

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
January 30, 2014
6:30 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL
 2. READING OF MINUTES
 3. REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR & HEADS
DEPARTMENTS AND INTERESTED PARTIES AND CITY
CLERK'S NOTES:
- OF
- A. MINUTES OF THE FIREFIGHTERS PENSION COMMISSION MEETING HELD DECEMBER 11, 2014
4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION
 5. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS,
APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RE-APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS &
COMMISSIONS. MOTIONS & REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:
- A. MOTIONS
 - B. AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, FINANCING AUTHORITY FIRST AMENDMENT TO GRANT NO.C000052035 AND FINANCING AGREEMENT, FOR A LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS "CEDAR 500" AND TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CHANGE THE GRANT TO A LOAN PURSUANT TO THE AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT.

C.

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SCRANTON, LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA THROUGH THE OFFICE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) GRANT FOR FINANCIAL AID UNDER AUTHORITY OF THE MUNICIPALITIES FINANCIAL RECOVERY ACT, ACT 47 OF 1987, AS AMENDED AND IF THE GRANT APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL, AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT AND DISBURSE THE GRANT FUNDS.

D.

APPOINTMENT OF DOMINIC GEORGETTI, 3015 PITTSTON AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18505, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JANUARY 24, 2014. MR. GEORGETTI'S TERM WILL EXPIRE WITH THE TERM OF MAYOR WILLIAM L. COURTRIGHT.

6. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES - READING BY TITLE

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A.

READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 8, 2014 - AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO ACCEPT AND DISBURSE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE WALMART FOUNDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000.00 TO PURCHASE TOYS AND COATS FROM THE SCRANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL TOY/COAT DRIVE.

B.

READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 9, 2014 - AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR THE DISCOUNT PERIOD ON REAL ESTATE TAXES FROM FEBRUARY 28, 2014 TO MARCH 31, 2014 IN ORDER TO ALLOW TAXPAYERS AMPLE TIME TO PAY REAL ESTATE TAXES AT THE DISCOUNT RATE.

C.

READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 10, 2014 - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 100, 2009 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 91, 2002 "AN ORDINANCE AS AMENDED PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PARKING METER ZONES WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON; ESTABLISHING HOURS OF OPERATION; PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF METERS AND PARKING METER RATES; AUTHORIZING THE ENFORCEMENT OF PARKING ORDINANCES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF" BY AMENDING SECTIONS 3 (A) TO REFLECT THE CHANGE IN HOURLY RATE AT PARKING METERS FROM \$1.00 TO \$1.25 PER HOUR.

7. FINAL READING OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES-

A.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE -FOR ADOPTION FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 1, 2014 - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 6, 1976 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) IMPOSING A TAX FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES ON THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY SITUATE WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON; PRESCRIBING AND REGULATING THE METHOD OF EVIDENCING THE PAYMENT OF SUCH TAX; CONFERRING POWERS AND IMPOSING DUTIES UPON CERTAIN PERSONS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES", BY IMPOSING THE RATE OF THE REALTY TRANSFER TAX AT TWO AND NINE TENTHS PERCENT (2.9%) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014.

B.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE -FOR ADOPTION FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 2, 2014 - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 7, 1976, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) IMPOSING A MERCANTILE LICENSE TAX OF 2 MILLS FOR THE YEAR 1976 AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER UPON PERSONS ENGAGING IN CERTAIN OCCUPATIONS AND BUSINESSES THEREIN; PROVIDING FOR ITS LEVY AND COLLECTION AND FOR THE

ISSUANCE OF MERCANTILE LICENSES; CONFERRING AND IMPOSING POWERS AND DUTIES UPON THE TAX COLLECTOR OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON; AND IMPOSING PENALTIES”, BY IMPOSING THE MERCANTILE LICENSE TAX AT ONE (1) MILL (.001) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014.

C.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE -FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 3, 2014 - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 8, 1976, ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) PROVIDING FOR THE GENERAL REVENUE BY IMPOSING A TAX AT THE RATE OF TWO (2) MILLS UPON THE PRIVILEGE OF OPERATING OR CONDUCTING BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON AS MEASURED BY THE GROSS RECEIPTS THEREFROM; REQUIRING REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT OF THE TAX AS CONDITION TO THE CONDUCTING OF SUCH BUSINESS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF SUCH TAX; PRESCRIBING SUCH REQUIREMENTS FOR RETURNS AND RECORDS; CONFERRING POWERS AND DUTIES UPON THE TAX COLLECTOR; AND IMPOSING PENALTIES”, BY IMPOSING THE BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX AT THE RATE OF ONE (1) MILL (.001) FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2014.

