

COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON

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HELD:

Monday, September 9th, 2019

LOCATION:

Council Chambers
Scranton City Hall
340 North Washington Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania

Maria McCool, RPR
Official Court Reporter

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PATRICK ROGAN, PRESIDENT
TIMOTHY PERRY, VICE PRESIDENT - absent
WILLIAM GAUGHAN
KYLE DONAHUE
MARY WALSH DEMPSEY

LORI REED, CITY CLERK
KATHY CARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK
COREY EAGEN, ESQUIRE

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

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4 MR. ROGAN: Roll call, please.

5 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry. Mr.
6 Donahue.

7 MR. DONAHUE: Here.

8 MS. CARRERA: Attorney Dempsey.

9 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Here.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Here.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

13 MR. ROGAN: Here. There will be a
14 motion to move Item 5X to Seventh Order for a
15 final vote based upon the attached emergency
16 certificate. There will be a second
17 opportunity to speak in Seventh Order prior to
18 final passage of this piece of legislation.
19 Please dispense with the reading of the
20 minutes.

21 MS. REED: THIRD ORDER.

22 3-A. SINGLE TAX OFFICE CITY FUNDS DISTRIBUTED
23 COMPARISON REPORT 2018-2019 YEAR TO DATE JULY
24 31, 2019.

25 3-B. TAX ASSESSOR'S REPORT FOR HEARING DATE

1 HELD AUGUST 28, 2019.

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3 3-C. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
4 SCRANTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY HELD JULY 3,
5 2019.

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7 3-D. TAX ASSESSOR'S REPORTS FOR HEARING DATES
8 TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 11, 18, 25 AND SEPTEMBER
9 26, 2019.

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11 3-E. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
12 MEMBERS OF SCRANTON HOUSING AUTHORITY HELD JULY
13 1, 2019.

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15 3-F. MINUTES OF THE HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE
16 REVIEW BOARD MEETING HELD JUNE 13, 2019.

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18 3-G. CHECK RECEIVED FROM COMCAST IN THE AMOUNT
19 OF \$257,453.97 FOR QUARTERLY FRANCHISE FEE.

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21 3-H. TAX ASSESSOR'S REPORTS FOR HEARING DATES
22 TO BE HELD OCTOBER 2, 9, 16 AND OCTOBER 23,
23 2019.

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25 3-I. CONTROLLER'S REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING JULY

1 31, 2019.

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3 3-J. MINUTES OF THE SCRANTON FIREFIGHTERS
4 PENSION COMMISSION MEETING HELD JULY 17, 2019.

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6 3-K. MINUTES OF THE NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL
7 PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD JULY 17, 2019.

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9 3-L. MINUTES OF THE COMPOSITE PENSION BOARD
10 MEETING HELD JULY 17, 2019.

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12 3-M. AGENDA FOR THE NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL
13 PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD AUGUST 21, 2019.

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15 3-N. CHECK RECEIVED IN THE AMOUNT OF
16 \$59,325.96 FROM SCRANTON HOUSING AUTHORITY,
17 WHICH IS PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR THE CITY
18 OF SCRANTON.

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20 3-O. MINUTES OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
21 MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 28, 2019.

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23 3-P. MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
24 OF THE SCRANTON SEWER AUTHORITY HELD MAY 16,
25 2019.

1 3-Q. CHECK RECEIVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,000.00
2 FROM LUTHERWOOD, WHICH IS PAYMENT IN LIEU OF
3 TAXES FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON.

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5 3-R. AGENDA FOR CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
6 MEETING HELD AUGUST 28, 2019.

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8 3-S. TAX ASSESSOR'S RESULTS REPORTS FOR
9 HEARING DATES HELD AUGUST 14 AND AUGUST 21,
10 2019.

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12 3-T. SINGLE TAX OFFICE CITY FUNDS DISTRIBUTED
13 COMPARISON REPORT 2018-2019 YEAR TO DATE AUGUST
14 31, 2019.

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16 3-U. AGENDA FOR THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
17 MEETING TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 11, 2019.

18 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
19 If not, received and filed. Do any Council
20 members have announcements at this time?

21 MR. DONAHUE: Yes, I have a couple.
22 This Wednesday, September 11th marks the 18th
23 anniversary of the terrorist attacks against
24 our country. It's a day now known officially
25 as Patriots Day, a national day of service and

1 remembrance which commemorates the catastrophic
2 events of September 11th, 2001.

3 Thousands have died in those attacks
4 on our nation. And it's a day to honor their
5 lives, their courage and their memories. It is
6 a day of remembrance. So this Wednesday as we
7 remember that day, let us perform an act of
8 service, an act of kindness as a way to honor
9 those we lost, a way to claim that spirit of
10 unity that followed 911.

11 Also the City of Scranton is
12 preparing their five-year consolidated plan --
13 Annual Action Plan and its analysis and
14 impediments to fair housing choice.

15 The City needs to develop a
16 five-year plan and how its Community
17 Development Block Grants, Home Grants,
18 Emergency Service Grants. The CDBG Program is
19 intended to support local activities that
20 benefit low and moderate income individuals and
21 households.

22 As part of that planning process,
23 the City is conducting a survey to identify
24 resident's needs in the community and ideas on
25 City residents would like to see funds used

1 under CDBG. Please take a few minutes to
2 complete the survey which could be found at the
3 top of the City's website Scranton PA dot gov.
4 And that's all I have tonight.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, I have one
6 statement and one announcement. I just want to
7 say that my prayers go out to Mr. Ungvarski's
8 family. I was so sad to see his passing in the
9 paper this weekend. Mr. Ungvarsky was somebody
10 who since I've been on Council has come to
11 these meetings faithfully.

12 He had health issues that never
13 deterred him. He was the type of person that
14 would always, you know, talk to you after the
15 meeting even if he disagreed with you. And I
16 appreciate his dedication. I appreciate the
17 fact that he performed his civic duties
18 exceptionally well. So God bless him and God
19 bless his family.

20 I also would like to read very
21 briefly just a note on a benefit that's being
22 held for my two uncles. The benefit is called
23 Together For The Trentlys. This is a benefit
24 supporting John and Billy Trently.

25 Friends and family have planned a

1 benefit for John and Billy Trently. Both
2 brothers were diagnosed with cancer within two
3 weeks of each other.

4 John has advanced prostate cancer
5 and Billy has multiple myeloma. Together along
6 with their families, they are facing this
7 battle. The benefit will be held September
8 21st from 4 to 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Center in
9 Scranton to help defray the cost of treatments
10 and travel expenses to Sloan Kettering Hospital
11 in New York City.

12 Tickets are \$20 and available at the
13 door. There will be basket raffles, basket of
14 cheer, 50-50, entertainment, food, wine and
15 beer. Please come out to support two wonderful
16 men and their battle with cancer. Thank you.

17 ATTY. DEMPSEY: I as well have some
18 announcements. Good evening everyone and thank
19 you for coming. Number one, St. Joseph's
20 Center in Scranton, an institution that just
21 does an amazing job with taking care of
22 individuals with special needs is having a
23 chicken dinner on September 22nd from 12 to 4.

24 Tickets are \$10. This year they're
25 actually having the barbecue chicken out in

1 their lot so you can get it hot and fresh.
2 It's on September 24th of 2019. So you have
3 plenty of time to get your tickets. But it
4 must be advanced tickets. St. Joe's is also
5 the cause that I believe the Scranton Marathon
6 is run for.

7 Also, I was advised by the Scranton
8 Recreational Committee Mr. Gattens contacted
9 me. They are selling wreaths for Nay Aug Park
10 to add to the additional decorations that they
11 have. They're \$50 each. You could purchase
12 them individually, for your business, or in
13 memoriam. You decorate them yourself.

14 And then they will be hung on a
15 light pole which is really going to add to the
16 festivities up at Nay Aug. So I think that's a
17 great idea. Mr. Gattens would be the contact
18 on that. And I actually found it on Facebook.

19 I would briefly also like to say
20 that St. Paul's Church out in Scranton it's on
21 Penn Avenue is having their block party as
22 well. It's actually this weekend on Friday,
23 Saturday, and Sunday.

24 That being my home parish, I could
25 attribute to the fact it's a wonderful evening.

1 There's bands on Friday and Saturday. And they
2 also put out flat screen TVs so if there is
3 anybody who likes the football games, you could
4 sit there and watch your football games. And I
5 do believe there's a beer tent as well.

