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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

- ROBERT MCGOFF, PRESIDENT
- PATRICK ROGAN, VICE-PRESIDENT
- JOHN LOSCOMBE
- JOSEPH WECHSLER
- WILLIAM GAUGHAN

- LORI REED, CITY CLERK
- KATHY CARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK
- AMIL MINORA, SOLICITOR

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

3 MR. MCGOFF: Roll call, please.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

5 MR. WECHSLER: Here.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

7 MR. ROGAN: Here.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: Here.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Here.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Here. Dispense with
14 the reading of the minutes -- prior to Third
15 Order, just break the agenda or change the
16 agenda a little bit, Mayor Courtright is
17 with us and I would like to ask him if he
18 would please come to the podium and welcome.

19 MR. COURTRIGHT: Thank you. I
20 appreciate you letting me speak tonight, I
21 know you got a heck of a schedule tonight, a
22 busy schedule. I just want to come and
23 congratulate everybody who just recently won
24 the election. I think we are going to have
25 a really good working relationship between

1 my office and you people here. I think we
2 are going to work well and try to move the
3 city ahead and I just want to say I wish you
4 all the best and anything I can do to help
5 please feel free to come and ask, but
6 congratulations to all of you. Thank you.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you.

8 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

9 MR. ROGAN: Thanks, Mayor.

10 MR. LOSCOMBE: Just one thing while
11 you're here, your cabinet heads have been
12 excellent as far as response to all of us.

13 MR. COURTRIGHT: Okay, and we hope
14 that it continues in that manner. We need
15 to have a good relationship between each and
16 every one of us. Thank you so much.

17 MR. MCGOFF: And again, I think that
18 you know that you are welcome at our
19 meetings at any time --

20 MR. COURTRIGHT: All right.

21 MR. MCGOFF: -- in the future.

22 MR. COURTRIGHT: It's easier sitting
23 out here than up there, but it's good to be
24 back. Thanks again. Take care.

25 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.

1 MS. REED: THIRD ORDER. 3-A.
2 MINUTES OF THE SCRANTON HOUSING AUTHORITY'S
3 REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 2, 2013.

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

6 MS. REED: 3-B. BREAKDOWN OF THE
7 ELIGIBLE SALARIES FOR THE LIQUID FUELS
8 ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTHS OF OCTOBER, NOVEMBER
9 AND DECEMBER 2013.

10 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?
11 If not, received and filed.

12 MS. REED: 3-C. MINUTES OF THE
13 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMPOSITE PENSION
14 BOARD HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2013.

15 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?
16 If not, received and filed.

17 Any clerks notes, Mrs. Reed?

18 MS. REED: No, Mr. McGoff.

19 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.

20 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'
21 PARTICIPATION.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Prior to citizens'
23 participation and a couple of things.
24 First, any questions that any citizens may
25 have I would ask that they please be put

1 into writing and give it to the clerk so
2 that -- it's not meant to be punitive in any
3 way, it really facilitates us getting a
4 response back to you. Your questions will
5 be given to the appropriate chair and then
6 directed to the appropriate departments
7 within the city and that would be helpful to
8 us and I think to you.

9 The second thing I would like to
10 mention is there was some questions last
11 week that were brought up, one of them
12 concerning why it was an acting fire chief.
13 The explanation that we received is that
14 given the salary in the 2014 budget the
15 administration was unable to find an
16 adequate replacement at that salary and that
17 what they thought was the best solution was
18 to name an acting chief.

19 Mr. DeSarno was appointed, is a
20 member of the bargaining unit in the
21 Scranton Fire Department and will remain a
22 member of the bargaining unit. He will
23 collect his salary as a member of the
24 bargaining unit and also will remain an
25 active member of the fire department, which

1 also does not require hiring a replacement
2 for that position.

3 I'm told that there will be a --
4 there is an ongoing attempt to fill the
5 position at the salary, but that Mr. DeSarno
6 will be in that position until such time as
7 there is a permanent replacement.

8 And I should mention that at this
9 time or during that period of time, that the
10 salary of the fire chief is not being paid
11 to anyone and so there is a moderate savings
12 to the city during this period of time.

13 And there was one other thing and
14 I'm forgetting, but I may remember by Fifth
15 Order, but if anyone does have any, you
16 know, questions about that please ask.
17 First speaker is Andy Sbaraglia.

18 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia.
19 Citizen of Scranton, fellow Scrantonian.

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

21 MR. SBARAGLIA: I didn't speak too
22 much last week, I want to give you a little
23 breathing room. I'm glad the Chamber has
24 decided to hold out a helping hand, but for
25 some reason or another my mother's voice

1 keeps come being back to me, "Beware of
2 Greeks bearing gifts." I don't know if they
3 are looking for a K0Z again because there
4 was a good chance that's going to come up
5 again and before you even think about a K0Z
6 you should make that -- if one could ever go
7 through incorporating the commuter tax
8 because without that it's just -- all you
9 are doing is taking away tax producing
10 properties with no benefit to the city.

11 We had a K0Z, and I don't know I
12 guess maybe you's -- probably none of you's
13 even think about it, but we had it and when
14 we went through and checked to see who
15 oversaw this K0Z we were told once it's done
16 it's done, nobody gives a darn about it
17 other than people who got the K0Z. So,
18 hence, there is no check on this thing.

19 So before you even think about a K0Z
20 you think about a commuter tax so we are
21 going to get something out of it. If we are
22 going to lose taxes we got to make up taxes.
23 We can't go by like it was. The majority of
24 your councilman has been there for four
25 years and in them four years the only thing

1 we received from you is a tax hike. You
2 didn't solve a bit of the problems. The
3 problems are all there and it continually
4 got worse. You cannot use the solutions you
5 used, you got to look for a new solution to
6 the city's problems because all they are is
7 becoming deeper and deeper.

8 You can't even get -- I read in the
9 paper where you asked if they took away that
10 money that we are putting into the pension
11 fund, was it completed? The paper says that
12 we are still \$2 million short. I assume
13 that's true, so we didn't really get that
14 out of the way either. You didn't ask about
15 it, that was your minimum pension
16 requirements. We are six some million that
17 only gave like four on we are two point
18 million short.

19 MR. MCGOFF: You are correct,
20 Mr. Sbaraglia. It wasn't a full payment, it
21 was a partial payment.

22 MR. SBARAGLIA: Right. So here we
23 are still with them problems. That other
24 problem I don't know what you are going to
25 do with it. I told you before, the best

1 thing you let the unions foreclose on our
2 properties and then lease them back and try
3 to stop that 21 or 22 or 23 million dollars
4 by now. You got to remember for every month
5 that goes by we'll get tacked on with
6 another \$100,000 and this has been going on
7 for almost six months so look at it as
8 \$600,000 more the citizens of Scranton got
9 to pay. You've got to do something. Either
10 twist the arms of people on them boards or
11 do something, but you got to be done and the
12 sooner you can get it done the better for
13 all of us because other than that the only
14 thing we can look forward to is higher
15 taxes.

16 The unions were looking for another
17 22 percent tax increase on our thing to pay
18 for that bond issue. They go to the Courts
19 and wanted the Courts to give them the
20 authority to force the city to borrow that
21 22 or 23 million and then tack it on to a 22
22 or 23 percent tax hike. We already had
23 this.

24 Believe me, I don't relish the
25 position you are in. When them people get

1 them tax notices all they going to think of
2 is Rogan, Loscombe, and a few other members
3 of the council, of course, most of them --
4 the other two are gone, but you three are
5 still there and it's just too bad you are
6 going to take the brunt of it, and I know
7 you are going to take the brunt of it.
8 People are already mad and they are asking
9 why. They seem seem to think that I have
10 answers. I don't have answers. No one has
11 answers.

