a
11 second reading of 5-B? Yes/no?

12 MS. EVANS: A second reading?

13 MS. SCHUMACHER: Yeah.

14 MS. EVANS: Well, it's on the agenda
15 tonight for introduction so it will --

16 MS. SCHUMACHER: There will be.

17 Okay, just one question that I would like
18 answered during motions, is this structure
19 within the institutional zone of the
20 University of Scranton? I don't believe
21 that it is. I think that's beyond the
22 cutoff, so during motions I would like to
23 have that either denied or reinforced.

24 MR. HUGHES: I'll answer that
25 question, it's beyond the institutional

1 district of the University of the Scranton.

2 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay. I think it's
3 time we start using our zoning laws as they
4 are statues as they are --

5 MR. HUGHES: I don't think the
6 answer right now as to whether this building
7 would be permitted in the zone in which it
8 is being constructed, that I don't know. I
9 mean, I haven't reviewed the zoning
10 ordinance, but it is beyond the
11 institutional district.

12 MS. SCHUMACHER: So --

13 MR. HUGHES: That ends at Jefferson
14 Avenue.

15 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay. If we are
16 ever going to have -- I mean, there is no
17 reason for having an institutional zone if
18 we are not going to enforce the boundaries,
19 so I think that that's something that needs
20 to be looked at certainly.

21 Next, I'm extremely disappointed
22 that none of you council members even
23 thought enough last week when you were
24 voting to transfer the money from the sale
25 of the Duffy Park properties to inform us

1 about what is happening to the statute. I'm
2 especially disappointed in Mr. Rogan who is,
3 of course, too young to remember either of
4 the world wars or maybe even know any
5 relatives that fought in those wars and
6 sacrificed and I just think it's ashame and
7 God help his generation if they forget
8 what's been done for them and all the blood
9 that's been shed for them and sacrificed.

10 MR. ROGAN: I certainly didn't
11 forget. We have -- my grandfather fought --
12 and actually both of my grandfathers fought
13 in both wars.

14 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, if you could
15 hold your comments until the end.

16 MR. ROGAN: No, I want to finish
17 this point because you struck a nerve. This
18 was regarding the funding. This wasn't
19 regarding the monument. I think every
20 single person on this board and the mayor
21 will do what's right to make sure that
22 statute is put back up.

23 MS. SCHUMACHER: But the question
24 that was raised two weeks ago was the money
25 in, and you all didn't appropriate it, so

1 where is the money coming from to make -- to
2 move that and store it and restore it or
3 whatever happens to do with it? You didn't
4 answer that question and I don't think you
5 researched it to find out what's going to
6 happen. It's just, oh, yeah, you know. And
7 I remember a wonderful monument that was at
8 Pastori School, it was shaped like a cross
9 and it was war heroes and it was a beautiful
10 think and nobody knows what happened to
11 that. It just the school was sold and the
12 monument disappeared and, you know, just
13 tough. Those people whose names were on
14 there I guess don't matter to the current
15 generation. I think that's sad.

16 So I just think transferring that
17 money to paving before it was known whether
18 or not there is money to do what's
19 appropriate for that statute, and I will
20 give Jamie tonight a little bit on the
21 Scranton Doughboy and there is a lots of --
22 you can go to website if you are interested
23 and get a lot more information. That one
24 happens to one of only 23 that is in cast
25 and it matters to a lot of people. And

1 again, I'm sorry that it wasn't even
2 addressed before the vote last week. It
3 would have been very nice to have been
4 brought up-to-date on how that is going to
5 be provided, so just charge on.

6 Now, moving to the controller's
7 report for the month of April, it shows a
8 year-to-date real estate tax revenue as a
9 percent of the total revenue lagging the
10 prior year by 5 percent. This is troubling.
11 I would like to request the Finance Chair
12 obtain the number of the properties for
13 which taxes have been received by the end of
14 April in each these years as it may be the
15 saturation point for obtaining additional
16 revenue from property taxes increase as been
17 reached. That's troubling. Fortunately,
18 the wage taxes are up so that's a help, but
19 I'm really concerned about the property
20 taxes.

21 Further, the impact on the lag on
22 the operating budget of this lag is even
23 greater if the amount shown in the
24 controller's report is the 122 percent of
25 last year's revenue and the 22 percent has

1 not been taken out which is dedicated to the
2 unfunded debt, so I think it's an important
3 issue and I would hope that Mr. Joyce is
4 able to get the number of properties that
5 have paid taxes this year as opposed to last
6 year and see if there is a trend there.