6 Saturday afternoon from 2 to 4 they
7 also have the -- it's a 3 on 3. It's named in
8 honor of Meg Cullen Brown a long-time
9 parishioner and former chair of that block
10 party.

11 Although it's a 3 on 3, you could
12 have up to five people on a team. It's \$20 per
13 person. You do receive a T-shirt. Prizes will
14 be given. And it's for grades one to eight.
15 So I also would ask you to check Facebook for
16 that under St. Paul's Block Party. But Michael
17 Scoff is also running the basketball part of
18 it. So that's going to be a fun night as well.

19 And very briefly, well, it doesn't
20 touch on Scranton or Lackawanna County, I think
21 we would remiss if we didn't send out our
22 thoughts and intentions to the people of the
23 Bahamas. Anyone who's had the opportunity to
24 travel there knows what warm and loving people
25 they are.

1 And the devastation and destruction
2 that they've seen in the last week is really
3 horrifying. I think the death toll is up to 44
4 people. So I would just like to send our
5 thoughts and intentions to them at this time as
6 well. Thank you.

7 MR. ROGAN: Thank you.

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

10 The following speakers offered
11 public comment on City Business and/or matters
12 of general concern:

13 Joan Hodowanitz

14 Robert Bolus

15 Less Spindler

16 Ron Ellman

17 Norma Jefferies

18 Marie Schumacher

19 Joanne Williams

20 Dave Dobrzyn

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

22 MOTIONS.

23 MR. ROGAN: Mr. Donahue, any motions
24 or comments?

25 MR. DONAHUE: Yes. I'd like to

1 first start off by welcoming Councilwoman
2 Dempsey on her first official Council meeting.
3 She's hit the ground running over the last
4 month. And she'll be a tremendous asset to
5 this Council through the remainder of this
6 year.

7 I would also like to thank Mayor
8 Evans and his administration for their
9 increased communication with Council since
10 Mayor Evans was appointed.

11 I had the opportunity to represent
12 Council along with Councilwoman Dempsey on the
13 Mayors Leadership Council which is focused on
14 coming up with solutions that could be achieved
15 before the end of the year.

16 Included in those discussions was
17 something I've been pushing for which is a
18 guide to opening a business in Scranton that
19 includes a checklist of what needs to be done
20 through the City to get necessary permits and
21 inspections that are required to give potential
22 business owners guidance on what they need to
23 do first, second, third.

24 The administration is also working
25 on simplifying the process for popup vendors to

1 obtain a peddler's license in preparation of
2 the upcoming holiday season.

3 I'd also like to congratulate the
4 owners of Lafayette Street Deli on Lafayette
5 Street in West Side. I was at their grand
6 opening this past Friday. Sergio and his
7 family did a wonderful job with both the
8 exterior and interior of the building.

9 He also unveiled a memorial plaque
10 that will be permanently displayed inside the
11 building honoring Officer John Wilding. I
12 would just also like to thank Sergio for
13 investing in the community. I wish him best in
14 this endeavor. And I encourage everyone to
15 stop in and check it out for themselves.

16 Just a couple replies to what was
17 brought up during Citizens Comment. On the
18 payroll prep tax, we're looking to have a
19 public caucus with the School Board, the
20 Pennsylvania Economy League to discuss how
21 we're going to move forward with that.

22 Miss Jefferies, on the SeeClickFix,
23 I did talk to Mayor Evans at the end of last
24 week. And he is looking into ways to
25 implementing that before the end of the year at

1 least on, you know, on a department by
2 department basis.

3 And also on the census, the City
4 will be holding -- we're going to hold a
5 workshop in the first or second week of
6 October. As soon as I get that date locked
7 down, I'll let you know.

8 And, Mr. Dobrzyn, talking about the
9 space of, you know, heavily travelled with LIPS
10 upstairs. A space study on how we use our
11 space will be a part of any renovations we do
12 moving forward.

13 A couple requests I have for LIPS,
14 619 Crown Avenue, the structure of the house is
15 pretty rundown. And there's been zero upkeep
16 on the property.

17 I also received complaints from the
18 neighborhood in that area that they see and/or
19 hear animals such as squirrels inside the
20 house. Also, 331 North Bromley Avenue, I
21 received complaints from neighbors about the
22 condition of this property also.

23 According to the neighbors, the
24 structure is occupied. But they could see
25 squirrels coming out of the holes in the roof

1 on a daily basis. A couple of stop sign
2 requests for DPW.

3 There's a stop sign on the corner of
4 Breck and Pittston Avenue. It's sort of just
5 tilting away from incoming traffic. I believe
6 one of the bolts tying the holes together just
7 popped off which is what led to the tilt in the
8 stop sign. So, Miss Reed, if we can pass that
9 along to DPW.

10 And also, neighbors on North Grant
11 Avenue wanted to request a four-way stop sign
12 at the corner of Price Street and North Grant
13 Avenue. I was told the intersection recently
14 went from a two-way stop to a three-way stop
15 after a car hit a child on a bike at the
16 intersection.

17 That has helped alleviate the
18 speeding going north on Grant Avenue but
19 there's still a problem with speeding cars
20 going south on Grant Avenue, which is -- a
21 four-way stop would help alleviate.

22 And lastly, I just want to briefly
23 touch on Northeast Revenue Services. It is
24 completely unacceptable that the company that
25 was revealed in a federal indictment to have

1 engaged in pay to play scheme with the former
2 Mayor and two months later is still doing
3 business in the City through the City
4 Treasurer's Office.

5 This conduct cannot be tolerated any
6 longer, especially since this is not the first
7 time that this particular company has been
8 named in a federal indictment. This wasn't a
9 one time lapse in judgment. Paying to play is
10 the way this company does business.

11 Therefore, I would like to make a
12 motion that Council send a letter to the
13 administration requesting that they terminate
14 the contract with Northeast Revenue immediately
15 and enter into an intergovernmental cooperation
16 agreement with the County Tax Claim Bureau for
17 the collection of delinquent tax and refuse
18 collection services as soon as possible.

19 The former head of the Tax Claim
20 Bureau Ron Koldjeski pitched this idea to
21 Council four years ago. Now is the time for
22 action, especially if we're going to begin to
23 restore trust in City government.

24 MR. ROGAN: Is there a second? On
25 the question? I would just -- I would just

1 of the amendment. But I do not think it's
2 something that could be done immediately. I
3 know that the Mayor --

4 MR. DONAHUE: I could change that to
5 as soon as possible. I'm fine with that.

6 MR. ROGAN: Yeah, I think that would
7 make it a lot more -- a lot more -- I can't
8 even think of the word.

9 MR. DONAHUE: I'm fine with that.

10 MR. ROGAN: That would make it much
11 more palatable for me. Anyone else on the
12 question?

13 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Yeah, I spoke before
14 the meeting I am in complete agreement with
15 that. I do believe that the actions of the
16 contracting service that we're with do
17 constitute malfeasance under the terms of the
18 contract.

19 I also -- this may or may not be the
20 time. But since I'm new, I'm going to give it
21 a shot and they could tell me if it's not. In
22 the event they are not let go as soon as
23 possible, I also have pitched to Mayor Evans
24 what I consider to be a somewhat aggressive
25 plan to collect delinquencies.

1 I'd like to file suit against them
2 to be quite frank with you. I'd like to
3 file -- set a financial threshold and
4 anybody -- especially these people who earn six
5 figures who have repetitively disregarded this
6 fee that the rest of us have religiously paid
7 and let them go to court. Let them get a
8 lawyer. Let them pay a lawyer. Let them
9 defend themselves. And let the judge or jury
10 make a decision on that.

11 The smaller amount thresholds could
12 be taken to a district justice. Something has
13 to be done. A lien on their properties is just
14 not sufficient anymore in my eyes. And I do
15 concur with this. And I do understand
16 Mr. Rogan's concerns.

17 This is not something that can be
18 done on a moment's notice. There are a lot of
19 moving parts. And there are a lot of logistics
20 associated with it. But like we said, I think
21 we all agree with the intent behind it.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.
23 I also agree with Mr. Rogan. I think there are
24 a lot of details here that need to be flushed
25 out first. You can't just terminate a contract

1 without a plan to move forward.

2 I do know that there are
3 conversations taking place with the Mayor and
4 the administration on how to move forward. I
5 would like more details on that so that we
6 understand what the City's going to do with the
7 county, what that looks like. Again, I think
8 we do need more details.

9 I would agree with Mr. Donahue in
10 the fact that any company who engages in pay to
11 play, whether they are charged with any
12 wrongdoing or not in my opinion should not be
13 doing business with the City of Scranton.