12 Bankruptcy was an answer, it wasn't
13 a viable answer, but it was an answer, but
14 whether we wanted to go that far or not
15 nobody wanted to do it, which I'm not saying
16 good or bad because I'm on a pension and I
17 hate to see what would happen to people that
18 are on pensions. That's the only thing I
19 was against, the bankruptcy, even the
20 thought of it is all of the people that are
21 on the pensions that did what they had to
22 do.

23 You can't do nothing with the union
24 contracts for three years then they only
25 thing you can do is bring them in line with

1 what the other people already have. You
2 can't retire before you 55 with things like
3 that. Thank you.

4 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Sbaraglia, may I
5 commend you on your television appearance?

6 MR. SBARAGLIA: Okay.

7 MR. MCGOFF: There were some other
8 -- prior to -- there were two other things
9 that I did want to mention and I'm sorry
10 that I'm interrupting, 5-J on the agenda is
11 the appointment of Airanne Slocum.
12 Mrs. Slocum has declined that appointment,
13 but since it was on the agenda it will be
14 read into the record during Fifth Order.

15 And the other one, 5-D, does require
16 a little less explanation perhaps, that's on
17 the parking meters. In the budget, as we
18 discussed last year, there was a suggestion
19 or it was put into raise the parking meter
20 fee from a \$1.25 to \$1.50, but apparently
21 the legislation from last year that raised
22 it from a \$1.00 to \$1.25 was never approved.
23 It was put on hold and then bypassed and so
24 that the increase this year will be from --
25 the quarter increase for the parking meters

1 per hour will go from a \$1.00 to a \$1.25,
2 not from a \$1.25 to \$1.50, okay? I hope
3 that's adequate explanation.

4 Mr. Courtright, did you want to say
5 -- Mayor Courtright?

6 MR. COURTRIGHT: I'm good.

7 MR. MCGOFF: Joan Hodowanitz.

8 MS. HODOWANITZ: Joan Hodowanitz,
9 Scranton taxpayer.

10 MR. MCGOFF: I'm sorry.

11 MS. HODOWANITZ: That's all right, I
12 get that all the time. First of I want to
13 congratulate Mayor Courtright for coming
14 here, that's such a pleasant surprise.

15 All right, with respect to 5-F,
16 approving the financing by the Scranton
17 Lackawanna County Health and Welfare
18 Authority for certain capital projects for
19 the benefit of Marywood University, a
20 Pennsylvania not for profit corporation,
21 etcetera.

22 I seem to remember over the years a
23 lot of complaints about the University of
24 Scranton, another Pennsylvania not for
25 profit corporation and how difficult it was

1 to get them to pay what will be an
2 appropriate payment in lieu of taxes. I am
3 very curious, has Marywood University in its
4 nearly 100 years history ever made a payment
5 in lieu of taxes?

6 MR. MCGOFF: I'm not aware of a
7 monetary contribution.

8 MS. HODOWANITZ: I know they make an
9 economic impact just as the University of
10 Scranton does, but I can remember -- you
11 would have thought that the University of
12 Scranton was the great Satan of downtown
13 Scranton and I'm wondering, you know, are we
14 going to have a separate standard for
15 Marywood University?

16 I know that these capital projects,
17 the city has not going to incur any
18 obligation to repay, I understand that and
19 there is no additional properties being
20 taken off the tax rolls, but we have nearly
21 crucified the University of Scranton.
22 Everybody recalls the history of Leahy Hall
23 and how that went down, okay? That was an
24 embarrassment.

25 My only comment on this is if we are

1 going to hold the University of Scranton to
2 the standard "X" then we have to do the same
3 with Marywood University and any of the
4 other schools, and it's got to have one
5 standard, and I'd like to see what your
6 reasoning would be on this when you get into
7 motions.

8 The second one is acting fire chief
9 DeSarno. I'm very happy that you were able
10 to clarify what happened there, but it is
11 also my understanding that Mr. DeSarno made
12 \$65,602 last year and that's what he will be
13 paid this year. I'm here to tell you that a
14 fire chief is worth every penny of that and
15 more and in the event you cannot find a
16 candidate willing -- an appropriate
17 candidate willing to do the job for \$50,000,
18 one of the first priorities on the 2015
19 budget should be getting that salary in the
20 range where it belongs. I know the city is
21 it strapped for cash and for funding, but
22 you get what you pay for sometimes and I
23 think that that's only appropriate. Thank
24 you.

25 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

1 MR. MCGOFF: Any other speakers?

2 MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening.

3 Marie Schumacher, taxpayer.

4 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

5 MS. SCHUMACHER: First of all, a
6 follow-up from last week when I asked
7 whether the loan that Mr. Judge spoke of
8 last December was executed on the 3rd or at
9 any time, \$17 million, nobody knew. Do you
10 have that answer this week?

11 MR. MCGOFF: Yes, it was executed
12 and I didn't look -- we did receive from the
13 business administrator a breakdown of costs
14 for that. I do not have it, I don't believe
15 I have that with me, I can provide you with
16 that information.

17 MS. SCHUMACHER: Yes. I would
18 appreciate that.

19 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. McGoff?

20 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

21 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Bulzoni provided
22 me that the information that the TAN was for
23 the amount of \$12,500,000 from IFS
24 Securities.

25 MS. SCHUMACHER: I thought the

1 agreement last December was \$17 million?

2 MR. ROGAN: Not to be more than \$17
3 million.

4 MS. SCHUMACHER: So you are saying
5 it's 12?

6 MR. WECHSLER: \$12,500,000.

7 MS. SCHUMACHER: What is the
8 interest rate and what are the fees.

9 MR. WECHSLER: I believe the
10 interest rate in the end is going to be
11 about 9 percent, and the fees completed is
12 around \$574,00.

13 MS. SCHUMACHER: That's a far cry
14 from the 4 1/2 percent that I believe was
15 the ceiling when it was discussed and prior
16 to being voted on. That's very
17 disappointing and it also doesn't speak well
18 for our credit position and what we will
19 look forward to going forward.

20 MR. WECHSLER: Not when the Scranton
21 School District is at 1.09 percent, so
22 it's -- this is why we are in the process of
23 getting our financial house in order. We
24 are paying highly -- a high expense for
25 financing.

1 MS. SCHUMACHER: Now, with respect
2 to the acting fire chief, I don't like what
3 you are doing at all. I don't know -- I
4 have never seen it advertised in the paper.
5 Granted, I'm not looking for jobs. What --
6 how has that position been advertised?

7 MR. MCGOFF: I don't think it needs
8 to be advertised. It's an appointed
9 position by the administration.

10 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, but if we are
11 looking, if we truly looking for somebody,
12 how long is there a -- an expiration on how
13 long is this going to be acting? I mean,
14 let's face it, there is a difference between
15 management and labor.

16 The other question that I have and
17 how it will impact this in May the SAFER
18 grant is the second birthday and expires and
19 that's 30 firefighters. Have we renewed an
20 application for the SAFER grant? Has it
21 been approved or are we going to drop 30
22 firefighters?

23 And we were promised as taxpayers a
24 full-time fire chief. I think -- I happen
25 to believe it's a full-time job or it should

1 be and I am very disappointed in this and I
2 think this is just not good at all.

3 And what about these -- our 30
4 firefighters that were added, are we going
5 to start closing fire stations again? Is
6 that why nothing has been done to approve
7 the East Mountain fire station which needs
8 repairs dramatically, and is it because it's
9 going to be closed again in May?
10 Mr. Loscombe?

11 MR. LOSCOMBE: I don't think that
12 will be the case. I do believe that there
13 is a new application for a new SAFER grant.
14 If I'm not mistake in our financials over
15 the past year and the current budget, we had
16 anticipated that and that's part of the tax
17 increases and stuff like that to maintain
18 the department that we have.

