

SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

JOSEPH WECHSLER, PRESIDENT

PATRICK ROGAN, VICE-PRESIDENT

WAYNE EVANS

WILLIAM GAUGHAN

TIM PERRY

LORI REED, CITY CLERK

KATHY CARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

AMIL MINORA, ESQUIRE - SOLICITOR

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

3 MR. WECHSLER: Roll call, please.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

5 MR. PERRY: Here.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

7 MR. ROGAN: Here.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

9 MR. EVANS: Here.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan. Mr.

11 Wechsler.

12 MR. WECHSLER: Here. Mr. Gaughan
13 will be late this evening:

14 MR. MINORA: From the Office of City
15 Council of the City of Scranton we have a
16 Proclamation. "LET IT BE HEREBY KNOWN TO
17 ALL THAT UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE
18 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, LUDOVICA
19 CASTELLI, OF THE TOWN OF NERETO, PROVINCE OF
20 TERAMO IN THE ABRUZZO REGION OF ITALY ON
21 THIS 6TH DAY OF APRIL 2017 HAS BEEN DULY
22 ACCEPTED AS AN HONORARY CITIZEN OF THE CITY
23 OF SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, UNITED STATE OF
24 AMERICAN. AS AN HONORARY CITIZEN, YOU
25 HEREBY SHARE IN BOTH OUR PROUD HERITAGE AND

1 BRIGHT FUTURE."

2 MS. REED: THIRD ORDER. 3-A. AGENDA
3 FOR THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING TO
4 BE HELD APRIL 12, 2017.

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

7 MS. REED: 3-B. TAX ASSESSOR'S
8 RESULTS REPORT FOR HEARING DATE HELD MARCH
9 29, 2017.

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

14 MR. PERRY: Yes, I have one. The
15 Minooka Lion's recently completed a gazebo
16 project, a gift to the community, in memory
17 of Lion Mark Walsh, Esquire, and as part of
18 the Lion's Club International Centennial
19 Community Legacy Project Program. With that
20 said, there is going to be a dedication
21 ceremony at the Billy Barrett playground,
22 the 2900 block of Colliery Avenue on April
23 22 at 10 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

24 MR. WECHSLER: Next week's city
25 council meeting scheduled for Thursday,

1 April 13, will be cancelled. We are unable
2 to reschedule due to the Zoning Board of
3 Appeals meeting on Wednesday, April 12.
4 City Hall will be closed next Friday, April
5 14, in observation of Good Friday. DPW
6 crews will be working on Good Friday and,
7 therefore, refuse and recycling will be
8 scheduled on schedule next week. However,
9 they will be off on Easter Monday, April 17,
10 and collection will be behind one day the
11 week after Easter.

12 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'
13 PARTICIPATION.

14 MR. WECHSLER: Joan Hodowanitz.

15 MS. HODOWANITZ: Joan Hodowanitz,
16 Scranton resident and taxpayer. Okay, 85
17 days to June 30 our 2016 audit deadline.
18 215 days to the general election on November
19 8 and I'm hoping that long before then we
20 will get the results of the Aracadis study
21 giving us some insight on what storm water
22 is going to cost us and how the city is
23 going to grapple with the problem. I would
24 be most displeased if it ran past November
25 8.

1 Speaking of deadlines, how are we
2 doing on the RFP for the third party
3 administrator for the pensions?

4 MR. WECHSLER: Haven't heard
5 anything this week.

6 MS. HODOWANITZ: Yeah, one year plus
7 and counting. I have an idea, why don't we
8 take a page out of the administration's
9 approach to problems, just as they hire
10 Rainey and Rainey to help them prepare for
11 their annual audits because they weren't
12 able to do it themselves, why don't we hire
13 a firm to write the RFP for the city? Maybe
14 it would be getting done by then. Just a
15 thought.

16 How are we doing on correcting the
17 list of insurable properties that we passed
18 last week which included the Scranton Public
19 Library buildings?

20 MR. PERRY: I got a response from
21 Mr. Bulzoni and I can include that in my
22 Fifth Order.

23 MS. HODOWANITZ: Okay, I would be
24 especially interested in knowing when we'll
25 see a new list that we can compare to the

1 one that got passed.

2 MR. PERRY: I know the first hard
3 date I think is April 1 is when they are
4 going to readjust the premiums for taking
5 off the library.

6 MS. HODOWANITZ: So we'll get a
7 rebate for buildings that shouldn't be on
8 there.

9 MR. PERRY: Correct.

10 MS. HODOWANITZ: Okay. Speaking of
11 the money, what is going be the source of
12 the funding for the paying for the snow
13 removal cost since now it's not going to
14 federally or by the state?

15 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Bulzoni has a
16 plan for that. There are some contingency
17 funds that are going to be used plus the
18 storm is earlier enough in the year that it
19 still is the snow storm budget for 2017.

20 (Mr. Gaughan arrives and takes the
21 dais.)

22 MS. HODOWANITZ: Will that take
23 place -- will those funds be expended in the
24 month of the April so we can see it or it's
25 not going to drag on, is it?

1 MR. WECHSLER: I would imagine. The
2 contractors are going to want to be paid.

3 MS. HODOWANITZ: Okay, well, I'll be
4 watching that. Speaking of these payments,
5 you might remind the administration that has
6 still not posted the January Controller's
7 report on it's website, even though it
8 posted the February report and the December
9 report. Please ask them to put the January
10 report on as well.

11 And let's see, have we got any
12 additional feedback from Attorney Shrive on
13 the invoices with respect to the sale of the
14 Sewer Authority?

15 MR. EVANS: I talked to Mr. Shrive
16 this week, my request last week to get the
17 information on the \$12 million that we are
18 missing. He is working on that. His
19 concern was that some of the information is
20 with the Pennsylvania American Water now and
21 they are reluctant to give the information
22 up, but they have to eventually give the
23 information up so I expect that relatively
24 soon. I also asked about Mr. Gaughan's
25 request for a breakdown of all of the

1 professional fees and I expect that to
2 happen probably with the next week.

3 MS. HODOWANITZ: Okay, and that will
4 disclosed to the public?

5 MR. EVANS: Absolutely.

6 MS. HODOWANITZ: Okay, thank you.

7 MR. EVANS: You're welcome.

8 MR. WECHSLER: Jessica Serrenity.

9 MS. SERRENITY: Good evening. My
10 name is Jessica Serrenity from South
11 Abington Township and I am here on behalf
12 the Scranton Public Library. I have two
13 quick announcements to share. Next
14 Wednesday will be April 12 and it will be
15 national Bookmobile Day and it falls right
16 in the middle of National Library Week so if
17 you happen to see or drive-by our Lackawanna
18 County Library System Bookmobile please
19 waive or honk your horn or whatever in
20 support.

21 And then my second announcement is
22 on Saturday, April 29, the library will be
23 partnering with the GAR Civil War Museum to
24 give children and teens an exclusive free
25 tour. This is in addition to the open house

1 that GAR will be having on April 22, but the
2 Exhibit on the 29th will start at 1:00 and
3 there will be raffles and photos with the
4 museum instructors, who have I been told
5 will be dressed up in civil war period
6 clothing, so it should be pretty fun. We
7 will also have books from the Lackawanna
8 County children's library on display right
9 at the museum and the kids and teens can
10 check them out right there with their
11 library card, and it is up to children ages
12 9 to 18 and their parents. And if you
13 unfamiliar with the GAR Civil War Museum,
14 they are right in this building on the
15 bottom level. You can use the Mulberry
16 Street side entrance to access the museum
17 and we hope to see you all there. Thank
18 you.

19 MR. WECHSLER: Fay Franus.

20 MS. FRANUS: Fay Franus, Scranton.
21 Was Ned Abrahamasen appointed as special
22 counsel to the city to deal with the Sewer
23 Authority?

24 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

25 MS. FRANUS: Pardon me?

1 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

2 MS. FRANUS: Did he come -- did that
3 come in front of council for approval?

4 MR. WECHSLER: No.

5 MS. FRANUS: Pardon me?

6 MR. WECHSLER: I think it was under
7 professional services.

8 MS. FRANUS: So it doesn't have to
9 come in front of council. Who paid him, the
10 Sewer Authority or the city?

11 MR. EVANS: The Sewer Authority.

12 MR. WECHSLER: It was part of the
13 Sewer Authority transaction.

14 MS. FRANUS: The Sewer Authority
15 paid him and how worked for the city?

16 MR. WECHSLER: It was part of the
17 Sewer Authority transaction.

18 MS. FRANUS: Oh, transaction, okay.
19 Now, back to the garbage fee, I know there
20 are certainly things you can't say, but I'd
21 like to ask a couple of questions that I
22 think that you can answer. Mr. Evans, when
23 we talked last we talked about the
24 disbursements, well, as the ordinance states
25 this money is supposed to go into a special

1 fund just for the purpose of paying all of
2 the bills dealing with the garbage pick up.
3 Now, from what I understand does this money
4 when it comes in from the people, does that
5 money, do you keep that money in that fund
6 until all of it is there and then transfer
7 it to the general fund to pay the bills or
8 do you just as the money comes in transfer
9 it to the general fund?

