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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

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LOCATION:

Council Chambers

Scranton City Hall

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Scranton, Pennsylvania

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

ROBERT MCGOFF, PRESIDENT
(Not present.)

PATRICK ROGAN, VICE-PRESIDENT

WAYNE EVANS

JOSEPH WECHSLER

WILLIAM GAUGHAN

LORI REED, CITY CLERK

JAMIE MARCINO, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

AMIL MINORA, SOLICITOR

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

3 MR. ROGAN: Roll call, please.

4 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Wechsler.

5 MR. WECHSLER: Here.

6 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

7 MR. ROGAN: Here.

8 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

9 MR. EVANS: Here.

10 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Here.

12 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

13 MR. ROGAN: Here. Mr. McGoff did
14 contact me prior to the meeting. He DID
15 have a minor surgical procedure this morning
16 that he is still recovering from, but he is
17 in good spirits and should be seeing him
18 back next week.

19 MR. GAUGHAN: I make a motion to
20 appoint Councilman Rogan as the temporary
21 chairperson for the Committee on Rules.

22 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

23 MR. ROGAN: On the question? All
24 those in favor signify by saying aye.

25 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

1 MR. EVANS: Aye.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

3 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
4 have it and so moved. Please dispense with
5 the reading of the minutes.

6 MS. REED: THIRD ORDER. 3-A. TAX
7 ASSESSOR'S REPORT FOR HEARING DATE TO BE
8 HELD JUNE 10, 2015.

9 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
10 If not, received and filed.

11 MS. REED: 3-B. AGENDA FOR THE CITY
12 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING HELD MAY 27,
13 2015.

14 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
15 If not, received and filed.

16 MS. REED: 3-C. MINUTES OF THE
17 COMPOSITE PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD
18 APRIL 22, 2015.

19 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
20 If not, received and filed.

21 MS. REED: 3-D. CITY OF SCRANTON
22 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED
23 DECEMBER 31, 2013.

24 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
25 If not, received and filed.

1 MS. REED: 3-E. TAX ASSESSOR'S
2 RESULTS REPORT FOR HEARING DATE HELD MAY 13,
3 2015.

4 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
5 If not, received and filed. FOURTH ORDER.
6 CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION. Our sign-in sheet
7 is empty tonight so if anyone would like to
8 address council.

9 MS. HODOWANITZ: Joan Hodowanitz,
10 city resident and taxpayer. I'm wearing a
11 Friends of the Library T-shirt, and that's
12 to remind you that we will have our next
13 book sale next week June 2 through June 7 at
14 the Library Express second floor of the
15 Steamtown Mall. This is a such a deal.
16 Where else can you get hardcover fiction or
17 non-fiction books in minute condition for \$2
18 or \$3? Who else gives you such bang for
19 your buck, certainly not the city.

20 Speaking of bang for the buck, let's
21 look at Item 5-B, a resolution to enter a
22 contact with Rainey & Rainey for audit
23 preparation services from 2015 through 2018.
24 First, I object to outsourcing functions
25 that should be performed by city employees.

1 Granted our employees lacked prior
2 experience in accounting and auditing, but
3 they have been here for almost 17 months.
4 If they have not learned their jobs by now
5 when will they learn? Are they untrainable
6 or has Mr. Bulzoni, the Business
7 Administrator, failed to provide adequate
8 training? Has anyone contacted the
9 University of the Scranton for help? They
10 teach governmental accounting.

11 Second, compare Mr. Bulzoni's RFP
12 for this contract against the written job
13 descriptions, duties and tasks for his
14 finance manager senior accountant and
15 financial analyst. I did a Right-to-Know
16 request for those documents several months
17 ago and guess what, the duties and tasks for
18 these employees and the responsibilities
19 listed in the RFP are identical. Should I
20 assume that no one in the BA's Office had
21 the expertise to write a proper RFP?

22 Let me give you a few examples to
23 illustrate the absurdity of their RFP. The
24 senior accountants duties are included in
25 the RFP. These duties include, believe it

1 or not, decorating for Christmas and
2 answering the phones. Then there is the
3 other extreme, under the general group of
4 responsibilities you will find these tasks."
5 Preparation of the operating budget by
6 November 15 and the capital budget by August
7 15. According to the BA's website, the
8 preparation of these two budgets are the
9 BA's responsibility. So if Rainey & Rainey
10 is going to perform tasks previously
11 assigned to the financial -- the finance
12 manager, financial analyst and senior
13 accountant, what will those employees do to
14 earn their paychecks?

15 Third, what will this contract cost
16 us? I have no idea. You are talking
17 billable hours. \$82.50 per hour for the
18 partner, \$67.50 per hour for the manager,
19 and \$50 per hour for every staff person.
20 The total cost will depend on the number of
21 billable hours. I suspect we are going to
22 be surprised and probably not in a good way.
23 I wish someone would pay me \$87.50 an hour
24 to decorate a Christmas tree. I could use
25 the money.

1 And finally, consider this quote
2 from Mr. Bulzoni's cover letter: "Given the
3 limited experience of the city staff, I
4 believe the retention of an audit
5 preparation firm is critical in the timely
6 completion of the audit. While I expect the
7 cost may be greater in the initial year of
8 service, as the staff further develops the
9 amount of experience should reduce the costs
10 in subsequent years of contract. The
11 completion of the audit on a timely basis is
12 likely the most critical element of the
13 function of the office of business
14 administrator."

15 Well, where was Mr. Bulzoni for the
16 past 12 months when I was asking about the
17 status of the 2013 audit? Where was the
18 sense of urgency and why hasn't he set up a
19 training program for his staff before now?
20 We are paying Mr. Bulzoni \$79,900 a year,
21 what are we getting for our money? Not
22 much, I fear. Thank you.

23 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Is there
24 anyone else who would like to address
25 council?

1 MR. MORGAN: Good evening, Council.
2 Well, the first thing I have is, Mr. Evans,
3 congratulations on where you sit at this
4 time and I hope you don't forget there is
5 another Republican in the race possibly with
6 you if you decide to make a positive
7 decision on that.