19 As far as you're mentioning a
20 full-time chief, he is a full-time chief.
21 Acting is just a title. He is still there
22 on a 24-hour basis basically.

23 MS. SCHUMACHER: But he is being a
24 firefighter, he is not being a manager.

25 MR. LOSCOMBE: No, he is being the

1 manager.

2 MS. SCHUMACHER: He's not doing the

3 --

4 MR. LOSCOMBE: He is in the office
5 in fire headquarters.

6 MS. SCHUMACHER: You can't -- you
7 can do one or the other. You can't be doing
8 both at the same time. That's what the
9 taxpayers were promised and I think we
10 deserve to have that.

11 Back again to something from last
12 week, and I will revisit that in the future
13 I'm sure, I had asked, as have others, for
14 the amount of tax dollars that had been
15 poured into the North Scranton Intermediate
16 School to date. Did anybody get those?

17 MR. ROGAN: You had two questions
18 actually.

19 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, yeah, that's
20 one. I have got three tonight actually.

21 MR. ROGAN: Regarding the total
22 amount of tax dollars, I spoke to Ms. Aebli
23 today she said that she would have that
24 answer for us next week, but she did confirm
25 that there was a \$2 million influx that was

1 mentioned at the council meeting I believe
2 by a speaker in 1998 when Congressman McDade
3 was able to get that money for the project,
4 but she promised me a more complete answer
5 by next week.

6 And regarding the partnership, this
7 is from Attorney Hickey, there are two
8 partners, the general partner is 1539 North
9 Main GP Inc., an affiliate of Goodwill, and
10 the investor limited partner is Wells-Fargo
11 Affordable Housing Community Development
12 Corporation, and I can provide you a copy of
13 that as well if you would like.

14 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, yes, I would
15 like that because I did go home and look to
16 see who the -- well, who are the principals
17 in the Wells-Fargo? Is that somebody local?

18 MR. ROGAN: I didn't ask for the
19 principals, I just asked for the
20 partnership.

21 MS. SCHUMACHER: And Wells-Fargo is
22 what? Because when you go and you look up
23 the 1530 LP it's the same address as
24 Goodwill, 900 block of Prospect Avenue.

25 MR. ROGAN: Right.

1 MS. SCHUMACHER: Why would a lease
2 -- I don't understand why a lease would --
3 why they would lease something out to
4 themselves?

5 MR. ROGAN: Well, it does say that
6 they are affiliates. How they have their
7 inner workings I'm not sure of, we could
8 certainly ask.

9 MS. SCHUMACHER: I would certainly
10 appreciate that. 3-B tonight, what accounts
11 for the drop from 2012 through 2013?

12 MR. MCGOFF: I do not know.

13 MS. SCHUMACHER: I don't know what
14 committee that would come under, but is that
15 a revenue item? Would that be Mr. Wechsler?

16 MR. MCGOFF: For want of -- I will
17 find out.

18 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay. 4-G, is that
19 a total payment for the year or is that a
20 partial payment? Maybe you can find out if
21 it's a partial payment I would certainly
22 like to know what other payments were made
23 and I guess my time is up. I will be back
24 next week, good Lord willing.

25 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.

1 MR. WECHSLER: Ms. Schumacher, you
2 gave me one question that you didn't ask me
3 and I go the answer, so I want to make sure
4 I get credit for my homework.

5 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay.

6 MR. WECHSLER: One of the questions
7 that you asked last week was about
8 projections on revenue?

9 MS. SCHUMACHER: Yes.

10 MR. WECHSLER: This is from I think
11 it's Berkheimer provided this to Dave
12 Bulzoni, they estimated that collection in
13 the EIT --

14 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Wechsler, turn your
15 mic on.

16 MR. WECHSLER: Oh, I'm sorry. The
17 EIT was expected to be 2013 between \$25.5
18 million and \$25.6 million. The EIT
19 collection rate for 2014 is expected to be
20 between \$22.5 and \$23 million, and
21 Mr. Bulzoni feels comfortable with that --
22 the projected EIT at 23.4 in the budget so
23 they are comfortable with the projections
24 from Berkheimer that it will meet the
25 projections from the proposed budget.

1 MS. SCHUMACHER: But I had asked if
2 we'll know that if the spike was due to --
3 I'm sorry, yeah, if the spike that was in
4 for this year, and actually you are telling
5 me now it's a decline from the prior year?

6 MR. WECHSLER: Yeah, because it was
7 subtracted --

8 MR. SCHUMACHER: So that spike was
9 removed and they are admitting that this is
10 the reason?

11 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

12 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay. Thank you.

13 MR. WECHSLER: But the projections
14 for collection and projection in the budget
15 match.

16 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay. Thank you.

17 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else?

18 MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening, Council.
19 Dave Dobrzyn, resident.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Good evening.

21 MR. DOBRZYN: Last week I mentioned
22 about the PPL translines at Nay Aug, next
23 week I'll try and submit a copy from the
24 computer on that question. And if not, if I
25 don't get an answer from their office I'll

1 pursue it with a Right-to-Know maybe in city
2 hall.

3 Also, I'd like to note that the
4 actions of PPL last weekend were
5 unacceptable. We have one firemen that lost
6 his life and another one that was seriously
7 injured due to electricity problems and them
8 not getting to the fire on time and took
9 about an hour for PPL to get to the fire and
10 somebody got a shock inside of the house and
11 they shut down the whole situation and they
12 basically lost the house. They could have
13 prevented a lot of damage, so hopefully PPL
14 will come to bat.

15 And a lot of the -- in prior
16 meetings that we should follow Detroit, last
17 weekend on CNN there was a little
18 documentary on Detroit and the commentator,
19 the journalist stated that Detroit puts him
20 in most in mind of Chernobyl. It's the
21 closest thing he has seen to Chernobyl. So,
22 I mean, our city doesn't really look like
23 Chernobyl, so I think we are a little ahead
24 of the game from Detroit. They owe billions
25 of dollars not millions.

1 And once again, I'd like to mention
2 that the unions should have attempts made
3 from the new mayor, and I see where hiring
4 somebody with relations for -- for public
5 relations with the unions, labor relations,
6 and see if anything could be negotiated to
7 start making payments to them instead of,
8 for instance, sale of the sewer plant.

9 You know, you are going to have a
10 legacy and the younger guys up there have
11 more -- should pay more attention to this,
12 also. You might want to run for higher
13 office some day and if my typical sewer bill
14 is \$35 a month, \$70 or so every two months,
15 what if it goes up to \$100 a month like
16 Scott Township or whatever and it's all
17 basically corporate nonsense where you have
18 CEO's taking home millions every year and
19 what have you, so it's something to
20 consider.

21 And one of the things that on
22 recycling, I don't like to -- quit bringing
23 the subject up, but that list I gave last
24 week was a big expansion and I'd like to
25 note that a lot of the plastics and paper

1 are starting to be sold off to China and
2 exported out of the country, so it's also a
3 possible way for, you know, cash to be raise
4 by Recycle Centers and you are not paying
5 for a bunch of rain soaked newspapers,
6 tipping fees up at the landfill and I'll try
7 and reprint that and I don't want really
8 want to keep mentioning that.

9 And a few months ago I started
10 reading this book, and I'm going to read it
11 for the new council. "What began as an
12 effort by Kentucky to help a single company
13 in Appalachia raise capital by keeping state
14 income taxes withheld from its worker's
15 paychecks has grown to more than, 2,700
16 companies in 19 states when this book was
17 first published. The big banks, carmakers,
18 the insurers and a host of Canadian,
19 Chinese, European, Japanese companies, all
20 get the profit by pocketing the taxes
21 withheld from their American workers'
22 paychecks."

