

SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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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.

14 Dispense with the reading of the  
15 minutes, please.

16 MS. REED: THIRD ORDER. 3-A.

17 LACKAWANNA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

18 SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT EVALUATION

19 RECEIVED ON APRIL 2, 2014.

20 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?

21 If not, received and filed.

22 MS. REED: 3-B. MINUTES OF THE

23 COMPOSITE PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD MARCH

24 26, 2014.

25 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?

1 If not, received and filed.

2 MS. REED: 3-C. AGENDA FOR THE CITY  
3 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING HELD APRIL 23,  
4 2014.

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

7 Are there any Clerk's notes?

8 MS. REED: Nothing, Mr. McGoff.

9 MR. MCGOFF: Do any council members  
10 have announcements at this time?

11 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. McGoff, I have  
12 one. St. John Newman Parish will hold their  
13 roast beef dinner on On Saturday, April 27.  
14 The roast beef dinner will be held at Holy  
15 Name of Jesus Church. It will take place  
16 from 12 to 4. Tickets at the door are \$13  
17 for adults and \$7.00 for children and I'd  
18 like to say this is my home parish and it's  
19 a delicious meal so please attend.

20 MR. ROGAN: Just two announcements,  
21 St. Joseph's Malachite Catholic Church  
22 located at 130 North St. Francis Cabrini  
23 Avenue in West Scranton will hold its annual  
24 breakfast fundraiser this coming Sunday,  
25 April 27, from 8 a.m to 1 p.m. The

1           delicious meal consists of eggs, pancakes,  
2           potatoes, ham, olives, bread, juice, coffee  
3           and tea. Tickets can be purchased at the  
4           door. Adult tickets are \$7.50 each and  
5           children age ten and younger eat for \$4.

6                         Secondly, this past week was Earth  
7           Day and I just wanted to make the  
8           announcement that any residents that are  
9           looking to pick up recycling bins can do so  
10          in the DPW complex at 101 West Popular  
11          Street; and in addition to that, I know I  
12          have announced this a few times from council  
13          that you can now recycle your cardboard in  
14          with your newspapers. Just by putting your  
15          cardboard in with your red container the DPW  
16          will pick that up and please recycle. It  
17          helps the environment and does save the city  
18          money on our fees at the dump. Thank you.

19                        MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. I just have two  
20          things. Thank you. This Saturday, April  
21          26, the Minooka Lion's Club will hold their  
22          ninth annual Autism awareness night. It  
23          will be held at Divine Mercy Parish Hall on  
24          Davis Street in Minooka from 6 to 11 p.m.  
25          Tickets are \$15 and are available at the

1 door. They will have appetizers, beverages,  
2 entertainment and door prizes. All proceeds  
3 will go to the Friendship House Autistic  
4 Program, Allied Services Pediatric, Parents  
5 Loving Children through Autism and the New  
6 Alliance Autism Foundation.

7 Also, the Tour de Scranton  
8 benefiting the Erin Jessica Moreken Drug and  
9 Alcohol Treatment Fund will be held this  
10 Sunday, April 27. Also, the Tour de  
11 Scranton 5-K river run and walk on the  
12 Lackawanna River Heritage Trail will be held  
13 this Sunday, April 27. Erin's fund was  
14 established in 2002 for the purpose of  
15 helping young people find and obtain  
16 treatment for their drug and alcohol  
17 addictions.

18 Erin Jessica Moreken was a resident  
19 of our area, graduated Scranton High School  
20 and student at Temple University when she  
21 met a premature death at age of 28 due to a  
22 drug overdose. The Tour de Scranton is  
23 being held in her memory so that young  
24 people of our region may benefit from  
25 treatment and live their lives and their

1 dreams by concurring their addictions  
2 throughout treatment.

3 Registration for this event is  
4 available on the day of the event, which  
5 would be this Sunday. The run registration  
6 starts at 7 a.m. at Scranton Running Company  
7 at the Ice Box. The race starts at 8 a.m.

8 Bike and walk registration starts at  
9 9 a.m. at Scranton High School and the start  
10 time for walk and all bike crews is 10 a.m.  
11 On-line registration is available for the  
12 run/walk, but you can find out more  
13 information about this event at  
14 [TourdeScranton.com](http://TourdeScranton.com). Thank you.

15 MR. MCGOFF: Last week at the  
16 meeting one of the speakers had questions  
17 about the microphone at the podium and after  
18 the meeting it was mentioned by the people  
19 that operate the controls for ECTV that the  
20 microphone is not individually modulated,  
21 that because of the way different people,  
22 the pitch of their voice and so on, that it  
23 will change depending upon the speaker, that  
24 it's left at the same modulation for  
25 everyone.

1 I will also mention that, yes, there  
2 is a control switch that can turn the  
3 microphones off, I don't know that it has  
4 ever been used by anyone. So if there is a  
5 difference in sound it is primarily because  
6 of the person -- basically the person  
7 speaking and not anything that's being  
8 technically done.

9 And in a prior week I did mention,  
10 and one of the speakers also mentioned, the  
11 problem with furniture on porches and patios  
12 and things. We did look up the law  
13 governing that, it's File of Council No. 2  
14 from 2000, it was the adoption of the 96  
15 BOCA National Property Maintenance Code,  
16 Fifth edition, and basically what it says:  
17 "No person shall use interior furniture such  
18 as upholstered furniture on exterior decks,  
19 porches and balconies. Only furniture that  
20 is manufactured for outdoor use shall be  
21 used."

22 And we spoke during the caucus that  
23 as the hopefully summer months approach that  
24 maybe we will ask the police, housing  
25 inspectors, etcetera, to make note of any



1 properties that are in violation of this so  
2 that it can be resolved.

3 And the last one item, another item  
4 that was mentioned I think the last week,  
5 and that was there a limit on billable hours  
6 for the financial services that was hired,  
7 PFM, and the answer is that for 2014 there  
8 is no cap on billable hours simply because  
9 there is no budget line item for that. Any  
10 work that would be done by PFM would come  
11 out of the proceeds of whatever the  
12 transaction -- from whatever the transaction  
13 was, which we have done in the past. I  
14 don't think that that's a great idea, but  
15 because of the fact that there is no  
16 budgeted item for this that would be how it  
17 would be paid.

18 I was told that in 2015 there will  
19 be a line item in the budget and that the  
20 idea of a cap on billable hours will be  
21 looked at for that line item.

22 And as far as tonight's agenda, I  
23 just make note that the 5-B, the ordinance  
24 5-B governing the disposal of city-owned  
25 personal property by adding Subsection C,

1           what it does is this will be allow the city  
2           to utilize on-line services for the sale of  
3           city property, the properties that we  
4           normally, you know, we just either gave away  
5           or whatever. This would allow us to use  
6           internet services and basically an internet  
7           auction to sell that property. And that's  
8           all.

9                        MS. REED:   FOURTH ORDER.   CITIZENS  
10                      PARTICIPATION.

11                     MR. MCGOFF:   First speaker is Joan  
12                     Hodowanitz.

13                     MS. HODOWANITZ:   Joan Hodowanitz,  
14                     Scranton resident. Mr. Rogan, do you recall  
15                     back on January 16 we discussed North  
16                     Scranton Junior High School Goodwill  
17                     project?

18                     MR. ROGAN:   Yes.

19                     MS. HODOWANITZ:   And I had made the  
20                     comment that we had to take a strong look, a  
21                     hard look at that project, because it's  
22                     either to be a going concern that we have to  
23                     cut our losses, one or the other, and the  
24                     discussions with you I asked when would we  
25                     know whether it was a viable project or not

1 and you said April 15 tax day, well, I  
2 missed you last week. Can you give us a  
3 status on that project?

4 MR. ROGAN: Sure. The last I spoke  
5 to Linda Aebli, director of OECD about this  
6 project is that the developers were in talks  
7 with HUD regarding vouchers for the future  
8 residents. That's all the information that  
9 we were given at this point. Obviously, I  
10 think we are all disappointed that there is  
11 no construction as of yet. But it's  
12 something I'll continue to follow-up on.

13 MS. HODOWANITZ: I wish you would.  
14 It seems to me, and it's just by impression,  
15 that we have people coming in with projects  
16 and they get what they need and then they  
17 fall off the radar screen until maybe they  
18 need more money, and I would hate to see  
19 this happen again, but the next time this  
20 project raises its head publically in  
21 council there is another kind of crises. If  
22 you can, at least a monthly check on what  
23 progress they are making because if they  
24 don't make progress in the next three months  
25 you got to ask yourself what's going on

1 here, okay?

2 MR. ROGAN: Right.

3 MS. HODOWANITZ: But I thank you if  
4 you would do that.

5 And I was going to had concerns  
6 about PFM last week about the billable hours  
7 and I would also ask who would be handling  
8 finances, is that you, Mr. Wechsler?

