

SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

JOSEPH WECHSLER, PRESIDENT

PATRICK ROGAN, VICE-PRESIDENT

WAYNE EVANS

WILLIAM GAUGHAN

TIM PERRY

LORI REED, CITY CLERK

KATHY CARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

AMIL MINORA, SOLICITOR

1 MR. WECHSLER: Joining us this
2 evening is Boy Scout Troop 42 from All
3 Saint's Academy along with their scout
4 leader, Tom McBride. The troop will lead us
5 in the Pledge of Allegiance this evening.

6 (Pledge of Allegiance recited and
7 moment of reflection observed.)

8 MR. WECHSLER: Roll call, please.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

10 MR. PERRY: Here.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

12 MR. ROGAN: Here.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

14 MR. EVANS: Here.

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: Here.

17 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

18 MR. WECHSLER: Here. An executive
19 session was held this evening regarding a
20 matter of litigation. Dispense with the
21 reading of the minutes.

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

23 MINUTES OF THE COMPOSITE PENSION BOARD
24 MEETING HELD JANUARY 13, 2016.

25 MR. WECHSLER: Are there any

1 comments? If not, received and filed.

2 MS. REED: 3-B. MINUTES OF THE
3 SCRANTON FIREFIGHTERS PENSION COMMISSION
4 MEETING HELD JANUARY 13, 2016.

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

7 MS. REED: 3-C. MINUTES OF THE
8 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING
9 HELD JANUARY 13, 2016.

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

12 MS. REED: 3-D. MINUTES OF THE
13 SCRANTON POLICE PENSION COMMISSION MEETING
14 HELD JANUARY 13, 2016.

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

17 MS. REED: 3-E. AGENDA FOR THE
18 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING
19 HELD FEBRUARY 17, 2016.

20 MR. WECHSLER: Are there any
21 comments? If not, received and filed.

22 MS. REED: 3-F. CONTROLLER'S REPORT
23 FOR MONTH ENDING JANUARY 31, 2016.

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

1 MS. REED: 3-G. LACKAWANNA COUNTY
2 PLANNING COMMISSION SUBDIVISION AND LAND
3 DEVELOPMENT EVALUATION REPORT REVIEWED
4 JANUARY 22, 2016.

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

7 MS. REED: 3-H. TAX ASSESSOR'S
8 REPORT FOR HEARING DATE TO BE HELD MARCH 2,
9 2016.

10 MR. WECHSLER: Are there any
11 comments? If not, received and filed. Do
12 any council members have announcements at
13 time?

14 MR. GAUGHAN: I would just like to
15 thank the Boy Scout Troop 42 from All
16 Saint's Academy, you did a great job. Thank
17 you.

18 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'
19 PARTICIPATION.

20 MR. WECHSLER: Joan Hodowanitz.

21 MS. HODOWANITZ: Joan Hodowanitz,
22 resident and taxpayer. I have been checking
23 this week various offices, the mayor's
24 office, the BA's Office, the Controller's
25 Office and the City Clerk's Office and nary

1 a 2014 audit to be found and, of course, no
2 one could even tell me when it might surface
3 so I took a look at dates of publication and
4 the audits going back to 2002, that's the
5 earliest one on the website, last year the
6 audit came out on April 20, that was the
7 publication date. The next latest audit was
8 2010, published on February 16, so this
9 audit now has the honor of being at least
10 the second latest, and even if it comes out
11 before April 20 I would not consider that a
12 success considering that we have now a new
13 independent audit firm and the assistance of
14 the firm of Rainey & Rainey, and I'd like to
15 know just how successful Rainey & Rainey was
16 in preparing -- teaching our people to
17 prepare for an audit.

18 On the pension front, apparently
19 there is good news and bad news, the good
20 news first. Apparently, the Composite
21 Pension Board will not be suing the city so
22 that some of the double pensioners can
23 receive their double pensions out of the
24 general fund, and I celebrate that decision.

25 Now for the bad news, I happened to

1 throw a hissy fit yesterday at the Composite
2 Pension Board meeting because I was unable
3 to get a copy of the January Mellon
4 Investment report. I attended the meeting
5 in January and was told that I needed to
6 submit a Right-to-Know -- request a Right to
7 Information Act report, which I did, on
8 January 15, and yesterday on February 17 I
9 was still waiting for the report. What was
10 particularly irritating was the fact that
11 every month a copy is handed to the
12 Times-Tribune reporter who does not make a
13 Right-to-Know request, so because of my
14 hissy fit they promptly at the meeting gave
15 me a keep of the January and the February
16 report, but I'm not happy with that because
17 I don't want to be handed a private copy. I
18 want a copy made available to the public if
19 that, in fact, is a public document.

20 So, Mr. Wechsler, I have a request
21 of you, one of the three copies that are
22 provided, one goes to the mayor's office,
23 one goes to the Controller's and one goes to
24 you. It's actually given to clerk as your
25 proxy, but it's intended for you. If after

1 you have had a chance to peruse the monthly
2 investments report, would you make that
3 document available at the Clerk's desk in
4 that outer office area where you have the
5 operating budget so any member of the public
6 can peruse it?

7 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

8 MS. HODOWANITZ: I appreciate it.
9 Thank you. There was a lot of interesting
10 information for month of January. As you
11 know, for the entire year of 2015 the return
12 on the investments, the stock investments
13 and the bonds, was a grand total of .39
14 percent. Now, all three funds assume a rate
15 of return on your investments of 8 percent.
16 That fell far short and in January, well,
17 they had some problems. For the month of
18 January, the municipal employees contributed
19 a total of \$31,823. The funds paid out
20 \$1,069,456 to retirees. There were \$32,282
21 in fees and a stock market loss of
22 \$1,757,826 for a net monthly loss of
23 \$2,837,141. That's not very good.

24 To make matters even worse, as you
25 have seen in the paper the Public Employee

1 Retirement Commission lost its funding from
2 the state and so we may very well lose what
3 we anticipated in 2016 as part of our
4 amortization reduction for Act 44 of
5 \$4,295,941. That's going to create a whole
6 in your budget, so people need to be very
7 aware and start attending these Pension
8 Board meetings.

