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02 SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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08 Held:

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09 Thursday, March 31, 2005

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11 Time:

12 7:00 p.m.

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14 Location:

15 Council chambers

15 Scranton City Hall

16 340 North Washington Avenue

16 Scranton, Pennsylvania

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01 CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

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03 MR. GARY DIBILEO, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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05 MS. JANET E. EVANS, VICE-PRESIDENT

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07 MR. WILLIAM COURTRIGHT

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09 MR. JOHN POCIUS

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11 MR. ROBERT McTIERNAN

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13 MR. MARK WALSH, ESQUIRE, SOLICITOR

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15 MR. JAY SAUNDERS, CITY CLERK

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17 MS. KAY GARVEY, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

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01 MR. DIBILEO: Please stand for

02 the Pledge of Allegiance. Please remain standing for a

03 short prayer. Can we have a roll call, please, Kay?

04 MS. GARVEY: Mr. McTiernan.

05 MR. McTIERNAN: Here.

06 MS. GARVEY: Mrs. Evans.

07 MS. EVANS: Here.

08 MS. GARVEY: Mr. Pocius.

09 MR. POCIUS: Here.

10 MS. GARVEY: Mr. Courtright.

11 MR. COURTRIGHT: Here.

12 MS. GARVEY: Mr. DiBileo.

13 MR. DIBILEO: Here. Before we

14 dispense with the reading of the minutes this evening,

15 we have 25 very distinguished guests with us tonight.

16 We have John Spitzer, who attained the prestigious rank

17 of Eagle Scout, and then we have 24 members of the

18 Cub Scout Pack 57 from Holy Rosary Church, and we're

19 happy to have these fine young men here.

20 As a former scout myself, I know  
21 that scouting builds character, I don't know what  
22 happened to me, but it does. So, I'm going to ask John  
23 first to come forward and I'll read a proclamation that  
24 we have for you, John.

25 The proclamation reads, Whereas,  
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01 the Council of the City of Scranton is desirous of  
02 honoring John Spitzer for attaining the prestigious  
03 rank of Eagle Scout; and whereas, John is a member of  
04 Boy Scout Troop 66 at St. Anthony of Padua Church in  
05 Dunmore; and whereas, John began his scouting career in  
06 1996 as a Tiger Cub with Pack 12 and continued through  
07 the ranks of Bobcat, Wolf, Bear and Webelo Scout with  
08 Pack 84 at Immaculate Conception Church in Scranton,  
09 where he earned the Arrow of Light Award and the Par  
10 Vuli Dei religious medal; and whereas, after joining  
11 Boy Scout Troop 66 in 2000, John advanced through the  
12 ranks and earned 30 merit badges; and whereas, John's  
13 Eagle Project was to plan and organize the building and  
14 installation of benches, garbage can holders and trail  
15 signs for the Davis Trail at Nay Aug Park; and whereas,  
16 John is a member of the Order of the Arrow Drum Team,  
17 attended Great Expectations, was a C.I.T. at Goose Pond  
18 Scout Reservation and received the Knights of Columbus  
19 Patriotic award and is also a secretary for Venturing  
20 Crew 720, Goose Pond Scout Reservation; and whereas,  
21 John is the son of Joseph and Lynelle Spitzer of  
22 Scranton; and whereas, John is a sophomore honor  
23 student at Scranton High School where he's a member of  
24 the ski club and is a defenseman for the Scranton Area  
25 Ice Hockey Team. John plans to attend college and  
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01 study architecture after graduating from high school.  
02 Now, therefore, be it resolved  
03 that on Thursday, March 31, 2005, Scranton City Council  
04 wishes to congratulate John Spitzer, his parents and  
05 scout leaders on his outstanding achievements and  
06 extend our best wishes for success in all of his future  
07 endeavors.

08 Be it further resolved, that this  
09 proclamation be made a permanent part of the minutes of  
10 this council as lasting tribute to John Spitzer.

11 Congratulations, John. Go ahead, John.

12 MR. SPITZER: I couldn't have  
13 gotten through this without the help of the city. They  
14 have donated wood to help make the benches, the garbage  
15 can holders and the trail signs and some equipment,

16 too.

17 I thank them very much for helping

18 me get through this, and I couldn't have done it

19 without my parents and my fellow scouts. That's it.

20 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you, John.

21 Okay. Now we have members of the

22 Cub Scout 57, and I'll read their proclamation.

23 Whereas, the Council of the City

24 of Scranton is desirous of honoring Cub Scout Pack 57;

25 and whereas, the Cub Scouts are celebrating their 75th  
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01 anniversary; and whereas, Pack 57 has been chartered

02 with the Boy Scouts of America for 45 years and is

03 sponsored by Holy Rosary Church in North Scranton,

04 where Father Cyril Edwards is Pastor and Institutional

05 Representative; and whereas, Connie Brocavich is

06 Cubmaster, Bernadette Wagner is Pack Chairperson, and

07 other committee members are Mark Izak, Anthony Mandile,

08 Cindy Myers and Frank Pallien; and whereas, Pack 57 is

09 made up of several divisions:

10 Wolf Den: Den Leader, Gerard Babinski; with members

11 Matthew Babinski, Caleb Mandile, Sean Evans and Elijah

12 Izak; Bear Den: Den Leader, John Ruby; with members

13 Anthony Mandile, Will Bissland and John Ruby;

14 Webelos 1: Den Leader, Eric Myers; with members J.P.

15 Myers, Aaron Anderline, Eric Zelenski and D.J. Pilarz;

16 Webelos 2: Den Leader, Dorothy Popovich; with members

17 A.J. Popovich, Anthony Rosetti, Frank Pallien, Joseph

18 Czarkowski and Richard Evans; and Tiger Cubs, Den

19 Leader is Connie Brocavich; with members Wes Myers,

20 Robert Hanis, Jr., Jacob Clarke, Richard Scone, Zachary

21 Anderline and Matthew Stanavitch.

22 Now, therefore, be it resolved,

23 that on Thursday, March 31, 2005, Scranton City Council

24 wishes to congratulate Cub Scout Pack 57, their parents

25 and Cub Scout leaders.

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01 Be it further resolved that this

02 proclamation be made a permanent part of the minutes of

03 this council as lasting tribute to Cub Scout Pack 57.

04 Congratulations.

05 MR. DIBILEO: I want to thank you

06 again for coming tonight, and congratulations on your

07 honor, and feel free to stay as long as you want. We

08 hope it's not too boring for you, but we appreciate it.

09 And now we can dispense with the

10 reading of the minutes, Mr. Saunders, please.

11 MR. WALSH: Third order. 3-A,

12 CONTROLLER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 28,  
13 2005.

14 MR. DIBILEO: Are there any  
15 comments on 3-A? If not, received and filed.

16 MR. WALSH: 3-B, MINUTES OF THE  
17 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD ON  
18 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2005.

19 MR. DIBILEO: Are there any  
20 comments on 3-B? If not, received and filed.

21 MR. WALSH: 3-C, MINUTES OF THE  
22 FIREMEN'S PENSION COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY,  
23 FEBRUARY 23, 2005.

24 MR. DIBILEO: Are there any  
25 comments on 3-C? If not, received and filed.

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01 MR. WALSH: 3-D, MINUTES OF THE  
02 POLICE PENSION COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY,  
03 FEBRUARY 23, 2005.

04 MR. DIBILEO: Are there any  
05 comments on 3-D? If not, received and filed.

06 MR. WALSH: 3-E, MINUTES OF THE  
07 COMPOSITE PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY,  
08 FEBRUARY 23, 2005.

09 MR. DIBILEO: Are there any  
10 comments on 3-E? If not, received and filed.

11 MR. WALSH: 3-F, AGENDA FOR THE  
12 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD ON  
13 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2005.

14 MR. DIBILEO: Are there any  
15 comments on 3-F? If not, received and filed.

16 MR. WALSH: 3-G, AGENDA FOR THE  
17 ZONING BOARD HEARING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13,  
18 2005.

19 MR. DIBILEO: Are there any  
20 comments on 3-G? If not, received and filed.

21 MR. WALSH: 3-H, Clerk's notes.

22 MR. DIBILEO: Mr. Saunders, if you  
23 would, please.

24 MR. SAUNDERS: Mr. President, in  
25 the past Councilman Pocius and Councilwoman Evans I

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01 talked to at length about this issue that has come up,  
02 and I believe yourself we have discussed Ripple Street  
03 and the sewer project that's going on at Ripple Street,  
04 we received something in the mail from the Scranton  
05 Sewer Authority.

06 The board of directors of the  
07 Scranton Sewer Authority would like to invite the

08 residents of Ripple Street to an informational meeting.  
09 It will be Tuesday, April 5, 2005 at six o'clock at the  
10 treatment facility located at Cedar Avenue and Breck  
11 Street.

12 They will talk about the final  
13 plan stages and you can see and hear what the plan is  
14 all about. So, the people on Ripple Street, if they're  
15 listening, there's going to be information for them.  
16 And we've had some calls in the  
17 office about that and it's been an ongoing project for  
18 the city and the Sewer Authority for a while.  
19 The second thing I have is  
20 Councilwoman Evans had talked about this, I think our  
21 office has received tons of calls about this,  
22 Capouse Avenue and Olive Street, which is just filled  
23 with potholes, they were out today filling those  
24 potholes, the DPW, Mike Friggione's crew were out  
25 there, they were re patching the potholes.

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01 Also, Capouse Avenue was pretty  
02 busy today, it was Capouse Avenue and Green Ridge  
03 Street that Councilwoman Evans had talked about on  
04 numerous occasions over the last year about trying to  
05 have trees removed from that spot. Those trees are  
06 removed, and I think those people are pretty happy.

07 MS. EVANS: Yes, they are.

08 MR. SAUNDERS: The other thing is,  
09 West Scranton Wrestling, there's a couple proclamations  
10 that we have coming up.

11 I've reached out and spoke with  
12 Robbie Butka from the West Scranton Wrestling team. I  
13 am going to follow up with him tomorrow and talk to him  
14 about bringing him in, hopefully next week or the  
15 following week, and also Jack Lyons from West Scranton  
16 Basketball celebrating his 400th victory.

17 Also, I received a letter from  
18 Bill Fiorini last week or the week before the  
19 cancellation, we sent out a letter asking Bill Fiorini  
20 from Councilwoman Evans about who takes control of  
21 abandoned vehicles on abandoned lots.

22 Bill said those are to be  
23 addressed directly to him, and he'll disperse it as to  
24 who those people are that are out there. So, when we  
25 have that problem again, we send it to him, he'll take

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01 it from there.

02 And the last thing is we had a  
03 very odd call to our office this week that I wanted to

04 share with Councilwoman Evans is that we got a That A  
05 Boy for leafs being picked up in the, I think you know  
06 we're I'm going with this, up on East Mountain, and the  
07 That A Boy was for Mr. Evans, not Mrs. Evans.

08 So, I have to send that out. When  
09 things are getting done, we will thank them. That's  
10 all I have, Mr. President.

11 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you, Mr.

12 Saunders. I'm glad that the potholes at that  
13 intersection at Capouse were taken care of. Do we have  
14 any word on when that could possibly be paved?

15 MR. SAUNDERS: I don't know. The  
16 list is up, and I don't know if that street is on  
17 there, but I will check.

18 MS. EVANS: Actually, Jay, I  
19 recall last year, because I had been inquiry about it.  
20 You know, this has been an ongoing situation for a year  
21 and a half, and Mr. Parker had indicated that in 2005,  
22 Olive Street would be paved, and I believe continuing  
23 up to Wyoming Avenue.

24 MR. SAUNDERS: Okay.

25 MR. DIBILEO: So, I'm sure he's  
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01 good for his word and we just have to be a little more  
02 patient and believe that that is going to happen,  
03 because it's so close to a school and it incurs so much  
04 student traffic each day, it's really unfathomable  
05 that at this point in time after a year and a half  
06 still nothing was done. So, we're going to keep  
07 pushing for that.

08 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you,  
09 Mrs. Evans. And the leaf pickup was as a result of  
10 your husband. Just a little story on that, there's a  
11 gentleman who had been calling repeatedly for quite  
12 some time, and Janet's husband Dave felt, did it  
13 himself to take his own pickup truck out and pick up  
14 the leafs out there, so we appreciate that by Dave.

15 MS. EVANS: He's done it on more  
16 than one occasion, and he knows he better do it or he  
17 can't come home.

18 MR. DIBILEO: Well, we want to  
19 thank Dave. Is that it?

20 MR. SAUNDERS: That's it. That's  
21 all I have.

22 MR. DIBILEO: Okay. Thank you,  
23 Mr. Saunders.

24 MR. WALSH: Fourth order, citizen  
25 participation.

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01 MR. DIBILEO: We have a sign-in  
02 sheet, and the first speaker on the sign-in sheet is  
03 Regina Yetkowskas.

04 And Regina, before you start, we  
05 want to make sure that the clock is going to be proper  
06 this week. We know there was a little discrepancy last  
07 week. We apologize. Okay.

08 MS. YETKOWSKAS: Regina  
09 Yetkowskas, Scranton resident and taxpayer. Two weeks  
10 ago I ended with the effects on Scranton if  
11 Mr. Doherty's hand-picked candidates win and we have  
12 another rubberstamp City Council. Today I'll raise  
13 questions that people should consider when they go to  
14 vote.

15 We all know that money plays a  
16 large part in getting an individual elected in  
17 Scranton. Money talks. It is rumored that over the  
18 past four years, the mayor has accumulated a large war  
19 chest to finance his re-election campaign.  
20 To me, as a senior citizen, it is  
21 amazing how Mr. Doherty was so effective in raising  
22 money for himself, while at the same time he showed no  
23 fiscal responsibility for the people of Scranton.

24 But money is not the only  
25 important thing in elections, because the people should  
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01 and will carefully examine the record of every elected  
02 official now in office and who would like to be  
03 re-elected and the record of every new politician who  
04 seeks entry into an elected office.

05 Each candidate must run on his or  
06 her record. As far as the people are concerned, it  
07 isn't what the politician promised.

08 Each Scranton taxpayer should ask  
09 himself and herself if in his four years Mr. Doherty  
10 delivered to make the quality of the people's lives  
11 better with improved neighborhoods that are more  
12 secure, safer with a fair tax structure and with prompt  
13 and efficient public service in a viable city whose tax  
14 base increases.

15 Mr. Doherty's record is what  
16 should guide the people when they go to the polls and  
17 pull the levers on the voting machines.

18 Let me suggest a few questions  
19 each voter should ask and answer before walking into  
20 the voting booth. The same questions are designed to  
21 grade Mr. Doherty, City Council members and others who



22 run for public office.

23 The questions are: No. 1, As you

24 think back on their conduct and each person's

25 individual record the last four years, did Doherty,

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01 Pocius, DiBileo or Evans work to improve the quality of

02 life for the people of Scranton?

03 No. 2, Did Doherty, Pocius,

04 DiBileo or Evans work to try and stop Scranton from

05 going deeper into debt because the taxpayers must pay

06 the bills?

07 No. 3, Are you better off now as a

08 citizen of Scranton than you were before Mr. Doherty

09 became mayor?