14 The days of pay to play politics in
15 the City hopefully are over. We need to do
16 everything in our power as a Council and as a
17 body who has oversight of the administration as
18 a check and a balance on the strong-mayor form
19 of government that we have to make sure that
20 pay to play politics ends.

21 People are tired of it. We're tired
22 of it. Everybody is just tired of it. It's
23 gone on for far too long and it needs to end.
24 So I do think that we need more details on this
25 as I said. But I do agree with the spirit of

1 Councilman Donahue's motion. Thank you.

2 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else? All those
3 in favor signify by saying aye.

4 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

6 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Aye.

7 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
8 have it and so moved.

9 MR. DONAHUE: That's all I have for
10 tonight. Thank you.

11 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Attorney
12 Dempsey, any motions or comments?

13 ATTY. DEMPSEY: No motions but I do
14 have a few comments if people would bear with
15 me. It's been three weeks since I've been
16 sworn in. And a lot has happened during that
17 time. And I would just like to give a brief
18 summary of some of that. And then once we get
19 back on a weekly schedule, I don't think I will
20 be as longwinded.

21 I would like to say that Crowley
22 Park out at the very end of North Washington
23 Avenue near Marywood has -- the renovations are
24 finally coming to a conclusion. If anyone's
25 familiar with that park, we've been without it

1 for at least two years. It may even be three
2 or four to be quite frank with you.

3 But what I will say is, I was there
4 on Saturday for a cleanup. And it really looks
5 amazing. I want to commend and thank any of
6 the architects, the contractors, the City for
7 finalizing that.

8 I also want to thank the Board of
9 the Lackawanna River Conservation Association.
10 One of the gentleman who is the president of
11 the board -- I believe it was Dave, but his
12 name escapes me, was up there that day.

13 And it's beautiful. In the back
14 they have a little pond with an echo system
15 where the kids could learn. It's really,
16 really nice. There's two basketball courts, a
17 huge playground and that gentleman also told me
18 that Becky McMullin from the City was very
19 assistive and instrumental in helping that take
20 place. So I wanted to note that.

21 Like I said, I was at a lot of
22 meetings. And one of the ones that I thought
23 was very interesting and important and I just
24 kind of happened upon it was a meeting of the
25 Lackawanna Regional Planning Commission. And I

1 believe it was open to the public.

2 And they were going to have 12
3 meetings throughout the county. This was the
4 Scranton one. We were in the Governor's room
5 next door. But people don't realize -- and I
6 will admit to you I didn't realize either this
7 is the basis for all of our zoning regulations
8 going forward and our city planning.

9 And these gentlemen and women really
10 have a jargon of their own. But I started to
11 pick up on it a little bit. Mr. Don King was
12 there on behalf of the City as was Mr. John
13 Pocius. And they really were very eloquent on
14 the topic.

15 But if anybody follows the zoning
16 hearings, you'll also know that they really
17 tackled a lot of difficult issues in the last
18 two to four years here. We've had issues with
19 Airbnbs, bed and breakfast. I think there was
20 just something about billboards, adult
21 bookshops, the project out at North Washington
22 Avenue that people are talking about.

23 So it's very interesting to attend
24 one of them. I would encourage attendance
25 because it's one of the times you have a chance

1 to say or make a change before the rule or
2 regulation of law goes into place.

3 Kyle, you spoke about the Mayor's
4 Leadership Council. That was very informative.
5 It was an amazing group of people who were 100
6 percent dedicated to the City. And it's
7 interesting because one of Mayor Evans' --
8 Wayne's goals is what can we get done in five
9 months.

10 And I really admire him for that and
11 he's really trying to fast track a lot of items
12 and a lot of good ideas came out of that. We
13 also gave credit that day to the bicycle race
14 that we had here, the Electric City Classic I
15 think it was called.

16 It really brought a lot of energy to
17 the City. And if anyone was down there, there
18 was people. There were families. And one of
19 the gentlemen who was at our meetings said he
20 expected attendance to at least double if not
21 triple last year based on the response he got.

22 Another interesting thing I liked
23 about that is they did not bring in food
24 trucks. He basically said they wanted to let
25 the brick and mortar business of Downtown

1 Scranton take the -- you know, take the
2 economical -- economical hit for that and be
3 able to gain customers and be able to make
4 money on a Saturday. So I was pleased with
5 that.

6 One of the main things besides the
7 garbage delinquencies which really drives me
8 crazy that I really wanted to focus on on the
9 five months that I'm here are the
10 neighborhoods. And I was invited to the South
11 Side neighbors, which is currently under the
12 leadership of Tom Pattison[sic] and Cathy
13 Mazdin.

14 And they really had a lovely group
15 of people the day I went over. It was about 20
16 to 24 people. Chief Graziano was there. Kyle,
17 you were there as well. I think one or two
18 cops came in. But what I'm starting to learn
19 as I go around the city and speak to more
20 people is, no what matter neighborhood you live
21 in, we really share all the same problems.

22 We're concerned about crime. We're
23 concerned about blight. We're concerned about
24 condemnations. We're concerned about safety.
25 And that is a lot of what we talked about over

1 there. We -- Kyle, you sent a list of
2 properties up to Licensing and Inspection.

3 Chief Graziano was more than
4 receptive to the complaints that were made
5 there. They knew that there were a couple
6 houses that they felt drugs were being sold out
7 of. He put that on the top of the list. So
8 basically I would like to make sure that I get
9 to speak to each of the neighborhoods.

10 I've been kindly invited to the Hill
11 Neighborhood Association by their president Tim
12 Swartz. I will attend that meeting on
13 September 25th. And, you know, just to see
14 again in this five month tenure, what can we
15 do, what can we accomplish.

16 And again, if anybody is listening
17 or watching who wants to contact me, please do
18 so. And one final thing regarding neighborhood
19 associations. At the last Green Ridge
20 Neighborhood Association meeting, Mr. Foley
21 offered to sponsor a meeting of all the
22 neighborhood leaders, kind of like a state of
23 the union for neighborhoods, which I think is a
24 magnificent idea.

25 I'm going to try to work on some of

1 the logistics of that. I got the names and
2 e-mails and phone numbers of many of the
3 neighborhood leaders. Then they could report
4 back to us almost like I'll call it a triage of
5 what are the main problems facing the
6 neighborhoods and what can we on Council do to
7 address them.

8 Someone asked in Third Order I
9 believe when I took over Mayor Evans' seat did
10 I also take over Chair of the Finance
11 Committee. And, yes, I did. Kyle and I
12 attended a recent PEL meeting or one today was
13 cancelled. But they updated us on the Act 47
14 recovery efforts. And they went over some
15 final actions that were required for
16 compliance.

17 As you all probably know maybe from
18 reading the paper, Council also asked for that
19 gas card audit to be conducted. We have not
20 received the results of that yet. But we are
21 sending a second letter as a followup to see
22 when we can expect that information.

23 And we've already received, I
24 believe, a preliminary of our budget which is
25 about one to two inches thick. So, of course,

1 over the course of the next couple months we'll
2 be looking at that. I think I already talked
3 about the garbage delinquencies.

4 I don't need to go too much further
5 into that except to say that I really feel
6 strongly that an aggressive approach is
7 necessary here. I don't like the people who
8 have continuously disregarded this garbage fee
9 and have gotten their amounts up into the 20,
10 30, 40, 50, 100, \$120,000 level to me is
11 unacceptable.

12 I reviewed and studied the Code of
13 Ethics in detail. And I am thrilled that this
14 board will be up and running. I think we're
15 going to be making some appointments tonight.
16 And I've looked at them. And I know they're
17 going to be good people. To me, this is
18 another concrete step towards accountability
19 in municipal government at all levels.

20 I did make the recommendation when I
21 was speaking with the Mayor I do believe one
22 further step in addition to having the Code of
23 Ethics and in addition to having the board, I
24 would really like all City employees including
25 the five of us sitting up here, solicitors,

1 board members, and regular employees to sign
2 that document and to certify that they have
3 read it and that they understand that they are
4 bound by it.

5 Because what I do not want to see at
6 a later date and what I have encountered in
7 private practice is someone saying we're not
8 aware a policy existed or they were not aware
9 of what a policy said.

10 So again, I know this is one step
11 forward. I recommend -- I mean, I commend the
12 board members who are accepting these important
13 appointments. It's certainly important for the
14 City and I know it's going to bring back
15 integrity, credibility, and accountability.