10 MR. EVANS: My understanding is it's
11 transferred as it goes, but I'll clarify
12 that for you.

13 MS. FRANUS: Pardon me?

14 MR. EVANS: My understanding was it
15 was transferred as it goes in but I will
16 clarify if it stays in the account until
17 it's completely there. You want to know if
18 it stays in the account all of the money is
19 received and then disbursed over to the
20 other account?

21 MS. FRANUS: That's the question.

22 MR. EVANS: All right. I'll find
23 out for you.

24 MS. FRANUS: Thank you, and awhile
25 back you mentioned that -- not you,

1 Mr. Perry mentioned, that the reason they
2 didn't know how much money was coming in and
3 going out, which I have been asking for two
4 years now, is because the records were all
5 messed up. Well, how could the records be
6 all messed up if there is a fund that you
7 said last time I was here, Mr. Evans, that
8 there is a fund set up for the garbage
9 transactions? So if there was a fund, but
10 only that money allocated for anything
11 related to the garbage pick up, how can
12 there be any paperwork that's all mixed up.
13 The money comes in and goes in that account,
14 the money goes out to pay for the bills like
15 fuel, payroll, etcetera and so forth.

16 MR. EVANS: I think the way it's
17 handled now is when it comes into the
18 special account they are referring to it but
19 then it's transferred over to the general
20 fund.

21 MS. FRANUS: Yes.

22 MR. EVANS: So that's where we lose
23 the trace.

24 MS. FRANUS: Well, if the DPW sends
25 bills in, there should be a record. That's

1 what I was asking you.

2 MR. EVANS: I agree. Fay, listen, I
3 always agree, I agree 100 percent that it
4 should have been doing that way through an
5 enterprise accounting that we can account
6 for. I totally agree with. It hasn't been
7 done that way. I'm only telling you what I
8 know as far as the way it's set up.

9 MS. FRANUS: So you're saying it's
10 in the fund, but the city hasn't done it in
11 way, they haven't sent like a bill for
12 payroll, a bill for tires, they haven't done
13 that?

14 MR. EVANS: As far as I know they
15 haven't done that.

16 MS. FRANUS: Well, how do they get
17 their money for their bills if they didn't
18 take it out of the garbage fund?

19 MR. EVANS: I think we are going to
20 find out in the Court case. The Court case
21 is going to reveal all those things.

22 MS. FRANUS: You say you were having
23 a study done?

24 MR. EVANS: We are doing a study as
25 well.

1 MS. FRANUS: You also told me, oh, a
2 year half ago that you were going to have
3 senior citizens have a discount and that
4 went out the window.

5 MR. EVANS: Well, we did talk about
6 that, it was -- obviously, it was too
7 difficult to have done because of the
8 tracing and who was a senior and who was
9 not.

10 MS. FRANUS: That's easy. That's
11 easy to find out.

12 MR. EVANS: Well, I'm only going by
13 when I requested it's going to be too
14 cumbersome for the --

15 MS. FRANUS: The city to find out
16 who a senior citizen was? That's
17 disgraceful. Now, another thing, the
18 recyclables, Mr. Wechsler, you had an
19 ordinance passed to say that the fines are
20 going to be up to \$300,000 for people that
21 didn't recycle. Now, you never stated, to
22 this day you still have not stated what
23 determines the cost. What do you have to do
24 to make them pay a \$50 fine? What has to --

25 MR. WECHSLER: As far as I know,

1 there has not been one fine issued.

2 MS. FRANUS: I know that, but what
3 determines how much a person pays for that?

4 MR. WECHSLER: I think once the
5 first fine is issued that will be how it's
6 determined?

7 MS. FRANUS: How? You don't have
8 one reason why you are going to fine
9 someone, that's what I want to know. What
10 could possibly be a reason that it can
11 determined what the fine will be. You said
12 that can only go to 300, what do you have to
13 do to get \$100 ticket? What do you have to
14 do to get a \$50 fine?

15 MR. WECHSLER: I think we just want
16 to use that as a possible tool for
17 compliance.

18 MS. FRANUS: In other words, it's a
19 scare tactic to get people to recycle, but
20 there never will be a fine because you
21 really don't know how to fine people on that
22 because there is no legal way to fine
23 anybody for recycling so you put it out
24 there to scare people to get more money for
25 the city.

1 And as far as the recyclable money
2 that you get from recyclables that goes into
3 the general fund. That money should be
4 going into the garbage fund. That's exactly
5 what it's for, the garbage men, it should go
6 into that fund, but it doesn't. It goes
7 into the general fund to pay all of the city
8 bills which is another thing that is
9 illegal.

10 MR. WECHSLER: Les Spindler.

11 MR. SPINDLER: Good evening,
12 Council. Les Spindler, city resident and
13 homeowner and taxpayer. Picking up on what
14 Fay was talking about, who determines
15 whether somebody is going to get fined or
16 not, the people picking up the recyclables?
17 Who does that? No answer.

18 MR. WECHSLER: There is a mechanism
19 in place for that.

20 MR. SPINDLER: Well, how could you
21 put an ordinance if there is no mechanism to
22 fine someone.

23 MR. WECHSLER: We need the ordinance
24 first and then you can develop the
25 mechanism. If we went out and started

1 fining people, then people would be mad that
2 you are fining people so I don't --

3 MR. SPINDLER: That's my question,
4 who determines whether somebody gets fined
5 or no t?

6 MR. WECHSLER: I don't understand
7 the argument since we are not fining
8 anybody.

9 MR. SPINDLER: But my question is
10 who determines whether somebody gets fined
11 or not?

12 MR. EVANS: The administration.

13 MR. WECHSLER: They would be the
14 LIPS Department.

15 MR. SPINDLER: But who determines
16 whether they are not they are recycling
17 legally? The mayor doesn't know what's
18 being picked up?

19 MR. EVANS: Well, the recycling
20 coordinator is the person that he is going
21 to be determining that, again, they have not
22 elected to do that.

23 MR. SPINDLER: Well, who tells the
24 recycling coordinator?

25 MR. EVANS: To do it? That's his

1 job. Again, he takes --

2 MR. SPINDLER: If I put bricks in my
3 recycle container and they take it who is
4 going to say that I did that?

5 MR. EVANS: Oh, I'm listening, Les,
6 I know what you are saying, but the fact of
7 the matter is it's not being enforced. We
8 are not the enforcement branch, we're the
9 legislative branch.

10 MR. SPINDLER: It's a joke. Moving
11 on. I was happy to see the aquarium or
12 reptiles go into the mall because I'm an
13 animal lover and I'll be happy go see that,
14 but I don't like what John Basalyga is
15 doing. It seems like he is trying to turn
16 that into something other than a mall, which
17 I still think it's a mall because people are
18 going to go see the aquarium and reptiles
19 but that's all they are going to do. If
20 there were stores there and they could shop
21 maybe they would spend money, but there is
22 nothing. I was there today. Now, I see
23 Radio Shack is leaving. Pretty soon there
24 is going to be nothing there. In the
25 beginning I like what this person was doing,

1 but I just don't like what he is doing
2 anymore. He is letting all of these good
3 businesses go and nothing is coming in.

4 I don't know if counsel could send
5 him a letter, maybe get him in here and ask
6 him questions, but there is no where to shop
7 in this city and it just getting worse in
8 the mall all the time.

9 Okay. Something I spoke about the
10 last two times I have been here, about
11 Princeton University losing it's nonprofit
12 status and I asked counsel to look into that
13 with the nonprofits here. Is council going
14 to look into that? I would think the people
15 up for reelection this year would try to
16 look into that and help the taxpayers out,
17 but I seem to get no answers on that.

18 MR. ROGAN: I mentioned last week I
19 think it is worth looking into.

20 MR. SPINDLER: Well, you said that
21 two weeks ago, but nothing has been done.

22 MR. ROGAN: Well, it's a legal
23 opinion, it's not whether we want to do it
24 or not.

25 MR. SPINDLER: I understand that,

1 but did you turn it over to your solicitor?

2 MR. ROGAN: Well, we have to work
3 with the administration on it as well to see
4 if it's something, you know, the Law
5 Department thinks it's worth legally you can
6 pursue.

7 MR. SPINDLER: Well, I'm going to
8 keep after this until I get an answer. Next
9 thing, quite awhile ago I came about the
10 hole down by the Doherty Street softball
11 complex and, Councilman Perry, it seems like
12 they did cover that but now it's getting
13 bigger. The board isn't covering the hole.
14 The hole is expanding, maybe with the snow
15 we had and the rain and something is going
16 to be done there. I said, there is all
17 kinds of lines painted down there, but I
18 think if something doesn't get done soon
19 that's just going to get bigger and bigger.
20 Maybe we could send another note to DPW or I
21 don't know if that's the water company's
22 problem or what, but there is a storm drain
23 there so I assume it's the water company.