10 No. 4, Are you now safer, more

11 secure and better protected as a citizen of Scranton

12 than you were before Mr. Doherty became mayor?

13 No. 5, Were your wage taxes

14 reduced while Doherty was in office?

15 No. 6, Are our neighborhoods and

16 streets better under Mr. Doherty than before he came

17 into office?

18 While I'm on the street issue, I

19 challenge anyone to drive today from the Moses Taylor

20 Hospital in the 600 and 700 blocks of Monroe Avenue

21 without ruining the wheels, the tires and the car's

22 front-end alignment, because the potholes are so big

23 and deep that you will believe you are in the front

24 line of a war zone, and this is four years after

25 Mr. Doherty became mayor.

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01 No. 7, Also, did you see or hear

02 Pocius, DiBileo, Courtright or Evans consistently press

03 the Doherty administration to repair our potholed

04 city?

05 No. 8, Did Mr. Doherty ever give

06 Scranton's residents regular reports on Scranton's

07 financial condition? As a matter of fact, did

08 Mr. Doherty ever make public and available to

09 Scrantonians even one accurate report on Scranton's

10 financial condition as he continued to borrow more

11 money to spend?

12 No. 9, More important, what is

13 Scranton's true financial condition today? How much

14 money does Scranton owe as of now?

15 It is not a difficult task for the

16 mayor to produce this report on a monthly basis.

17 Section 704, Paragraph 6, in Scranton's Home Rule

18 Charter states the city controller must, and I quote,  
19 submit a monthly financial report to the mayor and City  
20 Council showing the financial conditions of various  
21 funds of the city government, as well as the condition  
22 of all items included in the adopted annual operating  
23 budget, including estimated revenues, revenues  
24 received, appropriations and allotments for such  
25 appropriations.

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01 Let me repeat that the Home Rule  
02 Charter requires these financial reports to be given to  
03 the mayor every month. Unless Mr. Doherty can show  
04 otherwise, we can all presume he did receive the  
05 reports every month, but refused to make them available  
06 to the public.

07 Mr. Doherty could have just made  
08 copies of the reports on a copying machine and make  
09 them available to the people. All of this would have  
10 required no work on the mayor's part, other than having  
11 a clerk put the reports on a duplicating machine.

12 The end result is the mayor would  
13 have kept the public informed on what the  
14 administration did all month. It would have been an  
15 open administration, but he did not. May I finish?

16 MR. DIBILEO: Finish your thought.

17 MS. YETKOWSKAS: Thank you. It is  
18 obvious Mr. Doherty's goal was and is to keep  
19 Scranton's voters in the dark on how he manages or  
20 mismanaged the city's money.

21 One thing is sure, Mr. Doherty  
22 really failed to financially move the city forward on  
23 his watch.

24 Whatever meager facts the  
25 administration seldom gave to the people, they proved

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01 Mr. Doherty moved us backward to a financial condition  
02 much worse than the previous administration.

03 At least the previous  
04 administration left office with a \$2.5 million surplus,  
05 which Mr. Doherty promptly spent.

06 MR. DIBILEO: Regina, would you  
07 mind if you'd finish next time?

08 MS. YETKOWSKAS: Okay. Thank  
09 you.

10 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you. Les  
11 Spindler.

12 MR. SPINDLER: Good evening,  
13 Council. Les Spindler.

14 MR. DIBILEO: Good evening.  
15 MR. SPINDLER: Contrary to what  
16 Mrs. Williams thinks, Mr. DiBileo, you do know how to  
17 run a meeting and you will be able to run this city.  
18 Whether Mrs. Williams or  
19 Mr. Pocius like it, you allowed our constitutional  
20 right of freedom of speech.  
21 When Regina Yetkowskas was  
22 speaking two weeks ago, Mr. Pocius could be seen making  
23 facing and gestures for her to be stopped.  
24 Well, this is still the United  
25 States of America, and unless they change the  
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01 Constitution, we can come to this podium and say  
02 whatever we want to within reason.  
03 It was okay for Mr. Pocius to read  
04 a letter about his nephew from California which had  
05 absolutely nothing to do with city business, but when  
06 one of us says something he doesn't like, he thinks we  
07 should be stopped. Well, not only is that wrong, but  
08 it's unconstitutional.  
09 Okay. Also, two weeks ago after  
10 Mrs. Williams was done speaking, she stood back here  
11 yelling uncontrollably, and she also did that once  
12 before when Mrs. Evans said something she didn't like.  
13 That should be untolerated.  
14 Mr. Bolus got arrested for doing less than that a few  
15 your ago. That can't be tolerated. She should be  
16 thrown out of these chambers if she ever does something  
17 like that again.  
18 MR. DIBILEO: Yeah, we can't let  
19 that happen with any speakers.  
20 MR. SPINDLER: When you leave the  
21 podium, you shouldn't be able to talk anymore.  
22 MR. DIBILEO: We'll make sure that  
23 doesn't happen.  
24 MR. SPINDLER: Okay. Last week I  
25 was walking through the Steamtown Mall, came across a  
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01 stand in the center, and a gentleman recognized me and  
02 he said, I watch the meetings, and a lot of people are  
03 right when they come to the podium and say the  
04 neighborhoods have to be taken care of, and he told me  
05 he's a prime example.  
06 He was born and raised in  
07 South Scranton, he told me, moved to Palm Beach,  
08 Florida. After a few years, he and his wife decided to  
09 raise a family, but Palm Beach, Florida, he told me, is

10 very bad, there's gangs and lots of crime, so he wanted  
11 to move back here, but he would have liked to have  
12 moved to South Side, but he said with the crime and the  
13 taxes in this city, he ended up going to Duryea.  
14 That just shows that unless things  
15 are changed in this city, people aren't going to move  
16 back to the city, and he's a prime example.  
17 People aren't going to move into  
18 the city just because of Nay Aug Park or the downtown.  
19 You don't have to live in the city to visit Nay Aug or  
20 go downtown.  
21 People will move into this city  
22 when our neighborhoods are safe, our taxes are lowered  
23 and there's opportunity for good paying employment.  
24 To this date, this administration  
25 hasn't addressed any of these problems. Our  
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01 neighborhoods aren't safe, our taxes are too high and  
02 there are no jobs to attract anyone to this city.  
03 If Chris Doherty concentrated on  
04 these problems as much as he does on Nay Aug Park,  
05 maybe we'd be better off. Enough said on that.  
06 A few months ago I spoke about a  
07 problem I had with the runoff when it rains, my  
08 sidewalks in the front of my house get flooded because  
09 of something the city did, now, last Monday it poured  
10 all day, I couldn't walk out my front door. There was,  
11 like, two inches of rain at the bottom of my steps.  
12 All of the sidewalks in the front of my house were  
13 flooded.  
14 Now, I know Mr. Saunders sent a  
15 letter, and that was a couple months ago, has anything  
16 been heard from them?  
17 MR. SAUNDERS: Nothing.  
18 MR. SPINDLER: Could another  
19 letter be sent? This is a problem the city caused. I  
20 don't think I should have to put up with that.  
21 MR. DIBILEO: Why don't you  
22 request that once again, Jay, please?  
23 MR. SPINDLER: Okay. Thank you.  
24 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you. Andy  
25 Sbaraglia.

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01 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia,  
02 citizen of Scranton. Fellow Scrantonians, a little  
03 over three years ago we had a change in  
04 administrations, and at that time the City of Scranton  
05 and the taxpayers of Scranton owned a DPW site. We no

06 longer own a DPW site.  
07 We also owned a golf course, we no  
08 longer own the golf course. Council gave up their  
09 rights to the South Side Complex, they also gave up  
10 their rights to Nay Aug, and they also gave up their  
11 rights to our parking meters, remortgaged them.  
12 And what do we get on some of the  
13 things we got in return? We got the beds, the lights  
14 and so forth at the Hilton, that is now part of our  
15 legacy, we also got something, I think it's called JJ  
16 Bridges up in Clarks Summit, we also got an interest up  
17 there, but we don't have an interest in new police  
18 cars, we lost that interest.  
19 Dunmore just recently took their  
20 block grants and decided they were going pave streets  
21 with them. Have you saw how much of our block grants  
22 we used to pave streets? Have you used -- saw any of  
23 our block grants being used in the neighborhoods?  
24 You had some parks done, true.  
25 Even today, you're taking block grants. I think it's  
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01 under D, 6-D, that's \$250,000 in block grants that  
02 you're giving to this man again at the 500 block of  
03 Lackawanna Avenue.  
04 That money could have been used  
05 for paving and money that we did borrow for paving  
06 could have been used to buy police cars and pack  
07 masters.  
08 The reason why we don't have that  
09 equipment is because you gave away the store. I know  
10 some of you weren't on Council, but still I say Council  
11 gave away the store, whether it was the last one, one  
12 year ago, two years ago or five years ago, but you did  
13 give away the store, and you're constantly giving away  
14 the store.  
15 There's no reason for you to take  
16 these block grants and give them to tear down the  
17 Scranton Laceworks and buy used vehicles for the  
18 policemen to use.  
19 You've got unsafe -- probably  
20 unsafe pack masters, because you were buying used pack  
21 masters. Now a man got killed, I wouldn't say the pack  
22 master was unsafe, it was just a tragic accident, you  
23 are correcting it. I don't know if you corrected all  
24 the pack masters and put cameras on them or not, but  
25 money that could have been used is sitting down there  
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01 in Scranton somewhere down there in block grants, maybe

02 sidewalks that doesn't have to be replaced, but we're  
03 going to rip them up anyway, we're going to put  
04 beautiful pathways between the new parking garage and I  
05 think a center court, we're going to beautify that, but  
06 yet the city employees have to use used vehicles.  
07 And it's tragic that you would  
08 consider the employees and the citizens of this city in  
09 such a light that you allowed this to happen. Block  
10 grants should have been evenly distributed among all of  
11 the city, not to certain individuals, like I keep  
12 saying.

13 It's a tragic thing when you care  
14 so little about the public safety that you're willing  
15 to spend so much. We don't all live in downtown. I  
16 don't even know how many people actually live in  
17 downtown, but I can tell you one thing, most of the  
18 people in this city does not live in downtown, but yet  
19 that's the star of the city.

20 How do you figure putting a new  
21 front on a building that's 100 years old is going to  
22 really, really spruce up the city, and let jobs be  
23 trickled away, population dwindle and so on forth and  
24 so on.

25 Because it's redundant. It's  
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01 tragic that I have to come up and always speak on  
02 redundancy. These things should be going forward. We  
03 shouldn't be having these problems.

04 The policemen should have new  
05 please cars. You're taking \$500,000 from the block  
06 grants, \$250,000 from the city treasury and putting in  
07 that parking garage on Lackawanna Avenue.

08 The main purpose of that parking  
09 garage is for the Hilton Hotel, which is non-profit.  
10 That's three quarters of a million dollars. How much  
11 of this city could have been improved with that three  
12 quarters of a million dollars, or at least the city  
13 employees would have safe vehicles.

14 And that's important, too. Safety  
15 is awful important and so forth and so on. I thank  
16 you.

17 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you,

18 Mr. Sbaraglia. Bob Bolus.

19 MR. BOLUS: Good evening, Council.

20 Bob Bolus, Scranton.

21 MR. DIBILEO: Good evening.

22 MR. BOLUS: A couple quick things

23 here. One of the things I have is that, you know, you

24 start walking around this city, and I happened to read  
25 an article in the paper that said Mr. Burke bought DPW,  
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01 I didn't know we received the \$600,000 check, but  
02 they're tearing the building down. So, he didn't buy  
03 anything yet, he's just paying a dollar to rent it.  
04 You drive around the city, you see  
05 Chris Doherty's name on everything. You see the  
06 Weston Field, which I brought up, at Nay Aug you see  
07 it. Everywhere you go it says, Restoring Pride,  
08 Christopher A. Doherty, mayor.  
09 But you look at the county  
10 commissioners and you see everybody that's there. Why  
11 isn't Council's name everywhere where the mayor's name  
12 is? We're all part of this administration, we're all  
13 part of this goal to bring Scranton back.  
14 So, I think we should have a  
15 motion made or some legislation passed that everyone's  
16 name is on that, on the DPW trucks everywhere there  
17 is. Chris Doherty didn't buy Scranton. He may want  
18 to, but he hasn't bought it yet.  
19 We have a deficit spender, we're  
20 buried in debt, and yet the mayor is saying we're  
21 moving forward. I see signs all over saying we're  
22 moving forward.  
23 I don't know where we're moving.  
24 We've gotten rid of our assets, we're selling them  
25 every day. We have no tax base, it's totally eroded.

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01 Our seniors are getting not only a part-time job, but  
02 looking for full-time jobs, and so is everyone else to  
03 try and stay in this city.  
04 Drive at the potholes right behind  
05 City Hall here in the alley, it's a disgrace. Take a  
06 ride through there. But we're moving forward? I don't  
07 know, maybe give-a-ways are. Look at all the potholes  
08 and all.  
09 We have police protection in Green  
10 Ridge now, that's great to know, but what about the  
11 rest of the City of Scranton? What happened to the  
12 bike that was on East Mountain, the motorcycle getting  
13 rid of the kids with the drugs and all the other  
14 nonsense.  
15 And West Mountain. Chris Doherty  
16 forget where it is? Why he's doing it, because he  
17 lives there and he has no choice.  
18 Well, we have the choices.  
19 Scranton belongs to everyone, not just Chris Doherty

20 and his few political chronies.  
21 This is about honesty, integrity  
22 and accountability to lead this city. You know, we're  
23 spending millions, but there's no accountability.  
24 You know, and what I'm going to  
25 present tonight, this is something I went through a  
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01 while back, and this has nothing to do with campaigns  
02 or who's running and who isn't, but it's about  
03 integrity, honesty and accountability.  
04 I'd gone to court in the past over  
05 James A. Doherty, Inc. giving Chris Doherty money.  
06 It's a corporation. You can't take from a  
07 corporation.  
08 True, we went to court, the judge  
09 said we had no standing because the time for us to come  
10 up with this had passed. So, it wasn't on the merits,  
11 it was on a technicality, a procedural issue.  
12 But I think now is the time we  
13 need to know why Chris Doherty received over \$68,821.85  
14 from the James A. Doherty, Inc. Corporation to put out  
15 the money for reimbursement for political advertising,  
16 reimbursement for clerical service.  
17 In fact, may I stop a moment? Let  
18 me do this. I have one for each one of you that I  
19 would like you to have.  
20 MR. DIBILEO: Our solicitor would  
21 like a copy of this.  
22 MR. WALSH: I don't know if this  
23 is the proper forum for this, though, Mr. President.  
24 MR. DIBILEO: Okay.  
25 MR. BOLUS: I'll give one to the  
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01 Times, maybe they would like to take a look at it.  
02 MR. WALSH: I don't think it is.  
03 MR. BOLUS: And I agree with the  
04 solicitor, this may not be the time and the place for  
05 it. This is an issue that I think we need to address,  
06 only because it involves a man running the city of  
07 Scranton who is taking millions and millions of  
08 dollars, \$50, \$60 million of our money and spending it  
09 on whatever he so desires without accountability.  
10 He has never come before this  
11 Council and said what he's doing, yet this Council has  
12 tried to check on his boards to see what is going on  
13 with Nay Aug, with everywhere else, the recreation  
14 authority. We have been shut down.  
15 And this is a prime example why I



16 brought this up tonight, is we need to ask a question  
17 about this funding and this financing and have  
18 accountability.

