

COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON

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- WILLIAM GAUGHAN, PRESIDENT
- KYLE DONAHUE, VICE PRESIDENT
- PATRICK ROGAN
- MARK MCANDREW
- JESSICA ROTHCHILD

- LORI REED, CITY CLERK
- KATHY CARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK
- KEVIN HAYES, COUNCIL SOLICITOR

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

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4 MR. GAUGHAN: Roll call, please.

5 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

6 MR. ROGAN: Here.

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

8 MR. MCANDREW: Present.

9 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

10 DR. ROTHCHILD: Here.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

12 MR. DONAHUE: Here.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: Here. Mrs. Reed,
15 dispense with the reading of the minutes.

16 MS. REED: THIRD ORDER.

17 3-A. AGENDA FOR THE BOARD OF ZONING
18 APPEALS MEETING TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 12, 2020.

19 3-B. FUEL CARD ANALYSIS RECEIVED
20 FROM OFFICE OF THE CITY CONTROLLER
21 DATED JANUARY 29, 2020.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Are there
23 any comments on any of the Third Order items?
24 If not, received and filed. Do any Council
25 members have any announcements at this time?

1 DR. ROTHCHILD: I do have one
2 announcement.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Sure.

4 DR. ROTHCHILD: I wanted to thank
5 Black Scranton for taking the initiative during
6 Black History Month to hold an African flag
7 raising that took place on Saturday at City
8 Hall. I think that was great and something
9 that we should certainly continue annually.

10 And I believe they were having other
11 events for Black History Month. One of them
12 being at Madame Jenny's, not this weekend the
13 following weekend. That's going to be a
14 tribute to black women in jazz. So that's
15 February 15th at 7:30 p.m., if anyone is
16 interested in attending that. Thank you.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Anyone
18 else?

19 MR. MCANDREW: Yeah, just as a quick
20 reminder of tonight's Leadership Lackawanna
21 Core Group fundraiser at Montage Mountain
22 between six and nine. This is my daughter's
23 fundraiser, which I'm very proud of her sense
24 of community and her civic engagement.

25 The proceeds from tonight's event

1 goes to build a garden maze at the Valley
2 Community Library. That's all I have. Thank
3 you.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. I have
5 four announcements tonight. So there are quite
6 a few cabinet appointments on the agenda
7 tonight as you may have noticed if you were
8 looking over them. I requested resumes for
9 each cabinet appointment as been made by the
10 Mayor.

11 The Mayor informed me yesterday that
12 Council will have these resumes prior to the
13 final vote. What we will do is we will put all
14 of the resumes in Third Order prior to the
15 final vote so it will be on next week's agenda
16 so that the public will be able to take a look
17 as well as Council.

18 Second announcement, the Stevens and
19 Lee fee agreement remains tabled simply for the
20 fact that Council has not received it yet --
21 received a litigation budget. And I will be
22 providing an update in Fifth Order tonight on
23 the gas card audit that Council received. So
24 we did receive an update from the Moretti firm.
25 I know that many of you are curious about that.

1 And also the City Planner replied to
2 Mrs. Reed today with a quick update on the MS4
3 permit. So I will be providing that as well in
4 Fifth Order.

5 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS
6 PARTICIPATION.

7 (The following speakers offered
8 public comment on agenda items and matters of
9 general concern:

10 Mayor Cagnetti
11 Joan Hodowanitz
12 Fay Franus
13 Len Srebro
14 Patricia Nestor
15 Les Spindler
16 Ron Ellman
17 David Dobrzyn
18 Marie Schumacher
19 Tom Coyne.)

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

22 MOTIONS.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Councilman Rogan, any
24 motions or comments?

25 MR. ROGAN: Yes, just some brief

1 comments. We discussed a little bit in our
2 caucus and I know it's been brought up on the
3 floor. There's a number of appointments before
4 us tonight. Two of those by individuals who
5 don't currently live in the City.

