

SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

PATRICK ROGAN, PRESIDENT

TIM PERRY, VICE PRESIDENT

WAYNE EVANS

WILLIAM GAUGHAN

KYLE DONAHUE

LORI REED, CITY CLERK

JEANNIE DAVIDSON, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

AMIL MINORA, ESQUIRE - SOLICITOR

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

3 MR. ROGAN: Roll call, please.

4 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Perry.

5 MR. PERRY: Here.

6 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Donahue.

7 MR. DONAHUE: Here.

8 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Evans.

9 MR. EVANS: Here.

10 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Gaughan.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Here.

12 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Rogan.

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

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

18 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
19 If not, received and filed.

20 MS. REED: 3-B. MINUTES OF THE
21 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF SCRANTON
22 HOUSING AUTHORITY HELD APRIL 2, 2018.

23 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
24 If not, received and filed.

25 MS. REED: 3-C. MINUTES OF THE

1 SCRANTON FIREFIGHTERS PENSION COMMISSION
2 MEETING HELD APRIL 18, 2018.

3 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
4 If not, received and filed.

5 MS. REED: 3-D. MINUTES OF THE
6 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING
7 HELD APRIL 18, 2018.

8 MR. ROGAN: Any comments? Received
9 and filed.

10 MS. REED: 3-E. MINUTES OF THE
11 SCRANTON POLICE PENSION COMMISSION MEETING
12 HELD APRIL 18, 2018.

13 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
14 If not, received and filed.

15 MS. REED: 3-F. MINUTES OF THE
16 COMPOSITE PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD APRIL
17 18, 2018.

18 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
19 If not, received and filed.

20 MS. REED: 3-G. AGENDA FOR THE
21 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING
22 HELD MAY 16, 2018.

23 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
24 If not, received and filed.

25 MS. REED: 3-H. AGENDA FOR THE CITY

1 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD MAY
2 23, 2018.

3 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
4 If not, received and filed. Do any council
5 members have announcements at this time?

6 MR. DONAHUE: Yes, I have one. A
7 couple weeks ago the Lackawanna County Land
8 Bank was going to be holding town hall
9 meetings to go over their Blight to Bright
10 Program. The first meeting was Wednesday,
11 May 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at Goodwill at North
12 which is the 1500 block of North Main Avenue
13 in Scranton. They have also added three
14 additional meetings, one will be Monday,
15 June 4, at 6:00 p.m. at PNC field. The
16 other is Thursday, June 7, at 6:00 p.m. at
17 the Anthracite Center in Carbondale, and
18 then Monday, June 11, at 6:00 p.m. at the
19 911 Center in Jessup. That's all I have.

20 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else? City Hall
21 will be closed next Monday, May 28, for
22 Memorial Day. DPW will be off in observance
23 of the holiday. Refuse and red recycling
24 will be one day behind next week. Council's
25 next regular meeting will be held on June 4.

1 And also I want to wish
2 congratulations to University of Scranton
3 students who will be graduated this upcoming
4 weekend.

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

7 (The following speakers offered
8 public comment: Gerard Hetman spoke on
9 matters of general concern. Washington
10 Pecoutez spoke on city business. Joan
11 Hodowanitz spoke on agenda items and city
12 business. Lee Morgan spoke on matters of
13 general concern. Marge Kravitz spoke on
14 agenda items and city business. Les
15 Spindler spoke on agenda items and city
16 business. Jess Serrenti spoke on matters of
17 general concern. Bob Bolus spoke on matters
18 of general concern. Mike and Libby Donohues
19 spoke on city business. Ron Ellman spoke on
20 city business and matters of general
21 concern. Fay Franus spoke on city business
22 and matters of general concern. Brian spoke
23 on matters of general concern. Norma
24 Jeffries spoke on city business. Marie
25 Schumacher spoke on agenda items and city

1 business.)

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

3 MOTIONS.

4 MR. ROGAN: Mr. Perry, do you have
5 any motions or comments?

6 MR. PERRY: I'm going to save all my
7 comments for agenda items tonight.

8 MR. ROGAN: Mr. Donahue, any motions
9 or comments?

10 MR. DONAHUE: Yes. Just to comment
11 quickly on our caucus with See, Click, Fix
12 It. I think it's a great concept and I
13 don't think it's a matter of if it's how we
14 are going to go about doing that.

