

COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON

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- WILLIAM GAUGHAN, PRESIDENT
- KYLE DONAHUE, VICE PRESIDENT
- MARK MCANDREW
- JESSICA ROTHCHILD
- THOMAS SCHUSTER

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

1 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

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3 MR. GAUGHAN: Please remain standing
4 for a moment of silent reflection for our
5 service men and women throughout the world and
6 also for those who have passed away in our
7 community.

8 Let us also take a moment of silence
9 for all those people in our community, country
10 and world who have passed away from the
11 coronavirus pandemic.

12 This pandemic has turned our world
13 upside down. But we must remain hopeful and
14 strong. We continue to pray for the doctors,
15 nurses, researchers and all medical
16 professionals who seek to heal who help those
17 affected and who put themselves at risk in the
18 process. May they have protection and peace.

19 Whether we are home or abroad,
20 surrounded by many people suffering from this
21 illness or only a few, let us stick together,
22 endure together, mourn together and in place of
23 our anxiety, let us have hope and peace. Thank
24 you. Miss Carrera, roll call, please?

25 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Schuster.

1 MR. SCHUSTER: Present.

2 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

3 MR. MCANDREW: Present.

4 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

5 DR. ROTHCHILD: Here.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

7 MR. DONAHUE: Here.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: Here. Councilman
10 Donahue has a motion to make.

11 MR. DONAHUE: I'd like to make a
12 motion to take from the table Resolution No. 80
13 2020.

14 DR. ROTHCHILD: Second.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: There's a motion on
16 the floor and a second to take from the table
17 Resolution No. 80 2020. This piece is being
18 taken from the table and placed in Seventh
19 Order for a final vote.

20 This is the road maintenance
21 agreement between the City and Lackawanna
22 County for maintenance of the 300 block of
23 Center Street. On the question? All those in
24 favor signify by saying.

25 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

1 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

2 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

3 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. Opposed? The
5 ayes have it and so moved. Mrs. Reed, please
6 dispense with the reading of the minutes.

7 MS. REED: THIRD ORDER.

8 3-A. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM
9 DPW DIRECTOR DATED NOVEMBER 20, 2020 REGARDING
10 RESOLUTION NO. 49, 2020 EQUIPMENT TO THE CITY
11 FROM KEYSTONE SANITARY LANDFILL.

12 3-B. LACKAWANNA COUNTY COURT OF
13 COMMON PLEAS ORDER DATED NOVEMBER 5, 2020
14 REGARDING CITY OF SCRANTON REQUEST TO INCREASE
15 LOCAL SERVICES TAX FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020.

16 3-C. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM
17 OECD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DATED NOVEMBER 24, 2020
18 REGARDING COVID-19 REIMBURSEMENTS THROUGH
19 LACKAWANNA COUNTY CARES ACT FUNDING.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Are there any comments
21 on any of the Third Order items? I have one.
22 I did have a question on 3-C, which is the
23 COVID-19 reimbursements through the Lackawanna
24 County CARES Act funding.

25 I did reach out to the OECD

1 Director, Eileen Cipriani. I said that I was
2 reading through the November 24th memo that's
3 on our agenda.

4 And in that memo it stated that the
5 City received the reimbursement from the County
6 in the amount of \$326,203.37. And it is
7 thought that amount covers invoices submitted
8 through the first week of December. I was
9 confused with how this process was working.

10 So I asked the county review each
11 invoice and inform the City as to what expenses
12 were approved and what were not approved.
13 Director Cipriani said the following, the
14 attached -- she attached documents which
15 we'll -- I'll share with Council and we'll put
16 in Third Order for next week.

17 The attached is what we received
18 explaining the payment of \$326,203.37. Eileen
19 Cipriani has asked for a breakdown of what was
20 excluded. But she's not received it as of this
21 time. She said by comparing the vendors they
22 listed, she was able to determine that the
23 county did not fund the Serrenti building cost
24 as well as a message board the police purchased
25 and \$18,000 in IT costs.

1 And there was a few other expenses
2 that were excluded as well. The county did
3 tell the City that they're eligible for
4 \$500,000 total in reimbursement. And she
5 attached a spreadsheet of all of the City's
6 submissions and the latest memo that's coming
7 to Council that will be in Third Order for next
8 week.

9 And she also noted that it's
10 important that they find out what the county
11 did not reimburse the City for because the City
12 can then reimburse -- submit those costs rather
13 to FEMA for reimbursement. So will I be
14 waiting for the explanation and the breakdown
15 on that because I think that's important to
16 know.

17 Anyone else on the Third Order item?
18 If not, received and filed. Do any Council
19 members have any announcements at this time?

20 MR. DONAHUE: I just have a couple.
21 Just a reminder that garbage pickup is on
22 schedule this week and that it is the blue
23 containers. Next week, the week of December
24 7th is the last week for the fall leaf pickup
25 and Recycling Program.