7 And then, Mr. McGoff, last week you
8 spoke of a PEL -- that PEL is coming up with
9 a budget status and could you please tell us
10 when that budget status update will be
11 available?

12 MR. MCGOFF: Yesterday.

13 MS. SCHUMACHER: Yesterday did you
14 say?

15 MR. MCGOFF: Yesterday.

16 MS. SCHUMACHER: So does the Clerk's
17 Office have copies or do you have copies?

18 MR. MCGOFF: I have a copy, yes. I
19 believe all council members do and I believe
20 the Clerk's Office does.

21 MS. SCHUMACHER: Are you going to be
22 speaking to it tonight?

23 MR. MCGOFF: Personally, no.

24 MS. SCHUMACHER: Mr. Joyce, will you
25 be speaking to that tonight?

1 MR. JOYCE: I just received it so
2 I'm going to take some time to review it
3 over the next week and I'll discuss it next
4 week.

5 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay.

6 MS. EVANS: Council members had just
7 received it this evening in their male so we
8 have not had the opportunity to review it.

9 MS. SCHUMACHER: And how many pages
10 is it?

11 MR. JOYCE: It's a little lengthy.
12 So it's not just a page or two pages,
13 it's --

14 MS. SCHUMACHER: Thank you. You
15 will have something next week then. Thank
16 you.

17 MR. MORGAN: Good evening, Council.

18 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

19 MR. MORGAN: I'd like to agree with
20 Marie tonight on the monument. You know, we
21 are losing all of these monuments across
22 this nation. Gettysburg has been chopped up
23 and a lot of it has been sold off. In Hawaii
24 they are getting rid of a pool that was
25 built in remember ance of the World War I

1 veterans because they don't want fund its
2 reconstruction. I think we have a very
3 shallow memory of our own history and I
4 think we should be protecting these things
5 and I don't think that's really taking place
6 in our country and I just hope that the city
7 doesn't blow in one. I remember being a kid
8 walking by that statute a couple of times.
9 I don't know if it's true or not that it was
10 knocked over a couple of times and repaired
11 a couple of times, but I think we should
12 have a lot more respect for the people who
13 have sacrificed their lives for our nation
14 and sacrificed their families and their
15 wealth and everything else in regard to our
16 nation.

17 I mean, we can't even find a plaque
18 that was put up for a former mayor I believe
19 in the South Side Sports Complex, so, I
20 mean, if we have such disrespect for the
21 sacrifices of former Scrantonians not to
22 guard these sites and not to make sure the
23 right things are done then I think we are a
24 responsible for that ourselves.

25 And, Mr. Rogan, I don't think

1 anybody should be offended by somebody
2 wanting to protect a site. My grandfather
3 was a World War I veteran, great, great
4 grandfather who was mustard gassed and I
5 believe my father told me he used to breath
6 pneumonia to clear his lungs and I just
7 think that, you know, it's easy to look at
8 the sacrifices of others and not give it the
9 standing it should have, and I'm not saying
10 you are doing that, Mr. Rogan, I just think
11 that we need to really reconsider how we are
12 going to protect these. I mean, we have got
13 some artifacts, don't we, in the basement
14 from the old Civil War Museum unless they
15 have moved them somewhere, so these things
16 are very important to this city or they
17 should be.

18 We've got great monuments at Nay Aug
19 Park. I believe we have the hatch cover
20 from the Main. I mean, they are just very,
21 very important things that should be always
22 protected, that's my opinion.

23 And the last comment I have here is
24 that I think that that feral cat program is
25 a wonderful idea and I think that if it's

1 possible this council should look for some
2 amount of the funding to move this project
3 even though they probably haven't asked the
4 council for funding, but I think that
5 sometimes projects are worthy and people
6 shouldn't come here and ask for money, I
7 think that we should realize that they are
8 important and the great benefit they can do
9 for this city because I see feral cats
10 everywhere and they are absolutely
11 everywhere and I don't know why the laws
12 don't make people accountable for their
13 animals, and I'm not asking this council to
14 cut Griffin Pond funding because evidently
15 they do a wonderful job, but I just think
16 that that lady just stated some wonderful
17 statistics and I have walked the
18 neighborhoods like those of you have and you
19 bumped into people that are feeding five,
20 ten, 15 cats and their heart is just
21 attached to these animals and I just hope
22 that the council would consider that. Thank
23 you.