24 MR. PERRY: I'll follow up on that.

25 MR. SPINDLER: All right, thank you.

1 Lastly, I was thinking about the garbage
2 fee, also, and this has been a pet peeve of
3 mine for years and I've said it, it was put
4 in to pay off the tipping fees. Tipping
5 fees are paid off last year so there is no
6 reason to have a garbage fee at all now
7 because we didn't have until it was put in,
8 I think it was in the Connors'
9 administration, and Mayor Connors wanted to
10 do away with it, but the council at that
11 time wouldn't let him. So in my eyes I have
12 said it for years it's been illegal and the
13 tipping fees are paid, the \$300 should be
14 done away with. So that's all I have
15 tonight and thank you for your time.

16 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you.

17 MR. ELLMAN: Hello, Council. Once
18 again, I'm not going to fight with you
19 tonight too much. Once again, I see this
20 archaic bunch downtown in the mall getting
21 involved in another dinosaur. In last
22 week's paper, there was an article, an
23 aquarium in San Diego and Marine Land or
24 whatever it is is going under because
25 admission are down so much and the laws have

1 changed to protect some of the animals they
2 used to have in the aquarium. I was there
3 in '57 I think. You know, how many fish and
4 plants can you see? It's like going to the
5 grand canyon or somewhere, once is enough.
6 My concern about it an aquarium, because I
7 could care one way or another, this is a
8 tremendous expense. The first thing that's
9 going to happen almost immediately these
10 people are going to fall back on this city,
11 these taxpayers, wanting financial help.
12 You people don't have any control on
13 Bulzoni, he does whatever he wants. It's
14 not his money, but he doesn't care. Nobody
15 can control him and I demand something be in
16 writing that he cannot start giving our
17 money, committing our funds to this business
18 if it fails. Let it sink or swim, whatever
19 it is. Like I said, I'm not mad at him.
20 This is going to be a reading about it, it
21 is a huge undertaking. They are certainly
22 not going to make their money in admissions.
23 Bulzoni, Bulzoni, he is just out of
24 control. I told you last week I read his
25 obligations to the city as a business

1 manager, 6:00 this morning I had coffee with
2 someone, same thing, they have a computer,
3 he has no business getting away with what he
4 has gotten away with committing this and
5 that and grants and loans and tax
6 forgiveness. That's not his job.

7 But I have an alternative to the
8 aquarium, a good one. It will bring hoards
9 of people in the city, another zoo. I don't
10 think the city ever heard of the book of
11 federal grants, it's in the library. There
12 is money put aside in this book, the money
13 is there for grants. Nobody -- nobody does
14 anything about getting the grants that are
15 available in this book. I haven't looked at
16 in a year or so, but I have looked things up
17 once in awhile, there is lot of money out
18 there. Like I said, it's already there.
19 You don't have to ask for it, you have to
20 ask for a certain amount. A zoo. They are
21 not building any zoos. It's bound to be
22 able to have a lot of financial help all
23 around the world and animals are no problem
24 because zoos daily exchange their
25 overabundance of one animal for another. I

1 guess they got a used zoo animal article
2 someplace I don't know. A zoo doesn't have
3 to be at Nay Aug anymore, it could be in the
4 county somewhere if somebody thinks there is
5 a better location, but I guarantee you
6 hoards of people would come into this city
7 year after year after year for a zoo. Don't
8 sit there and laugh. Everybody ridiculed me
9 when I said get a market at the mall. Of
10 course they got the wrong people doing the
11 wrong thing on that, but that's they're the
12 ones messing it up.

13 I think a zoo would be wonderful. I
14 think there is grants and loans and people
15 out there that know all about how to get
16 anything associated with it to get it going.
17 If anybody thinks that this is a favorable
18 idea, I'd like to take the credit for it.
19 If you guys don't like it at all, it's
20 Rosie's fault because she brought it up to
21 me Sunday night.

22 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you,
23 Mr. Ellman.

24 MR. ELLMAN: Thank you.

25 MR. WECHSLER: John Foley.

1 MR. FOLEY: Gentlemen, thank you for
2 your time. I'll try and be brief, there is
3 a couple of things. First, I came from the
4 Scranton Club earlier today and I understand
5 that there are a number of politicians,
6 professionals in the City of Scranton who
7 are upset at me because of what I'm doing.
8 First, let me tell you, shouldn't be upset
9 with me, they should be upset with the
10 individuals who either directed the LIPS to
11 not follow the city ordinances, regulations
12 with respect to bed and breakfast and
13 boarding houses in the City of Scranton. I
14 told a former city official that if it
15 wasn't fixed, follow the regulations, that
16 what I would do I would embark upon
17 reviewing the finances of the operations and
18 ultimately other matters which turned out to
19 be the sewer deal. So if anybody is upset,
20 don't be upset with me, I'm just doing what
21 I do well.

22 First, I sent a letter in February
23 to Mr. Bulzoni dealing with the budget for
24 2017. One of the items in there dealt with
25 health insurance. I must thank the city,

1 they did provide in a Right-to-Know request
2 the information. Initially, I thought that
3 the budget was under budgeted, the health
4 insurance expense by about \$2 million, I'm
5 happy to report to you I don't think it's \$2
6 million, I think it's only \$800,000. I will
7 send a letter tomorrow to Mr. Bulzoni, I
8 will encourage you to ask him to deal with
9 the letter and afterwards. If there needs
10 to be an adjustment in the budget, deal with
11 it now, don't deal with it at the end of the
12 year. There were a number of other things
13 in that letter, one of the items dealt with
14 the refuse fees. One of the speakers
15 earlier asked what was going on, I agreed,
16 wait for the Court decision. I will tell
17 you, I did speak to the attorney for the
18 plaintiff and I suggested to him that the
19 best witness in this case will be the city's
20 auditors. I hope he listened because I
21 believe that that would help him be very
22 successful in the litigation.

23 The information on the insurance
24 plan that I looked at the city, I will tell
25 you, I think you ought to take a look at the

1 refunds from Express Scripts. I can't deal
2 with it other than saying that I have dealt
3 with Express Scripts in the past, I have a
4 non-disclosure, I have a confidentiality
5 agreement with them, but my experience in
6 dealing with pharmacy benefit management
7 companies is not good. I have dealt with it
8 from both sides including doing work for the
9 Department of Justice against the BPM.

10 Lastly, the sewer deal, I did have
11 an opportunity to look at some information
12 and I believe I may have found an issue that
13 the city might be able to recover some of
14 the \$12 million. I was asked by a former
15 city official what it was and I told him get
16 pay to play. The pay to play is I need an
17 audit done, probably a forensic audit of the
18 Sewer Authority transactions. I don't want
19 to deal with the rest of the transaction, I
20 just want to deal with the Sewer Authority
21 and this transaction and the things that
22 impact the \$12 million, but the conditions
23 have not changed. I need complete
24 unfettered access to either myself or an
25 independent firm that includes waiving

1 attorney/client privilege and that any money
2 recovered has to be put in the union pension
3 plan. I believe it's there. The money will
4 come from possibly a variety of sources.
5 The money will come from either American
6 Water or the error and omissions policy for
7 some or all of the professions involved in
8 the transaction.

9 Now, your decision, you don't want
10 to chased the money don't. I don't care.
11 You just need to explain to the taxpayers
12 and the union why you don't want to chase
13 the money.

14 So with that, gentlemen, I have to
15 leave and go home and have dinner with my
16 wife. Have a great evening.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you.

18 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you. Marie
19 Schumacher.

20 MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening. Did
21 anyone happen to see this yesterday?

22 MR. EVANS: I can't see that.

23 MS. SCHUMACHER: Oh, come on. It's
24 bold enough type. It says, "Officials
25 keeping eye on river and stream levels," and

1 then it says, "Region expected to see more
2 rain this week." Can you tell me what our
3 city has done for the Youngs and Kennedys
4 and now the Piazzis and Srebros in those 24
5 hours since we are notified of all of this
6 rain coming?

7 MR. ROGAN: DPW was supposed to be
8 out at Mr. Srebro's flushing out that line
9 today. I don't know -- I don't hear whether
10 it happened or not, but following up with
11 Mr. Gallagher's visit they are supposed to
12 be there today.

13 MS. SCHUMACHER: And what about the
14 rest of the people who are being effected by
15 storm water?

16 MR. EVANS: Sadly, it looks like
17 status quo.

18 MS. SCHUMACHER: I don't how people
19 sleep nights. You know, I think it's almost
20 time you pay attention to what Mr. Bolus
21 recommended to you awhile back which was
22 since today is the day for nuclear things,
23 withhold voting on what the mayor wants
24 until he does something, either says he is
25 walking from it or fixes it. I mean, this

1 is ridiculous, absolutely ridiculous, and
2 review the need for storm water management
3 now. We can't, as I said, we cannot wait
4 for three years worth of studies to address
5 some of these issues. If anybody would like
6 to go for a ride with me, actually I'd like
7 to go for a ride with them on a rainy day
8 from my house the mile up to Howard Gardner
9 school when the puddles are full because you
10 won't believe what it's going to do to your
11 car. It's that bad. Parts of the road are
12 missing and other parts are sinking. So we
13 have got some big, big issues out there and
14 I wish we would address them, but for now I
15 will run over to the over the Seventh Order
16 items.