23 Since "The Fine Print" came out in
24 hardback, two more states have joined this
25 trend, Oregon and Pennsylvania. I wonder if

1 that had anything to do with us being asked
2 if we expected manna from heaven. They are
3 talking about raising tax income taxes in
4 lieu of property taxes payments, and it
5 doesn't make sense if they are given the
6 original taxes away. It really does not
7 make sense.

8 Don't forget, I called my
9 Congressman this week on trade packs, I'm
10 going to try and look up the White House and
11 tell them to take their trade packs and keep
12 them. We don't need anymore unemployment.
13 They don't want to pay people that are
14 unemployed now. We lost 50,000 factories
15 since 1992. Thank you and have a good
16 night. 50,000 factories.

17 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

18 MR. MCGOFF: Is there anyone else
19 who cares to address council?

20 Mrs. Reed.

21 MS. REED: FIFTH ORDER. 5-A.

22 MOTIONS.

23 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Wechsler?

24 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you,
25 Mr. President. I had a couple of things

1 that I was going to discuss, but while we
2 were in caucus I'm going to try to stick the
3 fact that each councilman will try to stay
4 in their area of responsibility, but the one
5 thing that I do want to mention is I would
6 like to congratulate the DPW for their work
7 on Saturday in the last snowstorm. There
8 was some problems with the equipment that
9 was not available, so they were a little
10 slower in response, but they did do a great
11 job and I am of the understanding that the
12 administration is working on improvements to
13 make it better in the next event. That's
14 all I have right now. Thank you.

15 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you,
16 Mr. Wechsler. Mr. Rogan?

17 MR. ROGAN: Yes, I'll be very brief
18 as well. I would just like to congratulate
19 another city department, our fire
20 department, with the response to the fire in
21 West Scranton over the last weekend. I'm
22 only a few blocks from there myself and just
23 from where I was you could see how terrible
24 the fire was and them and Chief DeSarno did
25 a great job saving the building next door,

1 and I know Mr. Loscombe is going to
2 elaborate on those events as well.

3 One other issue that I just wanted
4 to bring up very briefly, and I think I have
5 talked about this at council almost every
6 meeting for a year or two, and that's Senate
7 Bill 76. I did reach out to some of the
8 folks at the Pennsylvania Realtors
9 Association who were involved with the
10 creation of the Bill and trying to pass the
11 Bill, and I asked my colleagues in the
12 caucus and they agreed to hold -- that we
13 would hold an information session for the
14 public.

15 So I will be working and getting
16 those participants together and letting my
17 colleagues in our office know and we could
18 have that here in front of the public and
19 have it on TV as well that way the public
20 can know exactly what's in this Bill that
21 has been talked about so much and how it
22 would affect them in reducing their property
23 taxes.

24 That's all I have for now. I have a
25 couple of comments on some of the agenda

1 items as they come up. And actually one
2 other thing, I would like to thank Mayor
3 Courtright for coming today. After four
4 years of not seeing the mayor in council
5 chambers more than once, it is very
6 refreshing. I hope it's something that will
7 continue, and as I believe it was Mr. McGoff
8 or one of my colleagues mentioned that all
9 of the department heads have been great to
10 work with in city hall. We really have
11 seen-- for those who have been on the board
12 we have seen a change, and it's very
13 refreshing to have that openness and I hope
14 it's something that will continue among the
15 five of us on council and between council
16 and the administration. And that's all for
17 tonight.

18 MR. MCGOFF: And I must apologize,
19 Mr. Loscombe, I did ask if you could mention
20 about the fire department prior to, and I
21 apologize to all, I skipped over any
22 announcements from council again. Again,
23 I'm going to have to start writing this
24 down.

25 Mr. Loscombe?

1 MR. LOSCOMBE: As Mr. Rogan stated
2 we did have a devastating fire in the 1300
3 block of Price Street this week and I do
4 want to applaud the firefighters for their
5 great response there under the conditions
6 they were fighting the fire. The house
7 right next door was very close, they were
8 able to save that house.

9 Unfortunately, due to circumstances
10 with the electrical power, as has been
11 stated in the newspaper, there is probably a
12 little bit more damage to that property than
13 need be. The response time for PPL was
14 unacceptable. Where the blame goes, it's
15 hard to say at this point. There has been a
16 few meetings and there will be some more
17 coming up next week on trying to rectify the
18 situation from ever happening again.

19 You know, I can understand delays
20 based on weather or different circumstances,
21 but, you know, an hour delay is beyond
22 comprehension. I was involved in a similar
23 electrical situation, Captain Robeson we had
24 lost a few years ago due to an electrical
25 situation, so it plays on the minds of the

1 the current firefighters whenever there is
2 live wires in a structure, and in this
3 particular case they were making a good
4 advance until they realized the property was
5 energized when one of the firefighters came
6 in contact with an aluminum window.

7 But, you know, they made a valiant
8 effort to save the property and I believe,
9 you know, looking at the property there is a
10 lot of damage, but I think it is
11 structurally able to be reconstructed, I
12 would hope so.

13 But there are some ongoing meetings
14 and I will update you on those as far as the
15 commitment from PPL to respond quicker, what
16 their remedies are going to be and how we
17 can all work together and eliminate any
18 problems in the future. I thought these
19 problems were resolved prior, but it seems
20 like after awhile everything is forget and
21 it goes back to a certain way. I hope it's
22 not all about the dollar and stuff like
23 that, but like I said, we can't point the
24 finger at anybody in particular at this
25 point, I just hope there is a resolution to

1 the benefit of everyone for the future.

2 And again, I do commend the guys for
3 doing the job they have done and to be able
4 to have saved what they have saved in that
5 particular situation, but I do feel
6 confident that our talks with PPL and some
7 other people involved at this point that
8 there will be a resolution that I think will
9 work for everyone and I'm hopeful on that.

10 And that's all I have to say at this
11 time. Thank you.

12 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you,
13 Mr. Loscombe. Mr. Gaughan?

14 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. I would also
15 like to thank Mayor Courtright for coming
16 tonight. I appreciate that as do all of my
17 colleagues. I'd also like to say, as some
18 of my other colleagues had mentioned, my
19 sympathy goes out to the family that lost
20 their home on Price Street in Scranton.
21 That was a terrible tragedy. I don't have
22 any other comments. I will be -- I do have
23 a couple of questions still on 7-H, so I'll
24 reserve my comments until then. Thank you.

25 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Gaughan.

1 Good evening. A couple of notes
2 administratively, I guess, information.
3 There will be an opening of bids for legal
4 services, special labor counsel for the City
5 of Scranton. That will be held on
6 Wednesday, February 5 at 10 a.m. here in
7 council chambers. As you may have seen in
8 the paper or was announced that the city is
9 looking to hire an additional special labor
10 counsel to deal with obviously contracts and
11 such, and also with the funding for the
12 arbitration awards.

13 Second one, that also proposals in
14 council chambers for the independent audit
15 of the Scranton Single Tax Office, that will
16 be held on Friday, February 21, at 10 a.m.
17 in city council chambers.

18 We also did receive some information
19 concerning the audit for -- the city audit
20 for 2013. Rossi & Rossi I believe are --
21 Robert Rossi & Company are again doing the
22 audit, the city audit, and I know the new
23 business administrator has suggested some
24 procedural changes that may expedite the
25 budget process and we will be getting more

1 information concerning that.

2 Also, just a final reminder that any
3 questions that citizens may have please put
4 those in writing to the city clerk so that
5 we can act upon them.