1 Just a reminder that leaves must be
2 placed in biodegradable brown paper bags. All
3 collections will be from the curbside of
4 streets and avenues, no collections in courts
5 or alleys, no loose piles, no plastic bags, no
6 household trash in leaf bags.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Thank you.
8 Anyone else?

9 MR. MCANDREW: Yeah, I have one.
10 Christmas came early this year to the McAndrew
11 house -- actually three weeks early. My
12 beautiful daughter Moriah and her husband Nick
13 had a beautiful baby boy today.

14 His name is **Cillian Andrew Kich**, so
15 first grandchild, very excited here.

16 MR. DONAHUE: Congratulations, Mark.

17 DR. ROTHCHILD: Congratulations.

18 MR. MCANDREW: Thank you.

19 MR. GAUGHAN: Congratulations. Very
20 good news. That's great. Everybody is
21 healthy?

22 MR. MCANDREW: Yes, beautiful.
23 Everybody's great.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: Good. Good news.
25 Very good. And Cillian, that's not Irish, is

1 it?

2 MR. MCANDREW: You know, it is.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: I figured, westsider,
4 Irish, has to be. Anyone else? We can't top
5 that one.

6 DR. ROTHCHILD: No, I can't. Mine
7 is a little more -- I don't know, depressing
8 maybe. But I just -- I wanted to mention I
9 know in the past I mentioned Lexi Caviston.
10 She passed over the summertime. She was a
11 23-year-old woman battling brain cancer.

12 And, you know, I was happy to see
13 from her husband and her family members that a
14 few days ago they had decorated her grave for
15 Christmas with some Christmas decorations. And
16 I thought that was really neat.

17 And unfortunately, I think it was
18 only maybe a day or so later, those decorations
19 were stolen from the gravesite. And I just
20 think that's a terrible thing for anyone to do.
21 So I know that, you know, like the Scranton
22 Times and the police I think have picked up on
23 it because they're looking for whoever might
24 have stolen the decorations.

25 So if people look at the story and

1 like the picture, I know there's like the
2 grinch and a couple other things on there so
3 they could take a look and see if, perhaps,
4 they see them anywhere or have any information
5 on who might have stolen that from the
6 gravesite. And that was from Cathedral
7 cemetery in West Scranton.

8 MR. DONAHUE: And that -- and that
9 wasn't the only one. There were a couple other
10 graves where decorations were also stolen over
11 at the Cathedral in the last few days too.

12 DR. ROTHCHILD: Right. Yes, I think
13 the Dougher family as well, Dougher family, so,
14 yeah, it's -- it's a terrible thing people just
15 trying to remember their loved ones and to have
16 things stolen from their gravesites. So if
17 anyone has any information on that, make sure
18 you contact the Scranton Police. And that's
19 all I have. Thank you.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. I just
21 have one. I wanted to mention the retirement
22 of Eileen Hurchick. Eileen Hurchick is a
23 member of the clerical union in the City.
24 She's been employed by the City for 31 years.
25 And I just wanted to wish her a happy

1 retirement.

2 I worked with Eileen a few years ago
3 and -- quite a few years ago. And she was a
4 great employee of the City, dedicated
5 individual and a really kind and caring person.
6 So I just want to wish her the best and wish
7 her family the best and a good, happy and
8 healthy retirement. And that's all I have.
9 Mrs. Reed?

10 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS
11 PARTICIPATION.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you, Mrs. Reed.
13 At this time, would someone please make a
14 motion to accept public comment from the
15 following individuals: Patricia Nestor and
16 Marie Schumacher.

17 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

18 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

19 MR. GAUGHAN: There's been a motion
20 and a second to accept public comment.
21 Mrs. Reed, would you please read the comments
22 into the record at this time?

23 MS. REED: Yes, thank you. The
24 first submission is from Patricia Nestor as
25 follows:

1 I have lived on the 900 block of
2 Green Ridge Street for over 40 years. The
3 Meadowbrook Creek runs under 920 Green Ridge
4 Street at the abandoned store.

5 Every year when the weather turns
6 cold, the rats come up from below and seek
7 warmth. Two years ago a rat came up my toilet
8 and my husband had to "take care of it."

9 I want to make you aware that the
10 rats on the 900 block Green Ridge Street are
11 very active this year. My tenant hasn't had any
12 in her house but she said she has seen BIG ONES
13 running on the sidewalk across the street.

14 Yesterday a lady was walking her dog
15 while I was outside and I heard her scream,
16 "Ugh! A rat!".

17 I don't know what you can do about
18 it. I bought all of my tenants new garbage cans
19 with secure lids so they wouldn't be attracted
20 to the cans.

21 I just thought you should be aware
22 and maybe have ideas to help.

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24 MS. REED: The second submission is
25 from Marie Schumacher as follows:

1 0 6A - I thought the approved 2020
2 Operating Budget called for selling the
3 delinquencies outright but it now appears that
4 is not the case. Also the amount seems puny
5 considering the number and dollar value of
6 these delinquencies.