19 MR. DIBILEO: Mr. Bolus, on the  
20 advice of our solicitor, we'd prefer not to discuss  
21 this handout that you gave us this evening.

22 MR. BOLUS: I understand. What  
23 Council can do is look at it, converse with the  
24 solicitor, ask questions about this, because it  
25 resolves around everything else we're doing in this  
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01 city.  
02 This may be a county issue, it may  
03 be a state issue, but it's an issue that needs to be  
04 addressed. It's no more than the issue that needed to  
05 be addressed with Mr. Pocius taking the seat when the  
06 Court said the seat was illegal, and we're just looking  
07 for the penalty now to have it removed that Mr. Pocius  
08 took to go back.

09 And this is about accountability.  
10 It's accountability about pension funds. It's all this  
11 stuff with Alex Hazzouri and everybody else that did  
12 this.

13 And that's why I come here,  
14 because what the senior citizens and the citizens of  
15 Scranton need is accountability and honest government,  
16 and right now we're not getting a lot of that from some  
17 people here, and that's why I presented that.

18 And if you would look into it, I  
19 may have some answers. And if you're looking for  
20 answers, next week I'll make available to Council  
21 everything else concerning his campaign finance  
22 reports. Thank you.

23 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you,  
24 Mr. Bolus.

25 MR. DIBILEO: Olga Lucas.  
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01 MS. LUCAS: Good evening,  
02 president, and good evening, councilmen, and the  
03 gentlemen, and people.

04 MR. DIBILEO: Good evening.

05 MS. LUCAS: It was already  
06 mentioned about Olive Street and Capouse Avenue. I was  
07 there just today, this morning, bumper to bumper, and  
08 it's really bad. And it's hard to me to walk, I have  
09 to walk like checkers.

10 Don't patch it. Dig it up, way up  
11 to the railroad track and make it nice and smooth,

12 because it has been patched many, many times, and the  
13 patches are up, down, up and down, but now the cars  
14 with their family and their children, they're going  
15 very slow because the patches, they're way big and  
16 they're deep. They're about four, five inches. It's  
17 very, very bad.

18 As a matter of fact, I think you  
19 should have somewhere there tomorrow. You can't wait  
20 another month. Someone's car is going to go bad or  
21 when they're turning, someone is going to hit another  
22 car, because there's no stops for them to stop further  
23 back. They're coming up too close when you turn, and  
24 that's very, very bad, and I thought I would mention  
25 that.

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01 I know it was mentioned tonight by  
02 you, but it is very, very bad. I know there's patches  
03 all over, but that's very bad and the children and the  
04 mothers and fathers are going bumper to bumper to go to  
05 school.

06 There's another one, Capouse and  
07 Gibson Street, there's a stop sign there, but right on  
08 the right side close to the stop sign they're parking  
09 their trucks there, so when the car comes up, we have  
10 to go up further, and someone is going to get hit when  
11 they turn, because you can't see nothing.

12 Is there a law from that corner?

13 They should go back a little further back, so this car  
14 when it comes, they could see what is going on.

15 MR. DIBILEO: Yeah, there should  
16 be.

17 MS. LUCAS: They cannot see  
18 nothing.

19 MR. DIBILEO: What corner Gibson  
20 and Capouse?

21 MS. LUCAS: Capouse and Gibson  
22 Street. There is a stop sign, they do listen, but the  
23 cars and trucks, they're parked, that should be further  
24 back, so when we're going up, we can see that car  
25 turning. When we're going up further, that's bad.

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01 That should be corrected.

02 MR. DIBILEO: Jay, ask the  
03 authorities about that.

04 MS. LUCAS: That's very bad. And I  
05 don't drive either, but I'm giving you the  
06 information.

07 Also, there's one more thing, the

08 school from John Adams School, the children, and the  
09 other places, do they have, like, A Watch The Children  
10 by Holy Family Church, since it's a small school now,  
11 it was Scranton Technical School, what do they name it  
12 now?

13 MR. DIBILEO: Northeast  
14 Intermediate.

15 MS. LUCAS: Oh, yes. Well, they  
16 should have a little sign by Holy Family Church,  
17 because the cars are going back and forth too fast and  
18 there's children from -- going now from next year,  
19 fifth grade or whatever, I don't know, 5th to 8th or,  
20 no, 5th and 6th. Well, they should have a watch for  
21 the children when they're crossing Wyoming, I think  
22 that street is, and they should have a little -- be  
23 more careful, because it's back and forth too bad.

24 MR. DIBILEO: Jay, could you check  
25 the signs -- have somebody check the signage up there?  
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01 MR. SAUNDERS: Yes, I will.

02 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you.

03 MS. LUCAS: And the trees, well,  
04 North Main Avenue by Solfanelli's Funeral Home, there's  
05 big trees way past the houses. I'd like to know who  
06 owns those trees that are in the alley. They're  
07 already fences that the people own, but they're on the  
08 outside, and I'd like to know who owns those trees.  
09 They're so far way up, and I'd  
10 like to know who owns -- who has to fix -- who has to  
11 chop that. I know about that, too. I caught on. I  
12 don't want to be rude. And I'd like to know about  
13 that.

14 MR. DIBILEO: Jay, can you look  
15 into that?

16 MS. LUCAS: You know, because we're  
17 looking at that tree, and someday it's going to hit a  
18 house because it's way up.  
19 But I told them about it, but they  
20 said that it's belongs to the city, so I thought I'd  
21 come and let you know. It's by Solfanelli's funeral  
22 home across the street.

23 MR. DIBILEO: If you stay after  
24 the meeting, let's make sure Jay's familiar with  
25 exactly where you're talking about, okay?

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01 MS. LUCAS: You know Solfanelli's  
02 Funeral Home, don't you? Yeah, well, right across the  
03 street. You can't miss it. You can't miss it. It's

04 right in the alley. The trees are right on the --  
05 where the alley is, but I'd like to know who is going  
06 to chop it. That's it. Good evening. It was nice  
07 talking.

08 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you, Olga.  
09 Appreciate that. Thank you. Erik Johnson.

10 MR. JOHNSON: Good evening, City  
11 Council and Lisa and staff here.

12 MR. DIBILEO: Erik, excuse me. Go  
13 right ahead. Go right ahead. I'm sorry.

14 MR. JOHNSON: All right. Home  
15 security starts with your local police and firemen of  
16 America. On that day of infinite remembrance of  
17 September 11, 2001, in which America was attacked by  
18 terrorists who totally destroyed our Twin Towers in New  
19 York City and the destruction of the Pentagon Building  
20 in the D.C. area combined to a total of 3,000 lives  
21 lost.

22 Who were the first and enforcement  
23 and rescue people to rely on and were there risking  
24 their lives to eventually losing their lives that they  
25 gave to save the lives that perished on that infinite  
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01 day we Americans will always remember as 9/11?  
02 We all know it was the police  
03 department and the fire department of New York City.  
04 While if the same situation should happen here in  
05 Scranton, like our federal, county, our city or any  
06 building, it's our Scranton police and firemen called  
07 to duty to first respond.

08 Since the federal money that used  
09 to be aimed at putting officers on the street is being  
10 redirected by Homeland Security Department in which  
11 federal grant money that once was available before 9/11  
12 was dropped by our present federal administration from  
13 \$600 million to a measly \$60 million, is a disgrace  
14 guilt to our federal government to allow our first line  
15 of defense to deteriorate in a manner of not defending  
16 America in case if there were to be another 9/11.

17 So, we Scrantonians have no choice  
18 but to pick up the tab that the Feds dropped and find  
19 money elsewhere for our police to fight crime, which is  
20 more sophisticated today than it was yesterday.

21 So, if there are any federal grant  
22 money elsewhere to be had for more police officers,  
23 it's the responsibility of public safety to rely on or  
24 use what is available.

25 On the other hand, the high

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01 profile incident like the recent vicious beating of a  
02 young man in the Green Ridge section and where such a  
03 justified outcry by the Green Ridge Section residents  
04 who packed the VFW hall in concern of crime in their  
05 area are to prevent any more vicious near-death  
06 beatings do not see this act as a concern of political  
07 issue.

08 Politics is out of the question

09 when it comes to the safety of our citizens. If we are  
10 doing the best with the resources we have, we must  
11 improve by adding more patrols in all areas in our  
12 city. That doesn't mean a reduction of our police  
13 force.

14 And I hope I do not cause any

15 resentment by saying that, that the Green Ridge and all  
16 citizens that are concerned of the recent vicious  
17 assault in the Green Ridge area is not a political  
18 issue.

19 I know what resentment is, it

20 happens to me three different times, and today it is  
21 still causing me malice.

22 Again I say this before, and any

23 high profile spending to be done, let it go to the  
24 public safety, such as the police and fire department  
25 of Scranton.

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01 You don't go to a park every day,

02 but you rely on the police and firemen every minute of  
03 each day of our lives.

04 More revenue could come from a --

05 should job tax which, would create a million and a half  
06 dollars in the revenue for the city to be used for  
07 police or firemen for public safety.

08 The City of Scranton today is more

09 pro-police than ever before. Thank you for allowing me  
10 to speak.

11 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Erik.

12 J.B. Davis.

13 MR. DAVIS: I'm going to bring

14 some good news for a change. I think there's something  
15 we -- we need to speak about some of the things that  
16 are good in this city.

17 I give up congratulations to the

18 Central Boys Club and Girls Club. There are dedicated  
19 athletic directors there, like Mr. Lloyd Blackwell,

20 Jr., and the girls coach from Scranton High School,

21 they took the all stars from the city and put them

22 together on teams and they were at the University of  
23 Scranton in their tournament.  
24 I was there, I was watching it.  
25 The department of our kids were excellent. They  
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01 weren't running all over the place, they weren't  
02 screaming at the coach to put me in, put me in, put me  
03 in, there was none of that.  
04 And I don't know how they worked  
05 with them in such a way that the kids respected the  
06 coaches, and naturally it's because the coaches respect  
07 the kids. And I thank them for it.  
08 And I said I was -- I didn't say I  
09 was going to say this on the air, but I think our kids  
10 are in pretty good shape.  
11 If we can go to a public place  
12 like the University of Scranton and not cause havoc, I  
13 would feel very, very happy about that, because our  
14 kids are causing havoc in other places, like out in  
15 front of Boscov's and out in front of Bueno Pizza.  
16 there's a situation there where  
17 the kids are either being harassed by the police or the  
18 kids are harassing the policemen. It goes both ways, I  
19 understand.  
20 And these kids are what we need to  
21 get a hold of. These are our kids in crisis. We do  
22 not have anything for our young teenagers, our young  
23 adults, I call them. They do not want to go to the  
24 Boys Club, because it's primarily for kids, they do not  
25 want to go to the Progressive or Bellvue Center,  
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01 because it has been made into a day care center more or  
02 less.  
03 It is not really equipped to  
04 handle our kids' problems at the present time, our  
05 young adults' problems. And We've got to extend the  
06 services.  
07 Our kids have grown up. We built  
08 day care, these kids that were in day care are now in  
09 high school and they have nothing to do.  
10 They can't afford to go down to  
11 the Ice Box and things like that. Excuse me. I know  
12 you guys did a beautiful job putting KOZs together and,  
13 etc. They're too expensive for our kids, for most of  
14 the kids in Scranton. Excuse me.  
15 Problems reported to me by the  
16 parents over the problems that they're having in front  
17 of Boscov's and Bueno Pizza, as long as the kids are

18 buying pizza, that's fine, but after they finish buying  
19 pizza and they want to stand outside and talk, that's  
20 no good for the businesses. They don't want them in  
21 front of Boscov's and they don't want them there.  
22 Where do our kids -- where else  
23 can our kids congregate? Our centers are closed,  
24 really, because it's built for somebody else, it's not  
25 built for them.

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01 If you have any money that comes  
02 through, if you have any contingency funds that are run  
03 through this city, try and earmark a few of them for  
04 Bellvue and for the Boys Club and for the Progressive  
05 Center.  
06 Put a stamp on them and see if we  
07 can help them extend their program, build their  
08 program, get more volunteers, get more workers to help  
09 them with the kids, because that's what we need. We  
10 need something that's going to extend it.  
11 Okay. One of the poll officials,  
12 I'm into politics, here we go, one of the poll  
13 officials told me last week that during the last  
14 election, a whole slew or a whole group of kids from  
15 Lackawanna Junior College came to vote, and I want to  
16 thank them for showing civic pride and responsibility,  
17 because you're in the city, you've spent your time in  
18 here, so therefore you do have residency and you are  
19 registered to vote, and you're going out and you're  
20 becoming a necessary part of the city, and we thank you  
21 for that, we thank you for showing the responsibility  
22 and good manners, because we want to respect you more.  
23 We're tired of just talking about  
24 you when you drink too much beer or tear up the town.  
25 We like to show that we can also say about you and to

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01 you, thank you.  
02 I think we forget sometimes that  
03 our young adults in this city are going to be the ones  
04 that are going to carry on the load that you're  
05 carrying right now that are going to raise -- that are  
06 going to be teaching our children eventually one day,  
07 and we've got to stop bashing them, because all they  
08 hear is negative words about themselves.  
09 MS. EVANS: Jim, if I might  
10 respond to a statement that you made about finding the  
11 funding for those various organizations you enumerated,  
12 they are funded through the Community Development Block  
13 Grant Program.

14 And, for example, United  
15 Neighborhood Centers has received funding in 2005, the  
16 Boys and Girls Club has received funding in 2005, the  
17 Friends of the Poor, the Deutsche Institute, so that's  
18 how the Federal and State Funding is channeled to them.  
19 They're considered public service projects, and they're  
20 regularly funded. And as I said, once again this year.

21 MR. DAVIS: I guess I'm  
22 complaining. The money that you are funding for these  
23 projects are not getting down to the grass roots. We  
24 don't see them in programs for the young adults. I'm  
25 sorry about that. I'm not saying that UNC is not doing  
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01 an excellent job, because I think the money has been  
02 cut that goes to UNC, so therefore they have a smaller  
03 pocket to give to them.

04 I'm just saying if you have  
05 discretionary funds, if you have funds left over from  
06 people pulling out of the system, please try and  
07 reallocate to these groups this amount of money.

08 It may save a program so we don't  
09 have a West Side Boys Club going down the drain.  
10 Seriously, we cannot afford that. Thank you.

11 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you, Jim.  
12 Before our next speaker comes up, I want to apologize  
13 for something that apparently occurred. Apparently a  
14 derogatory comment was made earlier this evening that  
15 either slipped by me or I didn't understand or catch  
16 it, and I apologize if that's actually what happened.