24 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

25 MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening. Dave

1 Dobrzyn, resident of Scranton, taxes paid
2 and so forth. On these pools, I read an
3 article we are short on lifeguards and it's
4 probably a little late this year, but if
5 Weston Pool were open during the winter and
6 we could get high school students like from
7 the swim team or something like that and
8 train them and then it would be somewhat
9 indentured, I mean, that they would have to
10 work for the City of Scranton just like the
11 volunteer fire departments do if you
12 volunteer for EMT training you have to pay
13 them back until you fulfill your obligation,
14 your pledge to work as an EMT. We could
15 probably -- and create a good jobs for a kid
16 from Scranton that's going away to college
17 in the fall, so it's something to consider
18 for the next year. It's a little late this
19 year probably.

20 And I have spoken about trash
21 removal several times and there seems to be
22 some confusion here. DPW, people keep
23 coming to me and telling me the DPW tells
24 them the reason they ask for recycling out
25 front is because the trucks won't fit up the

1 courts, and it's kind of offensive because
2 they see the trash truck going up the court
3 and it's the same type of truck. So now I
4 would recommend that the DPW give the real
5 reason is that we don't have to stand there
6 and debate for ten minutes whether something
7 is trash or recycling. It needs to be
8 sequestered. We can't pick up a couple of
9 bottles on the top and find out that there
10 is a half of doggie doodle in the bottom. I
11 mean, you don't want to have that mixed in
12 there so it's plain and simple and their
13 explanation at the DPW is totally, totally
14 insufficient.

15 And, now, we had a mention here
16 about building with the tax exempts and
17 institutional zones and the only thing I
18 have to say on it is once we start going out
19 of the institutional zone I want to see
20 everybody in a job, I want to see the
21 University held within their footprint
22 because it's high volume buildings, it's not
23 as big as what would warrant it if it were
24 just housing or something like that, but
25 it's time for people to start considering

1 paying taxes when we go outside the
2 institutional zone of some type because 33
3 percent of our city is currently tax exempt
4 and it's the little ole' mommas and papas
5 that are picking up the tab. I talk to
6 people that are -- their mothers are living
7 on 600 bucks a month so we can't continue to
8 afford to raise their taxes and put them out
9 of a home if they are not well on their way
10 already with 600 bucks a month. You are
11 taken money out of their own family pockets
12 to support their mother and supplement and
13 keep them in the house.

14 And a lot of the things have been
15 said about council and the vote and public
16 attitude, last week especially, and I don't
17 find the attendance at the last election
18 worth offending anybody. 25 percent.
19 Shame, shame, shame. We have lot of the
20 complaints, I hear it, and I'm starting to
21 mention to people become the turnout and I
22 can see by the grimace on their face that
23 maybe they weren't one of the people that
24 turned out and it's ashame. You need to get
25 the facts straight and we are only started

1 on this Scranton recovery and it's not going
2 to happen overnight and it's not going to
3 happen in four years and we need some
4 changes. We need a two-term mayor. We get
5 too entrenched, too entrenched with three
6 and four terms. It's just too long and they
7 run out of ideas and they get too many
8 friends along the way and when you have a
9 friend that's a friend of a friend it gets
10 too inconvenient to tell them to wise up,
11 you are not doing things the way they
12 should, so we need a two-term executive.

13 And, furthermore, I would like to
14 remind America start voting against the
15 trade packs, please. People are going
16 backwards and backwards and backwards on
17 wages and it's just how does somebody
18 continue to keep their head above water when
19 they lose half their wages? 60 percent of
20 people that lost their wages in 2007 are
21 working for 30 percent less and they are
22 also drawing -- there is about 30 percent of
23 the people are drawing on the retirement out
24 of 401k's and paying more taxes than
25 Mr. Romney on it. So thank you and have a

1 good night and don't forget to bawk, bawk,
2 bawk.

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

5 MR. DEVERS: Good evening.

6 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

7 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

8 MR. DEVERS: My name is Jim Devers.
9 I am the assistant vice president for
10 facilities operations at the University of
11 the Scranton and I would like to respond to
12 the questions regarding the zoning. It is
13 true that this building is out of the
14 institutional zone. It is in the central
15 business district. However, we have done
16 extensive studies. Our architects and the
17 engineers have studied the zoning code and
18 the building is a permitted use in the
19 central business district.

