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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 MS. REED: THIRD ORDER. 3-A.

15 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
16 SCRANTON

17 HOUSING AUTHORITY HELD ON APRIL 7, 2014.

18 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?

19 If not, received and filed.

20 MS. REED: 3-B. AUDIT STATUS FROM
21 ROBERT ROSSI & CO. RECEIVED MAY 8, 2014.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?

23 If not, received and filed.

24 Are there any Clerk's notes?

25 MS. REED: No, Mr. McGoff.

1 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. Do any
2 council members have announcements at this
3 time?

4 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. McGoff, I have
5 few. Of course I'd like to mention that
6 Saturday will be the Armed Forces Day
7 parade. I would encourage everyone to come
8 downtown and support our veterans.

9 Also, the lady's Ancient Order of
10 Hibernians will host a guest bartender event
11 Monday, May 19, from 6 to 9 at the Parker
12 House. Thank you.

13 MR. ROGAN: I have one as well.
14 There will be a polish food festival Sunday,
15 May 18, from noon to six sponsored by St.
16 Stanislas Elementary School. That will be
17 again from noon to six at 530 East Elm
18 Street over in South Side.

19 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else? I would
20 like to mention that this weekend at Monday
21 Montage is the, I think it's the third
22 annual Celtic festival. Entertainment,
23 food, vendors, and it's not only for those
24 with Celtic descent it's a good time. I
25 encourage people to go. I think it's a \$10

1 charge for entry and it's around where the
2 water park is located. I have attended the
3 last two years. It's a very nice event.
4 That's the Celtic festival this weekend
5 Saturday and Sunday.

6 Also, I did want it mention that
7 this Tuesday, this coming Tuesday, is the
8 primary election May 22 --

9 MR. ROGAN: 20th.

10 MR. MCGOFF: May 20, sorry. May 20,
11 primary election. Unlike other primary
12 elections because of the referendum question
13 on county government all eligible voters may
14 vote in the primary election. Now, you
15 can't vote for candidates, but you are
16 eligible to vote on the referendum question.
17 That's important because in many cases
18 independent voters or some smaller third
19 parties who are registered in that way, you
20 are not -- you can't vote in the primary,
21 but it's important to note. This is an
22 important event for Lackawanna County, the
23 future of the county hinges on this vote and
24 all people should make an effort to vote in
25 this primary and on this referendum

1 question.

2 And also, on tonight's agenda Item
3 6-B, C and D if voted in the affirmative
4 there will be a motion to move them to
5 Seventh Order. As was explained last week,
6 there is some timeliness to moving them to
7 Seventh Order. If anyone wishes to speak to
8 that, to any of the those pieces of
9 legislation that will be moved to Seventh
10 Order, please do so during citizens'
11 participation, and that's is all I have.

12 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZEN'S
13 PARTICIPATION.

14 THE COURT: Joan Hodowanitz.

15 MR. MCGOFF: Joan, before you start,
16 just don't start her time, I have a note and
17 I forgot to mention it, city hall will be
18 closed Tuesday, May 20, because of the
19 primary election. However, DPW is working
20 on the 20th so refuse pick up should be on
21 time, but city hall itself will be closed on
22 the 20th.

23 And also, for 5-C on the agenda,
24 there will be a motion to table that if it
25 is passed in Fifth Order. Thank you. I'm

1 sorry.

2 MS. HODOWANITZ: Joan Hodowanitz,
3 city resident. I'd like to begin,
4 Mr. McGoff, by offering my condolences on
5 the loss of your father.

6 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you very much.

7 MS. HODOWANITZ: I read his
8 beautiful obituary. I understand he was a
9 veteran of World War II and you and your
10 family must have been very proud of him.

11 MR. MCGOFF: Yes, we are.

12 MS. HODOWANITZ: So I'll see you on
13 the parade route on Saturday.

14 Do we have any information on
15 whether or not Mr. Amaro is planning
16 another briefing to the general public in
17 the form of a caucus?

18 MR. MCGOFF: I do not have any
19 specific information. I know that he did
20 meet with members of the administration
21 during this past week, but I was unable to
22 attend so I don't know if there is any
23 specific date set for a further
24 presentation. I have been asked that and I
25 would -- I would assume that when there is a

1 final draft or final proposal that we will,
2 I'll say, insist that there be a public
3 disclosure.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: I was just to going to
5 say maybe we could, Mrs. Reed, if you would
6 send a letter and ask tomorrow what if they
7 are intending on.

8 MR. MCGOFF: I'll find out tomorrow.
9 I was unable to.

10 MS. HODOWANITZ: Does this contract
11 end at the end of June with the Chamber of
12 Commerce. Is it the end of June that the
13 six months are up?

14 MR. MCGOFF: It was a six-month
15 contract so I'm assuming yes.

16 MS. HODOWANITZ: My only other item
17 is I noticed in the background papers in the
18 Clerk's Office, Rossi & Company's audit
19 status report for May, and looking back at
20 the one for April there were 28 outstanding
21 items, it's now gone down to 26 outstanding
22 items, which is progress, but I fear that we
23 are not going to make the May 31 deadline
24 for completing that audit, so I think it's
25 something that, you know, I'm not saying

1 pressure, but I think continually checking
2 with the administration on why there might
3 be backlogs in some of these areas and that
4 audit can top, you know, a more useful date.