17 Mr. Rogan, I distinctly remember you
18 back when there was a different
19 administration taking exception when there
20 was no -- to even introducing in some cases
21 appointments when there was no resume
22 available. If you read the backup to
23 tonight's 7-D, E and F, you would find that
24 7-F provided a letter of interest but no
25 resume. 7-D and 7-E didn't even bother, not

1 only did they not provide a resume, but they
2 didn't even trouble themselves to provide a
3 letter of intent so I'd like to know how
4 these names got there, I brought this up a
5 couple of weeks ago and I was told people
6 send letters of interest. Well, where were
7 they for these? How can you vote on
8 something, how can we, as citizens, evaluate
9 whether the person is qualified for these if
10 all we have is an address? Addresses mean
11 nothing to me.

12 MR. ROGAN: I agree completely, and
13 I'm just looking through now with regard to
14 --

15 MS. SCHUMACHER: Say again?

16 MR. ROGAN: With regards to the -- I
17 believe one was a reappointment and one was,
18 let me see --

19 MR. EVANS: No, they are all new.

20 MR. ROGAN: They are all new.

21 MS. SCHUMACHER: They are all new.
22 7-F, a letter of intent. Nothing on either
23 of the others except for the --

24 MR. ROGAN: A letter of intent is --
25 I think that's acceptable just to send

1 something to the city.

2 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, saying I want
3 to. I mean, I could say, you know, I want
4 to be a pro football quarterback.

5 MR. ROGAN: We do have resumes for
6 the others they just for some reason --

7 MS. SCHUMACHER: Then why are they
8 not in the backup?

9 MR. PERRY: There was personal
10 information on there that they didn't want
11 to make public. That's why they weren't
12 uploaded.

13 MS. SCHUMACHER: No, wait, this is
14 public information, is it not, once they
15 submit it to the city?

16 MR. PERRY: Not their resume.

17 MS. SCHUMACHER: Can't you redact
18 what was personal? I mean, what are their
19 -- all we want is -- what I want to see is
20 what are their qualifications for these?
21 What are they? You have the resumes then I
22 assume have been redacted or that have the
23 personal information, what are their
24 qualifications?

25 MR. PERRY: They're in our office,

1 yes.

2 MS. SCHUMACHER: Pardon?

3 MR. PERRY: They're in our office,
4 yes.

5 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, then you've
6 read them so what are they?

7 MR. PERRY: I couldn't tell you
8 offhand, I wouldn't want to misspeak.

9 MS. SCHUMACHER: But you will vote
10 for it, I'm sure, and on 7-B, when did we
11 receive the grant for that project? May I
12 finish this one, Mr. Wechsler?

13 MR. WECHSLER: Sure.

14 MS. SCHUMACHER: And will it cover
15 the entire expense, and if not what percent
16 will it cover? That's Novembrino pool?

17 MR. ROGAN: There is two grants
18 actually regarding the Novembrino pool, one
19 is through OECD funds and the other is a
20 state grant. Part of the project is, I
21 don't want to say it's in flux, but there is
22 some debate within the neighborhood so it's
23 proposed that that amphitheater is part of
24 this project as well as having an
25 amphitheater at the Fellows Park project and

1 the neighbors are looking to see a change to
2 not duplicate within a few blocks of one
3 another so they can still be change. This
4 is just regarding the design work of
5 Mr. McLane. A full project still -- isn't
6 finalized yet.

7 MS. SCHUMACHER: So if we know --
8 now, wait, now I'm having a problem with
9 this because if we don't know what the full
10 project is going to cost why are we going
11 ahead with design if maybe we can't afford
12 it when the full project comes in?

13 MR. ROGAN: Well, it's been held up
14 long enough. That pool has been unused for
15 years, so we really need to get this moving
16 to get that pool in for the kids.

17 MS. SCHUMACHER: But if we don't
18 have the money. What happens, as I say, if
19 what they come up with is not affordable?

20 MR. ROGAN: Additional funds can be
21 drawn out of the OECD allotment.

22 MS. SCHUMACHER: How much is in the
23 OECD allotment?

24 MR. ROGAN: Well, each year we could
25 use it.

1 MS. SCHUMACHER: What's in for this
2 year?

3 MR. ROGAN: I don't know off the top
4 of head. I think it's a couple of hundred
5 thousand.

6 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay. I will look
7 that up myself again as I have to do
8 everything else. Thank you.

9 MR. WECHSLER: Anyone else?

10 MR. BOLUS: Good evening, Council.
11 Bob Bolus, Scranton. Last week,
12 Mr. Wechsler, I asked you for accounting of
13 what the cost of the snowplowing in Scranton
14 was from the curb out to where we would only
15 plow the center of the road holding
16 accountable the Parking Authority for
17 cleaning their parking spaces, and if
18 anything in the agreement we had said we had
19 to plow their spaces out. Did you look into
20 that?

21 MR. WECHSLER: No.

22 MR. BOLUS: Why?

23 MR. WECHSLER: I think it's the
24 city's responsibility to plow the streets.

25 MR. BOLUS: You have the

1 responsibility to get a question answered
2 that we ask. You have all of the Rules of
3 Council on your paper here, but the council
4 president responsibilities is to keep the
5 public informed. Now, that was a direct
6 question from me, the public, that asked you
7 not an assumption, I want a factual answer
8 from you whether or not it's our
9 responsibility to plow those parking spaces.
10 Those meters receive money for the Parking
11 Authority, we do not receive any
12 reimbursement so why should we plow their
13 parking spaces rather than opening up the
14 roadway for our public transportation to go
15 in and out? It's not our business as
16 taxpayers to plow somebody else's parking
17 space and that's something I want an answer
18 from and I would like it from you since you
19 are the council president.

20 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Bolus, I answered
21 that the city is responsible for plowing the
22 streets.

23 MR. BOLUS: Could you show me where
24 that is factual?

25 MR. WECHSLER: That the city is

1 responsible for plowing the streets?

2 MR. BOLUS: Yeah, can you show me
3 that next week when I come here factually
4 where it's the city's responsibility to plow
5 those parking spaces?

6 MR. WECHSLER: The parking spots are
7 part of the street so they are our
8 responsibility.

9 MR. BOLUS: I understand that.

10 MR. WECHSLER: But the city is
11 responsible for plowing the streets.

12 MR. BOLUS: No, what you don't get
13 is that when you open those parking spaces
14 it allows them to receive money. If you
15 don't open those spaces and they are for
16 parking only, they are not for the public
17 going up and down the road, they are solely
18 for parking vehicles at those spaces. We
19 should be reimbursed. Not coming out of the
20 pocket of the taxpayers, and if that isn't
21 the case then I would again insist that you
22 pass legislation or make a motion that, in
23 fact, is what we do and get compensated for
24 it. That's something that the council
25 should be doing. You should be bringing it

1 to your mayor, not out of the people's
2 pocket.

3 You know, I asked the commissioners
4 yesterday to start attending these meetings,
5 and also the school board meetings because
6 you three boards are what controls Scranton
7 and if Scranton dies the whole county is
8 going to die. Right now we are heading for
9 a demise in this city.

10 We pay for parking spaces at the
11 mall; correct? You gave him all of the \$7
12 million dollars so we pay for his parking
13 spaces. Why then was he charging \$5? When
14 I went to pull my car in it was going to
15 five bucks to park there for St. Patrick's
16 Day. Now, why is he charging people to park
17 in our spaces for five bucks? I'm asking
18 council to get a reimbursement from the mall
19 back to the people because it's our money
20 you gave him in the first place.

21 You know, I listen to you, I listen
22 to Mr. Gaughan, I listen to some of you guys
23 all complaining about we want accountability
24 and this and that, but you signed a recovery
25 plan. You never paid attention to what

1 MR. BOLUS: No, don't thank me,
2 please, Mr. Wechsler --

3 MR. WECHSLER: Your time is up.

4 MR. BOLUS: Well, I've heard other
5 people were their time here and I didn't
6 hear you stamp anybody on this --

7 MR. WECHSLER: No one went through
8 the second bell.

9 MR. BOLUS: But when the truth
10 hurts, Mr. Wechsler --

11 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you.

12 MR. BOLUS: -- you want to shut
13 people up.

14 MR. WECHSLER: No, I do not.

15 MR. BOLUS: The truth is you can't
16 answer a question when a person asks that
17 and why I'm here and it's annoying to me
18 that you cannot as council president answer
19 a damn question. Don't expect to get
20 reelected if you can't answer questions for
21 the people.