15 A couple of weeks ago I asked for an
16 update on Crowley Park and I received back
17 some updates. Some sink holes were
18 identified in the parking lot that the city
19 engineer is going to review. The meeting
20 took place with a conservation district and
21 they are going to have to get permits from
22 them. The whole design stayed the same.
23 There is going to be improvements to the
24 area around the play equipment. Trees are
25 being saved along the walkway. A lot of the

1 asphalt is going. Storm water is being
2 looked at and a rain garden is being
3 constructed in the area where water pools.

4 And then on the issue with the
5 residency waiver for Mr. Bulzoni, this is
6 one of those issues where I tend to
7 understand and agree with the arguments on
8 both sides, so tonight I'm going to vote to
9 introduce it, but at this point I can't see
10 myself voting for final passage. And that's
11 all I have.

12 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Mr. Evans,
13 any motions or comments?

14 MR. EVANS: Thank you, just a few.
15 Earlier this evening we had our caucus and
16 we participated in a Power Point
17 presentation on See, Click, Fix, so for
18 those who didn't recall my comments last
19 time on the issue it's basically a request
20 and work management tool that empowers and
21 engages citizens by giving them the ability
22 to report quality of life issues through an
23 app on their phone. It also allows a city
24 to be more responsive, transparent and
25 efficient in handling those requests all the

1 while keeping a citizen informed of the
2 status of their complaint along the way.

3 It also provides analytics that
4 would allow the administration and city
5 council to more closely monitor the success
6 of those items and clearing them along the
7 way. Efficient, engaged and transparent
8 government is something we should all strive
9 for and we should never shy away from it so
10 I think See, Click, Fix could be an integral
11 component in that endeavor and I fully,
12 solely endorse that fully because it's
13 something that I think we definitely need
14 and efficient government is always a good
15 thing.

16 I attended several community events
17 since the last city council meeting. Last
18 Tuesday, I attended along with several of my
19 council colleagues the annual police
20 memorial service to remember their fallen
21 officers. As usual, it was a beautiful and
22 solemn service that continues to remind us
23 all of the dangers of being a police
24 officer. They put their lives on the line
25 every day for us and that should never be

1 taken for granted. This is my fourth year
2 attending the ceremony and I always find it
3 to be inspirational, simple and an effective
4 message and as well as the musical message
5 again reinforced by the talented chorus from
6 Scranton High School.

7 On Thursday, I attended the 25th
8 anniversary celebration of Scranton Tomorrow
9 and as well as I'm very proud to have been
10 part of Scranton Tomorrow from it's infancy.
11 I was there in the very beginning when they
12 had the forging the future plan that became
13 the blueprint for Scranton Tomorrow 25 years
14 ago so I'm happy to be able to be part of
15 that and part of the participation and
16 celebration as well as the new role in the
17 new Scranton Tomorrow and it's vision for
18 the next 25 years as they move forward being
19 the lead on the creation of a downtown
20 business improvement district which is
21 something I have been advocating for for
22 decades.

23 So congratulations to Scranton
24 Tomorrow on their 25th anniversary and to
25 Leslie Collins and the many volunteers

1 involved over the years. Thank you for all
2 of you have done for the downtown Scranton,
3 all you have been doing in the years here to
4 come.

5 On Saturday I attended and walked in
6 the Armed Services Parade. It was and has
7 been an honor the past several years to be
8 part of this event. It was certainly a very
9 small sacrifice on my part to walk the
10 parade route in Saturday's rain especially
11 considering all that our current and past
12 armed services and forces have done for us.
13 It always says a lot about who we are as a
14 city and a community and how we honor our
15 veterans as well as our active duty
16 military.

17 And, finally, on a totally separate
18 note, I took a walk on Sunday morning in
19 downtown and stopped to see for the first
20 time Renaissance Park, which is the elevated
21 park along Bogart Court in the 500 block of
22 Lackawanna Avenue. So I would urge anyone
23 who has the time while they are downtown to
24 stop and check it out. It's a very unique
25 and very interesting urban park within our

1 city and a great place to catch some
2 interesting news as well as a place where
3 you can relax for a nice break while you are
4 downtown on several of the benches that are
5 located there, so it's another asset that we
6 have downtown that I think a lot of people
7 haven't had a chance to take a look and
8 check out. Otherwise, all my comments on
9 agenda items will be at that time.