5 MR. MCGOFF: I will say that one of
6 the -- one of the problems has been the I'll
7 say lack of staffing that had -- we have
8 tried to supplement to move the process
9 along.

10 MS. HODOWANITZ: All right. You
11 know, I've often wondered, and maybe I
12 shouldn't say this, but since the city has
13 such a large population of retirees, many of
14 them whom are, you know, educated
15 professionals in various areas, I wonder why
16 we don't -- we don't see volunteers to help
17 out in some of the municipal tasks that we
18 have before us. You know, if staffing is a
19 problem. You might find that you have
20 people with the qualifications who will be
21 happy to offer their talents, their time and
22 their talents now that they're retired. And
23 that's all I have. Thank you.

24 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. Mr. Hetman.

25 MR. HETMAN: Good evening, Council.

1 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

2 MR. HETMAN: Gerard Hetman from
3 Lackawanna County's Community Relations
4 Department, good to see you as always. To
5 begin this evening, I would like to announce
6 an event that for this year will be in the
7 second year of operation. It's an event
8 that our department started last year in
9 fulfilling a need in our community and is
10 back by popular demand again this year.
11 That will be our second annual Lackawanna
12 County Job Fair. The job fair this year,
13 takes place on Thursday afternoon, June 12,
14 from 1 p.m. to five 5 p.m. at PNC field in
15 Moosic.

16 The job fair will follow similar to
17 format to what we had last year and it will
18 60 private sector employers from in and
19 around Lackawanna County exhibiting at PNC
20 field on the upper concourse of the suite
21 level, and the public is welcome during
22 those hours. Again, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on
23 Thursday, June 12, and speak to all the
24 employers present and see what type of
25 opportunities are available for those

1 employers.

2 We do ask all of the employers in
3 attendance to bring information on all of
4 the employment positions they have
5 available, full-time positions, of course,
6 but also part-time, seasonal and internship
7 opportunities, so we welcome that individual
8 seeking full-time employment, but also maybe
9 students or retirees who may be looking for
10 seasonal or part-time work as well as
11 students seeking internships at the start of
12 the summer.

13 It's a good opportunity for anyone
14 looking for any of those types of positions
15 to attend and speak to a broad variety of
16 employers across a variety of different
17 industries in our area. Last year we had
18 several thousand people attend, that's when
19 we lost track because there were so many
20 folks coming through the door from all walks
21 of life, so everyone is welcomed. All ages,
22 all skill sets and abilities. Please come
23 out to the job fair on Thursday, June 12.

24 And we thank everyone for spreading
25 the word, you know, when we do these events.

1 You know, this helps in everything we else
2 we do, but a person-to-person network is
3 important in getting the world out there an
4 help fill these needs, so we thank everyone
5 who helps us spread the word on this event.

6 Secondly, on top of the
7 infrastructure, the Lackawanna Rail
8 Authority bridge expands at the bottom the
9 Market Street coming down the hill one
10 direction from Greenridge corners and down
11 the hill the other way from Providence
12 Square. There will be maintenance and
13 upkeep work this coming week from Monday,
14 May 19 through Friday, May 23. The work
15 will take place beginning at 8:00 a.m. each
16 day and should wrap approximately 1:30 p.m.
17 each afternoon. The Rail Authority has
18 informed us that most of the work due to the
19 design of the bridge will take place
20 Wednesday through Friday of this coming
21 week.

22 We have reached out to the Scranton
23 Police Department and spoken to Chief
24 Graziano regarding the possible traffic
25 obstructions. The chief has assured us that

1 he will send officers to check on the work
2 beginning of each workday and the department
3 will provide some cones and barriers or if
4 necessary station an officer there to make
5 sure there is as less of disruption of
6 traffic as possible. Crews don't anticipate
7 a major problem, but the police department
8 has reached out to us and said they are
9 willing to help direct traffic to keep
10 things safe for work crews, pedestrians, and
11 motorists, and again, minimizing any traffic
12 obstructions that might result as a result
13 of the repairs.

14 And then just two brief housekeeping
15 items. First, the Lackawanna County
16 wireless initiative continues to take shape
17 on a variety of different sectors and walks
18 of life in Lackawanna County, one of those
19 is helping improve our recreation and
20 quality of life programs. On that note,
21 McDade Park in Scranton now has free
22 accessible wireless internet, internet
23 access for visitors to the park, so if you
24 bring your cell phone, your laptop, you can
25 log into wireless provided by the Lackawanna

1 County Department of Information Technology
2 at McDade Park. We do also have the same
3 service right now at Merl-Sarnosky and
4 Aylesworth Park, Covington park will be
5 coming online soon. We have had it on
6 courthouse square for quite some time and in
7 the courthouse.

8 So, again, we know a lot of the
9 folks in the city like to come to McDade
10 Park in the summer and it's a good resource
11 to use while they are there for work, study
12 of any other pursuits that they may pursue.

13 And also, we would like to thank on
14 behalf of the commissioner, the Scranton
15 Police Department for two of the officers
16 who attended our bike safety fair thew e
17 spoke about last month that was held in late
18 April at McDade Park, that would be
19 Lieutenant Larry Namoetka and Patrolman Tony
20 Geida, I'm sorry if I got the names wrong
21 there, but those two officers were in
22 attendance at our bike safety fair. They
23 were a tremendous help in making sure all
24 the children that attended received a bike
25 helmet that fit them properly and they knew

1 how to wear it properly. They also provided
2 several bicycle safety demonstrations and
3 how to properly ride and maintain children's
4 bikes during the summer months.