22 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you, Mr. Bolus.
23 Anyone else?

24 MR. MORGAN: Good evening, Council.
25 Lee Morgan. You know, I've seen a lot of

1 yard signs going up lately and I just think
2 that everyone today who is watching this on
3 TV needs to watch the questions that were
4 asked and the responses that were made today
5 to see that we are paying a council who
6 passes laws and has no understanding of the
7 laws they passed or the implications on the
8 residents of our city, and it's just so
9 troubling to have a government like that
10 because to be really honest with you, you
11 know, you see these yard signs and how could
12 anybody say that there are councilmen in the
13 city that's been distressed as long as ours
14 has and has definitely made some very
15 serious errors this time, whether it's the
16 sale of, you know, the Sewer Authority or
17 the parking deal, just the whole thing, no
18 storm water management in place for the
19 residents of this city, nothing. No
20 equipment, nothing. An attorney comes here
21 and questions the deal and there is no
22 answers come from the council so it's like
23 paying you for absolutely nothing and
24 because what is it your expertise? What
25 knowledge did you actually possess of our

1 city other than receiving a pay, and I think
2 it's time for the people in this city to
3 understand that there is two parties
4 allegedly, but in Scranton really there is
5 basically only one which is the Democratic
6 party because the Republican party folded a
7 long time ago, but that has something to do
8 with politics, too, considering that at one
9 time there was a mayor who wanted to put all
10 of his opposition to sleep but -- so we
11 killed off the Republican party, that was a
12 long time ago. And I just think that people
13 need to realize that we go into court and
14 the judge, he is a politician. He is
15 elected to a seat, but who does he really
16 feel obligated to? The people in the
17 streets or the party? And it's been a real
18 problem here. And you bring in visiting
19 judges to take the heat off the local judges
20 politically, and it's a problem, but I think
21 that the people in this city have to realize
22 one very important thing, you can field
23 write-in candidates and there is no real
24 legitimacy to our elective system because
25 the numbers are so low on the amount of

1 people who actually come out to the polls.
2 We are the laughing stock of the whole world
3 considering we are a representative
4 republican and the people our government
5 represents won't come out and vote for their
6 own government so what you get is a lot of
7 staunch Democrats and Republicans who either
8 know someone or want a favor or are just
9 totally mislead because there is no reason
10 for a city to be distressed as long as
11 Scranton's has been with no answers and now
12 we are heading down the road to I think
13 bankruptcy, and the same with the school
14 district. Now the school district is asking
15 the state to come in and try to figure out
16 their mess for them.

17 And, Mr. Wechsler, your inability to
18 answer any questions as council president is
19 extremely troubling considering that you
20 introduce all of the legislation which seems
21 to tell me that you may not read anything
22 and you may be just told what to introduce
23 and, you know, it's a very troubling thing
24 considering how our city looks and I was
25 born and raised here.

1 I was talking to a woman that was
2 maybe 10 years older than me, we were
3 laughing about how Birch Street looks and
4 how the whole city looks just terrible, like
5 a ghetto and, you know, Mr. Rogan, you
6 talking about the Novembrino project is
7 beyond ludicrous, okay? The city neglected
8 every one of it's city parks and it's been
9 going on for a long time. And, you know,
10 the president of the United States is right,
11 all of this grant money has to come to an
12 end because all it is is money to throw
13 around politically for people that are
14 connected and these are all of the people
15 that are feeding just like the people in the
16 downtown. Why don't we talk about the
17 amount of grant money about the
18 neighborhoods to really fight blight? Let's
19 not talk about nonprofits connected to a
20 funding stream, let's talk about people, and
21 we aren't, and we aren't talking about our
22 standard of living, we aren't talking about
23 a lack of education for the children in the
24 Scranton School District, we aren't talking
25 about a lot of things and we haven't for a

1 long time, but it's time to not only start
2 talking about it, it's time to write
3 candidates in and make a change. Remember
4 what happened in the 60's, the people turned
5 this country upside down and I'm hoping it's
6 starting again with the election of
7 President Trump because no, he is not a
8 Democrat or a Republican and all of the
9 money was thrown at all of the other people
10 who opposed him and he just ran as a
11 non-candidate and he smoked every single one
12 of them. Thank you.

13 MR. WECHSLER: Anyone else?

14 MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening,
15 Scranton. Dave Dobrzyn, resident, taxpayer.
16 Last week we passed an ordinance on paving
17 and some paving and travel up the 200 block
18 of Crown to the 500 block and then on the
19 800 block and I hope that that situation
20 will be corrected not at our expense. It
21 looks like a sewer project, and I do have to
22 say that our Sewer Authority was the one
23 most responsible for poor repairs on our
24 streets in the past, so a thought occurred
25 to me the other day when I went up to

1 Commerce Boulevard, you know, we have a lot
2 of stores closing, Radio Shack, Payless is
3 in trouble, they are filing for bankruptcy,
4 Taylor Shoe Source, Penny's is closing
5 stores, Macy's is closing stores, Boscov's
6 has been in trouble years ago and one of the
7 situations that I see is overbuilding of
8 commercial properties and the need of a car
9 to get there because of these stores are
10 impossible to get to and it would take you
11 several transfers and what have you, so I
12 think it's incumbent upon our Chamber of
13 Commerces to reevaluate where they are
14 locating stores and start to support what
15 they have built.

16 I also watched on the rerun the
17 pension money and I think it's incumbent
18 upon council to devise a plan for enhanced
19 payments to the trust fund that's being kept
20 off to the side and hopefully, hopefully the
21 parties responsible for the losses in the
22 past are not continued keeping in mind that
23 the taxpayers are on the hook over losses
24 and any further is not acceptable. I don't
25 want to hear about \$26 million going down

1 the toilet again. I just can't afford it
2 and I'm sure the rest of the town can't
3 afford it either no matter how much we love
4 our firefighters and our police and whoever
5 else. I don't want to see them get the
6 dirty end of the stick.

7 And on trash I have a little idea
8 popped into my mind this week, recycle
9 warnings issued by the trash crew, maybe we
10 could get them something that they could
11 paste on a trash barrel that okay there is
12 excessive recyclables and recyclables in
13 this barrel and let's put a stop to it
14 before you get fined, like, we are just
15 giving you a little warning here because
16 they are the ones that see firsthand the
17 recycling going out in the trash, so a
18 little common sense we don't need to run
19 around fining everybody, but.

20 And last week I had mentioned this
21 pamphlet again, hopefully you can get it
22 from Marty Flynn past pardons, and currently
23 our pardon system it's like three years, it
24 could be -- the charges could be years and
25 years old, 50, 40 years old, 30 years old

1 and a simple thing is on the books just
2 forever and then you have to go for
3 expungement after you get your pardon. It's
4 totally cumbersome, totally ridiculous, it
5 was very ill-advised. I think we should be
6 a little more forgiving and keeping in mind
7 that this can hurt people financially for
8 years and it's back in 1968 Richard Nixon
9 brought the southern strategy to the federal
10 government, what that was basically, I'll
11 make it quick, Jim Crow, so you arrest
12 anybody for any silly reason and the next
13 thing you know they have no right to vote or
14 they have no right to a decent job or
15 anything else. You put them at a bridge.
16 Thank you and have a good night.

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

19 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia,
20 citizen of Scranton, fellow Scrantonian.
21 Last week you mentioned if a person wanted
22 to buy a condemned house you would have to
23 come up with \$10,000 bond in front, did you
24 not mention that?

25 MR. EVANS: Yeah.

1 MR. SBARAGLIA: It would trouble me
2 when you talk about doing away with that.
3 You and Mr. Rogan are in real estate. This
4 law would benefit you if you wanted to buy
5 them there.

6 MR. WECHSLER: These are for tax
7 sales.

8 MR. SBARAGLIA: Regardless, they are
9 -- if they are removed them 10,000 bond they
10 are in real estate.

11 MR. WECHSLER: I don't think there
12 is any real estate agents involved in the
13 tax sale.

14 MR. SBARGALIA: You don't think?
15 You don't -- you have to know, and besides
16 that a business private business they can
17 buy a derelict home if they want as long as
18 they could come up with the 10,000.

19 MR. EVANS: I'm in the business of
20 selling real estate not buying real estate.

21 MR. SBARAGLIA: There is no reason
22 to say that you couldn't. That's the bad
23 part of it.

24 MR. EVANS: Anybody could buy real
25 estate.

1 MR. SBARAGLIA: And they would have
2 to come up with 10,000 since you have -- if
3 that legislation ever came up you would have
4 to vote on.

5 MR. EVANS: Well, we haven't gotten
6 that far to start with.

7 MR. SBARAGLIA: I realize that, I'm
8 just mentioning it now in case it does come
9 up.

10 MR. WECHSLER: I think the benefit
11 far outweighs the potential for a conflict.

12 MR. SBARAGLIA: I know you don't.
13 You don't think anybody has a potential for
14 conflict, especially some of the things that
15 go on in the city, especially giving
16 somebody --

17 MR. WECHSLER: I disagree with you,
18 Mr. Sbaraglia.

19 MR. SBARAGLIA: -- \$4.1 million for a
20 garage for space and then selling another
21 good garage for a dollar and you don't think
22 anything is a conflict of interest.