9 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

10 MS. HODOWANITZ: Perhaps you could  
11 just kind of monitor how many hours are  
12 being racked up so that by the time we get  
13 into the budget process at the end of the  
14 year maybe that would give you the  
15 ammunition you need to make sure that the  
16 last three years of the contract there is  
17 some kind of cap on these billable hours  
18 because I see the ghost of Carl Greco  
19 walking through these halls.

20 MR. WECHSLER: We've already  
21 discussed it with Mr. Bulzoni and the goal  
22 is to have a line item in the budget in  
23 2014.

24 MS. HODOWANITZ: Well, I can see  
25 that. I understand that, obviously, it's

1 not in the current budget, but I think that  
2 I would not want to be surprised one year  
3 from now, you know, when he walks forward  
4 with the bill, you know, and we are kind of  
5 shocked because we are hurting already, you  
6 know that, but I would appreciate if you  
7 kind of watch that and periodically I will  
8 come up here and I'll ask if you have any  
9 kind of how many hours they have racked up  
10 because it can go high very quickly. Thank  
11 you.

12 MR. MCGOFF: Fay Franus.

13 MS. FRANUS: Fay Franus, Scranton.

14 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

15 MS. FANUCCI: Good evening. In  
16 regards to last week's vote on CECO vs.  
17 Peters Engineering, and you voted for CECO,  
18 there is some question as to whether that  
19 was a legal vote or not, I don't know. Do  
20 you go by Robert's Rules at all? Do you  
21 listen to them? Pay attention to them at  
22 all or don't you know?

23 MR. MCGOFF: We operate under the  
24 Rules of council on voting.

25 MS. FANUCCI: You don't go by any

1 Robert's Rule?

2 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. It's basically  
3 based on Robert's Rules of Order.

4 MS. FANUCCI: Well, there was one  
5 paragraph in Robert's Rules saying if two  
6 people -- if one person abstains, one says  
7 no and two people vote yes that's a failed  
8 vote, so that means it dies. That means the  
9 vote didn't work even though you passed it  
10 so I'm going to, I guess, because will be  
11 check into it and see if it was legal or not  
12 or do I have to get a Right-to-Know letter  
13 like everybody else has to?

14 MR. MCGOFF: I will ask Attorney  
15 Minora to check into that.

16 MS. FRANUS: And get the legal  
17 standing on that vote. Mr. Rogan, how would  
18 you have voted last week since you --

19 MR. ROGAN: I voted for CECO in the  
20 initial stages and I would likely have voted  
21 for them last week.

22 MS. FRANUS: You would have voted  
23 for CECO last week?

24 MR. ROGAN: Very likely, yes.

25 MS. FRANUS: Now, the other issue

1 last week when you had your caucus in your  
2 back room with Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Shrive  
3 there, the lawyer for the city, dealing with  
4 the CECO matter, now, I have asked this  
5 before and I'll say it again, I'd like to  
6 know why any new council members, and if you  
7 all feel this way don't say anything, but if  
8 any one of you feel differently please speak  
9 now, why would you think that the people  
10 here at home, I know they can come here, but  
11 you know they're not going to come here, why  
12 would you not want to have when people come  
13 into your caucus to give you information and  
14 answer your questions why you wouldn't want  
15 that in these council chambers for  
16 transparency?

17 So you come out here and you say,  
18 "Oh, Mr. Shrive said this, Mr. Gallagher  
19 said that."

20 That's not word for word, the people  
21 would like to hear it themselves what they  
22 have to say. What is the harm in having  
23 these people, like tonight Tom Borthwick  
24 from Parking Authority come in, nobody heard  
25 what he said, what is so wrong of having

1           like Mrs. Evans used to have all of those  
2           caucuses here in the chambers. Why would  
3           you not want to do that? Anybody? So does  
4           that mean that everybody there agrees with  
5           having it in the back room so the people  
6           can't hear what's going on?

7                   MR. MCGOFF: The information that is  
8           to be provided is for the use of council  
9           members. That's how representative  
10          government works.

11                   MS. FRANUS: That's a joke.

12                   MR. MCGOFF: No, it's not --

13                   MS. FRANUS: Well --

14                   MR. MCGOFF: That's the way  
15          government works.

16                   MS. FRANUS: Well, when Mrs. Evans'  
17          council was here with Mr. Joyce and  
18          Mr. Loscombe and Mr. Rogan they always had  
19          the caucuses out here in the public.  
20          Mrs. Evans said, "If you don't want to be  
21          out for the public to hear, we are not even  
22          going to have you here."

23                   So you can't tell me -- it's you  
24          don't want the people to hear it and that's  
25          the bottom line as far as that goes.



1                   And Mr. Borthwick said tonight  
2                   something that about for street cleaning in  
3                   the winter no parking after 2:00 in the  
4                   morning. Well, that makes sense for street  
5                   cleaning for the snow, but then he mentioned  
6                   people in the City of Scranton shouldn't  
7                   park on the streets after 2 a.m. and you get  
8                   more money for the parking garages, like,  
9                   the people can't park on the street after 2  
10                  a.m. because all of the bars are closed and  
11                  the restaurants. Well, let me tell you  
12                  something, that would be the day when  
13                  somebody would tell me I can't park on a  
14                  city street, when everybody else in the City  
15                  of Scranton can park in front of their house  
16                  just so the city can make more money in the  
17                  parking garages. I hope that never happens.

18                  Now, another thing, the street  
19                  cleaning, they are going to come once --  
20                  maybe once a year. We are all going to know  
21                  what street we are going to have cleaned so  
22                  we can move our cars. Wow. We should all  
23                  get a paper and pen out and thank the city.  
24                  Wilkes-Barre, Forty-Fort, Kingston, they get  
25                  their street cleaned every week of the year.

1           Every week. These cars in front, they all  
2           have their cars moved, if you don't have  
3           them moved you get a ticket. That's good  
4           revenue for the city. I asked this council  
5           years ago why don't you check with  
6           Wilkes-Barre, Kingston and Forty-Fort and  
7           ask them how do they run their program  
8           because it's certainly working down there  
9           because when I with a meter reader we knew  
10          where to park every day when we were down i  
11          in areas in and where not to park for street  
12          cleaning. They got their street cleaning  
13          and they still do it to this day every week  
14          of the year they get their street cleaned.  
15          We're going to get it done one day of the  
16          year and we're all supposed to be thrilled.  
17          Like we all have stuff on our streets, we  
18          have to sweep our own streets. And we are  
19          paying a \$300 garbage fee. This is  
20          disgraceful.

21                         Another thing, Mr. Wechsler, I have  
22                         heard you say about three sentences as far  
23                         as finances since you have been here. Frank  
24                         Joyce talked about half an hour every night.  
25                         He let the people know what was going on,

1 and these people are over in like an hour.  
2 I wonder why? Because every time somebody  
3 comes to this podium and asks a question  
4 nobody has any answers. "I'll go check into  
5 that. I don't know. Do you know? I don't  
6 know. We'll check into that."

7 No wonder they're so early. Nobody  
8 knows anything. This council is a disgrace.

9 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you for your  
10 comments. Gerard Hetman.

11 MR. HETMAN: Good evening, Council.

12 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

13 MR. HETMAN: Gerard Hetman from  
14 Lackawanna County Community Relations  
15 Department. To begin this evening, it was  
16 brought in the attention of the Lackawanna  
17 County Commissioner's Office earlier this  
18 week that individual have been soliciting  
19 the residents of Lackawanna County who are  
20 our military veterans and the individuals in  
21 question have been claiming to identify  
22 themselves as employees or in some way as  
23 affiliated with the Lackawanna County  
24 Department of Veteran's Affairs. These  
25 individuals have been trying to sell life

1 insurance products to the veterans they have  
2 been soliciting.

3 Please let me be clear on behalf of  
4 the Lackawanna County Commissioners and the  
5 Lackawanna County Department of Veteran's  
6 Affairs, that the Veteran's Affairs staff  
7 does not solicit veterans or any other  
8 residents of Lackawanna County or any  
9 individuals for the sale of life insurance  
10 or any other insurance products or any  
11 products. Our Veteran's Affairs' staff does  
12 conduct outreach visits with veterans upon  
13 request, but those visits are always  
14 scheduled in advance and the Veteran's  
15 Affairs staff all carry county issued photo  
16 identification badges very similar to,  
17 actually identical to this, except for my  
18 ugly mug, the badge that I have here, my  
19 personal identification, and that  
20 identification is always available upon  
21 request from any county public who deals  
22 with the public, including our Veteran's  
23 Affairs staff.

24 The commissioners and Veteran's  
25 Affairs staff encourages anyone who made

1 have been approached by these individuals if  
2 they not been comfortable dealing with  
3 contact the Scranton Police Department for  
4 city residents or for any other residents of  
5 the county to contact the local law  
6 enforcement agency in their municipality.