6 The City Code states that a non City
7 resident can be appointed to these positions as
8 long as they move in within six months, which I
9 think is a very reasonable rule. In the past,
10 there had been instances where waivers have had
11 to be granted.

12 Unfortunately, one of those waivers
13 that was granted in the past, the individual
14 said they were going to move into the City
15 which we know how that turned out they never
16 did. I think this is two examples on the
17 agenda tonight of how this rule is supposed to
18 work and how it's not supposed to work.

19 In the first example, for the Chief
20 of Staff slash Assistant Solicitor position,
21 the individual who is being chosen for that
22 position currently lives in Dunmore has
23 actually already from what I've been told
24 signed a lease in the City of Scranton fully
25 intends to. That's how the process is supposed

1 to work.

2 The second appointment, Mr. Sheridan
3 we're being told it's an acting appointment.
4 He's not going to move into the City. But he's
5 also not staying for six months. I don't think
6 the Code should be interpreted that the person
7 staying less than six months they don't have to
8 move into the City or they don't have to get a
9 waiver.

10 You know if the Mayor wants this
11 appointment, I think there should be a waiver
12 accompanying the appointment if the individual
13 has no intention of moving into the City. The
14 other situation as I mentioned, completely
15 different. That's the way this process is
16 supposed to work so we can attract employees
17 outside of the City.

18 As far as the appointment of
19 Mr. Sheridan, he certainly seems qualified for
20 the position. But I think it opens the door
21 to saying, well, this is only a six month
22 appointment. They don't have to live in the
23 City. So again, I don't like that way of
24 thinking. I'm going to oppose that second
25 appointment for that reason unless a waiver is

1 submitted. If a waiver comes down to accompany
2 the legislation, then I think it's proper for
3 us to consider that waiver.

4 One other item I do want to bring up
5 and I think it was Mr. Spindler brought up with
6 the recycling. We did have a lot of back and
7 forth with the DPW. And a lot of residents
8 have been complaining about particularly about
9 the paper and the cardboard.

10 And again, it's no fault of the City
11 and no fault of the DPW why the system is the
12 way it is now. But again today particularly in
13 West Scranton, I saw a number of reports on the
14 neighborhood association page that the paper
15 was again being thrown into garbage trucks. I
16 know we're being told from the DPW that's not
17 happening but I really want to stress that --
18 to residents the importance of recycling.

19 And the City has a responsibility on
20 our end too. You know, we're asking residents
21 to do things a little bit differently. But
22 it's very important that the City is putting
23 the garbage and recycling where it needs to go.
24 I hope these reports from residents are not
25 accurate.

1 But we were told by the DPW
2 Director and -- relayed from the DPW Director
3 that the paper and the cardboard is going to
4 the Recycling Center. I've heard from multiple
5 residents particularly in West Side that that's
6 not the case that it's being thrown in with the
7 garbage. You know, I hope we get to the bottom
8 of it.

9 I'd like to send another
10 correspondence to the DPW if everyone is in
11 agreement just for some clarification on that.
12 You know, when it's one or two people calling,
13 you know, maybe they saw something wrong or
14 heard something wrong. Like, like I said, on
15 the West Scranton page I saw a number of people
16 yesterday mentioning my recycling was thrown in
17 with the garbage.

18 So I think it's real important that
19 we make sure that that is being handled
20 properly even if it means we have to spend more
21 overtime, the money being spent on overtime
22 would be saved on landfill tipping fees. I
23 don't know if the City has to put more DPW
24 workers on the garbage trucks or what the
25 solution is. But we can't be throwing

1 recycling away. And that's all. Thank you.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Thank you,
3 Councilman Rogan. Councilman McAndrew, any
4 motions or comments?

5 MR. MCANDREW: No, I have no motions
6 or comments at this time. Thank you.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Dr.
8 Rothchild, any motions or comments?