23 MR. WECHSLER: There was no conflict
24 of interest there, no. There was none.

25 MR. WECHSLER: You're on the board,

1 aren't you?

2 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

3 MR. SBARAGLIA: Okay, so you got
4 something out of that, whether you said this
5 or that.

6 MR. WECHSLER: I did not.

7 MR. SBARAGLIA: You're on the board.

8 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Sbaraglia -- -

9 MR. SBARAGLIA: If they didn't
10 want--

11 MR. WECHSLER: --there is no
12 compensation for being on the board. I did
13 not get one penny.

14 MR. SBARAGLIA: I'm not talking
15 about money, but if money should ever come
16 --

17 MR. WECHSLER: I did not get one
18 benefit from that.

19 MR. SBARAGLIA: If money should ever
20 come in the city you would be the ones to
21 have your input, would you not?

22 MR. WECHSLER: We will never get any
23 money from it.

24 MR. SBARAGLIA: I understand that.
25 I understood the deal was rotten from the

1 very beginning.

2 MR. WECHSLER: I disagree with that,
3 also.

4 MR. SBARAGLIA: I know you do, but
5 anybody that knows the deal understands how
6 rotten it was.

7 MR. WECHSLER: I disagree with that
8 statement, also. The financial community is
9 behind this deal 100 percent. Nationwide,
10 statewide.

11 MR. SBARAGLIA: But the people that
12 lost \$120 million over the life of this
13 contract they are not in it for this deal.
14 Go out and -- when you go to them meetings
15 and you tap the people on the back, do you
16 tell them you are picking their pockets at
17 the same time you're pounding them on the
18 back?

19 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Sbaraglia, you
20 are full of insults tonight and out of hand
21 --

22 MR. SBARAGLIA: It's reality.

23 MR. WECHSLER: It's not reality. No
24 one here is picking anyone's pocket.

25 MR. SBARAGLIA: You do when you pass

1 laws that take money from them.

2 MR. WECHSLER: That's called whether

3 --

4 MR. SBARAGLIA: Whether it's legal
5 or not legal it's picking their pockets.

6 MR. WECHSLER: I disagree,
7 Mr. Sbaraglia.

8 MR. SBARAGLIA: I know you disagree
9 with anybody that comes up and tells you how
10 it is.

11 MR. WECHSLER: No, that's not how it
12 is.

13 MR. SBARAGLIA: What do you call --
14 did you ever ask why wasn't that given to
15 the Parking Authority the same deal you
16 offered to this company without telling us
17 what the other company wanted? Did you ever
18 do that? The Parking Authority cried for
19 the same deal.

20 MR. WECHSLER: Who?

21 MR. SBARAGLIA: The Parking
22 Authority, they wanted the same deal you
23 gave that company.

24 MR. WECHSLER: I don't know --

25 MR. SBARAGLIA: But you wouldn't

1 give it to them and the reason why is very
2 simple another mayor would come in and have
3 the right to change the Parking Authority.

4 MR. WECHSLER: The Parking Authority
5 defaulted. There was no way that they were
6 going to stay in the parking business?

7 MR. SBARAGLIA: They came and asked
8 for the same deal I was here, ask Mr. Rogan.

9 MR. WECHSLER: Well, why would we
10 give it to a bad company?

11 MR. SBARAGLIA: That's right, that's
12 what I'm telling you.

13 MR. WECHSLER: They defaulted.

14 MR. SBARAGLIA: Why are we doing
15 these things.

16 MR. WECHSLER: That's make no sense.
17 Give it to the company that defaulted? That
18 doesn't make any sense.

19 MR. SBARAGLIA: What doesn't make
20 any sense?

21 MR. WECHSLER: Why would you give
22 that back to the Parking Authority when they
23 defaulted?

24 MR. SBARAGLIA: They defaulted
25 because what are you referring to the city

1 fault or their fault?

2 MR. WECHSLER: There was two
3 different faults, the one that was arranged
4 by our lawyers was a city arranged fault.
5 The other fault was from the Parking
6 Authority themselves to borrow from the bank
7 under their name. Now, which fault are you
8 referring to?

9 MR. WECHSLER: Any default. Why
10 would you give a business to a company that
11 defaulted?

12 MR. SBARAGLIA: They defaulted
13 because they were made to default. If we
14 had given them the parking meters and the
15 revenue from the parking meters they would
16 not have defaulted, you should read what
17 happened.

18 MR. WECHSLER: Anyone else?

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

20 MOTIONS.

21 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Perry?

22 MR. PERRY: Yes, just a couple of
23 things today. The first thing, Ms. Reed, if
24 we can get something out to Director
25 Gallagher to follow up on that hole that

1 opened up at the ballpark off Dorothy Street
2 and just see if there is a plan in place now
3 that the weather is breaking and the snow is
4 gone.

5 Also, an update on the request I had
6 from the Business Administrator Office about
7 the premiums including with the two library
8 properties that we did not actually own, so
9 I got this correspondence that the premiums
10 savings to delete the two libraries is
11 \$3,950 and that's going to go in effect 4-1-
12 of this. There is also going to be a
13 meeting between Knowells Associates and
14 Mr. Bulzoni to sit down and go line by line,
15 item by item with all properties on that
16 list to ensure that our list is updated and
17 100 percent.

18 And, finally, just a comment, I just
19 want to send my deepest condolences and
20 thoughts and prayers out to the family and
21 friends of Lindsay Doherty who tragically
22 lost her life soon after finishing the half
23 marathon. You know, as we know life is a
24 very fragile and special gift and I hope the
25 warm memories and the personal connections

1 that she made and left behind with her
2 family and friends and help sooth them in
3 this very, very difficult and impossible
4 time. That's all I have today.

5 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you, Mr. Perry.
6 Mr. Rogan?

7 MR. ROGAN: Yes, just very briefly.
8 Regarding the Novembrino complex since it
9 was brought up today, we did receive a
10 letter from Tom McLane and Associates
11 regarding the pool. This was addressed to
12 Mr. Bulzoni. "I'm pleased to submit the
13 enclosed proposal for professional design
14 and engineering services for the renovation
15 of the Novembrino pool site to go a public
16 outdoor water spray park. As you are aware,
17 this on team has been actively engaged in
18 numerous nematic designs and budgeting
19 efforts for the renovations of the
20 Novembrino Pool complex since 2010. We
21 believe the current conceptual design plans
22 are complimentary to the existing pool use
23 that will transform this rapidly
24 deteriorating area into a vibrant and
25 colorful outdoor water spray park for all

1 city residents to enjoy.

2 Due to our extensive past conceptual
3 design involvement, we believe our design
4 team is best suited to seamlessly develop
5 the approved concept plans into final design
6 and construction documents. Please note
7 that the itemized consultant proposals
8 attached --" it goes into a little bit more
9 about those proposals. There have been
10 sketches released and a general theme of
11 what this project is going to be until the
12 design work and the engineering work is done
13 the actual cost isn't known. There is no
14 question that since 2010 to now the cost is
15 going to be more just with inflation and,
16 you know, that park's deteriorated for the
17 last seven years, but there are a couple of
18 things going on.

19 I have been working with Business
20 Administrator Bulzoni and a couple of the
21 neighborhood leaders who were, I don't want
22 to say upset, but they were concerned about
23 duplication of efforts between this project
24 and another project that's going on in West
25 Side, they are literally three blocks from

1 one another. Because the funds being
2 limited, we certainly don't want to have
3 that duplication so there is talks about
4 adding a play area to one of the projects,
5 most likely it would be the Novembrino
6 project is what the neighbors have relayed
7 to me in place of having the two
8 amphitheaters.

9 As far as what the total cost of the
10 project is going to be, we are not going to
11 know until this phase is done and the actual
12 designing and the engineering. I will say
13 for myself I'm fully committed that the
14 project gets funded fully to completion
15 whether it's through OECD funds or through
16 state funds or the city. That pool has been
17 vacant too long and since it's a blight on
18 the neighborhood and the kids in West Side
19 have a place to swim and if this is
20 successful I think we need to use the same
21 concept in other areas in the city where the
22 pools are closed. For instance, in
23 Pinebrook the pools have been closed
24 probably just as long as the Novembrino
25 pool. The kids in Pinebrook deserve the

1 same opportunity as the kids in the hill and
2 other parts of the city that have that
3 opportunity to swim where different
4 neighborhoods haven't because of decades of
5 neglect on these city pools.