10 MR. ROGAN: Thank you, Mr. Evans.
11 Mr. Gaughan, any motions or comments?

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, thank you, quite
13 a few. First of all, I usually don't
14 respond to nonsense at these meetings but I
15 would like to say one thing about the Armed
16 Services Parade. You know, I have marched
17 in that parade since I have been a
18 councilman, I have attended it before I was
19 a councilman. I was not at the most recent
20 parade this weekend because of some family
21 issues. My wife had surgery, she is fine,
22 and we had a death in the family. So when
23 Mr. Bolus gets up and, you know, makes some
24 kind of nonsensical remark about not
25 supporting the veterans because we don't

1 attend a parade that is just nonsense. My
2 father is a United States Marine. Both of
3 my grandparents were -- both of my grandpas
4 were in the military, almost all of my
5 uncles were in the military. So just
6 because you don't attend a parade does not
7 mean that you don't support veterans. So I
8 just wanted to make sure that everyone
9 understood that and I'm sure you already
10 did.

11 On the caucus that we had with See,
12 Click, Fix, I would agree with Councilman
13 Evans and the rest of my colleagues, you
14 know, I think that one of the biggest
15 complaints that I have gotten in the last
16 four and a half years being a councilman is
17 that someone calls city hall and they make a
18 complaint and then that's the last they ever
19 hear usually from anybody involved in city
20 government. So whether or not their problem
21 gets fixed, either they are not sure or they
22 have to call back or when they do call back
23 they get told to call the Sewer Authority or
24 now Pennsylvania American Water, Licensing
25 and Inspections and they get bounced around

1 all over the place.

2 This software will allow city
3 government to organize all of these
4 requests. It's going to streamline
5 everything and it's going to make it more
6 transparent in my opinion. And obviously
7 from the caucus that we had earlier tonight
8 it has worked in I believe 320 other cities
9 larger and smaller than the City of
10 Scranton. Somebody mentioned tonight, you
11 know, why pay for a service like this. I
12 think the woman that gave the presentation
13 mentioned that it was \$16,000. Well, you
14 know, why would you pay for it? Well, why
15 not? At this point, what we have been doing
16 obviously has not worked based on the volume
17 of complaints that we all have gotten. So
18 if something hasn't been working then why
19 would you continue to do it, you know, for
20 the next several years. Why not change it.
21 And that's really the mentality in this
22 building not just in this administration but
23 in prior administrations that this is the
24 way we have always done it, you know, we are
25 afraid of change, there is no buy in, let's

1 just stick with what we know. I think that
2 we should, you know, if the table is not set
3 in your favor flip the table over and try
4 something different and I think is going to
5 accomplish that. So I'm supporting it 100
6 percent. I hope we meet with the you
7 administration soon and we get the ball
8 rolling here.

9 On a more somber note, I'd like to
10 ask everyone to keep my wife's family in
11 their prayers. We did have -- we lost my
12 wife's grandmother Mary McLane from North
13 Scranton, she passed away this morning. She
14 was a life-long Scranton resident, active in
15 politics in the city for her entire life.
16 She was a staple in Ward 1, Precinct 1,
17 Bangor Heights. Never missed an election
18 working the polls. She was one of my
19 biggest supporters. When I campaigned the
20 first time around as I was making my way
21 throughout the city I stopped at Park
22 Gardens, knocked on somebody's door, I went
23 to introduce myself they told me Mary McLane
24 had already called. In fact, she called
25 three times and if she called again they

1 weren't going to vote for me and then went
2 all around North Scranton and all around the
3 city.

4 So, you know, she is going to be
5 dearly missed. She was a class act. One of
6 those members of the greatest generation and
7 my prayers are with my wife's family at this
8 time. Thank you.

9 MR. ROGAN: Thank you very much.
10 Just a couple of comments, I echo the
11 comments of my colleagues regarding the See,
12 Click, Fix presentation. It does seem like
13 a very good way to bridge the gap between
14 those in the community when they see a
15 problem and those in the city that are in
16 charge of fixing those problems. I do think
17 especially with, you know, the vast majority
18 of people have a smart phone or have access
19 to somebody who does, it's very easy to just
20 take a picture of a pothole or a problem in
21 your neighborhood and send it into the right
22 person, so it does sound like a very good
23 idea. The cost does seem a little high to
24 me so hopefully that is something we could
25 work on negotiating down with the vendor,

1 but it is an idea I think that really can
2 help our city quite a bit.

