

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

JEANNE DAVIDSON, SECRETARY

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.

14 MR. EVANS: I make a motion to
15 correct a type typographical error that is
16 found within the summary title of Item 5-C.
17 Insert the word "Twenty" between 100 and
18 thousand the correct the omission of the
19 word "twenty" in the ordinance to read:
20 \$220,906.00.

21 MR. PERRY: Second.

22 MR. ROGAN: There's a motion on the
23 floor and a second, on the question? All
24 those in favor signify by saying aye.

25 MR. PERRY: Aye.

1 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

2 MR. EVANS: Aye.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

6 Please dispense with the reading of
7 the minutes.

8 MS. REED: THIRD ORDER. 3-A. TAX
9 ASSESSOR'S RESULTS REPORT FOR HEARING DATE
10 HELD MAY 16, 2018.

11 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
12 If not, received and filed.

13 MS. REED: 3-B. TAX ASSESSOR'S
14 REPORTS FOR HEARING DATES TO BE HELD JUNE 6,
15 2018, AND JUNE 13, 2018.

16 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
17 If not, received and filed.

18 MS. REED: 3-C. MINUTES OF THE SOLID
19 WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD
20 NOVEMBER 28, 2017, JANUARY 30, 2018 AND
21 FEBRUARY 27, 2018.

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

24 MS. REED: 3-D. SINGLE TAX OFFICE
25 CITY FUNDS DISTRIBUTED COMPARISON REPORT

1 2017-2018 YEAR TO DATE MAY 31, 2018.

2 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?

3 If not, received and filed.

4 Do any council members have
5 announcements at this time?

6 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, I have one.

7 There will be a benefit for Gage Lasky at
8 the Keyser Valley Community Center on Keyser
9 Avenue in Scranton on Friday, June 22, from
10 two to ten p.m. The admission is \$10. There
11 will be raffles, t-shirts, 50/50 drawings,
12 food and beverages and music by DJ Krypton.

13 Gage Lasky is a 12-year-old
14 Northeast Intermediate school student who
15 needs muscle eye surgery at Wilkes Eye
16 Institute. He was also diagnosed with
17 autism and seizure disorder and recently
18 with a congenital brain abnormality and also
19 has an inoperable aneurism in his brain.

20 The proceeds from this benefit will
21 help cover a deductible that is not covered
22 by medical insurance and travel expenses for
23 his eye surgery in Philadelphia to repair
24 damage caused by a seizure.

25 For tickets or to make a donation of

1 a gift basket, gift card, food or monetary
2 contribution you can Joyce Spize at
3 570-955-0253 or Andrew Lasky at 570-497 --
4 9532. And I would urge everyone to try to
5 make it to this to help this young man out.
6 Thank you.

7 MR. DONAHUE: I have one, also. The
8 City's Office the Economic and Community
9 Development will have applications available
10 for the 50-year Action Plan funded through
11 the Community Development Block Grant
12 Program, the HOME Investment Partnership
13 Program and Emergency Solutions Grant
14 starting next Monday, June 11. This Action
15 Plan covers the period of January 1, 2019,
16 through December 31, 2019, and activities
17 must be consistent with the needs and
18 objectives identified in the City of
19 Scranton's five-year consolidated plan.
20 Eligible applicants must be incorporated for
21 profit, nonprofit or public organizations or
22 businesses able to undertake their approved
23 activity within the City of Scranton.
24 Applicants must also demonstrate the
25 financial management and expertise to

1 successfully develop, design and implement
2 and monitor the proposed activity, and all
3 applicants must meet any other federal
4 requirements.

5 The city is estimating it's 2019
6 allocations to total \$2.6 million in
7 Community Development Block Grants, \$500,000
8 in the HOME Program, and \$220,000 in
9 Emergency Solutions Grants. Applications
10 will be available on the city's website and
11 applications must be submitted by mail or
12 hand delivered to the OECD Office on the
13 first floor of city hall no later than 3:00
14 p.m. on Friday, August 3. Thank you.