6 Initially, I was a little hesitant
7 about the splash pad idea versus the
8 traditional pool. It does seem that there
9 is a little more support for a splash pad, I
10 guess that's more of a modern twist on it.
11 It's more for younger children more so than
12 teenagers, so for the younger children it is
13 something that, you know, they would enjoy
14 and it is safer than having a full pool as
15 well, but I think this legislation along
16 with the other West Scranton revitalization
17 project that I talked about last week really
18 is going to do a lot for the neighborhood
19 from all of the way from the Novembrino area
20 over to the Taylor line and I fully support
21 both of these projects and, again, when it
22 comes to grant money the city can only apply
23 and then see what comes in, but as far as
24 the Novembrino project is concerned it's
25 been far too long and it has to come -- this

1 project has to come to a completion at this
2 point.

3 That is all I have for now. When
4 agenda items come up and I will comment a
5 little bit more. Thanks.

6 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you, Mr. Rogan.
7 Mr. Evans?

8 MR. EVANS: Thank you. First of
9 all, to our honorary citizen with us tonight
10 sometimes democracy isn't pretty, but it's
11 still the best in the world. I was prepared
12 tonight to rail against county government
13 again on the reassessment issue, and then I
14 was going to take on an ineffective pave cut
15 ordinance, but after spending two hours at a
16 viewing for a beautiful 36-year-old girl who
17 leaves behind a husband and three young
18 children it sort of takes the wind out of
19 your sails and brought a different
20 perspective to my comments tonight.

21 I want to briefly to talk about
22 Lindsay O'Roarke Doherty. First of all, my
23 deepest condolences to the O'Roarke and
24 Doherty families on the tragic passing of
25 Lindsay last Sunday after completing the

1 Scranton half marathon. Back in 20005, in
2 September, my mom passed away. A few days
3 after the funeral, I ran into Dukey Doherty,
4 Lindsay's father-in-law. Of course, Duke
5 offered his sincere deepest sympathies and
6 we talked for awhile and as we were about to
7 go our separate ways he stopped, reached
8 into his wallet and pulled out a small card
9 and gave it to me. He said, "It might be
10 helpful to read once in awhile."

11 So in the last ten years it's been
12 in my wallet, every once in awhile I take it
13 out of my wallet and I read it quietly to
14 myself and it has helped. It was written by
15 a gentleman by the name of Henry Scott
16 Holland. If I may, I'd like to read it for
17 Lindsay and her family.

18 "Death is nothing at all. It
19 doesn't not count. I have only slipped away
20 into the next room. Nothing has happened.
21 Everything remains exactly as it was. I am
22 I, and you are you, and the old life that we
23 lived so fondly together is untouched,
24 unchanged. Whatever we were to each other,
25 that we are still. Call me by the old

1 familiar name. Speak of me in the easy way
2 which you always used. Put no difference
3 into your tone. Wear no forced air of
4 solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always
5 laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed
6 together. Play, smile, think of me, pray
7 for me. Let my name be ever the household
8 word that it always was. Let it be spoken
9 without an effort, without the ghost of a
10 shadow upon it. Life means all that it ever
11 meant. It is the same as it ever was.
12 There is absolute and unbroken continuity.
13 What is the death but a negligible accident?
14 Why should I be out of mind because I am out
15 of sight? I am but waiting for you, for an
16 interval, somewhere very near, just round
17 the corner. All is well. Nothing is hurt;
18 nothing is lost. One brief moment and all
19 will be as it was before. How we shall
20 laugh at the trouble of parting when we meet
21 again."

22 Thank you.

23 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you, Mr. Evans.
24 Mr. Gaughan?

25 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. Just a few

1 items, I want to thank the DPW for filling
2 some pretty large potholes on Hamm Court in
3 Minooka received several complaints about
4 that over the last few weeks and residents
5 back there very happy that was taken care
6 of. I received several complaints about
7 signage being illegally posted to utility
8 polls throughout the city, especially in the
9 North Scranton area around Providence
10 Square. Residents are concerned that it
11 looks really bad and it is, in fact,
12 illegal, we will check that out, so we did
13 send it to the Licensing and Inspections
14 Department and they are going to go down and
15 take care of that.

16 We also sent to the DPW a large
17 pothole causing near collisions on Wind
18 field and O'Hara Street in South Scranton.
19 There is also issues about trees that are
20 falling into the roadway on Marvin Avenue in
21 North Scranton. Large branches, general
22 overgrowth and knotweed. I also requested
23 an update on the condemned status of 1120
24 Columbia Street in Greenridge. Residents
25 are concerned about that property.

1 entire Doherty and O'Roarke family on the
2 tragic loss of Lindsay Doherty this past
3 weekend at the Scranton half marathon. I
4 can't even imagine the grief and the pain
5 that her family is going through right now,
6 but the whole community is behind this
7 family and it was evident tonight at the
8 viewing and we are going to help them
9 through this difficult time and it's
10 unimaginable to me that such a young person
11 in their mid 30's can be lost and my heart
12 breaks for the whole family, especially her
13 husband and her children and my thoughts and
14 prayers are with them. Thank you.

15 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you,
16 Mr. Gaughan. I also would like to express
17 my condolences. On Monday evening I
18 attended the prayer service at St. Paul's
19 Church. It was put together very quickly,
20 but as Mr. Gaughan stated, the community
21 came behind the family and the church was
22 full. The sadness was there, but there also
23 was some joy in the community coming
24 together and enjoying Lindsay's life. I
25 also I was there, and not knowing what was

1 Street will be finally repaired and
2 finished.

3 Once again, that will be based upon
4 the availability of materials and
5 cooperation of the weather and we are going
6 to start seeing some of that.

7 It was reported in the paper that,
8 unfortunately, the nine counties did not
9 achieve the financial level of expense to
10 get refunded from the federal government.
11 The benchmark was \$18 million and all the
12 combined counties only came to \$11 million
13 so we were so far off that we really never
14 had a chance to meet that requirement.

15 It seems to me that the bar is set
16 so high now that even with that record
17 snowstorm we probably never be able to get
18 PEMA or FEMA money for that kind of storm.
19 The one thing that has to be remembered is
20 the country as a whole is still actually
21 recovering from payments from Hurricane
22 Katrina. Hurricane Katrina put a huge
23 burden on the FEMA system and we are still
24 recovering from that so this is something
25 that, like I said, we'll go through the

1 exercise of trying to get the money, but the
2 bar is set so high right now I really don't
3 think that we will ever be able to get
4 anything from that.

5 Also, I believe today the garbage
6 fee bills were being mailed. There is a
7 twist to that this year. Of course we had
8 talked about if there is a discount if you
9 pay the entire bill by the first of May and
10 for the first time the city is going to
11 accept ACH payments. They can be made
12 through an online service that will be at no
13 cost to the payer. Right now credit card
14 payments can only be made in the Treasurer's
15 Office and there will be a fee based on -- a
16 fee to the charger of 2.85 percent for
17 anyone that uses their credit card to pay
18 the bills at city hall. But, once again, if
19 you pay it by the 1st there is a discount.

20 These type of the payments are only
21 accepted on the current bills and they will
22 not be accepted on older bills that are
23 right now being collected by Northeast
24 Revenue Services.

25 This week we saw a completion of a

1 project that was in addition to replacing
2 the streetlights in the city. This was
3 actually some new fixtures and poles put in
4 over on Wyoming Avenue. That block had not
5 had any lights on it for quite awhile. The
6 LED lights are put in there now and it
7 really has given a great improvement to the
8 block. The church is such a beautiful
9 building and this only goes to improve that
10 area and we're happy to get that done.

11 We haven't talked about SAPA in
12 awhile. There will be a meeting, a
13 countywide meeting for is SAPA which will be
14 held next Tuesday. So SAPA, even though we
15 approved it nothing much has happened with
16 it yet, and we will be involved in that
17 meeting. And that's all I have.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Can I add just one
19 thing I forgot? Can we resend a letter to
20 the DPW, I think it was three weeks ago that
21 I requested an assessment in writing of
22 Mr. Serbro's situation? You know, as
23 chairperson for the DPW I just don't
24 understand why they can't respond to
25 requests and I would like that in writing.

1 Thank you.

2 MR. WECHSLER: Yeah, I'm sure if you
3 heard earlier, they were supposed to be out
4 there today.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Yeah, I did hear that
6 but --

7 MR. WECHSLER: I didn't know if you
8 heard that, that's all.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: Yeah, and I just want
10 an assessment of the situation what needs to
11 be done, what equipment, what works has been
12 done been and will be done in the future to
13 take care of the situation, but I'd just
14 like it in writing.