16 One final thing -- and I'm taking
17 you back three weeks now, but on August 17th of
18 2019, some of you may remember this, a very,
19 very bad storm -- I sound like President Trump,
20 very, very -- blasted through the City.

21 It mainly affected the Pine Brook
22 section of the City, the Plot and the Green
23 Ridge section. I was not there that Saturday.
24 And I was looking at Facebook photos, which
25 quite frankly, did not even begin to do it

1 justice because I came home that Sunday to make
2 sure I was there to look around.

3 When I looked around, I realized
4 that we were in dire need of help. There was
5 already people on the scene, fire, police, and
6 DPW. We had a woman entrapped in her home on
7 the third or second floor with her dog. We had
8 a group home that was serving adults that
9 actually has been condemned now due to the
10 severity of the property damage it took during
11 the storm.

12 What I want everyone here to know
13 is, I did not know Wayne Evans before that day.
14 And at 9 a.m. on Sunday, I thought I need to
15 call him because what I'm seeing here I want
16 him to know more about. And the rest of the
17 day he and I were back and forth via phone call
18 and via text.

19 And when I told him what needed
20 assistance, he responded. He listened. And he
21 cared. And he was responsive. And I want
22 people to know that. We had major
23 thoroughfares that were closed, Wyoming and
24 North Washington Avenue. He also signed an
25 emergency declaration for us which allowed us

1 to get third party contractors up there to
2 clean up the streets because quite frankly, our
3 personnel just could not do it in enough of a
4 timely basis.

5 My final point on that matter is as
6 I was walking around that Sunday, most of all I
7 saw DPW workers. I did see some police and
8 firemen. And I spoke to them. And the one
9 gentleman said he'd been there since six that
10 morning and he planned to work until about
11 10:30 that night.

12 I actually went and wrote a letter
13 of commendation. You know, the system worked
14 on that date. And I know we all have valid
15 issues that we come up to the podium with. But
16 on that date, the fire responded. The police
17 responded. DPW responded. Our Parks and
18 Recreation responded.

19 And when I walked around to
20 neighbors, without fail each one of them were
21 grateful. And whether they had damage to their
22 roof, to their deck, to their car or to the
23 streets, each one saw that there was help being
24 sent and each one was glad that nobody was
25 hurt.

1 And I'm going to conclude by
2 thanking a few people. I would be disingenuous
3 if I said there was not a learning curve in
4 this position and there was. But I've done my
5 best to encounter it and to overcome it. I
6 want to thank the employees of the City Council
7 office, Jamie, Kathy and Lori, especially you.
8 I really don't know what I would have done.
9 You have been extremely, extremely helpful to
10 me during this transition.

11 To the gentlemen to my right, I want
12 to thank each and every one of you for warmly
13 welcoming me to this board. You answered
14 questions I had. You've helped me make the --
15 any questions I've had. The adjustment has
16 been easier.

17 And I want each one of you to know
18 that I don't take for granted one minute the
19 trust that you placed in me during this
20 critical transitional time in the City. And I
21 want you to know that I will not let anyone
22 down and I look forward to many productive and
23 industrious days until January 6th of 2020.
24 Thank you.

25 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Councilman

1 Gaughan, any motions or comments?

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, thank you. I too
3 would like to welcome Attorney Dempsey to City
4 Council, looking forward to working with you
5 over the next few months.

6 Just a few things I have here.
7 Obviously, we're going to have a lot to say
8 tonight because we've been away now for a
9 month. The recovery plan recommendations, I
10 brought this up in the caucus. If you remember
11 back in July, Council had a caucus with the
12 Pennsylvania Economy League.

13 And I have been asking now for quite
14 some time for an update on all of the
15 recommendations in the Recovery Plan, the
16 status of those recommendations. I was not
17 satisfied with the response I received from the
18 Pennsylvania Economy League. I would like a
19 more detailed response.

20 So I would like to direct that now
21 to the Mayor and the administration, not only
22 if the recommendation is in progress or
23 underway but when they expect to complete the
24 recommendation and how far along they are. I
25 would like more details on that.

1 As you all know, we are scheduled to
2 exit Act 47 in August of next year. There are
3 still important items on the table that need to
4 be completed. So I want to make sure that
5 these things are -- if they are in progress
6 what -- where are they and when will they be
7 complete.

8 I had an eye-opening meeting a few
9 weeks ago with our City Engineer John Pocius,
10 Representative Marty Flynn and many other City
11 and State officials about our bridges in the
12 City.

13 Several of our bridges have a
14 deficient rating at this point according to
15 PennDOT. I do have a spreadsheet if anyone's
16 interested. I won't go through all of them.
17 But the -- really what the culmination of the
18 meeting was is that working with our state
19 reps, our City officials, we're making sure
20 that all of the bridges are included in state
21 legislation from the house transportation
22 committee for funding so that they could be
23 replaced and rehabbed.

24 There are 13 bridges total. New
25 bridges that have been placed on this list, 11

1 are going -- are up for replacement -- total
2 replacement. And two of them are going to be
3 rehabbed. To give you an example, the Poplar
4 Street bridge has a rating of 31.4 out of 100.

5 There are several other bridges on
6 there that if we had to close them it would be
7 a major concern from a public safety
8 perspective and from a traffic perspective. So
9 I would ask and we did bring this up in the
10 caucus, Mrs. Reed, if you could send a letter
11 to Mr. Pocius who as I mentioned in the caucus
12 is an encyclopedia worth of information on this
13 topic if he could come in and brief us as well
14 I think that would be very helpful because this
15 is important.

16 The other thing that was mentioned
17 at this meeting is the City has to provide, I
18 believe, a five percent match. So I know Mr.
19 Bulzoni is working to figure out how we're
20 going to come up with this money. I believe
21 with all of these bridges we're looking at over
22 a million dollars.

23 This is a great investment because
24 it needs to be done. Again, if we go any lower
25 or we wait any longer and we didn't have all of

1 these people working together, we would be in
2 trouble possibly closing some of these bridges.

3 As I also mentioned in the caucus I
4 would like an update on the 2019 Paving
5 Program. The bids have been opened August
6 19th. We still have not received any
7 legislation yet. We have not received the
8 paving list yet. We are now in September. It
9 is getting late. I cannot remember in the five
10 years I've been on Council it being this late
11 and not voting on legislation. So, Mrs. Reed,
12 if you could send something to the Mayor and
13 Mr. Gallagher I would appreciate that.

14 Mrs. Jefferies asked about the Sign
15 Management Program. I do have that on my list
16 or update. The last I was told in July was
17 that the employees of DPW are being trained on
18 that program. And they're going to
19 methodically work their way through the City
20 and replace those signs that need to be
21 replaced.

22 The whole crux of that program was
23 to identify the signs that need to be replaced
24 that were in bad shape. At night they weren't
25 reflective and you couldn't see them. To

1 Mrs. Schumacher's point, I do believe that all
2 the signs should be uniform.

3 So it's going to take a little while
4 but you will eventually see that process come
5 to fruition. Also, one of the things that I
6 asked about months and months and months ago
7 was the Keyser Valley Pumping Station.

8 As part of the 2019 budget, I
9 believe there was a million and a half dollars
10 to upgrade and improve this pumping station.
11 As those of you who come to the Council
12 meetings or watch the Council meetings know,
13 when it rains, Keyser Valley gets slammed with
14 flooding problems.

15 And it was my understanding that
16 this pumping station may have been an issue.
17 It has not been upgraded for decades. I
18 believe that the money was earmarked for that
19 purpose. The last time I looked at the
20 Controller's audit or the Controller's report
21 there was still a million and a half dollars
22 left in the budget.

23 So, Mrs. Reed, if we can get an
24 update on the status of that project, I would
25 appreciate it. Also, one of the things -- and

1 I won't harp on this for too long, but the
2 Street Sweeping Program, we do now have a new
3 street sweeper.

4 I thought that it was great to see
5 that going through the City. But as I've
6 mentioned before there is one issue that I
7 think needs to be addressed and I would again
8 urge, you know, this administration to start
9 thinking about it and the new administration
10 whoever they may be coming in to take this
11 project on.

12 And I will certainly help them with
13 that. We need alternate side of the street
14 parking. It makes no sense. I will repeat, no
15 sense to have street sweepers and make an
16 investment in new equipment and then have a
17 street sweeper come down the street and have to
18 zigzag between cars.

19 I was on this issue three or four
20 years ago and was told by the administration
21 that it couldn't be done. It would be -- it
22 would take too long, too confusing. Then I
23 look at other cities. Other cities do it.
24 We're a city of 76,000 people. There are
25 cities of 100, 150, 200,000 that do it with no

1 problem.