20 Also, the building Leahy Hall, is
21 used by the occupational and physical
22 therapy departments that serves the City of
23 Scranton and the residents of the City of
24 Scranton. What we want to do is build a new
25 and improved facility that offer the same

1 services. We have the Leahy Clinic that's
2 located in the building next door at
3 McGurrin Hall. Our intention is to connect
4 the two building and make that a very
5 vibrant corner and a very signature-type
6 building for not only the University but the
7 City of Scranton.

8 And if you have any questions
9 regarding the zoning or the building itself,
10 I would be happy to answer them at this
11 time. Thank you.

12 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Is there
13 anyone else who would cares to address
14 council? Mrs. Krake?

15 MS. KRAKE: 5-A. MOTIONS.

16 MS. EVANS: Councilman McGoff, do
17 you have any comments or motions tonight?

18 MR. MCGOFF: Just very briefly.
19 First of all, since it was brought up, we
20 did receive an update from PEL, I will defer
21 to Mr. Joyce for a response sort of, you
22 know, next week, but I will say a couple of
23 things. I will say that the memorandum that
24 was sent from PEL is very optimistic and I
25 think that optimism speaks to the

1 cooperative effort that the council and the
2 administration has made to try and implement
3 the 2013 budget and to implement the
4 recovery plan initiatives. I hope that this
5 optimism can carry over through the rest of
6 2013 and continue into 2014, but PEL seems
7 to indicate that they feel we are moving in
8 the right direction and I believe also that
9 we are moving in the right direction.

10 And the second thing and last thing,
11 I, too, I guess maybe took a little bit of
12 offense at the presumption that because we
13 didn't provide some kind of the funding for
14 the Duffy memorial that we don't care about
15 it. I have lived in South Side my entire
16 life. That memorial has been part of my
17 life. It was actually a football field for
18 awhile when we were very young. It was --
19 the statute set a nice pick for running pass
20 patterns, but nonetheless, I think that
21 presumption is erroneous. I think we all
22 feel, you know, that that is something that
23 needs to be preserved.

24 And we spoke last week that all of
25 us I think indicated that we would find a

1 way in which that memorial will be preserved
2 and will be kept, but just because we didn't
3 do a funding for it, is not an indication
4 that we don't care. We will I'm sure
5 continue to work to preserve that memorial
6 and to make sure that it is, you know,
7 placed in a proper area where it will be
8 part of the history and part of the City of
9 Scranton. And that's all I have, thank you.
10 I'm done.

11 MS. EVANS: Thank you. I'm so
12 sorry. Councilman Rogan, do you have any
13 comments or motions tonight?

14 MR. ROGAN: Yes. Thank you very
15 much briefly. Just to comment on the
16 comments that were made about Duffy Park,
17 the vote last week was not a vote to remove
18 the monument or move the monument anywhere
19 and there were comments, I believe it might
20 have been Mr. Loscombe or a speaker that
21 said, well, what about placing it up at Nay
22 Aug Park, which is a great idea, it's the
23 most utilized park in the city, and I do
24 take offense that the comments that I don't
25 understand, you know, the sacrifices. I

1 studied history, I have family members that
2 fought in the world wars, and I have always
3 fought for veterans. You know, just last
4 year in last year's budget I introduced an
5 amendment to give a tax break to veterans.
6 I purchased a flag just last month, a 3 by 5
7 flag for the Vietnam Memorial up at Nay Aug
8 and that's why I took offense to those
9 comments, it was simply allocating the
10 funding that we are getting for that land.
11 It wasn't a sale of the monument or anything
12 of that nature and I'm sure everyone on
13 council would agree that the mayor, and I
14 don't agree with the mayor on much, but I'm
15 sure everyone agrees that the monument needs
16 to be placed appropriately somewhere in the
17 city and that's what I'll fight and I think
18 we all fight to see that that happens.

19 Two other issues, I will be voting
20 "yes" for the agenda item regarding the
21 architectural review for the University of
22 the Scranton and a couple of reasons why I
23 support it. One, as was mentioned, it will
24 create a number of jobs in the city, which
25 are desperately needed right now; and also,

1 I have always said with the University of
2 the Scranton we would like them to grow and
3 get bigger. I went there, but we would like
4 them to grow up instead of out. This takes
5 one of their buildings that they already
6 own, they are not acquiring new property, so
7 this is something that I will support.