9 And, finally, I'm still waiting to
10 see the December Controller's report on the
11 website and also the January one. I think
12 that those documents need to be made public
13 information and available to the general
14 public. Thank you.

15 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you. Doug
16 Miller.

17 MR. MILLER: Good evening, Council.
18 Doug Miller, Scranton. You know, it's
19 refreshing to listen to people like Joan and
20 Marie and Andy and a lot of other smart
21 people that come up here every week who
22 often times have more of their facts
23 straight than our elected officials do which
24 is certainly alarming, but then it's also
25 refreshing at the same time because it shows

1 we do have concerned, dedicated people in
2 this city. You know, what kind of brought
3 me here tonight was a little bit of what's
4 been transpiring the last few weeks and just
5 the overall atmosphere in these chambers.
6 You know, last time I checked, you know, our
7 city government wasn't run as a dictatorship
8 and do I really just totally am just
9 embarrassed and ashamed of the disrespect by
10 the council president. You know, I
11 understand you have your rules of council,
12 each council has their own duties to enact
13 their own rules if they wish to do that, but
14 at the same time you have to realize one
15 thing, that we put you people here, as scary
16 as that might sound in some instances, but
17 you were elected, nevertheless, and you
18 represent us whether you like it or not.
19 You don't represent yourself, even though
20 some of you have big egos, but you represent
21 us, and if you don't appreciate the things
22 that some people say because you might find
23 it to be personal, or more importantly just
24 something you don't want to hear because
25 it's the truth, well, that's too bad. You

1 ran, you knew the consequences, you knew hat
2 the position entailed and now you are here,
3 and if you don't like it then leave because
4 we don't need you. We have had enough
5 ignorance and belligerence in this community
6 for decades and we' don't it anymore because
7 it has lead us to where we are today.

8 You know, it's really frustrating
9 because I don't come up here disgusted
10 because, you know, while the administration
11 and certain people on this council want to
12 pinpoint and talk about progress in the
13 community there is no progress here so let's
14 not even fool ourselves. It's all make
15 believe. We talk about audits that don't
16 exist, we are beyond audits at this point.
17 We've been waiting on audits for the last 12
18 years. You mean to tell me we need an audit
19 at this point to tell us what we should
20 already know? We are bankrupt. What more
21 do you need? You need an audit to tell you
22 that? You haven't figured that out yet. I
23 mean, I know of you probably haven't because
24 a lot of you haven't attended public
25 meetings for a long time like a lot of us

1 have here and so that might be the case as
2 well, you're not as informed, but we don't
3 need rubber stampers and that's when we have
4 here. We have rubber stampers for this
5 administration. We need rubber stampers for
6 the residents of this city and we haven't
7 had that.

8 You know, a few weeks ago I think it
9 was Lee who brought up a campaign finance
10 report and, you know, everybody up here
11 looked at him like he had six heads, you
12 know, the nerve of him to bring that up, but
13 it's reality. It just goes to prove the
14 corruption in this community, and it's not
15 just here it's everywhere that you are all
16 in together, it's all in the network.

17 You know, last week you sure as heck
18 made sure that you had your meeting early so
19 you could go get your picture taken over at
20 the Goodwill. I mean, that's the problem
21 here. You are all good at your photo ops
22 and dressing up for the camera, we need
23 leadership, we don't need photo ops. That's
24 just upper silliness. If you want to get
25 your picture taken you're in the wrong

1 profession. You were elected to represent
2 the residents of this city. We have a
3 failed recovery plan, we brought in
4 consultant after consultant to tell us
5 things we already knew, we have pumped
6 hundreds of thousands of dollars of federal
7 and state money into the downtown while the
8 neighborhoods continued to get neglected,
9 blight everywhere. We want to blame
10 landlords and quality of life issues and we
11 blame all of wrong people but the
12 politicians who caused the problem because
13 the thing is here really simple, gentlemen,
14 when you overtax people to the point where
15 they can't just sustain them anymore how do
16 you expect them to thrive in the
17 neighborhood? How did you expect them to be
18 able to maintain their property? Many
19 people, seniors who have lived their entire
20 lives, 50, 60 years in the same home, did
21 you really think they are proud of the fact
22 that their property is in deplorable
23 condition? It's not something they wanted
24 to happen, but when you elect incompetent
25 people who have no respect for anyone but

1 themselves and allow these things to happen
2 it's where you are.

3 You know, I had a senior tell me one
4 day that she just can't understand how
5 politicians in this town have let such a
6 beautiful city become a cesspool and she is
7 just heartbroken over it. She has lived
8 their her whole life, and to just see the
9 condition and the waste and the
10 mismanagement and where we are today.

11 And then we want to talk about the
12 youth in this city. There's nothing left.
13 There is no opportunity here because you are
14 all good at talking, you are all good at --
15 you know, Mr. Ellman last week, I believe,
16 talked about, you know, getting campaign
17 letters in the mail, you are all good at
18 promises, the problem is you don't have any
19 answers. You say what you have to do to get
20 elected and when you get here you have no
21 clue and that's what's scary. Thank you.

22 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you. Ron
23 Ellman.

24 MR. ELLMAN: It was a pleasure to
25 see those little gentlemen here and two

1 people asked me to congratulate Fay on her
2 short talk last week. I should have thrown
3 the hat in here tonight to see if it would
4 come flying out before I came in. I got one
5 welcome anyway. We live in a city that is
6 changing, has changed and will change.

7 There is always hope conditions that are bad
8 that could be removed and future bad
9 conditions can be prevented. These are my
10 words and every time I get up here I
11 don't -- I don't finish what I'm saying so I
12 am going to try to read what I wrote. This
13 city can only be what we make it. Never
14 have so many people thought they would live
15 to see this city deteriorate so badly
16 because of such complete total indifference
17 and incompetence of one inept administration
18 after another. I blame Doherty, too,
19 besides our present mayor.