17 I just became made aware of  
18 something out in the hallway involving a soldier that  
19 is back from Iraq, so I just want to say that I'm sorry  
20 for allowing that to occur. I didn't fully understand  
21 exactly what was said. Thank you. Are there any other  
22 speakers?

23 MR. MORGAN: Good evening,  
24 Council. The first thing I'd like to discuss is  
25 Article 3 of the Home Rule Charter, Section 312 and  
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01 Section 313.  
02 Section 312 says, The Council may  
03 make investigations into the affairs of the city and  
04 conduct of any department office, agency in aid of its  
05 legislative powers and functions and may issue  
06 subpoenas for these purposes.  
07 Now, I'm glad that Attorney Walsh,  
08 the solicitor isn't here, because there's no need from  
09 an opinion from that gentleman on this document.



10 This Council should have been  
11 issuing subpoenas for a long time, because we've  
12 questioned, as a couple speakers have come up and  
13 previously said, we've talked about the finances of  
14 this city until we're blue in the face.  
15 These issues continue to just  
16 recycle themselves, yet there's no resolution of any of  
17 these issues, okay?

18 It's comes time, right now is  
19 probably the best time, for this Council to start using  
20 its power of subpoena.

21 You know, it's election time.

22 Elections are great. Everybody should vote, but you  
23 know something, we've got to get our eyes off of  
24 billboards and we've got to stop listening to  
25 prepackaged media blitzes on who to vote for.

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01 All of the residents in this city  
02 need to get involved. Get off your sofa, turn your TV  
03 set off and demand that all the candidates come through  
04 your neighborhood and talk to you. And let's make some  
05 smart choices here.

06 We've listened to people talk  
07 about community development block grant money being  
08 wasted for decades. You know, it just didn't happen  
09 last year. It has been going on for decades.

10 The erosion of this city has been  
11 going on for decades. We've pumped millions and  
12 millions of dollars into the downtown as we've walked  
13 away from the neighborhoods.

14 We look at the Scranton School  
15 District, who evidently doesn't think it's proper to  
16 fund a playground program with a remedial education  
17 component tied to it.

18 We've got a problem with gangs  
19 infiltrating the city. We have a problem with a lack  
20 of police protection in the neighborhoods, and yet  
21 still we have political candidates who continue to run  
22 on the same dead issues and never resolve any of them?

23 And what I'm saying to this  
24 Council right now at this very moment is, let's invoke  
25 the power of subpoena, not next week, not two weeks

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01 from now, but now.

02 Let's find out what every various  
03 department in this city owes, who they owe it to, what  
04 our balance sheet looks like.

05 And you know what, let's start

06 making decisions from that point forward, because then  
07 we will be informed.  
08 We've had the PEL in here for a  
09 very long time. There has been no answers, no  
10 solutions. We're doing the same thing we've done  
11 continually.  
12 There's really been no real  
13 resolutions to any problems facing this city. We're  
14 still waiting for neighborhood speed limit signs to be  
15 posted. I mean, it's ridiculous.  
16 In my own opinion, I don't know  
17 why DPW can't come out and spray paint in the middle of  
18 the street what the speed limit is, because evidently  
19 if you're driving down the road, you may not look at  
20 signs, but if you're not looking at the road, you  
21 should park your car.  
22 I mean, there's a lot of problems  
23 here. When are we going to find some kind of conduit  
24 for change? You know, we're really appreciative of  
25 everybody who runs for Council, we really are, but you  
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01 know what, when you say one thing, let's do it.  
02 Let's not say one thing and do  
03 something else. You know, and this Council is not  
04 beholdng to any political organization. Your main  
05 focus should be the residents of this city. This city  
06 has been in decline for the last 50 or 60 years.  
07 Even before the Scranton plan was  
08 brought forward, this city has been dying for a long  
09 time. And if it dies, everything else dies with it.  
10 Now, Mr. Bolus got them started to  
11 talk about campaign -- issues of raising money. Now,  
12 when you look at that document and you see where all  
13 that money came from, a lot of it came from people  
14 outside of the city.  
15 And I have to say this, they're  
16 hoping that somebody will be elected Mayor and Council  
17 of this city that turns this city around, because this  
18 is the biggest city, this is the seat of government  
19 here, and in order for every other little town around  
20 here to do well, this city has to come back up.  
21 And it's not going to come back up  
22 the way things are going, and I just hope that somebody  
23 will make some smart choices, all right?  
24 And I hope that somebody will do  
25 something with Section 313, too. I mean, we just -- we  
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01 haven't had real independent audits here. But you know

02 something, there's no excuse why Section 312 hasn't  
03 been invoked, numerous times at this point.  
04 This mayor and previous mayors  
05 can't say that they've ever done anything 100 percent  
06 right. But you know something, there has been  
07 situations in the city where all almost everything has  
08 been done 100 percent wrong.  
09 KOZs have been passed out as  
10 political patronage, okay? You can see it. Look at  
11 downtown, just dumping money. You know, let's go after  
12 the children, let's safe them, let's save the children.  
13 Let people in my age bracket and older. Let's  
14 straighten this city out. Let's do what has to be done  
15 so we can hand something worth owning to the next  
16 generation. And I just think it's time to act, and I  
17 hope that we see some action as of right now. Let's  
18 audit everybody, all the authorities, every single one,  
19 every one. Thank you.

20 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you,

21 Mr. Morgan.

22 MR. GERVASI: Good evening, ladies  
23 and gentlemen. My name is Dave Gervasi, I am a city  
24 resident, taxpayer and a member of the Scranton Fire  
25 Department.

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01 Boy, there's a lot of issues  
02 brought up tonight, I could probably be here all night,  
03 but, you know, Lee Morgan just made a good point how if  
04 you really look at the campaign finance reports, KOZ is  
05 a -- he said it was a give-away to -- I'd like to call  
06 KOZ Welfare for the connected, because it really  
07 doesn't do much for anyone, other than bring other  
08 businesses into the city and cannibalize the people  
09 that have stuck with this city and never get tax  
10 breaks.

11 Okay. Enough of that. I'm, like,  
12 really disturbed. I didn't get a chance to say  
13 anything about this last week, because I had something  
14 else to do, I couldn't be here.

15 I read in the paper, my favorite  
16 paper, about greeters, they're going to hire greeters.  
17 These are people that are off on Comp.  
18 Now, the average person out there  
19 that's sitting out there listening to me or the average  
20 person that reads the newspaper, I'm sure has the  
21 impression, because it's been said for 20 years over  
22 and over, that all people that are on Comp that work  
23 for the city are fakers, that all people are -- that

24 they're just faking and they're stealing and they're  
25 deceitful and all these things.

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01 I'm going to bring up one little  
02 example here tonight about one of these people that  
03 they're talking about that are going to be a greeter.  
04 No. 1, I want everyone to know  
05 that when the city pays this person to be a greeter,  
06 all that does is stop -- it offsets what the Comp is  
07 going to pay.  
08 So, actually is there any actual  
09 value to the city of savings to the city doing this?  
10 There's not.

11 But let me just explain something  
12 about one of these gentleman, and I can talk about the  
13 four of them that they had in the paper.  
14 And it's kind of funny, too, that  
15 three of them are firemen and one is a police officer,  
16 and one of them was the person who co-chaired the  
17 referendum campaign, along with myself.  
18 But I'm not going to talk about  
19 him tonight, I'm going to talk about this gentleman  
20 tonight. This gentleman arguably, arguably is probably  
21 one of the top fire firemen that ever worked for the  
22 City of Scranton.

23 This man rose through the ranks to  
24 become an assistant chief. This man taught people,  
25 this man ran a shift. He was probably one of the  
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01 hardest workers. He was probably one of the most  
02 dedicated firefighters that the City of Scranton has  
03 ever seen.  
04 Anyone who worked with this man  
05 respected him. He led his shift. He probably assisted  
06 or himself saved numerous lives and property in this  
07 city, he had a stellar career, and now he's going to  
08 become a greeter, because somehow people think he's a  
09 faker.

10 Well, you know what, people are  
11 probably thinking I'm here tonight being the good union  
12 guy defending one of my members or one of my former  
13 members. But you know what, don't take my word for it.  
14 I'd like to read a little bit of  
15 an article in the Scranton Times a few years ago, you  
16 know, the people that usually ridicule us.  
17 Hubshman prime example for need  
18 for Workers' Comp. The benefits for city police  
19 officers and firefighters exist for a reason.

20 Assistant Chief Robert Hubshman

21 may be a prime example why. In 1989, Hubshman  
22 responded to a fire at a Taylor Avenue apartment  
23 building. He was ventilating the roof when it  
24 collapsed and he fell through crushing one vertebrae in  
25 his back and rupturing two others.

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01 The doctors told me I'd be out of  
02 work for six to nine months. I was back to work in six  
03 weeks, he said, with a distinct note of pride in his  
04 voice.

05 Known at City Hall and in the  
06 firefighting for his love of firefighting, Hubshman  
07 also likes to point out that he never took a sick day  
08 in 21 years.

09 On September 1, 1991 in responding  
10 to another fire on West Lackawanna Avenue, a charged  
11 hose broke knocking him off second floor perch and  
12 reinjuring his back. This time he was done for good.

13 So, today, now this is a few years  
14 ago, today at age 40, Hubshman is awaiting a spinal  
15 fusion, he has no feeling, other than occasional severe  
16 muscle spasms in his legs, and although he can still  
17 walk, suffer a general loss of motor functions.

18 He is collecting a disability  
19 pension amount to about one-half of his regular income,  
20 which is about \$18,000 a year, and a small check from  
21 Workers' Compensation.

22 When it first happened, I thought  
23 I was going to lose my house and car, Hubshman says,  
24 who resides, and I'm not going to mention his address,  
25 with his wife and two children, one in college, one in  
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01 high school.

02 Insurance companies, he explained,  
03 do not like to write disability insurance for  
04 firefighters and police officers because of their high  
05 injury rate.

06 He said he was turned down twice  
07 and finally found a company willing to write the  
08 insurance, but only for a very high premium that he  
09 thought he could not afford.

10 In retrospect, I wish I had paid  
11 it, no matter how much it cost, he said, adding that  
12 eventually it all worked out, but only because of the  
13 Workers' Comp. check that kept his family going.

14 He also pointed out it would be  
15 difficult for a family to make ends meet on \$18,000 a

16 year or less.  
17 Contrary to what some city  
18 officials may say, he used the Workers' Compensation  
19 payments to keep his family going.  
20 Now, as I've been saying how the  
21 newspaper and this administration specifically loves to  
22 ridicule these people and call these people fakers,  
23 this man after this article went through numerous  
24 operations.

25 He was one of the most dedicated  
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01 firefighters the city ever had, and now this  
02 administration, this administration, they're going to  
03 sit him on a cot or a Lazyboy and put him on display  
04 like a museum piece in front of City Hall.  
05 It's disgusting, it repulsive, and  
06 you wonder why we don't get along with this  
07 administration. They're nasty, nasty people.  
08 And I'll tell you what, I'm going  
09 to make a campaign right now, and I'm sorry,  
10 Mr. DiBileo, if you get mad at it, I want people to  
11 know what this administration is all about and why we  
12 can't get a contract and all this baloney you see on  
13 the billboards.

14 Just remember what Mayor Doherty  
15 said to you during the recovery vote, he said right on  
16 his little flyer here, I'm going to lower your taxes.  
17 He did not.  
18 I'm going to make more reliably  
19 city services. I don't have to make a mention of  
20 that.

21 I'm going to remove the distressed  
22 status, and I'm going to have safer streets and  
23 neighborhoods. That's we he told you when he wanted  
24 you to vote for the recovery plan.

25 Has he ever said anything about  
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01 what he's actually going to do with the police and fire  
02 department? No, he did not, because he's wrong, he  
03 knows it, and he's not going to tell you what his  
04 intention is, because the people aren't going to like  
05 it.

06 But maybe we should start asking  
07 these questions about we re-elect him next time. Thank  
08 you for the opportunity to speak.

09 MR. ANCHERANI: Good evening. I'm  
10 Nelson Ancherani, a resident and taxpayer, citizen of  
11 the City of Scranton, and also a member of the

12 Fraternal Order of Police.  
13 I just want to make a few comments  
14 and ask some questions. One of the comments I would  
15 like to make is about the new police building that is  
16 under construction on South Washington Avenue. It's  
17 about time.  
18 The police department is getting a  
19 new building, and it is about time. The police  
20 department has been in the cellar at City Hall for 139  
21 years.  
22 Since City Hall was built in 1866,  
23 the police quarters in the basement of City Hall are  
24 demoralizing and deplorable. The roll call room in the  
25 basement in the mall is unacceptable with fuel fumes,  
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01 dust and bugs.  
02 The midnight shift does not even  
03 have bathroom facilities. When a patrol officer  
04 finishes his or her shift, they can't even wash their  
05 hands, let alone get a drink. And I'm sure back in  
06 1866, when city hall was built, that it was a state of  
07 the art building. It's out of date now.  
08 The training division is currently  
09 located on the third floor of fire headquarters, and  
10 they will not be moving into the new building. They  
11 will be staying where they are.  
12 The building is an antique and  
13 does not have the modern facilities for the proper  
14 training of police personnel.  
15 The juvenile unit has the most  
16 modern offices in the department. They are located in  
17 the University of Scranton building at North Webster  
18 and Mulberry.  
19 From what I read in the only  
20 Scranton newspaper, the juvenile unit will be moving to  
21 the third floor of fire headquarters. The problem with  
22 that is if a parent with physical disabilities brings  
23 their child to the juvenile office for an interview,  
24 how do they get up the steps? There's no way to get to  
25 the third floor, except by the steps, and a wheelchair  
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01 would not be able to make it.  
02 I was under the belief that the  
03 intent of building a new police building for \$3.1  
04 million was to consolidate all of the police units in  
05 one central location.  
06 My question is, What happened to  
07 that original plan? Did the city run out of money?