15 MR. EVANS: I have one. The annual
16 Scranton Shakespeare will begin on June 28
17 and run through July 29. Some of these
18 shows will be "How to Succeed in Business
19 Without Really Trying, The Tempest, As You:
20 Like It, Hansel and Gretel and Footloose"
21 and all tickets are completely free.

22 The first one "How to Succeed in
23 Business Without Really Trying" is going to
24 be scheduled for the Marketplace at
25 Steamtown so that should be an interesting

1 one to catch if you were available, and
2 that's all I have.

3 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else? According
4 to the PennDOT press release, the demolition
5 of the old Harrison Avenue bridge is set for
6 tomorrow. On Tuesday, June 5, at the
7 approximately 11 a.m. a PennDOT contractor
8 will use a controlled demolition to remove
9 the last remaining span of the old Harrison
10 Avenue bridge. Traffic on the Central
11 Scranton Expressway will be stopped from
12 10:45 a.m. until shortly after 11:00 a.m.
13 and then the all clear has been given. The
14 new Harrison Avenue bridge will also be
15 closed at 10:45 and will remain closed for a
16 longer period of time throughout the morning
17 while inspectors evaluate the impact of the
18 blast on the new bridge.

19 From approximately 10:00 a.m. until
20 the all clear is given. A 1,000 safety
21 perimeter will be established around the
22 bridge. During this time, no one will be
23 permitted to be within the safety perimeter
24 unless they are inside of a building. Once
25 the bridge has been detonated, the

1 contractor will begin to work around the
2 clock for five days to clear all the debris
3 from the gorge.

4 And secondly, next Monday, June 11,
5 there will be a public caucus with NDC to
6 discuss parking. It will held in council
7 chambers at 5:15 p.m.

8 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'
9 PARTICIPATION.

10 (The following speakers offered
11 public comment: Giovanni Piccolino spoke on
12 city business. Joan Hodowanitz spoke on
13 city business and matters of general
14 concern. Les Spindler spoke on city
15 business. Marge Kravitz spoke on agenda
16 items and matters of general concern. Norma
17 Jefferies spoke on matters of general
18 concern. Bob Bolus spoke on agenda items
19 and matters of general concern. Lee Morgan
20 spoke on agenda items and matters of general
21 concern. Ron Ellman spoke on agenda items
22 and matters of general concern. Dave
23 Dobrzyn spoke on agenda items and matters of
24 general concern. Marie Schumacher spoke on
25 city business and matters of general

1 concern. Brian Matson spoke on matters of
2 general concern.)

3 MS. REED: FIFTH ORDER. 5-A.
4 MOTIONS.

5 MR. ROGAN: Mr. Perry, any motions
6 or comments?

7 MR. PERRY: Yes, I do. Thank you,
8 Mr. Rogan. Yes, lots of notes tonight. A
9 lot of good speakers, a lot of good comments
10 and with being no meeting last Monday there
11 was a lot going on. First let's address
12 some things that were talked about tonight.
13 Mr. Piccolino on that issue with First
14 Friday and the alley not having access for
15 customers and his drivers. Mrs. Reed, if we
16 could, let's see if we could put Mr.
17 Piccolino in touch with the leadership at
18 First Friday. I'm not sure if that's
19 something that Mr. Welby would handle as an
20 organizer, but I would be happy to
21 facilitate that between and see if there is
22 anything we can work out for those hours
23 where First Friday takes place if there is
24 something we can do to help his access to
25 his building.

1 Also, the tree house was brought up
2 which, again, was another excellent point
3 that tree house. The city spends a
4 well-documented a good money on that tree
5 house. It is a beautiful project and it's
6 very unfortunate that it went into
7 disrepair. It's named after a great person,
8 great mayor, and it's something that we do
9 need to get back in line as soon as
10 possible. The last I had heard was it was
11 an engineering issue. I know Mr. Rogan said
12 he got an update on it, but if we could,
13 Mrs. Reed, can we get council to get a full
14 update on that from Park and Rec Director
15 Mr. Fallon and from Mayor Courtright and we
16 can see where we are within the step of
17 getting our tree house back to what was it,
18 number eight? Right? Number, eight, that's
19 fantastic.