8 The other thing I have here is, you
9 know, I applaud Mr. Boscov for just
10 basically saying that he is not going to
11 allow the mall to be converted and he is
12 going to be -- he wants it to stay a mall
13 and I think he is absolutely right. The
14 whole downtown has been abandoned and we've
15 played politics long enough. You know, our
16 country is caught in a very severe situation
17 because nobody has any -- nothing personal
18 to anybody here, nobody has any faith in the
19 Democratic and Republican parties. They are
20 just two monstrously large, ineffective and
21 quite possibly corrupt organizations that
22 just have no place left in America, and
23 if there was a viable solution to get rid of
24 these people they would be gone, because
25 when you take a look at what they have done

1 for our country, nothing. Look at the mess
2 they have created in the middle east.
3 That's only one thing they have done. Look
4 at -- look at the poverty in our country,
5 unemployment, I mean, everything that's
6 happened wrong in this country has happened
7 because of the Democrats or Republicans,
8 elected officials. All the trade treaties,
9 everything.

10 You know, the most troubling thing
11 is we take a look at the city government we
12 have here they want to get rid of the
13 parking garages and the Sewer Authority, but
14 the Auditor General came out and said that
15 the pension plans is so severely unfunded
16 that they don't see any hope for any
17 solution without the city being bailed out
18 by somebody. So, I mean, I can't even
19 understand how the council or the mayor
20 would even entertain selling assets that
21 belong to the residents and then come up
22 with a rental registration and all of the
23 other silliness you've created and the truth
24 of the matter is it's not possible for the
25 city to pay it's way out.

1 And, you know, we listen to politics
2 and utter silliness and, you know, my
3 question is you can't even run this city and
4 you are going to try tell a successful
5 businessman what he should do with the mall.
6 It's the most ludicrous statement I have
7 ever heard in my life and, you know, this
8 gentleman is running a business as he is
9 being taxed to death just like all of the
10 residents in this city. You have not one
11 solution for any of the problems that the
12 residents of this city have in any aspect
13 whatsoever and we are going to sit here with
14 our pretty little suits on and pretend like
15 we have got an answer to something, and we
16 don't have an answer.

17 The state comes up with Act 47,
18 that's not an answer, it hasn't been an
19 answer for over 20 years, and the sale of
20 the -- look it, it's real simple, selling
21 the South Side Sports Complex was illegal by
22 federal law because it was built with
23 Project 70 money and the city still did it.
24 The state legislature let it happen.

25 And I just think in my humble

1 opinion the America people over 200 years
2 threw the British out of here and maybe it's
3 time to just tell the government we are not
4 going to pay anymore, and my point is it,
5 honestly, what do you think are you going to
6 do about it? Honestly. Because if it gets
7 to the point where people are enraged and
8 they have enough to guts to stand up like
9 some of the people have in this country
10 about the police shootings across this
11 country, you know, the most troubling part
12 of this is there is twice as many Caucasians
13 killed by at police as minorities, and you
14 know what President Obama said about
15 militarizing the police, he is absolutely
16 right. Their job is to protect and serve,
17 but we have an overbearing government that's
18 going to control every single think we do
19 and steal off our every paycheck, they are
20 come like the city does and take the wage
21 tax off us and tax our property and tax
22 everything we touch and still not be able to
23 run the city.

24 There is just no excuse, you know,
25 people come here and ask for the audits. I

1 think we are way beyond that. I respect
2 them asking for it, but look it, where are
3 the answers? I mean, you dress nice but
4 let's hear something intelligent happen.
5 Let's see something happen. I mean, people
6 aren't interested in how you are dressed,
7 they are interested on how they live. You
8 know, all of the politics where is it taking
9 us? This country is -- when I was kid
10 everything was made here, nothing is made
11 here now. Mass unemployment double digits,
12 there is no leadership from the top right to
13 the bottom. Thank you.

14 MR. ROGAN: Thank you.

15 MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening. Dave
16 Dobrzyn, resident, taxpayer. Once again we
17 lost last week in the Senate, but for all
18 representatives 1-202-224-3121, and for the
19 White House 1-202-456-1111. Please call and
20 tell them to can their Transpacific
21 partnership. We have enough unemployment to
22 go around for the rest of the century, let
23 alone dragging it into the next century.

24 Now, getting onto local issues, I'd
25 like to make a mention, I talked to somebody

1 from Madisonville and a lot of people feel
2 that they only have one little bag of
3 garbage or trash, whatever you want to call
4 it, it's \$5 a bag in Madisonville to pick it
5 up. So that translates to \$260 a year.
6 Hopefully our DPW will use the money wisely.

7 A thought occurred to me with the
8 Harrison Avenue bridge could it be chopped
9 off with the park that runs over the highway
10 and turned into a scenic lookout with the
11 rest being more or less demolished? It's
12 unsafe if you walk under it, which I have,
13 along the brook there is a huge crack right
14 in the middle that runs right through the
15 top and it would be nearly impossible to
16 replace or repair.

17 I'd like to entertain a notion, do
18 we have -- the tea party says we have too
19 much government or governments, whichever
20 you want to call it, but do we have too many
21 governments? Currently we have the federal
22 government, the state government, we have
23 the school board, we have the county and
24 municipal government, and whenever a tax
25 issue come ups at any given one they are

1 quick to point out that somebody else is
2 taxing us, too, so I think part of our
3 problem here is a lack of coordination and
4 it's a big issue. It's a big issue.
5 Everybody points the finger back and forth,
6 it's the school district, it's the city,
7 it's the county.