20 People, this mayor and council share
21 the shame of losing what so many of us
22 aspire for years, home ownership, and you
23 know how many people I talk to that have
24 lost homes. It just breaks my heart. As
25 you know, in January there will 750 on that

1 big sheet for the sheriff's sale, I guess.
2 The light at the end of the tunnel is dim
3 forever for these people and their pets. I
4 have people that have lost their home and
5 they are worried about a cat or a dog what's
6 going to happen. These are such good
7 people. They are people we are losing. For
8 whatever reason they lost their homes. Yes,
9 this council, these very gentlemen before
10 you are instrumental in the decline of our
11 city. You pay too much attention to
12 downtown and not our neighborhoods as far as
13 I'm concerned.

14 Now, my favorite subject Mr.
15 Bulzoni. Here I just find his -- you just
16 allowing him another term is unacceptable.
17 It's just not appropriate for someone that
18 has a voice in government not to pay taxes,
19 I don't care what you think about the man's
20 ability he doesn't pay taxes. Look who is
21 running the city, we've got Gerald Cross
22 telling us what to do for 20 years, he
23 doesn't live here or care what goes on here.
24 It's a good thing he works for the
25 government because I don't think he would

1 last ten minutes working for Mr. Trump.

2 Amoroso just sell everything, raise
3 taxes, that's all that man knows, but he is
4 not here to pay taxes. Three houses from
5 you, you probably haven't seen it, there is
6 a tractor trailer parked in a yard. It
7 looks like garbage what they have done to
8 that house. 2430. Go down there and look.
9 There is a 40,000 pound tractor trailer
10 every night running over sewer pipes, water
11 pipes. The yard doesn't have a blade of
12 grass in it, it's a mud hole. That's what
13 you people have allowed to happen to our
14 city. I have been complaining two years
15 about that garbage next door to me and the
16 truck. Nobody lifted a finger. Well,
17 somebody with a computer they found six or
18 seven violations that truck was doing in the
19 city codes, but I decided to wait and ask
20 for a tax reduction and that's why I haven't
21 pushed it.

22 Well, the good news is I'm leaving
23 here, but I want to recommend someone on
24 council read Carl Sandburg's, "The Poor." I
25 know you probably never heard of it, I just

1 come across this. It states, "No matter how
2 hard we try we cannot give you sight."

3 What that means is these people out
4 here week after week come and talk to you
5 and get no where, they just can't make you
6 understand what's happening in this city
7 with the population. They try, but they
8 don't get to give you sight. Thank you.

9 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you,
10 Mr. Ellman. Is there anyone else who would
11 like to address council?

12 MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening.
13 Marie Schumacher. Mr. Wechsler, were you
14 able during this past week to get the
15 percent of peep who paid their trash taxes?

16 MR. WECHSLER: Not exactly, but I
17 did receive some information so if you want
18 me to do it during motions?

19 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, fifth, yeah,
20 that would be fine. Thank you. I would
21 like to read a quote from the Federal
22 Communications Commissioner who recently
23 said, "I think that poses a special danger
24 to a country that cherishes First Amendment
25 speech, freedom of expression, even freedom

1 of association. I think it's dangerous,
2 frankly, that we don't see more often people
3 espousing the First Amendment view that we
4 should have a robust marketplace of ideas
5 where everybody should be willing and able
6 to participate."

7 And so I would like to thank
8 publically Fay Franus both for standing her
9 ground last week and for defending my right
10 to express how an action made me feel.

11 The Muni services contract that is
12 for financial presentation will that provide
13 actuals for each line item of the budget on
14 a monthly basis?

15 MR. WECHSLER: I'm not sure.

16 MS. SCHUMACHER: You know, that
17 would really be helpful in such things and
18 take away a lot of the questions we have.
19 For instance, if we had that -- well, what I
20 would recommend, first of all, on the waste
21 I would add a line item for those to put in
22 those who pay by May 30, they have to pay at
23 least 150 so we would then know how many
24 paid at that point, and then another account
25 for those collections that are made up to

1 and up through September 30, which is the
2 end of the second period. We would have
3 more information and if I have time at the
4 end I'll tell you a trash story that's sad.

5 Also, we went round and around and
6 another question I had is will the turnkey
7 contract be brought back from the table and
8 killed now that we have found out that, in
9 fact, the mercantile and business privilege
10 taxes are being collected. The first time
11 we would have had any inclination to know
12 that \$2 million had been collected was when
13 we received the budget in November because
14 then you have the -- otherwise, it's, you
15 know, the line item is Act 511 or whatever
16 it is, 511 taxes. It's all in and you don't
17 know what is what, so if we were to get
18 those exact line items of the budget on a
19 monthly basis, the actuals, we might know
20 where we are and we would have known we have
21 collected \$2 million, which was obviously
22 more than the couple of hundred that PEL
23 told us we are paying so I would like to
24 know if we are going to kill that -- bring
25 that back and kill it.

1 Did anyone -- has anyone been able
2 to provide answers to even one of my storm
3 water questions I asked last week? Did
4 anyone even try? I certainly hope somebody
5 gets on that. The clock is ticking and I
6 don't really believe you people are
7 convinced of the size of this problem that
8 we have, storm water. Next time it rains
9 come up and ring my doorbell --

10 MR. WECHSLER: Speaking for myself,
11 I do have an appreciation for how big the
12 problem is.

13 MS. SCHUMACHER: And I will take you
14 around some storm water places that are not
15 addressed, so I hope somebody will take that
16 on. And then I'd like to read from an
17 article that was published August 11, 2014,
18 and it said, "During a council caucus on
19 July 24 Council President Bob McGoff said
20 developments are moving quickly.

21 Discussions focus on a possible monetization
22 of or sale of or lease or something dealing
23 with the garages so we might be seeing
24 something really as early as September."

25 It is well over a year. Does

1 anybody have a status report on what is
2 happening on that?