08 With the new plan, the building will not be large  
09 enough to accommodate the total department.  
10 Is the building being scaled  
11 dine? Did the city borrow enough money when they took  
12 out the \$72 million loan? I don't see a basement on  
13 the construction site. Why was that eliminated?  
14 If they ran out of money for the  
15 building, why not find more money, like the money that  
16 was found for Nay Aug Park. And believe me, the park  
17 is beautiful.  
18 The police building model looks  
19 real nice, too, that they had here in City Hall, but  
20 let's do it right, the way that it was intended to be.  
21 Also something to think about, was  
22 enough money put aside for the office furnishings? Are  
23 they going to be taking the old office furniture with  
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25 And don't get me wrong, I'm in  
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01 complete agreement that we need a new police building.  
02 I hope the project is done right for the amount of  
03 money being spent.  
04 I agree that having a new building  
05 should boost morale in the department a little bit, but  
06 not much.  
07 We recently completed an expensive  
08 arbitration session, an arbitration that the FOP did  
09 not ask for. We were negotiating with the city in good  
10 faith, when the city filed for arbitration.  
11 Since then, the city has paid out  
12 approximately \$750,000 for the arbitrations, and the  
13 tab is still running. All we, the city and unions, had  
14 to do to save that money was to sit down and talk  
15 across the table like adults.  
16 If the city wasn't satisfied with  
17 the table shape, maybe we could have gotten a round  
18 table. I'm sure that contracts could have been worked  
19 out that would have satisfied everyone.  
20 The unions would have done what  
21 they have done in the past, they made concessions. We  
22 could do it now. I'm sure that every citizen of this  
23 city, if they had something shoved down their throats,  
24 as the unions are getting from the city now, they would  
25 stand up and resist.  
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01 This administration is out to  
02 break the unions, and you can take that to the bank.  
03 The police and fire unions are still, and I emphasize



04 still, getting blamed for the deficit that the city  
05 will have.  
06 It will be at least \$3.5 million,  
07 and that is on top of the \$2.5 million surplus from the  
08 end of 2001. That's a \$6 million spread. Where did  
09 that money go?  
10 The city unions did not get any of  
11 it. The administration says that once we get the  
12 opinion from the arbitrators and the recovery plan is  
13 implemented, that the city will be straightened out.  
14 My question is, How?  
15 The \$6 million did not go to the  
16 unions, but it went somewhere, and I have to wonder if  
17 the Bermuds Triangle moved north to Scranton. I'm very  
18 concerned, because I'm also a taxpayer, and that is  
19 also partly my tax money.  
20 All of this leads me to my final  
21 questions, What is the administration's, that's the  
22 administration's vision, for the police department?  
23 What is the total amount of police needed to run the  
24 department, according to the administration? And this  
25 is where both the police and the citizens will be safe.

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01 What are the totals on each shift? Where will they be  
02 deployed? Will they be in the neighborhoods?  
03 I believe that's as a citizen of  
04 the city, and that all of the citizens of the city have  
05 a right to know the answers to these questions. Thank  
06 you.

07 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you,  
08 Mr. Ancherani. Thank you.

09 MS. STULGIS: I'm Ann Marie

10 Stulgis, I'm a city resident and president of the  
11 Fraternal Order of Police.

12 If I may go back in time a little  
13 bit, just about two years ago when there was a  
14 rubberstamp majority sitting where you folks are this  
15 evening, I came here week after week after week begging  
16 them to listening to me, because it seems that the city  
17 in their infinite wisdom, our very well-paid cabinet  
18 members, decided not to take Social Security or pension  
19 out of new employees paychecks that were hired as  
20 police officers.

21 Now, in case you didn't know,  
22 police officers don't pay Social Security when they are  
23 a part of a recognized pension plan, which we are. We  
24 do not pay Social Security or can we collect it. About  
25 the administration failed to do either. And when I

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01 contacted them time and time again, I was told that  
02 they didn't have to.  
03 Well, even an idiot knows that if  
04 you didn't have to pay Social Security, you wouldn't.  
05 It's the law, you pay either or. Well, finally I got  
06 it straightened out, but it took several months.  
07 Recently we had our pension  
08 evaluated to comply with Act 205, and guess what we  
09 discovered? Once again the city didn't take pension  
10 out of employees.  
11 The whole last group of new hires,  
12 there were about eight or nine of them, no pension was  
13 taken out. What you have to understand, though, aside  
14 from it being a violation of federal law, is the city  
15 reimburses -- the state reimburses the city's pension  
16 fund to the tune of \$5822 per police officers.  
17 Well, that comes out to several  
18 thousand dollars for that number of police officers  
19 that this city may lose because of incompetence, even  
20 though they should have learned the first time.  
21 It also turns out that officers  
22 who were off injured, the city didn't take pension out  
23 of them either. So now they don't count as employees,  
24 and that's \$5822 each for them.  
25 And then we have the officers who  
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01 were Iraq. Obviously the city didn't pay them a dime,  
02 but in addition to that, the city failed to pay their  
03 pension.  
04 It would have cost them about  
05 \$1200 to pay the pension for each of them. They chose  
06 not to, so instead you don't pay \$1200, you lose \$5822.  
07 That is absolutely malfeasance or misfeasance, in  
08 addition to incompetence. If you don't learn the first  
09 time, shame on you.  
10 Oh, by the way, the union is  
11 working to see that the city gets that money, and we've  
12 been working very hard; however, that's not our job,  
13 that's why we have high paid administrators.  
14 Another point, there has been  
15 quite a bit of controversy that the reason that the  
16 city isn't safe is because the unions won't allow the  
17 city to deploy police officers the way they want, the  
18 unions demand that all shifts be staffed equally.  
19 That is totally false. Our  
20 contract requires that there is a minimum of nine  
21 police officers available to work the road each shift.

22 We don't care if they have 32, but we want a minimum of  
23 nine. That really isn't too many to ask for. What is  
24 it, one police officer for every 8,000 residents?

25 That's really not a lot of police  
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01 protection. So, we're not overprotecting; however, the  
02 city's plan is to cut at least ten officers from day  
03 shift.

04 Now, if you cut ten officers from  
05 day shift, that will give you a maximum of six police  
06 officers in the entire city for the day, six police  
07 officers.

08 Our population is, during the day,  
09 close to \$100,000 people. Think about it. You have a  
10 minimum of 13,000 people covered by one police officer.  
11 That's exactly the plan.

12 So, it's not the unions, it's the  
13 fact that the city decided to cut police officers. As  
14 I said before, you can't cut beats. We're seeing what  
15 happened when we cut beats. We still don't have the  
16 beats we used to have, and crime is going up.

17 There is -- contrary to what was  
18 said in arbitration, there is a direct correlation to  
19 police presence, police visibility and crime, and I  
20 think what's happened in South Side and now what has  
21 happened in Green Ridge is more than proof enough.

22 And then lastly just a little  
23 comment on the recovery plan. I happened to be  
24 perusing it, not that I don't have better things to do,  
25 but while I was looking at it I noticed that one  
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01 section mandates that the mayor get together with all  
02 the non-profits immediately upon the inception of the  
03 recovery plan and he make them all pay their fair  
04 share.

05 Well, I was wondering when that  
06 meeting is going to be, because the recovery plan has  
07 been around for a long time, and that meeting hasn't  
08 taken place yet, the non-profits aren't paying their  
09 fair share and the city's broke, so we're told.

10 So, perhaps maybe one of you can  
11 check and see maybe I missed it, and maybe the rest of  
12 the citizens missed it and maybe the non-profits did  
13 all get together with the mayor and are now finally  
14 paying their fair share. I doubt it, but maybe. Thank  
15 you.

16 MS. KRAKE: Good evening,  
17 Council. My name is Nancy Krake.

18 MR. DIBILEO: Good evening.

19 MS. KRAKE: I guess it just

20 depends on who you are, if you're going to be honored

21 with a pension or disgraced later on if you needed a

22 disability pension.

23 I had some people in my union that

24 I did not negotiate this benefit, I can say that with a

25 clear conscience. They received a double pension as an

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01 incentive to get their fellow union members to vote for

02 a very bad contract, bad in many ways, not just for

03 themselves, but that would affect the public on how we

04 provide our services to them.

05 In fact, the cost to the public

06 went from in the year 2002, from \$9,000; 2003,

07 \$120,229, plus \$130,000, which should have been the

08 payroll deduction, and in the year 2004, we're looking

09 at \$427,000, and that will be for at least the next 20

10 years, for which no one in the city is receiving any

11 services at all. It's shameful, and this is part of

12 this mayor's record.

13 The amount of money he has spent

14 is a disaster for something that no one is receiving

15 from, except a handful of people, whose picture

16 actually appeared in the paper, some of them, called

17 The Club Royale. Well, it is a royal flush for them.

18 Make no mistake that the

19 dictator-like style of this mayor will just mushroom if

20 he's allowed another term.

21 I also have another point I would

22 like to bring out about Items 5-B and 5-C on the

23 agenda, which I would just like to ask, first of all,

24 that if these monies reflect the money that we did not

25 give to NDC, so these are those funds?

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01 MS. EVANS: Yes.

02 MS. KRAKE: Okay. I noticed an

03 article in today's paper where Ms. Hailstone had

04 several remarks regarding this, apparently she doesn't

05 know, Sara Hailstone, what the numbers are, she doesn't

06 know what the HUD procedures are, and really, they also

07 don't know if the mayor wants to do this. Oh, she also

08 actually doesn't know if anyone has ever called her.

09 Now, these are a lot of things

10 that she doesn't know. It might be because she's mad

11 because you didn't let her spend her money on what she

12 wanted to, you want to do for the public, not for

13 people to help her office and her.

14 But it does strike me as very odd  
15 that all the money that OECD has spent on consultants  
16 for this group, that somebody there should be able to  
17 know something. That's all I have. Thank you.

18 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you.

19 MR. McANDREW: Good evening,  
20 Council. Larry McAndrew.

21 MR. DIBILEO: Good evening.

22 MR. McANDREW: Well, what a  
23 variety of topics we had tonight. We, the people, have  
24 spoken here tonight, and I hope Mayor Doherty is  
25 listening and taking it in, taking this into

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01 consideration.

02 I first want to speak about a fine  
03 organization here in Scranton that needs our support,  
04 and what I'm talking about is the Scranton Jaycees.  
05 Just recently for Easter at Nay Aug Park they had their  
06 Easter Egg Hunt, and I believe they also have at  
07 Christmastime they sponsor the Christmas Parade.  
08 This time of the year they do a --  
09 they're looking for support and money, and I think that  
10 the citizens of Scranton, although we look at our  
11 pocketbooks and the money in our budgets, that we don't  
12 have that much, and we realize that every time we look  
13 at the gas pumps, the prices keep going up and up, but  
14 this is a good organization.

15 If we can give up a pack of  
16 cigarettes, a few drinks, a couple dollars, send it  
17 into this organization. Like our neighborhoods  
18 associations, we need this Scranton Jaycees. Enough on  
19 that.

20 The other issue I wanted to bring  
21 up tonight is what I read in the paper Monday on the  
22 front page, it had a picture there, I believe it was  
23 our state attorney general office officers arresting  
24 eight individuals on drug trafficking and drug arrests.  
25 Ladies and gentlemen, this isn't

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01 Miami, this isn't New York, this is Scranton,  
02 Pennsylvania. And what disturbs me is, I knew one of  
03 the individuals that was arrested.

04 This was a fine young man at one  
05 time. He was a standout at West Scranton High School  
06 for their basketball team, and what happened to David  
07 in the last three or four years, I haven't had contact  
08 with him, but I know about his character. He was a  
09 fine young man. I worked with his father Jerry, and I

10 know the upbringing that he gave to that family.

11 And I hope that Mayor Doherty and

12 I hope that Public Safety Director Mr. Hayes and our

13 Police Chief Dave Elliot is listening to what I'm

14 saying right now, because as it said in that article,

15 we put a dent in the drug deals in this area, but

16 there's others waiting for the opportunity for making

17 fast easy money for having availability of narcotics

18 and drugs and also for having sex.

19 As it said in that article, the

20 kingpins again got away. These kingpins are watching

21 and they're waiting and they're going to come back.

22 It's just a matter of time, and that's why I'm here

23 tonight saying that whoever is elected our next mayor,

24 whoever sits on this City Council must take in

25 consideration about our police force, must have

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01 neighborhood police officers there, must supply better

02 and best car equipment, computers and everything else.

03 We must find the money. We must

04 have better security. Maybe, maybe with just one or

05 two officers in the neighborhood, maybe they could have

06 tipped off that this wouldn't happen. We're not

07 talking again about a big city, we're talking about

08 West Scranton, one side of our city. Thank you.

09 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you,

10 Mr. McAndrew. Are there any other speakers? If not,

11 Mr. Walsh.

12 MR. WALSH: 5-A, Motions.

13 MR. DIBILEO: Mr. McTiernan, do

14 you have any motions or comments this evening?

15 MR. McTIERNAN: Two comments,

16 Mr. President, thank you. This past week I had the

17 opportunity to work with Captain Leoncini,

18 Detectives Zurkowski, Barrett, Passmore, DeNaples and

19 Ancherani, and I want to comment that they were very

20 professional and competent and caring in their

21 investigations that they were undertaking.

22 And finally, that we should ask

23 Mr. Saunders, if you would, please, contact

24 Mr. Coleman, who is the athletic director at

25 Scranton High School, if you would, I don't want to mix

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01 my jobs, but if you could possibly contact him and see

02 if we can recognize the Scranton High School Basketball

03 Team, whose varsity and JV teams both the championships

04 in the Lackawanna League. And that's all,

05 Mr. President. Thank you.

06 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you,  
07 Mr. McTiernan, Yeah, very good points on recognizing  
08 those achievements. Mrs. Evans, any motions or  
09 comments?  
10 MS. EVANS: Yes. I've received  
11 responses to requested information from Mr. Kresefski  
12 very promptly, and I thank him for his assistance. He  
13 also agrees that the independent audit should be  
14 completed as soon as possible and recommends that  
15 Council send a letter to Robert Rossi & Company  
16 requesting a May 2005 deadline.  
17 If any members of Council would  
18 care to read his recommendation, I have it available  
19 for you; therefore, I move that Council send a letter  
20 to Robert Rossi & Company drafted by Council Solicitor  
21 Walsh to request a May 2005 deadline for the 2004  
22 independent audit of Council.  
23 MR. COURTRIGHT: I'll second that.  
24 MR. DIBILEO: We have a motion on  
25 the floor and a second, on the question?  
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01 MS. EVANS: I think we have  
02 financial difficulties in Scranton, many of which I am  
03 aware, others of which I am not, because it is indeed,  
04 as has been noted earlier this evening, very, very  
05 difficult to obtain the necessary information to make a  
06 sound judgment.  
07 But from the information that I've  
08 been able to obtain, I see a deficit, I witness deficit  
09 spending, and I think it's very important this year,  
10 particularly since this mayor has the full intention of  
11 borrowing additional millions at the end of the year to  
12 balance a 2005 budget, that we get our house in order  
13 very early in the year and we keep our eye on every  
14 penny that's being spent between now and budget time,  
15 because the eleventh hour is far too long to being  
16 examining financial issues.  
17 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you,  
18 Mrs. Evans. I know that the information that we're  
19 speaking of right now didn't come by May of last year,  
20 I'm not certain exactly when it came, but it was --  
21 MS. EVANS: September, the end of  
22 September.  
23 MR. DIBILEO: So, yeah, May would  
24 be a good deadline to have that. Anyone else on the  
25 question? All those in favor, signify by saying aye.  
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01 MR. McTIERNAN: Aye.