6 And just a few brief comments. Yes,
7 I also would like to thank Mayor Courtright
8 for his appearance here and the mayor and I
9 discussed some issues concerning appearances
10 at council and one of the things that had
11 been suggested in the past I know and that
12 we have all would really appreciated would
13 be appearance of department chairs or
14 department heads if there is any legislation
15 that needs explanations, and I have been
16 assured by -- I have spoken to most of the
17 department heads and also, as I said, with
18 the mayor and they have been more than
19 conciliatory in saying that that would --
20 that they would do that, that they would
21 come either to a caucus or to a general
22 meeting to, you know, to discuss legislation
23 that is going to be presented to us and I am
24 thankful for that. That will go a long way
25 toward a better understanding of what's

1 going on process-wise and government-wise.

2 And that is all. I do have some
3 comments as we get to the legislation, but
4 that is all I have for this evening. Thank
5 you.

6 MS. REED: 5-B. AUTHORIZING THE
7 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
8 OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO ACCEPT AND
9 DISBURSE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE WALMART
10 FOUNDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000.00 TO
11 PURCHASE TOYS AND COATS FROM THE SCRANTON
12 POLICE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL TOY/COAT DRIVE.

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

16 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

17 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

18 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
19 those in favor signify by saying aye.

20 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

21 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

22 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

24 MS. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The
25 ayes have it and so moved.

1 MS. REED: 5-C. AUTHORIZING THE
2 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
3 TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR THE DISCOUNT
4 PERIOD ON REAL ESTATE TAXES FROM FEBRUARY
5 28, 2014 TO MARCH 31, 2014 IN ORDER TO ALLOW
6 TAXPAYERS AMPLE TIME TO PAY REAL ESTATE
7 TAXES AT THE DISCOUNT RATE.

8 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll
9 entertain a motion that Item 5-C be
10 introduced into its proper committee.

11 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

12 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

13 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

14 MR. ROGAN: Yes, on the question. I
15 would just like to reiterate I'm very happy
16 to vote for this legislation. This is
17 something I fought very hard for
18 unsuccessfully in 2013 when the county
19 commissioners wouldn't agree to go along.
20 This year all of the taxing bodies have
21 agreed to go along to make things a little
22 bit easier on the taxpayers. So once again,
23 I'd like to thank our commissioners and our
24 school directors and Mayor's Office and the
25 Tax Collector's Office. It was a group

1 effort to be able to extend this discount
2 and it will make it a little bit easier for
3 some individuals to get in at those reduced
4 rates.

5 MR. MCGOFF: One other mention so
6 that this can coincide with the passage of
7 the other taxing ordinances, we may be
8 asking next week that this be put to Seventh
9 Order so that the tax bills can go out with
10 a notice that there is an extension of the
11 discount rate.

12 All those in favor signify by saying
13 aye.

14 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

15 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

16 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

18 MS. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The
19 ayes have it and so moved.

20 MS. REED: 5-D. AMENDING FILE OF
21 THE COUNCIL NO. 100, 2009 "AN ORDINANCE
22 AMENDING FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 91, 2002 "AN
23 ORDINANCE AS AMENDED PROVIDING FOR THE
24 ESTABLISHMENT OF PARKING METER ZONES WITHIN
25 THE CITY OF SCRANTON; ESTABLISHING HOURS OF

1 OPERATION;
2 PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF METERS AND
3 PARKING METER RATES; AUTHORIZING THE
4 ENFORCEMENT OF PARKING ORDINANCES AND
5 PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF”
6 BY AMENDING SECTIONS 3 (A) TO REFLECT THE
7 CHANGE IN HOURLY RATE AT PARKING METERS
8 FROM \$1.00 TO \$1.25 PER HOUR.

9 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll
10 entertain a motion that Item 5-D be
11 introduced into its proper committee.

12 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

13 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

14 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
15 those in favor signify by saying aye.

16 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

17 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

18 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

19 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

20 MS. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The
21 eyes have it and so moved.

22 MS. REED: 5-E. AMENDING RESOLUTION
23 NO. 604, 1999 ENTITLED “AUTHORIZING THE
24 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
25 TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A COLLECTIVE

1 BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN E.B. JERMYN
2 LODGE NO. 2 OF THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE
3 AND THE CITY OF SCRANTON FOR THE CALENDAR
4 YEARS JANUARY 1, 1996 TO DECEMBER 31, 2002
5 IN ORDER TO AMEND ARTICLE 26, SECTION 7 PER
6 A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
7 PARTIES.

8 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll
9 entertain a motion that Item 5-E be
10 introduced into its proper committee.

11 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

12 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

13 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
14 those in favor signify by saying aye.

15 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

16 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

17 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

21 MS. REED: 5-F. APPROVING THE
22 FINANCING BY THE SCRANTON-LACKAWANNA
23 HEALTH AND WELFARE AUTHORITY OF CERTAIN
24 CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF MARYWOOD
25 UNIVERSITY, A PENNSYLVANIA NOT-FOR-PROFIT

1 CORPORATION; DECLARING THAT IT IS DESIRABLE
2 FOR THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE
3 PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, LACKAWANNA
4 COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND THE AREA SERVED BY
5 MARYWOOD UNIVERSITY TO HAVE THE PROJECT
6 PROVIDED BY AND FINANCED THROUGH THE
7 AUTHORITY; DESIGNATING THE MAYOR OF THE
8 CITY, OR, IN HIS ABSENCE, THE PRESIDENT OR
9 VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL, AS THE
10 PERSON TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL
11 AS THE "APPLICABLE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE"
12 WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE
13 CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED; AUTHORIZING SUCH
14 MAYOR OF THE CITY OR THE PRESIDENT OR VICE
15 PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY TO
16 TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY
17 COUNCIL OF THE CITY AS SUCH "APPLICABLE
18 ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE"; AND AUTHORIZING
19 OTHER NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE ACTION.

20 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll
21 entertain a motion that Item 5-F be
22 introduced into its proper committee.

23 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

24 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

25 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Just

1 a personal response to the questions or to
2 comments that were made during citizens'
3 participation, I personally would like to
4 encourage any development that can take
5 place within the city and that is a positive
6 good for the city. As has been done in the
7 past, as long as it is within the -- as long
8 as it is within the confines of not removing
9 buildings from the tax base, as long as
10 it -- I guess as long as it provides a
11 positive good to the city I think it's
12 something that I personally would encourage.

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

15 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

16 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

17 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

21 MS. REED: 5-G. AUTHORIZING THE
22 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
23 TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT
24 OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP) ACT 101
25 RECYCLING PROGRAM PERFORMANCE GRANT IN THE

1 AMOUNT OF \$58,665.00 FOR THE CITY OF
2 SCRANTON RECYCLING PROGRAM.

3 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll
4 entertain a motion that Item 5-G be
5 introduced into its proper committee.

6 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

7 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

8 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
9 those in favor signify by saying aye.

10 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

11 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

12 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

14 MS. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The
15 ayes have it and so moved.

16 MS. REED: 5-H. ACCEPTING A DONATION
17 OF FOUR THOUSAND (\$4,000.00) DOLLARS FROM
18 SCRANTON AREA FOUNDATION PRESENTED TO
19 THE CITY OF SCRANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT.

20 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll
21 entertain a motion that Item 5-H be
22 introduced into its proper committee.

23 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

24 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

25 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All

1 those in favor signify by saying aye.

2 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

3 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

4 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

6 MS. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The
7 eyes have it and so moved.

8 MS. REED: 5-I. ACCEPTING A DONATION
9 OF ONE HUNDRED (\$100.00) DOLLARS FROM
10 ANTHRACITE HERITAGE MUSEUM AND IRON
11 FURNACES ASSOCIATES PRESENTED TO THE CITY OF
12 SCRANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT.