9 DR. ROTHCHILD: I do have a comment
10 in reference to what Mayor Cagnetti had
11 mentioned earlier when she was speaking. She
12 was at the school board meeting last night as
13 was I. And I did sit there for several hours
14 and listen to the parents' concerns.

15 And it was very, very upsetting
16 and this morning -- to know the inactions of
17 previous administrators. And I'm happy and I
18 commend the efforts of the current school board
19 and administration and the superintendent for
20 working hard to help resolve the situation in
21 the schools and to relocate the students from
22 Northeast Intermediate.

23 So I just wanted to comment that I
24 attended the meeting and I'm going to stay
25 up-to-date on the situation. I don't have

1 children that are in schools. But I could only
2 imagine if I did or if I had family that worked
3 in the schools how upset I would be too to have
4 them in that situation.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Thank you.

6 Councilman Donahue, any motions or comments?

7 MR. DONAHUE: Yes, just to touch on
8 some things I brought up last week. Myself and
9 Councilman Gaughan have been asking Chief
10 Graziano about Parrot Avenue and speed. We did
11 get a response last week from the Chief that
12 they're going to be putting up their speed
13 timing signs to hopefully get some data in that
14 area to see if we can figure out a solution to
15 speeding over there.

16 I also got a response from both
17 the -- from the Controller's Office regarding
18 the Rainey and Rainey contract. When Rainey
19 came in to do audit prep, I believe, '15 --
20 they were hired for the '15 audit. It was
21 originally -- the bid was originally put out
22 for four years to cover from '15 to '18.

23 Council had amended that legislation
24 to only cover '15 and '16. So they still did
25 do audit prep in '17 and '18. But they didn't

1 reach the threshold to put that out to bid. So
2 I am trying to get what exactly the number was
3 that was paid for those two years.

4 And I've also been in -- or talked
5 to Controller Murray about getting in writing
6 some benchmarks that hopefully that Rainey
7 could agree to. I think that's the main
8 concern that I have. If they didn't go over
9 the threshold for bidding that's one thing.

10 But we keep on getting this late
11 because there aren't benchmarks set. So I
12 think the Controller's Office will be working
13 with the Administrator's Office to hopefully
14 get that done. And I'll keep everybody updated
15 on that. And that's all I have.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you, Councilman
17 Donahue. I just have a few items. The first
18 one is a gas card audit update. So as most
19 everyone is aware, last summer there was issues
20 with gas card usage in the City. And Council
21 asked for a forensic audit to be accomplished.
22 And bids went out.

23 The Moretti firm from Old Forge was
24 the company that was awarded the bid to do the
25 audit. So I had asked weeks ago for an update

1 where we were with that audit. So I would like
2 to read into the record now a response that we
3 received Friday, January, 31st from Arthur
4 Moretti who is the gentleman that is doing the
5 audit:

6 Dear Mrs. Reed, I am hereby
7 responding to your letter dated January 23rd,
8 2020 regarding the City of Scranton gas card
9 audit for all activity from April, 2016 through
10 March, 2019.

11 As requested in your letter, the
12 following is a timeline of what has been done
13 since receiving the contract for the
14 examination on December 16th, 2019.

15 The contracts were signed by me and
16 returned as instructed by December 17th, 2019.
17 On December 17th, I sent an e-mail to David
18 Bulzoni to find out who I would be working with
19 and indicated I would like to begin the
20 engagement immediately. A copy of the e-mail
21 is attached for your information.

22 We made our first visit to City Hall
23 on December 24th, 2019 and met the acting
24 Controller, Mary Lynn Carey and her staff.
25 Mary Lynn Carey was extremely helpful in

1 helping procure some of the documents that she
2 had access to. Because of the holiday and the
3 new administration beginning January 2nd, 2019,
4 I chose to take the documents I had available
5 to me which included every gas card transaction
6 of every individual and have been working
7 through these documents at my office.