8 And as far as the mall is it
9 concerned, the working class has no money to
10 spend. What kind of a nut would want to
11 walk around the store with them empty
12 pockets? If you can't buy anything, there
13 is no sense of being there. You're just
14 walking around, you might even get tempted
15 to shoplift and get yourself in trouble so,
16 what's the point, you know? There was an
17 article in the paper this morning that the
18 mall in Taylor is in trouble, the mall at
19 Montage is in trouble and the mall in
20 Pittston is in trouble and currently our
21 Chamber of Commerce sounds like they got
22 some kind of grants and to go ahead and to
23 start building malls up above Jessup. What
24 is the point? What is the point? We are
25 spending money that really could have gone

1 somewhere else. I have often wondered about
2 these grants, so to speak, where we get
3 told, well, we have to spend it on this
4 because that's what the government gave it
5 to us for, but if we try applying it for
6 something more worthy I don't know. It's
7 just a question.

8 And I'm happy to see about utility
9 repairs. Please, an extended inspection
10 maybe a year later or so and make sure that
11 the cracks are reasonably sealed and water
12 isn't entering into them because our streets
13 are mainly, our poor streets are mainly the
14 cause of utility repairs as far as I'm
15 concerned. There is some bad ones where
16 there is water problems, but the utilities
17 just keep ripping us off with their repairs
18 and you can't get them -- you can't get them
19 to replace all the infrastructure when you
20 are paving it. It just wouldn't happen.

21 And finally, one quick thing, I want
22 to sue the State of PA in Federal Court for
23 property tax replacement, and that's the
24 only thing that's ever going to bail us out.
25 When they have to take the tax exempts and

1 replace the money they give our money away
2 like Santa Claus. Thank you and have a
3 great night.

4 MR. ROGAN: Thank you.

5 MS. SCHUMACHER: Marie Schumacher.
6 I wasn't even going to speak tonight, but
7 after that big brother caucus that started
8 at 5:30 and then what Jones shared on that
9 totally -- I don't know how to describe that
10 RFP, I just can't believe it, and I will
11 tell you this that if I have to go back to
12 work for pay if you people try anything that
13 prohibits my private property from being
14 vacant if I want it vacant, we'll go to the
15 Supreme Court with it. I have a
16 constitutional right to free property and if
17 I want it to be vacant and I maintain it
18 then that's my business. It's not yours,
19 it's not any government's business, and.

20 MR. ROGAN: The idea --

21 MS. SCHUMACHER: It can wait until
22 Fifth Order. That's okay. And, I mean,
23 what are we going to do next? Maybe we
24 could get rid of the code inspectors and we
25 can get one of those Google vans and just

1 drive around every day so at least what's
2 being looked at is looked at -- everybody's
3 property is looked at equally, or maybe we
4 could get robots to surveil all of our
5 people, make sure we don't miss anything in
6 their back yards. I mean, you people are
7 getting ridiculous and you still refuse to
8 do the things that you have, already have
9 power to do that you don't do as far as
10 bringing revenue in to the city. You are
11 just -- it's a war against the payers.

12 And I can't tell you how many times
13 this week I thought of the caucus in the
14 back room where that company was making the
15 pitch about collecting the taxes, giving us
16 a million and a half dollars. What was his
17 famous line? We know they have checkbooks.
18 Now, isn't that a wonderful way to look at
19 the citizens of this city? If they have a
20 checkbook let's find a way to go after them,
21 and it's a war on property owners, it's a
22 war on the people, and I think you have got
23 to stop.

24 And one of the reasons I wasn't
25 going to speak tonight was because of the

1 underwhelming response I got when I asked
2 for status on and the 2015 revenue action
3 items that were contained in the budget, but
4 because of what's happened I'll go through
5 them maybe a couple of the expense ones as
6 long as I have time. Did the mayor ever
7 hire the part-time receptionist? And has
8 the DPW consultant been approved by council
9 or selected?

10 MR. GAUGHAN: What do you mean DPW
11 consultant?

12 MR. SCHUMACHER: Read the budget you
13 approved.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: Yeah, but explain to
15 me, I want to know what you mean. DPW
16 consultant, consultant for what? That's
17 what I'm trying to --

18 MS. SCHUMACHER: I would assume it
19 would be for increasing the revenues or
20 doing a better job, doing things more
21 efficiently. I don't know, it was in the
22 budget you guys approved.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Yeah, and I'll have to
24 go back and look, I don't remember seeing
25 that.

1 MS. SCHUMACHER: Yeah, I would
2 suggest, and also for other areas. We are
3 going to hire interns, or I don't know maybe
4 they are going to be pro bono interns and,
5 you know, these guys sat here tonight and
6 talked about how difficult it is to research
7 a deed and who owns a property, that's BS.
8 You can sit at your computer at home and go
9 on the IDS -- the County's IDS site and get
10 a current holder of a deed. Have we brought
11 any interns to help -- for helping with the
12 audit? Did we ever go out and -- we were
13 supposed to go out and bring in in interns,
14 did we? Will we?

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Would you like an
16 answer to this?

17 MS. SCHUMACHER: Um-hum.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Last week Evan Weiss,
19 who is I guess the assistant to Henry
20 Amoroso, stopped in to see us in caucus for
21 a second, before the caucus began, and he
22 explained that there is some sort of effort
23 being undertaken by the administration to
24 set up an internship program with the
25 University of the Scranton. Now, to answer

1 your question, you are asking about all of
2 these items and I understand that, I have
3 asked for that, too, that's why we want
4 these guys in here for the caucus so we cant
5 get a full update on everything. So I
6 totally agree with you, but that's why we
7 want Henry Amoroso, Mayor Courtright and
8 Dave Bulzoni in to give us an update on all
9 of these action items.

10 MS. SCHUMACHER: I don't think we
11 really should need them, I think the
12 administration should be capable of
13 providing those answers. And then, may I
14 finish?

15 MR. ROGAN: Sure.

16 MS. SCHUMACHER: I'll take one more
17 item here, the procedure -- another item in
18 the expenditures item was to investigate a
19 procedure for a rolling way of salary
20 increase for the non-representatives
21 employees, and how would that work and what
22 is the status of that evaluation? What's a
23 rolling -- I mean, do you get one department
24 this year and another department the next
25 year? Is it by seniority? What was behind

1 that? You people had the budget, you
2 approved it, not Mr. Evans didn't you.