7 Turning to summer events, and two of  
8 hour best ones are coming up the next two  
9 Saturdays. First, just a reminder that our  
10 second annual Bike Safety Fair for Children  
11 will be conducted this Saturday, April 26,  
12 from 11 to 1 p.m. at McDade Park in  
13 Scranton. As we discussed before, the Bike  
14 Safety Fair features bicycle safety  
15 demonstrations by the Scranton Police  
16 Department and the Lackawanna County  
17 Sheriff's Office. We will also have free  
18 bicycle helmets for all children who attend.  
19 They are fitted for different sizes for  
20 different ages. We will also have  
21 refreshments and many other activities.

22 Hopefully, we get a good weather  
23 day. The event will be rain or shine, and  
24 we look forward to seeing many children out.  
25 We had a great turnout last year and it's a

1 great cause for safety with bicycle  
2 ridership increasing now with the warm  
3 weather, it's a great chance for children to  
4 learn how to ride safely and get the proper  
5 helmets to do that.

6 And then next Saturday, Saturday,  
7 May 3, at PNC Field in Moosic in conjunction  
8 with the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Rail Riders  
9 our department will host the first family  
10 fun day at PNC field. It takes place  
11 Saturday, May 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at  
12 PNC Field in Moosic. The event features an  
13 open house at the stadium with guided tours  
14 by Rail Rider staff. Visitors will get to  
15 see all the places they get see normally  
16 through the ball game, but also pretty much  
17 everything behind the scenes of the stadium  
18 will be included on the tour, with the  
19 exception of the home locker rooms because  
20 the players' valuables are secured in that  
21 part of the facility.

22 There will also be plenty of  
23 give-a-ways and other activities put on by  
24 the Rail Riders. We'll have the Sheriff's  
25 Office mounted unit as well as the canine

1 unit doing demonstration. The mounted unit  
2 giving supervised horse rides as well as  
3 many other activities. It should be a great  
4 day out at the ballpark and we invite  
5 everyone to come out and see a great local  
6 facility that's one of the premier  
7 facilities in minor league sports in the  
8 United States.

9 And also, a note on economic  
10 development, on Friday, April 4, in  
11 conjunction with Marywood University, the  
12 Lackawanna County Department of Economic  
13 Development opened the Lackawanna  
14 County/Marywood University entrepreneurial  
15 launch pad space. The launch pad is an open  
16 work space that's located on the first floor  
17 of the Scranton Electric building, just  
18 around the corner from city hall in Scranton  
19 Electric Building on Linden Street, right on  
20 the first floor in the right side of the  
21 door in the place occupied by the County  
22 Controller's Office.

23 When I say open work space, the  
24 lunch pad is open Monday through Friday from  
25 9:30 to 4:00 p.m. It's a place where

1 entrepreneurs, business owners, attorneys,  
2 students, council members, can all come in  
3 and do work during the day. There is free  
4 wi-fi available. There is also large  
5 meeting areas with plenty of tables and  
6 chairs, furniture donated by Marywood  
7 University and the University of Scranton.  
8 We also have some smaller offices and break  
9 out rooms for smaller meetings that may need  
10 to take place.

11 It's great space for anyone doing  
12 work downtown who needs to have a place  
13 where they can talk and do business,  
14 possibly a restaurant or a library facility,  
15 which is very good, but may not be suitable  
16 for those purposes, and you can talk and  
17 meet and discuss things. That's what this  
18 facility is there for. We want to make it  
19 easy for people to work and do business in  
20 downtown Scranton and hope that this  
21 facility in conjunction with Marywood makes  
22 that available and possible to everyone that  
23 utilizes downtown Scranton's facilities.

24 So that's all we have for this  
25 evening. Thank you, gentlemen and ladies.



1 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. Andy  
2 Sbaraglia.

3 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia,  
4 citizen of Scranton. Fellow Scrantonians,  
5 who is actually responsible for the repairs  
6 of the Parking Authority garage or the  
7 garages, parking garages, let's say, not  
8 even mention the Authority, who is actually  
9 responsible?

10 MR. MCGOFF: I don't know for sure.  
11 I would say at this point in time it would  
12 probably be the receiver.

13 MR. SBARAGLIA: Well, I suggest you  
14 find out because every time -- or every hour  
15 that garage is closed costs us money. Your  
16 bond payments are going to go sky high  
17 because as them garages are not making money  
18 you have to makeup the difference. It's  
19 just simple economics, so I presume you  
20 should ask somebody and if you get a good  
21 answer tell us all because this is going to  
22 cost us money. It's ashame.

23 Again with the police and firemen  
24 again with their money from the -- that was  
25 owed to them for their nonpayment of all of



1 care? They got to pay, not you. What do  
2 you care when the churches come up and have  
3 to pay that amusement tax? They are going  
4 to love you, I can see that right now.

5 These are the things you passed  
6 that's coming to fruit now. Everything that  
7 you did is now coming to fruit. People  
8 aren't happy. I wish they could have a vote  
9 now, but they can't. Unfortunately, we got  
10 to wait but the damage is being done and  
11 it's being done every day. The longer we  
12 don't address our problems the worse it gets  
13 and people got to know, especially people on  
14 real bad fixed incomes who can't afford  
15 what's going to happen.

16 But I tried for, I don't know, about  
17 15 years we have been coming before you and  
18 trying to explain to you that this thing is  
19 all going to happen. The paper, of course,  
20 found out about it and called us the Legion  
21 of Doom. True, we were the Legion of Doom,  
22 but we didn't want to be the Legion of Doom.  
23 We wanted to be happy people. Like, I want  
24 to explain, all I wanted to do was coast  
25 out. I'm up to 75. I wanted to coast off.

1 My plot is paid for at the Cathedral, I  
2 wanted to go their happily. But,  
3 unfortunately, I'm not because too many  
4 people are being hurt and very few people  
5 come down here that actually know what's  
6 happening. It's a shame. More people  
7 should come, not only when they get them  
8 raises and taxes or fees that are pushed up  
9 for nuisance fees is what I call them and  
10 you were great on passing a lot of them  
11 nuisance fees.

12 I don't know why you picked on the  
13 handicap for them signs. I know you had a  
14 lot of mumbo jumbo and why but it wasn't  
15 worth it. It was a good way to make money,  
16 that's the sad part about it. When you tax  
17 the handicap and make money, believe me, you  
18 are really down in the dust. I'm afraid  
19 that this is the way we are going to go. We  
20 are going to slide, slide, slide and none of  
21 you have an answer and I don't know if  
22 there is an answer. I really don't because  
23 we are at a point now where that Chapter 9  
24 looks better and better and better,  
25 unfortunately. But, too many people are

1 hurt with Chapter 9. That's the only  
2 problem with it because pension people  
3 depend on their benefits.

4 Well, I'll come back again.

5 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

6 MR. QUINN: Ozzie Quinn.

7 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

8 MR. QUINN: Good evening. I want to  
9 thank Councilman Wechsler and Councilman  
10 Gaughan for attending last night's Hill  
11 Neighborhood Association meeting. It's been  
12 about the first time I think an elected  
13 Scranton official has been there in over a  
14 decade. There has been times that there  
15 were conflicts of meetings, but also there  
16 was times when there wasn't, and I want to  
17 express the fact the people appreciate it  
18 very much that you were there, okay, to see  
19 city elected officials on their own turf.  
20 Thank you very much.

21 I would like to know, a person asked  
22 me a question last night at the meeting, a  
23 member, and I didn't know and I said I would  
24 find out. The audit of the Recreation  
25 Authority, when was the last audit was done,

1 do you have any idea?

2 MR. GAUGHAN: I think it was 2012;  
3 right, Mrs. Reed? Because I had asked  
4 Mrs. Reed today. I have the document, I  
5 just got it when I came in, but I haven't  
6 looked through it yet, but I do have it. I  
7 think 2012 and 2011.

8 MR. QUINN: Did you have any idea,  
9 by looking at it, can you tell me how much  
10 revenue they have in their treasury? They  
11 only operate the pools at Nay Aug.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: It says, "Current  
13 assets: Cash, \$35,624. Fixed assets,  
14 property, land, equipment and costs,  
15 \$190.803.

16 MR. QUINN: So what's the balance?

17 MR. GAUGHAN: 220,000? There is a  
18 bunch of numbers on this page here. I think  
19 it's 220, I don't know.

20 MR. QUINN: \$220,000?

21 MR. GAUGHAN: I think. I don't  
22 know. There is lot of numbers here, like I  
23 said, I just got it when I came in it was in  
24 my mailbox so I haven't had a chance to go  
25 through the whole thing.

1 MR. QUINN: Okay, and what's it  
2 costs for -- do you have any idea what it  
3 cost for chemicals and do they bid them out?