5 We had a great turnout there.
6 Mr. Loscombe, we thank the officers on the
7 public safety for attending. They were a
8 great help to us.

9 And last, but not least,
10 Mr. Wechsler mentioned the parade already,
11 we thank you for talking about that all of
12 you, and we hope to see each of you and many
13 others out at the parade route this coming
14 weekend. We have worked over the last few
15 weeks with the parade committee to try and
16 boost the events, attendance and
17 participation and make some good gains. We
18 hope the parade continues to grow and
19 prosper with all of other work hope that
20 will happen.

21 So thank you as always, ladies and
22 gentlemen.

23 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

24 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Hetman.

25 Elizabeth Davis.

1 MS. DAVIS: Good evening.

2 ALL COUNCIL: Good evening.

3 MS. DAVIS: As I said, my name is
4 Elizabeth Davis. I'm here representing the
5 Scranton public library and we are here to
6 invite the community and all of you to our
7 annual block party and fundraiser "Swingin'
8 on Vine" which will be held on Friday, May
9 23, from 5 to 8 p.m.

10 For \$15 in advance and \$20 at the
11 door you will get three hours of food and
12 drinks, chances to win amazing raffle prizes
13 and live music from Paul Labelle and the
14 Exact change. All prizes and food were
15 graciously donated by the community and
16 local businesses and we are especially
17 excited to feature a southwest menu thanks
18 to the Lackawanna Colleges' culinary arts
19 program.

20 Proceeds from Swingin' on Vine
21 benefit Albright Memorial, Nancy Kay Holmes
22 Branch, Library Express and the Lackawanna
23 County Children's Library so that we may
24 continue to bring the highest quality
25 collections and services to the community.

1 Some of our services range from
2 story time for young children, which are
3 really important for early learning skills.
4 We have free online tutoring for school age
5 students through high school and elementary
6 school, as well as job and career
7 development services such as resume writing
8 and computer classes and other developmental
9 skills.

10 We also want to note that the
11 library is under some renovation, which is
12 being funded by a Keystone grant which we
13 would like to thank the city for helping us
14 apply for and receiving. You will note that
15 the building is covered in scaffolding and
16 dust everywhere, but we are open and we
17 would hope everyone comes to the event on
18 the 23rd. Thank you.

19 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. Dave
20 Dobrzyn.

21 MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening, Council.
22 Dave Dobrzyn, resident. First I'd like to
23 offer my condolences to Mr. McGoff for the
24 loss of his father.

25 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.

1 MR. DOBRZYN: He was a World War II
2 flyer and both Mr. McGoff are lucky to be
3 here because there was 200,000 flyers on
4 both sides axis and allies that lost -- that
5 was the death toll of World War II 200,000
6 for Vietnam.

7 Now, I mentioned a few weeks ago on
8 paving and I'm glad to see that a lot of it
9 is done, but a thought occurred to me why
10 there is no coordination beforehand, and I
11 have wonder if I had a company, maybe I own
12 the gas company and somebody else, the water
13 company had to do work, if I ran in there
14 and did the pave -- my repairs at the same
15 time I have a slight suspicion that maybe I
16 would be asked to chip in towards the
17 repairs and that's why they all don't get
18 coordinated. I was just wondering about
19 that and it's just a food for thought.

20 And I also mentioned on the
21 delinquent trash fees, certainly I don't
22 know how far back it can go, but for this
23 year anyone being delinquent that has the
24 ability to pay is totally unacceptable. I
25 just paid mine so -- in full. I don't need

1 a forget it later and whatever and then one
2 day I came down a few years ago and forgot
3 my checkbook, so I couldn't pay it, well,
4 then the next day somebody is in my face
5 saying, well, you have to pay a late fee.
6 It's like grrr.

7 And I'd like to see something
8 discussed with this that some day at the end
9 of this year if somebody is delinquent we
10 have to start collecting on it. It's not
11 acceptable to keep raising it up and
12 certainly I can see that this council and
13 this mayor has had everything dropped in
14 their lap and there wasn't a lot of
15 cooperation from last several years but
16 therein again some issues like the parking
17 authority what do you do with somebody that
18 won't answer your questions? I don't know.

19 And I'd like to also mention please
20 get out and vote this year. If people know
21 you are you not going to vote they don't
22 have to be concerned about what you think.

23 And on this audit Joan put an idea
24 in my head with staff, we do need more staff
25 in the city, especially we could have

1 possibly even have our own collections and
2 so forth where, you know, you call up and,
3 hey, you know you're two months late or
4 three months late with your fees or whatever
5 what's the problem and trying to prod people
6 to start contributing that really should
7 sometimes it's somebody living on \$850 a
8 month on social security and sometimes it's
9 people living on \$150,000 and they want gas
10 for their motorboat or something so that's
11 not acceptable.

12 And I'd just assume see the lien put
13 against the house and left riding until the
14 house was sold, but if they don't have the
15 ability to pay but somebody that does have
16 the ability to pay has no business taking
17 advantage year in and year out of that.

18 And hopefully the audit will be a
19 little more timely, because the last several
20 years it's just gotten worse and worse and
21 worse. It wasn't -- even at budget time it
22 wasn't even available.

