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1 SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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18 Scranton City Hall

19 340 North Washington Avenue

20 Scranton, Pennsylvania

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24 Lisa M. Graff, RMR

25 Court Reporter

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1 CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

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3 MR. GARY DIBILEO, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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5 MS. JANET E. EVANS, VICE-PRESIDENT

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7 MR. WILLIAM COURTRIGHT

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9 MR. JOHN POCIUS

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11 MR. ROBERT McTIERNAN

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13 MR. JAY SAUNDERS, CITY CLERK

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15 MS. KAY GARVEY, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

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17 ALSO PRESENT:

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19 FRANK BLASI, ESQUIRE (arrived where noted.)

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1 MR. DIBILEO: Okay. Please stand for  
2 the Pledge Of Allegiance. Please remain standing for a  
3 short prayer. Welcome, everyone. If I can have a roll  
4 call, please, Kay, ask for a roll call.

5 MS. GARVEY: Mr. McTiernan.

6 MR. McTIERNAN: Here.

7 MS. GARVEY: Mrs. Evans.

8 Mr. Pocius.

9 MR. POCIUS: Here.

10 MS. GARVEY: Mr. Courtright.

11 MR. COURTRIGHT: Here.

12 MS. GARVEY: Mr. DiBileo.

13 MR. DIBILEO: Here. For the record, we  
14 received a letter from Mrs. Evans, and she will be  
15 unable to attend tonight's City Council meeting due to  
16 an illness, so we hope that she gets better very soon

17 and is with us again next week.

18 And if we can dispense with the reading

19 of the minutes, please, Mr. Saunders.

20 MR. SAUNDERS: Mr. President, Attorney

21 Blasi will be with us, he's just going to be a little

22 late tonight.

23 MR. DIBILEO: Okay.

24 MR. SAUNDERS: 3-A, PETITION FOR PERMIT

25 PARKING IN THE 2100 & 2200 BLOCKS OF NORTH WASHINGTON

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1 AVENUE.

2 MR. DIBILEO: Are there any comments on

3 3-A? If not, received and filed.

4 MR. POCIUS: Mr. President, excuse me,

5 Mr. Saunders, at this time I'll make a motion that we

6 send this petition to the Department of Public Safety

7 and the Bureau of Police and engineering for a report

8 back to Council, I'll make that a motion.

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

10 MR. DIBILEO: Okay. We have a motion

11 on the floor and a second. On the question? All those

12 in favor, signify by saying aye.

13 MR. MCTIERNAN: Aye

14 MR. POCIUS: Aye.

15 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

16 MR. DIBILEO: Aye. The ayes have it

17 and so moved.

18 MR. SAUNDERS: 3-B, MINUTES FROM THE

19 COMPOSITE PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER

20 26, 2005.

21 MR. DIBILEO: Are there any comments on

22 3-B? If not, received and filed.

23 MR. SAUNDERS: 3-C, AGENDA FOR THE

24 MUNICIPAL PENSION FUND MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY,

25 NOVEMBER 16, 2005.

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1 MR. DIBILEO: Are there any comments on

2 3-C? If not, received and filed.

3 MR. SAUNDERS: Clerk's notes, and I

4 have nothing at this time, Mr. President.

5 MR. DIBILEO: Okay. Thank you, Mr.

6 Saunders. And we're right into citizens participation.

7 MR. SAUNDERS: Fourth order, citizens

8 participation.

9 MR. DIBILEO: Okay. Before I call up

10 the first speaker, I'd like again to welcome all

11 audience members both here and at home. I'd like to  
12 remind those wishing to speak to please refrain from  
13 making remarks of a personal nature, and also please be  
14 considerate of our time constraints and the time  
15 constraints of others by not exceeding five minutes for  
16 your remarks.

17 Please try to limit your remarks to  
18 city business matters, and if you would allow me, I'd  
19 like to take a moment to comment on the election.

20 All of us just went through a very  
21 emotional election just two days ago, and I want to  
22 thank all those who voted, it was a good number of  
23 voters that showed up, over 25,000, and I think was  
24 fantastic, and that was your opportunity to voice your  
25 opinion.

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1 I want to congratulate Mayor Chris  
2 Doherty on a hard fought campaign. Also, I would like  
3 to take this opportunity to congratulate the City  
4 Council winners, Janet Evans, who's not able to be here  
5 this evening, and new to the City Council will be Judy  
6 Gatelli. And also Sherry Fanucci, so I'd like to wish  
7 them luck and congratulate them, also.

8 You know, many people in our city were  
9 divided over this election, some were neighbors, some  
10 were friends, and some were even family members, but  
11 now as hard as it might be, as hard as it might seem,  
12 we have to unit for the betterment of our city. We  
13 have a great city with great people and we have to join  
14 hands now and move forward.

15 I'd also like to take a moment and  
16 thank those that were too young to vote. As you may  
17 know, a lot of young people of all ages took an  
18 interest and paid close attention to this election, and  
19 I want to thank them for that. I think that that was  
20 wonderful. Some had elections in their schools, some  
21 had debates at their schools, and young people, as you  
22 know, are our future, and I even heard that I won some  
23 of those elections at the schools, and I thank that the  
24 students for that.

25 But I hope young people learn something

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1 from this election, to stand up for what you believe is  
2 right, to set your goals and your dreams high and to  
3 work hard and never give up, and don't let people tell  
4 you that you can't achieve something or that you don't

5 have a chance.

6 You know, about one year ago I was told

7 by a Washington, D.C. pollster, and this is mainly for

8 the kids, that I should not run for mayor, that I

9 didn't have a chance, they said it would be a daunting

10 mission and they called it a real long shot, but even

11 though the odds were stacked against me, in the end we

12 ended up making it a race, and our campaign was up

13 against long odds, as the pollsters said, we were up

14 against a million-dollar campaign.

15 Our only newspaper, who happen to be

16 contributors to my opponent's campaign took their shots

17 at every opportunity that they had, and high ranking

18 politicians from both parties endorsed my opponent, and

19 these not sour grapes, I just happen to mention this.

20 I'd like to get something straight,

21 though, I did not run a negative campaign. I'm proud

22 of the fact that I never called anyone a liar and we

23 never lied about anything.

24 It was obviously the challenger in the

25 race and had my differences on the issues. We used

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1 some humor or at times, and you have to have a sense of



2 humor, but we brought some important issues to the  
3 forefront which hopefully will not be ignored.  
4 But I want to bring up an example of a  
5 charge of negativity that is, I think, a great example  
6 of the misinformation that's out there.  
7 In the newspaper yesterday was an  
8 article from Chris Kelly. Chris Kelly's a good  
9 reporter, but in the article he says here, What your  
10 advisors probably did not tell you is that win or lose,  
11 some of that mud will stick to you for life, and that's  
12 just fine with the mudslingers.  
13 The attacks were particularly vicious  
14 on a certain young woman in the mayor's cabinet. Call  
15 me old fashion, but I was raised to defend a woman  
16 under attack by cowards. You would never stand by and  
17 allow the same attacks on your mother, wife, sisters or  
18 daughters, but that's just what you did here. Shame on  
19 you, sir.  
20 You know, I read that, and I honestly  
21 had no idea what Chris Kelly was talking about, and a  
22 little while later I was speaking to a friend and I  
23 said, Did you read the Chris Kelly article in the  
24 newspaper? And he said, Yeah. And I said, What did he  
25 mean by me allowing attacks on a woman in the mayor's

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1 cabinet? And my friend said, Well, what he's referring  
2 to is Sara Hailstone, I'll say her name, that she took  
3 some attacks, I suppose, from anti-Doherty supporter,  
4 not a pro-DiBileo supporter, an anti-Doherty supporter.  
5 It was actually a newspaper that was put out the last  
6 weekend.

7 And I'll be honest with you, after it  
8 was out, I took a look at it, never read anything, and,  
9 therefore, I had no idea what that article was  
10 referring to.

11 I had enough of a challenge trying to  
12 figure out what I was going to say or do, let alone  
13 what any anti-Doherty supporter was going to say or do.  
14 But I had to ask that, and I'd like to  
15 apologize to Ms. Hailstone, but I can't, because I had  
16 nothing to do with it. And I wasn't even aware of it,  
17 as I just explained.

18 But, you know, we received, I think,  
19 11,517 votes, and I can't control what any of those  
20 people might say or do, except for perhaps my family  
21 members. I probably could control them, but, I hope,  
22 but beyond that, I really can't control what other

23 people say or do.

24 But overall, it was a wonderful

25 experience, I made a lot of friends, and we had a lot

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1 of fun in the process, and I would do it all over again

2 if I had to, and probably will. So, once I'm out of

3 here after the first of the year, try not to forget me.

4 But lastly, I just want to say that I

5 have the best group of core supporters in the area, and

6 I'd like to thank each and every one of them, and also

7 thanks for allowing me an opportunity to say this.

8 That's all.

9 Thank you very much. And with that

10 said, the first person on the list is Andy Sbaraglia.

11 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia, citizen

12 of Scranton. Fellow Scrantonians, regardless of what

13 The Times says, my main function of being here was

14 honest and efficient government, and that's the only

15 thing I ever cared about.

16 Whether it -- whether I seemed to

17 attack the mayor, it didn't really bother me, because

18 it was truth I was saying, and truth I stand by.

19 Political parties get their revenue

20 from patronage and contracts. We have a million  
21 dollars spent in this campaign that's going to really,  
22 really play heavy on this city.

23 Everything that comes before you until  
24 you leave, you should look and see if it's political  
25 payback, even though you're all Democrats.

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1 Maybe that was the thing that was wrong  
2 with the whole campaign to begin with that, that we  
3 only had one party running, even though we had two  
4 candidates.

5 But whatever it was, it's over, but it  
6 still hasn't changed the facts. We're still in debt,  
7 we still got crime, and we still got a lot of other  
8 problems, mainly financial.

9 Now, I'm waiting for that, what is it,  
10 CF-something loan that comes up so many, many times to  
11 come up again. Well, let's think about mortgaging that  
12 to a bank, that way we still own it and we just pay off  
13 a loan, rather than sell it outright, because when we  
14 sell it outright, it's gone and goes into a kitty where  
15 he doles it out, but if you mortgage it, and it goes  
16 into the treasury, it goes to pay off our debt, and

17 that's our problem, debt, and we got a lot of debt.  
18 You got legislation before you  
19 transferring money from one account to another account  
20 for debt. Now, I don't know if they really saved \$72  
21 million on our street lighting, but it's in there.  
22 Now, whether we got that much savings,  
23 I don't know, but if we do, we should bring it out,  
24 then the contract was a good thing, because I think it  
25 sort of would be positive one way or another with that,  
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1 if we got \$72,000 that are freed up, but there's no way  
2 of checking, because no one ever did an analysis on  
3 these things, no one ever saw how much the lights were  
4 going to cost after we bought them, how much we were  
5 going to save with the loan that we have to pay off  
6 that has to be added in, and then also how much did we  
7 have to pay to have somebody go out and fixing these  
8 lights.

9 That was never brought up. I never  
10 seen any figures at all brought up before any of you,  
11 actually what goes into the, you know, the nuts and  
12 bolts of a problem, and that's what it should be.  
13 Everything that comes before you now, you should look

14 for the nuts and bolts, you should ask questions, you  
15 should know everything about it.

16 In fact, when I come up before you and  
17 say, I want to ask a question about this or that, you  
18 should be able to give me an answer. I shouldn't have  
19 to sit and ask questions, I should be willing to listen  
20 to you, which I will.

21 I'll gladly sit here and listen to you  
22 if you know the facts on all these things, because  
23 that's the only way you learn.

24 Sometimes whatever you read you don't  
25 necessarily get the whole story or you may get a  
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1 slanted story, and I'm not crazy about that. I like  
2 the straight story.

3 I told you many times before, I'm a  
4 black and white person, either it's right or it's  
5 wrong. I didn't believe we should be putting money up  
6 in Dunmore at one and a half percent interest. I  
7 talked against that many, many times, but it fell on  
8 deaf areas.