3 MR. ROGAN: I do know there have
4 been some delays since the sale of the mall,
5 it changed some issues with the parking in
6 the downtown so I know that is one of the
7 delays, but I'm also interested in seeing
8 that get done as soon as possible.

9 MS. SCHUMACHER: I would hope so
10 because -- okay. I'd just like to show you
11 one other thing, and while I'm getting this
12 out I'll tell you my story. I left to take
13 the little guy to school this morning, I
14 wasn't gone -- I wasn't gone 15 minutes,
15 couldn't have been gone. When I left I had
16 one small white bag of trash out for
17 collection and when I returned I had one
18 small white bag and two large black bags
19 waiting for collection. I mean, people drop
20 off -- from other places drop off so we are
21 really -- and I would conclude with this
22 because I hope this is a quick off to my
23 what is going to become my plea for
24 reassessment. I have here two pages -- two
25 pages, okay? On one of these there are 16

1 red banners, nine are new, one is lakefront
2 and six are new prices, five of which are in
3 Scranton, and they are all downward. The
4 other page has four of new price, all
5 Scranton, all downward, and as an example of
6 the values we are losing in our houses,
7 there is a property down the road from me
8 that was on the market for some time, which
9 I thought was a rather fair price, \$133,950
10 that sold last December for \$83,500, down
11 \$51,400. A 40 percent drop.

12 MR. WECHSLER: That house also had
13 the water pipes freeze in the house. There
14 was problems with that property. I know it
15 well.

16 MS. SCHUMACHER: Thank you. I'll be
17 back next week, good Lord willing.

18 MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening. Dave
19 Dobrzyn. That recent statement by Ma
20 Schumacher on trash being deposited in front
21 of her house is good evidence that what I'm
22 saying or have about saying for a long time
23 might just be a bell of what could go wrong,
24 so I'm also, once again, this week I
25 recommend that instead of bags if we reduce

1 the rate for low volume people we could
2 possibly get a limited size barrel for them
3 and distribute them in that way, we wouldn't
4 have a situation where we are paying for
5 possibly up in Moscow area or something
6 because I have even heard firemen complain
7 that people were coming down for Moscow area
8 and leaving off stuff at the fire station up
9 there such behavior. So, once again, I'd
10 like to remind anybody out there in TV land
11 that thinks that bankruptcy is a good idea
12 I'd like to once again cite Flint where an
13 irresponsible state appointed manager opted
14 to use corrosive river water and destroy the
15 whole pipe system in the town and the lead
16 levels are double and triple above and
17 quadruple above toxic waste levels. So, in
18 other words, if I had water like that with
19 that much lead in it I would have to pay to
20 have it a removed and be contaminated as
21 toxic waste and it's like 400 and 500
22 percent more lead in that water than the
23 minimum for toxic waste.

24 And pensions, once again, it was
25 decided that we are losing money and if they

1 could shift that over really quickly almost
2 on an overnight basis I don't think that
3 Mellon Bank's recommendations are worth
4 listening to, and last week we mentioned
5 about cigarettes in the parks and I would
6 recommend that we have a zone and possibly a
7 receptacle and, yeah, it's not too nice of a
8 thing to see even young mother's smoking
9 with their kids in the playground or
10 something like that, however, when you start
11 to exclude certain people or certain groups
12 of people you start to -- the support for
13 these institutions wanes, being guilty of a
14 cigarette myself I went out to the stadium
15 and watched a baseball game, nothing
16 happened for seven rounds so I went out to
17 buy drinks for the girls, and I drink
18 coca-cola and figure I'd grab a quick smoke
19 out in front and a home run was hit and that
20 was the top of the seventh inning so that
21 was the end of the game and I haven't been
22 there since. So the point being that when
23 you kick the old foggy and his stogie out I
24 often suspected that that's when the Red
25 Baron's started -- their attendance started

1 tapering off so you are going to lose
2 support in some areas so I would recommend
3 that you have a receptacle and a restricted
4 area.

5 And on nonprofits and tax exempts,
6 the thought occurred to me, you know, a few
7 weeks ago we had some serious terrorists
8 incidents and these institutions probably
9 are assisting tax exempts. We have
10 institutions that photo shopped -- photo
11 shopped interviews, and we've had
12 institutions where people have radicalized,
13 and I don't think they really deserve a
14 disseminated propaganda. I don't think they
15 deserve a tax exempt if that is what they
16 are up to. If they are strictly for public
17 welfare and whatever that's fine, but
18 personally I think we should look into a
19 regulation that bans that in Scranton and it
20 would be interesting to see that the taxes
21 fall due for many years back if that's what
22 they are up to, including the racketeering
23 and corrupt organizations act. Thank you
24 and have a good night.

25 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you,

1 Mr. Dobrzyn. Is there anyone else?

2 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia,
3 citizen of Scranton. Fellow Scrantonians,
4 on you're B under motions, did the bidding
5 trades have any input into that before you
6 changed the licensing requirements?

7 MR. WECHSLER: They were are all
8 provided copies of the proposed ordinance.

9 MR. SBARAGLIA: Yes, because they
10 are more interested in it than probably
11 anybody. Now, I got poor Scranton residents
12 who is making \$22,000 a year paying house
13 tax, wage tax, sewer assessment, if you want
14 to put it that way, garbage tax. You are
15 taking almost 1/5 of his income, probably
16 closer a little less than 1/5 of his income
17 out of his pocket. People can't live on
18 \$18,000 a year, plus they're not even saying
19 the poor man may be handicapped and have to
20 pay a \$50 fee to have a sign put up there
21 and maybe he wants to walk -- his wife wants
22 to walk a dog and needs a dog license and
23 she got to do that. You have really
24 nickeled and dimed this city, plus you have
25 the black and tan going out there giving

1 citations. I don't know how you figure you
2 are actually running this city. You are not
3 running the city. You are running almost a
4 concentration camp. People are being
5 oppressed beyond what they can pay. They
6 are losing their homes. Not only are they
7 losing their homes, they can't even sell the
8 homes to avoid losing them. Nobody want to
9 come in here, and I don't blame them. I
10 wholeheartedly believe Mr. Bulzoni has the
11 right idea, stay out of the city. The
12 schools ain't the best, I don't know how his
13 safety up there is, but his safety up there
14 is maybe a little better than ours, he has
15 the right idea. In fact, I'm surprised you
16 don't all have second homes ready to leave
17 this city when your term expires because you
18 can see what is happening and you know
19 what's going to happen and we are not going
20 to avoid going into receivership. Somewhere
21 along the line we will end up that way, but
22 everything will be looted.