23 And, okay, I can't let this one go,
24 Jenny Beth Martin, tea party darling, 400
25 grand a year, good work, Jenny. She only

1 contributes 5 percent of the money she takes
2 in to tea party candidates, which won't
3 break my heart if they don't win the
4 election. Thank you and have a good night.
5 And don't forget to bawk, bawk.

6 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

7 MR. MCGOFF: Is there anyone else
8 who wishes to address council?

9 MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening,
10 Council. Marie Schumacher, city resident
11 and taxpayer. I do plan to get finally to
12 my blight abatement even though I have other
13 things and I go too long, but I want to
14 start tonight with something that's been
15 stuck in my craw since two weeks ago, which
16 is the vote on the PFM contract. I would
17 like to take a minute again to read Section
18 613 of the Administrative Code and I would
19 like someone to explain if -- first of all,
20 state whether you believe your vote was
21 legal; and two, how it complies with this
22 section of the Administrative Code and
23 perhaps Mr. Minora can provide his counsel.

24 It says, "No money shall be paid out
25 of the City Treasury expect upon appropriate

1 necessary previously made by council and
2 upon warrant pursuant thereto which warrant
3 shall explicitly state the purpose for which
4 the money is to be drawn.

5 No work shall be hired to be done,
6 no materials purchased, no contracts made
7 and no order issued for the payment of any
8 monies in any amount which will cause the
9 sums appropriated to specific purposes to be
10 exceeded.

11 Council may make supplemental
12 appropriations for any lawful purpose from
13 funds on hand or estimated to be received
14 within the fiscal year and not appropriated
15 to any other purpose.

16 Such supplemental appropriations
17 shall be considered by council as an
18 ordinance amending the annual budget. The
19 business administrator shall have the power
20 to authorize the transfer of any unexpected
21 balance of any appropriation item or any
22 portion thereof within a department, but if
23 it is between departments then the business
24 administrator shall be make such transfer
25 with the approval of council."

1 There was no appropriation, there
2 was no budget and yet you all voted, all
3 five of you, voted to approve this contract.

4 Now, please tell me if you really
5 believe that is legal and in compliance with
6 the Administrative Code?

7 MR. MCGOFF: Do you want a response
8 to this now?

9 MS. SCHUMACHER: Yes, I do.

10 MR. MCGOFF: Yes, I do.

11 MS. SCHUMACHER: And does Mr. Minora
12 agree that if you would ask him.

13 MR. MCGOFF: You are asking --

14 MS. SCHUMACHER: Yes, I'm asking
15 both of you actually.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Well, okay, I will
17 answer because I'm the one that voted.

18 MS. SCHUMACHER: All five of you
19 voted for it.

20 MR. MCGOFF: I understand that.

21 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay. And then the
22 Administrative Code is not law, it is to be
23 adhered to, it's just a menu for which
24 people are allowed to pick and choose? Is
25 that --

1 MR. MCGOFF: Are you going to allow
2 me to answer?

3 MS. SCHUMACHER: Yep. Yep.

4 MR. MCGOFF: I have been trying to.
5 I believe that it was a legal vote because
6 any appropriations or any amount of monies
7 paid to PFM would be done so in 2015.
8 Therefore, there was no need for a budget
9 item in 2014 -- since there was no budget
10 item in 2014.

11 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, two comments
12 on that. Number one, it's not -- there is
13 no appropriation for it and there is no
14 guarantee of next year's, and the other is
15 that the mayor had the opportunity to amend
16 the budget and as explained in this code you
17 could have shifted money from some place
18 else, but you chose not to so onto blight.
19 Very disappointed, I might add.

20 Act 90 on blight abatement has been
21 in existence since October 27, 2010. 2010
22 was also the year that council then had a
23 special session on blight, and I would like
24 to know why we have not availed ourselves of
25 any of the new powers. There were six new

1 powers. Municipalities can take property
2 owners to Court to seek judgments against an
3 owner's assets. Municipalities may deny
4 permits to owners of the buildings that are
5 in code violation. Municipalities may deny
6 permit to owners of buildings that are
7 behind in taxes. Municipalities may deny
8 permits to owners of buildings that are
9 behind in other municipal accounts.
10 Municipalities may deny these permits until
11 all existing violations are remedied.
12 Out-of-state property owners may be
13 extradited back to Pennsylvania to be
14 charged with property related violations.

15 We certainly have enough blight to
16 go around and I was very pleased. I did
17 speak to this -- to prior councils that one
18 of the local municipalities finally enacted
19 an ordinance to actually use this law. Now,
20 why have we not used any of these pours?

21 MR. MCGOFF: Again, my answer would
22 be that we have not had the staff to do so.
23 That we have a continually cut -- we have a
24 continually cut staffing through the course
25 of the past year and that it's practically

1 impossible to keep up with all of the
2 ordinances and all of the fees and all of
3 the other things that are going -- that were
4 the responsibility of city hall, and you
5 supported most of those cuts and that would
6 be my answer.

7 MS. SCHUMACHER: Yes, I did support
8 the cuts, we are in -- I'll be back in two
9 weeks. Thank you.

10 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. Anyone else
11 who wishes to address council?

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

13 MOTIONS.

14 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Wechsler?