02 MS. EVANS: Aye.  
03 MR. POCIUS: Aye.  
04 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.  
05 MR. DIBILEO: Aye. Opposed? The  
06 ayes have it and so moved.  
07 MS. EVANS: Jay, can you update  
08 us perhaps on the permit parking in the 500 block of  
09 Taylor Avenue, please?  
10 MR. SAUNDERS: No, I'm going to  
11 have to check on that. I know that it was passed  
12 awhile ago, it was sent out to the proper people from  
13 our office. I don't believe we've had any response  
14 back, but I will check on that tomorrow.  
15 MS. EVANS: Well, I know the  
16 residents are very concerned. They've been quite  
17 patient, and if we can please have that ready for next  
18 week.  
19 MR. SAUNDERS: Yes, I will.  
20 MS. EVANS: Also, on Tuesday  
21 evening I attended the second Green Ridge Neighborhood  
22 meeting. Residents received some very good news from  
23 Lieutenant Namiotka, but some facts, as well.  
24 Since February 1, the Green Ridge  
25 area has logged in 493 calls, but this doesn't include  
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01 calls responded to by the North Scranton and Central  
02 City cars.  
03 The Lieutenant also suggested that  
04 we residents put bars on low-lying windows and  
05 deadlocks on doors, plant thorny bushes outside windows  
06 and buying a dog wouldn't be a bad idea in order to  
07 keep ourselves safe.  
08 So. It appears that crime is  
09 indeed more than a perception in the eyes of the city  
10 residents, it's a reality. And when we're told that  
11 fear is a good thing and we should be afraid, then I  
12 would say we have a problem.  
13 Now, we were also told at  
14 Tuesday's meeting that two weeks ago following the  
15 first Green Ridge meeting, two Green Ridge cars were  
16 assigned to the area and one CommD police officer. As  
17 a result, the residents feel much safer, as do I as a  
18 resident of Green Ridge. They're thrilled to see a  
19 police presence in their neighborhood each day.  
20 They feel, without a doubt, it has  
21 made a significant difference, and I'm very happy that  
22 Green Ridge and South Side are safer and better  
23 protected, but I am concerned now about other sections



24 of town who obviously have less police coverage.

25 Also, I've heard that the CommD

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01 officer placed in Green Ridge two weeks ago was yanked

02 out West Side to take care of Green Ridge. Now

03 West Side has a CommD officer, I believe, two days per

04 week, and South Side has an officer three days a week

05 because West Side and South Side are sharing the same

06 officer. I hope these areas sincerely don't suffer as

07 a result of this sharing.

08 And, Mr. Courtright, because

09 you're the public safety chairman of Council, I'm going

10 to ask you, first of all, would you happen to know what

11 sections of the city are missing a police car since

12 we've got GR-1 and GR-2 out in my area?

13 MR. COURTRIGHT: I'm not quite

14 sure. I think what they're doing is -- additionally

15 we'd like to have, say, for instance, A West 1,

16 West 2 and West 3. I don't think they're allowing that

17 to happen right now. I think they're maybe having a

18 West 1, a West 2, and then making sure they have a

19 Green Ridge 1 and Green Ridge 2.

20 As far the CommD guy goes, I

21 believe they took the CommD, Jill Foley, out of

22 West Scranton and putting her over in the Green Ridge

23 section.

24 MS. EVANS: Yes. That's who was

25 present at the meeting.

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01 MR. COURTRIGHT: Right. And I

02 don't know for a fact, but I believe West Side is

03 getting the South Side CommD guy two days out of the

04 week, and South Side is having him three days.

05 I'm not 100 percent sure where

06 they're getting that car from. Obviously they're

07 getting it from somewhere, but we can ask.

08 MS. EVANS: I'd appreciate that.

09 MR. COURTRIGHT: They must be

10 taking it from another section of the city. I'm not

11 quite sure where.

12 MS. EVANS: And another thing I

13 had heard is that when the seven CommD officers were

14 let go, there is an intention to replace them, in fact,

15 Lieutenant Namiotka had said at the Green Ridge meeting

16 that in the not too distant future, seven CommD

17 officers will join the force, and I'm just wondering,

18 though, how many police officers would you think we're

19 down right now, because if you let seven go, and as the

20 Lieutenant had described the situation, it seemed as if  
21 there's certain requirements that must be met before  
22 seven new individuals will be hired; for example, the  
23 Act 120, or what is it through Lackawanna College --  
24 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yeah --

25 MS. EVANS: And other

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01 certifications and tests and oral tests, etc., so it  
02 could take some time before this happens, so I'm just  
03 wondering if you know how many officers we're down,  
04 and, you know, it would appear, and maybe I could ask  
05 your opinion, because you serve on a state board, so  
06 you're certainly far more knowledgeable than I, but  
07 does it make good sense to get rid of 67 officers  
08 before you can replace them? Why would you leave the  
09 city's neighborhoods uncovered like that?

10 MR. COURTRIGHT: I'm trying to put  
11 this the best way I could. I guess they didn't  
12 anticipate the fact that when they reduced it, and I  
13 think the number is seven is, I can see the gentleman  
14 from the newspaper writing over there, if it's not  
15 seven or eight, but anyway I believe it was seven.

16 I guess their intention is to  
17 replace those seven officers with somebody that is  
18 coming off the Civil Service list.  
19 Evidently, and I haven't talked to  
20 Lenny myself, Lenny Namiotka, evidently they do not  
21 have the seven people to replace them, so I'm guessing  
22 Jill Foley and Michael Albert are still out on the  
23 streets. They need to take an oral examination, and if  
24 in fact they pass the oral exam, they'll remain on the  
25 streets.

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01 So, my best guess, and, again, a  
02 guess is we're down five officers until what time they  
03 can get those five trained and certified, and I don't  
04 know how long that can take. A month, longer, I'm not  
05 quite sure. I guess we need to ask Lenny Namiotka  
06 that.

07 So, my best guess is we're  
08 probably short five guys right now -- or officers, I  
09 should say.

10 MS. EVANS: And would you find it  
11 a wise decision to have removed officers prior to  
12 hiring new as adequate replacements?

13 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yeah, I'm not  
14 trying to second guess what they did, but I kind of  
15 thought they would have waited to, you know, to fire

16 those guys until they had their replacements ready, and  
17 why they didn't, I can't answer that. I don't know  
18 why. I'm sorry.  
19 MS. EVANS: Okay.  
20 MR. COURTRIGHT: Sorry.  
21 MS. EVANS: I also have -- but  
22 thank you, Mr. Courtright. And, you know, when you  
23 find those answers, I'd really appreciate receiving  
24 them.  
25 MR. COURTRIGHT: Okay. I'll ask  
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01 Lieutenant Namiotka if he could help us out.  
02 MS. EVANS: And maybe you can  
03 share that with everyone, as well.  
04 MR. COURTRIGHT: I will share with  
05 everyone next week.  
06 MS. EVANS: Thank you.  
07 MR. COURTRIGHT: You're welcome.  
08 MS. EVANS: I also have two-weeks'  
09 worth of requests, and I want to emphasize I have a  
10 list of potholes here that need to be filled, and if  
11 Super Saturday does take place, and we're are ecstatic  
12 about that announcement, that over, I understand, a  
13 ten-hour period, every pothole in every city street,  
14 and I'm assuming that includes allies and courts and  
15 places such as Neptune place will be filled.  
16 So, I encourage everyone to call  
17 the Pothole Hot Line or the DPW to get your pothole on  
18 the list. And I fully expect that the potholes that  
19 I've been talking about week after week after week are  
20 going to be taken care of, and they should be right at  
21 the top of that list.  
22 Also, the crosswalks at all of our  
23 elderly high-rises, particularly Jackson Heights. I've  
24 asked for that before. I've been told as soon as the  
25 weather changes, that will occur. Well, the weather is  
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01 indeed changing, and I'd like to see that happening.  
02 Also, a second request on the beer  
03 party speeding and liter at the Green Ridge Teener  
04 League, which was also mentioned at Tuesday's Green  
05 Ridge meeting, I made that request, as I said, a few  
06 weeks ago. Nothing has been done about it. So, I'm  
07 hoping we can get police officers out taking a look at  
08 that.  
09 Also, another two requests from  
10 the Green Ridge meeting, they would like a crosswalk  
11 painted at North Washington Avenue and Electric Street,

12 and at 1406 Wyoming Avenue at the corner in front of  
13 the house install a handicap accessible curb. A senior  
14 citizen who is wheelchair bound resides in that house  
15 and he can't navigate the curb.

16 Also, if we could -- I have more  
17 potholes here, and just to make everybody happy out  
18 there, because I know you're very, very anxious about  
19 the conditions of your roads, it's been a long, long  
20 time, years since anything has been adequately done  
21 with these roads, and everyone is so looking forward to  
22 this, so, again, I'll put it out there for you,  
23 McDonough Street and Hamm Court, Kane Street and  
24 Saginaw Street, particularly the ambulance routes to  
25 the Mountain View Nursing Home.

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01 Also, recyclables are not being  
02 collected properly or regularly in the 1400 and 1500  
03 block of South Irving and the 700 block of Fig.  
04 There's a garbage dumpster filled  
05 to capacity for weeks at approximately -- well, I think  
06 it's 1527-1529 Von Storrs. We need to send an  
07 inspector to determine the owner and subsequent  
08 removal.

09 Also, the sidewalks on  
10 Jackson Street in the area of Keyser Valley Community  
11 Center are deteriorated and senior citizens have  
12 complained to me of hazardous walking conditions as  
13 they travel to and from the city-owned center.  
14 Now, particularly I have a serious  
15 flooding problem on East Parker Street affecting  
16 several homes and two businesses, and the residents  
17 would like to know if a pump station could be  
18 installed. They've suffered for years without any  
19 resolution or assistance from the city and flood  
20 control officials.

21 And the situation has worsened of  
22 late with the construction of a nursing home on  
23 Boulevard Avenue, in the area that once served as their  
24 drainage area.

25 I do have pictures here that I

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01 would like to send along with a request, and also I  
02 will pass these along to my colleagues. You can take a  
03 look at the photos that have been taken through the  
04 years.

05 Also, I received a request to  
06 repair the rear of Birch Street, specifically Neptune  
07 Place and Hertz Court intersection.

08 The resident, again, I'll pass  
09 these along, sent photos and a log of 15 phone calls  
10 that she has made beginning in March of 2004. And  
11 these calls have been made to the mayor's office, the  
12 DPW, etc.  
13 And she finally gave up in 2005.  
14 And there are very recent photos in there taken on  
15 March 16, 2005. This is her log of unanswered calls  
16 from city offices. And so, I would very much like that  
17 taken care of.  
18 Also, a four-way stop sign at the  
19 intersection of Taylor Avenue and Ash Street requested  
20 by residents of the area who have been involved in  
21 accidents or near accidents, and a condemned house at  
22 842 Capouse Avenue. It has been standing in a  
23 condemned -- officially condemned state for nearly a  
24 year, and the residents are very concerned, they're  
25 complaining, and they would like to know when that  
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01 property is coming down. That's it. Thank you for  
02 bearing with that list.  
03 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you,  
04 Mrs. Evans. Mr. Pocius, do you have any comments or  
05 motions at this time?  
06 MR. POCIUS: I have a few  
07 comments, Mr. President. Mr. Saunders, I have your  
08 letter here that you sent up to Attorney Farrell  
09 concerning our motion to stay on top of that PUC order  
10 request, so just follow up on that.  
11 MR. SAUNDERS: Yes, I will.  
12 MR. POCIUS: Jay, just to bring  
13 you up, we sent that request up on Taylor Avenue on  
14 March 18, so it's less than two weeks. And with the  
15 snow storms and stuff, maybe they couldn't even get out  
16 and inspect that street for the permit parking.  
17 So, Mrs. Evans is right, we should  
18 follow up on that and get the report back so we can get  
19 the legislation started to get these people's minds at  
20 rest.  
21 Just another thing here, we are  
22 supplied here with tons of information. We have here,  
23 it was our request, we have the first two month budget  
24 comparison by line items for the budget, so we have the  
25 first, through February 28, as to what was in each line  
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01 item and what was spent to date, so there's  
02 information.  
03 We do get every week all the

04 departmental transfers, that information, supplied to  
05 us. Someone brought it up before, we do have  
06 Mrs. Novembrino's report, so we have oodles of  
07 financial information at our disposal every week, you  
08 know, given to Council.  
09 Now something that's very  
10 disturbing to me. I'm going to tell you what happened,  
11 exactly happened before, why some of us came running  
12 out of this meeting.  
13 There was a comment made from the  
14 podium from Mr. Spindler about I had no right to speak  
15 of some kid from California.  
16 Well, that kid from California is  
17 a United States Marine who served seven months putting  
18 his life on the line every day in helicopter  
19 evacuations and as a tail gunner.  
20 He also happens to be my nephew,  
21 my Godson. It infuriated my sister enough that she  
22 took the time to come over here, and when she  
23 confronted Mr. Spindler in the hallway, he ran from the  
24 building as fast as he could get his legs out from  
25 under him.

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01 I think that was uncalled for,  
02 Mr. President. You said you didn't hear it. There's a  
03 lot of things said. I said out in the hallway, People  
04 can say whatever they want about me, I chose to be  
05 here, I chose to be here.  
06 I'm not one of the most well-liked  
07 people up here, and that's fine, I can read it in  
08 people comments. If it's not specifically said, my  
09 name, it's inferred, but that's fine, because I chose  
10 to be here.  
11 I ran for election, and I'm  
12 running again, and I chose to be here, and I want to  
13 stay here. We'll let the people decide.  
14 But when this podium is allowed --  
15 and as far as decorum, we're on a thin line here as to  
16 what can be said and what can't be said.  
17 If it's -- we chose to be in the  
18 ring, that's Mayor Doherty, that's myself, that's the  
19 rest of us here. Someone has comments about us.  
20 I guess that's on the fine line  
21 of, well, it's got to go. Let them say it. They know  
22 we don't agree with it. Let them say it, it's their  
23 opinion.  
24 We shouldn't argue opinions. We  
25 should only argue facts. But fact of the matter is is

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01 the statement made by Mr. Spindler was totally out of  
02 line, totally out of line.

03 I went out, I didn't know what was  
04 going to go on out there in the hallway, so I went out,  
05 because that is my sister. And I just think we cannot  
06 let things like that happen here.

07 And I didn't say that for  
08 anything, because I was emotionally charged that he was  
09 finally coming back home, and the comments I received  
10 out in public, at restaurants, on the street from  
11 families of people in the same situations as our  
12 family, that people cared about their sons and  
13 daughters in Iraq and in Afghanistan, and God knows  
14 where else in this world, when I said that, it brought  
15 a lot of consolation to people that people do care.

16 There are prayers being said for these servicemen.  
17 And the bottom line is, that was  
18 out of line. And for me to take him on, then I'm the  
19 bad guy again. Even my sister said, That's not your  
20 job.

21 But I will not tolerate any  
22 comments like that. Me, is fine. My family is off  
23 limit to everybody. That's all, Mr. President.

24 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you,  
25 Mr. Pocius. And once again, as I said earlier --  
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01 MR. POCIUS: You might have missed  
02 it, Gary, things happen.

03 MR. DIBILEO: It slipped by, I  
04 didn't catch exactly what he was referring to, and  
05 that's why when I realized --

06 MR. POCIUS: When I saw my sister,  
07 I knew what it was.

08 MR. DIBILEO: I went outside there  
09 and found out, and I do apologize again. And, you  
10 know, I will not let that happen in the future.

11 So, I'm so sorry that that had occurred, because we all  
12 of course respect everyone that serves our country,  
13 whenever it may have been, and, you know, now we have  
14 our troops in Iraq coming home, luckily often, and we  
15 saw him come home, and we greatly appreciate everything  
16 he has done for our country, and I certainly don't want  
17 anyone to speak down towards that. Thank you.

