

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
January 28, 2016
6:30 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL

2. READING OF MINUTES

3. REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR & HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND INTERESTED PARTIES AND CITY CLERK'S NOTES:

A. PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES PRESENTED TO THE CITY OF SCRANTON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00 FROM COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

B. TAX ASSESSOR'S RESULTS REPORT FOR HEARING DATE HELD JANUARY 13, 2016.

C. AGENDA FOR THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING HELD JANUARY 27, 2016.

D. CONTROLLER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015.

4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

5. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RE-APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS. MOTIONS & REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

A.
MOTIONS

B.

FOR INTRODUCTION – AN ORDINANCE – AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 95, 2015, AN ORDINANCE, ENTITLED “AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 79, OF 2015, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 145 OF 2007 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE RENAMING THE EMERGENCY AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAX (“EMST”) TO LOCAL SERVICE TAX (“LST”)” AND BY IMPOSING A WITHHOLDING OF \$52.00 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015 AND THE SAME SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY INCREASING THE LOCAL SERVICES TAX WITHHOLDING FROM \$52.00 TO \$156.00 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION FOR ANY PERSON WHOSE TOTAL EARNED INCOME AND NET PROFITS FROM ALL SOURCES WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY IS LESS THAN \$15,600.00 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015 UNDER AND PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL TAX ENABLING ACT, ACT 511 OF 1965, P.L. 1257, 53 P.S. §6924,101 ET. SEQ., AND THE MUNICIPALITIES RECOVERY ACT, ACT 47 OF 1987, P.L. 246, 53 P.S. § 11701.101 ET. SEQ. AND THEIR RESPECTIVE AMENDMENTS, EFFECTIVE RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2015.

THIS TAX IS EXPECTED TO GENERATE APPROXIMATELY FOUR-MILLION TWO-HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE-HUNDRED (\$4,287,500.00) DOLLARS IN REVENUE IN CALENDAR YEAR 2015” BY ENABLING THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO CONTINUE TO LEVY THE LOCAL SERVICES TAX AT THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 FOR A TOTAL MAXIMUM LOCAL SERVICES RATE OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX (\$156.00) DOLLARS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 EFFECTIVE RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2016 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION FOR ANY PERSON WHOSE TOTAL EARNED INCOME AND NET PROFITS FROM ALL SOURCES WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY IS LESS THAN \$15,600.00 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016.(EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE ATTACHED)

C.

FOR INTRODUCTION – A RESOLUTION – APPOINTMENT OF KEVIN WHELAN, 1111 DELAWARE STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18509 AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE SCRANTON SEWER AUTHORITY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 20, 2016. MR. WHELAN WILL BE REPLACING THOMAS J. STONE WHO RESIGNED JANUARY 15, 2016. MR. WHELAN WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THOMAS J. STONE, WHOSE TERM IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE ON

DECEMBER 31, 2016.

D.

FOR INTRODUCTION – A RESOLUTION – AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 122, 2015 (AS AMENDED) ENTITLED “AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO WAIVE THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR DAVID BULZONI, CITY OF SCRANTON BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR” BY EXTENDING THE RESIDENCY WAIVER OF CITY OF SCRANTON BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR, DAVID BULZONI, INDEFINITELY.

6. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES – READING BY TITLE

A.

READING BY TITLE – FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 8, 2016 – AN ORDINANCE – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO SUBMIT TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) THE 2015-2019 ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE FOR SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

7. FINAL READING OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

A.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE– FOR ADOPTION –FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 7, 2016 – AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 58, 2014, AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “GENERAL CITY OPERATING BUDGET 2015” BY TRANSFERRING \$8,280.00 FROM ACCOUNT NO. 01.401.16090.4299 (NON-DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES– UNENCUMBERED EXPENSES PRIOR YEAR OBLIGATIONS) TO ACCOUNT NO. 01.011.00078.4470 (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY–BUREAU OF FIRE TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION) TO

PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO REIMBURSE FIVE (5) CADETS THAT ATTENDED THE HACC ACADEMY FOR FOURTEEN (14) WEEKS.

B.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES- FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 4, 2016 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TURNKEY TAXES, INC. TO PROVIDE THE CITY OF SCRANTON AUDIT DISCOVERY SERVICES FOR ACT 511 TAXES INCLUDING BUSINESS PRIVILEGE AND MERCANTILE TAXES FOR A THREE (3) YEAR PERIOD WITH A ONE (1) YEAR EXTENSION PROVISION.

C.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES- FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 5, 2016 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MUNISERVICES, LLC FOR CITY OF SCRANTON ONLINE FINANCIAL DATA PRESENTMENT SERVICES FOR A THREE (3) YEAR PERIOD WITH A ONE (1) YEAR EXTENSION PROVISION.

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