20 MS. JEFFERIES: Eight out of 15.

21 MR. PERRY: I also, and I know this
22 is something near and dear to your heart, as
23 I was driving around some streets that I
24 hadn't been to in awhile there were some new
25 street signs that were put up, so I wanted a

1 follow up call on where we are with the
2 street sign program because that's been
3 talked about quite a bit. The signs, as of
4 right now, there have been 100 replaced and
5 according to the administration the plan is
6 still to get an RFQ out to get a full city
7 replacement on all of the street signs, so
8 I'll have more to update on that when I get
9 it but as of right now it's 100 that have
10 been replaced. It's identified as the most
11 needed and then the administration still
12 wants to get the rest of them replaced.

13 I have gotten in recent weeks
14 several complaints and calls on the
15 Novembrino pool with the stagnant water
16 issue. As you know, the Novembrino pool
17 hasn't been operational and a splash park is
18 on deck and in the engineering phase, but to
19 neighbors in that area can we get Parks and
20 Rec involved and maybe DPW get a copy, a
21 "CC" on it just to get what can be done to
22 either pump that stagnant water out so it
23 doesn't become an issue with mosquitos and
24 other insects throughout the summer time.

25 And a house cleaning detail, there

1 has been a big issue with our dot.gov e-mail
2 address. I haven't gotten an e-mail through
3 that in about a week, week and a half and I
4 apologize if there is anybody that sent me
5 something that I haven't responded to.
6 Until that e-mail is up and working, feel
7 free to contact me through our office
8 Mrs. Reed will make sure I get any phone
9 calls or e-mails and I'll get back to
10 anybody who needs either a phone call or
11 e-mail back to them. I just wanted to make
12 everybody aware of that in case there was
13 something hanging out there that I didn't
14 know, but that's all I have for today.
15 Thank you.

16 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Mr. Donahue,
17 any motions or comments?

18 MR. DONAHUE: Yes. All I have today
19 is just an update on a request I made a few
20 weeks ago on a status update on the property
21 at 500 South Webster Avenue that was
22 destroyed by fire. We did receive an
23 emergency declaration from the mayor to
24 immediately tear down the building and I
25 think that has since been completed, so

1 that's all I have.

2 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Mr. Evans,
3 any motions or comments?

4 MR. EVANS: Yes, I do. First of
5 all, last Friday I attended the 125th
6 anniversary celebration of the Scranton
7 Public Library. First of all, I do thank
8 the board of trustees for the invitation to
9 this very important event and congratulate
10 Jack Finnerty and the entire staff, the
11 library board and all of the volunteers at
12 the library, including Joan Hodowanitz, for
13 all that they do and have done for the
14 Scranton Public Library. Particularly, I'd
15 like to recognize the Henkelman family that
16 have been supporters of the library for
17 generations starting with Bill Henkelman who
18 served on the board of trustees for 42 years
19 beginning in 1967, and the line of service
20 continues today through the involvement of
21 Bill's son Jim Henkelman, who is the current
22 president of the board of trustees, and the
23 family honored and restored special events
24 room has been named the Henkelman room, a
25 well-deserved honor to this family that has

1 dedicated so much of their time and energy
2 to the Scranton Public Library.

3 On another matter, I'm going to jump
4 ahead a little bit and moving to an agenda
5 item as part of my motions, the granting of
6 a residency waiver for Dave Bulzoni, but
7 instead of talking simply about the waiver I
8 would like to expand the discussion to the
9 issue of the residency requirement itself.
10 I wonder sometimes shouldn't the job
11 performance of a cabinet member be more
12 important than where he or she parks their
13 car at night. I'm not sure this is even a
14 policy that hasn't outlived it's useful
15 purpose, whatever that might have been at
16 one time.