15 MR. WECHSLER: Yeah, I'd like
16 something in writing, too.

17 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION -
18 AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL
19 NO. 81, 2017, AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED
20 "APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF A RESTAURANT
21 LIQUOR LICENSE CURRENTLY OWNED BY ANOTHER
22 TIME RESTAURANT, LLC T/A AV RESTAURANT,
23 MOOSIC BOROUGH, LICENSE NO. R-10827 TO
24 ANOTHER TIME RESTAURANT, LLC T/A AV
25 RESTAURANT FOR

1 USE AT 320 PENN AVENUE, SCRANTON, LACKAWANNA
2 COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AS REQUIRED BY THE
3 PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD" BY
4 CORRECTING THE ADDRESS 320 PENN AVENUE TO
5 READ 320-322 PENN AVENUE, SCRANTON,
6 LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

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

10 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

11 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

15 MR. PERRY: Aye.

16 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

17 MR. EVANS: Aye.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

21 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION - A
22 RESOLUTION - ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF
23 THE HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD
24 ("HARB") AND APPROVING THE CERTIFICATE OF
25 APPROPRIATENESS FOR A+ SIGNS, 112 HARPER

1 STREET, DUNMORE, PA, FOR INSTALLATION OF A
2 RADIUS MARQUEE STYLE AWNING MEASURING 48"
3 HIGH BY 36" PROJECTION AND 212" WIDE, PURPLE
4 IN COLOR WITH GOLD LETTERING, READING
5 "OPULENCE, GIVING MODERN LIFE TO CLASSIC
6 STYLE", AT 320 SPRUCE STREET, SCRANTON, PA.

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

10 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

11 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

15 MR. PERRY: Aye.

16 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

17 MR. EVANS: Aye.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

21 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION - A
22 RESOLUTION - ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF
23 THE HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD
24 ("HARB") AND APPROVING THE CERTIFICATE OF
25 APPROPRIATENESS FOR POCONO SIGN COMPANY,

1 1979 SCRANTON CARBONDALE HIGHWAY, BLAKELY,
2 PA, FOR INSTALLATION OF AN AWNING PANEL
3 MEASURING 10" HIGH BY 84" WIDE AND A BOARD
4 SIGN MEASURING 36" HIGH BY 120" WIDE, WHITE
5 IN COLOR WITH AN ORANGE BORDER AND ORANGE
6 AND BLACK LETTERING, READING "TEQUILA MODERN
7 MEXICAN CUISINE" ON BOTH AWNING PANEL
8 AND SIGN BOARD WITH THE ADDITION OF "414
9 SPRUCE STREET, SCRANTON, PA, 18503,
10 570-341-0205, TEQUILAGRILLPA.COM" ON THE
11 BOARD SIGN.

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

15 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

16 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

20 MR. PERRY: Aye.

21 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

22 MR. EVANS: Aye.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

1 MS. REED: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A. NO
2 BUSINESS AT THIS TIME.

3 SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR
4 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY
5 DEVELOPMENT - FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO.
6 134, 2017 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
7 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO APPLY FOR AND
8 EXECUTE A GRANT FROM THE REDEVELOPMENT
9 ASSISTANCE CAPITAL PROGRAM (RACP) THROUGH
10 THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA'S OFFICE OF
11 THE BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO MILLION FIVE
12 HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$2,500,000.00) DOLLARS;
13 ACCEPTING AND DISBURSING THE GRANT IF THE
14 APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL; AND COORDINATING
15 THE USE OF THE GRANT FUNDS WITH MAIN
16 SWETLAND, LLC AND SOUTHSIDE XPRESS MARTS,
17 INC. FOR THE PROJECT TO BE NAMED THE "WEST
18 SCRANTON REVITALIZATION PROJECT."

19 MR. WECHSLER: What is the
20 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
21 Committee on Community Development?

22 MR. ROGAN: As Chair for the
23 Committee on Community Development, I
24 recommend final passage of Item 7-A.

25 MR. EVANS: Second.

1 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?

2 Roll call, please?

3 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

4 MR. PERRY: Yes.

5 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

6 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

8 MR. EVANS: Yes.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

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

15 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION
16 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES – FOR ADOPTION –
17 RESOLUTION NO. 135, 2017 - AUTHORIZING THE
18 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
19 TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR
20 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH THOMAS J. MCLANE
21 AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE PROFESSIONAL
22 DESIGN AND ENGINEERING SERVICES TO
23 PREPARE DOCUMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A
24 WATER SPRAY PARK AND RELATED RECREATION SITE
25 IMPROVEMENTS AT NOVEMBRINO PARK.

1 MR. WECHSLER: As Chairperson for
2 the Committee on Rules, I recommend final
3 passage of Item 7-B.

4 MR. ROGAN: Second.

5 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?
6 Roll call, please?

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

8 MR. PERRY: Yes.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

10 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

12 MR. EVANS: Yes.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

16 MR. WECHSLER: Yes. I hereby
17 declare Item 7-B legally and lawfully
18 adopted.

19 MS. REED: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION
20 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -
21 RESOLUTION NO. 136, 2017 - AUTHORIZING THE
22 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
23 TO EXECUTE THE DISCHARGE AND RELEASE OF THE
24 2004 PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND 2004 LEASE
25 AGREEMENT DISCHARGING THE SALE LEASE BACK

1 BETWEEN THE SCRANTON SEWER AUTHORITY AND THE
2 CITY OF SCRANTON.

3 MR. WECHSLER: As Chairperson for
4 the Committee on Rules, I recommend final
5 passage of Item 7-C.

6 MR. ROGAN: Second.

7 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?
8 Roll call, please?

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

10 MR. PERRY: Yes.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

12 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

14 MR. EVANS: Yes.

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

17 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

18 MR. WECHSLER: Yes. I hereby
19 declare Item 7-C legally and lawfully
20 adopted.

21 MS. REED: 7-D. FOR CONSIDERATION
22 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES – FOR ADOPTION –
23 RESOLUTION NO. 137, 2017 – APPOINTMENT OF
24 JENNIFER DAVIS, 801 NORTH IRVING AVENUE,
25 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18510, AS A MEMBER

1 OF THE HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD
2 EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 9, 2017. MS. DAVIS WILL
3 BE REPLACING RALPH A. SCARTELLI WHOSE TERM
4 EXPIRED OCTOBER 11, 2014. MS. DAVIS' TERM
5 WILL EXPIRE FEBRUARY 9, 2022.

6 MR. WECHSLER: As Chairperson for
7 the Committee on Rules, I recommend final
8 passage of Item 7-D.

9 MR. ROGAN: Second.

10 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question,
12 I do agree with Mrs. Schumacher that the
13 resume should be provided in the backup. I
14 think as long as it's not, you know,
15 somebody's social security number then I
16 don't see why it's a big deal and these are
17 public boards, so thank you.

18 MR. WECHSLER: Roll call, please?

19 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

20 MR. PERRY: Yes.

21 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

22 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

23 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

24 MR. EVANS: Yes.

25 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

2 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

3 MR. WECHSLER: Yes. I hereby
4 declare Item 7-D legally and lawfully
5 adopted.

6 MS. REED: 7-E. FOR CONSIDERATION BY
7 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES – FOR ADOPTION –
8 RESOLUTION NO. 138, 2017 – APPOINTMENT OF
9 KATHERINE M. KEARNEY, 828 SOUTH IRVING
10 AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18505, AS A
11 MEMBER OF THE HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE REVIEW
12 BOARD EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 9, 2017. MS.
13 KEARNEY WILL BE REPLACING ELLA RAYBURN
14 WHOSE TERM EXPIRED OCTOBER 11, 2016. MS.
15 KEARNEY’S TERM WILL EXPIRE FEBRUARY 9, 2022.

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

19 MR. ROGAN: Second.

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

22 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

23 MR. PERRY: Yes.

24 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

25 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

1 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

2 MR. EVANS: Yes.

3 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

5 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

6 MR. WECHSLER: Yes. I hereby

7 declare Item 7-E legally and lawfully

8 adopted.

9 MS. REED: 7-F. FOR CONSIDERATION
10 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES – FOR ADOPTION –
11 RESOLUTION NO. 139, 2017 – APPOINTMENT OF
12 PAUL MARCKS, 724 GIBBONS STREET, SCRANTON,
13 PENNSYLVANIA, 18505 AS THE ALTERNATE NO.1
14 MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR
15 THE CITY OF SCRANTON. MR. MARCKS WILL FILL
16 THE ALTERNATE NO.1 POSITION THAT WAS VACATED
17 BY ROBERT PALMITESSA WHEN HE BECAME A
18 REGULAR MEMBER OF THE BOARD UPON THE
19 RESIGNATION OF STEVEN KOCHIS. MR. MARCKS
20 WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF MR.
21 PALMITESSA WHICH EXPIRES ON JULY 1, 2020.

22 MR. WECHSLER: As Chairperson for
23 the Committee on Rules, I recommend final
24 passage of Item 7-F.

25 MR. ROGAN: Second.

1 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?

2 Roll call, please?

3 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

4 MR. PERRY: Yes.

5 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

6 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

8 MR. EVANS: Yes.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

12 MR. WECHSLER: Yes. I hereby
13 declare Item 7-F legally and lawfully
14 adopted.

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

17 MR. ROGAN: Motion to adjourn.

18 MR. WECHSLER: Meeting adjourned.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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

CATHENE S. NARDOZZI, RPR
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