18 Mr. Courtright, do you have any  
19 motion or comments?

20 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yeah, I'd just  
21 like to make a brief comment on it. It kind of got by

22 me. I guess I didn't hear exactly what he said. You  
23 know, I know -- I kind of taught Randy when he was a  
24 very young man, and he is a fine man, and if  
25 Mr. Spindler said anything against him or anybody in  
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01 the military, I, too, believe it shouldn't be  
02 allowed.  
03 And if in fact he did that, I  
04 think we need to formally tell him -- tell him about  
05 it. I guess what I can do is I'll watch the tape and  
06 see exactly what he said, because it did kind of get by  
07 me.  
08 So, if in fact he said something  
09 that was out of place, I think as a body we need to  
10 tell him. And I will watch the tape and see what  
11 happens and I'll discuss with everybody here, maybe we  
12 need to publicly reprimand him, if that's the proper  
13 thing to do. I apologize, it got by me. I'm not quite  
14 sure what he said. Okay. And I don't want to beat  
15 that to death, but on behalf of myself, I apologize to  
16 his family if something derogatory was said to him,  
17 it's just not right.  
18 All right. I'd like to make a  
19 motion that this Council send a letter to Sara  
20 Hailstone asking her to use UDAG and/or Re-Re money to  
21 the tune of \$17,500 to help out the Weston Park Senior  
22 Little League in their infield reconstruction, and I'd  
23 like to do that in the form of a motion.  
24 MS. EVANS: Second.  
25 MR. DIBILEO: We have a motion on  
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01 the floor and a second. On the question?  
02 MR. POCIUS: Do they need that  
03 money, Bill? Is that just about what they need?  
04 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yeah, that's what  
05 they have written here, and I --  
06 MR. POCIUS: It wasn't included in  
07 any of our amendments to the block grant or anything  
08 like that?  
09 MR. COURTRIGHT: Not that I'm  
10 aware of, no.  
11 MR. POCIUS: Is it an eligible  
12 project, to the best of your knowledge?  
13 MR. COURTRIGHT: To the best of my  
14 knowledge, it's an eligible project. I think what some  
15 people have mistaken was they did some renovations to  
16 the building up there where they have their  
17 neighborhood meetings, and it's being confused with the



18 little league, and that's why sometimes -- I guess it's  
19 little league/teener league.

20 I think Mr. DiBileo brought it up

21 a week or two ago, and I just want to follow it up, and

22 if we can send that letter out to Ms. Hailstone, I'd

23 certainly appreciate it. So, I make that in the form

24 of a motion, and it has been seconded.

25 MR. DIBILEO: Yeah. This is

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01 something that we've discussed on a couple of

02 occasions, and certainly we'd like to help out, if we

03 can. If there's no further comments, all those in

04 favor, signify by saying aye.

05 MR. McTIERNAN: Aye.

06 MS. EVANS: Aye.

07 MR. POCIUS: Aye.

08 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

09 MR. DIBILEO: Aye. Opposed? By a

10 5-0 vote, motions passes.

11 MR. COURTRIGHT: I'd just like to

12 say thank you. I was invited to a small group of Girl

13 Scouts back at the Saint David's Church on Keyser

14 Avenue this past Saturday, just to do a little

15 self-defense clinic with them, and they were very nice

16 girls, and I appreciate them inviting me, and I hope

17 they had as good a time as I do.

18 As a matter of fact,

19 Mr. McTiernan's daughter was one of them, a fine young

20 lady, and I'd just like to say hi to them and thank

21 them for having me there.

22 Mr. Pocius brought up about the

23 PUC, and I don't think some people might know exactly,

24 because he went over it briefly tonight what it was,

25 but I got it pretty hard from my family over the

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01 Easter holiday about that road, and from other people,

02 it's the railroad crossing on Luzerne Street, there's

03 been a lot of close calls there, so we are actively

04 pursuing that. That answer doesn't appear to be good

05 enough for my brother, but he wants it done faster, but

06 we're looking into it.

07 MR. POCIUS: Can I say something,

08 Mr. President?

09 MR. COURTRIGHT: Sure.

10 MR. POCIUS: Not to take your

11 time, but I was called from a couple of constituents

12 who work in the State Office Building, and the

13 Delaware-Lackawanna crossing on Lackawanna Avenue is

14 flagged every day as the trains go by, they use  
15 flagmen. It is not an unusual situation, it's  
16 something that's standard practice. We're just up  
17 against a hard line here, and we're going to have to  
18 practice for the safety of the citizens.  
19 And my comments about, well,  
20 they'd like to see a crossing, well, crossing and gates  
21 and all that maintenance and all that kind of stuff is  
22 not needed, sight distance is more than adequate, you  
23 can see all the way up on Dalton Street, you can see  
24 all the way way past Sherman Avenue as far as you can  
25 see, and for the city to be hit with an unwanted

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01 sharing of some cost that we don't deserve because  
02 somebody doesn't want to do what they're ordered to do,  
03 well, then I think we're all on the same page.

04 MR. COURTRIGHT: Exactly.

05 MR. POCIUS: We all supported that

06 100 percent, so I appreciate you bringing that up.

07 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yeah. I just --

08 my brother was yelling at me. I want to let him know

09 we are doing something there about it.

10 On a not so happy note, you know,

11 I came here prepared tonight, and I hope to God I don't

12 have to do this, I came here prepared tonight to ask

13 the members of Council, if need be, that we take some

14 type of legal action.

15 I sent a letter out to

16 Mr. Joe O'Connor, Chairman of the Scranton Recreation

17 Authority, back on October 25, 2004, and I was asking

18 for some information about a project. I got no

19 response.

20 I sent a letter out again, and,

21 you know, I'm causing Kay a whole lot of work sending

22 these letters out.

23 January 6, 2005, once again, I got

24 no response; February 10, 2005, once again, I got no

25 response. So, Kay was nice enough to send a copy of it

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01 to the solicitor, Attorney Kelly from the Recreation

02 Authority, and I don't know why it is they don't want

03 to give me this information.

04 You know, it's nothing

05 confidential. I would think that it's public

06 knowledge, but now I'm starting to wonder is there

07 something going on there that's not supposed to be

08 going on there. They do not want to give me this

09 information.

10 I certainly don't want to ask this  
11 Council to take any type of legal action, but I would  
12 ask Mr. Walsh, is there any other course I could take  
13 to get this information that I'm asking? I just can't  
14 understand why I'm not getting my information.  
15 MR. POCIUS: What project is it,  
16 Bill?  
17 MR. COURTRIGHT: It's -- what  
18 happened was, when the flood happened down in the  
19 Plot Section, there's an individual, a gentleman, that  
20 called me, wasn't really happy about the way certain  
21 things had got done down there, and, you know, you  
22 can't make everybody happy, but he did know that right  
23 away the Davis Trail had -- it was going to be getting  
24 fixed, and that didn't sit well with him, and he asked  
25 me to look into it, and that's how I initiated the  
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01 question.  
02 I never thought it was going to  
03 take this much paperwork and this much time to get a  
04 simple answer, so I don't know what else -- do I have  
05 any other recourse? I mean, I sent three different  
06 letters both to the chairman, Mr. O'Connor and carbon  
07 copied on the last one, March 14, to Attorney Kelly.  
08 Now, in fairness to Mr. Kelly, he hadn't gotten his  
09 copy until March 14, 2005. And my initial letter was  
10 back on October 25 of 2004. What can I do?  
11 MR. WALSH: There are different  
12 options. I think the easiest of the options, though,  
13 would perhaps be to listen to Mr. Saunders, who I think  
14 spoke to Mr. Kelly, was it?  
15 MR. SAUNDERS: Yeah. I spoke to  
16 Attorney Kelly, I saw him in the hallway today in City  
17 Hall and discussed that situation with him, not only  
18 asked for the question, but just went over all the  
19 letters that you had mentioned before. Time and time  
20 again we send these letters out, no response.  
21 He said that he did receive the  
22 letter and that they discussed it at a recreation  
23 authority meeting, and it was under his understanding  
24 that Mr. O'Connor was going to respond to you. He said  
25 that as soon as he can get in touch with Mr. O'Connor,  
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01 he will have a letter up to our office in response and  
02 give us a whole breakdown of that situation.  
03 MR. COURTRIGHT: All right. And  
04 if I have that by next week, fine, but I just didn't  
05 think -- I asked October of 2004, it's unreasonable at

06 this point in time I don't have that information. I'm  
07 not trying to be a pain here, but it's a lot to do  
08 about nothing, I think. All right. Okay.  
09 MS. EVANS: Well, could I just,  
10 you know, have a second to relate a topic? Did we ever  
11 get the response from Attorney Farrell concerning the  
12 deeds at Nay Aug?  
13 MR. SAUNDERS: No, we did not.  
14 MS. EVANS: And that was sent  
15 certified, wasn't it?  
16 MR. SAUNDERS: I believe so. I  
17 would have to check with Kay -- refer to Kay on that  
18 one.  
19 MS. EVANS: Okay. Maybe we can  
20 piggyback this onto the information that  
21 Mr. Courtright awaits.  
22 MR. SAUNDERS: Yes, I can do that.  
23 MS. EVANS: And, you know,  
24 Mr. Courtright, hopefully you are going to get that  
25 letter now, because thankfully two people bumped into  
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01 each other in the hallway.  
02 But if that is not the case, then  
03 as has been mentioned many times before, perhaps  
04 Council would want to consider exercising its power of  
05 subpoena over -- is it Mr. O'Connor?  
06 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yeah, I believe  
07 his name is Joe O'Connor.  
08 MS. EVANS: Having Mr. O'Connor  
09 come in with the requested information, and I  
10 certainly, you know, if it's essential in order to  
11 receive an answer, I'm not adverse to doing that.  
12 MR. COURTRIGHT: I would frown on  
13 having to subpoena another member of a board or  
14 whatever of this city, because I think -- I don't think  
15 it's necessary.  
16 I mean, we're just asking for  
17 information, and they supply it to us, and that's  
18 pretty simple. I would hope to God we don't have to  
19 take that type of measure where we have to subpoena  
20 somebody just to get simple information. So, hopefully  
21 I'll receive it by next week and you'll receive your  
22 information.  
23 MS. EVANS: I hope so, too.  
24 MR. COURTRIGHT: I hope so. And  
25 that's all I have, Mr. President. Thank you.  
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01 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you,

02 Mr. Courtright. I know it can be frustrating  
03 requesting information and not receiving it back.  
04 It's information that as a  
05 Councilperson, you know, you should be entitled to. No  
06 one looks forward to acting on subpoenas, as  
07 Mr. Morgan had brought up this evening, but, you know,  
08 when you have no possible options left, you know,  
09 possibly that's something that may have to be  
10 considered. But let's hope that we don't have to come  
11 to that, but I do share your frustration.  
12 One last note before we drop the  
13 subject regarding what Mr. Pocius said earlier, John, I  
14 did have the opportunity to apologize to your sister  
15 Terry when I went out in the hall there, I tried to  
16 reach actually Mr. Spindler before he left the building  
17 and wasn't able to reach him.  
18 MR. POCIUS: Well, he was moving  
19 pretty good when she was after him.  
20 MR. DIBILEO: I just wanted to  
21 confirm what was said, so we'll have to do that next  
22 time we see him.  
23 Regarding, you know, my comments,  
24 as long as I've been a city councilmen, which is three  
25 and a quarter years now, I've been getting numerous  
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01 calls from citizens involving the poor condition of our  
02 roads and our streets, and I would guess that everyone  
03 here probably gets those same calls, but, you know, it  
04 seems to really increased, especially in the past year.  
05 Just recently this week a senior  
06 citizen who said that they moved here not long ago from  
07 Brooklyn and they said, you know, in Brooklyn they're  
08 known for horrible road conditions.  
09 She said, Well, I have to tell  
10 you, she said, They're worse here in Scranton than they  
11 are in Brooklyn. I said, You know, I'm sorry to hear  
12 that and it's something that we absolutely need to  
13 improve on.  
14 You know, so, I'm very concerned,  
15 as a lot of citizens are, about the condition of our  
16 roads. I don't want to blame our DPW workers, because  
17 I think they're working very hard to do the best they  
18 can do.  
19 You know, we've done some work,  
20 but there's much more that we have to do yet. I'm also  
21 concerned, though, about the cost of paving roads.  
22 Obviously it's expensive, and in the face of a  
23 shrinking population, it's even more of a concern,

24 because each year as our roads worsen and we have less  
25 population, less people to pay those bills, that's what  
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01 concerns me more so.

02 And, you know, looking over some  
03 crime figures I came cross on the State Police website  
04 recently, it was in black and white, and I'm not  
05 talking about crime now, but, yeah, the crime figures  
06 were up, you know, and our police numbers are down, but  
07 on that page was our population figures, and from 2003  
08 to 2004, you know, we lost almost 2,000 people.

09 And, you know, so the costs and  
10 the population figures are obviously a concern, but I  
11 think because of that, we especially now have to make  
12 sure that everyone using our city services, like our  
13 roads, pay their fair share, so we have to really make  
14 sure that that's occurring, that everybody using our  
15 services is paying their fair share.

16 What do I know obviously, like  
17 everyone, hopefully this week we realize that spring  
18 has sprung, and as has been previously mentioned, I  
19 think we need to really focus on our problem areas and  
20 focus on fixing our potholes, as Mrs. Evans brought up,  
21 but then even as Olga mentioned, you know, fixing the  
22 potholes is one thing, we need to do it, but paving  
23 roads is a priority, and it just has to stay a priority  
24 and we have to move our resources so that our roads do  
25 get paved and we don't focus on any areas that are less  
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01 important than our. Roads obviously our roads are very  
02 important. So, I want to make sure we get that done.

03 MS. EVANS: Mr. DiBileo, what you  
04 were discussing reminded me of something I heard this  
05 week, very quickly, that I think proves your point,  
06 there's a business located very close to that  
07 intersection on Capouse and Olive, and they are a very  
08 lucrative business, but they have experienced so many  
09 problems of late because of those two streets, that  
10 they're actively seeking a site to relocate their  
11 business outside the City of Scranton.

12 And as I said, this is a business  
13 whose profits are several million dollars annually, and  
14 they are a tax-paying entity, and they're looking to  
15 leave, because they've had it.

16 MR. DIBILEO: Yeah. And that's  
17 obviously the last thing we need to occur, just like  
18 our population of residents has decreased, I think it's  
19 safe to say that our businesses have also decreased as

20 a result of our tax structure, and, you know, we need  
21 to hold on to every business that we have in this city,  
22 we need to hold on to every citizen we have in this  
23 city, and we need to get people to come back to us, and  
24 we need to work hard to try to make that happen.

25 Also, for people that haven't done  
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01 so, you know, we talk about everyone doing their civic  
02 duty and making sure they get out and vote on election  
03 day, well, people that haven't yet registered to vote  
04 have 18 days to do so. There's a deadline out there of  
05 April the 18th, which is about 18 days from now. So,  
06 if you haven't registered, there's a form at the voter  
07 registration office.