15 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you,
16 Mr. McGoff. Today I had the opportunity to
17 speak to Tom Lynch and Dennis Gallagher and
18 they were able to inform me that the repairs
19 to Nay Aug Park are going to be able to be
20 made so the problem at the park will be
21 corrected at Nay Aug, which is good news.

22 To touch on the question about the
23 audit, from working with Mr. Bulzoni there
24 is a shortage of staff in the Business
25 Administrator's Office, and it's no fault of

1 anyone else, but there are some people that
2 are ill in that office.

3 And part of the problem with
4 bringing help in or assistance this from off
5 the street is our computer system is quite
6 antiquated and it's kind of particular to
7 our situation here so it's not as easy as
8 someone might have great accounting but not
9 with our system and that's part of our
10 problem and we are in the process of
11 upgrading it, so hopefully as we move
12 forward things will move a little smoother.

13 And that's all I have today. Thank
14 you.

15 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Rogan?

16 MR. ROGAN: Yes, just a few very
17 brief points. I would also like to extend
18 my condolences to Councilman McGoff on the
19 loss of his father.

20 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.

21 MR. ROGAN: As a veteran,
22 Mr. McGoff's father, the Armed Forces parade
23 is this weekend at 11 a.m. downtown, and I
24 know some of the others mentioned it
25 already. I look forward to attending the

1 parade, as I do every year, and I hope more
2 people will. It is a little bit frustrating
3 that when you go down for St. Patrick's
4 parade, which is another great event in the
5 city, the streets are lined. You literally
6 can't walk a block during the St. Patrick's
7 Day parade, but we should have actually
8 better attendance for the Armed Forces
9 parade to honor our veterans, so I hope
10 we'll have good attendance this year. I
11 encourage everyone to meet downtown at 11
12 a.m. this Saturday and I look forward to
13 being at the parade.

14 Also, it was mentioned Tuesday, the
15 20th is election day. It's a very important
16 election that everyone get out and votes.
17 There are elections for governor, state
18 senator, representative, lieutenant
19 governor, and there is also a ballot
20 question on the future of Lackawanna County
21 government. And as noted, normally in a
22 primary only Democrats or Republicans can
23 vote, but because of the ballot question
24 Independents and third party members can
25 vote, so everyone can vote in this primary

1 election. So it's very important that
2 everyone gets out and votes.

3 And just one brief comment on a
4 legislative matter on the agenda for this
5 week, the SAPA legislation is up for a vote
6 this week. I will vote "yes" to introduce
7 it. As I have mentioned many times, I do
8 have a lot of reservations about this
9 legislation, but it will be hopefully
10 introduced tonight and at that point we
11 could hear input from other members of the
12 community. I wouldn't want to vote against
13 it in introduce because I do think the
14 residents have a right and all of our
15 colleagues do as well, so I will vote to
16 introduce it. It will be then tabled for
17 input from other agencies and other
18 governmental bodies and at that point it
19 will be brought up again.

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

22 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Loscombe?

23 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes, thank you.

24 Mr. McGoff. I, too, would like to issue my
25 condolences to you and your family and we'll

1 keep you in our prayers.

2 Tonight on 5-C Mr. Rogan just
3 mentioned that we will be introducing SAPA.
4 I will be looking at it again with fresh
5 eyes, but I will vote to introduce it, and
6 again, maybe some questions will be answered
7 to, you know, change my mind from the last
8 time. I'm looking forward to reviewing it
9 again and hearing some fresh opinions, so we
10 I will be voting to introduce that.

11 As far as the blight as
12 Mrs. Schumacher mentioned Act 190, you know,
13 we have been advocates for fighting against
14 blight here for the past several years, and
15 I do agree we should use every tool
16 available. We are under a new
17 administration now, I think we will be
18 looking it at a little harder moving
19 forward.

20 There are a couple of issues, again,
21 it's staffing at this point. We did, you
22 know -- we had a few people that are out
23 sick that are in some two very important
24 positions and we have been pretty much
25 focusing our efforts on getting our

1 financial situation straight and, you know,
2 much to the dismay of some of these other
3 issues, but I do believe that, you know,
4 working through OECD and current different
5 things we will pursue the blight situation
6 more in the future but, unfortunately, right
7 now it's more of a financial issue trying to
8 get things straightened out here.

9 And again, I hope everyone goes to
10 the parade Saturday, the veterans parade, we
11 wouldn't be here and have a right to vote if
12 it wasn't for our veterans who fought for
13 our freedom, so please remember them on
14 Saturday, and that's all I have this
15 evening. Thank you.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you,
17 Mr. Loscombe.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Yes, I
19 just have a few comments. First, I'd just
20 echo the sentiment of my colleagues by
21 saying I'm very sorry for your loss on your
22 father, Mr. McGoff.

23 Also, May 19 to May 23 the DPW is
24 scheduled to sweep streets in North Scranton
25 from Lemon Street to Parker Street,

1 including all avenues and streets.

2 I would also like to echo my
3 colleagues' comments about reminding people
4 to vote this Tuesday, May 20, which is
5 election day. It's very, very important
6 that everyone gets out and votes. The last
7 election I think we had 20 some percent of
8 the population vote which is -- which I
9 can't understand. Everyone needs to get out
10 and vote.

11 And I would just like to quote
12 Abraham Lincoln, I saw this quote today and
13 I thought it was funny and made a lot of
14 sense. Our former president Abraham Lincoln
15 said, "Elections belong to the people. It's
16 their decision. If they decide to turn
17 their back on the fire and burn their
18 behinds, then they will just have to sit on
19 their blisters."