9 I don't know if you could have changed  
10 it now. I don't know how the original contracts were

11 written up, whether we're locked in or not, but we  
12 invested a lot of money up there in Dunmore, and I  
13 don't know what we're getting out of it.  
14 I asked this many times I came before  
15 you how, much interest are we getting on the money  
16 deposited up in Dunmore, and I have never got an  
17 answer. In fact, many, many questions I asked you, I  
18 never got an answer.

19 MR. SAUNDERS: Mr. Sbaraglia, what --  
20 where in Dunmore?

21 MR. SBARAGLIA: Fidelity Bank. You got  
22 money up there from the -- from the, what is it, ANC  
23 Loans that has to be paid off, and also money up there  
24 from -- I think you got the money deposited when you  
25 sold the golf course.

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1 And somebody actually told me that that  
2 golf course is down at the register's office as one and  
3 a half million was paid for it when it went on the  
4 books down there, and I know they got \$3.some million,  
5 so there's quite a discrepancy there, but there's  
6 discrepancy everywhere in the tax.  
7 You sat there, maybe you didn't

8 anything to do, maybe you weren't even informed, but we  
9 lost millions of dollars taken off our tax rolls, not  
10 only with the KOZs, that alone took a lot of money out  
11 of the tax rolls, but then when they went down to  
12 reassess, that alone took another \$1.7 million and  
13 assessment was gone out the window.  
14 No one ever went down there to  
15 complain. I ain't saying you people knew about it, but  
16 the school board didn't either.  
17 So, I don't know where our officials  
18 are when it come to protecting the money that belongs  
19 to the taxpayers. And believe me, in a few months,  
20 whatever do your best. Thank you.

21 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you, Mr. Sbaraglia.

22 Don Hart.

23 MR. HART: Thank you, Mr. President,  
24 and the rest Council for the opportunity to make a few  
25 remarks here tonight.

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1 My name is Don Hart, and I live at 1810  
2 Delaware Street Delaware Street in Dunmore, I'm an  
3 international representative for the bricklayers and  
4 allied craft workers union.



5 This construction season that we are  
6 just ending has been a great one for the members of the  
7 BAC that I represent that live and work in this area,  
8 in Scranton and the surrounding areas.

9 For the first time in a long time, our  
10 members have been able to stay at home instead of  
11 travelling to New Jersey, Washington or Philadelphia to  
12 do work.

13 For the first in many years, lots of  
14 them were able to have dinner with their family,  
15 instead of with Colonel Sanders, they were able to  
16 watch their kids play little league and soccer, instead  
17 of sitting in a hotel watching a baseball game.

18 I've been here several times asking you  
19 to reconsider the CRF issue. I think that it's about  
20 time that you look at it again and you revisit it,  
21 because it's really for the betterment of the city and  
22 to keep progress --to Scranton moving forward in a  
23 positive way.

24 I understand you have some concerns,  
25 two of them that I understand are that you won't have

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1 any say over the mayor's spending of this money, which

2 even if he could, I don't think he would, but I know  
3 that Council will have the final say on where the money  
4 goes, and if I'm not wrong, the money from the loan  
5 program will stimulate more money, trigger more  
6 targeted money, and it's only for specific purposes,  
7 it's not for retiring debt or any other reasons, for  
8 economic and community development, and that's been  
9 what has been helping our members to be here and be  
10 with their families, rather than traveling and working  
11 out of the area.

12 So, once again, I would like to ask you  
13 to reconsider, revisit this. I understand the majority  
14 of the members on this board are in favor of this now,  
15 and I think it's time we get it done. Thank you.

16 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you, Mr. Hart.  
17 George Moran.

18 MR. MORAN: Mr. Moran, can you give me  
19 just a second? Regarding Mr. Hart's remarks, I had  
20 said in the past that I had spoken to Mr. Courtright  
21 and Mrs. Evans about the CRF situation, and I've done  
22 that again recently, and I actually had a conversation  
23 with Mr. Courtright, and I'm going to call the mayor  
24 tomorrow and ask him if he would speak to Mr.  
25 Courtright, and if he is able to give him a couple of

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1 things Mr. Courtright is looking for, I think Mr.

2 Courtright is going to be willing to make a motion to

3 pass the CRF -- or to revisit the CRF legislation for

4 another vote. Maybe you'd want to --

5 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yeah, I was going to

6 speak later on about it. One the things that stopped

7 me from considering the motion was the many members of

8 the trade unions that came here, and I felt like they

9 were trying to force me into doing something I didn't

10 want to do, so I -- there was no way I was even going

11 to even reconsider it during the election, because I

12 thought you made it political, so I -- it's no secret

13 as Mr. DiBileo campaigned, I walked with him every day

14 with him knocking on doors, and every day he'd ask me

15 about it, you know, and I wasn't going to sit up here

16 week after week and try to defend him, I just kept

17 quiet about it.

18 He believed and he thought I should

19 look at it, but I said, you know, I have questions, and

20 the mayor didn't want to come and speak on it, and

21 every time another guy, or I shouldn't say guy, a

22 member came, I felt -- I understand that they want to

23 stay in this area, and I've been accused of being  
24 pro-union, I can't imagine how anyone would say I'm  
25 anti-union, and then I had a call from an individual

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1 that has something to do with the union newspaper  
2 saying that certain individuals were saying I was doing  
3 this because I was against the union members, and they  
4 were, I'm not going to mention any names, but I know  
5 there was two gentlemen they said were down there  
6 saying, Mr. Courtright's against labor unions, which  
7 I'm not, and I never have been, and I never will be,  
8 but I just thought it got to be more political than it  
9 was for the benefit of this city.

10 And if Mr. Doherty would like to speak

11 with me, Mr. DiBileo is going to call him and speak to  
12 him hopefully, and if he does and I get the questions  
13 that I have answered satisfactorily, I most certainly  
14 will make the motion.

15 But if I don't get them answered

16 satisfactorily, I won't make the motion. I have a  
17 couple of concerns and I don't choose to make it  
18 political, so we'll see how it works out.

19 If Mr. DiBileo speaks to him and Mr.

20 Doherty speaks to me and it happens before next week,  
21 you'll find out whether my questions were answered or  
22 not by whether I make the motion or not, and I hope it  
23 works out well for everybody, both the members of the  
24 trade union and the residents of this city, and that's  
25 my concern.

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1 You know, it's a little over two years  
2 ago that I made a statement, and I used to say it  
3 almost every week, I'm sorry to hold you up, sir --

4 MR. MORAN: That's okay.

5 MR. COURTRIGHT: -- that when I got  
6 into this, I wanted to make it about people and not  
7 politics, and, boy, the last two years were really hard  
8 for me to do that, so hopefully now I can continue to  
9 try to make this particular issue about the people of  
10 this city and the workers of the city, and not  
11 politics, so maybe by next week we can have something  
12 worked out. And that's all I have to say, Mr.  
13 President.

14 MR. DIBILEO: Okay. Good. And I'll  
15 call the mayor's office tomorrow, and I'll ask him or  
16 at least leave a message for him to call Mr. Courtright

17 and see if we can't get Mr. Courtright's questions

18 answered. Thank you very much.

19 MR. COURTRIGHT: Sorry.

20 MR. DIBILEO: Go right ahead, Mr.

21 Moran.

22 MR. MORAN: George Moran, Green Ridge.

23 First of all, I'd like to say about the Chris Kelly

24 column, that was done on Election Day, so he actually

25 was trying to hurt somebody, but in there if you read

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1 further on, calls speakers low-lives and cowardly, the

2 people that come up and speak, but we are low-lives,

3 that's for sure, we're people that come here because we

4 care about the city, and we're sure not cowardly,

5 because we come here.

6 And I think The Times is acting kind of

7 irresponsibly to even put something in there. They owe

8 us an apology at least.

9 Now, next day after the election they

10 say about how, this is in The Times, how Janet Evans

11 would be a logical choice to be the president of

12 Council, but then it says underneath about how Mrs.

13 Gatelli could serve as a swing vote here, too, throwing

14 the presidency to a Council member more in line with

15 Mr. Doherty.

16 So, what are we going to have, a rubber

17 stamp, they're going to get everybody up here that's

18 just going to be voting for Doherty and that's it?

19 That don't -- that's what that sounds like.

20 About Southern Union, now, the

21 president quits, resigns or whatever, so that ends

22 that. So, is that completely shot now? Are they going

23 to put any people working there or not at Southern

24 Union?

25 MR. DIBILEO: That, I really don't

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1 know, Mr. Moran, I'm not certain what the situation is

2 there.

3 MR. MORAN: When they talk about, like,

4 losing the jobs, I don't ever remember them saying

5 bought ITT, it was above the Scranton Dry, like, at the

6 beginning of the year, they folded and they lost 60

7 jobs there, and I know a couple of people that worked

8 there, and they made a half-decent pay, too.

9 So, when he starts with his 3,000 jobs

10 or whatever he brought here, I wonder if he deducts the

11 60 that lost their jobs there.

12 And when they take these houses down to  
13 put the river project in and stuff, on those lots, who  
14 takes care of them lots after they're done? Like, is  
15 that a city -- is the city responsible for keeping them  
16 clean and --

17 MR. DIBILEO: I think the city does, if  
18 I'm not mistaken.

19 MR. MORAN: That lot on Nay Aug Avenue,  
20 the weeds are taller than me already.

21 MR. COURTRIGHT: We called on that  
22 several times throughout the summer, and a couple of  
23 times they did clean the lot, but I agree, not as often  
24 as they should have.

25 MR. MORAN: There are houses still in

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1 that area, but between the stores there and everything,  
2 I'm sure there's going to be a lot of rats and who  
3 knows what other kind of varmints are going to come out  
4 of there.

5 MR. COURTRIGHT: They cleaned up a lot  
6 of debris out of there the one time, but they didn't  
7 cut it as often as they should have.



8 MR. MORAN: It's pretty tall. I don't

9 think they cut it at all.

10 MR. COURTRIGHT: We'll try to see if

11 they can do a better job next year.

12 MR. MORAN: There's one up on Sanderson

13 Avenue and Deacon Street, I mean, that's a mess between

14 the garbage and -- the people cut that at least once

15 this year, but, I mean, people just seem to just throw

16 their garbage there. I just want to know who is

17 responsible for that. And that's it. Thank you.

18 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you, Mr. Moran.

19 You know, I know that everyone up here makes up their

20 own minds on issues, and also I know that the new

21 Council members coming on board will make up their own

22 mind, too, like Judy Gatelli an Sherry Fanucci, so I'm

23 not certain what that article was referring to as far

24 as who they might be lined up with. I didn't make

25 sense out of that article Bill Jackowitz.

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1 MR. JACKOWITZ: Good evening, City

2 Council. Bill Jackowitz, taxpayer, Scranton resident,

3 registered independent voter, retired military.

4 I would like to offer my appreciation,

5 respect and congratulations to the men and women of the  
6 United States Marine Corps, who are celebrating their  
7 230 birthday today.

8 I would also like to recognize all the  
9 Veterans from the past, present and future, and I hope  
10 everyone has a wonderful Veteran's Day tomorrow.

11 I would also like to congratulate Mayor  
12 Doherty, his staff, his supporters, you have four more  
13 years. Good luck.

14 Mr. DiBileo, you did the best, we all  
15 appreciate it.

16 Mrs. Evans 17,277 votes,  
17 congratulations.

18 November 2001, Mayor Doherty, 13,998  
19 votes, Mr. Bolus 5,948 votes, Mr. Costa, 1,235 votes.

20 Total votes, 21,181.

21 November 2005, these numbers are from  
22 yesterday, so they may be a little bit off, but I don't  
23 think they're off by much, Mayor Doherty 14,001 vote,

24 Mr. DiBileo, 11,435 votes. Total votes, 25,346. As

25 you can see, Mr. Doherty gained a total of three votes,

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1 three votes, since 2005.