8 Finally, just one request, would you
9 please send a letter to the DPW and the
10 contractor that paved Schneider Avenue
11 asking that curbs are put in. Residents on
12 the 12000 block, and I have a couple of
13 specific addresses, they report that when it
14 rains the water comes down the hill and it's
15 now flooding their properties. I have that
16 here and I also have some pictures that I
17 could send in tomorrow as well of some of
18 the yards that were flooded from the rain
19 the last couple of days.

20 So that is all I have for tonight.
21 Thank you.

22 MS. EVANS: Thank you. And,
23 Councilman Loscombe, do you have any motions
24 or comments?

25 MR. LOSCOMBE: Just briefly, I echo

1 my fellow colleagues on the statute
2 situation. I know we are all interested in
3 that and to accuse us of ignoring it is
4 false. I went to the -- I believe it was
5 over two years ago the meeting on the
6 Harrison Avenue bridge and I have to go back
7 to my notes and I will contact PennDOT, but
8 I thought at that time they were looking at
9 three different locations of the road, they
10 were going to relocate that park over off
11 the road there which would contain -- that
12 would be part of the -- that would be the
13 new Duffy Park with the statute, that was my
14 understanding, but I will follow-up to make
15 sure of that.

16 So that is why we didn't show a
17 concern because, you know, it would be -- it
18 will be taken care of one way or the
19 another, but, you know, I was offended,
20 also.

21 And Mr. Rogan mentioned about the
22 paving and that, we also -- I mean, I think
23 he mentioned Jackson Street it's just paved
24 and they are ready to cut into it already
25 right up the whole length. You know, I

1 don't know I mentioned it probably two years
2 ago when we were putting out bids for
3 paving, I don't know who is responsible, is
4 it the engineer, is it the contractor, but
5 all utilities should be notified prior to
6 those contracts starting that the roads are
7 going to be paved and they should have a
8 certain time period that they come in, I
9 could see an emergency, but they are
10 replacing lines. These were preplanned for
11 years now. So, I mean, it's a folly. We
12 got enough bad roads in the city as it is,
13 but to have to put up with this.

14 But my other thing is the sewer
15 lids. Some of these newly paved streets are
16 beautiful to drive on until you drop in
17 those sewer lids. They haven't been brought
18 up to level and I don't know what the -- you
19 know, do we contact the Sewer Authority?
20 Again, this should be the contractors'
21 responsibility before they get paid to make
22 sure those roads are inspected and properly
23 completed.

24 And I guess that's it. All reserve
25 other comments for when the vote is.

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

4 MR. JOYCE: Yes. I'm going to try
5 to be as brief as possible. The other week
6 to answer some citizens' questions that came
7 up, Mrs. Schumacher asked about the real
8 estate taxes being designated and we did
9 receive a response from our tax collector,
10 Bill Courtright, and he states that in
11 response to the letter that we sent him on
12 May 10, yes, all amounts designated to the
13 unfunded debt borrowing are paid and are
14 reflected in the city's real estate
15 distribution of funds. As of the date of
16 this letter, which he sent on May 23,
17 required payments made to M & T Bank and
18 First Liberty Bank and Trust are paid in
19 full through the end of May 2013. So that's
20 just one tidbit of information.

21 Also, we received some information
22 from the Single Tax Office regarding
23 comparisons in regard to where we are this
24 year at the end of May in comparison to
25 where we were last year at the end of May.

1 So far for the real estate tax, last
2 year as of May 31, 2012, the city received
3 \$10,210,229.90 from the tax office. This
4 year so far we received \$12,730,160.84 which
5 is a 24.68 percent increase. However, you
6 have to factor in that there was a 22
7 percent increase in the real estate tax, so
8 we are collecting at a slightly higher rate.

9 Delinquent real estate taxes last
10 year as of 5-31-2012 we received
11 \$365,449.47. This year we received
12 \$344,738.17 which is down 5.67 percent or
13 \$20,711.30.

14 As far as the local service tax or
15 as some refer to the emergency services tax,
16 as of 5-31-2012 we received \$429,628.16.
17 This year as of 5-31 we have received
18 \$742,317.48 and that's an increase of 72.78
19 percent or \$312,689.32.