20 So it's very, very important that
21 everybody gets out and votes.

22 Finally, the police department is
23 conducting a parking study in the 900 block
24 of Prescott Avenue. I mentioned this last
25 week that the residents up there were having

1 problems with the on-street parking, so they
2 are conducting -- the police department is
3 conducting that study and we should get an
4 answer by the end of next week.

5 And I will be making the rest of my
6 comments on Item 5-C, which is the
7 introduction of the SAPA plan. Thank you.

8 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. First of
9 all, thank you to everyone for the
10 condolences on the passing of my father. He
11 certainly was of the greatest generation and
12 I would encourage anyone that knows of any
13 World War II vets or people who have lived
14 through that experience to search them out
15 and thank them. They are, and I have said
16 it before, they are the true national
17 treasurer. These are people who lived
18 through the great depression, through World
19 War II, came back and raised families and
20 have produced, you know, the country that we
21 have. So, please, you know, as I said, go
22 out and thank these people, they deserve it.

23 One other just brief item, and
24 somebody brought it up, Mr. Hetman brought
25 up about by bicycle safety helmets, as the

1 weather improves one of the things that we
2 will see is a number of people riding
3 bicycles and motorcycles. Please, as you
4 are driving please be careful and be aware.
5 Most accidents that occur with bicycles and
6 motorcycles are caused by or people saying
7 that they simply did not see them, so just
8 be aware that there will be more cycle
9 traffic on the city streets and throughout
10 and please be careful. And that is all.

11 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION -
12 AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL
13 NO. 26, 2013, AN ORDINANCE, ENTITLED
14 AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 22, 2006,
15 ENTITLED "AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE
16 DESIGNATION OF PARKING SPACES FOR CERTAIN
17 CITY OF SCRANTON PERSONNEL IN AND ALONG DIX
18 COURT, THE PARKING AREA IN THE REAR OF CITY
19 OF SCRANTON MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND A PARKING
20 LOT ALONG MULBERRY STREET ADJACENT TO
21 SCRANTON FIRE HEADQUARTERS, AND AUTHORIZING
22 THE CITY OF SCRANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO
23 ENFORCE THE PARKING DESIGNATIONS AS
24 REFLECTED IN THE ATTACHED SCHEMATIC" BY
25 ADDING AN ADDITIONAL PARKING SPACE BEHIND

1 SCRANTON FIRE HEADQUARTERS AND REDESIGNATING
2 CERTAIN PARKING SPACES TO REFLECT THE
3 CHANGE IN WHICH SOME CITY OF SCRANTON
4 PERSONNEL CURRENTLY PARK AS REFLECTED IN THE
5 ATTACHED SCHEMATIC.

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

9 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

10 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

11 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
12 those in favor of introduction signify by
13 saying aye.

14 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

15 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

16 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

20 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -
21 A RESOLUTION - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF
22 SCRANTON LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
23 ADOPTING A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

24 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll
25 entertain a motion that Item 5-C be

1 introduced into its proper committee.

2 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

4 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.

6 I would just like to make a few comments
7 about SAPA. First I would like to commend
8 Mayor Courtright and his administration for
9 sending this legislation down to city
10 council. In the past few months I have made
11 comments concerning our economic development
12 plan for the city, among other things. I
13 think SAPA, while not a fix all for every
14 problem that we have is a definite step in
15 the right direction and blueprint that we
16 can use for the future of this city.

17 I just want to first mention a few
18 important aspects of SAPA. The first thing,
19 the SAPA plan shall not infringe on any
20 lawful rights granted to any member,
21 municipality that said member retained prior
22 to its participation in this association.

23 All decisions relative to
24 participating in this plan now and in the
25 future are the sole opinion of the elected

1 leadership of the each member municipality.
2 Each member community will continue to
3 maintain it's own Zoning Hearing Board.
4 Each member community reserve the rights to
5 withdrawal from this SAPA plan at any time.

6 And finally, the autonomy of each
7 and every member community shall be
8 permanently protected and maintained.

9 I think those are important points
10 because what I heard when SAPA came in the
11 caucus was people were a little nervous that
12 we wouldn't have a zoning board, the zoning
13 board would carry no weight. That is not
14 true. The zoning board still carries weight
15 as does the planning commission.

16 I know that SAPA had been brought up
17 before council in 2010 and since that time I
18 have heard many comments about it, some
19 comments always begin with, "Oh, you know,
20 the Abingtons have something to do with
21 this. Well, they must be up to something.
22 This can't be good for Scranton, they
23 probably just want to dump everything on us
24 and keep their places immaculate."

25 And that's the truth. That's what I

1 have heard from various people throughout
2 the city when this comes up. I think its
3 time to look past that mentality and see
4 this plan for what it is and that is a
5 blueprint for the future of Scranton and one
6 in which we work together with other
7 municipalities for the betterment of this
8 area.

9 This plan is, as I said, not a quick
10 fix for our problems, but it at least
11 acknowledges the fact that Scranton should
12 be the center of economic development in
13 this area.

14 There are three main reasons why I
15 will be supporting in plan. Number one,
16 increased opportunity for economic
17 development. Number two, increased funding
18 for the state; and finally, number three,
19 opportunity to increase the tax base within
20 the city.