8 On January 23rd, 2019, my associate
9 and I met with the new controller, business
10 manager and staff. At that meeting I received
11 additional documents and gave them an update on
12 the status of my findings thus far. A copy of
13 some of the findings I had made, although my
14 audit is not complete are attached for your
15 convenience.

16 This recaps our timeline so far.
17 With regard to the progress made to date, I was
18 asked to focus first on Fire Chief DeSarno in
19 addition to others. We have reviewed and
20 analyzed all of his transactions. I will be
21 sending the findings on Fire Chief DeSarno to
22 John Murray who is the Controller, Patrick
23 Sheridan, the Business Administrator and
24 Jessica Eskra, the City Solicitor today.

25 I anticipate that I will be issuing

1 my final report to John Murray, Patrick
2 Sheridan, and Jessica Eskra by February 12th,
3 2020 providing any additional information
4 necessary could be obtained. Please let me
5 know if the distribution list should be
6 expanded.

7 Finally, please be advised that we
8 are still on budget with the proposed costs
9 that I provided. And our fees will not exceed
10 the estimate. I hope this information
11 addresses your needs. If you have any
12 questions, need any additional information or
13 would like to discuss in person, please do not
14 hesitate to contact me, Arthur Moretti, CPA.

15 The only other thing I want to
16 mention in the backup document, there was an
17 e-mail from Mr. Moretti sent to David Bulzoni,
18 Jessica Eskra, Becky McMullin and Mary Lynn
19 Carey on Monday, December 30th, 2019.

20 Mr. Moretti says the following:
21 Good afternoon. I hope you are all enjoying
22 your holiday season. Let me first begin by
23 thanking all of you for your kind assistance in
24 providing me with some of the information
25 needed in order for me to begin the gas car

1 audit.

2 I understand it was difficult to get
3 the information over the holiday since many of
4 the key positions were off. However, there is
5 additional documentation needed for me to be
6 able to proceed. Items -- and this is bolded.
7 Items eight, nine, and ten are most urgent
8 because they relate to the Fire Chief who is
9 leaving shortly.

10 Number one, gas card statements from
11 the period October 24th, 2017 through 2019.

12 Number two, list of all vehicles
13 allowed to be taken home available for personal
14 use and employees that they are assigned to.

15 Number three, documentation executed
16 when vehicles are assigned.

17 Number four, list of gas cards and
18 who they are assigned to.

19 Number five, documentation executed
20 when gas card are assigned.

21 Number six, a list of all vehicles
22 purchased from the period January 1st, 2014 to
23 present.

24 Number seven, required mileage logs
25 for vehicles available for personal use.

1 Number eight, W2 forms 2014 to 2018
2 for the Fire Chief. He says I will eventually
3 request others. I need to determine whether
4 taxes paid for personal use of company vehicle.

5 Number nine, as I understand
6 timecards and sheets are not used. I would
7 like a summary of vacation and sick usage for
8 the Fire Chief.

9 Number ten, a job description or a
10 job function or contract for the Fire Chief.

11 He says I will require additional
12 information on other positions. However, with
13 the Fire Chief leaving, his information is
14 urgent.

15 With regard to the Fire Chief
16 self-audit, we have reviewed his activity from
17 June, 2014 through October 23rd, 2017. Please
18 note that the self-audit he has provided is
19 insufficient and incomplete. The general rule
20 is that the personal use of a city-owned
21 vehicle is taxable to the employee as a fringe
22 benefit.

23 Personal use includes, community,
24 local and out of town travel, errands and non
25 official business. In reviewing his gas card

1 usage, there was suspicious activity such as
2 filling his vehicle on the Carbondale Highway
3 on December 26th, 2016; Labor Day, 2016 and
4 other times.

5 I am requesting that he redo his
6 self-audit to justify his business use using
7 his calendar, journal, or other written means
8 to support his business use. I might need this
9 information from other positions as well. It
10 also might be helpful if he could be available
11 to speak to me prior to January 3rd, which I
12 understand is his last day.