17 I would remember rather have a high
18 performing city government with the very
19 best of the best working as the department
20 heads, I would rather have a city that
21 people move to voluntarily because of all
22 that we have to offer rather than the kind
23 of a city where you have to force people to
24 live here because of a job.

25 We talk all of the time about

1 government being adverse to change. We talk
2 all of the time about the lack of
3 effectiveness and efficiency in government
4 because we don't embrace necessary change
5 because as a mantra the status quo so aptly
6 goes that's the way it's always been so why
7 would we change? Is a residency requirement
8 or cabinet members just another example of
9 this status quo?

10 In my mind, if there were two equal
11 candidates for the same position with the
12 city, one being a city resident and one
13 outside of the city, I would always, and I
14 mean this sincerely, I would always favor
15 the city candidate. But if the candidates
16 weren't equal, if the candidate from outside
17 the city was clearly better, brighter, and
18 more visionary why would we not choose that
19 candidate? Why would we shortchange our
20 city and our taxpayers by not hiring the
21 very best? Why would we accept average when
22 we could employ excellence? Quite frankly,
23 it still doesn't make any sense to me at all
24 on this issue.

25 This city council has been forward

1 looking, Granicus, Smart Cities, idea
2 sessions, See, Click, Fix, working to reduce
3 fees, fines, and taxes and many other
4 initiatives yet somehow here we are still
5 conflicted over another policy of the past
6 that simply does not allow the very best
7 leadership we can find.

8 The residency clause for cabinet
9 members is not just about Dave Bulzoni, and
10 yes, he is deserving of the waiver in my
11 opinion, but I also have to think the
12 residency clause is poor public policy. I
13 think it's held the city back in my
14 viewpoint for generations. I feel that it
15 may be time for the requirement to be fully
16 reviewed for all future hirings of
17 department heads and cabinet members.

18 But finally I'm thankful for the
19 fact that we are having this conversation,
20 and I fully recognize that I'm taking the
21 popular position on this issue, but I'm not
22 okay with that, but nonetheless, it is the
23 position I believe would be the right thing
24 for the City of Scranton and it's future
25 success. That's all I have for now.

1 MR. ROGAN: Thank you, Mr. Evans.
2 Mr. Gaughan, any motions or comments?

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, just a few, thank
4 you. The street sweeper is scheduled to be
5 in East Scranton from June 4 to June 8
6 Arthur Avenue to Taylor Avenue, and on that
7 subject a resident brought up tonight about
8 the street sweeper. I did speak to the
9 mayor last week and the administration is
10 working on additional funding through grants
11 to purchase more street sweepers for the
12 city, which I had with mentioned weeks ago.
13 I also think the city needs to make an
14 investment in the street sweeping program
15 for a number of different reasons. One,
16 because it makes the city look cleaner.
17 Residents enjoy when the street sweeper
18 comes through their city and picks up all of
19 the dirt and grime and everything else; and
20 number two, from a storm water management
21 perspective it's extremely important, and I
22 think actually in the storm water management
23 agreement that the city will be facing, you
24 know, in the next couple of months that's
25 going to have to be baked in there that the

1 city has to sweep the streets and do a good
2 job at it.

3 I also think that, you know, when we
4 get more street sweepers we can enact a
5 policy where residents know when the street
6 sweeper is coming and they can move their
7 cars. I don't buy the argument, you know,
8 that the administration has given that it
9 can't be done. It can be done. Other
10 cities do it smaller than us and larger than
11 us, so I think if we put a program in place
12 that we would be able to follow that and
13 hopefully as we get more equipment we will
14 be able to do that.

15 The second thing, there is a curb on
16 Colliery Avenue in Minooka that I received
17 several calls about residents about so we
18 did contact the DPW about that and we were
19 told that that had be taken care of so
20 appreciate that.