2 My point being that there are a large  
3 percentage of voters in Scranton that are dissatisfied.  
4 These voters deserve to have their issues addressed,  
5 also. We all pay the same taxes.  
6 Mrs. Evans received the most amount of  
7 votes 17,277. It's funny, because Mrs. Evans and Mr.  
8 Doherty have not seen eye to eye for the last two  
9 years, so what I'm thinking is maybe the voters of the  
10 City of Scranton are trying to tell our elected  
11 officials, it's time to get it together, people. It's  
12 time to start working together, because we have the  
13 largest vote getter, Mrs. Evans on one side, Mr.  
14 Doherty, the newly re-elected mayor on the other side,  
15 and I really think that the voters of the City of  
16 Scranton are trying to tell us.  
17 Let's get it together, let's start  
18 working together, let's do away with all the  
19 trash-talking and everything else that's going on.  
20 As a proud Veteran, I wear a bracelet  
21 every day since March of 2003, the bracelet says,  
22 Specialist James M. Keel, US Army, 23 March '03, Iraq.  
23 That's the day that Specialist Keel was killed in Iraq,  
24 he was one of the first soldiers killed in the war.  
25 I never met this man, I never met his

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1 family, but as a proud Veteran and a supporter of all  
2 Veterans, I will wear this bracelet until the day that  
3 I die.

4 I feel that all elections are about  
5 Veterans. Without Veterans, there would be no  
6 elections.

7 In Iraq this year, 65 percent of the  
8 citizens voted. There were being shot at, bombs were  
9 exploding, and voters were Barre being killed.

10 The turnout in Scranton 2005,  
11 53 percent; 2001, 44 percent; 1985, 71.2 percent, and I  
12 don't think anybody was being shot at or bombed in  
13 Scranton. I don't know why, people just don't turn out  
14 to vote.

15 To all our elected officials, the  
16 coverup is what leads to trouble, the coverup is what  
17 leads to trouble. Examples, Watergate, Pete Rose,  
18 Washington, DC, 2005.

19 The door to City Council is open for  
20 all officials and citizens. I believe the door to the  
21 mayor office will also be open now for all city  
22 officials an citizens.

23 My belief in life and public safety is  
24 much more important than money, and it always will be.  
25 Life is more important than money ever will be.  
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1 To the Scranton Times, you are  
2 definitely unfair. Examples, the accusations that Mr.  
3 DiBileo harbored gang members never was substantiated  
4 and never was proven, but yet that article was written.  
5 Last week editorial accusing Mr.  
6 DiBileo of using ethnic statements towards a voter in  
7 West Scranton never was substantiated or never was  
8 proven, but yet those articles were written. And they  
9 call us clowns?  
10 Both articles were unfair, and, again,  
11 they were never proven. And could I get about  
12 30 seconds?  
13 MR. DIBILEO: Finish your thought, Mr.  
14 Jackowitz.  
15 MR. JACKOWITZ: Lastly, to all five  
16 Councilpersons, and this, I don't know if I'm doing  
17 this right, due to the high number of accidents in the  
18 1400 block of South Webster Avenue, and the last 25 to  
19 30 years, my family personally has had five of them,

20 hit and run accidents with cars, mostly stolen cars  
21 going up and down that hill flying at all rates of  
22 speeds, three projects located up there, I would like  
23 to see a traffic study completed, a check of reported  
24 accidents in the last 15, 20 years. We have had two  
25 light poles also taken out.

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1 My request is either have a four-way  
2 stop sign or a three-way stop sign at the corners or  
3 Cherry and South Webster and Fig and South Webster. We  
4 have to find a way to slow these people going up and  
5 down that hill.

6 I don't know how familiar you people  
7 are with that area, but my family has lived there for  
8 over 100 years. We need to do something. There has  
9 been a tremendous -- my neighbor has been hit three  
10 times in the last -- this year alone, and there has  
11 been at least seven or eight all hit and runs, stolen  
12 cars, and I know the reason why, and I think once you  
13 check the area out, you will know the reason why. Can  
14 we get some help, somebody look into it, see if we can  
15 get some stop signs there?

16 MR. COURTRIGHT: Jay, can you correct

17 me if I'm wrong, I think I was educated early on when I  
18 came on Council by Mr. Parker telling me that they do  
19 not install stop signs to stop the flow of traffic,  
20 it's to continue the flow of track, so I don't know  
21 that a stop sign would be -- you would be able to get a  
22 stop sign in that instance; is that correct, Jay, is  
23 that --

24 MR. SAUNDERS: Yes.

25 MR. COURTRIGHT: You know, and I know

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1 it doesn't sound correct, but Mr. Parker had explained  
2 it to me that way, they do not install stop signs to  
3 stop speeding.

4 MR. DIBILEO: But we'll ask them to  
5 look at that intersection.

6 MR. JACKOWITZ: Yeah, my concern is the  
7 safety. The accidents on that block have been  
8 unbelievable for the last -- we actually had a car  
9 come on our front porch about 25 years ago, and that  
10 was a stolen car, also.

11 MR. COURTRIGHT: Okay.

12 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you, Mr. Jackowitz.

13 And, Jay, would you ask Mr. Parker to look into that

14 intersection? Okay. Thank you.

15 MR. SAUNDERS: Yes, I will.

16 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you. Doug Miller.

17 MR. MILLER: Good evening, Council,

18 Doug Miller. I would like to congratulate Mr. DiBileo

19 and Mr. Doherty on running great campaigns. You kept

20 us all very well informed, and I know I learned a lot

21 from this election, and I would you like to thank Mr.

22 Doherty and Mr. DiBileo again for attending that debate

23 at West Scranton High School, because every kid in that

24 auditorium learned a lot, and we thank you again for

25 that.

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1 MR. DIBILEO: You're welcome, Doug.

2 MR. MILLER: As a poll worker, I

3 thought it was great to see all the citizens who came

4 out and voted, regardless of who they voted for. I

5 just hope that all the citizens who came to these

6 meetings during the election continue to come here,

7 because it's important that they come and share their

8 thoughts with Council.

9 I hope over the next four years we can

10 all respect each other and work together. With a new



11 Council coming, it's very important that the mayor  
12 tried to communicate with them.  
13 We may not agree on everything, but the  
14 one thing we do agree on is making this city a better  
15 place. And I still encourage all young people in this  
16 city to come here, because we are the future.  
17 And unfortunately Mrs. Evans is not  
18 here tonight, but I'd like to congratulate her on her  
19 successful run.

20 And I have one thing, a question for  
21 Jay, if you have any update on the speed bump issue.

22 MR. SAUNDERS: No, I haven't received  
23 anything back yet.

24 MR. MILLER: Okay. Thank you.

25 MR. DIBILEO: Okay. Thank you, Doug.

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1 Les Spindler.

2 MR. SPINDLER: Good evening, Council,  
3 Les Spindler, Scranton resident and cowardly low-life,  
4 referring to Mr. Kelly's article from yesterday where  
5 he referred to speakers who come here and support Mr.  
6 DiBileo mudslingers and cowardly low-lives.  
7 I take great offense to that article.

8 I wish Chris Kelly would come here himself to confront

9 us cowardly low-lives and see what he has to say then.

10 That's the worst piece of journalism

11 I've ever seen in my life. I think The Scranton Times

12 and Chris Kelly owes us all apologies and they should

13 have a detraction in the paper. Like the old saying

14 goes, every dog has its day. Chris Kelly will have his

15 day.

16 Something else, I've been asking about

17 this for, like, three years now, every time it rains,

18 the sidewalks in front of my house become flooded

19 because of the handicapped accessible corner that was

20 put in, to today's date, nothing has been done.

21 Letters have been sent. I don't know -- I still have

22 no satisfaction. Can we get that looked into again?

23 There's letters, letters, letters, and nothing is ever

24 done.

25 MR. DIBILEO: Can you call on that, Mr.

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1 Saunders, please?

2 MR. SAUNDERS: Yes, I will.

3 MR. DIBILEO: This goes back before the

4 last Council.

5 MR. DIBILEO: We'll have him make  
6 another phone call on that, Mr. Spindler.  
7 MR. SPINDLER: Thank you. Now, next  
8 year the budget is supposed to come down on Tuesday, I  
9 think it is, and I'm asking this Council not to give  
10 Chris Doherty another penny that he asks for.  
11 We all know last year he tried the  
12 scare tactic that if he didn't get \$12 million, there  
13 would be payless paydays, we all know that not to be  
14 true, because he only got \$4 million, everybody got  
15 their pause and that was just a false statement.  
16 We all know he borrows and spends  
17 recklessly, and I'm urging this Council when the budget  
18 comes down, do not give Chris Doherty one red cent.  
19 And as far as money being spent, Mr.  
20 Courtright, this goes to you, I urge you not to change  
21 your mind on CRF. Again, this mayor cannot have  
22 another penny of our money to spend, that's why we're  
23 in the debt we're in now. He should not get another  
24 penny for the next four years. Thank you very much.  
25 MR. DIBILEO: Jim Stucker.

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1 MR. STUCKER: Hi. We have a problem on

2 Main Avenue, can you get the guys out there to clean

3 our gutter?

4 MR. DIBILEO: Clean the what, Jim?

5 MR. STUCKER: The gutters that are

6 filled with leaves, grass and brush.

7 MR. DIBILEO: Where at, Jim?

8 MR. STUCKER: On Main Avenue.

9 MR. DIBILEO: But whereabouts, what

10 block?

11 MR. STUCKER: Right in front of our

12 building right where the church is around the corner.

13 MR. DIBILEO: Right where you live

14 there?

15 MR. STUCKER: Yeah, right around the

16 church, too. Right around the corner of the church.

17 There's two of them there, they're blocked with leaves.

18 MR. DIBILEO: The personal care center,

19 the former West Side Theater where Jim is at.

20 MR. SAUNDERS: Yeah, PennDOT.

21 MR. POCIUS: That's a state highway.

22 That should go to county maintenance.

23 MR. POCIUS: Thank you, Jim.

24 MR. STUCKER: Okay. Jay, I gave you a

25 letter, a note there, they want to know -- I talked to

1 the gas man, and the gas man did gave me the note,  
2 maybe you can do something about it to get the tree  
3 taken care. She's afraid -- the lady is afraid the  
4 tree is going to fall on her roof.

5 MR. DIBILEO: Okay, Jim. All right.

6 You got that, Jay?

7 MR. SAUNDERS: Yes, I do.

8 MR. STUCKER: All right. There's a guy  
9 named Tom -- - no, Carl, his name is Carl, they black  
10 topped his road, they black topped it, and they left a  
11 big hump about this high up on the driveway and he  
12 can't get up in the driveway.

13 MR. DIBILEO: Jim, you know what to do,  
14 get the address for us of Carl's house, and then we'll  
15 have somebody get out there and look at it.

16 MR. STUCKER: Okay. Courtright, did  
17 you go up there and see that for Tom? He wants to --

18 MR. COURTRIGHT: Jim, I think I told  
19 you, I sent two letters out, all right, and I've been  
20 there myself several times, we haven't gotten a  
21 response.

22 West Locust Street, you're talking

23 about. I know -- I will just ask Jay if we can send

24 another letter. I haven't gotten a response.

25 I understand their certain, and I know

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1 Tom, and you don't need to keep asking me, I'll try to

2 take care of it for you, all right?

3 MR. STUCKER: All right.

4 MR. COURTRIGHT: I just -- Tom knows

5 I'm on it there.

6 MR. STUCKER: Okay.

7 MR. COURTRIGHT: All right?

8 MR. STUCKER: Okay.

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: Thank you.

10 MR. STUCKER: We need a couple crime

11 watches over West Side -- Hyde Park, Main Avenue, or

12 the police over there, they're carrying on over there,

13 the kids are, school kids.

14 MR. DIBILEO: Did you talk to the crime

15 watch, West Side Crime Watch, Jim?

16 MR. STUCKER: No.

17 MR. DIBILEO: Okay. I'm going to give

18 you a phone number and we're going to ask them to help

19 you out with that, too, all right?

20 MR. STUCKER: Yeah, there's a lot of  
21 smart kids over there.  
22 MR. DIBILEO: All right, Jimmy. Thank  
23 you, Jim, appreciate it. Okay. Ozzie Quinn.