4 MR. GAUGHAN: I think \$300,000.

5 MR. WECHSLER: I think that was for  
6 all of the pools.

7 MR. QUINN: Oh, that was for all the  
8 pools?

9 MR. WECHSLER: Right.

10 MR. QUINN: Do you know how much it  
11 was for Nay Aug and were they bid out?

12 MR. GAUGHAN: I'm not sure. I  
13 know --

14 MR. QUINN: I know you just got it.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: No, yeah, I  
16 understand. I think it was bid out because  
17 I remember seeing it in the -- for pool  
18 services; right?

19 MS. REED: If I may, just to  
20 clarify, it wasn't an audit, it's an annual  
21 report that they submit to council and the  
22 BA so it's not an audit.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay.

24 MR. QUINN: Not an audit, so there  
25 is a big difference between an audit and a

1 report.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Right.

3 MR. QUINN: The Municipal Authority,  
4 are they are under the Municipal Authorities  
5 Act?

6 MR. GAUGHAN: I believe so.

7 MR. QUINN: Could they be dissolved?

8 MR. GAUGHAN: I'm not exactly  
9 positive on that.

10 MR. QUINN: I don't know. When I  
11 was on the Redevelopment Authority I know  
12 that we dissolved the Redevelopment  
13 Authority after paying its bills and the  
14 bills were paid and the money was then given  
15 over to the city, you know, and I don't know  
16 see any function for that authority other  
17 than, you know, keep a few lawyers and other  
18 people happy.

19 I want to thank you for following up  
20 on the ordinance on the couches, make a lot  
21 of people happy on that. But, you know, I  
22 want to -- the first time that you call LIPS  
23 and you actually get a person and they call  
24 back and Brian McCambridge has been  
25 appointed to the LIPS for the Hill Section



1 and he talks and he calls me, I got back to  
2 him, so and Mr. Hinton and the  
3 representatives are doing a good job, okay,  
4 and they were report and I really appreciate  
5 that, okay?

6 An thank you for that ordinance for  
7 the couches again, and I'll and back about  
8 the pools, okay? Thank you very much.

9 MR. ROGAN: Thank you.

10 MR. MCGOFF: Doug Miller.

11 MR. MILLER: Good evening, Council.  
12 Doug Miller, Scranton. Just briefly before  
13 I get into some of my issues here, recently  
14 I had the chance to speak with Mr. Bolus and  
15 he informed me that himself and a group of  
16 investors and developers from New York are  
17 going to be looking into the acquisition of  
18 the Mall at Steamtown later this summer. I  
19 was told that there is some major discussion  
20 taking place on a multi-million dollar  
21 investment in the mall, including the  
22 discussions by the developers, investors  
23 partnered with Mr. Bolus that will be  
24 looking into pursuing the application of a  
25 gaming license.

1                   This proposed project, you know, is  
2                   hopeful to create thousands of jobs for the  
3                   area, and provide prosperity in the city and  
4                   residents across the city and when I do get  
5                   more information on that proposed  
6                   development I will certainly share that with  
7                   this council.

8                   Moving on, some issues here I  
9                   neglected to discuss this last week due to  
10                  time constraints, but we are approaching  
11                  that time of the year where we discuss our  
12                  swimming pool situation and yet again the  
13                  discussions is going to take place as to  
14                  what pools will be in operation this year.  
15                  I had the chance to speak with quite a few  
16                  individuals the last few weeks, Mr. Preambo  
17                  from the Office of Economic and Community  
18                  Development who invited me into his office  
19                  and I really appreciate his courtesy and his  
20                  willingness to, you know, allow my to come  
21                  in and sit down and review some applications  
22                  and in regards to the Pinebrook Neighborhood  
23                  swimming pool.

24                  Also, spoke with a Mr. Tom Lynch,  
25                  who is allegedly going to be overseeing the

1 swimming pools this summer, but the main  
2 issue I had here was in regards to the  
3 Pinebrook swimming pool. As we can recall,  
4 the previous council had quite a few CDBG  
5 applications presented and, obviously, you  
6 were left with -- the previous council was  
7 left with the difficult decision of  
8 determining which programs were, you know,  
9 deserving of the funding.

10 And if we can recall initially the  
11 Pinebrook Neighborhood applied for \$185,000  
12 for repairs needed at Pinebrook. We can  
13 recall OECD came here publically in the  
14 caucus and recommended to the council at the  
15 time that no funding be allocated towards  
16 that particular project. Fast forwarding a  
17 little bit, the council determined that  
18 \$45,000 was appropriate at the time and that  
19 was approved.

20 Speaking with Mr. Lynch, I obviously  
21 discussed the situation and what the  
22 intentions were of this administration on  
23 opening the Pinebrook neighborhood pool as  
24 well as Novembrino as we know that's also a  
25 pool at issue and he made it quite clear to

1 me that the administration has absolutely no  
2 intentions on opening those swimming pools  
3 this summer due to repairs that need to be  
4 made.

5 I informed Mr. Lynch that there was  
6 \$45,000 floating out there that was  
7 allocated for Pinebrook and at the time he  
8 wasn't quite aware of that fact. He thought  
9 I was giving him wrong information, but, you  
10 know, when you partake in the public discuss  
11 and you pay attention these are things you  
12 know. I asked him to look into that knowing  
13 I was right but, you know, I haven't heard  
14 back from him so I'm sure he did find out  
15 that much of the case. It must be, you  
16 know, miscommunication with a new  
17 administration.

18 But I just think it's quite  
19 disturbing that, you know, we are not  
20 informing department heads or officials that  
21 are overseeing city assets on these types of  
22 the things. I think that there is a real  
23 serious lack of the communication there and  
24 that's information Mr. Lynch should have  
25 been given on day one.

1                   But it just yet again goes to show  
2                   that, you know, there is just no -- there is  
3                   just no priority set. I mean, it's just  
4                   really sad and pathetic that a city can't  
5                   operate a basic necessity such as a swimming  
6                   pool. I mean, these are pools that were  
7                   built in the 70's and we are talking about  
8                   pools that are over 30 years old. That's  
9                   really not that old.

10                   I mean, if you take care of your  
11                   assets and you maintain them these types of  
12                   things don't happen and we have an inability  
13                   to take care of the basic necessity of every  
14                   day needs. I mean, look at the parking  
15                   garages, they are falling apart. It's just  
16                   little things that we always have a  
17                   difficult time doing and then we sit here  
18                   and we talk and we do an awful lot of  
19                   thinking. Maybe it's time to start thinking  
20                   and maybe we should start getting some  
21                   answers. We do an awful lot of thinking and  
22                   you see where we are. It doesn't lead us  
23                   anywhere. Let's get some answers.

24                   Now yet again another summer these  
25                   kids are going to suffer in Pinebrook and

1 over in West Side, but in speaking with  
2 Mr. Preambo he did inform that the \$45,000  
3 that was allocated can be transferred over  
4 to next year if Pinebrook is willing to  
5 reapply and basically breakdown with a  
6 budget the repairs that need to be made.

7 But instead of having a neighborhood  
8 group do that, maybe we should do that  
9 ourselves because these are our swimming  
10 pools and maybe we should take a role in  
11 determining what repairs need to be made so  
12 that we can finally get an answer and  
13 determine the cost.

14 Nay Aug Park \$5 to swim, it's quite  
15 disrespectful to the residents in this  
16 community. I understand we have obligations  
17 of paying lifeguards and if you can recall a  
18 couple of years ago the previous council  
19 allocated funding to pay lifeguards and if  
20 we remember the previous administration took  
21 that funding and used it to restore four DPW  
22 employees that were cut.

23 So instead of thinking let's get  
24 answers so that people don't have to no  
25 longer suffer, they pay tax dollars and we

1 can't even manage our assets properly that's  
2 pretty sad. Thank you.

3 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Miller.  
4 Lee Morgan.

5 MR. MORGAN: Good evening, Council.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: Good evening.

7 MR. MORGAN: In regards to this  
8 \$45,000 for the pool in Pinebrook, do you  
9 think maybe the council could ask tonight if  
10 there were contractors or a corporation that  
11 would be willing to fix that pool for  
12 \$45,000 so we can open it and transfer that  
13 money? I mean, publically ask a corporation  
14 inside of this city or outside of the city  
15 to come forward and take a look at that  
16 project and see if they could do it for  
17 \$45,000 and absolutely open that pool so  
18 that the residents of this city could use  
19 it.

20 And my perspective on that that's a  
21 public issue because we don't know what  
22 these children are going to do or where they  
23 may try to swim, and I thought that that's  
24 why those pools were put in the first place.  
25 We didn't want kids swimming up at the gorge

1 at Nay Aug, we wanted them to be observed  
2 by, you know, professional lifeguards and be  
3 safe.

4 And, you know, I just think that,  
5 you know, with all of the problems we have  
6 in this city I think that this city can  
7 address that problem and probably solve it  
8 and I just think it would wonderful today  
9 before the meeting ends for the council  
10 itself to ask an organization to come  
11 forward and try to help us with our problem  
12 because really I believe there is a company  
13 in the city or outside of the city that will  
14 come forward and help us with that issue and  
15 what could it hurt to ask?