3 This has been brought up a number of
4 the times so I'm going to address it
5 regarding the illegal health care at the
6 Sewer Authority of Jim Mulligan. I agree
7 with the Sewer Authority and their request
8 to recoup those funds. I would hope the
9 school board would do the same thing
10 regarding the illegal health care benefits
11 that have been rendered over there, and I
12 think that it would make sense for the Sewer
13 Authority to look at other solicitors that
14 may have received the same illegal health
15 care benefit. So I do commend them for
16 taking this action and I know Mr. Bolus
17 brought it up, but it was a motion by this
18 counsel that initiated this process by
19 sending it to the Attorney General's Office
20 for review. They came back with their
21 opinion that it was a civil matter and then
22 it will be up to the Sewer Authority to file
23 suit against Mr. Mulligan or anyone else
24 that has received the illegal benefits.

25 Mr. Evans brought up the police

1 memorial. Again, a very moving ceremony and
2 he mentioned. Again, I can't say enough how
3 great of a police department we have in this
4 city and to thank our police officers
5 locally and nationally or all they do to
6 keep us safe.

7 Regarding the Bulzoni appointment, I
8 think one of the speakers, Mr. Spindler, hit
9 the nail on the head with this one. This is
10 not something that is new despite what some
11 people want to say. The proper process is
12 being followed when there is an employee
13 that a mayor wants to appoint who lives
14 outside of the city. The proper procedure
15 is to send legislation to council for a
16 waiver and then council has a choice of
17 voting up or down, which we will do this
18 week and next week.

19 In the past, it was done once
20 previously where a director was given a
21 waiver without going to city council. If
22 that was the case, it would not be
23 appropriate. That would be circumventing
24 the rules so council members can vote as
25 they wish how they feel on this waiver.

1 Personally I have been on council almost ten
2 years now and Mr. Bulzoni is by far the best
3 business administrator that we have ever
4 had. Do I wish that he would move in the
5 city? Of course. Do I think it's fair that
6 he lives outside of the city and the rest of
7 the city employees do not? No, I don't
8 think it's fair, but I think in the best
9 interest of the city to have a competent
10 business administrator who knows what they
11 are doing and will do a good job for the
12 city, I think having him as business
13 administrator is the right move. And that
14 is all.

15 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION -
16 AN ORDINANCE - CREATING AND ESTABLISHING
17 SPECIAL CITY ACCOUNT NO. 02.229629 ENTITLED
18 "NCS-X" FOR THE RECEIPT OF GRANT FUNDS FROM
19 THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND
20 DELINQUENCY NATIONAL CRIME STATISTICS
21 EXCHANGE (NCS-X) PROGRAM.

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

25 MR. PERRY: So moved.

1 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

5 MR. PERRY: Aye.

6 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

7 MR. EVANS: Aye.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

11 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -
12 A RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF DAVID BULZONI,
13 2187 PORT ROYAL ROAD, CLARKS SUMMIT,
14 PENNSYLVANIA, 18411 TO THE POSITION OF
15 BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR EFFECTIVE MAY 7,
16 2018. MR. BULZONI WILL BE REPLACING REBECCA
17 MCMULLEN WHO WAS SERVING AS ACTING BUSINESS
18 ADMINISTRATOR.

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

22 MR. PERRY: So moved.

23 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

1 MR. PERRY: Aye.

2 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

3 MR. EVANS: Aye.

4 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed?

5 MR. GAUGHAN: No.

6 MR. ROGAN: The ayes have it and so
7 moved.

8 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION -
9 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
10 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO WAIVE
11 THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR DAVID
12 BULZONI, CITY OF SCRANTON BUSINESS
13 ADMINISTRATOR.