24 MR. QUINN: Ozzie Quinn, Scranton  
25 property owner. I'm the president of the Scranton  
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1 Lackawanna County taxpayers and citizens association,  
2 and we had a meeting earlier this week, and we  
3 discussed the budgets, and one of the items that we  
4 discussed was the EMS Tax, the Emergency Municipal  
5 Service Tax, and there was a consensus amongst us that  
6 the EMS tax should not be used for tax abatement  
7 because of the fact that somebody is getting taxed and  
8 then that would be redistributing back tax to Scranton  
9 tax owners, and would be hypocritical in regards to our  
10 mission.

11 We also feel that infrastructure at  
12 \$1.8 million that's estimated would not be enough to do  
13 much for the infrastructure, so we recommend that this  
14 money be given for police and fire, okay, and we hope  
15 that the mayor would follow through on that, also, and  
16 the City Council will through on that, also, for those

17 reasons.

18 The three budgets, you know, we have

19 the county and the school district, the school district

20 is planning their budget later on this week, they're

21 meeting on Wednesday, the second phase of the school

22 study, and we know we're going to get hit with a tax

23 with that, there's no doubt about it.

24 Presently they're \$131 million in

25 debtness, and when we met with them here, we were told

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1 that they have a leeway of going another \$250 million.

2 Well, we as taxpayers don't want them

3 to go and just borrow money, okay? This borrowing has

4 got to stop.

5 And the City of Scranton, for instance,

6 we again are over \$200 million, \$205 million, and the

7 mayor wants to borrow, what is it, \$4 million for this

8 budget for operating expenses, you should never borrow

9 for operating expenses, and it's got to stop because of

10 the fact that, again, like I said before, you're using

11 one credit card to pay off another credit card, and it

12 just doesn't work. Why don't somebody get it, okay?

13 So, what I'm urging you is that our



14 city is shrinking, and this is from the Pennsylvania  
15 Data Center. We have a wage tax, the second highest in  
16 the state, we have a high property tax, we have a  
17 mercantile tax for the businesses that's on the rolls,  
18 we have a privilege tax, we have to pay a swimming fee  
19 and we have to pay a garbage fee, and if you use the  
20 ballpark fee, we have to pay a ballpark fee.  
21 I mean, we're overtaxed, okay? And  
22 with this winter, again, as you all know, it's been  
23 predominantly about the heating fuel, people are just  
24 not going to make it fly, they're just not going to  
25 make if fly with another tax.

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1 So, you really got to keep this in  
2 mind, and I would appreciate this City Council, because  
3 I know it's going to come back, it appears, if it's  
4 like other years, and that's the way it should be, and  
5 I would never want to see a Council to rubber stamp  
6 anything.  
7 And the next four years to come, I hope  
8 that City Council does not rubber stamp anything that  
9 comes down here from the city administration. I hope  
10 that they have enough sense to use their own common

11 sense and look for the people first, and then the  
12 politics.  
13 The trouble is in Scranton, they look  
14 for the politics first and the people of the City of  
15 Scranton second. Well, that's got to stop, and that's  
16 how we can work government, by looking at the people  
17 first.

18 Now, we can cut this budget that the  
19 mayor is going to send down, and we all hope we get a  
20 copy of that, we were promised, by cutting that fat  
21 out.

22 We all know, you know, when a lawyer  
23 gets three quarters of a million dollars over a  
24 three-year period, and the monies that these  
25 administrators are getting and consultants and  
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1 Philadelphia lawyers, come on. That's going to come  
2 down again in 2006.

3 I mean, in all due respect, Mayor  
4 Doherty won, congratulations, but he's got a lot of  
5 payoff to do here. He spent a million dollars in  
6 regards to his campaign, and he's going to come down  
7 with a -- he's not going to cut that budget, he's not

8 going to cut anybody out, and only ones that's going to  
9 be able to is the Council to stand up for the  
10 taxpayers.

11 And believe me, if it goes through, if  
12 it goes through on the borrowing, people are going to  
13 feel it, not maybe this year, it's going to be adding  
14 up, but next year and the year after and the year after  
15 we're going to have a tax increase.

16 So, there's no doubt about it, so  
17 consider us that we are the taxpayers, we're the city,  
18 the school and the county taxpayers, and consider us,  
19 please.

20 Progress is one thing, okay, but you  
21 can't borrow, borrow, borrow progress, okay? I  
22 appreciate that very much, and thank you.

23 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you, Mr. Quinn.

24 Lee Morgan.

25 MR. MORGAN: Good evening, Council.

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1 MR. DIBILEO: Good evening.

2 MR. MORGAN: The first thing I'd like

3 to say is something about the election that took place

4 the other day, and I appreciate everybody who voted and

5 whoever they voted for, but I do want to say something,  
6 and somebody may not appreciate it, but that's fine, I  
7 guess freedom of speech is a wonderful thing, I'm very  
8 troubled by the people who were trying tell people who  
9 to vote. I just made a small list of who they were and  
10 who they wanted people to vote for.

11 Now, these people all wanted, well, the  
12 majority of these people wanted people to vote for Mr.  
13 Doherty, all right, and these were elected officials  
14 who supposedly think that everybody's vote is  
15 important, but yet still they're trying to tell people  
16 how they should vote.

17 We have a retired Congressman McDade,  
18 we have a Congressman Kanjorski, we have a State  
19 Senator Mellow, we have Mr. Notarriani, that's the  
20 chairman of the Democratic Party of Lackawanna County,  
21 we have Mr. Wasko, who is an appointed county  
22 commissioner, and we have treasurer Bob Casey, who told  
23 everybody to vote for Mr. Doherty.

24 Now, you know what, I'm very troubled  
25 by that, because these are elected officials, and I

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I don't think, just like when I came to this podium, I

2 don't think anybody should tell somebody how to vote.  
3 I think people should make up their own mind. And  
4 party politics has to die.  
5 We have Wayne Evans, who on the  
6 Republican side and Bill Scranton, Jr., on the  
7 Republican side telling people who they should vote  
8 for, all right, so what we have here, and we have  
9 The Scranton Times, of course, running their slanderous  
10 editorial pages and all their opinions, which some of  
11 them were never even found to be true, who pounded Mr.  
12 DiBileo into the ground.  
13 And you know something, I have to say  
14 this, that, Mr. DiBileo, you may have lost this  
15 election, and I did disagree with you on issues before,  
16 especially when the new construction of the new school,  
17 okay, so I'll tell you exactly where I stand at any  
18 time at any moment, and I never agree with anybody just  
19 to agree with them, but in all reality, you had an  
20 excellent, excellent turnout.  
21 You fought the Republican Party, the  
22 Democratic Party, The Scranton Times, the whole  
23 political machine on both sides.  
24 And I'm going to say this, I don't  
25 think your political career is over here, and we're

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1 going to remember what you've done.

2 I think we need to move on here, and,

3 you know what, I'm very troubled by one thing that took

4 place here when a trade -- when a union official came

5 up and started talking about CRF, and I would like to

6 say, Mr. Courtright, that already you're waving the

7 flag of surrender and saying, Well, maybe we should

8 reconsider this.

9 This CRF has nothing good to offer the

10 taxpayers of this city, nothing. And I say this, let's

11 make an offer to the trade unions and let them buy

12 these loans dollar for dollar with their pension funds,

13 and let's do that, okay, but let's not sell this city

14 short.

15 And I agree with what Mr. Quinn said

16 here and Mr. Andy Sbaraglia said here. You know, this

17 city is in a mountain of debt.

18 And just to bring it -- just to shine

19 the light on it, we can just go to 5-C, okay, that's

20 for consideration today. We're moving money from one

21 account to another.

22 Now, tax anticipation notes, I think

23 they have to be paid by the end of the year, we're  
24 going to shift the \$26,000 payment somewhere else from  
25 a tax anticipation note. We're shifting money all over  
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1 this place. This city is bankrupt.

2 It's time when the next budget comes up  
3 to tell the mayor to find the \$4 million to cut to  
4 balance his budget, and if it's more than that, then  
5 cut it more than \$4 million.

6 And you know what, don't borrow any  
7 money. Let's make this city function the way it is,  
8 let's have the Councilmen do their job, all right, and  
9 act in the best interest of the residents of this city.

10 This city has just been given away to everybody.

11 Now, it's been said that the mayor  
12 spent \$800,000, I'd like to see who contributed to his  
13 campaign, and then as the city goes forward in the next  
14 couple of years, let's see how everybody gets paid off,  
15 because the people paying these bills that live in this  
16 city walk through the neighborhoods, Mr. DiBileo is  
17 right, we need patrolmen walking the streets, I don't  
18 care who the mayor is, we need money spent in the  
19 neighborhoods, we need to stop giving money away.

20 The Scranton Times knew that Southern  
21 Union was in trouble, they didn't report on it until  
22 the day after the election. We all know what's going  
23 on here, it's politics as usual, and we're tired of it  
24 and we want a change, and we're going to get one. Thank  
25 you.

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1 MR. COURTRIGHT: Mr. Morgan, Lee, I

2 just think you're assuming an awful lot. I --

3 MR. MORGAN: No, I listened to your

4 words, sir.

5 MR. COURTRIGHT: Okay. Well, I just

6 want to explain to you, if you don't mind. I didn't

7 say whether I was or was not -- I don't think you can

8 come back to the podium, I don't think Mr. DiBileo is

9 going to allow you to speak again, I didn't say whether

10 I was or was not going to make a motion.

11 A lot of things have to happen. Mr.

12 DiBileo has to call Mr. Doherty, and Mr. Doherty has to

13 be willing to sit and talk to me, and then he's got to

14 convince me that it's worth doing. I just said I was

15 going to listen, so --

16 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Well, all I have to



17 say is this, and I am going to walk away, it wasn't

18 right then, it's not right now, it's time to represent

19 the people who elected you. Thank you.

20 MR. DIBILEO: Just a quick comment,

21 too. You talked about some political endorsements,

22 since they were public, you know, I allowed you to say

23 them, Lee, but I think you mentioned Bill Scranton,

24 Jr., and I believe it was Bill Scranton, Sr., that made

25 the endorsement that you were referring to, not junior,

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1 who is running for governor.

2 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Thank you. Hal

3 Donohue.

4 MR. DONOHUE: Good evening, President

5 DiBileo, my name is Hal Donohue, Scranton resident and

6 taxpayer.

7 The election is over. I was pleased to

8 see you use the word unity in getting back together. I

9 was pleased to hear Mr. Courtright actually say he's

10 willing to sit down and discuss it, and I think these

11 are signs of bringing the city back together. The

12 election is over, it's time to go forward, and that's

13 all I'd like to say.

14 Even some -- many of the speakers up  
15 here hinted at unity coming back and talk city  
16 business, and I think that's the right track, and I'd  
17 like to see it stay that way. Thank you.

18 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you, Mr. Donohue.

19 Mike Dudek.

20 MR. DUDEK: Mike Dudek, 608 Depot

21 Street. I live in The Plot Section, and I'm also one

22 of the low-lives that Chris Kelly was referring to.

23 First of all, as to this past election,

24 I think everybody knows by now I'm a very bruising

25 campaigner, but I am not the type of a campaigner that

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1 would ever tolerate for one second the besmirchment of

2 a persons' character or representation, and so

3 obviously everybody who knows me knows that I had

4 absolutely nothing to do with anything that you had

5 described referring to Ms. Hailstone, and wherever that

6 came from, I was as surprised about it as you were,

7 because I had to ask around to find out what they were

8 talking about myself.

9 And I had been pretty close to the

10 inside of your campaign, wouldn't you agree? I was

11 pretty close to the inside of your campaign, and I  
12 didn't know what they were talking about.  
13 At the same time, I was inside this  
14 campaign enough to know that there were people on the  
15 other side who were trying to say that Mr. DiBileo and  
16 Janet Evans were having a liaison, but The Times never  
17 reported that. Now, that is ridiculous.

18 MR. DIBILEO: We have to get off that  
19 subject, Mike.

20 MR. DUDEK: Okay. I just wanted to  
21 point out, the newspaper should cover both sides.  
22 The reason why I am here is to ask you  
23 to take a look at something in the item of the fifth  
24 order.