16 In regards to, you now, selling I  
17 guess surplus if you want to call it, city  
18 equipment or whatever we are going to sell  
19 on the internet, is the pothole patching  
20 machine going to be sold that way?

21 MR. MCGOFF: Is what?

22 MR. MORGAN: The pothole patching  
23 machine going to be sold that way?

24 MR. ROGAN: I think that's being  
25 sold for scrap. I don't believe it works at



1 all.

2 MR. MORGAN: Do you know how much  
3 that machine costs? Do you know what it  
4 will capture in scrap?

5 MR. ROGAN: I do know that the  
6 question was brought up I'd say about a  
7 month or so ago where it was and through  
8 Denny Gallagher he told us it was the Sewer  
9 Authority and it has been there for the last  
10 few years, that when it was originally  
11 purchased there was, I don't know if got  
12 clogged or something happened, this is years  
13 ago, and that was really all that ever  
14 happened with the machine. It just sat  
15 there ever since. It was a terrible  
16 purchase when it was made and it really  
17 never worked.

18 MR. MORGAN: Well, this is only my  
19 opinion, but look it, that was a very  
20 expensive piece of equipment and I if I was  
21 going to scrap that machine to somebody who  
22 was going to process it as scrap and give me  
23 \$500 for it and I could place it on the  
24 internet and get \$10,000 for it I think I  
25 would place it on the internet because

1           that's the marketplace where things really  
2           sell, and I think it's time that really  
3           start paying attention to how we liquidate  
4           the things we own, and that's not a  
5           criticism of the anybody, but we are in dire  
6           straights here.

7                         And, you know, I would have to agree  
8           at least in the things that Andy said here  
9           tonight because the residents of this city  
10          are just out of their mind with the amount  
11          of taxes they are paying and it's almost  
12          and, look at, sheep don't revolt, I said  
13          that before, but I'm going to tell you that  
14          I've talked to quite a few people lately,  
15          they are just beyond themselves. They just  
16          can't believe what's taking place here and  
17          when they read in the paper today, you know,  
18          the additional cost of the pension and all  
19          of the taxes they have absorbed, and I have  
20          had some seniors ask me if the people who  
21          run the city are out of their mind because  
22          of what they are living on and the burden  
23          you are placing on them.

24                         And you look at the houses and the  
25          city, you have all campaigned here in the

1 city, so if you take a look at these houses  
2 these are a private residences. The porches  
3 are falling off, they are not painted, they  
4 are not maintained. You know, if you did  
5 the same thing to them that you did to the  
6 rental units so you can condemn properties  
7 and drive people into poverty you could  
8 probably rip down 50 percent of this city  
9 with no problem whatsoever because that is  
10 the dire straights that people in this city  
11 are in.

12 And, you know, I have to ask another  
13 question because I sat here, a state senator  
14 came, a representative came, a  
15 representative's aid came here and I can't  
16 for the life of me understand why the State  
17 of Pennsylvania didn't implement something  
18 in the legislature and bail this city out  
19 because the debt this city has is beyond its  
20 ability to manage or ever pay and that's my  
21 opinion.

22 And when you look at the amount of  
23 the elderly people in this city and the wage  
24 base I just don't know where we are going,  
25 and that's not a criticism of this council



1 recycling. Pat mentioned the cardboard,  
2 well, every week I put my papers in a  
3 cardboard box and fold it up or tape it up  
4 because I used to come home and this little  
5 old lady would put it in the city container  
6 and they blow all over my lawn ob a windy  
7 day, you know, and I had to keep the troops  
8 under control. Don't say nothing just --  
9 once you offend a neighbor some times it  
10 just keeps going on and on and on, so I've  
11 moved around quite a bit in my life I  
12 understand that.

13 I'm happy to see that the 1000 block  
14 of Hickory Street has been milled and there  
15 was considerable amount of utility work  
16 done. Hopefully now, I think it's the Water  
17 Company, hopefully the Sewer Authority or  
18 the gas company won't be right behind the  
19 repairs because that's where our potholes,  
20 90 percent of them come from, and they don't  
21 get resealed after a couple of years. There  
22 is a crack and water gets in and you have a  
23 large pothole forming.

24 And I'd like to talk about Adams  
25 Plaza, another building that was abandoned

1 for the Glenmaura Industrial Park and we  
2 have a horrible commercial property bubble  
3 forming. I heard about it six or seven  
4 years ago that you thought that the housing  
5 bubble was a problem, just wait until the  
6 commercial property bubble hits and that's  
7 what we have and, unfortunately, our chamber  
8 of commerce is facilitating this. We are  
9 getting all kinds of commercial property  
10 built and companies are not occupying  
11 previous properties or reoccupying, they are  
12 just moving back and forth and it's really  
13 ashamed and it's a big risk. It's not good  
14 because once this hits, for instance, the  
15 mall a lot of that was teacher pension money  
16 funded that so if it goes under once again  
17 we are on the hook for guaranteed pension.

18 Same as the fire and police we are  
19 on the hook for a guaranteed pension and the  
20 investments don't get returned, for some  
21 reason we decide to reinvest in the stock  
22 market when it's at an ungodly high instead  
23 of buying when it's crashed out. I wanted  
24 to buy through a 401K and I was told you are  
25 not qualified. Ford stock for \$2. I wanted

1 to buy 2000 shares. Now, today that would  
2 probably translate into about \$30,000 and I  
3 could have with a \$4,000 dollar investment  
4 so that's the way you make money on the  
5 stock market. Not buying into it when it's  
6 at \$16,000, that's when you start to smell  
7 the smoke.

8 And the golden parrot, once again,  
9 call your senators, congressmen, the  
10 president, especially if you are in a public  
11 union because they are the only unions left.  
12 Tell them to scrap the transpacific trade  
13 pack. We have enough joblessness and it's  
14 only going to cause more. Once again, now  
15 the golden parrot goes to President Obama  
16 because he is over in Japan pushing this  
17 again, and we never bare down on them, it  
18 just results in unemployment and we already  
19 have a lot of vacation for 30 years putting  
20 people out of jobs and now we have trade  
21 pack after trade pack after trade pack.  
22 It's not right. Shame. You know, I never  
23 thought I'd say it, but shame. The golden  
24 parrot goes to President Obama. Thank you  
25 and have a good night. Don't forget bawk,

1                   bawk.

2                   MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening,  
3                   Council. Marie Schumacher.

4                   ALL OF COUNCIL: Good evening.

5                   MS. SCHUMACHER: First, I would like  
6                   to ask Mr. McGoff if he has the answers to  
7                   my written questions that I asked at the  
8                   February 5 meeting for me yet?

9                   MR. MCGOFF: I do not.

10                  MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay. Thank you.  
11                  And I, too, would agree with Mrs. Franus on  
12                  the abstention last week and the impact on  
13                  that on the vote, both whether it counts as  
14                  a "no" vote and also whether or not it was  
15                  really -- should have been an abstention.  
16                  If you read the causes for abstaining from a  
17                  vote it's a financial interest in the  
18                  company or the personal entity that's being  
19                  voted upon, not just knowing them, so I  
20                  question that.

21                  But moving onto 7-B tonight, because  
22                  you will be taking a final vote, judging  
23                  from the date of the contract it appears the  
24                  firm has been working pre-contractually; is  
25                  that true?



1 MR. MCGOFF: I'm sorry? I missed  
2 that.

3 MS. SCHUMACHER: Judging from the  
4 date of the contract, it appears that the  
5 firm has been working pre-contractually, is  
6 that true? In other words, they are already  
7 working?

8 MR. MCGOFF: CECO?

9 MS. SCHUMACHER: PFM. I'm talking  
10 7-B, I'm sorry. Yeah, okay. Maybe you  
11 could do it during motions, yeah. Also,  
12 Article III says that the terms and  
13 conditions may be supplemented is this  
14 supplementation with or without the approval  
15 of council? I believe that should be in the  
16 contract.

17 Okay. Moving onto Article IV, I  
18 don't believe that this contract is actually  
19 executable because Article IV -- or, excuse  
20 me, nine, states that the city's liability  
21 is limited to the appropriations approved  
22 for this effort.

23 Now, since Mr. McGoff you told us  
24 tonight there is no appropriation for this  
25 then it would be zero for this year because

1           you can't appropriate for 2015 as of yet, so  
2           there is no way that this term of the  
3           contract can be substantiated so I think  
4           something has to change there and I would  
5           suggest something limiting the amount that  
6           they get out of any anything that happens  
7           next year for their fees.