3 MR. EVANS: My understanding that
4 was something that they wanted to do some
5 cross-training between departments, but I'm
6 sure that's something that the
7 administration and unions are having
8 discussions with, but that was the intent.

9 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay. Thank you.

10 MR. ROGAN: Is there anyone else who
11 would like to address council?

12 MR. DRASDIK: I'm John Drasdik, I
13 live at 902 Ferdinand Street and my concern
14 is I'm on a corner, it's a 25-mile speed
15 zone, and the cars go 50, and I was talking
16 to my neighbors, and I'm here to represent
17 them, we'd like to see about getting a
18 three-way stop sign there. I know the
19 police have stopped, they stopped on the top
20 of hill, but as soon as they are gone they
21 just go back to what they are doing. They
22 actually splash cinder and dirt up on the
23 houses there. It's dangerous. It's a
24 narrow street when you come out it's kind of
25 blind and it's hard for those people to get

1 out. It's hard for one neighbor to get out
2 of his driveway and I was just coming to
3 speak for me and the neighbors.

4 MR. ROGAN: What's the intersection
5 again?

6 MR. DRASDIK: 902 Ferdinand and
7 Sweeney.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: There is a whole
9 process that has to be undertaken to do, the
10 city engineer does a study of the
11 intersection and then he recommends whether
12 or not a stop sign is legitimate for that
13 area. So, Mrs. Reed, if we can take care of
14 that for this gentleman we will definitely
15 send a recommendation for that study to be
16 undertaken by the city engineer, and if you
17 want to leave your address and your name
18 with Jamie, our secretary, we will get in
19 touch with you and keep you abreast of the
20 situation.

21 MR. DRASDIK: Okay. There is
22 another thing, when the rain comes down it's
23 like a washout. The dirt keeps coming down
24 that hill constantly. It's probably going
25 to plug a drain up so that needs to be

1 looked at to, probably just patch it with
2 some macadam or something if they look at it
3 the right way and take of that dirt that
4 coming down the hill there.

5 And another thing the trucks keep
6 coming out of there, they need more signs on
7 Sweeney because the trucks can't make that
8 turn. Yesterday they took a pole and took
9 the cords off my neighbor's power box, the
10 truck that came around that corner, and
11 there is not enough signage on that street
12 to warn them that they can't come out that
13 end so.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: And what street is
15 that, Ferdinand?

16 MR. DRASDIK: This is coming up from
17 Sweeney onto Ferdinand, the tractor trailers
18 can't make that, little signs or anything
19 else in this area. There is going to be
20 more and more traffic through there because
21 of the work on Keyser is just destroying
22 everything up there with trucks. So that's
23 all I have.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you very much.

25 MR. ROGAN: Is there anyone else who

1 would like to address council?

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

3 MOTIONS.

4 MR. ROGAN: Councilman Wechsler, do
5 you have any motions or comments?

6 MR. WECHSLER: Just a few, Mr.
7 Rogan. First of all, I'd like to thank
8 everyone that came out for the Memorial day
9 celebrations that were held on Monday. I
10 attended a few of them and it was great to
11 see so many people ought and offering their
12 support for our veterans and those that gave
13 the ultimate sacrifice.

14 I'd also like to give a special
15 congratulations to Bob Gattens and the
16 neighbors of Connors Park in South Scranton.
17 The fund drive that the group had to sell
18 pavers to raise money for the flag pole it
19 was a success and it's still an ongoing
20 success. Bob is still taking requests for
21 pavers and he wishes to continue making that
22 paved area even bigger, but the turnout for
23 that, at least the neighbors, it was the
24 largest turnout that I saw. I attended
25 three of these events on Monday and the one

1 in South Side was the most attended and it
2 was for myself, being from East Mountain and
3 South Side I took great pride in everyone
4 that came out to that.

5 The DPW has taken care of a few of
6 the potholes problems that I had identified
7 and sent a request to take care of. They
8 are making progress on that list and they
9 are still doing some more as they go on.

10 On Tuesday night Tom Lynch, the
11 director of Parks and Recreation, attended a
12 meeting of the East Mountain Residents
13 Association. The group up there is trying
14 to get a plan together for them to resurface
15 the basketball court and is just asking the
16 city for some assistance on some of the
17 fencing and prep work up there so I'd like
18 to thank Tom for coming up to that meeting.

19 I also had some -- been contacted
20 about some illegal dumping that's taking
21 place off Lakeview Drive. I will be
22 contacting Mr. Gallagher to put some signage
23 about that.

24 I just want to touch on today in the
25 paper we saw the stories about some lawsuits

1 and over the past couple of weeks we have
2 been seeing this. There has been problems
3 with the pension raises, the double pensions
4 and the rental registration. I am never a
5 fan of lawsuits, but the reason why these
6 lawsuits are being generated is the fact
7 that the city, the administration and
8 council are being proactive and trying to
9 make some progress on those problems. The
10 pensions and the double pensions and we are
11 part of that. We are trying to revise the
12 pension legislation and we are trying to
13 control the cost of the pension and the
14 reason why the rental registration is coming
15 forth now I think the landlords are finally
16 starting to feel like the city is going to
17 be active in enforcing that legislation.

18 I agree with the ideas that
19 Mr. Evans has been putting out that the fee
20 probably is too high, but there is a
21 requirement to have a fee so I think that's
22 why you are seeing some activity in these
23 lawsuits.

24 In regards to what we spoke about
25 tonight about the audit, the audit is kind

1 of the tip of the iceberg in the Business
2 Administrator's Office. Since the new
3 administration came in and the new council
4 has come in there has been a focus on the
5 financial reporting system of the city and
6 there has been great strides made. I know
7 that dealing with the information I am
8 hearing from PEL our reporting is much
9 better and the fact that we have so many
10 different financial institutions interested
11 in us now is prove that we are getting out
12 financial house in order.