25 In the fifth order tonight you're

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1 looking at extending a matter of Corey Avenue between  
2 Pittston and Birney Avenue, making it into a one-way, I  
3 would ask you to table that and get some more  
4 information on it, I will tell you why, I use that road  
5 quite frequently. I will go down by Birney Avenue,  
6 make a left onto Corey, go straight through there.  
7 There is a business back there and there's also a large

8 union office back there, and sometimes I have to visit  
9 both of those places.

10 I will then leave them, come to  
11 Pittston, take Corey Avenue back to Birney, and then  
12 continue onto Moosic. I think many people may need  
13 that stretch of road to be a two-way street, because of  
14 the fact that you have a very large business in back on  
15 Corey Avenue, and a very large union business back  
16 there.

17 The union that's back there are the  
18 pipe fitters, their building is about as large as the  
19 electrical building on Wyoming Avenue. That building  
20 also has classrooms where they actually teach pipe  
21 fitting and other aspects of the plumbing trade.

22 I think that that union should be  
23 consulted to see whether or not they would want Corey  
24 Avenue to be made into a one way or if they may need it  
25 to exist as a two-way. Thank you.

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1 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you, Mr. Dudek.

2 Mr. Dudek, I didn't hear any of those rumors, but I  
3 didn't have the time or energy to be involved in  
4 anything like that. J.B. Davis.

5 MR. DAVIS: Assalaam Alaikum, peace and  
6 blessings of Allah be with you. I was down at the  
7 Veteran's hospital today when they were giving that  
8 raising of the flag and changing of the guard, etc.,  
9 and the one thing that bothered me the most was there  
10 were little or no minority Veterans present.  
11 I would like to -- I'd love to put  
12 forth, because I know you're listening to me, because  
13 you come and you tell me that, you come and talk to me.  
14 You minority Veterans, if you would  
15 like to put your name on the rolls as being so, we  
16 would like to honor you. Please call 343-1194 and give  
17 them your name and your telephone number so we can get  
18 back to you when our next meeting will be. That's  
19 number one.  
20 Number two, there was an increase in  
21 persons registered to vote this year, some 52 people.  
22 The total population for those who were able to vote  
23 was 48,000. Of the 48,000, approximately 26,000  
24 actually voted.  
25 That means we went from 20 percent in  
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1 the spring to 50 percent. I hope that it was because

2 we asked you to vote. We asked you to do more than  
3 that, we ask you to get involved with the city, we ask  
4 you to get involved with the politics of the city, and  
5 I mean all branches of government, the school board,  
6 your school, your PTAs, your City Council, your  
7 commissioners.

8 Please become -- the only way we're  
9 going to really take grasp and hold onto what is  
10 happening in this city is to become active, proactive.  
11 We can't sit back and say that's wrong and do nothing  
12 about it. We've seen what that will do.

13 Now, I have a doctor who sees me about  
14 my diabetes, I'm a diabetic, but he asks me to give  
15 this announcement, excuse me for doing this, he's a  
16 good doctor, he's keeping me on my feet, so I'm doing  
17 -- his name is Dr. Brown, and they're giving the  
18 Diabetes Awareness Month -- this is Diabetes Awareness  
19 Month, and I think it's at the Mercy Hospital on Monday  
20 the 14th, that's November 14th, at 6 p.m. on the  
21 second floor of the long meeting room, large meeting  
22 room on the second floor.

23 It's presented by a Dr. William Brown,  
24 podiatrist. The subject is prevention of complications  
25 associated with diabetes.

1 And there's another seminar, it's given  
2 by the very same people, it's diabetes foot screening  
3 that's going to be held on the 16th of November at 3  
4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Mercy Wound Care Center. Medical  
5 services will be offered. They ask you to call for  
6 reservations, 348-7838.  
7 These are all free. They're free  
8 educational events at Mercy Hospital. Please call,  
9 those of you who are diabetic, you know what I'm  
10 talking about, your feet are probably the most  
11 important things that you have right now, because  
12 that's where your health starts going bad.  
13 The last thing, the NAACP is giving a  
14 banquet. All you minority veterans out there, try and  
15 get there. For reservations call, 829-0974. At 6:30  
16 it's cocktails and dinner, 7:30 is dinner. This is on  
17 11 November '05. It's on Wildflower Drive, and the  
18 name of the place is the East Mountain Inn.  
19 I'm overstepping my bounds, and I  
20 talked to Jay, Mr. Morgan, I just talked to Jay, and he  
21 promised faithfully, he has been very busy this week,  
22 but on Monday he's going to do something about that

23 citation.

24 MR. DIBILEO: Good.

25 MR. DAVIS: He's an honorable person.

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1 MR. DIBILEO: Yes, he is. Thank you,

2 Mr. Davis.

3 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you. And the last

4 person on the sign-in sheet is Phyllis. And, Phyllis,

5 as you know now, city business, no religious

6 discussions.

7 MS. HUMPHREY: Good evening. I'm

8 sending my love out to Bishop Martino, my priest, my

9 sisters and my seminarians and my family, and

10 congratulations to Bishop Doherty (sic) and Mrs. Evans,

11 and like you said, keep on going on and keep on going

12 on, because no matter how much they whack me, I bounce

13 back up.

14 I want to extend my sympathy to Jordan

15 for has happened there, but extend my subpoena to

16 Pakistan, India and all war-torn countries, especially

17 to the little children.

18 The children are our future, and if we

19 don't teach them now, and even in middle eastern



20 countries, we're not going any place.

21 To my Polish family, (UNTRANSCRIBABLE),

22 to my German family, (UNTRANSCRIBABLE), the Holy

23 Father, to the Orthodox that are watching,

24 (UNTRANSCRIBABLE), and God Bless them, to my Jewish

25 family, Shalom, to the Muslim family, Assalaam Alaikum,

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1 and to the military, especially I send my love to the

2 military and our veterans, to all veterans, and I pray

3 for the ones that are gone and the ones that are her,

4 and I want to thank our military, especially my cousin

5 Jimmy that's in the service, he's serving right now

6 through the Pentagon in Iraq, and Leeann, she's with

7 the Navy, and I want to extend that peace and love and

8 reconciliation will come to all countries.

9 I thought I was going to get last week

10 to the Saudi Arabian Consulate, but I was detoured to

11 St. John to bring documents to the cardinal.

12 I have this little picture here, as a

13 -- because I have a sense, it's from Seventh Avenue

14 Magazine, and there's two people there, little

15 children, seeing is believing.

16 So, I look at the innocence even in the

17 elderly or us, we are all children in our own ways, and  
18 those documents that I had given you, I know you have  
19 not exposed them for some unknown reason, but the US  
20 Air Force, the 416 fighting falcon, Captain Tom Zip  
21 McKlusky, wherever you are, God Bless you.

22 I have something I'm going to submit to  
23 you that's a copy. Bishop Timlin has -- this is our  
24 military. That holy letter was taken up in the falcon  
25 and the military signed this.

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1 MR. DIBILEO: Phyllis, I -- just one  
2 second, I think we're straying off the business  
3 subject.

4 MS. HUMPHREY: Well, this is business.  
5 This is about our military, that why I -- I want to  
6 hand this over to you, that you will see that these  
7 people are honored, they have taken the letter and flew  
8 it up into the -- which it will be expose someday.

9 MR. DIBILEO: If you want to leave it  
10 for us, you can leave it with Kay and Kay can make  
11 copies for us.

12 MS. HUMPHREY: And this is my mother  
13 that I love very much that loves peace and is full of

14 peace and love, she's watching down from Heaven.

15 Now, this right here I want to show the

16 City of Scranton. They had a controversy about Darwin

17 and life, who really -- how we all came about.

18 I have sever miraculous X-rays that are

19 going to be exposed and given to the City of Scranton

20 that scientists will be invited to all come here.

21 MR. DIBILEO: All right. See, now

22 we're off the --

23 MS. HUMPHREY: No, it has to do with

24 our city here. The scientists will be coming here,

25 we're going to need a lot of police people here for

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1 protection. I know we have a shortage of police here.

2 MR. DIBILEO: All right.

3 MS. HUMPHREY: Everybody's laughing,

4 but they say he who laughs last laughs best.

5 MR. DIBILEO: Now we got off track,

6 Phyllis. But anyway --

7 MS. HUMPHREY: No, this isn't off

8 track, this is important for our city.

9 MR. DIBILEO: But anyway, Phyllis, the

10 --

11 MS. HUMPHREY: Now I have to talk about

12 the medical, the medical here.

13 MR. DIBILEO: Phyllis, I have to ask

14 you to come back next week, because it's at the

15 five-minute mark is up.

16 MS. HUMPHREY: Okay. I have one more

17 thing to show. This is going to be exposed to the

18 world, it represents peace and the killing of the

19 people. We have to end killing here, and this is all

20 miraculous. I want everybody to see it here.

21 The Scranton Times are not doing their

22 jobs, they're not exposing the stories of the people.

23 God bless you. You can't stop the will of God. God

24 Bless you and thank, everybody.

25 MR. DIBILEO: We got off track there a

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1 little bit. Okay. All right. Next speaker.

2 MR. NEWCOMB, JR.: Okay. I have to say

3 this first, before I go into saying what I'm going to

4 say, Mrs. Evans called me on the telephone when I was

5 outside in the hall, and she wanted to make it very

6 clear to the Council people and to the mayor and

7 everybody else that she told me unless she knows where

8 all the \$5 million going, she will not support the  
9 motion for the CRF, so she asked me to ask you if you  
10 contact the mayor, unless you get a full thing in  
11 writing to tell you every nickel of that \$5 million,  
12 she will not support it. I'm just repeating what she  
13 asked me to repeat to you.

14 I wanted to come to this meeting  
15 tonight and say something that I haven't heard here  
16 before tonight, February of this year I had a very bad  
17 feeling, and that feeling was that Mr. Doherty may be  
18 running in his campaign re-election bid unopposed,  
19 finally you, Mr. DiBileo, announced that you were  
20 stepping up to the challenge. Almost half of this city  
21 believed in you.

22 During the primary election I helped  
23 Mr. DiBileo, but I put most of my time into Mrs. Evans.  
24 For the past six months, I basically put my life on  
25 hold and worked hard for you and Mrs. Evans, but I was

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1 one of the exorbitant endless amounts of people, and it  
2 was a remarkable experience, I thank you for that, and  
3 I thank you for stepping up to the challenge and  
4 running for mayor, because you sent a very strong, in

5 my opinion, positive message to the people of Scranton.  
6 I was not aggressively public about it  
7 because of these meetings, and unfortunately  
8 intimidations, however, I was behind the scenes almost  
9 daily. Why, because I'll tell you why, because you  
10 believed in challenging this mayor.  
11 Both of you, you and Mrs. Evans are  
12 very -- are the most humble, kindest and compassionate  
13 people I have come across in a long time.  
14 I have made unremarkable friendships  
15 because of your courage to represent the people that  
16 believe in you. If you decided to do this again  
17 tomorrow, I'd be standing by you once again.  
18 On behalf of myself and the thousands  
19 of people that supported you, I say thank you for  
20 stepping up to the plate and for running for mayor.  
21 Unfortunately you didn't only run  
22 against Mr. Doherty, but you ran against Mr. Rendell,  
23 Mr. Scranton, Mr. Catalano, Ms. Marinucci, Mr. McDade,  
24 Mr. Mellow, Mr. Kanjorski, Mr. Washo, Mr. Notorianni,  
25 and the most evil and prejudiced, in my book, The

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1 Scranton Times.

2 You are the only mayoral candidate in  
3 the history of Scranton to run against eleven or more  
4 candidates and come as close as you did.  
5 They spent -- it took them a million  
6 dollars to beat you and to beat us. Be proud of that.  
7 You had average hardworking random people believing in  
8 you and your vision.  
9 As far as Mr. Doherty goes, believe it  
10 or not, I congratulate him, but I have some challenges  
11 for him, as well.  
12 Bring the people of this city together,  
13 implement the quick response system that I begged you  
14 to do, and finally listen to the people, open your  
15 door, take the film down and listen, whether you agree  
16 or disagree, listen.  
17 Again, Gary, once again on behalf of  
18 the thousands of people that believed in you, I thank  
19 you. I have met your family, your wife, your children,  
20 your mother, your father, your father-in-law and your  
21 mother-in-law and they are remarkable, remarkable  
22 people.  
23 I have stated numerous times before  
24 that I have been coming here for a very, very long  
25 time.