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

17 MR. PERRY: So moved.

18 MR. EVANS: Second.

19 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

20 MR. PERRY: Yes, on the question, I
21 know I spoke briefly on this during
22 participation, but as far as I'm concerned
23 Dave Bulzoni has been a fantastic business
24 administrator for the City of Scranton. He
25 has seen us through some very difficult

1 times. I thought he did it with just the
2 best communication skills that I think I
3 have ever seen and without pulling any
4 bunches our business administration hasn't
5 been the same since he has left. Through no
6 fault of anybody's, it just no one has
7 reached in my opinion the standard that Dave
8 set for a BA in the City of Scranton. He
9 does live outside of the city. I think --
10 I'm with everybody, I wish he did live in
11 the City of Scranton, but Section 66 is put
12 there to make sure we have the best of the
13 best to serve the city and the citizens of
14 Scranton. If there was somebody that was
15 going to take the job, they would have
16 already taken it when Dave left the first
17 time, but we put that job out for awhile
18 and, you know, we weren't getting blown in
19 by applications or applicants, so in my
20 opinion this is exactly what Section 66 is
21 made for to make sure that the city has the
22 best person available for the job, and
23 that's my opinion on that.

24 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else? All those
25 in favor?

1 MR. GAUGHAN: Wait. Sure. I'm
2 going to be voting against this waive for
3 several reasons, and let me preface my
4 comments by saying that I believe
5 Mr. Bulzoni, as I mentioned earlier in this
6 meeting, does an admirable job as our
7 business administrator. This isn't about
8 his job performance. It's not about who is
9 best. This is a matter, in my opinion of
10 principal. The public rightly expects that
11 city employees, in this specific case
12 pulling down \$90,000 a year, which is more
13 than most people in the City of Scranton
14 make in two or three years combined, the
15 public expects that that person face the
16 same school and city property taxes, garbage
17 fee, sewer bills, and everything else that
18 comes along with living in the City of
19 Scranton. This is only possible if the
20 business administrator lives within the
21 city.

22 If we are going to invest in
23 Mr. Bulzoni, then I think it's only fair
24 that he invest in the city and live here.
25 Remember, Mr. Bulzoni was part of the

1 mayor's first cabinet back in 2014. He had
2 six months to move in the city and he did
3 not, even though he said he would move to
4 Scranton. At that point, my colleagues
5 granted Mr. Bulzoni an indefinite waiver.
6 He ended up leaving at that point a few
7 years later for a banking job and then now
8 decides to come back. I would argue to my
9 colleagues that Mr. Bulzoni no longer
10 deserves the waiver. He is choosing this
11 job, therefore, he chooses the consequences
12 and one of those is that you have to live in
13 the city. These are the terms of
14 employment. Every fireman, every policeman,
15 every DPW worker, every clerical worker has
16 to live in the city, has to pay property
17 taxes, school and city. And as somebody
18 mentioned tonight, they are a burden
19 especially for our senior citizens. So what
20 kind of message is this council and this
21 mayor sending to city employees, to our
22 community, to our business community that
23 one off our highest paid employees and one
24 who makes crucial decisions that effect
25 every taxpayer in this city isn't willing to

1 invest, isn't willing to live in the City of
2 Scranton.

3 I would urge my colleagues to vote
4 against this waiver. The mayor sending us
5 this waiver once again and allowing
6 Mr. Bulzoni to live in Newton Township and
7 outside of the city is unfair to every
8 single taxpayer in the City of Scranton.
9 Thank you.

10 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else?

11 MR. EVANS: Yes, on the question.
12 They won't be clapping after this I'm sure.
13 There are times that I might have supported
14 the granting of a residency waiver. This is
15 not one of them. Although, in all honesty
16 I'm not quite sure it is not a practice as
17 it relates to cabinet appointments whose
18 time has not passed. We have seen firsthand
19 over the past four years the level of
20 performance by Mr. Bulzoni. We have someone
21 who is clearly an exceptional business
22 administrator and you have someone who has
23 helped lead this city out of decades of
24 financial quagmire that we were in, who has
25 proven to be a solid partner in many of the

1 initiatives of this city council like
2 Granicus, Smart Cities, the grant program
3 for first time homebuyers, the reduction in
4 the real estate transfer tax and the garbage
5 fee discount and others, when you have
6 someone like that you know at the end of the
7 day it's in best interest of the City of
8 Scranton, it's taxpayers, it's citizens to
9 have him back as business administrator.
10 The answer is easy for me. We should always
11 have the fiduciary responsibility to effect
12 positive change when we came, that is why
13 I'm voting yes for this waiver. We should
14 have the best possible people working at the
15 cabinet level that we could find so we could
16 become a city that people want to move to
17 voluntarily not be forced to, so I'll be
18 voting yes to move this legislation along.