21 In the caucus tonight before the
22 regular meeting, we discussed that next week
23 there will be a meeting with NDC about the
24 parking garages and there was a discussion
25 in the back on whether or not this meeting

1 should be televised, I would want to say
2 publically I do think that meeting should be
3 televised in council chambers because I
4 think it's important. The parking garages,
5 obviously are important not only to the
6 people downtown but to all our city
7 residents so I do think that, you know,
8 whether or not NDC wants to be on television
9 that doesn't really matter to me, I think
10 that should be a requirement to come into
11 these chambers and let the people of the
12 city who don't come to the council meetings
13 know exactly what is going on, so if they
14 don't want to be on television that's too
15 bad for them. This is a public meeting and
16 the people deserve to see what's going on.

17 Also, I did send a letter April 19
18 to the Pennsylvania Economy League about an
19 issue I brought up several times regarding
20 the pensions. I have not received a
21 response. We sent another letter May 17 and
22 still no answers so we will send another
23 response, I will reach out to Mr. Cross.
24 You know, I do think in this instance it's
25 important for the city to hear from our

1 recovery coordinator on these important
2 issues and I would hate to think they would
3 shirk their responsibility in answering a
4 councilman, especially on a matter as
5 important as this. And I'll save the rest
6 of my comments for agenda items. Thank you.

7 MR. ROGAN: Thank you very much.
8 Just two comments. As I mentioned in the
9 caucus, Councilman Gaughan mentioned just
10 now the city is putting in for grants for
11 numerous pieces of equipment, but
12 specifically a street sweeper through a new
13 Clean Diesel Program through the State of
14 Pennsylvania, so this is definitely a good
15 program that can help the city acquire it at
16 little to no cost and it's more friendly to
17 the environment, so I wanted to mention that
18 as well.

19 And also on our agenda tonight is an
20 item to enter into a contract with Reilly
21 Associates for engineer services for the
22 city's 2018 roadway improvement project, and
23 the most common question and complaint that
24 we get from residents of Scranton is when is
25 my street going to be paved and when is the

1 street in my neighborhood going to be paved?
2 Now, this ordinance does not apply to any of
3 the issues that have been ongoing in the
4 South Side and the Hill specifically where
5 roads have been cut up by utility
6 contractors. Those will be repaved by the
7 utility contractors at their expense. This
8 program, which will be done in conjunction
9 with our OECD and city program, will be
10 paving, again, miles and miles of road
11 throughout the City of Scranton and for the
12 last five years the city has probably paved
13 more roads than in the last 20, but there is
14 still a long way to go after decades of
15 neglect on our roadways, and also the fact
16 is living in Northeastern Pennsylvania no
17 matter how much money we spend we are going
18 to have roads with lots of freezing and
19 thawing and that is going to cause,
20 unfortunately, problems on our roadways, but
21 I am glad to announce that we are going to
22 be doing quite a bit more paving this year
23 throughout the city as well, both through
24 city dollars and federal dollars and that's
25 something I will continue to support as long

1 as I'm on council. That is all.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: I'm sorry, excuse me,
3 I have one additional think, I apologize, I
4 failed to mention it. I brought this up in
5 the caucus, but just for the record.

6 Mrs. Reed, if we can ask the Business
7 Administrator, there was a transfer of
8 \$7,500 from the Worker's Compensation fund
9 and it says it's going to HR personnel cost
10 adjustment and that's within the Business
11 Administrator's Office so I would like to
12 know what that is exactly for and I'd like
13 that answer By next week. Thank you.