8                         Also, there is no fixed transition  
9           fee, that's left open. Will they have to  
10          come back to council for that for approval  
11          on that? Now, the other company, the bids  
12          were sifted down to two, the other company  
13          that was not selected of those two provided  
14          a fixed transition fee, but there is no  
15          fixed transaction fee in this contract and I  
16          don't think you should vote for it until  
17          there is.

18                        The RFP called for bidders to detail  
19          their fees and expenses so this is really  
20          non-compliant because the transaction fee is  
21          not fixed and, therefore, it's not compliant  
22          with the RFP.

23                        Also, last week Mrs. Hodowanitz  
24          noted a disconnect between two fees for the  
25          analysts, I believe it was, and it was a

1 difference between \$275 hour and \$225 an  
2 hour, has that been corrected in the  
3 contract or which was correct? Was it \$275  
4 or \$225? Well, I would suggest --

5 MR. MCGOFF: Nothing has changed.

6 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, there's a  
7 disconnect. It says two different figures  
8 in two different -- I mean, two different  
9 places. I don't think you should vote on  
10 this until there is -- until these questions  
11 are answered because it's just not right.  
12 Okay, enough on 7-B.

13 I would like to know that at least  
14 this citizen has been following up, last  
15 year I was against the charging only a half  
16 a percent or reducing the agreed upon  
17 contractual interest rate for Alexander's  
18 down from what it was to 1/2 a percent and  
19 that was for six months and it was to be  
20 revisited, and I just would like to note in  
21 advance that (a) I am against that 1/2 a  
22 percent, you may as well give them a grant,  
23 and also make sure that that does come back  
24 before council when that's established.  
25 That was for six months so --

1 MR. ROGAN: I spoke to the attorney  
2 for Alexander's earlier in the month and it  
3 is something that will be revisited by  
4 council.

5 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, okay. And  
6 then on the backup to the -- may I finish?  
7 Backup to the agenda, I know that I have no  
8 trouble getting backup when I request it,  
9 and I'm only one person, but during the  
10 League of the Women Voters debate last year  
11 the mayor said he was definitely in favor of  
12 providing that electronically and that  
13 hasn't happened yet, so I would very much  
14 like to see that start happening, it would  
15 be very helpful I think to a lot of people.  
16 Thank you.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you.

18 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else who wishes  
19 to address council?

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

22 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Wechsler?

23 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you, Mr.  
24 McGoff. I'd just like to touch a little bit  
25 more on the meeting with Mr. Gaughan and I

1 attended last night that Mr. Quinn as  
2 president of the Hill Neighborhood  
3 Association conducted. There was over 50  
4 residents there at the meeting with many,  
5 many legitimate concerns about their city.  
6 These are tax paying people who were only  
7 asking for basic services.

8 One of the ideas that we kicked  
9 around a little bit in caucus, and doing  
10 this is perhaps doing some type of  
11 concentrated effort in certain sections of  
12 the city with the concentration of the  
13 police, inspectors, DPW, just to show the  
14 citizens that there are people out and  
15 trying to make a difference. These things  
16 are happening in the city every day, but  
17 they are spread out across the whole city  
18 and not everyone gets to see the results of  
19 what the hardworking employees of the city  
20 are doing. So this is very much in the  
21 infancy stage, we just want to get a plan  
22 that will be effective and useful to the  
23 citizens.

24 Also, in caucus we also started to  
25 talk about the swimming pools. The city is

1 in a little bit different situation with the  
2 Rec Authority having Nay Aug Park and then  
3 the other pools in the city being managed by  
4 the city. I know from talking to Mayor  
5 Courtright they are working on plans as to  
6 open as many pool as they can in the city,  
7 but the reality is we are in a financial  
8 bind here.

9 I do agree with what Mr. Morgan said  
10 that perhaps we could find companies that  
11 may want to volunteer services to us through  
12 grants and all, but the problem is if we get  
13 Pinebrook pool open how are we going to  
14 staff it, where are we going to get  
15 lifeguards? These are all kinds of things  
16 that may be too late for this summer to  
17 discuss, but I know going forward there is a  
18 commitment from members of council to try  
19 and come up with a group plan for next  
20 summer. I know that's no consolation for  
21 this summer, but we are looking towards  
22 making the situation better next year. And  
23 thank you, Mr. McGoff.

24 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Rogan?

25 MR. ROGAN: Yes, just a few items.

1 I'd first like to thank Mr. Borthwick from  
2 the Parking Authority for attending our  
3 caucus earlier. We will be much more  
4 forthcoming on the city working with the  
5 Authority on some possible changes and some  
6 changes for the better.

7 This morning I attended the PennDOT  
8 elected firms meeting and our city business  
9 administrator, Dave Bulzoni, was there as  
10 well. I just didn't want to give an update  
11 on two items that were brought up at council  
12 multiple times and that we talked about at  
13 the meeting.

14 The first one is Main Avenue in West  
15 Scranton. I know this was also in the  
16 papers. It is part of the PennDOT's plan to  
17 mill and pave Main Avenue from the city line  
18 in Taylor to the Scranton Expressway. It's  
19 by far one of the worst roads in the city.  
20 It may not happen this year, unfortunately,  
21 it may be in next year's plan, and the  
22 reason PennDOT gives further delay is  
23 because as they go into a residential area  
24 they must make all of the curb cuts at each  
25 corner handicap accessible.

1                   So when this project does begin Main  
2                   Avenue will be milled and paved from the  
3                   Expressway to the Taylor border, and also  
4                   any intersections for pedestrians that are  
5                   not currently handicapped accessible will be  
6                   made handicap accessible with ramps, so  
7                   that's where that stands.

8                   Next, I know the signalization has  
9                   been brought up a lot, I know Councilman  
10                  McGoff brought this up a couple of weeks ago  
11                  as well. They did state that all of the  
12                  signals that needed to be put in and  
13                  installed, all they installation phase of  
14                  that project has been completed, but what  
15                  they are currently doing is a 30-day review  
16                  and a 120-day review on the traffic  
17                  patterns. That's when we can see changes in  
18                  the signalization, and from talking to  
19                  residents I know that some of the downtown  
20                  lights they are not synchronized the way  
21                  they should be.

22                  I know in bigger cities it's a very  
23                  simple plan. If you are traveling north and  
24                  south they're all green at once, east and  
25                  west is red and then they switch, which



1 makes for a nice free flowing traffic  
2 pattern and it's good for the individual  
3 because you waste less gas idling at red  
4 lights.

5 That is it something I would like to  
6 see happen. PennDOT doesn't seem to want to  
7 do it that way in the city, but that's the  
8 update on those items.

9 Just a quick comment on the pools  
10 and the Recreation Authority, I don't  
11 believe that the Recreation Authority should  
12 be in charge of the swimming at Nay Aug. I  
13 think it should be a function of city  
14 government through the mayor, through city  
15 council. We are the elected officials, not  
16 the members of the Authority. I know this  
17 has been an issue for many, many years about  
18 the fees to swim at Nay Aug and the other  
19 pools that haven't been opened much doing  
20 the last few years and as somebody who is  
21 younger when I grew up we would walk down to  
22 the neighborhood pool and swim and it was  
23 either free or I think it might have been a  
24 dollar.

25 But one of the things I would like

1 to see implemented is free swimming for  
2 children in the City of Scranton and to  
3 prove that all you would need to do is have  
4 a report card from your school to just show  
5 that you enrolled in a Scranton public  
6 school or private school in the city. I  
7 think that would be an easy way to provide  
8 free swimming for -- at least for the  
9 children, the parents they may have to pay  
10 or out-of-towners would have to pay as well,  
11 but I think that's something that should be  
12 looked at.

13 And, also, I brought up an idea and  
14 this is, again, like Mr. Wechsler said not  
15 something that would be for this summer but  
16 possibly for next summer, maybe partnering  
17 with one of the local nonprofits, the Boys  
18 and Girls Club to have some of their staff  
19 maybe cross-trained as lifeguards and the  
20 children from the Boys and Girls Club can  
21 come to the pools and swim for free and  
22 have, you know, different events at the  
23 pools.

24 I think that would be a nice way to  
25 provide a service back to the community to

1           these groups and also have the group, the  
2           nonprofit help the city by providing their  
3           staff as lifeguards for the pools, so that's  
4           something I know we all be working on over  
5           the next few months for this year then  
6           long-term for the next few years.

7                        I just wanted to bring this up, and  
8           I brought it up again a few weeks ago, but  
9           through OECD every five years a consolidated  
10          plan has to be submitted, and as part of the  
11          Citizens' Action Committee we created a  
12          survey that residents can fill out to tell  
13          us how you would like to see your tax  
14          dollars spent. The survey is available on  
15          the city's website on the home page or you  
16          could pick up a hard copy in city hall. In  
17          addition, all Scranton public libraries, UNC  
18          facilities, Weston field house, and they  
19          will also be mailed out to public service  
20          and nonprofit organizations within the City  
21          of Scranton.