21 We have recently witnessed a
22 departure of several significant businesses
23 from the downtown. While the SAPA plan
24 alone cannot prevent or halt this trend, the
25 plan emphasizes the need to reduce sprawl

1 and in-fill the city. The SAPA plan allows
2 participating municipalities to share land
3 use requirements, which means Scranton could
4 better attract new or relocating businesses.
5 The plan can give the city a way to
6 facilitate economic development based on the
7 coordinated and comprehensive strategy
8 rather than every municipality competing for
9 tax revenue, which is a huge problem in this
10 area.

11 SAPA puts a strong emphasis on
12 Scranton being the center of economic
13 development in the region. A healthy,
14 vibrant urban center in Scranton is key to
15 the overall vision of this plan.

16 We also know that the city is in
17 dire financial straights. Anything we can
18 do to save money or create opportunities for
19 new funding must be considered. If Scranton
20 adopts this plan, if we as city council
21 adopt this plan, we will be eligible for
22 additional grant monies from the state and
23 it also saves us from expending money on
24 required planning updates.

25 According to Sandy Campbell,

1 community planner from DCED, which is the
2 Department of Community and Economic
3 Development, communities that participate in
4 a multi-municipal state plan receive
5 priority consideration for some state
6 agencies. PennDOT, DCED, and the Department
7 of Conservation and Natural Resources, among
8 others, give priority consideration for
9 grants to communities involved in
10 comprehensive plans.

11 Projects such as the Elm Street
12 project in South Scranton, the Main Street
13 project in the downtown and the Lackawanna
14 Heritage Valley Authority Trail project
15 would have a better chance of obtaining
16 grants from the state.

17 Should we as council reject this
18 SAPA plan, we would then need to pursue our
19 own comprehensive plan. In 1993, Scranton's
20 single comprehensive plan costs
21 approximately \$100,000. The SAPA plan would
22 relies on the city's comprehensive plan
23 thereby avoiding the costs associated with
24 updating or creating a new city plan. The
25 only costs requirement for Scranton for

1 implementation of the SAPA plan would be
2 \$200 a year for dues.

3 Finally, the city has long needed to
4 update their zoning ordinances. Adopting
5 the SAPA plan would make us eligible for
6 state funding to defray the costs of that
7 update.

8 Finally, SAPA offers a framework to
9 increase our tax base. No one would
10 disagree that we need more people and more
11 businesses in the city if we are to continue
12 to receive the same services without
13 burdening those least able to afford it.
14 Most of the target growth areas in the plan
15 are in existing urban areas. By keeping
16 rural areas more rural, and urban areas more
17 urban, it saves the Abingtons from spending
18 money developing the infrastructure to
19 support sprawl while attracting money to
20 Scranton by directing businesses to where
21 the infrastructure already exists.

22 In closing, I strongly urge my
23 fellow council members to support SAPA so
24 that we can begin to take a step in the
25 right direction. This plan provides a much

1 needed blueprint for the future. It allows
2 us to work together towards a shared vision.
3 It is a framework for the future of Scranton
4 that anticipates and accommodates
5 opportunities for focused growth in the
6 city. And that is all I have. Thank you.

7 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else? It should
8 be notes that, as was indicated, this will
9 probably be introduced and then it will be
10 tabled and there is a 45 day waiting period
11 before it can be put back on the agenda.
12 During that waiting period, it would have to
13 be reintroduced and I believe into the
14 planning commission and zoning and so on so
15 there is plenty of opportunity for input
16 from the community prior to another vote on
17 whether we adopt SAPA or not.

18 All those in favor of introduction
19 signify by saying aye.

20 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

21 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

22 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

1 MR. ROGAN: I would like to make a
2 motion to table Item 5-C until all public
3 notifications can be made.

4 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

5 MR. MCGOFF: On the questions? All
6 those in favor of tabling Item 5-C signify
7 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: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION -
15 A RESOLUTION - ACCEPTING A DONATION OF A
16 USED COMMERCIAL GRADE STOVE, COMMERCIAL
17 GRADE
18 STAINLESS STEEL SINK AND WORK ISLAND FROM
19 TITAN TREE SERVICE PRESENTED TO THE CITY OF
20 SCRANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR INSTALLATION AT
21 FIRE HEADQUARTERS.

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

25 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

1 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

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

5 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

6 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

7 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

9 MS. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The
10 eyes have it and so moved.

11 MS. REED: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A.

12 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.
13 18, 2014 - AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE
14 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE
15 CITY OF SCRANTON TO ENTER INTO LEASE
16 AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS LITTLE LEAGUE,
17 TEENER LEAGUE, MISS-E LEAGUE, AND JUNIOR
18 FOOTBALL LEAGUE ASSOCIATIONS FOR USE OF CITY
19 OWNED PROPERTY IN CONNECTION WITH APPROVED
20 LITTLE LEAGUE, TEENER LEAGUE, MISS-E LEAGUE,
21 FARM LEAGUE, T-BALL LEAGUE AND JUNIOR
22 FOOTBALL LEAGUE
23 ACTIVITIES FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD
24 COMMENCING APRIL 15, 2014 AND ENDING APRIL
25 14, 2017.