13 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll
14 entertain a motion that Item 5-I be
15 introduced into its proper committee.

16 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

17 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

18 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? I'd
19 just like to thank the Anthracite Heritage
20 Museum and Iron Furnaces Associates for
21 their donation.

22 All those in favor of introduction
23 signify by saying aye.

24 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

25 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

1 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

3 MS. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The
4 ayes have it and so moved.

5 MS. REED: 5-J. APPOINTMENT OF
6 ARIANNE N. SLOCUM, 2104 NORTH WASHINGTON
7 AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18509, AS
8 CHAIRPERSON OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
9 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 17, 2014. MS. SLOCUM'S
10 TERM WILL EXPIRE WITH THE TERM OF MAYOR
11 WILLIAM L. COURTRIGHT.

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

15 MR. LOSCOMBE: So moved. Oh, I'm
16 sorry.

17 MR. MCGOFF: For lack of a second,
18 as was stated before Mrs. Slocum is unable
19 to fulfill this appointment, and for lack of
20 a second the motion is denied.

21 MS. REED: 5-K. APPOINTMENT OF PAUL
22 DUFFY, 811 COLFAX AVENUE, SCRANTON,
23 PENNSYLVANIA, 18510, TO THE CIVIL SERVICE
24 COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JANUARY 17, 2014. MR.
25 DUFFY'S TERM WILL EXPIRE WITH THE TERM OF

1 MAYOR WILLIAM L. COURTRIGHT.

2 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll
3 entertain a motion that Item 5-K be
4 introduced into its proper committee.

5 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

6 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

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

9 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

10 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

11 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

15 MS. REED: 5-L. APPOINTMENT OF JEFF
16 MACKIE, 1422 W. GIBSON STREET, SCRANTON,
17 PENNSYLVANIA, 18504, TO THE CIVIL SERVICE
18 COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JANUARY 17, 2014. MR.
19 MACKIE'S TERM WILL EXPIRE WITH THE TERM OF
20 MAYOR WILLIAM L. COURTRIGHT.

21 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll
22 entertain a motion that Item 5-L be
23 introduced into its proper committee.

24 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

25 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

1 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
2 those in favor signify by saying aye.

3 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

4 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

5 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

7 MS. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The
8 ayes have it and so moved.

9 MS. REED: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A.
10 READING BY TITLE – FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.
11 1, 2014 – AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF
12 THE COUNCIL NO. 6, 1976 ENTITLED “AN
13 ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) IMPOSING A TAX FOR
14 GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES ON THE TRANSFER OF
15 REAL PROPERTY SITUATE WITHIN THE CITY OF
16 SCRANTON; PRESCRIBING AND REGULATING THE
17 METHOD OF EVIDENCING THE PAYMENT OF SUCH
18 TAX; CONFERRING POWERS AND IMPOSING DUTIES
19 UPON CERTAIN PERSONS, AND PROVIDING
20 PENALTIES”, BY IMPOSING THE RATE OF THE
21 REALTY TRANSFER TAX AT TWO AND NINE TENTHS
22 PERCENT (2.9%) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014.

23 MR. MCGOFF: You've heard reading by
24 title of Item 6-A, what is your pleasure?

25 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-A

1 pass reading by title.

2 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

3 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
4 those in favor signify by saying aye.

5 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

6 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

7 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

9 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The
10 ayes have it and so moved.

11 MS. REED: 6-B. READING BY TITLE -
12 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 2, 2014 - AN
13 ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.
14 7, 1976, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED)
15 IMPOSING A MERCANTILE LICENSE TAX OF 2 MILLS
16 FOR THE YEAR 1976 AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER
17 UPON PERSONS ENGAGING IN CERTAIN OCCUPATIONS
18 AND BUSINESSES THEREIN; PROVIDING FOR ITS
19 LEVY AND COLLECTION AND FOR THE ISSUANCE OF
20 MERCANTILE LICENSES; CONFERRING AND IMPOSING
21 POWERS AND DUTIES UPON THE TAX COLLECTOR OF
22 THE CITY OF SCRANTON; AND IMPOSING
23 PENALTIES", BY IMPOSING THE MERCANTILE
24 LICENSE TAX AT ONE (1) MILL (.001) FOR
25 CALENDAR YEAR 2014.

1 MR. MCGOFF: You've heard reading by
2 title of Item 6-B, what is your pleasure?

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

5 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

6 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
7 those in favor signify by saying aye.

8 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

9 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

10 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

12 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The
13 ayes have it and so moved.

14 MS. REED: 6-C. READING BY TITLE -
15 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 3, 2014 - AN
16 ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.
17 8, 1976, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED)
18 PROVIDING FOR THE GENERAL REVENUE BY
19 IMPOSING A TAX AT THE RATE OF TWO (2) MILLS
20 UPON THE PRIVILEGE OF OPERATING OR
21 CONDUCTING BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON
22 AS MEASURED BY THE GROSS RECEIPTS THEREFROM;
23 REQUIRING REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT OF
24 THE TAX AS CONDITION TO THE CONDUCTING OF
25 SUCH BUSINESS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND

1 COLLECTION OF SUCH TAX; PRESCRIBING SUCH
2 REQUIREMENTS FOR RETURNS AND RECORDS;
3 CONFERRING POWERS AND DUTIES UPON THE
4 TAX COLLECTOR; AND IMPOSING PENALTIES”, BY
5 IMPOSING THE BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX AT THE
6 RATE OF ONE (1) MILL (.001) FOR THE CALENDAR
7 YEAR 2014.

8 MR. MCGOFF: You've heard reading by
9 title of Item 6-C, what is your pleasure?

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

12 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

13 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
14 those in favor signify by saying aye.

15 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

16 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

17 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

19 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The
20 eyes have it and so moved.

21 MS. REED: 6-D. READING BY TITLE –
22 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 4, 2014 – AN
23 ORDINANCE – AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.
24 100, 1976, ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE (AS
25 AMENDED) LEVYING GENERAL AND SPECIAL TAXES

1 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1977", BY SETTING THE
2 MILLAGE FOR THE YEAR 2014.

3 MR. MCGOFF: You've heard reading by
4 title of Item 6-D, what is your pleasure?

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

7 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

8 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
9 those in favor signify by saying aye.

10 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

11 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

12 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

14 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The
15 ayes have it and so moved.

16 MS. REED: 6-E. READING BY TITLE -
17 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 5, 2014 - AN
18 ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.
19 17, 1994 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED)
20 AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY
21 OF SCRANTON TO ENACT' A WASTE DISPOSAL AND
22 COLLECTION FEE' FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAISING
23 REVENUE TO COVER THE WASTE DISPOSAL AND
24 COLLECTION COSTS INCURRED BY THE CITY OF
25 SCRANTON FOR THE DISPOSAL OF REFUSE",

1 BY IMPOSING A WASTE DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION
2 FEE OF \$300.00 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014.

3 MR. MCGOFF: You've heard reading by
4 title of Item 6-E, what is your pleasure?

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

7 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

8 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
9 those in favor signify by saying aye.

10 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

11 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

12 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

14 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The
15 ayes have it and so moved.

16 MS. REED: 6-F. READING BY TITLE -
17 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 6, 2014 - AN
18 ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.
19 145 OF 2007 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE RENAMING
20 THE EMERGENCY AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAX
21 ("EMST") TO LOCAL SERVICE TAX ("LST")" AND
22 BY IMPOSING A WITHHOLDING OF \$52.00 FOR THE
23 CALENDAR YEAR 2014.

24 MR. MCGOFF: You've heard reading by
25 title of Item 6-F, what is your pleasure?

1 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-F
2 pass reading by title.