2 So I do think that if we're going to
3 have this program again next year, we need to
4 make sure we have alternate side of the street
5 parking so we can correctly sweep the streets.
6 And again, this would help us with stormwater
7 management as well.

8 In that vain, we received the
9 recycling report. If you remember from a few
10 months ago we had met with Tom Lynch the
11 recycling coordinator and Joyce Hatala who's
12 our recycling consultant. I did ask Mrs. Reed
13 and Council concurred in the caucus to put this
14 report in Third Order so it will be on the
15 agenda for next week for the citizens to view
16 next week if they are interested.

17 There is a few issues in this
18 recycling report that I want to mention. This
19 is nothing new now. This has been going on for
20 quite a few years. The first one is that the
21 City's ordinance requires that commercial
22 establishments, businesses, large apartment
23 complexes to recycle.

24 The report says that the ordinance
25 requires this but the City never enforces the

1 ordinance. We are leaving money on the table
2 here in terms of grant money that we receive
3 from DEP. We invest that grant money in a lot
4 of different things, one of it being equipment
5 which we are in sore need of.

6 The Performance Grant for 2017 we
7 received \$47,361. We can get more than that.
8 Again, we're leaving -- in my opinion we're
9 leaving money on the table. One of the other
10 things that continues to be a problem that I
11 instructed Mrs. Reed with Council's concurrence
12 to send a letter to the Scranton Housing
13 Authority.

14 The Scranton Housing Authority has
15 not recycled in many years. According to this
16 report the recycling consultant and coordinator
17 are making it a top priority to work with them
18 over the next year. The PA -- the Pennsylvania
19 DEP has stated numerous times that Housing
20 Authority is mandated to recycle.

21 It's in our ordinance. We are not
22 enforcing it. So recyclables from the Housing
23 Authority can be included with our recyclable
24 tonnage to increase our performance grant;
25 again, leaving money on the table. So I hope

1 we can meet with the Housing Authority and we
2 can correct this problem so we can continue to
3 invest these grant dollars in our fleet.

4 One of the things that occurred
5 over the month of August was the abuse of a
6 City vehicle with the fire chief taking it to
7 the beach. One of the, you know, things that
8 came out of that was an audit. And we're
9 hoping to receive the audit soon. As Attorney
10 Dempsey mentioned, we're asking for an update
11 on that.

12 The other idea I have which I
13 relayed to the Business Administrator and the
14 Mayor and they assured me they are going to
15 look into and see what the cost of it is is
16 equipping all City vehicles with GPS devices.
17 At this point an audit is great. But if you go
18 to any -- if you look at any private business,
19 if you look at PennDOT, almost vehicles are
20 equipped with GPS.

21 I think two things will occur here.
22 We can make sure that we're more efficient. We
23 can make sure our vehicle fleet is efficient.
24 And we can guard against abuse of City vehicles
25 and taxpayer dollars. One of the great things

1 I think for citizens if this ends up happening
2 is look at PennDOT.

3 If you want to know where a plow is,
4 you can go on their website. And it's GPS.
5 You could see where the plow is, when it came
6 down your street. We all get calls. And let
7 me say that the DPW does a phenomenal job.

8 The truck drivers do a phenomenal
9 job. There is a lack of communication
10 sometimes. People call. They're waiting for a
11 plow. A plow comes down their street. They
12 don't realize it, so on and so forth. I think
13 this would eliminate that problem. And it
14 makes the whole process much more transparent.

15 So again, I would call for that and
16 hope that the administration would, you know,
17 let us know what they find from their research.
18 The other thing I really want to mention, Nay
19 Aug Park came up tonight.

20 Bob Gattens and the Recreation
21 Authority Board are doing a fantastic job with
22 Nay Aug Park in my opinion. I do think that
23 the reality of the situation up there is that
24 Geisinger is not going anywhere.

25 Nay Aug Park is not going anywhere.

1 So there has to be some happy medium where they
2 can coexist. I don't think we can get to a
3 point where we're confrontational with the
4 hospital. That never seems to work out. I do
5 think the agreement that they came to with the
6 lights was a good agreement. I wasn't involved
7 in the negotiations.

8 But I think it worked out for both
9 parties. For those who have complaints about
10 Nay Aug Park, I know that this Recreation
11 Authority Board is very transparent and very
12 open. They have meetings. They invite people
13 online. They're doing the best they can to
14 take your complaints and your requests and they
15 are actually acting on them.

16 So I do have to give Mr. Gattens and
17 the rest of the Recreation Authority Board
18 credit in that vain. And again, I would
19 encourage anyone who has any questions to reach
20 out to Mr. Gattens.

21 Just a few citizens complaints to
22 wrap it up here. 95 Winwood Ave, Mrs. Reed,
23 the gentleman that lives there, he's been to
24 Council before. We received several letters
25 and correspondence from him. Still not

1 satisfied. So if we can follow up with the DPW
2 on that.

3 Also, 1326 Watson Street, the alley
4 behind this gentleman's home is caving in when
5 it rains, major issues here. This alley behind
6 their home or place rather is the 1300 block of
7 Smith Place. So if we can ask for an analysis
8 of that by the DPW.

9 Also received a complaint about the
10 800 block of Palm Street, has not been paved in
11 decades. It's riddled with potholes that are
12 never patched. So if we can make a
13 recommendation, Mrs. Reed, to the DPW to put
14 that on a future paving list and in the interim
15 see if we can get that block patched.

16 Also to end on a positive note, we
17 are going to be interviewing a potential
18 intern. If you have been listening over the
19 past few months, City Council has entered into
20 a partnership with the University of Scranton
21 to get interns from the school. And then we
22 might open it up to all the other local
23 colleges.

24 We're using the University as a
25 guinea pig. So we do expect to have an intern

1 in Council's office within the next few weeks.
2 So we'll update everyone on that. And that's
3 all I have. Thank you.

4 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Just a
5 couple items. I didn't plan on speaking on
6 this many. So many came up today. First, on
7 the payroll prep tax came up a little bit. And
8 it was publicized in the Scranton Times over
9 the break.

10 I would really like to encourage the
11 Scranton School Directors to reconsider their
12 decision regarding the payroll prep. For those
13 who haven't been following it, this is in
14 replacement of the business privilege and
15 mercantile tax, which have been two of the most
16 oppressive taxes to business owners in the City
17 of Scranton for decades.

18 We really only have one opportunity
19 to get this replaced. And that opportunity is
20 now. The City of Scranton loses its ability to
21 switch from a business privilege mercantile tax
22 to this prep tax once we leave Act 47. The
23 school district has an opportunity to act.

24 And I know Senator Blake has been
25 very active in this issue. And he's been doing

1 a great job advocating for this switch. And
2 the idea of putting it on the ballot is the
3 exact same thing that the County Commissioners
4 did when they put having a reassessment on the
5 ballot. It's designed to fail.

6 Because people when they see it on
7 the ballot they're going to think it's an
8 additional tax to them when, in fact, this tax
9 is not paid by most residents of the City.
10 Unless you own a business in the City and you
11 have employees working for you, you're not
12 impacted by it.

13 But it does impact everyone in the
14 grand scheme of things when we're trying to
15 attract businesses in the City. And one of the
16 biggest impediments has been our tax
17 structures, specifically the payroll tax -- or
18 specifically the business privilege and
19 mercantile tax for the last 20 years.

20 That's why you see so much
21 development right outside the City limits. So
22 I would encourage the school directors to
23 reconsideration that decision. Again, it is
24 revenue neutral. So it is not a situation
25 where the City could bring in additional

1 revenue compared to what we brought in the
2 previous year on the business privilege and
3 mercantile tax.

4 So it would be revenue neutral for
5 the school district as well. I know they have
6 concerns about it being revenue neutral because
7 they are on such a tight financial squeeze.
8 But the only way for them to get out of their
9 predicament and the City to continue to improve
10 is by growth. And it's by bringing in new
11 businesses and making Scranton more business
12 friendly.

13 That brings me onto my next point
14 which is again the zoning board was brought up
15 a couple times specifically in reference to
16 development in Green Ridge, development on East
17 Mountain. Without getting into the projects
18 specifically, I do think the City overall has
19 been putting far too many burdens and
20 regulations on people who want to come in and
21 do developments.

22 The zoning board is very important
23 in this process. But there are also other
24 impediments outside of zoning, particularly the
25 Licensing and Inspections Office, which I know

1 Mayor Evans is committed to having that
2 deregulated and making it a more streamline
3 process during his short stay as Mayor.