7 0 Considering the drop in gasoline
8 pumping tells me many people were misusing the
9 cards so now I wonder what the Employee Audit
10 has turned up regarding unpaid taxes and fees
11 by City employees. Taxpayers need to know.

12 0 Concerning unanswered questions,
13 it has been 8 weeks since I noted a large
14 orange sign stating "NO TRUCKS" had appeared on
15 a utility pole at Prospect and River Streets. I
16 asked whether it is only for the 600 block of
17 River Street or all of River Street and how are
18 these signs obtained. What makes this too
19 difficult to answer for two months and
20 counting?

21 0 Also still waiting to hear if
22 former Police Chief Graziano established a
23 prearrest drug treatment program.

24 0 Considering universities
25 utilization of virtual classes, is anyone

1 looking ahead to how these changes will impact
2 the City should they continue to determine what
3 action, if any might be taken?.

4 0 It's been a long time since the
5 City Council/School Board shared service
6 committee has provided a report. When shall we
7 expect an update?.

8 0 Please provide the heating and
9 air-conditioning utility expenses for 2019 and
10 2020 to date for the former Serrenti Building.
11 o If City Hall was inspected by a City Housing
12 Inspector would it pass?

13 0 Please request how future
14 employees will pay for their employment in cost
15 savings or increased revenue.

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17 (This concludes public comment as
18 submitted to Council.)

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20 MS. REED: Thank you.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you, Mrs. Reed.
22 On the question?

23 MR. DONAHUE: On the question, just
24 on Miss Schumacher's question about the shared
25 services committee, there is a meeting

1 scheduled for next week. And I believe the
2 main topic of discussion is going to be a
3 HUP test. I'm sure Miss Schumacher will be
4 thrilled about that.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Anyone
6 else on the question? Yeah, two comments;
7 number one, I already answered -- I believe I
8 answered two of these questions on the large
9 orange signs stating no trucks. I'll go back
10 and look. If I didn't, I apologize. But I
11 know I'm almost positive I brought that up
12 before.

13 And the prearrest drug treatment
14 program, not only did I answer that question,
15 but I also put the whole program, the
16 documentation in Third Order for everyone to
17 take a look at. So that question has been
18 answered. Anyone else on the question? All
19 those in favor signify by saying aye.

20 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

21 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

22 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

23 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

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

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

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Mr. Schuster, any
4 motions or comments tonight?

5 MR. SCHUSTER: Nothing at this time.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Councilman
7 McAndrew, any motions or comments at this time?

8 MR. MCANDREW: I have comments. In
9 caucus I brought up three questions that I
10 posed two weeks ago at the work session -- the
11 budget work session. And then Mrs. Reed
12 actually sent these three questions to
13 administration, Mr. Deeley and the Mayor.

14 And I'm patiently awaiting the
15 answers. Mr. Deeley said in caucus that I
16 would receive them tonight. One being total
17 comprehension for the proposed 12 new positions
18 also including the amount for the parity
19 increases for some employees.

20 The second question was, I just want
21 to know who's exempt and who's not exempt from
22 overtime -- not hourly employees, I'm talking
23 about management positions. I haven't got a
24 clear understanding or an answer about because
25 I'm hearing there's a lot of overtime being

1 accumulated.

2 And the final one was with the new
3 fleet manager, who is actually preparing or
4 collecting or gathering the data for the fuel
5 card usage. My understanding that that was one
6 of the reasons why this gentleman was hired.

7 And it wasn't reflected in the
8 article in the Times which would be two weeks
9 ago about who's handling the data. So I'm
10 patient awaiting the answers to these
11 questions. That is all I have. Thank you.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you, Councilman
13 McAndrew. Dr. Rothchild, any motions or
14 comments?

15 DR. ROTHCHILD: No, none at this
16 time. Thank you.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. And,
18 Councilman Donahue, any motions or comments?

19 MR. DONAHUE: The only thing I have
20 is to make a motion to table Item 7-B just to
21 get some further information.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay.

23 MR. MCANDREW: Second.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: There's been a motion
25 to table agenda Item 7-B. Is there a second?

1 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Second. On the
3 question? And, Kyle, do you --

4 MR. DONAHUE: Yeah, we just want to
5 table this just to make sure we cover all ends
6 and do our due diligence in terms of the refuse
7 litigation. And Solicitor Hayes set up a call
8 tomorrow with Attorney Price to go over some
9 of -- just some of those questions.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Anyone else on
11 the question? All those in favor of the motion
12 to table agenda Item 7-B signify by saying aye.

13 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

14 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

15 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

16 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. Opposed? The
18 ayes have it and so moved.