13 This RFP gives us the opportunity to
14 look at the tasks that are being done in
15 that office up there. As we discussed,
16 there may be some functions that aren't
17 properly defined or people aren't in the
18 right positions, and it is a reality that
19 this year we did put an obligation on
20 Mr. Bulzoni that he may have to leave us at
21 the end of this year. We only allowed him
22 to stay one year and there is a possibility
23 that he possibly or probably will not be
24 here next year. So I also think we have to
25 start looking at who is going to take his

1 place, what's the procedures to have this
2 smooth transition and to not lower or lessen
3 the progress that we have made in the past
4 couple of months.

5 I usually don't comment on what
6 speakers say, but tonight I am going to do
7 it, and I disagree with Ms. Schumacher that
8 this is a war against property owners. I
9 believe this is a war for property owners.
10 The people that we are addressing here, this
11 rental registration and the absentee
12 landlord, the quality of life ordinance,
13 these issues are coming out of concerns that
14 we get from the people in the neighborhoods.
15 They are frustrated with the abandoned
16 properties. They are frustrated with people
17 who don't take care of their properties. So
18 I don't believe it's a war against, I think
19 it's a war for the property owners and the
20 taxpayers. That's all I have tonight,
21 Mr. Rogan.

22 MR. ROGAN: Thank you, Councilman
23 Wechsler. Councilman Evans, do you have any
24 motions or comments?

25 MR. EVANS: Thank you. I'm going to

1 piggyback on some of the things Councilman
2 Wechsler mentioned. I did attend as well
3 the Memorial Day celebration at Connors Park
4 and it was really impressive, there probably
5 had to be 150 to 200 people there and I
6 think at this point at least 200 plus brick
7 pavers were purchased in memory of many
8 soldiers that had passed away that were from
9 South Side or just family members or whoever
10 so it was very touching tribute. Mayor
11 Connors was there, Mayor Courtright, of
12 course, Mayor Wenzel and Judge Munley
13 officiated and it was a very, very
14 respectful and wonderful celebration.

15 On Lake View Drive, I know
16 Councilman Wechsler mentioned that, there
17 was some concerns with illegal dumping. I'm
18 not sure, should we send a letter to
19 Mr. Gallagher on that, and also, I think
20 that the neighbors would like to request a
21 meeting for some other issues up there so we
22 can discuss that in the letter as well.

23 See what else we talked about. The
24 audit prep, I'm going to wait a little bit
25 and comment until Mr. Bulzoni has an

1 opportunity to come to our caucus, and he is
2 going to come next week. I understand the
3 importance of it. We are not quite there
4 yet, our employees aren't prepared, training
5 wheels aren't off yet, but I think four
6 years might be a little bit too long so we
7 really have to take a good hard look at
8 what's in the RFP and if it's best for the
9 city at this time.

10 On the rental registration
11 ordinance, as you may know, a lawsuit was
12 filed again -- or not again but for the
13 first time against the ordinance. To recap,
14 Councilman Rogan and myself have been
15 discussing revising this ordinance since I
16 have been on city council. A few months ago
17 we met as part of the mayor's committee on
18 blight at that time and I verbally made
19 known what I felt needed to be done to
20 revise the ordinance. Several weeks ago I
21 restated that position at a city council
22 meeting, including suggestions like removing
23 the \$150 structure fee, reducing the per
24 unit fee, and also using the registration to
25 increase participation to a dramatically

1 higher level than the current 25 percent.
2 That would have allowed for reduced fees,
3 more equitable distribution of those fees
4 and a dramatic increase in trash fee
5 collection on units that were not previously
6 registered. So there was a lot of
7 discussion about, you know, how can we
8 afford to cut the fees. We can't afford not
9 to cut the fees because this is what has
10 lead to the lawsuit.

11 So I'm extremely disappointed that
12 we got to the point and frustrated that the
13 lawsuit was filed, but we just have to leave
14 it at that for now.

15 On the pension reform that
16 Councilman Wechsler mentioned as well, the
17 Firefighters' Union pension has joined the
18 lawsuit asking for increases in retirement
19 pay. Somehow, I don't know how, but somehow
20 they didn't get the memo. The Uniform
21 Pension plans are on the verge of
22 insolvency. There is most likely less than
23 three years left in the funds and the
24 Auditor General has described the plans as
25 severely distressed, a category that doesn't

1 allow for any type of these increases. So
2 as pensions go so goes the financial
3 stability of the city, so that by some
4 strange thought process the ultimate goal is
5 to drive the city into bankruptcy,
6 congratulations, you are winning. That's
7 all I have for now.

8 MR. ROGAN: Thank you, Councilman
9 Evans. Councilman Gaughan, do you have any
10 motions or comments?

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, thank you. I
12 forgot to mention at the beginning of the
13 meeting that the Divine Mercy Parish in
14 Minooka will be holding their annual picnic
15 a little earlier this year, Thursday, June
16 4, Friday, June 5, and Saturday, June 6, and
17 I hope everyone would attend that picnic.
18 It's always a very nice time.

19 The street sweeper is scheduled to
20 be in Scranton from June 1 to June 5, Lemon
21 Street and School Street, including all
22 avenues and streets.

23 I received a complaint about
24 inhumane treatment of a dog in South
25 Scranton. We forwarded the issue to the

1 animal control officer. There does seem to
2 be some sort of confusion about the
3 agreement between Griffin Pond Animal
4 Shelter and the city and how the city
5 interacts with the shelter and what the
6 duties and responsibilities are, and all of
7 these issues are being discussed between the
8 business administrator and Griffin Pond so
9 hopefully that will be resolved relatively
10 quickly.

11 I asked for an update on the
12 Rockwell Avenue bridge project. The city
13 engineer, John Pocius, reported that a
14 revised design of the new foundation system
15 for the bridge is currently being reviewed.
16 As soon as the review has been completed and
17 PennDOT signs off on it, work will resume at
18 the bridge. Mr. Pocius could not provide a
19 definite timeline as to when we should
20 expect this to happen, but I know the
21 residents in North Scranton are eager so we
22 will try to keep everyone updated on that
23 situation.