1 The Scranton Times have painted a  
2 negative imagine of these Council meetings, they have  
3 mocked and defamated the people who speak here. We  
4 have gotten the title of crazy, nuts, anti-Doherty and  
5 much more.

6 As we saw for the last few months, in  
7 my opinion, some of the people who came here could have  
8 gotten those titles.

9 I, for one, came here repeatedly with  
10 fact upon fact and personal opinion. One of the first  
11 meetings I attended, you, Mr. Pocius, told me that I  
12 was the future and we need more people like you. I  
13 respected you immensely, however, over the years my  
14 opinion changed because of your attitude.

15 I personally have entered an amazing  
16 chapter in my life, I'm going to be the farther of a  
17 daughter come January or February.

18 Regardless of the outcome of this  
19 election and whenever it was going to be, this chapter  
20 is more important to me than anything and requires  
21 endless amounts of time.

22 I plan on stepping away from here just



23 for a little while until after the holidays and make

24 appearances when necessary.

25 No one knows, except for you Council

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1 members, what it is like to be recognized by so many

2 people. Random people stop me on the street, in the

3 stores, they congratulate me on a daily basis.

4 If I leave this podium seen

5 permanently, The Scranton Times, Mr. Doherty, his

6 apologists think they'll shut us up. They won't.

7 They've tried for four years.

8 If any of you know my wife, she will

9 not let me sit at home and allow these people to

10 continue what they are doing. She will make me come to

11 this podium over the next couple months if something

12 needs to be said.

13 But it is very important to me to watch

14 out for the citizens of Scranton, and I thank you, once

15 again, for challenging this mayor. Thank you.

16 MR. DIBILEO: Well, Mr. Newcomb, thank

17 you for those kind words, and congratulations and best

18 of luck on these upcoming arrival of your daughter. Go

19 right ahead.

20 MS. KING: Good evening.

21 MR. DIBILEO: Good evening.

22 MS. KING: Good evening, Mr. DiBileo,

23 and good evening, Council. My name is Danielle King, I

24 reside in Scranton, I'm half Irish and half Italian.

25 I have a few items that I'd like to

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1 bring to attention tonight, and I think I am going to

2 answer Mr. Jackowitz's question about why people aren't

3 coming out to vote.

4 I'm not here to personally attack

5 anyone, I will not say any names, and it is not my

6 intention to be disrespectful to anyone.

7 I won't stand here and throw out

8 numbers or names or statistics, because I really don't

9 know all those sorts of things anyway, I don't know

10 who's responsible for building which building and who's

11 not responsible for not building it, and frankly it

12 doesn't matter who gets the credit and who doesn't,

13 what matters is that I no longer wish to reside in my

14 hometown.

15 I was born here almost 32 years ago,

16 I've been living in Scranton all of my life, except for

17 when I went away to college and I left for a few years  
18 to go to Florida, but I decided to move back, because  
19 this is where my roots are, this is where my family is,  
20 this is my hometown.

21 It's been filled with corruption my  
22 entire life, and it continues, and it just continues  
23 getting larger and larger. It makes me physically  
24 sick.

25 I've been denied a permanent job in  
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1 this city three times because of the politics here. I  
2 don't make this statement lightly, it's not my  
3 imagination. It was done intentionally, and the most  
4 recent was because of my family's support of Gary, and  
5 I did, too.

6 My husband has to drive 90 minutes  
7 every day just to go to work somewhere and make a  
8 decent living. Can I blame this on corruption? No.

9 Can I blame it on the fact that Scranton has nothing or  
10 little to offer a young couple trying to start their  
11 lives here, yes?

12 Yes, we have nice parks. I see the  
13 park near where I live, and I see that's great, it's a

14 beautiful park for the kids in the neighborhood to go  
15 play in, and then my next thought is, isn't this where  
16 the gangs were meeting and then proceeded to blow Up my  
17 mailbox on my corner? That's the same park.

18 I think of all the people who say to  
19 me, Look at Lackawanna Avenue, look what has happened  
20 there in the last four years. And I say to myself, I  
21 have no choice but to look at it, because I'm in a  
22 traffic jam for 20 minutes because we have one lane of  
23 traffic for the last -- over a year now.

24 Then they say, Look at all the downtown  
25 businesses, and I think there's nowhere to park to go  
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1 and enjoy them.

2 I know it's not an easy job to run a  
3 city, I understand it's not, I've never done it, so I  
4 don't know, but I'm not here to pass judgment on anyone  
5 who is involved in running it, anyone who has anything  
6 to do with what gets done and what doesn't get done,  
7 I'm here to talk about the corruption and how it was  
8 out in full force on Tuesday.

9 I'm also not here to bash our mayor or  
10 any one of his supporters, as a matter of fact, I have

11 many friends who supported him, friends who, if for  
12 some reason Mr. Doherty had not run, would have been  
13 right along side Mr. DiBileo supporting him, that's the  
14 name of the game, friends, who if Mr. Doherty runs for  
15 something else one day would be calling us to volunteer  
16 for him to help him.

17 In the sprung I was with Gary and many  
18 of his volunteers registering people to vote. We went  
19 door to door in one the city's low income housing  
20 developments. We registered about 30 or 40 people, new  
21 people, first-time voters.

22 Some of these people would be voting  
23 for the first time as American citizens, some of these  
24 people have been Americans their entire life, yet never  
25 voted because they had no interest or they did not know

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1 how to vote or there were intimidated to vote.

2 Well, if anyone has ever met Gary, you  
3 know that all it takes is one meeting with him and you  
4 can see what an honest and caring gentleman he is.

5 Gary had gone back to the development a  
6 few times to speak with these people and hear their  
7 concerns. Many of them were very receptive to him, I

8 can even say inspire by him.

9 Fast forward to Election Day,

10 arrangements were made so these people would have some

11 assistance voting. Many of them needed an interpreter.

12 An interpreter was on hand for them.

13 When they got to their voting place,

14 they were denied the help. They were very intimidated,

15 even degraded at the voting booth.

16 A comment was made to the effect of

17 Gary is pulling them out of the woodwork, he even has

18 these dirt bags coming down here. They don't pay

19 taxes, and if they don't speak English, how do they

20 know who to vote for?

21 I'm sure I don't need to say that this

22 comment was made by the DiBileo camp. Keep in mind

23 this was the first time they were voting, and they were

24 faced with lawyers, sheriffs, poll watchers, the judge

25 of election and county judges arguing over whether or

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1 not they can have assistance voting. That could be why

2 people don't come out to vote.

3 Now, it is perfectly legal to have the

4 assistance, there's even a form to fill out for it, yet

5 for some reason this wasn't good new.

6 So, the judge had to come. He made a

7 ruling that the interpreter was allowed to assist these

8 people. This problem is solved, a few hours later,

9 another call is made, they were doing the same thing

10 again.

11 Here's the thing, Gary DiBileo and

12 Christopher Doherty and translate into Gary DiBileo and

13 Christopher Doherty. These people knew which name they

14 wanted, they just didn't know how to vote.

15 When we, and by we, I mean the people

16 who have been citizens here all our life first vote is

17 usually with our parent. We're in the voting booth

18 several times before were are 18 years old and do it

19 alone for the first time.

20 So, imagine it's your first time

21 voting, you're excited, you're nervous, you're anxious,

22 but you go because you want to see your candidate win,

23 you exercise your right for the first time, and you're

24 greeted with comments, like, well, you've never voted

25 before.

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1 Right, they never did vote before. We

2 registered nearly 40 people, 40 more people who are now

3 exercising their civic duty and privilege to vote.

4 I'll be anxious to see if they dare go to that voting

5 place again.

6 At yet another location, a constable

7 was standing at the entrance showing his badge, along

8 with campaign paraphernalia. That's not allowed.

9 He was told about it, removed the

10 paraphernalia, but yet still stood at the top of the

11 stairs with his badge out. Total corruption, it's

12 disgusting.

13 Now I will move onto the newspaper. My

14 suggestion is that all of the 11,435 who voted for Gary

15 cancel their subscription to the newspaper. I did it a

16 few weeks ago.

17 I find it completely unethical that the

18 only city newspaper is even allowed to endorse a

19 candidate. I'm a fair person, and I would be saying

20 the same thing if they endorsed Gary. It's not fair

21 for them to endorse anybody.

22 To write your articles in a slanted way

23 is one thing, which is wrong, but to flat out endorse

24 somebody is completely wrong. Corruption again.

25 Certain organizations have certain



1 members who were for Gary, yet their names appeared on  
2 documents, along with the official endorsement.

3 Why? They had no choice. They were  
4 part of a group, so their name went along with the  
5 letter or the advertisement.

6 Certain people who downright oppose  
7 Chris Doherty had their names printed in the newspaper  
8 advertisements without their permission.

9 MR. DIBILEO: Mrs. King, can I ask you  
10 to bring the rest back next week?

11 MS. KING: I only have one more  
12 paragraph. It's almost done. Two more sentences.

13 MR. DIBILEO: Two more sentences, go  
14 ahead.

15 MS. KING: If that's not corruption, I  
16 don't know what is. What I'd just like to say before I  
17 leave is, I'd like to say thank you to all the  
18 Veterans, since tomorrow is Veteran's Day, especially  
19 my father Danny and my husband Ted, all the Veterans,  
20 past, current and future who have died or our right to  
21 come here and speak and for our right to vote, and  
22 those people were denied their rights on Tuesday or

23 attempted to not have their right to vote.

24 They died, and the people who are

25 corrupting this city are spitting on those Veterans.

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1 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you, Mrs. King.

2 MR. NARSAVAGE: Good evening, City

3 Council, Stan Narsavage, Scranton. Mr. President, was

4 my name on that sign-in sheet?

5 MR. DIBILEO: Yes, it was, Stan, I

6 passed you by.

7 MR. NARSAVAGE: I just wanted to make

8 sure something didn't happen to the list.

9 MR. DIBILEO: Rights after Lee Morgan,

10 I should have called you up. Sorry.

11 MR. NARSAVAGE: I just wanted to make

12 sure something didn't happen to the list that I

13 signed.

14 MR. DIBILEO: I'm sorry.

15 MR. NARSAVAGE: No problem. I would

16 like to congratulate Janet on her tremendous victory,

17 and thank you, Gary, for your opening statement, I

18 agree with that 100 percent.

19 Unfortunately the way things turned

20 out, 14,001 person that voted for the new incoming  
21 mayor, we're just going to have the same thing all over  
22 again, it will be the same as the last four years.

23 If you go by some psychologists, if you  
24 want to know about what someone will do in the future,  
25 just look to what they've done in the past, and that's

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1 been proven many times over, and I'm afraid we're  
2 heading down that same road. And goodbye to open and  
3 honest government.

4 Now, Andy mentioned a few things that  
5 we have here, crime and everything that's going on in  
6 the city. He forgot to say one thing that we still  
7 have, and that's The Scranton Times, and that's a  
8 shame, in my opinion, that -- basically I guess it's  
9 going to be the same old, same old routine, and I'll  
10 just mention this article out of the paper today about  
11 Doherty focuses on the future, now, the byline is, Lynn  
12 Slack Shedlock, I don't know if this is her byline or  
13 the metro editor, because I was informed that the metro  
14 editor makes changes in these articles.

15 I'll just read the one article or the  
16 one paragraph, One of Mr. Doherty's first calls

17 Wednesday was to Councilwoman elect Judy Gatelli,  
18 despite her appearance to campaign as for her opponent  
19 Gary DiBileo, Mr. Doherty said he gets along very well  
20 with Mrs. Gatelli. I think that's a forerunning  
21 conclusion to what is going to happen with this next  
22 Council. Thank you very much.