4 But I do think it's critical that as
5 a whole we continue to encourage new
6 development in the City from our zoning boards
7 to our Licensing and Inspections Office to our
8 tax structure, that is the only way the City is
9 going to improve is through growth.

10 So I'm hopeful that with this unique
11 opportunity to strip away some regulations
12 through zoning, through Licensing and
13 Inspections, changing from the oppressive
14 business privilege and mercantile tax we're
15 finally going to be able to make Scranton a
16 little bit more business friendly.

17 Council did take a big step in the
18 right direction on this and the school board as
19 well by passing a ten year tax abatement for
20 anyone who builds new construction in the City,
21 whether it's a business or residential. It was
22 a good first step. But these other items need
23 to be addressed in order to really have our
24 economy in the City take off.

25 One last point, we received a letter

1 in the mail from the Chinchilla Hose Company.
2 I'm not going to read the whole letter because
3 it is pretty lengthy. But there are some items
4 that I do want to reference in here. I know
5 approximately about a year ago we had
6 representatives from Pennsylvania Ambulance and
7 Commonwealth Ambulance come in and talk to
8 Council about our current ambulance structure
9 within the City of Scranton.

10 So this letter starts off that
11 he's -- I'm writing about an issue of concern
12 that I have and the issue being made aware of
13 specifically the ambulance coverage in the City
14 of Scranton.

15 It's been more than 30 years since
16 the City and the fire department provided any
17 type of BLS, which means basic life support.
18 These are your more low level ambulance calls
19 in the City of Scranton.

20 In that period of time, the City has
21 relied on a series of private companies to
22 provide care within its boundaries. And then
23 it goes and lists the companies. It goes onto
24 state that they've worked with -- this entity
25 has worked with all of these companies.

1 They harbor no ill feelings towards
2 them. They provide professional and good
3 patient care. I do not believe that you, the
4 City of Scranton are getting the prehospital
5 EMS coverage that you think you are for your
6 residents in terms of vehicle availability and
7 personnel coverage since the Lackawanna County
8 911 Center routinely dispatched ambulance from
9 outlying communities into the City of Scranton
10 to cover 911 requests when there are no
11 vehicles from these two companies available.

12 I could provide multiple examples of
13 times when outlying area ambulances have
14 responded into the City to handle EMS calls.
15 One recent request for an ambulance resulted in
16 outlying ambulance company being requested
17 along with an ALS unit, which is advanced life
18 support for a more serious issue from the
19 Cottage Hose Company which is the group that he
20 works with based in Carbondale.

21 While the outcome was favorable for
22 this patient, it may not be for the next one.
23 This is also not an isolated incident. It has
24 happened in the past and I'm sure it will
25 happen again in the very near future based on

1 way that the system is working.

2 There have been times when ALS units
3 from Luzerne County have been requested along
4 with outlining ambulance companies to respond
5 to calls in the City of Scranton when no ALS
6 units were available.

7 When a local city based vehicle from
8 one of these companies becomes available, the
9 Luzerne County units have been cancelled.
10 There may have been times when they had to come
11 into the City as they were the only available
12 unit. The letter goes on -- again, I'm not
13 going to read the entire letter. But it closes
14 with, again, I have no intent in disparaging
15 either Commonwealth Health EMS or Pennsylvania
16 Ambulance or the services they are providing.

17 I believe that the request slash
18 demand for services will only increase as time
19 passes. I will urge to be proactive in looking
20 to address this issue as opposed to being
21 reactive and putting into place a poorly
22 planned and executed response after an
23 unfortunate incident.

24 And it says feel free to contact me
25 if you have any questions, Chinchilla Hose

1 Company of South Abington Township, EMS. I do
2 know that Mayor Evans was copied on this. But
3 if everyone is in agreement, I do think that
4 this is something we should take another look
5 at. I know Council looked at it about a year
6 or so ago.

7 It was sent to Mayor Courtright at
8 the time and the issue kind of died on the
9 vine. But I do think that this is something
10 that we need to look at. Whether it's
11 selecting one of these two companies to be
12 primary for the City of Scranton or whether the
13 best option is to keep the current system in
14 place, which it appears from this letter is
15 opening us up to some serious response time
16 issues.

17 So if everyone is in agreement, I do
18 think we should continue to look into this, ask
19 Mayor Evans for what his opinion would be if
20 any action is going to be taken. I do know
21 that the fire chief was copied on this as well.
22 I do think it's important to include our police
23 and fire departments in any communications.

24 This is a very important issue.
25 Again, the City does not run an ambulance

1 service and the letter states we haven't in 30
2 years. I'm not advocating that we begin to do
3 that again. But I do think we do need to take
4 a very close look into what's going on with
5 ambulance response times in the City.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: I just want to make
7 one comment on that. I actually do remember
8 when this was an issue I think two years ago
9 now. And my concern at that time was that --
10 and again, I don't mind revisiting it and
11 looking at the facts and the figures.

12 But I believe that we had
13 Pennsylvania Ambulance in a caucus and then
14 Commonwealth in a caucus. Pennsylvania
15 Ambulance wanted if I'm not mistaken to be
16 designated the sole provider. The issue I had
17 there then and I still, you know, believe now
18 is that it's better to have competition to have
19 two companies.

20 So I don't mind looking at it
21 further and asking the Mayor to weigh in as
22 well if this is an issue. But I remember
23 thinking back on it my concern then was to
24 designate one company you're taking out the
25 competition and you're making them, you know,

1 the only show in town. So that was my concern.
2 Thank you.

3 MR. ROGAN: And I'm not advocating
4 for that either. I just think it's something
5 that needs to be looked at whether it's -- and
6 I don't know if it's possible to have an
7 agreement with both firms to have at least one
8 ambulance in the City of Scranton at all times.
9 But something certainly needs to be done about
10 this situation. That's all.

11 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION -
12 AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
13 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO APPLY FOR
14 AND EXECUTE A GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF
15 SCRANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT AND, IF SUCCESSFUL,
16 A GRANT AGREEMENT, AND ACCEPT THE FUNDS
17 RELATED THERETO THROUGH THE BJA FY 19 EDWARD
18 BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT ("JAG")
19 PROGRAM-LOCAL SOLICITATION IN THE AMOUNT OF
20 \$19,914.00.

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

24 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: Second.

1 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, I just want to
3 make a comment here. I am fully supportive of
4 this grant. Again, I think -- and I say this
5 all the time when we get grants from the police
6 department, but the Chief of Police Carl
7 Graziano and the police department and Maggie
8 Perry as the grant writer there has done a
9 phenomenal job over the last few years in
10 identifying these grants and then being
11 aggressive and really going for them.

12 I hope that we do get this grant. I
13 think that another automated license plate
14 reader is a tool that the police department can
15 definitely use and as is explained in this
16 legislation, it made quite a difference in the
17 after hours nightclub shooting in North
18 Scranton a few months ago. Thank you.

19 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else? All those
20 in favor of introduction signify by saying aye.

21 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

23 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Aye.

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

1 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -
2 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING RE-APPOINTMENT OF
3 ROBERT KEIPER, 406 ROANOKE LANE, SCRANTON,
4 PENNSYLVANIA, 18504, TO THE CIVIL SERVICE
5 COMMISSION. MR. KEIPER'S EFFECTIVE DATE
6 WILL BE JULY 26, 2019. MR. KEIPER'S TERM WILL
7 EXPIRE WITH THE TERM OF MAYOR WAYNE E. EVANS.

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

11 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Second.

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

16 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

18 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Aye.

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

21 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION - A
22 RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING RE-APPOINTMENT OF
23 RAYMOND J. KELLY, 10 FAWNWOOD DRIVE, SCRANTON,
24 PENNSYLVANIA, 18504, TO THE CIVIL SERVICE
25 COMMISSION. MR. KELLY'S EFFECTIVE DATE WILL BE

1 JULY 26, 2019. MR. KELLY'S TERM WILL EXPIRE
2 WITH THE TERM OF MAYOR WAYNE E. EVANS.

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

6 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Second.

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

11 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

13 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Aye.

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

16 MS. REED: 5-E. FOR INTRODUCTION -
17 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING RE-APPOINTMENT OF
18 JACK LOSCOMBE, 3115 PARALLEL DRIVE, SCRANTON,
19 PENNSYLVANIA, 18504, TO THE CIVIL SERVICE
20 COMMISSION. MR. LOSCOMBE'S EFFECTIVE DATE WILL
21 BE JULY 26, 2019. MR. LOSCOMBE'S TERM WILL
22 EXPIRE WITH THE TERM OF MAYOR WAYNE E. EVANS.