23 And you are still advertising in the
24 Times, the Scranton Times for your legals,
25 which you were supposed to put on the

1 website after you changed the amount of
2 money they have to give out before they go
3 to a legal department. In other words, they
4 get anything under the limit they can give
5 out without putting out a legal notice, but
6 you knew that anyway. You had no intention
7 of taking the legals out of the Times, but
8 yet you said that to the people like as if
9 they would believe you, but anybody with
10 common sense realized not to believe you.

11 And I'm just sorry how you let the
12 Democratic party destroy the city. That is
13 the bad part about it. All of the
14 Democratic people that were good left, now
15 we are only left with a click. That's how
16 it is. We should have never changed the way
17 we voted for councilmen. It should have
18 been by district and not at large because
19 one big block of votes is the reason you are
20 all up there. You belong to the click. The
21 click is one hand washes the other and you
22 belong to that click, you donate to each
23 other, which is legal. I didn't say there
24 is something wrong with it, it just doesn't
25 work out good for the people of Scranton.

1 Thank you.

2 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you. Is there
3 anyone else who would like to address
4 council?

5 MS. REED: FIFTH ORDER. 5-A.
6 MOTIONS.

7 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Perry, do you
8 have any motions or comments?

9 MR. PERRY: Just two. A comment on
10 reassessment, I know that has been a hot
11 topic in the past and that's something that
12 I am for, but it does have its issues and
13 that's with people on fixed income or
14 retired homeowners in the city and that's
15 something we have to be cautious when we are
16 going forward with seeking reassessment and
17 we have to remember reassessment isn't going
18 to bring in any extra dollars into the city
19 as far as tax revenue, all it does is level
20 the playing field. And when we go ahead and
21 level that playing field, which I think is a
22 really it's overdue, it's well overdue, we
23 are going to have to take care and
24 incorporate some kind of natural guard
25 against our retirees and people on fixed

1 incomes to protect them because the last
2 thing we want to do is reassess and then
3 increase someone's taxes that they are just
4 capable of paying and that's going to be
5 that's a sticking point.

6 But, you know, when the County
7 reassesses, and they will reassess, you
8 know, if this body has to pressure on them
9 to do so then I think that's our obligation
10 to the city to do that, you know, that's
11 something to keep in the back of our mind
12 that we have to incorporate something to
13 protect the retirees and people on fixed
14 income.

15 Secondly, with 5-B and 5-C, two
16 things that we are going to introduce today,
17 I'm happy to see these come through and sit
18 on these and talk on those for a couple of
19 weeks, I know one thing that I discussed
20 with a lot of, you know, workers out there
21 that want to do business in the City of
22 Scranton it is just very, very, very
23 difficult for them to get in and get to have
24 the ability to get in and do work in the
25 city. Being in the restaurant business, I

1 manage restaurants, you know, all over
2 Northeast Pennsylvania, and they just said
3 it's so much easier everywhere else to work,
4 but it's not easy in Scranton, and while we
5 still want to make it safe, we don't want
6 just anybody in here doing any type of work.
7 We need restrictions. We need to protect --
8 we need to protect ourselves, but I do feel
9 that this is a step in the right direction
10 that is going to remove some of those hoops
11 to jump through and make it easier for more
12 vendors, not necessarily vendors, but more
13 contractors to come and do work which
14 eventually is going to drive costs down not
15 only for us, but for contractors. The more
16 contractors there are, the better rates
17 there is going to be for us and homeowners
18 and business owners, so I think it's a step
19 in the right direction. That's all I have.

20 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Rogan?

21 MR. ROGAN: Yes, thank you. First,
22 I would like to thank our Boy Scout Troop
23 for leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance
24 today. It's great to have you here. You
25 are part of a great organization and it's

1 organizations, community based organizations
2 like the Boy Scouts, like our little leagues
3 that really help shape the young minds in
4 our community and they are part of what
5 makes Scranton great that we do have
6 neighborhood groups, neighborhood
7 organizations for children and for adults as
8 well so we thank you for coming today.

9 A few items. First, I want to echo
10 with what Mr. Perry said, he is exactly
11 right on both counts that he brought up.
12 Regarding the contract ordinances, there are
13 many changes that are being made in the
14 legislation, and I know we talked about them
15 a little bit a few weeks ago, I'm not going
16 to go though them all because obviously
17 there is quite a number of sections on our
18 sheet we received from Pat Hinton with the
19 breakdown of the changes and the average
20 citizen watching who is not a contractor,
21 although this does not effect them
22 initially, by allowing more contractors to
23 work in the city that increased competition
24 should result in lower prices for home
25 improvement items throughout the city as far

1 as electrical work goes, general home
2 improvement work, and as Mr. Perry mentioned
3 there are a number of contractors that won't
4 do business in the city because these
5 licenses are difficult to obtain and there
6 is a lot of hoops to jump through, but that
7 on top of other issues with the bureaucracy
8 in the city it make it very hard to do work
9 and I think this is a step in the right
10 direction to, one make it easier for
11 entrepreneurs, people who want to start a
12 small construction business get into that
13 business and at the same time it still
14 provides protections that somebody like
15 myself isn't running around doing electrical
16 work in the city.

17 So I think it is a very good piece
18 of legislation to make it easier for
19 contractors to do business but still keep
20 those protections in place, and by
21 increasing that number the end result should
22 be cheaper rates from contractors in the
23 City of Scranton when they are all competing
24 against one another so I'm looking forward
25 to voting "yes" on those two items.