13 The Internal Revenue Service's
14 standard for record keeping is that there must
15 be adequate records or sufficient evidence to
16 support any credit or deduction claimed for
17 business use. These records must substantiate
18 the time, date, place, purpose and travel cost
19 are more helpful when logged at the time the
20 vehicle was used or shortly thereafter.

21 Record keeping and meeting
22 substantiation requirements is extremely
23 important because if the employee doesn't do
24 his own substantiation or meet the
25 requirements, he is presumed to have driven the

1 car for his own use and that value must be
2 considered for income tax purposes.

3 Again, I appreciate your assistance.
4 Should you have questions or require further
5 clarification, please call me. So that is the
6 update on the gas card audit.

7 In terms of the Licensing and
8 Inspections' assessment, I think I brought this
9 up two or three weeks ago. I had asked
10 Mrs. Reed to reach out to the company, Barry
11 Isett because it was my understanding in
12 talking to Mr. Oleski the assessment had not
13 even been started yet.

14 We had come to find out that the
15 contract with Isett for the LIPS Department
16 assessment was never executed by the City to
17 date. The contract is currently being reviewed
18 last -- Council was informed. But the previous
19 Business Administration had never signed the
20 contract.

21 So, Mrs. Reed, if we can ask, you
22 know, where we are in that process I would
23 appreciate it. You know, as has been detailed
24 here in the past, the Licensing and Inspections
25 Department assessment was really -- I think

1 really important and apparently the contract
2 was never signed. So -- and that's the way it
3 was left with us Tuesday -- yeah, Tuesday,
4 January 28th. So again, I don't know how it
5 couldn't have been signed but we'll wait for
6 another update on that.

7 In terms of the MS4 permit update,
8 Mrs. Reed talked to Mr. King our City Planner
9 today. The City applied for the MS4 permit in
10 May of 2019. In August, the City was in
11 contact with DEP regarding finishing up with
12 supplying them with the pollution reduction
13 plan.

14 The City to date has not received an
15 official report from the DEP regarding the
16 October inspection. Mr. King would like us to
17 keep in mind that DEP has 80 to 90 communities
18 that are going through this exact same process.
19 The City's current permit stays valid until
20 they are issued a new one.

21 The new permit is good for five
22 years once issued. Mr. King is going to speak
23 to the Mayor to provide her an update. And
24 once he has, he will coordinate with coming
25 before Council for a caucus to provide further

1 update and information. And again, as I had
2 requested along with the company that's doing
3 the stormwater analysis because I think that's
4 also important.

5 Let's see what else. The issues
6 with -- that Mrs. Nestor brought up with the
7 Penn Ridge Complex, Mrs. Reed, if we can reach
8 out to the administration, OECD, the Mayor's
9 office and just find out if that is on their
10 radar to put grant money into that and what
11 their plans are for that complex.

12 And then, Mrs. Nestor, so there --
13 if you want to -- are going to stay to the end
14 of meeting it should be over soon. If you want
15 to leave your e-mail or contact information
16 we'll update you on that and we'll update the
17 public. Because as I said, I do think that
18 that is important.

19 In terms of the sound issues in
20 Council Chambers it was again -- and I don't
21 know if it was because they weren't exactly
22 speaking into the mic like this. It could have
23 been that. But it is difficult to hear. And I
24 talked to Mrs. Reed who is going to be in
25 contact with the person that is in charge of

1 the sound system in these chambers.

2 It has to be fixed. I don't know
3 what that entails, you know, what the cost is
4 going to be to that. But I would like to see
5 it fixed. We were told that it could be
6 something with the speakers facing this way
7 instead of this way, which apparently that
8 would make more sense. But again, we'll let
9 the professionals take a look at that and get a
10 cost on that.