14 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION -
15 AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING MAINTAINING OF
16 THE EXISTING NO PARKING SIGNS ALONG THE
17 SOUTHERLY SIDE OF RIVER STREET FROM SOUTH
18 WASHINGTON AVENUE TO MATTES AVENUE;
19 INSTALLATION OF R7-302 NO PARKING
20 SYMBOL/ARROW SIGN (LEFT) (12" X 18") 276
21 FEET WEST OF MATTES AVENUE; R7-302 NO
22 PARKING SYMBOL/ARROW SIGN (12" X 18") AT 316
23 FEET WEST OF MATTES AVENUE; AND R7-302 NO
24 PARKING SYMBOL/ARROW SIGN (RIGHT) (12" X
25 18") AT 356 FEET WEST OF MATTES AVENUE.

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

4 MR. PERRY: So moved.

5 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

9 MR. PERRY: Aye.

10 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

11 MR. EVANS: Aye.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

13 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
14 have it and so moved.

15 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -
16 AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL
17 NO. 118, 2017 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
18 OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF
19 SCRANTON TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO
20 IMPLEMENT THE CONSOLIDATED SUBMISSION FOR
21 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
22 TO BE FUNDED UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
23 BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM, HOME INVESTMENT
24 PARTNERSHIP (HOME) PROGRAM AND EMERGENCY
25 SOLUTIONS GRANTS (ESG) PROGRAM FOR THE

1 PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018" BY
2 AMENDING THE 2018 ACTION PLAN TO ACCEPT THE
3 TWO MILLION SIX HUNDRED NINETY-NINE THOUSAND
4 FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY SIX DOLLARS
5 (\$2,699,526.00) UNDER THE COMMUNITY
6 DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM; FIVE
7 HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY
8 FOUR DOLLARS (\$560,864.00) UNDER THE HOME
9 INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM AND TWO
10 HUNDRED TWENTY-THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIX
11 DOLLARS (\$220,906.00) UNDER THE EMERGENCY
12 SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM.

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

16 MR. PERRY: So moved.

17 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

21 MR. PERRY: Aye.

22 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

23 MR. EVANS: Aye.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

25 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes

1 have it and so moved.

2 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION -
3 A RESOLUTION - APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE
4 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
5 FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO ENTER INTO A
6 MORTGAGE ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT AND MORTGAGE
7 SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT WITH CHRISTOPHER
8 PISANO, INDIVIDUALLY, CONCERNING A CITY OECD
9 COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL LOAN ORIGINALLY
10 OBTAINED BY EDMUND & CHRIS PISANO
11 PARTNERSHIP ON JULY 28, 2006.

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

15 MR. PERRY: So moved.

16 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

20 MR. PERRY: Aye.

21 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

22 MR. EVANS: Aye.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

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

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

13 MR. PERRY: So moved.

14 MR. EVANS: Second.

15 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

16 MR. DONAHUE: Yes, on the question,
17 Mrs. Reed, would you be able to put a
18 request in to the mayor to provide
19 additional justification for Mr. Patel's
20 qualifications? His letter of interest and
21 the background is a little brief. That's
22 all I have.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Just to add to that, I
24 really think moving forward for any
25 appointment to any board or commission in

1 the city that we need more than a letter of
2 interest. We need a resume at least showing
3 the qualifications of that individual
4 because we are giving our vote of confidence
5 so not just for this appointment but moving
6 forward, and I have said this in the past, I
7 do think that we need more than just a very
8 short letter of interest. Thank you.

9 MR. ROGAN: I find it interesting
10 that these issues are only coming up on this
11 appointment.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: I have actually
13 brought this up in the past. Actually, I
14 believe I brought it up in the caucus months
15 ago that if you look at what other cities do
16 there is actually an application process and
17 something that they have to fill out. This
18 is nothing against the gentlemen here, but,
19 you know, I at least would like to see a
20 resume or something more than a simple
21 letter of interest. That goes for everyone
22 not just this gentleman here.

23 MR. DONAHUE: Yes, I have been --
24 since I have got here I have been asking for
25 more justification for any proposals that

1 the mayor has sent down so it's just not for
2 this appointment, it's across the board.

3 MR. ROGAN: And, again, Mr. Gaughan,
4 you have been on council five years and,
5 again, I don't recall discussing this, but
6 if that's something you want to discuss we
7 certainly can. We have approved a number of
8 appointments already this year without that
9 coming up until this specific one.