1 people are that would be subject to
2 subpoenas, so I know that sounds like a lot
3 of legal mumbo jumbo, but there are
4 essentially arguments going in both
5 directions and it might very well depend on
6 who it is who receives the subpoenas as to
7 whether it could be quashed. The old law
8 school saying is it's as clear as mud and
9 this is as clear as mud.

10 MR. ROGAN: Thank you, Attorney
11 Minora, for looking into that for us.
12 Unfortunately, we probably won't know
13 whether we have that authority unless we try
14 it.

15 Regarding the pensions and the
16 double pension issue, as mentioned by some
17 speakers, the pension fund is obviously
18 having a -- the markets are in rough shape
19 and I caution anyone to use one month or one
20 week as a benchmark, but if you look over
21 the past 20 years you will see that the
22 funds are declining. Even when we had a
23 good stock market there were issues. We are
24 drawing out more money than is going in and
25 that can't be sustained. With all of these

1 issues with the pension, the one thing that
2 is even more scary is if that fund runs dry
3 the city taxpayers are on the hook. Not
4 only the people who have pensions concerned
5 that they may not receive their pension that
6 they were promised, but what would be even
7 worse if that fund dry is average
8 Scrantonians and many of them senior
9 citizens who did not have pensions would
10 then be forced to pay through higher taxes
11 for those who do have the pensions.

12 I believe it's in the city code that
13 the pensions, and there has been litigation
14 that pensions if that fund runs dry the
15 pensions have to be paid before the city
16 spends a nickle on any other obligations,
17 along with snow picking up, garbage, police
18 protection, fire protection, that those
19 pensions have to be paid so it's a very
20 dangerous road and something needs to be
21 done. I know my colleagues have talked,
22 particularly Mr. Evans, about pension reform
23 and changes need to be made.

24 Going back to the issue of double
25 pensions, I did want to do a little bit more

1 investigation last week, I did mention in
2 our lawsuit that was brought by Attorney
3 Cullen, there is another lawsuit pending
4 that was brought by Attorney Price, and I
5 did reach out to her this week just to ask
6 for the other side, obviously, we are not --
7 city council doesn't make a decision on any
8 of these lawsuits, but there is so little
9 information on how we got to where we are
10 that's out there. We know that there was a
11 buyout program initiated by Mayor Doherty.
12 We know there was legislation by city
13 council at that time. It went to the
14 Pension Board. Some people were entitled to
15 this increased benefit, others were not, but
16 they received it anyways, and how that
17 happened is still a mystery and that's a
18 mystery I think that needs to be solved.
19 Whether it was something criminal or
20 something accidental, I think the public has
21 a right to know.

22 I will continue to look into it
23 throughout other sources. I do want to
24 reach out to Attorney Cullen to hear his
25 take on it. I will continue to listen to

1 Attorney price and her take on it, and I did
2 ask during our caucus to have them as well
3 as Attorney Durkin from the Pension Board to
4 come in to give us an update, and my
5 colleagues agreed on having Attorney Durkin
6 come in is a good first step for an update
7 on where we stand with these matters, and it
8 may be -- we are already a year into it and
9 it's a very long road to get any answers on
10 this issue, but as has been mentioned for
11 years at these council meetings and through
12 reporting the pension issue is the largest
13 problem the City of Scranton is facing. If
14 that fund is not shored up, the City is
15 going to be in very, very bad shape. It may
16 lead to bankruptcy, which is not a solution,
17 but it needs -- this issue needs to be
18 addressed and we do need to find out what
19 mistakes were made in the past.

20 But I thank Attorney Minora for his
21 research on the subpoena issue,
22 unfortunately, when it comes to legal
23 matters it seems like there is never a clear
24 answer so I will continue to research on my
25 end and thank you very much.

1 MR. MINORA: If I may just add, the
2 only case interpreting the enabling statute
3 is a case from Common Pleas Court in
4 Pittsburgh from 1923 and it's so old I can't
5 even get it on West Law, just to give you an
6 idea of the difficulties there is with this.

7 MR. ROGAN: And it is the City Home
8 Rule Charter that city council has subpoena
9 power, it's a question of whether that is
10 legal, you know, would it stand in a Court
11 of law. If it would not, and I know there
12 are a number of the things in the Home Rule
13 Charter that need to be addressed, not to
14 open a whole other can of worms, but there
15 are changes that need to be made to the Home
16 Rule Charter and that is a very long and
17 drawn out process. I know it was tried I
18 believe in 2005, it made it all the way to a
19 voter referendum and it was shot down. Just
20 something possibly to consider for the
21 future. Thank you.

22 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you. Mr.
23 Evans?

24 MS. EVANS: Thank you. First of
25 all, I'd like to welcome our guests as well.

1 Belive it or not I was a Boy Scout, as you
2 can tell, my formative years, but I was
3 going to talk about the rental registration
4 tonight, but I'm going to wait until after
5 Monday until after the hearing on that and
6 see where that goes, but we are very much on
7 track to going along if he have to so we
8 should have a draft ready for introduction
9 the next few weeks.

10 As far as the reassessment is
11 concerned, the reality is that the
12 inequities in real estate assessments are
13 driving property values down in the city and
14 it's stifling growth in the city. All the
15 while the county sits on a \$11 million
16 surplus so there really is no excuse for
17 lack of reassessment and we will continue to
18 push for that from this dais.

19 I would like to thank Licensing and
20 Inspections Director Hinton for his very
21 comprehensive synopsis of the legislation
22 for the contractor's unanimous. He met with
23 us a couple of the weeks ago and as a
24 follow-up to that meeting I think Councilman
25 Gaughan requested this and he did a great

1 job of putting this together and this is
2 something I would like to see happen more
3 often.

4 In addition to that, what I would
5 like to see, and I mentioned this in caucus
6 a couple of weeks ago, once this
7 legislation, if it is passed, I would like
8 to see the city put on their website the
9 list of all of the licensed contractors in
10 the City of Scranton, number one, as a way
11 to promote those contractors, but also as a
12 consumer benefit as well. I think that
13 would be a positive for -- I mean, they are
14 paying for the registration, they are part
15 of our community, they are licensed in the
16 city, we should at least put their names and
17 their contact information on our website.