19 MR. DONAHUE: And that's all I have.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Very good. Thank you.
21 The one thing I wanted to mention was, again, I
22 talked about this in caucus was about Nay Aug
23 Park. So I did receive a few calls based on
24 the comments that were made last week about
25 people who were concerned that the pool was not

1 going to be open for next year.

2 So I did speak to the Mayor. She's
3 going to respond to our correspondence and our
4 questions and hopefully we can get that
5 resolved. As I mentioned, it was my
6 understanding that there was money put aside in
7 the budget for Nay Aug pool to fix the liner,
8 to make sure that it's ready and operable for
9 next year.

10 So we asked for a full report on the
11 pool and to give us an understanding of exactly
12 what has to be done. And if they are in need
13 of funding if we put it off this year, the
14 pool's not going to be open next year and
15 eventually it's going to have to be addressed.

16 So I think it should be done sooner
17 rather than later. The only other thing I have
18 is I -- just like everyone else, I'm really
19 disturbed and concerned about the rise in
20 coronavirus cases locally. And more concerning
21 is the numbers that we're receiving in the
22 increase in hospitalizations just within the
23 last month is very, very disturbing and very
24 distressing.

25 And, you know, I know this doesn't

1 have much to do with City Council, but I just
2 want to make sure this is on the record that I
3 cannot for the life of me understand the
4 incompetence and the lack of really any sort of
5 discernable plan from the federal government.

6 Just as a human being, I just -- I
7 don't understand how since the very beginning
8 everything is just been thrown on the states
9 and the counties and the local government to
10 deal with this. And if anybody is paying
11 attention, our hospitals are in -- not only
12 locally I think we're holding steady for now.

13 But across the country it is
14 devastating what's going on here. And it just
15 seems like not many people in the federal
16 government are listening or maybe caring. I
17 don't know. It's really -- it's so disturbing
18 to me.

19 And my concern is locally that
20 obviously we just had Thanksgiving. And we
21 could be headed towards a real disaster here as
22 we look towards Christmas in terms of the
23 major increase in hospitalization. So I'm
24 hoping that that doesn't happen but all the
25 data points to that happening.

1 So I would just urge people to stay
2 home, if you can. Wear a mask, and just be as
3 safe and careful as you can because this is not
4 getting better any time soon. That's all I
5 have. Thank you. Mrs. Reed? Oh, I'm sorry,
6 Mrs. Reed.

7 Sorry, before you go, I wanted to
8 mention about this -- I know I brought this up
9 before. I think I even sent an e-mail to Miss
10 Schumacher. The large orange sign, that is not
11 the City's. It could be a contractor that's
12 working in the area. The no truck traffic sign
13 was one that was replaced that was there for
14 years and it was just faded. And I think I did
15 address this weeks ago. Sorry, go ahead,
16 Mrs. Reed.

17 MS. REED: Thank you. 5-B. FOR
18 INTRODUCTION - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF
19 THE COUNCIL NO. 6, 1976 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE
20 (AS AMENDED) IMPOSING A TAX FOR GENERAL REVENUE
21 PURPOSES ON THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY
22 SITUATE WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON;
23 PRESCRIBING AND REGULATING THE METHOD OF
24 EVIDENCING THE PAYMENT OF SUCH TAX; CONFERRING
25 POWERS AND IMPOSING DUTIES UPON CERTAIN

1 PERSONS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES", BY IMPOSING
2 THE RATE OF THE REALTY TRANSFER TAX AT
3 TWO AND TWO TENTHS PERCENT (2.2%) FOR CALENDAR
4 YEAR 2021 AND THE SAME SHALL REMAIN IN FULL
5 FORCE AND EFFECT ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

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

9 MR. MCANDREW: Second.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Oh, we need a so moved
11 first.

12 MR. SCHUSTER: So moved.

13 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

14 MR. MCANDREW: Sorry.

15 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: There we go. That's
17 okay. On the question? All those in favor of
18 introduction signify by saying aye.

19 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

20 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

21 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

22 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

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

25 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -

1 AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL
2 NO. 148, 1986, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
3 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 98, 1976, AS AMENDED,
4 AND IMPOSING A MERCANTILE LICENSE TAX OF 2
5 MILLS FOR THE YEAR 1987 AND ANNUALLY
6 THEREAFTER UPON PERSONS ENGAGING IN CERTAIN
7 OCCUPATIONS AND BUSINESSES THEREIN; PROVIDING
8 FOR ITS LEVY AND COLLECTION AND FOR THE
9 ISSUANCE OF MERCANTILE LICENSES; CONFERRING AND
10 IMPOSING POWERS AND DUTIES UPON THE TAX
11 COLLECTOR OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON; AND IMPOSING
12 PENALTIES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1987",
13 BY IMPOSING THE MERCANTILE LICENSE TAX AT ONE
14 (1) MILL (.001) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021 AND THE
15 SAME SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT
16 ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