10 MR. EVANS: On the question, again,
11 I will say that a good compromise position
12 could be the application that Mr. Gaughan or
13 Councilman Gaughan because I think that
14 might be a very good idea. It allows for a
15 little more information in the letter and if
16 not a resume maybe something else in-between
17 and we could basically devise the letter
18 ourselves, send it down to the
19 administration to review and something we
20 can ask for all to fill out.

21 MR. ROGAN: All those in favor of
22 introduction signify by saying aye.

23 MR. PERRY: Aye.

24 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

25 MR. EVANS: Aye.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

2 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
3 have it and so moved.

4 MS. REED: 5-F. FOR INTRODUCTION -
5 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
6 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE
7 AND ENTER INTO THIS OPERATION AND
8 MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR STORMWATER
9 MANAGEMENT BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (SWM
10 BMP) BY AND BETWEEN RANDMAR DEVELOPMENT,
11 INC., (HEREIN AFTER "RANDMAR") AND THE CITY
12 OF SCRANTON (HEREIN AFTER THE "LANDOWNER").

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

16 MR. PERRY: So moved.

17 MR. EVANS: Second.

18 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

19 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.
20 I think Mr. Dobrzyn asked for an explanation
21 on this. This is a routine piece of
22 legislation between the City of Scranton and
23 Randmar -- Randmar Development,
24 Incorporated, which is the owner of the land
25 where the Sheetz is -- the new Sheetz is

1 going. This basically gives all
2 responsibilities for storm water management
3 to Randmar, so it releases the city of any
4 responsibility, and if you look in the
5 backup of the legislation it just says that
6 they are going to put a storm water inlet
7 and different things and a new pipe related
8 to the storm water management on that
9 property.

10 So, again, just a routine piece of
11 legislation here that takes the
12 responsibility off the of city onto Randmar.
13 There is a paragraph in here that says if
14 the landowner would grant permission to the
15 city they can enter the property to take a
16 look at the storm water conveyance and make
17 sure that it's under best management
18 practices, if necessary, and the city would
19 just have to notify the landowner. Thank
20 you.

21 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else? All those
22 in favor of introduction signify by saying
23 aye.

24 MR. PERRY: Aye.

25 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

1 MR. EVANS: Aye.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

5 MS. REED: 5-G. FOR INTRODUCTION -
6 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE
7 CITY OF SCRANTON ("APPLICANT") TO SIGN THE
8 APPLICANT'S AUTHORIZATION FOR AGENT (REILLY
9 ASSOCIATES) TO APPLY FOR A HIGHWAY OCCUPANCY
10 PERMIT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY FOR THE SHEETZ
11 STORMWATER CONNECTION TO THE INLET ON
12 SEVENTH AVENUE.

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

16 MR. PERRY: So moved.

17 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

21 MR. PERRY: Aye.

22 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

23 MR. EVANS: Aye.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

25 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes

1 have it and so moved.

2 MS. REED: 5-H. FOR INTRODUCTION -
3 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
4 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE
5 AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH REILLY
6 ASSOCIATES CONSULTING ENGINEERS TO PROVIDE
7 ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF
8 SCRANTON 2018 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

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

12 MR. PERRY: So moved.

13 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

17 MR. PERRY: Aye.

18 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

19 MR. EVANS: Aye.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

23 MS. REED: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A.
24 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.
25 18, 2018 - AN ORDINANCE - CREATING AND

1 ESTABLISHING SPECIAL CITY ACCOUNT NO.
2 02.229629 ENTITLED "NCS-X" FOR THE RECEIPT
3 OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA
4 COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY NATIONAL
5 CRIME STATISTICS EXCHANGE (NCS-X) PROGRAM.