18 Finally, I received a letter from
19 the Friends of Connors Park Association.
20 "Councilmen Wayne Evans, the friends of
21 Connor's Park Association is requesting from
22 the City of Scranton the naming of a gazebo
23 located in Connors Park after the late
24 Robert E. McGoff, Junior. Connors Park is
25 located at 515 Orchard Street in South

1 Weston Field Bulls Head neighborhood
2 meeting. As Mr. Wechsler mentioned, one of
3 their members passed away so I'd like to
4 send my condolences out to his family,
5 Mr. Pipsho, who was a loyal member of the
6 Bulls Head Neighborhood meeting -- or the
7 group, rather.

8 Several requests from the
9 neighborhood group that we are sending along
10 to the proper departments. Neighborhood
11 Watch signs and there is a couple of
12 streetlights that are out in Bulls head and
13 Weston Field so we will see if we can get
14 that taken care of.

15 I did request this week from the
16 Scranton Police Department that they revisit
17 permit parking on Myrtle Street. The
18 residents are very disappointed that they
19 were denied and would like the study to be
20 performed in the afternoon and in the
21 evening rather than in the morning. The
22 afternoon and the evening is when the
23 situation is at it's worse so hopefully the
24 police department will reconsider that
25 request.

1 Also, I've gotten a lot of
2 complaints about Colliery Avenue and
3 pavecuts so I'll be asking Mrs. Reed to send
4 a letter to our DPW director and our pavecut
5 inspector to see if that can be put on the
6 paving list in the future. It's really
7 atrocious in that area.

8 Last week I mentioned the Young
9 Lungs Program. I believe that we need to
10 institute an outdoor tobacco free ordinance
11 at parks throughout the city. I spoke to a
12 representative from the American Lung
13 Association, and they have a great program,
14 the young lungs program, where they would
15 put up free signage across the city parks
16 notifying people that secondhand smoke is
17 one of the number one killers for our
18 children through the United States so I
19 think that this can be a great thing. I
20 have noticed myself throughout our city
21 parks there are cigarette butts that litter
22 all over the place so hopefully we will work
23 with the administration to get this
24 legislation drafted, work with the American
25 Lung Association to get the signage up that

1 will be free and no cost to the city.

2 I received a complaint from a
3 gentleman about speeding on Division Street
4 so I will be sending that along to Chief
5 Graziano.

6 I received the minutes from the Land
7 Bank Committee. There was a Land Bank
8 meeting in January and one in February, it
9 looks like everything is moving along and
10 progressing very nicely with the county and
11 the city and hopefully very soon we will
12 receive an intergovernmental cooperation
13 agreement and we can start to get that
14 program up and running and I think that will
15 help very much with vacant and abandoned
16 properties throughout the city.

17 I would like to ask my colleagues,
18 if there is no objection, that we send a
19 letter to the mayor's office asking for a
20 complete update on the parking monetization,
21 the sewer monetization and what savings we
22 saw in 2015 from the renegotiated police and
23 fire contracts. I have been asking for this
24 for at least seven or eight months and I
25 have not received any response.

1 Also, along with that, I would like
2 to again send a letter, if there is no
3 objection, with my colleagues asking for an
4 update on the foreclosure registration
5 program. My request is going on two weeks,
6 still have not received a response to that.
7 We are waiting on legislation from the
8 administration and I am not sure what the
9 hold up is. We passed an ordinance in 2015
10 and it's been almost four months.

11 So, Mrs. Reed, if there is no
12 objection from my colleagues if you can send
13 that out tomorrow I would appreciate it, and
14 that's all I have for this week. Thank you.

15 MR. ROGAN: Mr. Wechsler, one item I
16 forgot to mention, last Thursday myself and
17 a number of my colleagues had the pleasure
18 of attending the open house at Goodwill at
19 North Scranton Junior High School. For
20 somebody who has never been in that building
21 before it is a very beautiful building and
22 it's a treasure that that building was
23 preserved within our city, and anyone who
24 drives up Greenridge Street what a
25 difference that building is now at the top

1 of the hill versus a year ago and the last
2 20 years sitting up there vacant and
3 delapidated, and I know the neighbors in
4 that neighborhood are very pleased how that
5 project came out and I know we all had a
6 great time taking a look at the building.
7 Thank you.

8 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you, Mr. Rogan.
9 Just a few comments tonight, I did contact
10 Treasurer Wayne Beck in regards to some of
11 the questions that were asked about the
12 garbage fee. Mr. Beck has responded that
13 there were 20,468 garbage fees mailed. It
14 resulted in \$5.5 million collected. In
15 regards to the liens, there is \$2,610
16 potential liens for 2011 through 2013, which
17 represents about \$1.6 million. To date, no
18 liens have been issued to date because there
19 has been some positive response to the
20 threat of lien letters that were mailed out
21 so we will be doing an update on when the
22 actual liens will be filed.

23 Today I did receive a call from the
24 South Side Neighborhood Watch, they are
25 collecting data regarding defective or

1 unreadable stop signs in the South Side
2 area. They are using their Facebook page to
3 collect the data so if anyone is on Facebook
4 and would like to report a stop sign please
5 visit the South Side neighborhood Watch web
6 page.

7 In regards to comments that were
8 made about Mr. Bulzoni, Mr. Bulzoni is
9 paying the city wage tax. That is part of
10 the waiver that he received so he is paying
11 city wage tax.

12 Also, in regard to the early meeting
13 that we had last week, I have been involved
14 in the neighborhood associations since I
15 think around 1990, I believe. The Goodwill
16 project has been on that list almost all
17 that time. It was a great pleasure that we
18 went to become part of that celebration of a
19 community working together. Federal, state,
20 local, nonprofits to save that huge and
21 tremendous building in North Scranton and,
22 by the way, I didn't have my picture taken.
23 I didn't see yours either.

24 MR. ROGAN: Neither did I.

25 MS. EVANS: Me either.

1 MR. WECHSLER: They were smart
2 enough not to take our pictures, but there
3 were no pictures taken. Only Mr. Gaughan's
4 picture was in from the groundbreaking, but
5 Bill got his picture.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

7 MR. WECHSLER: In regards to the
8 proposed legislation this evening, we did --
9 I am very happy with the way that this whole
10 new contractor registration has proceeded
11 through council and through the
12 administration. Mr. Hinton has been very
13 upfront with us from the beginning offering
14 us the proposed legislation and we were able
15 to share with contractors and developers and
16 we are getting feedback from each of those
17 and also Mr. Gaughan had requested
18 Mr. Hinton to summarize the new contractor
19 registration and Mr. Hinton did a fabulous
20 job in getting the information to us, so I
21 believe that in this particular case we have
22 done our due diligence in preparing this
23 legislation to come out to the public.

24 As part of that, I did meet with
25 representatives from the IBW yesterday and

1 they do have some concerns regarding safety
2 issues with potential electrical contractors
3 so we are waiting for them to offer some
4 opinions on the new legislation to see where
5 it can be approved or made better. I think
6 that's all I have. Thank you.

7 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION -AN
8 ORDINANCE - REPEALING FILE OF COUNCIL NO.
9 52, 2006, AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AMENDING
10 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 155, 1999 TO CHANGE
11 THE REQUIREMENTS FOR TAKING THE MASTER
12 ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE EXAM AND TO
13 CHANGE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR TAKING THE
14 MASTER PLUMBERS LICENSE EXAM."

15 MR. WECHSLER: At this time, I'll
16 entertain a motion that Item 5-B be
17 introduced into its proper committee.

18 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

19 MR. EVANS: Second.

20 MR. WECHSLER: On the question? All
21 those in favor of introduction signify by
22 saying aye.

23 MR. PERRY: Aye.

24 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

25 MR. EVANS: Aye.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

2 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The
3 ayes have it and so moved.

4 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -
5 AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL
6 NO. 155, 1999 AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED
7 "PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING AND REGULATING
8 OF CONTRACTORS DOING BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF
9 SCRANTON INCLUDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
10 GRANTING OF PERMITS AND FEES FOR SAME;
11 PROVIDING PENALTIES AND RIGHTS OF APPEAL" BY
12 ADDING AND DELETING DEFINITIONS, UPDATING
13 THE DEPARTMENT NAME AND DIRECTOR'S TITLE,
14 UPDATING APPLICATION FORMS, THE REQUIREMENTS
15 FOR CONTRACTORS LICENSE, LICENSE FEES,
16 ISSUANCE OF PERMITS, CONFORMANCE TO CODE,
17 REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, DENIAL, PROHIBITED
18 ACTS, STOP WORK, CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
19 AND TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY,
20 PERMIT FEES, INSPECTIONS, FINES FOR
21 VIOLATIONS AND APPEALS PROCEDURE AND
22 DELETION OF SECTIONS 17, 19, AND 22 IN THEIR
23 ENTIRETY.

24 MR. WECHSLER: 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. EVANS: Second.

4 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.

6 I'm still reviewing this legislation, but my
7 first assessment is that it will make it
8 easier to do business in Scranton, which is
9 a good thing. There were several sections
10 of this ordinance that were overly
11 burdensome and unnecessary which were taken
12 out, so I think that's a great thing, and
13 I'll review -- continue to review this, but
14 I'd like to thank Mr. Hinton for his help
15 with this legislation. Thank you.

16 MR. WECHSLER: Anyone else? All
17 those in favor of introduction signify by
18 saying aye.

19 MR. PERRY: Aye.

20 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

21 MR. EVANS: Aye.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

23 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The
24 ayes have it and so moved.

25 MS. REED: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A. NO

1 BUSINESS AT THIS TIME.

2 SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR
3 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES FOR
4 ADOPTION RESOLUTION NO. 9, 2016 -
5 APPOINTMENT OF KATHRYN A. BORER, 3222 DOUD
6 AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18505, AS A
7 MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE
8 CITY OF SCRANTON EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 4, 2016.
9 MRS. BORER WILL BE REPLACING MARTIN KENEHAN
10 WHOSE TERM EXPIRED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND WHO
11 HELD OVER UNTIL JANUARY 21, 2016 WHEN HE
12 SUBMITTED HIS LETTER OF RESIGNATION. MRS.
13 BORER'S TERM WILL EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31,
14 2020.

15 MR. WECHSLER: As Chairperson for
16 the Committee on Rules, I recommend final
17 passage of Item 7-A.

18 MR. ROGAN: Second.

19 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?
20 Roll call, please?

21 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

22 MR. PERRY: Yes.

23 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

24 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

25 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

1 MR. EVANS: Yes.

2 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

5 MR. WECHSLER: Yes. I hereby
6 declare Item 7-A legally and lawfully
7 adopted.

8 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION
9 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES FOR ADOPTION
10 RESOLUTION NO. 10, 2016 - APPOINTMENT OF
11 MARTIN J. TURI, 25 FOREST GLEN DRIVE,
12 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18504 AS A MEMBER OF
13 THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF
14 SCRANTON EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 4, 2016. MR.
15 TURI WILL BE REPLACING THOMAS SCHUSTER WHO
16 RESIGNED EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2015 AND
17 WHOSE TERM IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE DECEMBER
18 31, 2018. MR. TURI'S TERM WILL EXPIRE ON
19 DECEMBER 31, 2018.

20 MR. WECHSLER: As Chairperson for
21 the Committee on Rules, I recommend final
22 passage of Item 7-B.

23 MR. ROGAN: Second.

24 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?
25 Roll call, please?

1 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

2 MR. PERRY: Yes.

3 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

4 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

5 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

6 MR. EVANS: Yes.

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

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

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

15 MR. ROGAN: Motion to adjourn.

16 MR. WECHSLER: Meeting 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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