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

20 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

21 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

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

25 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

1 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

2 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

3 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

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

6 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION -
7 AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL
8 NO. 147, 1986, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING
9 FOR THE GENERAL REVENUE BY IMPOSING A TAX AT
10 THE RATE OF TWO (2) MILLS UPON THE PRIVILEGE OF
11 OPERATING OR CONDUCTING BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF
12 SCRANTON AS MEASURED BY THE GROSS RECEIPTS
13 THEREFROM; REQUIRING REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT
14 OF THE TAX AS CONDITION TO THE CONDUCTING OF
15 SUCH BUSINESS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND
16 COLLECTION OF SUCH TAX; PRESCRIBING SUCH
17 REQUIREMENTS FOR RETURNS AND RECORDS;
18 CONFERRING POWERS AND DUTIES UPON THE TAX
19 COLLECTOR; AND IMPOSING PENALTIES", BY IMPOSING
20 THE BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX AT THE RATE OF ONE
21 (1) MILL (.001) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021 AND THE
22 SAME SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT
23 ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: At this time I'll
25 entertain a motion that Item 5-D be introduced

1 into its proper committee.

2 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

3 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Was there a second?

5 I'm sorry.

6 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? All

8 those in favor of introduction signify by

9 saying aye.

10 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

11 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

12 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

13 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. Opposed? The

15 ayes have it and so moved.

16 MS. REED: 5-E. FOR INTRODUCTION -

17 AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL

18 NO. 11, 1976, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS

19 AMENDED) ENACTING, IMPOSING A TAX FOR GENERAL

20 REVENUE PURPOSES IN THE AMOUNT OF

21 TWO PERCENT (2%) ON EARNED INCOME AND NET

22 PROFITS ON PERSONS, INDIVIDUALS, ASSOCIATIONS

23 AND BUSINESSES WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF

24 THE CITY OF SCRANTON, OR NON-RESIDENTS OF THE

25 CITY OF SCRANTON, FOR WORK DONE, SERVICES

1 PERFORMED OR BUSINESS CONDUCTED WITHIN
2 THE CITY OF SCRANTON, REQUIRING THE FILING OF
3 RETURNS BY TAXPAYERS SUBJECT TO THE TAX;
4 REQUIRING EMPLOYERS TO COLLECT THE TAX AT
5 SOURCE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION,
6 COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE SAID TAX; AND
7 IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS", BY
8 RE-ENACTING THE IMPOSITION OF THE WAGE TAX AT
9 TWO AND FOUR TENTHS (2.4%) PERCENT ON EARNED
10 INCOME FOR RESIDENTS AND ONE (1%) PERCENT ON
11 EARNED INCOME FOR NON-RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF
12 SCRANTON, FOR WORK DONE, SERVICES PERFORMED OR
13 BUSINESS CONDUCTED WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON
14 FOR THE YEAR 2021 AND THE SAME SHALL REMAIN IN
15 FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

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

19 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

20 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

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

24 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

25 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

1 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

2 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

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

5 MS. REED: 5-F. FOR INTRODUCTION -
6 AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL
7 NO. 100, 1976, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS
8 AMENDED) LEVYING GENERAL AND SPECIAL TAXES FOR
9 THE FISCAL YEAR 1977", BY SETTING THE MILLAGE
10 FOR THE YEAR 2021 AND THE SAME SHALL REMAIN IN
11 FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: At this time I'll
13 entertain a motion that Item 5-F 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. SCHUSTER: Aye.

21 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

22 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

23 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

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

1 MS. REED: 5-G. FOR INTRODUCTION -
2 A RESOLUTION - RATIFYING AND APPROVING OF
3 THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT
4 APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON, ON BEHALF
5 OF SCRANTON CULTURAL CENTER AT THE MASONIC
6 TEMPLE TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
7 ACTING THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING
8 AUTHORITY FOR A LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT,
9 PURSUANT TO THE PA RACE HORSE DEVELOPMENT AND
10 GAMING ACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$95,928.00 FOR THE
11 PROJECT TO BE KNOWN AS "COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH,
12 SAFETY, AND SECURITY UPGRADE" LOCATED AT 420 N.
13 WASHINGTON AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA,
14 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
15 CITY OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON,
16 PENNSYLVANIA, TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF
17 SUCCESSFUL, AND EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A LOCAL
18 SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT CONTRACT AND COMMITMENT
19 LETTER WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA TO
20 ACCEPT AND UTILIZE THE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
21 \$95,928.00 AWARDED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF
22 PENNSYLVANIA FOR SUCH PROJECT.