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

4 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
5 those in favor signify by saying aye.

6 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

7 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

8 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

10 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The
11 ayes have it and so moved.

12 MS. REED: 6-G. READING BY TITLE -
13 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 7, 2014 - AN
14 ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL
15 NUMBER 17, 2012, (AS AMENDED) ENTITLED
16 "ESTABLISHING A REGISTRATION PROGRAM FOR
17 RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTIES; REQUIRING ALL
18 OWNERS OF RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTIES TO
19 DESIGNATE AN AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS;
20 AND PRESCRIBING DUTIES OF OWNERS, AGENTS AND
21 OCCUPANTS; DIRECTING THE DESIGNATION OF
22 AGENTS; ESTABLISHING FEES FOR THE COSTS
23 ASSOCIATED WITH THE REGISTRATION OF
24 RENTAL PROPERTY; AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES
25 FOR VIOLATIONS" BY AMENDING SECTION 9 -FEES

1 TO INCLUDE THE INCREASES IN THE ANNUAL
2 RENTAL REGISTRATION FEE TO \$50.00 PER UNIT
3 AND THE ANNUAL PERMIT FEE TO \$150.00 PER
4 SITE.

5 MR. MCGOFF: You've heard reading by
6 title of Item 6-G, what is your pleasure?

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

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

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

12 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

13 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

14 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

18 Mrs. Reed, prior to Seventh Order, I
19 just want to mention that the request for
20 resumes from people being appointed under
21 Seventh Order have been received from all of
22 those that are being mentioned.

23 MS. REED: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR
24 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES-FOR
25 ADOPTION RESOLUTION NO. 3, 2014 -

1 APPOINTMENT OF LINDA AEBLI, 906 SKYVIEW
2 DRIVE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18505 TO THE
3 POSITION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE
4 OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
5 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6, 2014.

6 MR. MCGOFF: As Chairperson for the
7 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
8 passage of Item 7-A.

9 MR. ROGAN: Second.

10 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Roll
11 call, please?

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

13 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

15 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

17 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

18 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

19 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

20 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

21 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare
22 Item 7-A legally and lawfully adopted.

23 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION BY
24 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES-FOR ADOPTION
25 RESOLUTION NO. 4, 2014 - APPOINTMENT OF CARL

1 GRAZIANO, 418 WILBUR STREET, SCRANTON,
2 PENNSYLVANIA, 18508 TO THE POSITION OF
3 POLICE CHIEF EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6, 2014.

4 MR. MCGOFF: As Chair for the
5 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
6 passage of Item 7-B.

7 MR. ROGAN: Second.

8 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Roll
9 call, please?

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

11 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

13 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

15 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

18 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

19 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare
20 Item 7-B legally and lawfully adopted.

21 MS. REED: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION BY
22 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES-FOR ADOPTION
23 RESOLUTION NO. 5, 2014- APPOINTMENT OF FRANK
24 SWIETNICKI, 2900 PITTSTON AVENUE, SCRANTON,
25 PENNSYLVANIA, 18505 TO THE POSITION OF IT

1 MANAGER EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6, 2014.

2 MR. MCGOFF: As Chair for the
3 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
4 passage of Item 7-C.

5 MR. ROGAN: Second.

6 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Roll
7 call, please?

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

9 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

11 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

13 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

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

19 MS. REED: 7-D. FOR CONSIDERATION BY
20 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES-FOR ADOPTION
21 RESOLUTION NO. 6, 2014 - APPOINTMENT OF
22 WAYNE BECK, 105 YESU DRIVE, SCRANTON,
23 PENNSYLVANIA, 18505 TO THE POSITION OF CITY
24 TREASURER EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6, 2014 TO
25 REPLACE CHRISTOPHER BOLAND.

1 MR. MCGOFF: As Chair for the
2 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
3 passage of Item 7-D.

4 MR. ROGAN: Second.

5 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Roll
6 call, please?

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

8 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

10 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

12 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare
17 Item 7-D legally and lawfully adopted.

18 MS. REED: 7-E. FOR CONSIDERATION BY
19 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES-FOR ADOPTION
20 RESOLUTION NO. 7, 2014 - APPOINTMENT OF
21 PATRICK HINTON, 319 PROSPECT AVENUE,
22 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18505 TO THE
23 POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
24 LICENSING, INSPECTIONS AND PERMITS EFFECTIVE
25 JANUARY 6, 2014 TO REPLACE MARK SEITZINGER.

1 MR. MCGOFF: As Chair for the
2 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
3 passage of Item 7-E.

4 MR. ROGAN: Second.

5 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Roll
6 call, please?

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

8 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

10 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

12 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare
17 Item 7-E legally and lawfully adopted.

18 MS. REED: 7-F. FOR CONSIDERATION BY
19 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES-FOR ADOPTION
20 RESOLUTION NO. 8, 2014 - APPOINTMENT OF
21 EUGENE HICKEY, ESQUIRE, 20 RIDGEVIEW DRIVE,
22 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18504 TO THE
23 POSITION OF GENERAL COUNSEL TO THE OFFICE OF
24 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EFFECTIVE
25 JANUARY 6, 2014 TO REPLACE MICHAEL O'BRIEN,

1 ESQUIRE.

2 MR. MCGOFF: As Chair for the
3 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
4 passage of Item 7-F.

5 MR. ROGAN: Second.

6 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Roll
7 call, please?

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

9 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

11 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

13 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

17 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare
18 Item 7-F legally and lawfully adopted.

19 MS. REED: 7-G. FOR CONSIDERATION BY
20 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES-FOR ADOPTION
21 RESOLUTION NO. 9, 2014- APPOINTMENT OF
22 DENNIS GALLAGHER, 311 PATTISON AVENUE,
23 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18504 TO THE
24 POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
25 PUBLIC WORKS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6, 2014 TO

1 REPLACE MARK DOUGHER.

2 MR. MCGOFF: As Chair for the
3 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
4 passage of Item 7-G.

5 MR. ROGAN: Second.

6 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Roll
7 call, please?

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

9 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

11 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

13 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

17 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare
18 Item 7-G legally and lawfully adopted.

19 MS. REED: 7-H. FOR CONSIDERATION BY
20 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES-FOR ADOPTION
21 RESOLUTION NO. 10, 2014 -APPOINTMENT OF
22 PATRICK DESARNO, 606 HAMPTON STREET,
23 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18504 TO THE
24 POSITION OF ACTING FIRE CHIEF EFFECTIVE
25 JANUARY 6, 2014 TO REPLACE THOMAS DAVIS.

1 MR. MCGOFF: As Chair for the
2 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
3 passage of Item 7-H.

4 MR. ROGAN: Second.

5 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

6 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.
7 I know we went over this in caucus, but I
8 still have questions about this. I just --
9 I'm worried that we might be -- I could be
10 wrong, and this is just a question,
11 incurring costs because from what I
12 understand if Mr. DeSarno is the acting fire
13 chief, and if he was formally the lieutenant
14 then he has to vacate that position and then
15 there is a ripple effect throughout the
16 department.

17 So in the caucus it was said that we
18 would be saving \$50,000 because we are not
19 using that for the fire chief, but I still
20 have a questions as to -- I mean, I'd
21 actually like to see that and that's my
22 question.

23 My other concern is, Mr. DeSarno is
24 in the bargaining unit and I just wonder --
25 my question is how can a member of the

1 bargaining unit discipline or manage other
2 members of the bargaining unit? You know,
3 this is nothing -- my questions aren't
4 anything against Mr. DeSarno, I think he
5 will be a great fire chief, I'm just
6 questioning the process of it all and I
7 still have questions on that.