20 And as far as the business privilege
21 and mercantile taxes are concerned, last
22 year as of this point we received
23 \$1,515,725.77. So far this year we have
24 received \$1,869,283.42 and that's an
25 increase of 23.33 or \$353,557.65.

1 Inspiration channel will be added to Channel
2 295 on the digital starter channel lineup
3 for those interested and issues with
4 Comcast.

5 Moving on, we did receive an e-mail
6 in council's office regarding a property on
7 River and Meadow Street and that's the last
8 one in the ten hundred block of River. We
9 received some complaints before. As of the
10 past week some companies are putting up some
11 very large billboards on that property
12 advertising their business phone numbers and
13 etcetera, and the residents want us to
14 report this to the appropriate departments
15 and hopefully get something done about this
16 because this is a residential zone and the
17 residents want to keep it that way and they
18 are worried that this is turning into a
19 local garbage dump for signs.

20 So, Mrs. Krake, if we could please
21 notify Director Seitzinger of this it would
22 be greatly appreciated and ask him to
23 research into this situation and hopefully
24 people aren't just throwing signs there.

25 Also, I'd like to thank Rich

1 Schroeder for coming in, Jack Figured, Drew
2 Simpson, and I don't want to miss anyone
3 else, also Jim Devers for coming in to
4 explain the project that is hopefully going
5 to be in the works at the University of
6 Scranton. I am in support of this project.
7 As Mr. Rogan said, it's a good thing that
8 they are building up and not out and it's
9 going to create \$400,000 in permit fees as
10 we learned and also it will have an economic
11 impact to the city as far as mercantile and
12 business privilege taxes, so that would
13 be -- that is definitely a positive.

14 And finally, last but not least, if
15 we could send a letter to the appropriate
16 party, I believe Mr. Dougher would be the
17 most appropriate, and ask him about the
18 status of the Rockwell Avenue bridge. I
19 think hopefully we could get an answer on
20 that and see when plans are being made for
21 that bridge to be put back into service.
22 And that's all for tonight.

23 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Good
24 evening. The terms of two zoning board
25 members will expire effective July 1, 2013.

1 One of those individuals, Mr. Lance Stange,
2 notified city council previously that he is
3 unable to continue his service for a
4 completion of his current term. I thank
5 Mr. Stange for his dedication and
6 professionalism throughout his years as a
7 zoning board member and Mrs. Wardell for her
8 service in completing the term of the late
9 James Williams.

10 As a result of these two vacancies,
11 I ask that all residents who are interested
12 in serving on the zoning board would submit
13 a letter of interest and resume to the
14 office of the Scranton City Council on or
15 before Friday, June 14, 2013. E-mail
16 submissions to council members will not be
17 eligible for appointments.

18 Again, the Office of the Scranton
19 City Council will accept only letters of
20 interest and resumes mailed to or hand
21 delivered to the Office of City Council on
22 or before the deadline of Friday, June 14,
23 2013, for the purpose of filling two
24 positions on the Scranton Zoning Board.

25 Next, included on tonight's agenda

1 for introduction is a resolution accepting
2 the recommendation of the Historical
3 Architectural Review Board, or HARB, and
4 approving the certificate of appropriateness
5 for the University of the Scranton for
6 demolition of the Leahy Hall, the former
7 YWCA building, located at the corner of
8 Linden Street and Jefferson Avenue. Because
9 of the ambiguous language contained in the
10 resolution pertaining to the "courtesy
11 review" rather than a mitigation review of
12 the historic elements of the building and
13 the absence of a time frame for such review
14 relative to demolition, I recommend that
15 council table this legislation tonight and
16 request HARB -- well, table it tonight
17 following introduction, I should have been
18 more specific, and request HARB and the
19 legal department to review and revise the
20 legislation accordingly.

21 Council needs to know what is meant
22 by a courtesy review and what the plan is
23 concerning the portico.

24 Next, I received two ordinances
25 pertaining to lease agreements between the

1 City and United Neighborhood Centers for the
2 McGreen Center and the Belleview Center. I
3 asked Solicitor Hughes to review the
4 legislation and he responded noting several
5 concerns regarding the ordinances, including
6 that despite the title presented a ten-year
7 lease it is, in fact, a 40-year lease.
8 Therefore, Mrs. Krake, please return the
9 legislation to the legal department with
10 Attorney Hughes' responses for correction
11 before it can be placed on council's agenda.