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

1 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

2 DR. ROTHCHILD: So moved.

3 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

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

7 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

8 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

9 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

10 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

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

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

14 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 37,
15 2020 - AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
16 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND
17 ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR COLLECTION OF
18 DELINQUENT MUNICIPAL CLAIMS ON BEHALF OF THE
19 CITY OF SCRANTON WITH PORTNOFF LAW ASSOCIATES,
20 LTD. AND APPROVING COLLECTION PROCEDURES,
21 APPOINTMENT OF SOLICITOR, INTEREST ASSESSMENT,
22 CREDIT CARD AND DEBIT CARD CHARGES, AND FEES
23 AND COSTS TO BE ADDED TO THE AMOUNT COLLECTED
24 AS PART OF UNPAID MUNICIPAL CLAIMS FOR
25 DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS.

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

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

5 DR. ROTHCHILD: Second.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question?

7 MR. SCHUSTER: On the question, I'd
8 like to make a motion to table this item.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: Oh, I'm sorry,
10 Councilman Donahue is going to make a motion to
11 table after the -- we pass it into Seventh
12 Order.

13 MR. SCHUSTER: I got ya. I thought
14 you guys missed it there.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: No, that's okay.
16 Anyone else on the question? I have a few
17 things. Number one, we will make a motion to
18 table in a second and that really is because we
19 did not receive the disclosure forms that would
20 include the campaign contributions.

21 Usually when we receive a --
22 legislation like this, we receive the full RFP.
23 We receive the bidders -- all the bidders forms
24 including disclosures and the whole bid
25 package. And we didn't receive that with this

1 legislation.

2 And as last I looked earlier today,
3 we did not receive any of the disclosure forms
4 yet. And even if we did, we wouldn't have
5 enough time to review that. So that's one
6 reason that we'll end up tabling it. We do
7 have them coming in next Tuesday, December 8th,
8 Portnoff, for a caucus to discuss their
9 business model and to discuss the agreement.

10 There's a few things that stuck out
11 to me, one of which was the term in the
12 agreement. It reoccurs automatically unless
13 either party notifies one another with -- I
14 think within 90 days. I think we should look
15 at -- I don't like that language in there.

16 I think that should come out and
17 just make the agreement end and it'd have to
18 come back up for discussion before Council
19 rather than automatically renew with the 90
20 days. That was one thing.

21 There's a couple other questions
22 that I'll save for next week on the specifics
23 within the agreement. The one item that I
24 talked about in the caucus that I think the
25 administration should seriously consider and

1 that I would definitely recommend because I
2 think it's a great idea and I've been saying
3 this now for quite some time is an amnesty
4 period for people.

5 There are -- there's a lot of money
6 outstanding in delinquencies in the City from
7 2002 to 2020. It's been proven in the past
8 that it's very hard to get blood from a stone.
9 We're in the middle of a pandemic.

10 People are hurting financially and
11 to think that we're going to hire a company to
12 aggressively go after people who owe garbage
13 fees and the garbage bill and then all the fees
14 that are added on top of that I just think at
15 this point is unrealistic.

16 I think a common sense approach
17 would be to offer a period of amnesty for
18 people to waive the fees that have been put on
19 top of the original face value of the garbage
20 bill and have -- give people a chance to come
21 in and pay what they actually owe to the City
22 and get on a payment plan.

23 And then after that period, then you
24 would aggressively try to recoup that money. I
25 don't know that an amnesty program has ever

1 been instituted in the City. I would think
2 that the smart way to go about this would be a
3 one-time amnesty, one time deal.

4 This is it, only time it's ever
5 going to happen and allow people to come
6 forward and to pay those past delinquent
7 garbage fees. One of the biggest -- the other
8 big benefits I see to this is the opportunity
9 for the City to get a -- hopefully a big influx
10 of revenue in the beginning of next year in the
11 first or second quarter.

12 I did talk to the Mayor earlier
13 today about this. And she was open to taking a
14 look at it and analyzing it. I just think
15 it's -- it makes a lot of sense. I looked at
16 York, the City of York in Pennsylvania recently
17 did it. And they were able -- they actually
18 had people lining up out the door once it was
19 announced to come in and get on a payment plan
20 or to pay off the delinquency.

21 I don't think it makes sense to have
22 these people who owe this money to go after
23 them and add on the list of fees that we have
24 in front of us, fee upon fee upon fee upon fee.
25 If you can't pay \$300, what makes anyone think

1 someone is going to be able to pay \$2,000?

2 It just doesn't make sense. So
3 offer an amnesty period for these people. I
4 think it not only benefits -- it not only
5 benefits the people of the City but it also
6 benefits the City. And it will help us next
7 year I think it terms of revenue.

8 So before I were to entertain this,
9 I really would like to hear the Mayor's
10 thoughts on this on whether or not this is
11 going to be done next year. And as I mentioned
12 in caucus, this was something that I pushed for
13 last year. And it was talked about and
14 included as an option in the 2020 budget. So
15 that's all I have. Anyone else? Okay. All
16 those in favor signify by saying aye.