23 MR. SLEDZINSKI: Gary, one thing you  
24 got to remember, Gary, I'm proud of you, Gary. I'm  
25 proud of you and anybody else sitting up there besides  
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1 you. Gary, I'm proud of you, Buddy. Stick to it.  
2 Stick to it, Gary.

3 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you, Chris. I  
4 appreciate that, Chris.

5 MR. MCANDREW: Good evening, Council,  
6 Larry McAndrew, Scranton resident, Scranton taxpayer.  
7 As we are all aware by now, that tomorrow is Veteran's  
8 Day, and that my understanding at the courthouse at  
9 11 a.m. that they're going to have a ceremony.  
10 If you can't attend this ceremony,  
11 please say a prayer for our Veterans. If it wasn't for  
12 them, we wouldn't have our freedom. We, the people,  
13 wouldn't have this Constitution and wouldn't be able to

14 live in such a wonderful country as the United States  
15 of America, we wouldn't have the opportunity to have a  
16 free speech to speak out the way we do.

17 I want to congratulate Mayor Doherty on  
18 winning his campaign, but I want to say to the 11,500  
19 people that voted for Mr. DiBileo that we, the people,  
20 send a message that we didn't like what was happening  
21 here in this city, that we didn't like our leadership  
22 and how it was being handled, and we're not going to go  
23 away, we're going to continue to fight. We are very  
24 proud Scrantonians, and we will keep our head raised  
25 high.

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1 Mr. Doherty, I hope you could work with  
2 the five new members of Council on this new Council,  
3 that you do not borrow any more money, and that you do  
4 the best for the taxpayers of this city.

5 Mr. Pocius, and for others that  
6 supported Mayor Doherty, I have to say this, I see what  
7 the near future will possibly bring, and I, for one, in  
8 the coming weeks or months will call my insurance agent  
9 and increase my fire protection on my home, just in  
10 case there is a disaster and just in case Mayor Doherty

11 does his reconstruction or reprogramming the fire  
12 department, and I also will get up to a hardware store,  
13 like a Home Depot, and I will buy a dead bolt for added  
14 protection, because we know what is going to come down  
15 the road.

16 But I want to say this, as a member of  
17 the Scranton Lackawanna County Taxpayers Citizen Group,  
18 we will be here and we will criticize and we will stand  
19 up for the taxpayers. Thank you very much.

20 MR. IAN MILLER: Good evening, Council.

21 My name is Ian Miller, and I live in The Plot.

22 MR. DIBILEO: Good evening.

23 MR. IAN MILLER: This past Tuesday, as  
24 everyone knows, was Election Day, and I would just like  
25 to say thank you to everyone for getting out and

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1 voting. It was a high turnout.

2 And I'd also like to congratulate all  
3 of the winners, Mayor Chris Doherty, Mrs. Evans,  
4 Mrs. Fanucci, Mrs. Gatelli, Mr. McDowell and all the  
5 school board directors.

6 I'd also like to congratulate you, Mr.

7 DiBileo, on a hard-fought race that ended with only a

8 small margin. So, I commend you, Mr. DiBileo, for  
9 giving Mayor Doherty a run for his money.

10 Now with the issues, is there a list of  
11 streets requested for paving?

12 MR. DIBILEO: Jay, do you have a --

13 MR. SAUNDERS: Yeah, we have a paving  
14 list.

15 MR. IAN MILLER: Can you add Amelia  
16 Avenue in Green Ridge to that, or is it already on  
17 there?

18 MR. DIBILEO: We can request that to be  
19 done.

20 MR. SAUNDERS: Yeah, we can request to  
21 them.

22 MR. IAN MILLER: Okay. Because I drive  
23 that street every day, and I don't think it can get  
24 much worse.

25 MR. DIBILEO: Okay. Another thing that

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1 I've been bringing up every time I speak here, and that  
2 is crime. Well, now the election is over, I would  
3 seriously like to know why your source and Mayor  
4 Doherty's source differs so much. I thought it was

5 maybe just because of the heated election, but if you  
6 still stand behind your source, I would like an answer  
7 on how come there's such a big difference on crime  
8 statistics.

9 Last week a speaker came here that I've  
10 known all of my life and used my name, and I'm fine  
11 with that, that she didn't agree with what I was  
12 saying, and if she had an issue with me or me speaking  
13 here, I would hope she would come to me about it, not  
14 the City Council podium.

15 But I would like to say thank you to  
16 that speaker for proving my point, my point that Mayor  
17 Doherty was in The Plot before and after the flood.  
18 And in closing I would like to say,  
19 Mr. Pocius, I worked all day on election day, and I  
20 don't plan on buying a dead bolt for my door either.  
21 Thank you.

22 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you, Ian.

23 MR. ANCHERANI: Good evening, Council,  
24 I'm Nelson Ancherani, resident and taxpayer and member  
25 of the FOP. I wish to congratulate Mrs. Evans on her

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1 victory in the Council race. She has done an excellent



2 job over the last two years, and I know she will do an  
3 excellent job in the next four years, and I wish her  
4 good luck.

5 I also want to commend Mr. DiBileo for  
6 being an excellent candidate for mayor. You showed  
7 class throughout the entire campaign, you never forgot  
8 the people, all the people, who too many times are  
9 ignored or criticized. I wish you luck and best wishes  
10 in whatever your plans are for the future.

11 I know I will miss you from Council in  
12 January. I'm sure there are 11,554 others out there  
13 who feel the same way. Good luck.

14 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you.

15 MR. ANCHERANI: Tomorrow is Veteran's  
16 Day, returning city employee soldiers did not get the  
17 bonus. To be truthful, I didn't think they would get  
18 it, not from this administration.

19 People can make up their own minds on  
20 that one, but in my eyes, it's a slap in the face to  
21 these soldiers.

22 Mr. Hal Donohue's last sentence in his  
23 letter to the editor on November 7, 2005, and I quote,  
24 Mr. Doherty supports not only our military and  
25 Veterans, but all of our citizens. And I see he left,

1 but sorry, Hal, but we beg to differ in our opinions.  
2 In that same dated newspaper, the  
3 editorial was titled, Fear, innuendo aren't leadership,  
4 and the first paragraph reads, and I quote, Halloween  
5 came early to City Hall last week. Thursday night a  
6 high-volume campaign rally against Mayor Doherty  
7 masqueraded as the City Council meeting.  
8 Political ankle bitters came dressed up  
9 as concerned citizens. Several Council members put on  
10 their straight-faced masks and pretended to be engaged  
11 in serious city business as they bobbed for votes for  
12 Mr. Doherty's opponent, Council President Gary DiBileo.  
13 I guess they have to mean themselves  
14 when they write stuff like this. They never take their  
15 Halloween masks off. They have been bobbing for votes  
16 for Doherty for months.  
17 They portray themselves as a concerned  
18 newspaper when they practice the same tactics that they  
19 say the concerned citizens do at Council meetings.  
20 The concerned newspaper doesn't like it  
21 when someone, especially a small, tiny, wee, miniscule  
22 group of citizens do what the newspaper does. How

23 hypocritical.

24 The newspaper can't control this group,

25 and they don't like it. The newspaper has the power of

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1 the press, and in my opinion is trying to suppress free

2 speech, something newspapers base their reporting on.

3 The one newspaper in this town has been

4 endorsing Doherty for months. Again, my opinion. They

5 want their monolithic monopoly to be the only voice in

6 this city. They don't like to be challenged.

7 This little group of Council speakers

8 is likened to the little group at the Boston Tea Party.

9 George Washington and his patriotic group of columnists

10 fought for the right to be free and for free speech.

11 They fought overwhelming odds, reminding me of this

12 modern day struggle of a small group of Council

13 speakers versus the newspaper, the giant bully on the

14 block.

15 The newspaper has to realize that if

16 this small group of concerned citizens gets knocked

17 down, there are hundreds out there to take our places.

18 The newspaper's reign over the masses

19 is over. People wouldn't be fooled by their baseless

20 rhetoric.

21 Just remember, these concerned citizens

22 don't hide behind masks, they say their names at the

23 podium. The newspaper's editorial writers won't even

24 put their names to their editorials, hiding behind the

25 editorial. So, I ask who is wearing the masks.

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1 I wish to thank Council and

2 Channel 61 for the right to come here and speak our

3 opinions about city business. We are taxpayers and are

4 concerned about our futures. Why else are we here?

5 I know I am real concerned our debt,

6 \$204 million plus for the next 28 years and growing. I

7 only hope that it doesn't go higher.

8 We put off paying Peter when Paul comes

9 to the door, but what are we going to do when they both

10 show up together? And I only hope that this free

11 speech policy continues in the new year. Again, thank

12 you all.

13 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you, Mr. Ancherani.

14 MR. SAUNDERS: Fifth order. 5-A,

15 Motions.

16 MR. DIBILEO: Mr. McTiernan, do you

17 have any motions or comments?

18 MR. MCTIERNAN: Just congratulations to

19 all the participants in the recent election, and that's

20 all, Mr. President.

21 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you, Mr. McTiernan.

22 Mr. Pocius, motions or comments?

23 MR. POCIUS: I will try to be brief,

24 because I don't have much of a voice, I have a terrible

25 head cold.

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1 First of all, I, too, would like to

2 congratulate all the candidates both on the winning and

3 losing side, because someone has to lose, I know that

4 myself. I won many times, and I lost. And I think

5 it's harder on your supporters, because I think a lot

6 of times you know when you run in a campaign, you can

7 lose, as well as win, but it's harder on people that

8 support you, so, Gary, you did a nice job, you ran a

9 campaign, you took on a big challenge, and anyone that

10 puts their hat in the ring to do something like that

11 should be commended.

12 We always didn't agree on a lot of

13 issues, but the bottom line is, when you take the step

14 forward, it's something that, you know, you can look  
15 back on and say I did what I thought was best, and  
16 that's what I have to say.

17 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you.

18 MR. POCIUS: Anyone else, it's just  
19 basically -- I wish the new Council members well, it's  
20 a little premature for that, but hopefully, you know,  
21 unity seems to be a theme tonight, and I hope that  
22 continues -- I hope that starts and continues and keep  
23 the momentum going in the city.

24 Also I would be remised if I didn't  
25 also send my most warmest wishes out to all the  
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1 Veterans as we celebrate Veteran's Day tomorrow.  
2 Coming from a family that actually --  
3 my grandmother and grandfather on my father's side,  
4 actually five sons served in World War II. My Uncle  
5 Chuck, who's deceased, he was a cook, but he had to  
6 pick up a rifle during the battle of the bulge.  
7 My dad was a decorated war hero who  
8 fought in the Italian Campaign. He was the first  
9 sergeant in an anti-tank company.  
10 My Uncle Lou who was a -- he was in the

11 US Navy, he was a coast watcher, they flew out over the  
12 ocean and patrolled the ports of the United States.

13 My Uncle Eddie, he was a Navy Veteran  
14 who served in the Pacific campaign, he served in the  
15 Pacific campaign.

16 And my Uncle Tony, who passed away, my  
17 Uncle Eddie is the only remaining brother, all the  
18 other brothers are deceased he had 12 years in the  
19 United States Navy both before and after World War II,  
20 but he had the proud honor -- it was kind of a  
21 compelling thing, his ship drove the second bomb over  
22 that actually Nagasaki, that was the final touch that  
23 ended the Pacific campaign.

24 Hiroshima was the first, but his ship  
25 commandeered and delivered the bomb to the B-52, so  
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1 there's a long line of lineage there, and also my  
2 thoughts go out to my nephew on Veteran's Day, he's  
3 currently a first lieutenant in the United States  
4 Marine Corps, Randy Gabriel, he's stationed at Camp  
5 Pendleton, which he can't tell us a lot about what is  
6 going on, but he might be sent back for a second tour  
7 in Iraq, so there's a strong lineage there, and I think

8 Mr. Jackowitz hit on it, the proud tradition that the  
9 United States Marine Corps on all our other service  
10 branches.