12 In addition, council received a
13 response from Harold S. Hill, PE, Assistant
14 District Executive of Construction with
15 PennDOT regarding the signalization at the
16 intersection of North Washington Avenue and
17 Linden Street in downtown Scranton.
18 Mr. Hill states, "Our traffic unit reviews
19 and monitors signal timing both during and
20 after construction. Due to your concerns
21 over the timing of this signal, our traffic
22 unit inspected the intersection of North
23 Washington Avenue and Linden Street. This
24 is a preliminary inspection since the
25 intersection is not complete yet. The

1 city's contractor is making adjustments to
2 the signal."

3 And finally, in response to comments
4 made during citizens' participation this
5 evening by I believe Mr. Figured and
6 Mr. Simpson, Mrs. Krake, I'd like a letter
7 sent, please, to the Single Tax Office
8 requesting that they check into contractors
9 performing work in the City of Scranton,
10 especially in conjunction with who has
11 pulled permits from LIPS. I do believe, I
12 listened carefully to what you were saying
13 and it is the responsibility of the Single
14 Tax Office to oversee and collect those
15 taxes and I thank you very much for bringing
16 these situations to our attention. We will
17 certainly make sure that the Single Tax
18 Office is made aware and that they do or
19 perform their due diligence in obtaining the
20 proper taxation from these out-of-town and
21 out-of-state employees. And that's it.

22 MS. KRAKE: 5-B. ACCEPTING THE
23 RECOMMENDATION OF THE HISTORICAL
24 ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD ("HARB") AND
25 APPROVING THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

1 FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON, 800 LINDEN
2 STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR
3 DEMOLITION OF LEAHY HALL; TO INCLUDE
4 COURTESY REVIEW BY THE HARB FOR PUBLIC
5 INCORPORATION OF THE LINDEN STREET PORTICO;
6 PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF THE 1907 BUILDING VIA
7 EXHIBIT PHOTO AND TEXT, INCLUDING
8 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE YWCA BUILDING AND ITS
9 ROLE IN THE CITY; AT 630 LINDEN STREET AND
10 235 JEFFERSON AVENUE, SCRANTON,
11 PENNSYLVANIA.

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

15 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

16 MR. JOYCE: Second.

17 MS. EVANS: On the question?

18 MR. LOSCOMBE: Just on the question
19 because I haven't commented yet on this
20 here, Mrs. Evans has stated the reason why
21 we are tabling it, and also it hasn't been
22 before the zoning board yet either, I
23 believe that's two weeks away. For us to
24 approve something before the zoning board
25 is--

1 MS. EVANS: Well, I would recommend
2 approval in terms of introduction.

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes, oh definitely.

4 MS. EVANS: And then tabling it.

5 MR. LOSCOMBE: Don't get me wrong,
6 I'm in favor of this building, I think it's
7 going to be an asset to the area, but again,
8 we have to do things the right way. I have
9 been probably the most critical here, or one
10 of the most critical about different things
11 of the University, it's no secret, tax
12 exempt properties and stuff like that, but
13 the thing is, I mean, this is already tax
14 exempt property, which I have no problem
15 with it. I will be more critical at looking
16 in the future and future development that
17 encroaches out of the institutional zone in
18 taxable areas.

19 You know, we had a very good meeting
20 several years ago at the University and it
21 was portrayed the wrong way by the news
22 media and, you know, I still remember that.
23 All we were trying to do is be fair to the
24 citizens of this city, the taxpayers. The
25 taxpayers have seen the universities

1 property double in the last 12 years, which
2 is fine, they are doing a beautiful job, but
3 again, it's still on the back of the
4 taxpayers.

5 You can read all of the literature
6 that shows the economic impact, but we have
7 still been distressed since 1992. That
8 impact hasn't benefited us totally. Not
9 that there isn't a benefit, I'm just going
10 to say it like it is. You know. I mean, we
11 are receiving \$175,000 now in lieu of taxes.

12 You know, I still remember a
13 property that was purchased for \$27,000 in a
14 court, which is out of the institution zone
15 there, and the University purchased it for
16 \$550,000 and tore it down. I mean, you
17 know, this is the kind of the stuff that
18 upsets me to a degree that I am critical
19 about because a lot of average people don't
20 have that kind of money to buy a property to
21 tear down.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Are we still on the
23 question here?