17 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

18 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

19 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

20 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

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

23 MR. DONAHUE: I'd like to make a
24 motion to table Item 6-A.

25 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

1 THE COURT: There's a motion on the
2 floor and a second to table Item 6-A of the
3 agreement with Portnoff Law Associates to
4 collect delinquent refuse fees on behalf of the
5 City.

6 Again, this piece of legislation is
7 being tabled for two reasons, one, until the
8 requested documentation including political
9 contribution disclosures have been provided;
10 and two, a caucus is being held with
11 representatives of the firm which has been
12 scheduled for Tuesday, December 8th, 2020 at
13 5:45 p.m. Anyone else on the question? All
14 those in favor signify by saying aye.

15 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

16 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

17 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

18 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

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

21 MS. REED: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR
22 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR
23 ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 34, 2020 -
24 AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 95, 2015, AN
25 ORDINANCE, ENTITLED "AMENDING FILE OF THE

1 COUNCIL NO. 79 OF 2015, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
2 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 145 OF 2007 ENTITLED
3 'AN ORDINANCE RENAMING THE EMERGENCY AND
4 MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAX ("EMST") TO LOCAL
5 SERVICE TAX ("LST")' AND BY IMPOSING A
6 WITHHOLDING OF \$52.00 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR
7 2015 AND THE SAME SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE
8 AND EFFECT ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY INCREASING
9 THE LOCAL SERVICES TAX WITHHOLDING FROM \$52.00
10 TO \$156.00 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015,
11 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION
12 FOR ANY PERSON WHOSE TOTAL EARNED INCOME AND
13 NET PROFITS FROM ALL SOURCES WITHIN THE
14 MUNICIPALITY IS LESS THAN \$15,600.00 FOR THE
15 CALENDAR YEAR 2015 UNDER AND PURSUANT TO THE
16 LOCAL TAX ENABLING ACT, ACT 511 OF 1965, P.L.
17 1257, 53 P.S. § 6924,101 ET. SEQ. AND THE
18 MUNICIPALITIES RECOVERY ACT, ACT 47 OF 1987,
19 P.L. 246,53 P.S. § 11701.101 ET. SEQ. AND THEIR
20 RESPECTIVE AMENDMENTS" EFFECTIVE RETROACTIVE TO
21 JANUARY 1, 2020. THIS TAX ENABLES THE CITY OF
22 SCRANTON TO CONTINUE TO LEVY THE LOCAL
23 SERVICES TAX AT THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 RATE FOR
24 FISCAL YEAR 2020 FOR A TOTAL MAXIMUM LOCAL
25 SERVICES RATE OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX

1 (\$156.00) DOLLARS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020
2 EFFECTIVE RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2020.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: What is the
4 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
5 Committee on Finance? Oh, you're muted, Tom.

6 MR. SCHUSTER: As Chairperson for
7 the Committee on Finance, I recommend final
8 passage of 7-A.

9 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question?

11 MR. DONAHUE: On the question, I
12 just want to point out that this is
13 retroactive. So this is tax enabling
14 legislation for 2020. And, Solicitor Hayes,
15 would you be able to just urge the Law
16 Department to submit the -- to file for 2021
17 the LST petition?

18 There's no reason we shouldn't pass
19 this by the end of February. I know, you know,
20 I know at least in my three years it's been,
21 you know, it's been pushed later and later
22 every year. And really that could be filed,
23 you know, quite easily I believe because it's
24 just a repeat of the year before.

25 ATTY. HAYES: Yes, I'll do that.

1 MR. DONAHUE: Thank you.

2 ATTY. HAYES: No problem.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Anyone
4 else on the question? Roll call, please, Miss
5 Carrera?

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Schuster.

7 MR. SCHUSTER: Yes.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

9 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

10 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

11 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

13 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

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

17 MS. REED: 7-B, has been tabled.

18 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE
19 COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - FOR ADOPTION -
20 RESOLUTION NO. 100, 2020 - RATIFYING AND
21 APPROVING OF THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF
22 THE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON
23 POLICE DEPARTMENT TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF
24 PENNSYLVANIA ACTING THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH
25 FINANCING AUTHORITY FOR A LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT

1 GRANT PURSUANT TO THE GAMING FUNDS GRANT
2 PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$257,925.00 TO
3 INSTALL A HVAC SYSTEM IN EMERGENCY SERVICES
4 CENTER (FORMERLY SERRENTI ARMORY) LOCATED AT
5 1801 PINE STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, AND
6 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
7 CITY OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON,
8 PENNSYLVANIA, TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF
9 SUCCESSFUL, AND EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A LOCAL
10 SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT CONTRACT AND COMMITMENT
11 LETTER WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA TO
12 ACCEPT AND UTILIZE THE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
13 \$257,925.00 AWARDED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF
14 PENNSYLVANIA FOR SUCH PROJECT.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: What is the
16 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
17 Committee on Public Safety?