24 There was a -- I did pose a question
25 about a month or two ago about whether or

1 not the administration was on track to hit
2 their projection of \$350,000 in revenue from
3 the civilian parking enforcement. I did
4 request a monthly or a quarterly report. We
5 received a report of how many citations were
6 issued and the location but it was a little
7 confusing as to how money was actually
8 received, so I will be requesting just a
9 simple spreadsheet that shows how much money
10 was actually brought in monthly or quarterly
11 and then we'll be able to see if we are on
12 track to hit the \$350,000 benchmark.

13 I did meet with Mayor Courtright
14 last Friday, and discussed a number of
15 different issues, one of them was land bank.
16 Mayor Courtright said that he put Jason
17 Shrive, the city's attorney, as a point
18 person for land banks and he directed me to
19 speak to Attorney Shrive with any questions
20 I might have. Apparently there is some sort
21 of committee being formed, it's kind of
22 unclear as to where we are at in this whole
23 process, so I will be asking Mrs. Reed to
24 send correspondence to Attorney Shrive since
25 he is now the point person for this

1 potential project and ask him where we are
2 at in this process and when we can expect
3 some sort of movement.

4 And I do have a few comments for
5 agenda items and I'll speak on them when we
6 get to them. Thank you.

7 MR. ROGAN: Thank you, Councilman
8 Gaughan. Two announcements, actually three
9 announcements that I neglected to make at
10 the beginning of the meeting as well. Next
11 Thursday, June 4, there will be a public
12 caucus at 6 p.m. in council chambers with
13 the city engineer and PennDOT officials
14 regarding the Harrison Avenue bridge project
15 for an update.

16 Secondly, the Lackawanna County
17 River Corridor's Association Riverfest 2015
18 is Saturday, May 30. Activities on the
19 river and that the Olive Street Bridge area
20 are at 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. It's a full day of
21 river activities music, food, fun for all
22 ages. For more information, visit
23 www.LRCA.org or call 570-347-6311.

24 Secondly, public notice is given
25 that the City of Scranton second year action

1 plan from January 2016 to December 31, 2016.
2 Effective Monday, June 1, 2015, applications
3 will be available through the City's second
4 year action plan to be funded through the
5 Community Development Block Grant, HOME and
6 the Emergency Solutions Grant administered
7 by the Department of Housing and Urban
8 Development. The action plan covers the
9 period of January 1, 2016, through December
10 31, 2016, and the activities must be
11 consistent with the needs and objectives
12 identified in the City of Scranton's
13 five-year consolidated plan principally for
14 extremely low and moderate income families.
15 Eligible applicants may be incorporated for
16 profit, nonprofit, public organizations or
17 businesses able to undertake their approved
18 activity within the boundaries of the City
19 of Scranton. Applicants must demonstrate
20 the financial management and pragmatic
21 experience to successfully develop, design,
22 implement and monitor all proposed
23 activities.

24 All applicants must meet other
25 federal requirements concerning equal

1 opportunity, fair housing, affirmative
2 marketing, environmental review,
3 displacement, relocation, acquisition,
4 labor, lead based paint, conflict of
5 interest, must be provide access suspension
6 and flood insurance where applicable.

7 Anticipated 2016 allotments are as
8 follows: The CDBG program \$2.5 million
9 dollars, the HOME program \$400,000, and the
10 ESG program \$240,000. Applications are
11 available on-line at www.ScrantonPA.gov or
12 through OECD Office. Applications must be
13 submitted or hand delivered no later than 3
14 p.m. on Friday, August 7, 2015. Failure to
15 provide any necessary information may
16 disqualify applicants.

17 Next, a piece of good news that was
18 in the newspaper this week, there is a
19 boutique butcher shop opening in North
20 Scranton. One of the speakers mentioned
21 trying to bring up some more positive
22 economic development activity within the
23 community and I thought this would
24 definitely fit it. Kevin Locker is the
25 business owner -- is the owner of the new

1 business. He was a butcher for 30 years and
2 he recently opened in North Scranton the
3 Meat Locker on Albright Avenue. It's 1513
4 Albright Avenue, and the article goes on at
5 length about many of the products that are
6 offered and it's definitely a stop I'm
7 looking forward to attending especially
8 during barbecue season.

9 Next, regarding the double pension
10 issue, we did receive another packet of
11 minutes from all of the pension boards and
12 to this day there still have been no
13 definitive answers regarding the double
14 pension scanned will. I am still interested
15 in how this happened and what needs to be
16 done to correct it. I understand that
17 hearings are going to be held regarding
18 individuals who are receiving the double
19 pensions and what will happen with that
20 payment, but what am I'm more concerned
21 about is how they came to be in the first
22 place.

23 Obviously, it wasn't legislation
24 that was enacted by council at the time,
25 there are many, you know, many ideas on how

1 these were approved, but nothing definitive.
2 I know there have been many agencies
3 investigating into this matter and I think
4 the people of Scranton deserve answers and
5 every day that this goes on these double
6 pensions are being paid is more taxpayer
7 money that is going out the window that
8 shouldn't have.

9 So I'm hopeful that answers will
10 come and if they don't I think we are
11 quickly approaching the point where city
12 council should consider subpoenas. We have
13 gotten very few answers regarding this
14 process and how we got here, not so much
15 what's going to happen with the -- that will
16 most likely play out in the courts, whether
17 the excess pension payments will continue to
18 be made and whether they will be asking for
19 them to be repaid back, that's something
20 that I believe that council will not have a
21 role, but finding out how this happened so
22 it never happens again is something that
23 city council needs to take very active role
24 in so I'm hopeful, and I know I have said
25 this at least three times, that they will

1 receive answers soon and if not, I think the
2 city council may be forced to take action
3 and bring in the members of the Pension
4 Board from that time. Maybe bring in former
5 elected officials to see what exactly what
6 happened and how we got ourselves into this
7 mess. And that is all I have for tonight.
8 Thank you.

9 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION -
10 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
11 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE
12 AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH RAINEY &
13 RAINEY CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS FOR CITY
14 OF SCRANTON AUDIT PREPARATION SERVICES
15 MUNICIPAL AUDITOR FOR THE YEARS 2015 THROUGH
16 2018.