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

1 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Second.

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

6 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

8 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Aye.

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

11 MS. REED: 5-F. FOR INTRODUCTION -
12 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING RE-APPOINTMENT OF
13 DONALD WALSH, 1006 DERBY AVENUE, SCRANTON,
14 PENNSYLVANIA 18505, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSING
15 APPEALS REVIEW BOARD FOR AN ADDITIONAL FIVE (5)
16 YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE AUGUST 13, 2019. MR.
17 WALSH'S PRIOR TERM EXPIRED ON NOVEMBER 24, 2018
18 AND WAS HELD OVER UNTIL AUGUST 13, 2019. HIS
19 NEW TERM WILL EXPIRE ON NOVEMBER 24, 2023.

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

23 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: Second.

25 MR. ROGAN: On the question.

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

3 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

5 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Aye.

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

8 MS. REED: 5-G. FOR INTRODUCTION -
9 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING RE-APPOINTMENT OF
10 MICHAEL SALERNO, 1200 BRYN MAWR STREET,
11 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18504, AS A MEMBER OF
12 THE SCRANTON PARKING AUTHORITY FOR AN
13 ADDITIONAL FIVE (5) YEAR TERM. MR. SALERNO'S
14 CURRENT TERM EXPIRED ON JUNE 1, 2019 AND WAS
15 HELD OVER TO JULY 31, 2019. HIS NEW TERM WILL
16 EXPIRE ON JUNE 1, 2024.

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

20 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

21 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Second.

22 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

23 All those in favor of introduction signify by
24 saying aye.

25 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

2 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Aye.

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

5 MS. REED: 5-H. FOR INTRODUCTION -
6 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING RE-APPOINTMENT OF
7 PAUL DEANTONA, 333 NORTH SUMNER AVENUE,
8 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18504, AS A MEMBER OF
9 THE SCRANTON MUNICIPAL RECREATION
10 AUTHORITY FOR AN ADDITIONAL FIVE (5) YEAR TERM.
11 MR. DEANTONA'S PRIOR TERM EXPIRED ON JUNE 17,
12 2019, AND WAS HELD OVER UNTIL JULY 31, 2019.
13 HIS NEW TERM WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 17, 2024.

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

17 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

18 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Second.

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

22 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

24 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Aye.

25 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes

1 have it and so moved.

2 MS. REED: 5-I. FOR INTRODUCTION - A
3 RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF
4 KAREN BAZZARRI, 102 SHORT LANE, SCRANTON,
5 PENNSYLVANIA, 18505 TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE
6 SCRANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY AUTHORITY EFFECTIVE
7 JULY 30, 2019. MS. BAZZARRI IS BEING APPOINTED
8 TO A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON
9 JULY 30, 2023.

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

13 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

14 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Second.

15 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

16 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.
17 I want to thank Mrs. Reed for anticipating this
18 question that I would have and I think others
19 would have. But if you look through 5-I to
20 5-P, which is the appointments to the Library
21 Authority Board, someone questioned why there
22 are non City residents being appointed.

23 There is a reason for that. Non
24 City residents are appointed because the
25 Scranton Public Libraries are actually part of

1 the Lackawanna County Library System. As
2 stated in the original legislation that
3 organized the authority in 2009, as amended, at
4 all times a majority of the board of directors
5 of the authority shall be residents of City of
6 Scranton.

7 We are appointing eight people, six
8 of which are Scranton residents. The terms are
9 staggered since the board is essentially
10 starting over having been revived under this
11 Council June 17, 2019. Thank you.

12 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else? All those
13 in favor of introduction signify by saying aye.

14 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

16 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Aye.

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

19 MS. REED: 5-J. FOR INTRODUCTION -
20 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF
21 JOHN COWDER, 1614 NORTH WEBSTER AVENUE,
22 DUNMORE, PENNSYLVANIA, 18509 TO SERVE AS A
23 MEMBER OF THE SCRANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
24 AUTHORITY EFFECTIVE JULY 30, 2019. MR. COWDER
25 IS BEING APPOINTED TO A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM

1 WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JULY 30, 2024.

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

5 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

6 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Second.

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

10 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

12 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Aye.

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

15 MS. REED: 5-K. FOR INTRODUCTION -
16 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF
17 PAUL GILLICK, 331 QUAY AVENUE, SCRANTON,
18 PENNSYLVANIA, 18504 TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE
19 SCRANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY AUTHORITY EFFECTIVE
20 JULY 30, 2019. MR. GILLICK IS BEING APPOINTED
21 TO A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON
22 JULY 30, 2021.

23 MR. DONAHUE: I would like to make a
24 motion to table Item 5-K.

25 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Second.

1 MR. ROGAN: There is a motion and a
2 second to table Item 5-K. On the question?
3 Today we received the sad news that Mr. Gillick
4 passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, September
5 5th. We extend our deepest condolences to his
6 family. All those in favor of introduction
7 signify by saying aye.

8 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

10 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Aye.

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

13 MS. REED: 5-L. FOR INTRODUCTION -
14 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF
15 JAMIE HAILSTONE, ESQUIRE, 1201 OLIVE STREET,
16 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18510 TO SERVE AS A
17 MEMBER OF THE SCRANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY AUTHORITY
18 EFFECTIVE AUGUST 13, 2019. ATTORNEY
19 HAILSTONE IS BEING APPOINTED TO A FOUR (4) YEAR
20 TERM WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON AUGUST 13, 2023.

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

24 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: Second.

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

4 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

6 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Aye.

7 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
8 have it and so moved.

9 MS. REED: 5-M. FOR INTRODUCTION -
10 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF
11 BRIAN LENAHA, ESQUIRE, 101 STONEGATE DRIVE,
12 WAVERLY, PENNSYLVANIA, 18471 TO SERVE AS A
13 MEMBER OF THE SCRANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY AUTHORITY
14 EFFECTIVE JULY 30, 2019. ATTORNEY LENAHA IS
15 BEING APPOINTED TO A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM WHICH
16 WILL EXPIRE ON JULY 30, 2023.

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

20 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: Second.

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

25 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

2 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Aye.

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

5 MS. REED: 5-N. FOR INTRODUCTION -
6 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF
7 BETSEY MOYLAN, 1502 PITTSTON AVENUE, SCRANTON,
8 PENNSYLVANIA, 18505 TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE
9 SCRANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY AUTHORITY EFFECTIVE
10 JULY 30, 2019. MS. MOYLAN IS BEING APPOINTED
11 TO A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON
12 JULY 30, 2021.

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

16 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

17 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Second.

18 MR. ROGAN: On the question? All
19 those in favor signify by saying aye so moved.

20 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

22 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Aye.

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

25 MS. REED: 5-0. FOR INTRODUCTION -

1 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF
2 EVIE RAFALKO-MCNULTY, 625 MOLTKE AVENUE,
3 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18505 TO SERVE AS A
4 MEMBER OF THE SCRANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY AUTHORITY
5 EFFECTIVE JULY 30, 2019. MS. RAFALKO-MCNULTY
6 IS BEING APPOINTED TO A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM
7 WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JULY 30, 2024.

8 MR. ROGAN: At this time I'll
9 entertain a motion that Item 5-0 be introduced
10 into its proper committee.

11 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

12 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Second.

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

16 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

18 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Aye.

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

21 MS. REED: 5-P. FOR INTRODUCTION -
22 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF
23 ANNE SALERNO, 1200 BRYN MAWR STREET, SCRANTON,
24 PENNSYLVANIA, 18504 TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE
25 SCRANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY AUTHORITY EFFECTIVE

1 JULY 30, 2019. MS. SALERNO IS BEING
2 APPOINTED TO A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM WHICH WILL
3 EXPIRE ON JULY 30, 2023.

4 MR. ROGAN: At this time I'll
5 entertain a motion that Item 5-P be introduced
6 into its proper committee.

7 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

8 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Second.

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

11 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

13 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Aye.

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

16 MS. REED: 5-Q. FOR INTRODUCTION -
17 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
18 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND
19 ENTER INTO A COOPERATION AGREEMENT BY AND
20 BETWEEN THE LACKAWANNA COUNTY LAND
21 BANK AND THE CITY OF SCRANTON FOR THE
22 DEMOLITION OF CERTAIN LAND BANK OWNED BLIGHTED
23 AND/OR CONDEMNED PROPERTIES.