11 Also, in the caucus we had about
12 five minutes. I briefly mentioned that next
13 week I'll make a motion that Council sends a
14 letter to Mr. Basalyga of Steamtown 300 for an
15 update on the Electric City Garage
16 improvements. We had NDC in here a week ago.

17 And I was not pleased to find that,
18 you know, the Electric City Garage, we're
19 moving at a snail's pace is the long and short
20 of it. So I think we need -- you know, I read
21 Mr. Basalyga's quotes in the paper. I think we
22 need more information than that.

23 To me, it's not good enough of a
24 reason to be this far behind nearly four years
25 later. And remember that the garage was sold

1 for a dollar. The Parking Authority put up
2 nearly 3 million dollars for improvements. So
3 there needs to be a better answer than that in
4 my mind.

5 Also we were informed today that in
6 terms of a court date for the City LST tax
7 approval, that is going to be set for February
8 19th, 2020. And that is all I have.

9 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION -
10 A RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF CARL GRAZIANO,
11 418 WILBUR STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA,
12 18508 TO THE POSITION OF POLICE CHIEF EFFECTIVE
13 JANUARY 6, 2020.

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

17 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

18 DR. ROTHCHILD: Second.

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

22 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

23 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

24 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

25 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. Opposed? The
2 ayes have it and so moved.

3 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -
4 A RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF ALLEN LUCAS,
5 2722 BIRNEY AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA,
6 18505 TO THE POSITION OF ACTING FIRE CHIEF
7 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6, 2020.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: At this time I'll
9 entertain a motion that Item 5-C be introduced
10 into its proper committee.

11 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

12 DR. ROTHCHILD: Second.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? Yes,
14 on the question. I did ask for an explanation
15 as to the acting title. And Mrs. Reed has been
16 in contact with the Mayor's Chief of Staff and
17 we're going to receive a response to that prior
18 to the final vote next week. Anyone else on
19 the question? All those in favor of
20 introduction signify by saying aye.

21 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

22 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

23 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

24 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. Opposed? The

1 ayes have it and so moved.

2 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION -
3 A RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF DENNIS
4 GALLAGHER, 311 PATTISON AVENUE, SCRANTON,
5 PENNSYLVANIA, 18504 TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR
6 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EFFECTIVE
7 JANUARY 6, 2020.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: At this time I'll
9 entertain a motion that Item 5-D be introduced
10 into its proper committee.

11 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

12 MR. MCANDREW: Second.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? All
14 those in favor of introduction signify by
15 saying aye.

16 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

17 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

18 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

19 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. Opposed? The
21 ayes have it and so moved.

22 MS. REED: 5-E. FOR INTRODUCTION -
23 A RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF JESSICA L.
24 ESKRA, ESQUIRE, 44 SNOOK STREET, SCRANTON,
25 PENNSYLVANIA, 18505 AS CITY SOLICITOR EFFECTIVE

1 JANUARY 6, 2020.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: At this time I'll
3 entertain a motion that Item 5-E be introduced
4 into its proper committee.

5 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

6 DR. ROTHCHILD: Second.

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

10 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

11 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

12 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

13 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. Opposed? The
15 ayes have it and so moved.

16 MS. REED: 5-F. FOR INTRODUCTION -
17 A RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF STEPHANIE
18 PISKO, ESQUIRE, 2001 RIGG STREET, DUNMORE,
19 PENNSYLVANIA, 18512 AS ASSISTANT CITY
20 SOLICITOR/CHIEF OF STAFF EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6,
21 2020.

22 DR. ROTHCHILD: So moved.

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

1 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

2 MR. ROGAN: Second.

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

6 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

7 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

8 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

9 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

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

12 MS. REED: 5-G. FOR INTRODUCTION -
13 A RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF WAYNE BECK,
14 105 YESU DRIVE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18505
15 TO THE POSITION OF CITY TREASURER EFFECTIVE
16 JANUARY 6, 2020.