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

20 MR. WECHSLER: So moved.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: Second.

22 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.
24 I'll be voting tonight to introduce this
25 legislation, but I do have serious

1 reservations and concerns. The Business
2 Administrator's Office is seeking assistance
3 from a municipal services auditor to support
4 the audit prep tasks associated with the
5 completion of the post-audit for years 2014
6 and 2017, which would be a four-year
7 contract. In the memo from the Business
8 Administrator attached to the legislation,
9 he outlines the reason we need the firm
10 Rainey & Rainey to help prepare this audit
11 because of the limited experience of the
12 staff.

13 I requested resumes and job
14 descriptions of each employee of the BA's
15 Office which we received this afternoon, so
16 I will take a look at that. I find it
17 alarming that 18 months into Mayor
18 Courtright's term we still have a staff that
19 aren't experienced enough to help prepare
20 for the audit. Mayor Courtright hired an
21 additional person in the BA's Office and
22 salaries have been increased due to a grant
23 that the administration advocated for in
24 front of council and received. How can we
25 justify an increase in salaries and an

1 additional position if the job isn't getting
2 done and we have to hire an outside firm an
3 additional and possibly expensive cost?

4 The administration wants us to
5 approve this expense for a firm for a
6 four-year contract and do the job the
7 employees of that office should be capable
8 of doing. I'm also concerned about the
9 hourly rate that Rainey & Rainey will be
10 charging the city. \$82.50 for a partner an
11 hour, \$67.50 an hour for the manager, and
12 \$50 an hour for the staff. How many hours a
13 week will this firm work and what is the
14 costs for a whole year?

15 I had a brief opportunity to speak
16 to Mr. Bulzoni before the meeting tonight
17 and he estimated the cost to be around
18 \$30,000 a year, but that's not a definite
19 figure, and he wasn't able to say how many
20 hours a week the firm will actually work.

21 I'm concerned that being locked into
22 a contract for four years in an hourly rate
23 could end up costing the city more than it
24 can afford, and as we all know here we are
25 in no position financially to do this, so I

1 do have additional questions, I will vote to
2 introduce it, as I said. Mr. Bulzoni will
3 be at our caucus next week and I'll be
4 interested to hear some of the responses.
5 And that is it all I have. Thank you.

6 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Anyone else
7 on the question?

8 MR. EVANS: On the question, my
9 comments are same or similar to what were
10 before, I'm looking forward from hearing
11 from Mr. Bulzoni. I'm interested in what he
12 has to say. I'm curious to see, again, what
13 his strategy is for the BA's Office going
14 forward, will he be able to handle the audit
15 prep services on an ongoing basis. We all
16 know how critical is, we know how critical
17 the audit is so the conversation is well
18 worth having, so I am looking forward to
19 that next week.

20 MR. WECHSLER: I just think the
21 thing that we have to realize or look at
22 together with this is what functions were
23 not being done prior to this? I know we
24 added extra people in the office and should
25 they be doing audit work or should they be

1 doing or billing and paying work, I think we
2 need this to part of a whole evaluation of
3 the roles in the BA's Office.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: I would just say that
5 I think historically the audit prep has
6 always been done by employees of the
7 Business Administrator's Office, I think
8 that's what they get paid for. I agree with
9 my colleagues though that the audit is a
10 concern and it needs to be done. I think we
11 need to take a hard look at this legislation
12 before we pass it.

13 MR. ROGAN: I would agree with what
14 many of my colleagues mentioned, I am
15 looking forward to this discussion because I
16 have been on city council for five years and
17 I don't remember an audit ever being done on
18 time, so there is definitely something that
19 has been broken with the audit process and
20 it's been broken for a long time. I hope
21 that Mr. Bulzoni's plan will fix it and we
22 will have timely audits which are critical
23 to constructing budgets based on real items
24 so I think, again, I will also vote to
25 introduce this legislation and I would be

1 interested to hear what Mr. Bulzoni has to
2 say next week.

3 All those in favor of introduction
4 signify by saying aye.

5 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

6 MR. EVANS: Aye.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

10 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -
11 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
12 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE
13 AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MAIN POOL AND
14 CHEMICAL COMPANY, INC. FOR SEASONAL
15 CHEMICALS FOR SWIMMING POOLS EXCLUDING MAY
16 AUG POOL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015.

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

20 MR. WECHSLER: So moved.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: Second.

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

25 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

1 MR. EVANS: Aye.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

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

6 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.
7 101, 2015 - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF
8 THE COUNCIL NO. 85, 2015, AN ORDINANCE
9 ENTITLED "APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF A
10 RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE CURRENTLY OWNED BY
11 KOSMART ENTERPRISES, INC. D/B/A PIZZA HUT OF
12 DUNMORE LICENSE NO. R-14852 TO BAR PAZZO,
13 INC. FOR USE AT 131-133 NORTH WASHINGTON
14 AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA AS REQUIRED
15 BY THE PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD" BY
16 MAKING A CORRECTION TO THE LIQUOR LICENSE
17 NUMBER, REFERENCING LACKAWANNA COUNTY IN
18 ADDRESSES AND CONFIRMING THAT THE ORDINANCE
19 WAS ADOPTED BY A PUBLIC MEETING TO READ AS
20 FOLLOWS: APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF A
21 RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE CURRENTLY OWNED BY
22 KOSMART ENTERPRISES, INC. D/B/A PIZZA HUT OF
23 DUNMORE LICENSE NO. R-13458 TO BAR PAZZO,
24 INC. FOR USE AT 131-133 NORTH WASHINGTON
25 AVENUE, SCRANTON, LACKAWANNA COUNTY,

1 PENNSYLVANIA AS REQUIRED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA
2 LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD.

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

5 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Chairman, I move
6 that Item 6-A pass reading by title.

7 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

10 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

11 MR. EVANS: Aye.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

13 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
14 have it and so moved.