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

1 into its proper committee.

2 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

3 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Second.

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

6 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

8 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Aye.

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

11 MS. REED: 5-R. FOR INTRODUCTION -
12 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF
13 AMANDA C. LARA, MS, 223 PROSPECT AVENUE,
14 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18505, AS A MEMBER OF
15 THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, EFFECTIVE
16 AUGUST 23, 2019. MS. LARA WILL BE REPLACING
17 HAL DONOHUE WHOSE TERM EXPIRED ON SEPTEMBER 4,
18 2018. MS. LARA'S TERM WILL BE EFFECTIVE
19 IMMEDIATELY AND EXPIRE ON AUGUST 23, 2022.

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

23 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

24 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Second.

25 MR. ROGAN: On the question? All

1 those in favor signify by saying aye.

2 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

4 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Aye.

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

7 MS. REED: 5-S. FOR INTRODUCTION -
8 A RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF ANNETTE
9 PALUTIS, 703 NORTH REBECCA AVENUE, SCRANTON,
10 PENNSYLVANIA, 18504 AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
11 ETHICS FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM, EFFECTIVE
12 AUGUST 29, 2019. HER TERM WILL EXPIRE ON
13 AUGUST 31, 2020.

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

17 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

18 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Second.

19 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.

21 I just want to take a minute to thank all of
22 the people who are being appointed to the
23 Ethics Board for their service of this board.

24 If you remember back two years ago I
25 had asked the previous Mayor why no one was

1 being appointed to the Ethics Board, never got
2 a response. It was clear that the Ethics Board
3 and ethics was not a priority.

4 The City was not taking it serious.
5 The board was basically defunct. So this
6 Council had taken it upon themselves to restore
7 the board to basically rewrite the Code of
8 Ethics using the City of Reading and the spirit
9 of their law which I looked at very closely
10 along with Solicitor Minora.

11 I think that these appointments are
12 the first step in restoring trust, restoring
13 confidence in City government. Appointing
14 these people to the board, the board taking
15 their seat, it's not going to be enough to
16 certainly restore confidence in the City and
17 credibility.

18 This is going to take time. And
19 it's going to take an awful lot of work. But
20 it has to be done. I could tell you that it
21 has been very difficult to be an elected
22 official over the last few months since all of
23 this news has broke. At one time being a
24 public servant and being an elected official
25 was a revered position which commanded respect

1 from people.

2 At this point the reality of it is
3 that you're either the butt of a joke, people
4 think you're corrupt just because you're in
5 politics and you're basically wearing a scarlet
6 letter. And I'm fine with that. But it
7 really, really upsets me because as I mentioned
8 before we went on the August recess I had never
9 and with all the things going on, I have never
10 been more confident in this City, never in five
11 years being on Council because I think that
12 there is hope here.

13 I think despite some of the things
14 that go on, despite some of the negativity
15 which is warranted, there are a lot of positive
16 things. This Ethics Board is the first step in
17 the right direction. And I think that we can
18 restore trust. We can restore confidence. We
19 can restore credibility.

20 So I want again thank every single
21 person who is being appointed to this board. I
22 wish them well. And I thank them for their
23 service. Thank you.

24 MR. ROGAN: All those in favor of
25 introduction signify by saying aye.

1 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

3 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Aye.

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

6 MS. REED: 5-T. FOR INTRODUCTION -
7 A RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF ANDREW HELLER,
8 801 STAFFORD AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA,
9 18505 AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ETHICS FOR A
10 TWO (2) YEAR TERM, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 29, 2019.
11 HIS TERM WILL EXPIRE ON AUGUST 31, 2021.

12 MR. ROGAN: At this time I'll
13 entertain a motion that Item 5-T be introduced
14 into its proper committee.

15 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

16 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Second.

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

19 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

21 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Aye.

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

24 MS. REED: 5-U. FOR INTRODUCTION - A
25 RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF BRUCE REDDOCK,

1 101 PENN AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18503
2 AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ETHICS FOR A TWO
3 (2) YEAR TERM, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 29, 2019. HIS
4 TERM WILL EXPIRE ON AUGUST 31, 2021.

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

8 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

9 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Second.

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

12 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

14 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Aye.

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

17 MS. REED: 5-V. FOR INTRODUCTION -
18 A RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF JOAN
19 HODOWANITZ, 101 PENN AVENUE, SCRANTON,
20 PENNSYLVANIA, 18503 AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
21 ETHICS FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM, EFFECTIVE
22 AUGUST 29, 2019. HER TERM WILL EXPIRE ON
23 AUGUST 31, 2022.

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

1 into its proper committee.

2 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

3 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Second.

4 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

5 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question, if I
6 see you coming towards me with a cleaver, I'm
7 running the other way. But, Joan, thank you
8 for taking this position on. I know we all
9 appreciate it. We appreciate you coming to
10 these meetings along with Miss Schumacher and
11 everybody else and your commitment to public
12 service. So thank you.

13 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Thank you.

14 MR. ROGAN: All those in favor
15 signify by saying aye.

16 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

18 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Aye.

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

21 MS. REED: 5-W. FOR INTRODUCTION -
22 A RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF MARY JO
23 SHERIDAN, 1213 SCHLAGER STREET, SCRANTON,
24 PENNSYLVANIA, 18504 AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
25 ETHICS FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM, EFFECTIVE

1 AUGUST 29, 2019. HER TERM WILL EXPIRE ON
2 AUGUST 31, 2022.

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

6 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

7 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Second.

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

10 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

12 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Aye.

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

15 MS. REED: 5-X. FOR INTRODUCTION -
16 A RESOLUTION - RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE
17 EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT
18 APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON ON BEHALF
19 OF LACKAWANNA HERITAGE VALLEY AUTHORITY
20 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMONWEALTH FINANCING
21 AUTHORITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
22 FOR A MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS GRANT TO
23 BE USED FOR THE CLIFF STREET UNDERPASS
24 REHABILITATION DESIGN PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF
25 \$125,582.00. (EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE ATTACHED.)

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

4 MR. DONAHUE: So moved.

5 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Second.

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

8 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

10 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Aye.

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

13 MR. DONAHUE: I make a motion to
14 suspend the rules to move Item 5-X to Seventh
15 Order to be considered for final passage based
16 on the attached emergency certificate.

17 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Second.

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

20 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

22 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Aye.

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

25 MS. REED: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A. No

1 business at this time.

2 MR. ROGAN: If anyone would like to
3 address Council on this emergency legislation
4 you may do so at this time.

5 MS. HODOWANITZ: Can you just
6 explain why the emergency certificate was
7 attached? What was the rationale for it?

8 MR. DONAHUE: So we had gotten word
9 from the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority
10 that they needed us to sign onto this grant as
11 a way of not providing -- they wouldn't have to
12 provide a match.

13 So we got that in late July. We
14 thought a letter would suffice. But
15 tomorrow -- and because we didn't have a
16 meeting last week to have the two passages,
17 tomorrow was the deadline for the scoring --

18 MS. HODOWANITZ: Okay. So it's just
19 a time sensitive --

20 MR. DONAHUE: It is just a time
21 sensitive --

22 MS. HODOWANITZ: Yeah, that's good
23 enough for me.

24 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

25 MS. HODOWANITZ: Thank you.

1 MR. ROGAN: Thank you.

2 MS. REED: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A,
3 FORMALLY 5-X FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE
4 ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR ADOPTION
5 RESOLUTION NUMBER 159-2019 RATIFYING AND
6 APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE
7 GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON ON
8 BEHALF OF LACKAWANNA HERITAGE VALLEY AUTHORITY
9 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMONWEALTH FINANCING
10 AUTHORITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
11 FOR A MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS GRANT TO
12 BE USED FOR THE CLIFF STREET UNDERPASS
13 REHABILITATION DESIGN PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF
14 \$125,582.00. (EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE ATTACHED.)

15 MR. ROGAN: What is the
16 recommendation of the Chair for the Committee
17 on Community Development?

18 MR. DONAHUE: As Chairperson for the
19 Committee on Community Development, I recommend
20 final passage of Item 7-A.

21 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Second.

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

24 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

25 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

1 MS. CARRERA: Attorney Dempsey.

2 ATTY. DEMPSEY: Yes.

3 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

5 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

6 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare
7 Item 7-A legally and lawfully adopted. If
8 there is no further business, I'll entertain a
9 motion to adjourn.

10 MR. DONAHUE: Motion to adjourn.

11 MR. ROGAN: Meeting adjourned.

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