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

8 MR. PERRY: I move that Item 6-A
9 pass reading by title.

10 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

13 MR. PERRY: Aye.

14 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

15 MR. EVANS: Aye.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

19 MS. REED: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR
20 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES -
21 FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 39, 2018 -
22 APPOINTMENT OF DAVID BULZONI, 2187 PORT
23 ROYAL ROAD, CLARKS SUMMIT, PENNSYLVANIA,
24 18411 TO THE POSITION OF BUSINESS
25 ADMINISTRATOR EFFECTIVE MAY 7, 2018. MR.

1 BULZONI WILL BE REPLACING REBECCA MCMULLEN
2 WHO WAS SERVING AS ACTING BUSINESS
3 ADMINISTRATOR.

4 MR. ROGAN: As Chairperson for the
5 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
6 passage of Item 7-A.

7 MR. PERRY: Second.

8 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

9 MR. PERRY: Yes, on the question,
10 I'm going to be voting against the following
11 two resolutions. I do agree with Wayne
12 that, you know, sometimes you have to go out
13 and get talent but at the same time we have
14 the rule on the book and we should follow
15 it.

16 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else? All those
17 in favor signify by saying aye. Aye --
18 opposed.

19 MS. REED: It's a roll call vote.

20 MR. ROGAN: I apologize. Roll call,
21 please.

22 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Perry.

23 MR. PERRY: Yes.

24 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Donahue.

25 MR. DONAHUE: No.

1 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Evans.

2 MR. EVANS: Yes.

3 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Gaughan.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: No.

5 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Rogan.

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

8 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION
9 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -
10 RESOLUTION NO. 40 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
11 AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO
12 WAIVE THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR DAVID
13 BULZONI, CITY OF SCRANTON BUSINESS
14 ADMINISTRATOR.

15 MR. ROGAN: As Chairperson for the
16 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
17 passage of Item 7-B.

18 MR. PERRY: Second.

19 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question,
21 I am going to be voting no as I did last
22 week because I truly believe that this is a
23 question of fairness, and I did speak to
24 Mr. Bulzoni, as I did four years ago when I
25 voted against the waiver, and I let him know

1 that I didn't think that this was right. I
2 disagree with Councilman Evans and my other
3 colleagues who were going to vote for this
4 waiver for several reasons, but Mr. Evans
5 said it shouldn't be important where the
6 employee parks his car. I disagree. I
7 think it is important where the employee
8 parks his car, he should park it right in
9 the City of Scranton like everybody else
10 does.

11 This is about, in my opinion, an
12 investment. We are making an investment.
13 You are making an investment in the business
14 administrator who makes \$90,000 a year and
15 who has gotten a raise over the last four
16 years from where that salary was four years
17 ago. He should have to invest to the city,
18 and that isn't just about Mr. Bulzoni, I
19 think he is qualified. If he were to live
20 in the city I would give them my 100 percent
21 approval. So you can replace Mr. Bulzoni
22 with Al Jones, Bill Smith, it doesn't
23 matter, this is about the principle of the
24 argument. If we are going to invest in a
25 business administrator then he should invest

1 in the City of Scranton and it's as simple
2 as that.

3 As I mentioned last week, I don't
4 think it's fair that someone makes \$90,000,
5 doesn't live in the city and avoids property
6 taxes, school property taxes, city property
7 taxes, garbage fee and everything else. So
8 it's a question of fairness and it's a
9 question most importantly in my opinion of
10 investment. And I've said this to
11 Mr. Bulzoni. Do the right thing, move into
12 the city and I will support him 100 percent.
13 Thank you.

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

16 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Perry.

17 MR. PERRY: Yes.

18 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Donahue.

19 MR. DONAHUE: No.

20 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Evans.

21 MR. EVANS: Yes.

22 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Gaughan.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: No.

24 MS. DAVIDSON: Mr. Rogan.

25 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare

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Item 7-B legally and lawfully adopted.

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

MR. EVANS: Motion to adjourn.

MR. ROGAN: Meeting adjourned.

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

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