15 MS. REED: 6-B. READING BY TITLE -
16 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 102, 2015 - AN
17 ORDINANCE - AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE
18 OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON CHAPTER 412 STREETS
19 AND SIDEWALKS, SECTION III GOVERNING
20 EXCAVATIONS BY MAKING ADDITIONS, DELETIONS,
21 RELETTERING AND CHANGING THE NAME OF THE
22 DEPARTMENT IN PORTIONS OF SECTION 111
23 RELATING TO EXCAVATIONS IN ORDER TO BRING
24 THE CODE UP TO DATE.

25 MR. ROGAN: You've heard reading by

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

2 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Chairman, I move
3 that Item 6-B pass reading by title.

4 MR. EVANS: Second.

5 MS. ROGAN: On the question?

6 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.

7 My colleagues had a few questions last week
8 and some residents had questions about this
9 legislation and since it falls under my
10 committee of public works I talked with our
11 city engineer, John Pocius, and got some
12 answers. One of the questions was will the
13 additional costs incurred by the utility
14 companies be born by city customers? In
15 other words, because the utility has to use
16 more resources that cost more money will
17 they then put that additional cost on the
18 back of the ratepayers by increasing their
19 prices? Mr. Pocius responded, no. Even if
20 there were costs that were passed it would
21 be very insignificant. The utility
22 companies could not just pass the cost onto
23 Scranton residents, it would have to be a
24 region wide increase and they would have to
25 go in front of the Public Utility Commission

1 and get approval for that.

2 One of my colleagues asked does this
3 legislation apply to state roads? No, it
4 does not apply to state roads and Mr. Pocius
5 feels because the state highway occupancy
6 permit is required those rules and
7 regulations may be even more stringent.

8 Someone had also asked about the
9 work order inspection tracking ticket has it
10 been developed yet? Is there a model or
11 draft version available for council or the
12 public to take a look at? Mr. Bulzoni's
13 response to this question was, "The work
14 order inspection tracking ticket has not yet
15 been formally created. Once the ordinance
16 is approved, the document will be created,
17 reviewed by the above parties and
18 implemented for use by the department.
19 Council is welcome to review the draft upon
20 completion."

21 Mr. Evans, Councilman Evans had a
22 request about the fee schedule, what is the
23 justification for this new fee schedule.
24 Mr. Bulzoni's response is as follows: "The
25 fee schedule is reviewed by the

1 above-parties, the utility companies. There
2 was some initial disagreement and the final
3 schedule was basically a compromise. The
4 justification pertains to the inclusion of
5 the inspector's initial time dedicated to
6 the work order, including processing
7 permits, site visits, communication with the
8 contractors and utilities. The ordinance
9 also addresses the issues of larger
10 excavation by a contractor that requires the
11 city inspector review and monitoring. The
12 table of fees is not designed to be punitive
13 in any way, but only compensable for the
14 time and efforts that are dedicated to the
15 process."

16 And again, I would just like to give
17 my approval for this legislation. I think
18 that we have to protect the integrity of our
19 streets and infrastructure and I think that
20 this legislation does that in a number of
21 different ways, and I think there has been
22 an outcry in the past few years about the
23 pave cuts throughout the city, especially on
24 newly paved streets so I think we are moving
25 in the right direction with this

1 legislation. Thank you.

2 MR. ROGAN: All those in favor
3 signify by saying aye.

4 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

5 MR. EVANS: Aye.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

7 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
8 have it and so moved.

9 MS. REED: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR
10 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES- FOR
11 ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 99, 2015
12 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
13 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO A
14 LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE LACKAWANNA RIVER
15 CORRIDOR ASSOCIATION, THE LACKAWANNA VALLEY
16 CONSERVANCY, AND THE LACKAWANNA VALLEY
17 CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED KNOWN AS
18 SWEENEY'S BEACH LOCATED ON THE EAST BANK OF
19 THE LACKAWANNA RIVER APPROXIMATELY 1000 FEET
20 DOWNSTREAM FROM THE POPLAR STREET BRIDGE
21 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA FOR A TEN (10) YEAR
22 PERIOD WITH FOUR (4) CONSECUTIVE FIVE (5)
23 YEAR RENEWAL TERMS AT TENANT'S OPTION.

24 MR. ROGAN: As temporary chairperson
25 for the Committee on Rules, I recommend

1 final passage of Item 7-A.

2 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

3 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll
4 call, please?

5 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Wechsler.

6 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

7 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

8 MR. EVANS: Yes.

9 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

11 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

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

14 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION
15 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES- FOR ADOPTION -
16 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 100, 2015 -
17 APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF A RESTAURANT
18 LIQUOR LICENSE CURRENTLY OWNED BY KOSMART
19 ENTERPRISES, INC. NO. R-14852 TO 16TH WARD,
20 LLC. FOR USE AT 306 PENN AVENUE, SCRANTON,
21 PENNSYLVANIA AS REQUIRED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA
22 LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD.

23 MR. ROGAN: As temporary chair for
24 the Committee on Rules, I recommend final
25 passage of Item 7-B.

1 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

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

4 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Wechsler.

5 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

6 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

7 MR. EVANS: Yes.

8 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

10 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

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

13 MS. REED: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION
14 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - FOR
15 ADOPTION RESOLUTION NO. 147, 2015 -
16 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
17 CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO AN
18 AGREEMENT SETTING FORTH THE TERMS AND
19 CONDITIONS BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF
20 SCRANTON AND TOYOTA OF SCRANTON, INC. TO
21 ACCEPT THE DONATION OF A NEW TOYOTA CAMRY TO
22 BE USED BY THE SCRANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT AS
23 A SUPERVISOR'S CAR.

24 MR. ROGAN: What is the
25 recommendation of the Chairperson for the

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Committee on Public Safety?

MR. WECHSLER: As Chairperson for the Committee on Public Safety, I recommend final passage of Item 7-c.

MR. GAUGHAN: Second.

MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll call, please?

MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Wechsler.

MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

MR. EVANS: Yes.

MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

MR. Rogan: Yes. I hereby declare Item 7-C legally and lawfully adopted.

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

MR. WECHSLER: Motion to adjourn.

MR. ROGAN: This meeting is 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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