8 MR. LOSCOMBE: I'm not quite sure,
9 but if I'm not mistaken as over the past
10 year or so as Chief Graziano was acting he
11 was still a member of the FOP, also.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Right, but I think
13 this is different because this is at the
14 beginning of an appointment. It's not like
15 somebody got sick or you are appointing an
16 acting fire chief because someone has to go
17 on leave.

18 You know, my other question is how
19 long will this go on for? You know, how
20 long will it be acting? You know, these are
21 concerns and questions that I have that, you
22 know, I'm not comfortable with this until we
23 get answers from the administration on that.

24 MR. ROGAN: I would just say that
25 it's -- as Mr. Loscombe mentioned, it's

1 almost the exact same scenario that played
2 out within the police department where you
3 had an acting chief run the department, and
4 I believe Chief Graziano was acting
5 foreclose to two years I would guess, and he
6 remained a member of the bargaining unit and
7 by all accounts Chief Graziano has done an
8 outstanding job while being with a member of
9 the bargaining unit.

10 Chief DeSarno already only a few
11 weeks into the job is already beginning to
12 make light of things that haven't been out
13 in the public before, and there was an
14 article in the paper just a few days ago
15 that he is fighting for, you know, for the
16 residents of the city trying to get PPL to
17 put some pressure on them to have faster
18 response times. And like it was mentioned,
19 if there was a faster response time maybe
20 there wouldn't have been as much damage in
21 the West Scranton fire on Price Street.

22 I have full confidence in Pat
23 DeSarno and in the process as well and this
24 is something that I know myself and
25 Mr. Loscombe and Mr. McGoff thought wouldn't

1 be a problem with the mayor's proposal of a
2 huge cut to the fire chief's salary that by
3 doing that you make the job that nobody
4 within the current Scranton Fire Department
5 would be able to take without taking a
6 substantial pay cut.

7 Unfortunately, that proposal was
8 vetoed and the budget then at that
9 Mr. Doherty and Mrs. Evans and Mr. Joyce
10 wanted became law, so that's where we are
11 and personally I would much rather a fire
12 chief from our department that already knows
13 some of the inner workings than somebody
14 from outside that doesn't, so I fully
15 support this appointment of Pat DeSarno and
16 I know he will do a great job and, you know,
17 that's why I support it.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Right, I'm not
19 questioning -- I'm not questioning
20 Mr. DeSarno, I agree with Mr. Rogan. I
21 think he will do a fine job, I think he is
22 doing a fine job. All I'm questioning is
23 the process that this -- what's being done.
24 That's what I'm questioning. I think there
25 is, you know, it opens up a can of worms and

1 I'm just not comfortable, you know, just --

2 MR. LOSCOMBE: I think for the time
3 being we're fulfilling the position with a
4 qualified person until some issues are
5 resolved. And again, there may be some
6 legal issues on the reduction of the pay
7 having ramifications on three chiefs that
8 are retired now. Will their pay be reduced,
9 their pension be reduced to that \$50,000
10 pay? I mean, there is lot of implications
11 here, but I think having someone that's been
12 on the job for 25 years and knows the inner
13 workings of the fire department at this
14 point it's our best option because I don't
15 know where we are going to get somebody for
16 \$50,000.

17 Sure, you know, a lot of people say,
18 "I'll volunteer to do it," but, you know,
19 you have to know that demographics of this
20 area to do the job and it's -- you know, in
21 your professions it's like an acting
22 principal coming up from one of the schools
23 to do the job.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: And again --

25 MR. MCGOFF: May I address the

1 process just a movement?

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Yeah.

3 MR. MCGOFF: To me the alternative
4 was to leave the position unfilled, which I
5 don't think would be to the benefit of the
6 anyone, and while it may not be a perfect
7 situation, while there may be some flaws in
8 dealing with it, I do believe that the
9 process was the best available option at
10 this time.

11 I have been told that if there is
12 adequate replacement found, you know,
13 someone that can fill the job at the salary
14 that it will be done, but until that time we
15 do need somebody to act in that position,
16 and as Mr. Loscombe has said, it does
17 require someone who is familiar with the
18 City of Scranton and with the process that
19 is in place. And so again, while it may not
20 be perfect, I do think that it is something
21 that is beneficial at this time to do.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: I just -- sorry, go
23 ahead.

24 MR. WECHSLER: I would just like to
25 add, I'm comfortable with this because to me

1 it's very similar to the appointment of
2 Chief Graziano. If this position wasn't
3 filled then the mayor could appoint
4 Mr. DeSarno and the council would have no
5 vote on it. I would like to vote on this to
6 show our support to the chief. And, like I
7 said, the comparison to Chief Graziano is
8 very accurate I think.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: I don't know that it
10 is. And again, I support the chief, I
11 support Pat DeSarno, I just have questions
12 about the process and whether or not this is
13 going to incur costs because of the ripple
14 effect throughout the department. Pat
15 DeSarno is the lieutenant, now he is the
16 acting fire chief, there will have to be an
17 acting lieutenant and so on and so forth.

18 So, I mean, there is just -- I have
19 questions that I'm just not comfortable with
20 this appointment. Not the appointment I
21 should say, but the process.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else on the
23 questions? Roll call, please?

24 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

25 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

1 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

2 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

3 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

4 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

5 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: No.

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

8 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare
9 Item 7-H legally and lawfully adopted.

10 MS. REED: 7-I. FOR CONSIDERATION BY
11 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES-FOR ADOPTION
12 RESOLUTION NO. 11, 2014 - APPOINTMENT OF
13 DAVID BULZONI, 2187 PORT ROYAL ROAD, CLARKS
14 SUMMIT, PENNSYLVANIA, 18411 TO THE POSITION
15 OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR EFFECTIVE JANUARY
16 6, 2014 TO REPLACE GINA MCANDREW.

17 MR. MCGOFF: As Chair for the
18 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
19 passage of Item 7-I.

20 MR. ROGAN: Second.

21 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

22 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question,
23 we did receive a letter from the
24 administration because David Bulzoni does
25 live in Clarks Summit, but he has six months

1 to move within the city just so everyone is
2 aware if anybody was curious about that.

3 MR. MCGOFF: Roll call, please.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

5 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

7 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare
14 Item 7-I legally and lawfully adopted.

15 MS. REED: 7-J. FOR CONSIDERATION
16 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES-FOR ADOPTION
17 RESOLUTION NO. 12, 2014 - APPOINTMENT OF
18 REBECCA MCMULLEN, 1101 GRANDVIEW STREET,
19 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18509 TO THE
20 POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES
21 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6, 2014 TO REPLACE
22 STEPHANIE DAVIS.

23 MR. MCGOFF: As Chair for the
24 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
25 passage of Item 7-J.

1 MR. ROGAN: Second.

2 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Roll
3 call, please?

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

5 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

7 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare
14 Item 7-J legally and lawfully adopted.

15 MS. REED: 7 K. FOR CONSIDERATION BY
16 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES-FOR ADOPTION
17 RESOLUTION NO. 13, 2014 -APPOINTMENT OF
18 JASON A. SHRIVE, ESQUIRE, 1803 ACADEMY
19 STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18504 TO THE
20 POSITION OF CITY SOLICITOR EFFECTIVE JANUARY
21 6, 2014 TO REPLACE PAUL KELLY, ESQUIRE.

22 MR. MCGOFF: As Chair for the
23 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
24 passage of Item 7-K.

25 MR. ROGAN: Second.

1 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Roll
2 call, please?

3 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

4 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

5 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

6 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

8 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

12 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare
13 Item 7-K legally and lawfully adopted.

14 Is there any other business? If
15 not, take a motion to adjourn?

16 MR. LOSCOMBE: Motion to adjourn.

17 MR. MCGOFF: This meeting is
18 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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