D.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE -FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 4, 2014 - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 100, 1976, ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) LEVYING GENERAL AND SPECIAL TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1977”, BY SETTING THE MILLAGE FOR THE YEAR 2014.

E.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE -FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 5, 2014 - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 17, 1994 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO ENACT’ A WASTE DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION FEE’ FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAISING REVENUE TO COVER THE WASTE DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION COSTS INCURRED BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON

FOR THE DISPOSAL OF REFUSE”, BY IMPOSING A WASTE DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION FEE OF \$300.00 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014.

F.
FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE -FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 6, 2014 - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 145 OF 2007 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE RENAMING THE EMERGENCY AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAX (“EMST”) TO LOCAL SERVICE TAX (“LST”)” AND BY IMPOSING A WITHHOLDING OF \$52.00 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2014.

G.
FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE -FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 7, 2014 - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NUMBER 17, 2012, (AS AMENDED) ENTITLED “ESTABLISHING A REGISTRATION PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTIES; REQUIRING ALL OWNERS OF RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTIES TO DESIGNATE AN AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS; AND PRESCRIBING DUTIES OF OWNERS, AGENTS AND OCCUPANTS; DIRECTING THE DESIGNATION OF AGENTS; ESTABLISHING FEES FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REGISTRATION OF RENTAL PROPERTY; AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS” BY AMENDING SECTION 9 -FEES TO INCLUDE THE INCREASES IN THE ANNUAL RENTAL REGISTRATION FEE TO \$50.00 PER UNIT AND THE ANNUAL PERMIT FEE TO \$150.00 PER SITE.

H.
FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES-FOR ADOPTION
RESOLUTION NO. 14, 2014 - AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 604, 1999 ENTITLED “AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN E.B.

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

I.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE-FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 15, 2014 - APPROVING THE FINANCING BY THE SCRANTON-LACKAWANNA HEALTH AND WELFARE AUTHORITY OF CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF MARYWOOD UNIVERSITY, A PENNSYLVANIA NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION; DECLARING THAT IT IS DESIRABLE FOR THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND THE AREA SERVED BY MARYWOOD UNIVERSITY TO HAVE THE PROJECT PROVIDED BY AND FINANCED THROUGH THE AUTHORITY; DESIGNATING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY, OR, IN HIS ABSENCE, THE PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL, AS THE PERSON TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE "APPLICABLE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE" WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED; AUTHORIZING SUCH MAYOR OF THE CITY OR THE PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY AS SUCH "APPLICABLE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE"; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE ACTION.

J.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE-FOR ADOPTION RESOLUTION NO. 16, 2014 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP) ACT 101 RECYCLING

PROGRAM PERFORMANCE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,665.00 FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON RECYCLING PROGRAM.

K.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE-FOR ADOPTION RESOLUTION NO. 17, 2014 - ACCEPTING A DONATION OF FOUR THOUSAND (\$4,000.00) DOLLARS FROM SCRANTON AREA FOUNDATION PRESENTED TO THE CITY OF SCRANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT.

L.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE-FOR ADOPTION RESOLUTION NO. 18, 2014 - ACCEPTING A DONATION OF ONE HUNDRED (\$100.00) DOLLARS FROM ANTHRACITE HERITAGE MUSEUM AND IRON FURNACES ASSOCIATES PRESENTED TO THE CITY OF SCRANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT.

M.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES-FOR ADOPTION RESOLUTION NO. 19, 2014 - APPOINTMENT OF PAUL DUFFY, 811 COLFAX AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18510, TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JANUARY 17, 2014. MR. DUFFY'S TERM WILL EXPIRE WITH THE TERM OF MAYOR WILLIAM L. COURTRIGHT.

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FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES-FOR ADOPTION RESOLUTION NO. 20, 2014 - APPOINTMENT OF JEFF MACKIE, 1422 W. GIBSON STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18504, TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JANUARY 17, 2014. MR. MACKIE'S TERM WILL EXPIRE WITH THE TERM OF MAYOR WILLIAM L. COURTRIGHT.

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ADJOURNMENT:

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CITY CLERK
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA