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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

Monday, June 11, 2018

LOCATION:

Council Chambers

Scranton City Hall

340 North Washington Avenue

Scranton, Pennsylvania

CATHENE S. NARDOZZI, RPR - OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

PATRICK ROGAN, PRESIDENT

TIM PERRY, VICE PRESIDENT

WAYNE EVANS

WILLIAM GAUGHAN

KYLE DONAHUE

LORI REED, CITY CLERK

JEANNIE DAVIDSON, SECRETARY

JOHN WILLIAMS, ESQUIRE - SOLICITOR

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

3 MR. ROGAN: Roll call, please.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

5 MR. PERRY: Here.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

7 MR. DONAHUE: Here.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

9 MR. EVANS: Here.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Here.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

13 MR. ROGAN: Here. Please dispense  
14 with the reading of the minutes.

15 MS. REED: THIRD ORDER. 3-A. TAX  
16 ASSESSOR'S RESULTS REPORT FOR HEARING DATE  
17 HELD MAY 30, 2018.

18 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?  
19 If not, received and filed. Do any council  
20 members have announcements at this time?

21 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, I have one. I  
22 mentioned this has week, I just want to  
23 bring it up again. There is a benefit for  
24 Gage Lasky at the Keyser Valley Community  
25 Center on Keyser Avenue in Scranton on

1 Friday, June 22, from two to ten p.m. The  
2 admission is \$10. Gage Lasky is a  
3 12-year-old Northeast Intermediate school  
4 student needing muscle eye surgery at Wilkes  
5 Eye Institute. He was diagnosed with autism  
6 and seizure disorder and recently with a  
7 congenital brain abnormality and he has an  
8 inoperable aneurism in his brain.

9 The proceeds from this benefit will  
10 help cover a deductible that is not covered  
11 by medical insurance and also travel  
12 expenses for his eye surgery in Philadelphia  
13 to repair damage caused by a seizure.

14 For tickets or to make a donation of  
15 a gift basket, gift card, food or monetary  
16 contribution you can Joyce Spize at  
17 570-955-0253 or Andrew Lasky at 570-497 --  
18 9532. And I would urge everyone to try to  
19 make it to this to help this young man out.  
20 Thank you.

21 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else? Just one  
22 announcement, the city is in need of  
23 lifeguards for this summer so anyone who is  
24 interested in becoming a lifeguard for the  
25 city for a summer job contact the HR

1 Department at city hall.

2 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'  
3 PARTICIPATION.

4 (The following speakers offered  
5 public comment: Donald Alpert spoke on  
6 matters of general concern. Ron Ellman  
7 spoke on city business and matters of  
8 general concern. Bob Bolus spoke on city  
9 business and matters of general concern.  
10 Lee Morgan spoke on matters of general  
11 concern. William Legg spoke on matters of  
12 general concern. Mary Kravtiz spoke on city  
13 business. Al Young spoke on city business.  
14 Dave Dobrzyn spoke on matters of general  
15 concern. Carl Kupchunas spoke on matters of  
16 general concern. Jeff Zick spoke on matters  
17 of general concern. Joan Hodowanitz spoke  
18 on city business and matters of general  
19 concern. Marie Schumacher spoke on city  
20 business. Brian Matson spoke on city  
21 business. Chris Kennedy spoke on city  
22 business.)

23 MS. REED: FIFTH ORDER. 5-A.  
24 MOTIONS.

25 MR. ROGAN: Mr. Perry, any motions

1 or comments?

2 MR. PERRY: Yes, thank you. To  
3 start I want to thank Kane Warehouse. There  
4 is a donation tonight to the police  
5 department special forces for \$500. I want  
6 to reach out and thank them for that.  
7 That's very appreciated and will be put to  
8 good use.

9 Some housekeeping from last week, I  
10 haven't received an update from Parks and  
11 Rec on the tree house or the Novembrino  
12 situation. I'll make a phone call tomorrow  
13 and see if I can get some information.

14 As was discussed, DNC and ABM will  
15 give us a presentation on a kiosk system  
16 that they want to install in the city in a  
17 couple of months. It was a good  
18 presentation. Councilmen had lots of  
19 questions for them. One of the things I  
20 wanted to make sure that if any reason there  
21 was going to be a kiosk that went down that  
22 they weren't going to prevent parking to  
23 that block, because it's not like when a  
24 meter goes down that spot is down. You  
25 know, what that kiosk is down that whole

1 half of the street is unavailable to pay for  
2 your parking, so based on their past  
3 practice if there is meters broken you can't  
4 park there, so if the kiosk is broke does  
5 that mean you can't park on that whole side  
6 of the street? That was something that was  
7 just unacceptable to see me. They said they  
8 will have a policy in place that will make  
9 sure that it will be used because it's  
10 just -- you can't tell a business owner that  
11 my equipment is down so nobody can park at  
12 your business that's not fair. That's  
13 something, you know, I'll drive this home.

14 What else do we have? The city  
15 e-mail is still down so keep in touch though  
16 city council office, everything can go  
17 through there.

18 Also, Mrs. Schumacher brought up the  
19 master list, if we can get somebody off PAWC  
20 to make sure they have that, I don't know if  
21 that's part of what they're going to be  
22 bringing, but just to give you a head's up  
23 to make sure they have that for us for the  
24 caucus when they come in. And that is all I  
25 have for today.

1 MR. ROGAN: Thank you very much.  
2 Mr. Donahue, any motions or comments?

3 MR. DONAHUE: Yeah, just to go back  
4 on a request that I made a couple of weeks  
5 ago, I still have not gotten anything from  
6 the pave cut inspector on Walnut Street.  
7 Mrs. Reed, would you be able to send another  
8 request to them on why a pave cut was  
9 allowed in a street that was paved a week  
10 before?

11 I also got some complaints, some  
12 yesterday, on a house that caught fire on  
13 Palm Street on Saturday night. Some  
14 neighbors are worried about the structural  
15 integrity so I ask that we request from LIPS  
16 to send somebody out and determine that, and  
17 I'm also going to be sending a letter to  
18 Lackawanna County Assessor's Office asking  
19 following questions: Why was the Electric  
20 city garage tax classification changed from  
21 exempt to taxable? Has a countywide review  
22 of all tax exempt properties to make sure  
23 they meet the requirements of the tax exempt  
24 classification ever been performed and what,  
25 if anything, is being done to recoup taxes



1           that were not paid on the property for 2016  
2           and 2017, and that letter is going to be  
3           going out to them tomorrow. That's all I  
4           have. Thank you.

5                       MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Mr. Evans,  
6           any motions or comments?

7                       MR. EVANS: Just a few. First of  
8           all, the discovery last week that the  
9           Electric City garage was still classified as  
10          a tax exempt property certainly begs further  
11          questions, specifically, how many parcels  
12          are out there that are not paying taxes all  
13          because maybe they have been misidentified  
14          or they haven't been identified at all. So  
15          what is the best way to go about that to try  
16          and solve that problem? It's called a  
17          countywide reassessment. What happened with  
18          the electric city garage is a systemic  
19          problem. You know how to fix that kind of  
20          problem? You fix the system. You implement  
21          new systems and procedures that can only be  
22          done thoroughly and properly through a  
23          reassessment. A reassessment effectively  
24          creates a blank slate, it's a complete do  
25          over, where discoveries like this should be

1 part of the process and not an exception.

2 My final word on reassessment  
3 tonight is far as I'm concerned we are on  
4 the clock and if decisions are not made  
5 relevant to the reassessment before we  
6 adjourn in August, I think we should pass a  
7 resolution to sue the county to force a  
8 countywide reassessment at that time, send  
9 it to the mayor for his support or his veto.  
10 The time for this talk is slowly coming to  
11 an end.

12 On the HUP test, as was mentioned  
13 tonight, I would like nothing better if the  
14 county with accept the responsibility.  
15 Actually it's their job, but I would like  
16 them to accept that responsibility as well.  
17 The only place that I even know of that ever  
18 did this was in Allegheny County and, of  
19 course, it was performed by the county, but  
20 if you do get involved in this it's  
21 something we need to share with the Scranton  
22 School District since they make up 55  
23 percent of the property tax bill to begin  
24 with so I would like to look into that and  
25 see if they would like to com on board and

1 discuss some opportunity to share  
2 possibility of working with us on the HUP  
3 test and surveying for the nonprofits.

4 On decriminalization of marijuana,  
5 Councilman Perry and I have been on the  
6 record that we would like to see a dialogue  
7 with the various stakeholders on this issue  
8 and hopefully that is something that we will  
9 see happen very, very soon. And that's all  
10 I have for tonight.

11 MR. ROGAN: Mr. Gaughan, any motions  
12 or comments?

13 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, thank you. First  
14 of all, the street sweeper is scheduled to  
15 be in the Bunker Hill section of East  
16 Scranton June 11 to June 15, Wheeler Avenue  
17 to Matthew Avenue including the Oakmont  
18 section of Scranton. Last week I asked  
19 about a \$7,500 transfer from the Workers'  
20 Comp Fund for a personal cost adjustment.  
21 I'd like to thank Mr. Bulzoni for getting  
22 back to me fairly quickly. It is a market  
23 rate adjustment that the city agreed to pay  
24 to the Teamster employees employed by AMB  
25 for parking services and it is a contractual

1 obligation. The city's payroll  
2 responsibility is based on certain  
3 percentage increases identified in the  
4 contract not for the entire payroll. The  
5 budgeted amount may be found under account  
6 No. 6006 of the Human Resources budget so I  
7 want to thank him for that, and that's all I  
8 have this week. Thank you.

9 MR. ROGAN: Thank you very much,  
10 just two very brief items. I just want to  
11 give two thank yous, a lot of times people  
12 see the complaints at the meeting but they  
13 don't hear about the results, so I want to  
14 thank a DPW employee, Larry Wynn, who  
15 delivered some recycle bins to a resident  
16 who had a complaint last week. And I also  
17 want to just update everyone, on the corner  
18 of Lackawanna Avenue where there was an  
19 overgrown brush by Buona Pizza, that was  
20 cleaned up the next day after our council  
21 meeting. After the meeting, I made a couple  
22 of phone calls and that was taken care of.  
23 So I just want to thank the people who  
24 actually got those items done. Small  
25 things, but they do add up.

1                   Regarding the reassessment, since it  
2 was brought up again, I can't help myself  
3 but comment, Councilman Evans is exactly  
4 right and reassessment would cure many of  
5 these problems that we are seeing. There  
6 are, I would guess, many other tax exempt  
7 properties that should be paying taxes in  
8 the city. Obviously, parking garages is a  
9 huge one and it was a glaring omission on  
10 the part of the county and some of my  
11 colleagues mentioned that money needs to be  
12 paid back from day one when that property  
13 was sold, there should be no forgiveness or  
14 forbearance on that. They should have known  
15 that it was taxable. So that is all. Thank  
16 you.

17                   MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
18 AN ORDINANCE - CREATING AND ESTABLISHING  
19 SPECIAL CITY ACCOUNT NO. 02.229630 ENTITLED  
20 "LSA GRANTS" FOR THE RECEIPT OF GRANT FUNDS  
21 FROM THE LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT FUNDS THROUGH  
22 THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND  
23 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE  
24 FUNDING FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS AS GRANT FUNDS  
25 ARE MADE AVAILABLE.

1 MR. ROGAN: At this time, I'll  
2 entertain a motion that Item 5-B be  
3 introduced into its proper committee.

4 MR. PERRY: So moved.

5 MR. EVANS: Second.

6 MR. ROGAN: On the question? All  
7 those in favor of introduction signify by  
8 saying aye.

9 MR. PERRY: Aye.

10 MR. DONAHUE: 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: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
16 AN ORDINANCE - CREATING AND ESTABLISHING  
17 SPECIAL CITY ACCOUNT NO. 02.229631 ENTITLED  
18 "STORM WATER" FOR THE RECEIPT OF FUNDS FROM  
19 THE SEWER SYSTEM ESCROWED SALES PROCEEDS  
20 SPECIFICALLY ALLOCATED FOR STORM WATER  
21 EXPENSES.

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

25 MR. PERRY: So moved.

1 MR. EVANS: Second.

2 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question,  
4 I did have a few questions about this piece  
5 of legislation and the creation of this  
6 account for storm water expenses.  
7 Mr. Bulzoni did get back to me. I just want  
8 to read his response here. One of the  
9 components of the proceeds from the sale of  
10 the Sewer Authority was a \$500,000  
11 allocation. The fund costs associated with  
12 storm water. Until this legislation that  
13 creates this account, the account was  
14 basically a component of the general fund.  
15 The city wanted to make sure the use of  
16 those funds was exclusive to storm water  
17 needs, hence the legislation. The city  
18 believes the Arcadis report will provide  
19 sufficient financial information to  
20 delineate the use of those funds. The city  
21 recently authorized Arcadis to complete the  
22 digital mapping needed to complete the  
23 report and he just suggested that we have  
24 patience. The use of those funds for future  
25 needs will be explained in detail through

1 the Arcadis report, so that is the response  
2 I received. Thank you.

3 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else? All those  
4 in favor of introduction signify by saying  
5 aye.

6 MR. PERRY: Aye.

7 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

8 MR. EVANS: Aye.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

10 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
11 have it and so moved.

12 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
13 AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL  
14 NO. 37 OF 2016, AN ORDINANCE "AUTHORIZING  
15 THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY  
16 OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO  
17 CONCESSION ARRANGEMENTS WITH COMMUNITY  
18 DEVELOPMENT PROPERTIES, SCRANTON, INC. (THE  
19 "CONCESSIONAIRE") WITH RESPECT TO METERED  
20 PARKING IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON (THE "CITY")  
21 AND THE GARAGES OWNED BY THE PARKING  
22 AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON,  
23 PENNSYLVANIA (THE "AUTHORITY") PURSUANT TO  
24 THE SCRANTON METERED PARKING SYSTEM  
25 CONCESSION AGREEMENT (THE "METERED SYSTEM



1 CONCESSION AGREEMENT") AND SCRANTON PARKING  
2 FACILITIES SYSTEM CONCESSION AND LEASE  
3 AGREEMENT (THE "FACILITIES CONCESSION  
4 AGREEMENT"), AND TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN  
5 ACTIONS AND ANCILLARY AGREEMENTS  
6 CONTEMPLATED BY THE METERED SYSTEM  
7 CONCESSION AGREEMENT" TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR  
8 AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO  
9 EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO THE SECOND AMENDMENT  
10 TO CONCESSION AND LEASE AGREEMENT.

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

14 MR. PERRY: So moved.

15 MR. EVANS: Second.

16 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.  
18 You know, this is going to be on our agenda  
19 for the next two weeks so I'm going to take  
20 time to digest all of the information that  
21 we received in the caucus, but one of my  
22 concerns based on the response that we  
23 received from NDC would be actually in  
24 regards to the Electric City garage.

25 So, Mrs. Reed, if you could send a

1 letter to Mr. Basalyga asking him when the  
2 Electric City garage will be renovated and  
3 repaired. As I mentioned in the caucus, I  
4 was under the assumption, and it was baked  
5 into the agreement, that Steamtown 300 was  
6 supposed to spend \$2.25 million for  
7 immediate capital expenditure costs, so that  
8 would be 45 percent, and the Parking  
9 Authority was supposed to spend \$2.85  
10 towards immediate capital expenditure costs  
11 and that would be 55 percent.

12 There were a few other of my  
13 questions that were not answered because  
14 they did not have the information so I will  
15 be submitting that to NDC and ask that they  
16 provide those before final passage. And  
17 then an additional question that I did not  
18 get to and I actually didn't think of until  
19 all of the information came out, the city  
20 and NDC they are going to have to go to  
21 PennDOT to petition them to ask for an  
22 expanded scope of the projects under the  
23 multi-modal transportation agreement and the  
24 grant funding to utilize that grant to the  
25 maximum extent possible so my question is

1           what is the plan if PennDOT does not extend  
2           the scope of the project and where does the  
3           onus fall here, so that's one of my  
4           concerns. I may have additional questions  
5           so I will forward those to NDC before final  
6           passage here in two weeks. Thank you.

7           MR. ROGAN: Anyone else? I'd just  
8           like to reiterate some of my comments during  
9           the caucus, and I do apologize to anyone if  
10          they were having a hard time hearing, we  
11          only have limited microphone. Obviously  
12          there is a lot to digest here with this  
13          agreement, but I will say on the whole I'm  
14          very supportive of the idea of moving from  
15          the old fashioned meter system to a kiosk  
16          system which will bring us in line with many  
17          other cities. If you go visit another city  
18          in surrounding areas meters are a dying  
19          breed. I know myself many times I go up to  
20          a meter and didn't have change so what do  
21          you do? Chance it. You go in, if you don't  
22          get a ticket the city lost out on all that  
23          money, if you get a ticket well then you're  
24          made and you might not patronize that  
25          business again. So moving to a kiosk system

1 will take cash for those who carry cash,  
2 take credit for those who take credit, and  
3 for those who to want to pay on their phone  
4 can pay on their phone. It will modernize  
5 our system quite a bit. There are a number  
6 of moving parts within this agreement, but  
7 to me changing from the old fashioned meter  
8 system to a more modern system is something  
9 that's very important.

10 All those in favor of introduction  
11 signify by saying aye.

12 MR. PERRY: Aye.

13 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

14 MR. EVANS: Aye.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

16 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
17 have it and so moved.

18 MS. REED: 5-E. FOR INTRODUCTION - A  
19 RESOLUTION - RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE  
20 EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT  
21 APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO THE  
22 PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND  
23 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR AN ECONOMIC  
24 DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
25 INITIATIVES PROGRAM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF



1 take care of the issues that people bring in  
2 front of us. Often times, we are not in  
3 lock step with the administration. There is  
4 a break down in communication or, you know,  
5 they are busy and they try to get to it as  
6 fast as possible. So, again, I hope that we  
7 can clarify those questions that Mr. Young  
8 and Mr. Kennedy had and put this issue  
9 behind us once and for all. Thank you.

10 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else?

11 MR. EVANS: On the question,  
12 obviously, this is a very, very important  
13 step to finally putting this behind the  
14 Young family, the Kennedy family and  
15 everybody else in that neighborhood so I  
16 enthusiastically will be supporting this  
17 resolution. Hopefully we can tighten up the  
18 definition as far as the work that is being  
19 done, but I'm comfortable with the some of  
20 the descriptions, they've pinned it down to  
21 that location, the 1700 block of Wyoming,  
22 but it's important to get this moving  
23 forward so we can get this out of the way  
24 and work on the rest of the details.

25 MR. PERRY: Yes, on the question. I

1 don't think the words in the legislation  
2 were meant to be gray. I definitely support  
3 Mr. Gaughan's letter just for clarification,  
4 just for peace of mind and everybody else  
5 involved because I know this project has  
6 gone on for longer than any of us care to  
7 remember. I remember when you first came  
8 up, Mr. Young, and you asked for help and we  
9 were able to get you some emergency funding  
10 and that was how long ago and we are still  
11 here trying to get it taken care of. I know  
12 there has been some legal hoops that we were  
13 jumping through back and forth and it's just  
14 very unfortunate, but I'm very, very hopeful  
15 that light at the end of the tunnel is the  
16 train and it's actually going to get this  
17 finished for you.

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

20 MR. PERRY: Aye.

21 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

22 MR. EVANS: Aye.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

24 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
25 have it and so moved.

1 MS. REED: 5-F. FOR INTRODUCTION – A  
2 RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
3 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE  
4 AND ENTER INTO THIS GENERAL AGREEMENT BY AND  
5 BETWEEN THE CITY OF SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA  
6 THROUGH ITS OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY  
7 DEVELOPMENT (THE “CITY”) AND THE U.S.  
8 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK  
9 SERVICE, STEAMTOWN NATIONAL HISTORIC  
10 SITE (THE “PARK”) REGARDING THE MAINTENANCE  
11 RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS MADE  
12 TO RENAISSANCE PARK, AND THE  
13 RESPONSIBILITIES OF NPS TO OPERATE AND  
14 MAINTAIN RENAISSANCE PARK FOR PUBLIC USE AND  
15 ENJOYMENT AND FOR THE CITY TO PROVIDE  
16 ACCESS TO RENAISSANCE PARK THROUGH THE PLAZA  
17 VIA THE STAIRS, BRIDGE AND ELEVATOR.

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

21 MR. PERRY: So moved.

22 MR. EVANS: Second.

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



1 MR. PERRY: Aye.

2 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

3 MR. EVANS: Aye.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

7 MS. REED: 5-G. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
8 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
9 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE  
10 AND ENTER INTO THIS GENERAL MAINTENANCE  
11 AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN RENAISSANCE AT 500  
12 CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION (THE "ASSOCIATION")  
13 AND THE CITY OF SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA  
14 THROUGH ITS OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY  
15 DEVELOPMENT (THE "CITY") REGARDING THE  
16 MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE  
17 IMPROVEMENTS PROPOSED TO THE PLAZA AS  
18 WELL AS TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY AND  
19 ASSOCIATION TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE  
20 PLAZA FOR PUBLIC USE AND ENJOYMENT IN  
21 COOPERATION WITH EACH OTHER.

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

25 MR. PERRY: So moved.

1 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

5 MR. PERRY: Aye.

6 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

7 MR. EVANS: Aye.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

11 MS. REED: 5-H. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
12 A RESOLUTION - RE-APPOINTMENT OF PAUL  
13 DEANTONA, 333 NORTH SUMNER AVENUE, SCRANTON,  
14 PENNSYLVANIA 18504, AS A MEMBER OF THE  
15 SCRANTON MUNICIPAL RECREATION AUTHORITY  
16 EFFECTIVE MAY 17, 2018. MR. DEANTONA'S  
17 PRIOR TERM EXPIRED ON JUNE 17, 2016, AND WAS  
18 HELD OVER TO MAY 17, 2018, AND HIS NEW TERM  
19 WILL EXPIRE JUNE 17, 2019.

20 MR. ROGAN: At this time, I'll  
21 entertain a motion that Item 5-H be  
22 introduced into its proper committee.

23 MR. PERRY: So moved.

24 MR. EVANS: Second.

25 MR. ROGAN: On the question? All

1 those in favor of introduction signify by  
2 saying aye.

3 MR. PERRY: Aye.

4 MR. DONAHUE: 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: 5-I. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
10 A RESOLUTION - RE-APPOINTMENT OF EMANUEL  
11 JOHNSON, 1007 SCRANTON STREET, SCRANTON,  
12 PENNSYLVANIA 18504, AS A MEMBER OF THE  
13 SCRANTON MUNICIPAL RECREATION AUTHORITY  
14 EFFECTIVE MAY 17, 2018. MR. JOHNSON'S PRIOR  
15 TERM EXPIRED ON DECEMBER 31, 2017, AND WAS  
16 HELD OVER TO MAY 17, 2018, AND HIS NEW TERM  
17 WILL EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2022.

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

21 MR. PERRY: So moved.

22 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

1 MR. PERRY: Aye.

2 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

3 MR. EVANS: Aye.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

7 MS. REED: 5-J. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
8 A RESOLUTION - RE-APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL  
9 WILLIAMS, 1505 COURT STREET, SCRANTON,  
10 PENNSYLVANIA 18508, AS A MEMBER OF THE  
11 SCRANTON MUNICIPAL RECREATION AUTHORITY  
12 EFFECTIVE MAY 17, 2018. MR. WILLIAMS PRIOR  
13 TERM EXPIRED ON DECEMBER 31, 2017, AND WAS  
14 HELD OVER TO MAY 17, 2018, AND HIS NEW TERM  
15 WILL EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2022.

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

19 MR. PERRY: So moved.

20 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

24 MR. PERRY: Aye.

25 MR. DONAHUE: 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: 5-K. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
6 A RESOLUTION - ACCEPTING A FIVE HUNDRED  
7 (\$500.00) DOLLAR DONATION FROM KANE  
8 WAREHOUSING GIVEN TO THE CITY OF SCRANTON  
9 POLICE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL OPERATIONS GROUP.

10 MR. ROGAN: At this time, I'll  
11 entertain a motion that Item 5-K be  
12 introduced into its proper committee.

13 MR. PERRY: So moved.

14 MR. EVANS: Second.

15 MR. ROGAN: On the question? All  
16 those in favor of introduction signify by  
17 saying aye.

18 MR. PERRY: Aye.

19 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

20 MR. EVANS: Aye.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

22 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
23 have it and so moved.

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

25 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.

1 19, 2018 - AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING  
2 MAINTAINING OF THE EXISTING NO PARKING SIGNS  
3 ALONG THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF RIVER STREET  
4 FROM SOUTH WASHINGTON AVENUE TO MATTES  
5 AVENUE; INSTALLATION OF R7-302 NO PARKING  
6 SYMBOL/ARROW SIGN (LEFT) (12" X 18") 276  
7 FEET WEST OF MATTES AVENUE; R7-302 NO  
8 PARKING SYMBOL/ARROW SIGN (12" X 18") AT 316  
9 FEET WEST OF MATTES AVENUE; AND R7-302 NO  
10 PARKING SYMBOL/ARROW SIGN (RIGHT) (12" X  
11 18") AT 356 FEET WEST OF MATTES AVENUE.

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

14 MR. PERRY: I move that Item 6-A  
15 pass reading by title.

16 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

19 MR. PERRY: Aye.

20 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

21 MR. EVANS: Aye.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

25 MS. REED: 6-B. READING BY TITLE -

1 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 20, 2018 - AN  
2 ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.  
3 118, 2017 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER  
4 APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF  
5 SCRANTON TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO  
6 IMPLEMENT THE CONSOLIDATED SUBMISSION FOR  
7 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS  
8 TO BE FUNDED UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
9 BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM, HOME INVESTMENT  
10 PARTNERSHIP (HOME) PROGRAM AND EMERGENCY  
11 SOLUTIONS GRANTS (ESG) PROGRAM FOR THE  
12 PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018" BY  
13 AMENDING THE 2018 ACTION PLAN TO ACCEPT THE  
14 TWO MILLION SIX HUNDRED NINETY-NINE THOUSAND  
15 FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY SIX DOLLARS  
16 (\$2,699,526.00) UNDER THE COMMUNITY  
17 DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM; FIVE  
18 HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY  
19 FOUR DOLLARS (\$560,864.00) UNDER THE HOME  
20 INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM AND TWO  
21 HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIX  
22 DOLLARS (\$220,906.00) UNDER THE EMERGENCY  
23 SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM.

24 MR. ROGAN: You've heard reading by  
25 title of Item 6-B, what is your pleasure?

1 MR. PERRY: I move that Item 6-B  
2 pass reading by title.

3 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

6 MR. PERRY: Aye.

7 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

8 MR. EVANS: Aye.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

10 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
11 have it and so moved.

12 MS. REED: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR  
13 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE -  
14 FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 18,  
15 2018 - CREATING AND ESTABLISHING SPECIAL  
16 CITY ACCOUNT NO. 02.229629 ENTITLED "NCS-X"  
17 FOR THE RECEIPT OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE  
18 PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND  
19 DELINQUENCY NATIONAL CRIME STATISTICS  
20 EXCHANGE (NCS-X) PROGRAM.

21 MR. ROGAN: What is the  
22 recommendation for the Chair for the  
23 Committee on Finance?

24 MR. EVANS: As Chairperson for the  
25 Committee on Finance, I recommend final



1 passage of Item 7-A.

2 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

5 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Perry.

6 MR. PERRY: Yes.

7 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Donahue.

8 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

9 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Evans.

10 MR. EVANS: Yes.

11 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Gaughan.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

13 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Rogan.

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

16 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION  
17 BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
18 FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 41, 2018 -  
19 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
20 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS FOR THE  
21 CITY OF SCRANTON TO ENTER INTO A MORTGAGE  
22 ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT AND MORTGAGE  
23 SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT WITH CHRISTOPHER  
24 PISANO, INDIVIDUALLY, CONCERNING A CITY OECD  
25 COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL LOAN ORIGINALLY

1 OBTAINED BY EDMUND & CHRIS PISANO  
2 PARTNERSHIP ON JULY 28, 2006.

3 MR. ROGAN: What is the  
4 recommendation for the Chairperson for the  
5 Committee on Community Development?

6 MR. DONAHUE: As Chair for the  
7 Committee on Community Development, I  
8 recommend final passage of Item 7-B.

9 MR. PERRY: Second.

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

12 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Perry.

13 MR. PERRY: Yes.

14 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Donahue.

15 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

16 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Evans.

17 MR. EVANS: Yes.

18 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Gaughan.

19 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

20 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Rogan.

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

23 MS. REED: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION  
24 ON THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -  
25 RESOLUTION NO. 42, 2018 - APPOINTMENT OF

1 SURESHBHAI PATEL, 817 ASH STREET, APT. #3W,  
2 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18510, AS A  
3 MEMBER OF THE SCRANTON PLANNING COMMISSION.  
4 MR. PATEL WILL BE REPLACING ROBERT WEBER  
5 WHOSE TERM EXPIRED DECEMBER 31, 2015.  
6 MR. PATEL WILL BE APPOINTED TO A FIVE (5)  
7 YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE MAY 24, 2018 AND WILL  
8 EXPIRE MAY 24, 2023.

9 MR. ROGAN: As Chairperson for the  
10 Committee on Rules, I recommend final  
11 passage of Item 7-C.

12 MR. PERRY: Second.

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

15 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Perry.

16 MR. PERRY: Yes.

17 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Donahue.

18 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

19 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Evans.

20 MR. EVANS: Yes.

21 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Gaughan.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

23 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Rogan.

24 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare  
25 Item 7-C legally and lawfully adopted.

1 MS. REED: 7-D. FOR CONSIDERATION  
2 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - FOR  
3 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 43, 2018 -  
4 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE  
5 CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO  
6 THIS OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR  
7 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BEST MANAGEMENT  
8 PRACTICES (SWM BMP) BY AND BETWEEN RANDMAR  
9 DEVELOPMENT, INC., (HEREIN AFTER "RANDMAR")  
10 AND THE CITY OF SCRANTON (HEREIN AFTER THE  
11 "LANDOWNER").

12 MR. ROGAN: What is the  
13 recommendation for the Chair for the  
14 Committee on Public Works?

15 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for the  
16 Committee on Public Works, I recommend final  
17 passage of Item 7-D.

18 MR. PERRY: Second.

19 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question,  
21 this is in relation to the Sheetz project,  
22 as I mentioned last week. I just want to  
23 wish them the best of luck. I think this is  
24 going to be a great addition to the area and  
25 it's nice to see a new business investing in

1 the City of Scranton. Thank you.

2 MR. ROGAN: Roll call, please?

3 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Perry.

4 MR. PERRY: Yes.

5 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Donahue.

6 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

7 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Evans.

8 MR. EVANS: Yes.

9 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Gaughan.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

11 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Rogan.

12 MR. ROGAN: No. I hereby declare  
13 Item 7-D legally and lawfully adopted.

14 MS. REED: 7-E. FOR CONSIDERATION  
15 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - FOR  
16 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 44, 2018  
17 -AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF  
18 SCRANTON ("APPLICANT") TO SIGN THE  
19 APPLICANT'S AUTHORIZATION FOR AGENT (REILLY  
20 ASSOCIATES) TO APPLY FOR A HIGHWAY OCCUPANCY  
21 PERMIT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY FOR THE SHEETZ  
22 STORMWATER CONNECTION TO THE INLET ON  
23 SEVENTH AVENUE.

24 MR. ROGAN: What is the  
25 recommendation for the Chair for the

1 Committee on Public Works?

2 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for the  
3 Committee on Public Works, I recommend final  
4 passage of Item 7-E.

5 MR. PERRY: Second.

6 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.  
8 Again, this is just another routine piece of  
9 legislation on the Sheetz project. Thank  
10 you.

11 MR. ROGAN: Roll call, please.

12 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Perry.

13 MR. PERRY: Yes.

14 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Donahue.

15 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

16 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Evans.

17 MR. EVANS: Yes.

18 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Gaughan.

19 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

20 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Rogan.

21 MR. ROGAN: No. I hereby declare  
22 Item 7-E legally and lawfully adopted.

23 MS. REED: 7-F. FOR CONSIDERATION  
24 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS- FOR  
25 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 45, 2018

1           AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE  
2           CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A  
3           CONTRACT WITH REILLY ASSOCIATES CONSULTING  
4           ENGINEERS TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES  
5           FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON 2018 ROADWAY  
6           IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

7                   MR. ROGAN: What is the  
8                   recommendation for the Chairperson for the  
9                   Committee on Public Works?

10                   MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for the  
11                   Committee on Public Works, I recommend final  
12                   passage of Item 7-F.

13                   MR. EVANS: Second.

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

16                   MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Perry.

17                   MR. PERRY: Yes.

18                   MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Donahue.

19                   MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

20                   MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Evans.

21                   MR. EVANS: Yes.

22                   MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Gaughan.

23                   MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

24                   MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Rogan.

25                   MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare

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Item 7-F legally and lawfully adopted.

If there is not further business,  
I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

MR. PERRY: Motion to adjourn.

MR. ROGAN: Meeting adjourned.



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I hereby certify that the proceedings and evidence are contained fully and accurately in the notes of testimony taken by me at the hearing of the above-captioned matter and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the same to the best of my ability.

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