24 MS. EVANS: Yes.

25 MR. MCGOFF: It doesn't seem to be.

1 MS. EVANS: No, I --

2 MR. LOSCOMBE: I'm referring to my
3 beliefs as to why -- I'm sorry, Mr. McGoff,
4 if I offended you, but that's where I stand.
5 I believe this is a worthwhile project, it's
6 a good project, but I am going to say that
7 future expansion out of the institutional
8 zone will be looked at critically by me.
9 Now, I may be a minority, I probably will be
10 a minority, but I'm here at the behest of
11 the 70,000 taxpayers in this city, but I am
12 for this project and everybody knows where
13 I'm coming from. Thank you.

14 MS. EVANS: And I'll just comment
15 very briefly, I have listened carefully to
16 our solicitor's comments throughout the last
17 several years regarding I think the initial
18 growth of the University of the Scranton,
19 and perhaps a bit of information tonight
20 that was vocalized was not exactly accurate
21 and that in the beginning the properties and
22 the homes in the Hill Section that were
23 taken for the University of Scranton
24 expansion they were not blighted those
25 homes. They were not homes that should have

1 been torn down, but the city was a very good
2 partner and a very formidable neighbor to
3 the University of the Scranton and enabled
4 from the very beginning throughout today
5 it's consistent expansions.

6 And as Mr. Loscombe said, I think it
7 was very unfortunate years ago that we were
8 portrayed falsely by the of newspaper and
9 the University the leaders of the University
10 and it is important to remember that, yes,
11 we represent, just as the University
12 represents a Jesuit mission, which is
13 admirable and it educates extremely
14 extraordinarily well the youth not only in
15 our area but surrounding states, we as city
16 council represent the taxpayers of the City
17 of Scranton. After all, we do not represent
18 the University of the Scranton. The
19 University of the Scranton is a tax free
20 institution so we are here to represent the
21 best interest of the taxpayer, to be a good
22 neighbor, and to always ask the University
23 to engage in that reciprocity by helping the
24 City of Scranton survive and avoid
25 bankruptcy and continue to be in the future

1 a prospering, successful host city that the
2 University can be proud to be located in.

3 Anyone else on the question? All
4 those in favor signify by saying aye.

5 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

6 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

7 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

8 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

11 MR. JOYCE: I'd like to make a
12 motion to table Item 5-B.

13 MS. EVANS: We have a motion on the
14 table, is there a second?

15 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

16 MS. EVANS: On the question?

17 MR. MCGOFF: I don't see the need to
18 table this. Mr. Devers was here to answer
19 any questions, asked if we had any, and
20 nobody had any about the ordinance and now
21 we are going to table it because we have
22 questions. I think that there is no need to
23 table it. If there are questions that need
24 to be answered they can be answered before
25 the next reading.

1 MR. LOSCOMBE: I don't believe the
2 zoning board has had a chance do look at it
3 yet, this project yet.

4 MS. EVANS: No. I think they are
5 meeting June --

6 MR. LOSCOMBE: Two weeks, June 12.

7 MR. ROGAN: They would meet the day
8 before final reading. June 12 would be the
9 zoning. If it followed the normal process
10 zoning board would meet Wednesday, June 12.
11 The final reading, if it followed the normal
12 course, would be on Thursday, June 13.
13 That's why I agree with Mr. McGoff, I don't
14 see the need of tabling it. Now, if it got
15 to Seventh Order and there were questions
16 unanswered at that point I would support
17 tabling it.

18 MS. EVANS: Well, it's a resolution
19 so there would be only one further reading,
20 but I have been contacted by members of HARB
21 who felt that what they had agreed to in
22 term of the University's plan is not what
23 has been represented in the legislation and
24 they would like the opportunity to look at
25 this again and provide legislation that is,

1 indeed, correct before we pass it.

2 MR. MCGOFF: Then why wasn't anybody
3 from HARB here to contest it?

4 MS. EVANS: I don't know, perhaps
5 you can call and ask them.

6 MR. MCGOFF: Well, you are the one
7 that's stating that they were and --

8 MS. EVANS: Anyone else? All those
9 in favor signify by saying aye.

10 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

11 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

12 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed?

13 MR. MCGOFF: No.

14 MR. ROGAN: No.

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

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

20 MS. EVANS: If there is no further
21 business, I'll entertain a motion to
22 adjourn.

23 MR. JOYCE: Motion to adjourn.

24 MS. EVANS: This meeting is
25 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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