18 MR. MCANDREW: As Chairperson for
19 the Committee on Public Safety, I recommend
20 final passage of 7-C.

21 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question? Roll
23 call, please.

24 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Schuster.

25 MR. SCHUSTER: Yes.

1 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

2 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

3 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

4 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

5 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

6 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. I hereby declare
9 Item 7-C legally and lawfully adopted.

10 MS. REED: 7-D. FOR CONSIDERATION
11 BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION -
12 RESOLUTION NO. 101, 2020 - AUTHORIZING THE
13 MAYOR AND OTHER CITY OFFICIALS TO MAKE A
14 SOLVENCY PAYMENT TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF
15 PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY
16 BUREAU OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: What is the
18 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
19 Committee on Finance?

20 MR. SCHUSTER: As Chairperson for
21 Committee on Finance, I recommend 7-D for final
22 passage.

23 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

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

1 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Schuster.

2 MR. SCHUSTER: Yeah.

3 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

4 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

5 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

6 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

8 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. I hereby declare
11 Item 7-D legally and lawfully adopted.

12 MS. REED: 7-E. Previously tabled -
13 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
14 SAFETY FOR ADOPTION -- RESOLUTION NUMBER 80
15 2020 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
16 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER
17 INTO A ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
18 CITY OF SCRANTON AND LACKAWANNA COUNTY FOR THE
19 PAVING, REPAIR, SNOW PLOWING, SIGNAGE AND ANY
20 OTHER THAN MAINTENANCE DUTIES AS NEEDED ONCE
21 THE 300 BLOCK OF CENTER STREET HAS BEEN
22 DESIGNATED ONE WAY.

23 MR. DONAHUE: I'd like to make a
24 motion to amend the road maintenance agreement
25 attached and referred hereto as Exhibit A of

1 Item 7-E as follows:

2 Insert a sixth whereas clause to
3 read whereas, the City adopted an ordinance
4 filed of the Council NO. 31 2020 as amended
5 which approved the change in the designation of
6 the 300 block in Center Street in the City of
7 Scranton from a two-way street to a one-way
8 street in accordance with the C4 Center Street
9 parking drawing prepared by Lackawanna County
10 Engineer, Frank Summa, P. E., and dated
11 November 4th, 2020.

12 A copy of the City ordinance as
13 amended is attached hereto as Exhibit B and
14 incorporated herein by reference.

15 In the now therefore clause section
16 two, one way designation, strike Lackawanna
17 County's memorandum dated September 30th, 2020,
18 which is attached hereto as attachment number
19 one and drawing entitled 2019701 Center Street,
20 a copy of which is attached hereto as
21 attachment number two and insert the Center
22 Street ordinance in Section 8, term of lease,
23 change the commence date from December 1st,
24 2020 to December 15th, 2020.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. There's been a

1 motion to amend. Is there a second?

2 MR. SCHUSTER: Second.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. There's a
4 motion on the floor and a second to amend Item
5 7-E. On the question? All those in favor
6 signify by saying aye.

7 MR. SCHUSTER: Aye.

8 MR. MCANDREW: Aye.

9 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

10 DR. ROTHCHILD: Aye.

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

13 What is the recommendation of the
14 Chairperson for the Committee on Public Safety?

15 MR. MCANDREW: As the Chairperson
16 for the Committee on Public Safety, I recommend
17 final passage of Item 7-E as amended.

18 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

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

21 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Schuster.

22 MR. SCHUSTER: Yes.

23 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McAndrew.

24 MR. MCANDREW: Yes.

25 MS. CARRERA: Dr. Rothchild.

1 DR. ROTHCHILD: Yes.

2 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

3 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. I hereby declare
6 Item 7-E as amended legally and lawfully
7 adopted.

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

10 MR. DONAHUE: Councilman Gaughan, I
11 just want to bring up one thing that I forgot
12 to mention in announcements. I saw this came
13 out this afternoon from the Scranton Police
14 Department regarding the Nay Aug light display.

15 The exit -- they're trying to set up
16 entrance and exit directions. I heard it's,
17 you know, I got a few texts over the weekend
18 that, you know, the whole set up is great. But
19 in order to create a new traffic pattern to
20 keep Geisinger Community Medical Center free
21 for emergency vehicles, the police department
22 is asking that in order to access the light
23 show that you use Vine Street to Arthur Avenue
24 and then down Arthur Avenue along the park
25 before taking a left onto Mulberry and then

1 turn into the park entrance.

2 And then when exiting to just use
3 Olive Street all the way down to Harrison
4 Avenue and then go whichever way you need to go
5 there. But again, this is just to help keep
6 access to Geisinger CMC open to emergency
7 vehicles.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay. Thank you.
9 Thanks for mentioning that. That's important.
10 Anyone else? Okay. If there is no further
11 business, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

12 MR. DONAHUE: Motion to adjourn.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: This meeting is
14 adjourned. Thanks everyone. See you next
15 week.

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