08 I think I actually have one here.

09 It's very simple. It's actually the same application  
10 that's used for change of name, change of address,  
11 change of political party. April 18th is the deadline  
12 for all of those things.

13 And then on May 17, you'll have  
14 the opportunity to exercise your civic duty and  
15 hopefully get out and vote.

16 Olga, I'm sorry, I can't entertain  
17 your question right now, but stay after the meeting and  
18 we'll talk, okay?

19 And lastly, I just want to extend  
20 get well wishes to Pat DeSarno, Sr., who had a little  
21 heart operation, there's no little heart operation, a  
22 big heart operation, and also Tom Sax, Sr., who's a  
23 very good friend of mine, also, who had the same  
24 problems recently, and hopefully they'll be getting  
25 well soon and getting back up on their feet. So,  
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01 that's all I have under fifth order.

02 MR. WALSH: Fifth order. 5-B, FOR

03 INTRODUCTION - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF COUNCIL  
04 NO. 68, 2004 (AS AMENDED), ENTITLED, AN ORDINANCE  
05 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS  
06 OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS  
07 TO IMPLEMENT THE CONSOLIDATED SUBMISSION FOR COMMUNITY  
08 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS TO BE FUNDED UNDER  
09 THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM,  
10 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME) PROGRAM AND  
11 EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (ESG) PROGRAM, BY TRANSFERRING  
12 \$5,000.00 FROM PROJECT NO. 05-31, PROGRAM  
13 ADMINISTRATION, TO PROJECT NO. 05-05.13, SLOAN BASEBALL  
14 ASSOCIATION.

15 MR. DIBILEO: At this time I'll

16 entertain a motion that Item 5-B be introduced into its  
17 proper committee.

18 MR. POCIUS: So moved.

19 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

20 MR. DIBILEO: On the question?

21 All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

22 MR. McTIERNAN: Aye.

23 MS. EVANS: Aye.

24 MR. POCIUS: Aye.

25 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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01 MR. DIBILEO: Aye. Opposed? The

02 ayes have it and so moved.

03 MR. WALSH: 5-C, FOR INTRODUCTION

04 - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 68, 2004,

05 (AS AMENDED), ENTITLED, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE

06 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF

07 SCRANTON TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE

08 CONSOLIDATED SUBMISSION FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND

09 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS TO BE FUNDED UNDER THE COMMUNITY

10 DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM, HOME INVESTMENT

11 PARTNERSHIP (HOME) PROGRAM AND EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT

12 (ESG) PROGRAM, BY TRANSFERRING \$55,000.00 FROM PROJECT

13 NO. 05-31, PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION, TO PROJECT

14 NO. 05-96, NEIGHBORHOOD POLICE PATROL.

15 MR. DIBILEO: At this time I'll

16 entertain a motion that Item 5-C be introduced into its

17 proper committee.

18 MR. POCIUS: So moved.

19 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

20 MR. DIBILEO: On the question?

21 All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

22 MR. McTIERNAN: Aye.

23 MS. EVANS: Aye.

24 MR. POCIUS: Aye.

25 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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01 MR. DIBILEO: Aye. Opposed? The

02 ayes have it and so moved.

03 MR. WALSH: 5-D, FOR INTRODUCTION

04 - AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A PARCEL

05 OF LAND ACQUIRED BY THE CITY THROUGH THE FLOOD CONTROL

06 PROJECT TO JOAN M. AND ANTHONY SKUTNICK AS PARTIAL

07 COMPENSATION FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A PORTION OF THEIR

08 PROPERTY FOR THE LACKAWANNA RIVER FLOOD CONTROL

09 PROJECT.

10 MR. DIBILEO: At this time I'll

11 entertain a motion that Item 5-D be introduced into its



12 proper committee.  
13 MR. POCIUS: So moved.  
14 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.  
15 MR. DIBILEO: On the question?  
16 All those in favor, signify by saying aye.  
17 MR. McTIERNAN: Aye.  
18 MS. EVANS: Aye.  
19 MR. POCIUS: Aye.  
20 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.  
21 MR. DIBILEO: Aye. Opposed? The  
22 ayes have it and so moved.  
23 MR. WALSH: 5-E, FOR INTRODUCTION  
24 - AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A PARCEL  
25 OF LAND ACQUIRED BY THE CITY THROUGH THE FLOOD CONTROL  
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01 PROJECT TO FLORENCE SAWYER AS PARTIAL COMPENSATION FOR  
02 THE ACQUISITION OF A PORTION OF HER PROPERTY FOR THE  
03 LACKAWANNA RIVER FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT.  
04 MR. DIBILEO: At this time I'll  
05 entertain a motion that Item 5-E be introduced into its  
06 proper committee.  
07 MR. POCIUS: So moved.  
08 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.  
09 MR. DIBILEO: On the question?  
10 All those in favor, signify by saying aye.  
11 MR. McTIERNAN: Aye.  
12 MS. EVANS: Aye.  
13 MR. POCIUS: Aye.  
14 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.  
15 MR. DIBILEO: Aye. Opposed? The  
16 ayes have it and so moved.  
17 MR. WALSH: 5-F, FOR INTRODUCTION  
18 - AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A PARCEL  
19 OF LAND ACQUIRED BY THE CITY THROUGH THE FLOOD CONTROL  
20 PROJECT TO SUSAN HOLZMAN AND VIVIAN DERR AS PARTIAL  
21 COMPENSATION FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A PORTION OF THEIR  
22 PROPERTY FOR THE LACKAWANNA RIVER FLOOD CONTROL  
23 PROJECT.  
24 MR. DIBILEO: At this time I'll  
25 entertain a motion that Item 5-F be introduced into its  
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01 proper committee.  
02 MR. POCIUS: So moved.  
03 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.  
04 MR. DIBILEO: On the question?  
05 All those in favor, signify by saying aye.  
06 MR. McTIERNAN: Aye.  
07 MS. EVANS: Aye.

08 MR. POCIUS: Aye.  
09 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.  
10 MR. DIBILEO: Aye. Opposed? The  
11 ayes have it and so moved.  
12 MR. WALSH: 5-G, FOR INTRODUCTION  
13 - AN ORDINANCE - DESIGNATING CERTAIN PARKING IN THE ONE  
14 HUNDRED BLOCK OF CEDAR AVENUE ON THE WESTERLY SIDE,  
15 THIRTY (30) MINUTE PARKING, WHERE SUCH PARKING IS  
16 CURRENTLY DESIGNATED FIFTEEN (15) MINUTE PARKING.

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

20 MR. POCIUS: So moved.

21 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

22 MR. DIBILEO: On the question?

23 All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

24 MR. McTIERNAN: Aye.

25 MS. EVANS: Aye.

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01 MR. POCIUS: Aye.

02 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

03 MR. DIBILEO: Aye. Opposed? The

04 ayes have it and so moved.

05 MR. WALSH: Sixth order. 6-A.

06 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 116, 2005 - AN  
07 ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE  
08 OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO APPROVE THE  
09 DISBURSEMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACTION GRANT  
10 REPAYMENT FUNDS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000, TO  
11 ASSIST IN FUNDING PROJECT NO. 05-132, THE HISTORIC  
12 PRESERVATION REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM.

13 MR. DIBILEO: You've heard reading  
14 by title of Item 6-A. What is your pleasure?

15 MR. POCIUS: Mr. President, I move

16 that Item 6-A pass reading by title.

17 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

18 MR. DIBILEO: On the question?

19 All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

20 MR. McTIERNAN: Aye.

21 MR. POCIUS: Aye.

22 MS. EVANS: Aye.

23 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

24 MR. DIBILEO: Aye. Opposed? The

25 ayes have it and so ordered.

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01 MR. WALSH: 6-B, READING BY

02 TITLE- FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 117, 2005 - AN ORDINANCE -

03 AMENDING FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 68, 2004, ENTITLED, AN

04 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE  
05 OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY  
06 ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE CONSOLIDATED SUBMISSION FOR  
07 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS TO BE  
08 FUNDED UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
09 (CDBG) PROGRAM, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME)  
10 PROGRAM AND EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (ESG) PROGRAM, BY  
11 TRANSFERRING \$65,000.00 FROM PROJECT NO. 96-204, THE  
12 MICROENTERPRISE REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM, TO PROSPECT NO.  
13 05-132 THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVOLVING LOAN  
14 PROGRAM.

15 MR. DIBILEO: You've heard reading  
16 by title of Item 6-B. What is your pleasure?

17 MR. POCIUS: Mr. President, I move  
18 that Item 6-B pass reading by title.

19 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

20 MR. DIBILEO: On the question?  
21 All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

22 MR. McTIERNAN: Aye.

23 MR. POCIUS: Aye.

24 MS. EVANS: Aye.

25 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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01 MR. DIBILEO: Aye. Opposed? The  
02 ayes have it and so ordered.

03 MR. WALSH: 6-C, READING BY TITLE

04 - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 118, 2005 - AN ORDINANCE -

05 AMENDING FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 135 OF 2003, ENTITLED, AN  
06 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE  
07 OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY  
08 ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE CONSOLIDATED SUBMISSION FOR  
09 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS (AS  
10 AMENDED) TO BE FUNDED UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
11 BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP  
12 (HOME) PROGRAM AND EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (ESG)  
13 PROGRAM, BY TRANSFERRING \$13,350.41 FROM PROJECT NO.  
14 01-005.8 LACKAWANNA LITTLE LEAGUE AND \$20,000.00 FROM  
15 PROJECT NO. 02-005.8 LACKAWANNA LITTLE LEAGUE FOR A  
16 TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$33,350.41 TO PROJECT NO. 03-05.22  
17 NORTH SCRANTON LITTLE LEAGUE.

18 MR. DIBILEO: You've heard reading  
19 by title of Item 6-C. What is your pleasure?

20 MR. POCIUS: Mr. President, I move  
21 that Item 6-C pass reading by title.

22 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

23 MR. DIBILEO: On the question?

24 All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

25 MR. McTIERNAN: Aye.

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01 MR. POCIUS: Aye.

02 MS. EVANS: Aye.

03 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

04 MR. DIBILEO: Aye. Opposed? The

05 ayes have it and so ordered.

06 MR. WALSH: 6-D, READING BY TITLE

07 - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 119, 2005 - AN ORDINANCE -

08 AMENDING FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 205, 2003 ENTITLED AN

09 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE

10 OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY

11 ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE CONSOLIDATED SUBMISSION FOR

12 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS TO BE

13 FUNDED UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

14 (CDBG) PROGRAM, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME)

15 PROGRAM AND EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (ESG) PROGRAM, BY

16 CHANGING THE PURPOSE OF PROJECT NO. 04-253, ELIMINATION

17 OF SLUMS AND BLIGHT IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT.

18 MR. DIBILEO: You've heard reading

19 by title of Item 6-D. What is your pleasure?

20 MR. POCIUS: Mr. President, I move

21 that Item 6-D passes reading by title.

22 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

23 MR. DIBILEO: On the question?

24 All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

25 MR. McTIERNAN: Aye.

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01 MR. POCIUS: Aye.

02 MS. EVANS: Aye.

03 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

04 MR. DIBILEO: Aye. Opposed? The

05 ayes have it and so ordered.

06 MR. WALSH: Seventh order. 7-A,

07 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR

08 ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 113, 2005 -

09 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY

10 OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A CORRECTIVE DEED BETWEEN THE CITY

11 OF SCRANTON AND CONNIE DEPIETRO ALLOWING THE PARCEL IN

12 QUESTION TO BE BUILD UPON WITHIN APPLICABLE

13 RESTRICTIONS IN AND AROUND A FLOOD ZONE.

14 MR. DIBILEO: As chairperson for

15 the committee on rules, I recommend final passage of

16 Item 7-A.

17 MR. POCIUS: Seconded.

18 MR. DIBILEO: On the question?

19 Roll call, please, Kay.

20 MS. GARVEY: Mr. McTiernan.

21 MR. McTIERNAN: Yes.

22 MS. GARVEY: Ms. Evans.

23 MS. EVANS: Yes.

24 MS. GARVEY: Mr. Pocius.

25 MR. POCIUS: Yes.

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01 MS. GARVEY: Mr. Courtright.

02 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

03 MS. GARVEY: Mr. DiBileo.

04 MR. DIBILEO: Yes. I hereby

05 declare Item 7-A legally and lawfully adopted.

06 MR. WALSH: 7-B, FOR CONSIDERATION

07 BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION -

08 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 114, 2005 - AMENDING FILE OF

09 COUNCIL NO. 57, 2001, AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED SALE OF TAX

10 DELINQUENT PROPERTY AT SWETLAND STREET, SCRANTON,

11 PENNSYLVANIA, TO WILLIAM BONACCI, 2702 SWETLAND STREET,

12 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE SUM OF \$3,000.00 TO

13 INCLUDE RECORD INFORMATION REVEALED BY THE TILE SEARCH.

14 MR. DIBILEO: What's the

15 recommendation of the chairperson for the committee on

16 finance?

17 MS. EVANS: As chair for the

18 committee on finance, I recommend final passage of

19 Item 7-B.

20 MR. POCIUS: Seconded.

21 MR. DIBILEO: On the question?

22 Roll call, please, Kay.

23 MS. GARVEY: Mr. McTiernan.

24 MR. McTIERNAN: Yes.

25 MS. GARVEY: Mrs. Evans.

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01 MS. EVANS: Yes.

02 MS. GARVEY: Mr. Pocius.

03 MR. POCIUS: Yes.

04 MS. GARVEY: Mr. Courtright.

05 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

06 MS. GARVEY: Mr. DiBileo.

07 MR. DIBILEO: Yes. I hereby

08 declare Item 7-B legally and lawfully adopted.

09 MR. WALSH: 7-C, FOR CONSIDERATION

10 BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF

11 COUNCIL NO. 115, 2005 - SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY

12 ON S. KEYSER AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TO FRANK

13 AND STEPHANIE SCHMIDT, 130 S. CAMERON AVENUE, SCRANTON,

14 PENNSYLVANIA, 18504, FOR THE SUM OF \$4,500.00.

15 MR. DIBILEO: What's the

16 recommendation of the chairperson for the committee on

17 finance?

18 MS. EVANS: As chair for the  
19 committee on finance, I recommend final passage of  
20 Item 7-C.

21 MR. POCIUS: Seconded.

22 MR. DIBILEO: On the question?

23 Roll call, please, Kay.

24 MS. GARVEY: Mr. McTiernan.

25 MR. McTIERNAN: Yes.

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01 MS. GARVEY: Mrs. Evans.

02 MS. EVANS: Yes.

03 MS. GARVEY: Mr. Pocius.

04 MR. POCIUS: Yes.

05 MS. GARVEY: Mr. Courtright.

06 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

07 MS. GARVEY: Mr. DiBileo.

08 MR. DIBILEO: Yes. I hereby

09 declare Item 7-C legally and lawfully adopted.

10 Seeing no further business on our

11 agenda, I'll entertain a motion we adjourn.

12 MS. EVANS: So moved.

13 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

14 MR. DIBILEO: We're adjourned.

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16 (MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.)

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02 I hereby certify that the proceedings and

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03 notes taken by me on the hearing of the above cause and  
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