19 MR. GAUGHAN: I just want to make
20 just one comment, I also agree that we need
21 the best possible people, but it goes
22 without saying that the message that's being
23 sent here today the community is that
24 Mr. Bulzoni came once for a waiver, and he
25 got it. He left, he went to a banking job,

1 then he came back to the city, he is asking
2 for another waiver. He also got a raise to
3 \$90,000 a year. You know, that's great but
4 he lives in Newton Township. He needs to
5 invest in the city and live here. He is
6 making decisions, crucial decisions,
7 possibly on raising property taxes, fees,
8 decisions that effect the lives of every
9 single person in this city, so when I look
10 at the elderly woman on my street who pays
11 \$4,000 or \$5,000 in property taxes and is up
12 to here in her fees and everything else, and
13 one of the highest paid employees in this
14 building doesn't live here it sends the
15 wrong message.

16 I am not questioning Mr. Bulzoni's
17 professionalism or his capabilities as a
18 business administrator and I told him this
19 four years ago when I voted against the
20 waiver of the first time, this is a matter
21 of the fairness. This is the principal of
22 the whole argument. Thank you.

23 MR. EVANS: On the question, I'm
24 going to get into a debate about this issue,
25 my point is simply I want the best of the

1 best period, and if takes granting a waiver
2 then I'll accept that responsibility.

3 MR. ROGAN: I would agree with
4 Councilman Evans and, you know, to
5 Councilman Gaughan's point I understand that
6 what he is saying sounds good and as I agree
7 that as a matter of fairness he may be
8 right, but I would much rather a competent
9 business administrator that's going to be
10 make good sound decisions for the city
11 regardless of where they live than have an
12 incompetent business administrator who lives
13 in the City of Scranton.

14 As was mentioned by my colleagues,
15 Mr. Bulzoni does an excellent job. I don't
16 think there is many people that could
17 disagree. When I heard he was coming back
18 to work for the city I was thrilled. In my
19 time on council I have probably worked with
20 close to half a dozen different business
21 administrators and it's not even close that
22 Dave Bulzoni is head and shoulders above the
23 rest, so I am glad that he back and I hope
24 he will continue the good work that he put
25 in over the first couple of years that he

1 was here.

2 All those in favor of introduction
3 signify by saying aye.

4 MR. PERRY: Aye.

5 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

6 MR. EVANS: Aye.

7 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed?

8 MR. GAUGHAN: No.

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

11 MS. REED: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A. NO
12 BUSINESS AT THIS TIME.

13 SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR
14 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY
15 DEVELOPMENT - FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO.
16 38, 2018 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
17 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS FOR THE CITY OF
18 SCRANTON TO ENTER INTO A LOAN TO GRANT
19 AGREEMENT AND MAKE A LOAN/GRANT FROM THE
20 CITY OF SCRANTON BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY
21 LOAN/GRANT PROGRAM FOR PROJECT NO. 150.44 IN
22 AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000.00 TO
23 DISCOVERY MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCES PRESCHOOL,
24 TO ASSIST AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT.

25 MR. ROGAN: What is the

1 recommendation for the Chairperson for the
2 Committee on Community Development?

3 MR. DONAHUE: As Chair for the
4 Committee on Community Development, I
5 recommend final passage of Item 7-A.

6 MR. PERRY: Second.

7 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

8 MR. EVANS: On the question, I will
9 be voting yes, of course, on this and I
10 would like to congratulate the owners of the
11 Discovery Preschool for being part of our
12 city and I'm very happy that this grant is
13 moving forward so they can continue to
14 expand their great work.

15 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else? Roll call,
16 please?

17 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Perry.

18 MR. PERRY: Yes.

19 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Donahue.

20 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

21 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Evans.

22 MR. EVANS: Yes.

23 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Gaughan.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

25 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Rogan.

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

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

MR. PERRY: Motion to adjourn.

MR. ROGAN: Meeting adjourned.

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