22                       You can fill out the forms and  
23          submit them, either drop them off or mail  
24          them to the city and the deadline to submit  
25          that survey is June 6. And anyone who would

1           like to have their voice heard on how these  
2           dollars should be spent is strongly  
3           encouraged to fill out a survey and submit  
4           it.

5                         The second item also regarding the  
6           consolidated plan is that a meeting will be  
7           held by OECD on Wednesday, April 30, at the  
8           Center for Independent Living located at  
9           1142 Sanderson Avenue. The time of the  
10          meeting is 6:00 p.m. and will last about an  
11          hour and a half. The purpose of the meeting  
12          is to get input from residents of the city  
13          related to the developing priorities for the  
14          consolidated plan over the next five years.

15                        So anyone that would like to attend  
16          that meeting, I look forward to being there  
17          myself and listening to the residents, and  
18          again, everyone is encouraged to complete  
19          the survey.

20                        And that is it all I have for today.  
21          Thank you.

22                        MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Loscombe?

23                        MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes, just briefly.  
24          Quickly, I would like apologize to Mr. Quinn  
25          and the Hill Neighborhood Association. I

1 would have liked to attended the meeting.  
2 Unfortunately, my work schedule tends to  
3 occupy my hours many evenings and it sort of  
4 plays havoc with lot of these meetings,  
5 unfortunately. I used to attend the West  
6 Side crime watch meetings, but they hold  
7 them the same evening as our council  
8 meetings, but occasionally I will have a  
9 free evening and I'll try to and get to any  
10 meeting I can.

11 But, you know, I would definitely  
12 like to be a part of the meetings and be a  
13 part of what's going on and if there is any  
14 questions or anything I could do they could  
15 always reach me by telephone or by my e-mail  
16 address here. But, unfortunately, at this  
17 time, you know, I have to pay the bills, but  
18 that's all I have to say. Thank you.

19 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. Thank you. Just  
20 briefly, the street sweeping schedule, just  
21 wanted to update everyone, next week from  
22 April 28 to May 2 the DPW will be sweeping  
23 the streets in the Tripp section of the  
24 Tripp Park section of the city from Dickens  
25 Street to Gibson Street. It was discussed

1 in the caucus that we would like the city to  
2 present a press release in the newspaper so  
3 they can run the schedule each week and  
4 maybe put a blurb in or a part in the paper  
5 telling me people each week where the street  
6 sweeper will be.

7 Also, it was discussed in caucus  
8 that we would suggest that maybe residents  
9 can be notified when the street sweeper will  
10 be coming in their area or down their street  
11 either by paper notice or by putting some  
12 sort of sign on the telephone polls. This  
13 was an issue that was brought up at the Hill  
14 Neighborhood Association meeting last night  
15 that may give people the opportunity to move  
16 their cars and make it easier on the DPW  
17 workers who are operating the street  
18 sweeper.

19 Finally, I would just like to echo  
20 Mr. Wechsler's comments. We did attend the  
21 Hill Neighborhood Association meeting.  
22 There was a great crowd. There was great  
23 energy in the room and from what I could see  
24 people want to be involved, they want to see  
25 the city do better and I was glad to be

1           there and we will be working on those issues  
2           in the upcoming weeks.

3                         And that is all I have. Thank you.

4                         MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. A couple of  
5           updates. First, we have spoken in the past  
6           that documents pertinent to city council  
7           have been damaged with the pipes that burst  
8           in city hall. We investigated the  
9           possibility of transforming these documents  
10          into something that was more appropriate for  
11          the time and also attempting to recover  
12          them. That process has started, has begun,  
13          and the cost of doing that is covered by  
14          city insurance so that those documents will  
15          be preserved.

16                        Second, there will be an opening of  
17          proposals for City of Scranton banking  
18          services. That will be held on Friday, May  
19          9, 2014, at 10 a.m. in council chambers.  
20          Last year the administration felt that we  
21          had spent too much in banking fees and they  
22          have put on an RFP to see if we could reduce  
23          that expenditure for the current year.

24                        Also received from, actually from  
25          the Lackawanna County Controller Gary

1 DiBileo a notice about a fraud hotline. It  
2 says, "If you suspect or have knowledge of  
3 fraud, waste or abuse of taxpayer dollars,  
4 please report tips by calling," and there is  
5 a number 570-963-6600, and this fraud  
6 hotline is being managed by the Lackawanna  
7 County Controller's Office, and I will ask  
8 that we post this in the Clerk's Office so  
9 that people may see it.

10 Just again a comment about the  
11 caucus, the pre-meeting caucus is open to  
12 the public. There is no attempt to hide  
13 anything. Again, the purpose of the caucus  
14 is to provide information to council members  
15 so that they can make informed votes on the  
16 legislation. That is the -- and also  
17 organizational for the meeting. That is why  
18 they are held. If there is someone or topic  
19 that is of importance, that we feel is an  
20 importance to the general public, as we have  
21 done in the past we would will hold those  
22 here in council chambers.

23 Very brief comment on pools, this  
24 comes up every year, and we will look into  
25 what pools will be open, what plans there



1 are for the pools. I may be the wrong  
2 person to look into this. I am of the  
3 belief that swimming is a luxury and not a  
4 right or a necessity in the city. I really  
5 believe that the city should get out of the  
6 pool business entirely, but since we do own  
7 the pools we will look into -- I will look  
8 into what will take place this summer and  
9 what plans are for the summer.

10 One of the things that we probably  
11 should look into, if we are having  
12 difficulty with keeping pools open and  
13 maintaining pools, etcetera, this might be a  
14 time to also look into a partnership with  
15 the Scranton school district. They, too,  
16 benefit from these pools being open and it,  
17 you know, it accommodates the children who  
18 attend the Scranton schools while they are  
19 closed for the summer. That may be part of  
20 the responsibility or part of the pools, the  
21 operation of the pools should be taken up by  
22 the school district and I would like to look  
23 into that possibility.

24 And one last thing, it just occurred  
25 to me this morning as I was going to a

1 meeting somewhere around 8:30 this morning I  
2 heard fire trucks coming towards me and  
3 stopped my vehicle at an intersection as the  
4 trucks came through and proceeded to watch  
5 at least three cars come through the  
6 opposite intersection and force the safety  
7 vehicles to actually stop and wait for them  
8 to proceed through the intersection.

9 I don't know whether we -- that's  
10 not part of driver's training anymore or  
11 what, but it was just an egregious disregard  
12 for what the law is. I would just like to  
13 caution people, please, give safety vehicles  
14 the right-of-way and if there is any  
15 question at all in your mind as to whether  
16 you should or not, stop. You know, and  
17 assess the situation rather, but we really  
18 need to take into account that these people  
19 are performing a service and a safety  
20 service to someone at the time that they are  
21 moving and that time is of the essence in  
22 many cases.

23 And that is all I have. Thank you.

24 MR. MINORA: Mr. McGoff?

25 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

1 MR. MINORA: Could I comment on some  
2 of the speakers' questions?

3 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

4 MR. MINORA: There was a question  
5 about the abstention by Mr. Loscombe last  
6 week. Mr. Loscombe raised his issues in the  
7 caucus about working for CMC while they were  
8 here requesting some legislation on their  
9 behalf, he felt that he had an appearance of  
10 impropriety and a conflict of interest and I  
11 agreed with him. The vote came up, he  
12 withheld his vote based on those reasons,  
13 which is a highly ethical stance and I think  
14 correct.

15 The issue has now been raised that  
16 that abstention somehow or other is a "no"  
17 vote. I can read from Robert's Rules of  
18 order which, by the way, we have our own set  
19 of rules and if our rules do not directly  
20 impact the question at hand then we use  
21 Robert's Rules of Order. And Robert's says,  
22 "A two-thirds vote means at least two-thirds  
23 of the votes cast by persons legally  
24 entitled to vote, excluding blanks and  
25 abstentions."

1                   And I think the problem or confusion  
2                   as arisen by the speakers that there is  
3                   obviously it -- or different type of  
4                   abstention. Someone might abstain simply  
5                   because they didn't want to be become  
6                   involved in a political brouha, that's not  
7                   that they are legally ineligible to vote  
8                   because of a conflict or something, that is  
9                   they chose not to vote. That person might  
10                  be considered in a certain situation a  
11                  negative vote where you need two-thirds and  
12                  there is four.

13                  But when somebody is subject to  
14                  conflict of interest, appearance of  
15                  impropriety, you know, acknowledges that,  
16                  accepts that and abstains on that basis he  
17                  is ineligible to vote and it can't be  
18                  counted as a negative, so in my opinion the  
19                  vote last week was legal.