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

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

5 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

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

8 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

9 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

10 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

14 MS. REED: 6-B. READING BY TITLE -
15 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 19, 2014 - AN
16 ORDINANCE - CREATING AND ESTABLISHING
17 SPECIAL CITY ACCOUNT NO. 02.229607 PA LOCAL
18 GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT TRUST ("PLGIT")
19 ENTITLED "PLGIT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS"
20 FOR DISBURSEMENT AND TRACKING OF THOSE FUNDS
21 FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PURPOSES.

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

24 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-B
25 pass reading by title.

1 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

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

4 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

5 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

6 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

10 MS. REED: 6-C. READING BY TITLE -
11 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 20, 2014 - AN
12 ORDINANCE - TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM FUND 06
13 CAPITAL PROJECTS CASH-PLGIT 2003 BOND WHICH
14 FUNDS AND ACCOUNT ARE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR
15 THE CONDUCT OF CITY BUSINESS, AND ABOLISHING
16 AND CLOSING SAID ACCOUNT AND TRANSFERRING
17 THE FUNDS REMAINING IN SAID ACCOUNT TO A
18 NEW SPECIAL CITY ACCOUNT LISTED BELOW.

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

21 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-C
22 pass reading by title.

23 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

24 MS. MCGOFF: On the question? All
25 those in favor signify by saying aye.

1 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

2 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

5 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The
6 ayes have it and so moved.

7 MS. REED: 6-D. READING BY TITLE -
8 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 21, 2014 - AN
9 ORDINANCE - CREATING AND ESTABLISHING
10 SPECIAL CITY ACCOUNT NO. 02.229608 ENTITLED
11 "ACT 47 GRANT" FOR THE RECEIPT AND
12 DISBURSEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
13 BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) GRANT FOR FINANCIAL AID
14 UNDER AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF MUNICIPALITIES
15 FINANCIAL RECOVERY ACT, ACT 47 OF 1987, AS
16 AMENDED.

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

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

21 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

22 MS. MCGOFF: On the question? All
23 those in favor signify by saying aye.

24 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

25 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

1 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

5 MR. WECHSLER: I make a motion to
6 suspend the Rules and move Items 6-B, C and
7 6-D to Seventh Order for final passage as
8 was requested by the business administrator.

9 MR. ROGAN: Second.

10 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
11 those in favor of moving Item 6-B, C and D
12 into Seventh Order for final consideration
13 signify by saying aye.

14 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

15 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

16 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

20 MS. REED: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A,
21 FORMERLY 6-B, FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE
22 COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION - FILE
23 OF THE COUNCIL NO. 19, 2014 - AN ORDINANCE -
24 CREATING AND ESTABLISHING SPECIAL CITY
25 ACCOUNT NO. 02.229607 PA LOCAL GOVERNMENT

1 INVESTMENT TRUST ("PLGIT") ENTITLED "PLGIT
2 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS" FOR DISBURSEMENT
3 AND TRACKING OF THOSE FUNDS FOR CAPITAL
4 IMPROVEMENT PURPOSES.

5 MR. MCGOFF: What is the
6 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
7 Committee on Finance?

8 MR. WECHSLER: As Chairperson for
9 the Committee on Finance, I recommend final
10 passage of Item 7-A.

11 MR. ROGAN: Second.

12 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Roll
13 call, please?

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

15 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

17 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

18 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

19 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

20 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

22 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

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

25 MS. REED: 7-B, FORMERLY 6--

1 MR. MCGOFF: Excuse me, just a
2 clarification, I indicated prior to
3 citizens' participation that anyone that
4 wishes to speak on these could do so during
5 citizens' participation.

6 MS. SCHUMACHER: But you hadn't
7 moved them. I think that's illegal, too,
8 but --

9 THE COURT: 7-B, FORMERLY 6-C, FOR
10 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE -
11 FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 20,
12 2014 - TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM FUND 06
13 CAPITAL PROJECTS CASH-PLGIT 2003 BOND WHICH
14 FUNDS AND ACCOUNT ARE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR
15 THE CONDUCT OF CITY BUSINESS, AND ABOLISHING
16 AND CLOSING SAID ACCOUNT AND TRANSFERRING
17 THE FUNDS REMAINING IN SAID ACCOUNT TO A
18 NEW SPECIAL CITY ACCOUNT LISTED BELOW.

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

22 MR. WECHSLER: As Chairperson for
23 the Committee on Finance, I recommend final
24 passage of Item 7-B.

25 MR. ROGAN: Second.

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

3 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

4 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

5 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

6 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

8 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

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

14 MS. REED: 7-C - FORMERLY 6-D - FOR
15 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE -
16 FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 21,
17 2014 - CREATING AND ESTABLISHING SPECIAL
18 CITY ACCOUNT NO. 02.229608 ENTITLED "ACT 47
19 GRANT" FOR THE RECEIPT AND DISBURSEMENT OF
20 THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
21 GRANT FOR FINANCIAL AID UNDER AND BY THE
22 AUTHORITY OF MUNICIPALITIES FINANCIAL
23 RECOVERY ACT, ACT 47 OF 1987, AS AMENDED.

24 MR. MCGOFF: What is the
25 recommendation of the Chair for the

1 Committee on Finance?

2 MR. WECHSLER: As Chairperson for
3 the Committee on Finance, I recommend final
4 passage of Item 7-C.

5 MR. ROGAN: Second.

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

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

9 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

11 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

13 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

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

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

21 MR. LOSCOMBE: Motion to adjourn.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Meeting is adjourned.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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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