17 MR. DONAHUE: So moved. Sorry.

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

21 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: Is there a second?

23 MR. MCANDREW: Second.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: Are we all still awake
25 here or are we falling asleep?

1 MR. MCANDREW: Second.

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

5 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

6 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

7 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

8 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

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

11 MS. REED: 5-H. FOR INTRODUCTION - A
12 RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS OLESKI,
13 1124 ROCK STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18504
14 TO THE POSITION OF ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE
15 DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING, INSPECTIONS
16 AND PERMITS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6, 2020.

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

20 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

21 DR. ROTHCHILD: Second.

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

25 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

1 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

2 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

3 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. Opposed? The
5 ayes have it and so moved.

6 MS. REED: 5-I. FOR INTRODUCTION -
7 A RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF FRANK
8 SWIETNICKI, 708 O'HARA STREET, SCRANTON,
9 PENNSYLVANIA, 18505 TO THE POSITION OF
10 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER EFFECTIVE
11 JANUARY 6, 2020.

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

15 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

16 MR. MCANDREW: Second.

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

20 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

21 DR. ROTHCHILD: Second.

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

25 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

1 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

2 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

3 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. Opposed? The
5 ayes have it and so moved.

6 MS. REED: 5-J. FOR INTRODUCTION -
7 A RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF MARY PAT WARD,
8 1322 SCHLAGER STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA,
9 18504 TO THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
10 OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
11 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6, 2020.

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

15 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

16 DR. ROTHCHILD: Second.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? All
18 those in favor of introduction signify by
19 saying aye.

20 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

21 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

22 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

23 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

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

1 MS. REED: 5-K. FOR INTRODUCTION - A
2 RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF BRIAN FALLON,
3 719 RIVER STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18505
4 TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT
5 OF PARKS AND RECREATION EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6,
6 2020.

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

10 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

11 DR. ROTHCHILD: Second.

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

15 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

16 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

17 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

18 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

19 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. Opposed? The
20 ayes have it and so moved.

21 MS. REED: 5-L. FOR INTRODUCTION -
22 A RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF PATRICK J.
23 SHERIDAN, CPA, 106 STONE RIDGE CIRCLE, CLARKS
24 SUMMIT, PENNSYLVANIA 18411 TO THE POSITION OF
25 INTERIM BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR EFFECTIVE

1 JANUARY 6, 2020.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: At this time I'll
3 entertain a motion that Item 5-L be introduced
4 into its proper committee.

5 DR. ROTHCHILD: So moved.

6 MR. MCANDREW: Second.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: A second. On the
8 question? All those in favor of introduction
9 signify by saying aye.

10 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

11 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

12 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. Opposed?

14 MR. ROGAN: No.

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

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

18 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 3,
19 2020 - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE
20 COUNCIL NO. 2, 1983 AN ORDINANCE, AMENDING FILE
21 OF THE COUNCIL NO. 39, 1977, ENTITLED
22 "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES OF DISCOUNT
23 AND PENALTIES ON TAXES DUE ON REAL ESTATE TO
24 THE CITY OF SCRANTON," BY AMENDING CERTAIN
25 PROVISIONS RELATING TO DISCOUNTS, THE DISCOUNT

1 PERIOD, INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS AND PENALTIES ON
2 TAXES DUE ON REAL ESTATE TO THE CITY OF
3 SCRANTON.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: You've heard reading
5 by title of Item 6-A. What is your pleasure?

6 MR. DONAHUE: I move that Item 6-A
7 pass reading by title.

8 MR. ROGAN: Second.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? All
10 those in favor signify by saying aye.

11 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

12 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

13 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

14 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. Opposed? The
16 ayes have it and so moved.

17 MS. REED: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. No
18 business at this time.

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

21 MR. DONAHUE: Motion to adjourn.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: This meeting's
23 adjourned. Thank you.

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