20                  MR. MCGOFF: Thank you very much.

21                  MR. GAUGHAN: Could I add one  
22                  comment?

23                  MR. MCGOFF: Yes, you may.

24                  MR. GAUGHAN: Just in response to  
25                  your comments, I just want to say that, you

1 know, I just disagree with the pool being a  
2 luxury, and I just have to say this because  
3 I work in the school district and I see some  
4 of these kids that don't, you know, their  
5 families are poor and, you know, I think  
6 that's the least that the government can  
7 provide or our government can provide is a  
8 place to swim and sometimes it's the only  
9 thing that some of these kids have to look  
10 forward to, so I just wanted to say that.

11 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.

12 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
13 AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING SECTION 108.1 OF THE  
14 CODE OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON GOVERNING  
15 DISPOSAL OF CITY-OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY BY  
16 ADDING SUBSECTION C.

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

20 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

21 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

22 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All  
23 those in favor of introduction signify by  
24 saying aye.

25 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

1 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

2 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

6 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
7 A RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS S.  
8 SCHUSTER, 1657 NORTH MAIN AVENUE, SCRANTON,  
9 PENNSYLVANIA, 18508 AS A MEMBER OF THE  
10 PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF  
11 SCRANTON. MR SCHUSTER IS REPLACING MARY  
12 ELIZABETH MOYLAN WHOSE TERM EXPIRED ON  
13 DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND SHE HELD OVER  
14 UNTIL APRIL 9, 2014 WHEN SHE SUBMITTED A  
15 LETTER OF RESIGNATION. MR. SCHUSTER'S TERM  
16 WILL EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2018.

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

20 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

21 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

22 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? It  
23 should be noted that Mr. Schuster did submit  
24 a resume for council.

25 All those in favor of introduction

1 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 ayes have it and so moved.

8 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
9 A RESOLUTION - ACCEPTING A DONATION  
10 PRESENTED TO THE CITY OF SCRANTON FIRE  
11 DEPARTMENT FROM PPL SERVICES CORPORATION.

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

15 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

16 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

17 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

18 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I would just like  
19 to thank Chief DeSarno for all of his good  
20 work on this issue and many others that he  
21 has been doing with the fire department.

22 MR. LOSCOMBE: I would also like to  
23 echo that. Thank PPL for their donation and  
24 Chief DeSarno for working with PPL.

25 All those in favor of introduction

1 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 ayes have it and so moved.

8 MS. REED: 5-E. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
9 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
10 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE  
11 AND ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH  
12 HORSEPOWER HARLEY DAVIDSON, INC. TO LEASE  
13 FIVE (5)  
14 POLICE PACKAGE MOTORCYCLES FOR THE CITY OF  
15 SCRANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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

19 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

20 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

21 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All  
22 those in favor of introduction signify by  
23 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: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A.

6 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.

7 15, 2014

8 - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE  
9 COUNCIL NO. 14, 2013 "AS AMENDED" ENTITLED  
10 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER  
11 APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF  
12 SCRANTON TO EXECUTE A DEED CONVEYING  
13 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE COLUMN PARCELS CONTAINING  
14 NINE (9) SQUARE FEET EACH LOCATED IN THE  
15 PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY ON THE 300 BLOCK OF  
16 COLFAX AVENUE AND CONVEYING AN AERIAL DEED  
17 FOR THE AIR SPACE LOCATED ON THE 300 BLOCK  
18 OF COLFAX AVENUE WHERE THE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE  
19 IS ERECTED SUBJECT TO A REVERTER CLAUSE AND  
20 TO EXECUTE AN AIR RIGHTS AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
21 GEISINGER COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER AND THE  
22 CITY OF SCRANTON BE FURTHER AMENDED TO  
23 REFLECT THE NEW CONSTRUCTION DATES FOR THE  
24 PROJECT.

25 MR. MCGOFF: You've heard reading by

1 title of Item 6-A, what is your pleasure?

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

4 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

5 MS. MCGOFF: On the question?

6 MR. LOSCOMBE: I will be abstaining  
7 on this as previously on this vote.

8 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. All those  
9 in favor signify by saying aye.

10 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

11 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed?

14 MR. LOSCOMBE: (Abstained.)

15 MR. MCGOFF: The ayes have it and so  
16 moved.

17 MS. REED: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR  
18 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC  
19 WORKS -FOR ADOPTION – FILE OF THE COUNCIL  
20 NO. 14, 2014 - TRANSFERRING BOTH TEMPORARY  
21 AND PERMANENT EASEMENTS OVER THREE (3)  
22 PARCELS OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF  
23 SCRANTON LOCATED AT 2004-2006 SANDERSON  
24 AVENUE; 2008-SANDERSON AVENUE; AND 2011 ½  
25 REAR BOULEVARD AVENUE IN CONNECTION WITH THE

1 SCRANTON SEWER AUTHORITY'S SANDERSON AVENUE  
2 STORM WATER SEPARATION PROJECT.

3 MR. MCGOFF: What is the  
4 recommendation of the Chair for Public  
5 Works?

6 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for the  
7 Committee on Public Works, 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. MCGOFF: 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  
24 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES -FOR ADOPTION -  
25 RESOLUTION NO. 50, 2014 - AUTHORIZING

1 THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY  
2 OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A  
3 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE PFM  
4 GROUP TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES  
5 FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON FOR THE PERIOD OF  
6 FOUR (4) YEARS FROM MARCH 9, 2014 THROUGH  
7 MARCH 8, 2018.

8 MR. MCGOFF: As Chair for the  
9 Committee on Rules, I recommend final  
10 passage of Item 7-B.

11 MR. ROGAN: Second.

12 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

13 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question,  
14 Mrs. Schumacher brought up some valid points  
15 tonight and I don't see any harm in maybe  
16 tabling this until next week until we can  
17 clear some of these questions up if  
18 everybody would be in favor?

19 MR. MCGOFF: Is that a motion?

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. I would like to  
21 make a motion to table Item 7-B.

22 MR. ROGAN: Second.

23 MR. MCGOFF: On the question of  
24 tabling Item 7-B?

25 MR. LOSCOMBE: I think, just as he

1           stated, there are a couple of good issues  
2           brought up and just a matter of some  
3           housekeeping to make sure that everything is  
4           clarified before our final vote on this. I  
5           think it would be appropriate.

6                   MR. MCGOFF: All those in favor of  
7           tabling Item 7-B signify by saying aye.

8                   MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

9                   MR. ROGAN: Aye.

10                  MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

11                  MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

14                   MS. REED: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION  
15           BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS -FOR  
16           ADOPTION – RESOLUTION NO. 51, 2014 -  
17           AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE  
18           CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A  
19           SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT NO. E00740  
20           WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,  
21           DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (“PENNDOT”) FOR  
22           THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SIDEWALKS, ON THE  
23           HARRISON AVENUE BRIDGE AND ADJACENT DUFFY  
24           PARK, THE MAINTENANCE FOR THE PROPOSED NEW  
25           SIDEWALKS THEREAFTER TO BE THE

1 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON.

2 MR. MCGOFF: What is the  
3 recommendation of the Chair for the  
4 Committee on Public Works?

5 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for the  
6 Committee on Public Works, I recommend final  
7 passage of Item 7-C.

8 MR. ROGAN: Second.

9 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? I  
10 would at this point apologize for confusing  
11 the issue last week. Had I thoroughly read  
12 the backup for this I would have realized  
13 that this was for the new construction on  
14 Harrison Avenue and not the current bridge.

15 Roll call, please?

16 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

17 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

18 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

19 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

20 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

21 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

22 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

24 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

25 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare

1 Item 7-C legally and lawfully adopted.

2 MS. REED: 7-D. FOR CONSIDERATION  
3 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS -FOR  
4 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 52, 2014 -  
5 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE  
6 CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A  
7 ROADWAY LIGHTING AGREEMENT NO. E00740 WITH  
8 THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, DEPARTMENT  
9 OF TRANSPORTATION ("PENNDOT") FOR THE  
10 INSTALLATION OF AN ELECTRIC ROADWAY LIGHTING  
11 SYSTEM FOR STATE ROUTE 6011, ON THE HARRISON  
12 AVENUE BRIDGE AND ADJACENT DUFFY PARK, THE  
13 MAINTENANCE OF SUCH LIGHTING THEREAFTER TO  
14 BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CITY OF  
15 SCRANTON, AND AUTHORIZING SAID CITY  
16 OFFICIALS TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A HIGHWAY  
17 OCCUPANCY PERMIT NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE  
18 PROJECT.

19 MR. MCGOFF: What is the  
20 recommendation of the Chair for the  
21 Committee on Public Works?

22 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for the  
23 Committee on Public Works, I recommend final  
24 passage of Item 7-D.

25 MR. ROGAN: Second.

1 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Once  
2 again, my apologies for confusing the issue.

3 Roll call, please.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

5 MR. MCGOFF: 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-D legally and lawfully adopted.

15 Is there any further business? I'll  
16 entertain a motion to adjourn.

17 MR. LOSCOMBE: Motion to adjourn.

18 MR. MCGOFF: Meeting 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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