11 I was privileged -- actually I was  
12 pretty lucky, too, I just came back this morning on a  
13 red eye flight from Las Vegas, I attended a conference  
14 out there, and the conference was opened up by the  
15 Marine division, three young Marine soldiers serving  
16 with the Las Vegas division of the United States Marine  
17 Corps, and they presented the colors at the opening of  
18 the conference which was very impressive, and those  
19 people, I think more so than anybody, should be  
20 commended.

21 I actually was walking through one of  
22 the Casinos, I think it was that Stratosphere, and I  
23 came across a young Marine dressed in his dress blues  
24 walking through with his fiancée or girlfriend or maybe  
25 they were just married, and I took the time and I went

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1 up and I shook his hand and I said, Congratulations for  
2 all you're doing for us, and he was pretty proud that  
3 someone took the time, you could see his chest, he was  
4 a tall, thin young man, but his chest popped out, and



5 he had one stripe, I guess that's a PFC, but I'm sure

6 he'll have many more before his career is over.

7 Again, take the time to thank a

8 Veteran, take the time to remember those Veterans that

9 gave the ultimate sacrifice, their lives for us so that

10 we're able to have elections in this country without

11 shootings, without bombings, without the people being

12 slautered on their way to the polls. That's all, Mr.

13 President.

14 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you very much, Mr.

15 Pocius. Appreciate those comments. Mr. Courtright,

16 motions or comments?

17 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes, Mr. President.

18 I, too, would like to thank all Veterans, and I'd like

19 to make a comment on our solicitor and our good friend

20 Mark Walsh.

21 You know, a lot of people ask me how

22 he's doing, what is wrong with him and whatnot, and I'm

23 not about to sit up here and give you his medical

24 history, because I wouldn't be able to do it properly,

25 but I speak to him regularly, he's in good spirits,

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1 he's getting some treatments, and I hope that we see

2 him back here soon, so our best wishes to Mark.

3 Jay, I don't know, did we get any type

4 of report or are we going to be getting any type of

5 report on the garage that the engineer --

6 MR. SAUNDERS: I don't know that

7 answer. I will check into that.

8 MR. COURTRIGHT: Could you ask for me?

9 I'd like to see something in writing. I know there was

10 things in the paper, but I would like to see if they're

11 going to give us some type of report there.

12 MR. POCIUS: I think we made by motion

13 we asked to get a letter from the structural

14 consultant.

15 MR. COURTRIGHT: Right.

16 MR. POCIUS: And I did know, excuse me,

17 Bill, but driving by that the gates and everything were

18 installed, it seems like it's completely lit right now,

19 so maybe if it's not open for parking, it should be

20 pretty close, because I said, you know, the electronic

21 gates are opened up at the entrance, so -- but I'd like

22 to see that letter, because it was on my motion we ask

23 for it. Maybe you can follow up to Quandel or the SRA

24 or whatever, just until we get a letter in the file

25 that says it's been inspected and everything is fine.

1 MR. COURTRIGHT: And, Jay, I don't know  
2 how many weeks now, I have to wonder that maybe we sent  
3 the letter to the wrong place when we were asking about  
4 Park Gardens, and it was many weeks ago that those  
5 women had complained to me, and I'll repeat myself,  
6 that one on the list for two years, one for three  
7 years, and concerned because people are getting in that  
8 were only on for a couple of months, but we got no  
9 response, so just for me personally, I want to make a  
10 motion, maybe we can send a letter to HUD and get what  
11 the criteria is for getting into these projects or  
12 facilities.

13 And I was kind of hoping Mrs. Evans was  
14 here, I didn't know she wasn't going to be here today,  
15 but I want to bring this up, awhile back she spoke  
16 about campaign contributions and/or possibly caps, and  
17 I don't know what happened, if we just gave up on it or  
18 what but in light of this past election, I would just  
19 like to say it's being said that possibly Mr. Doherty  
20 has spent \$1 million on the campaign, and I just think  
21 that's a little bit too much money to be spending on an  
22 election in this city, and nothing against him

23 personally, I mean, everybody raises what they can  
24 raise, that's the object of the game, but I just think  
25 that's a little ridiculous for a \$50,000 a year job.

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1 I actually think whether it's Mr.  
2 Doherty or anybody else, \$50,000 is nowhere near enough  
3 to be the mayor of this city, and I believe they should  
4 raise the salary on there, and I'm probably going to  
5 get yelled at for that, but that's just my belief, it's  
6 a difficult job, I think it's a 24-7 job, and \$50,000 a  
7 year might not attract the best candidate.  
8 But anyway, be that as it may, I just  
9 think that if we can revisit, and I don't know that we  
10 need to speak to Mr. Blasi or Mr. Walsh and see if we  
11 can't do something on getting control of the spending  
12 and the elections in this city, I think we have a  
13 message out there now that people might be afraid to  
14 think they're going to need \$500,000 to run for the  
15 mayor of this city or a million dollars to run for the  
16 mayor of this city, and it might keep people from  
17 throwing their hat in the ring.  
18 You know, the avenue everyday guy  
19 obviously is not going to come up with anywhere near

20 that type of money. Even for City Council, you know,  
21 maybe somebody is going to be thinking, hey, I need,  
22 \$50, \$60, \$70,000 to run for City Council or \$30,  
23 \$40,000 to run for school district, and I think what's  
24 going to happen is, I think there's a lot of good  
25 people out there that can run for these offices that

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1 would just be afraid to just due to the dollar amount  
2 that's needed to run for these offices.  
3 So, if we can ask, whether it be Mr.  
4 Walsh or Mr. Blasi, how we could pursue what again Mrs.  
5 Evans had brought up before I, I'd just hate to see the  
6 next election go down the line and there's this kind of  
7 money spent. I don't think it's right, I don't think  
8 it's necessary.  
9 I personally -- I probably spent the  
10 least amount every time I ran. I wish that I had the  
11 most, but I just didn't, and that's a major concern.  
12 You know, you're running, you're trying to go to all  
13 these debates and answer all the questions from the  
14 reporters, and I don't think you can do it effectively,  
15 when the first thing on your mind all the time is am I  
16 going to have the money for the billboards, am I going

17 to be able to place an ad, Oh, it's coming down to the  
18 last week of the election, everybody is telling you you  
19 need x-amount of dollars to get in the paper, so maybe  
20 we can take a little bit of worry aside, then maybe we  
21 can concentrate a little bit more on the issues.

22 So, I'd like to pursue that, and once I  
23 get the information on how I pursue it, I will continue  
24 until we get an answer and see if we can't do something  
25 about it.

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1 And I would think maybe even Mr.  
2 Doherty and Mr. DiBileo would agree that I think we  
3 spent a little bit too much money on this election.  
4 And I believe that's all I have. Thank you, Mr.  
5 President.

6 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you, Mr.  
7 Courtright. You make a lot of sense talking about the  
8 money that was spent in this election. It did really  
9 go beyond all records by a mile, and the point I think  
10 that you make is what average person who thinks he can  
11 do a good job as mayor is going to consider getting in  
12 a race now, unless they're thinking, well, jeez, I  
13 might need a million dollars or a half a million

14 dollars in order to run for mayor.

15 And, you know, if a million was spent

16 to get 14,000 votes, you know, that's something, like,

17 at the cost of about \$80 per vote, and that's a lot of

18 money. I mean, that rivals a New York City per vote

19 race.

20 And maybe I'm the crazy one, because

21 I'm the one that went against it, but you're right, you

22 know, you have to keep an open door to allow people to

23 think that they have an opportunity, otherwise if

24 you're not connected to business people who will give

25 you money, you know, you really won't have a chance.

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1 So, that's something that we should probably look into

2 for the right reasons.

3 I also just want to say thank to all

4 those that voted. I talked in detail about that at the

5 very beginning of the meeting, so I won't expound upon

6 it any further, but it was a high vote count, and I

7 think that's a good sign for our city.

8 I want to congratulate the Marine Corps

9 on their 200-plus-year anniversary. I'm not sure what

10 that number is. It was mentioned by Mr. Jackowitz, 230

11 years roughly.

12 And I, too, want to just say Happy

13 Veteran's Day. It's hard to say Happy Veteran's Day, I

14 suppose, but we're recognizing Veteran's Day tomorrow.

15 I want to thank all Veterans who are

16 serving now, and I want to thank all Veterans who ever

17 served.

18 You know, our lives obviously wouldn't

19 be what they are today if it wasn't for all the

20 Veterans that did the hard job of serving their country

21 in many different ways, and I often when I run into

22 Veterans, because I never served, I ask them if they

23 often think about their days in the service, because

24 obviously that is quite an experience, some experiences

25 different than others, and a lot of them say, Oh, yeah,

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1 I think about it all the time, and other say, I try not

2 to think about it, and I know that if I had gone

3 through that type of experience, I probably would also

4 be thinking about it all the time, but I just want

5 everybody to know that we're thinking about you for a

6 change and hopefully are very thankful for all that

7 you've done, and we're also thinking about the families



8 of those that gave their lives defending our freedom  
9 and serving our country and the families are not  
10 forgotten. So, thank you to all Veterans. And that's  
11 all I have, Mr. Saunders.

12 MR. SAUNDERS: 5-B, FOR INTRODUCTION -  
13 AN ORDINANCE - ESTABLISHING AS ONE-WAY THE FIVE HUNDRED  
14 (500) BLOCK OF COREY STREET ALLOWING TRAFFIC TO TRAVEL  
15 FROM BIRNEY AVENUE TO PITTSTON AVENUE ONLY.

16 MR. DIBILEO: At this time I'll  
17 entertain a motion that Item 5-B be introduced into  
18 it's proper committee.

19 MR. POCIUS: So moved.

20 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

21 MR. DIBILEO: On the question?

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

24 MR. MCTIERNAN: Aye

25 MR. POCIUS: Aye.

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1 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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

4 MR. POCIUS: Mr. DiBileo, maybe this

5 should have come under comments, I wasn't thinking, but

6 maybe because this is setting up a traffic pattern,

7 there should be a public hearing on it, Jay.

8 MR. SAUNDERS: Yes.

9 MR. POCIUS: Maybe we can check with

10 one of the solicitors and we can make a motion next

11 week if one's required, you know, just to set it up

12 before final passage. I think it will answer Mr.

13 Dudek's concerns.

14 Because I know the street very well,

15 and it's narrow, and there's actually no houses, maybe

16 one house -- no, I don't know that that house even

17 fronts the street, Jay, you know what I'm trying to

18 say, but it is very narrow as one would pull out from

19 Corey Street onto Birney Avenue, I think that's what

20 they're trying to eliminate right there. They don't

21 want to eliminate the left turn on the one way coming,

22 it's a left turn coming out, so I think that will be

23 important.

24 I would also like you to check with Tom

25 Harrison, the borough manager down there in Moosic,

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1 because this was a part of their concern, too, to see

2 if they're going to pass a sister or brother ordinance  
3 to this to make it totally enforceable because of what  
4 -- I mean, I'd hate to be a magistrate or someone  
5 trying to ruin a traffic ticket that said, Well, what  
6 side of the street was I on, was I on the Scranton side  
7 or the Moosic side, and make that as an argument, so,  
8 maybe they have to do a similar thing to kind of cover  
9 the hole.

10 It seems like we're bearing the costs  
11 because we maintained it and signed it, but maybe they  
12 need something to make it totally enforceable. Just  
13 checking. That's all.

14 MR. SAUNDERS: I believe you're correct  
15 there, Mr. Pocius, on a public hearing, so I will check  
16 with Mark or Frank and discuss that with them.

17 MR. POCIUS: Because anything that's  
18 kind of like -- we have public hearings on permit  
19 parking, anything that's enforceable with fines and so  
20 on by the motor vehicle code, I think, requires a  
21 public hearing.

22 MR. SAUNDERS: Okay.

23 MR. DIBILEO: Okay. Thank you, Mr.  
24 Pocius. Thank you, Jay.

25 MR. SAUNDERS: 5-C, FOR INTRODUCTION -

1 AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 82, 2004 -  
2 AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED GENERAL CITY OPERATING BUDGET  
3 2005, BY TRANSFERRING \$252,360.17 FROM VARIOUS CITY  
4 ACCOUNTS TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR LIFE INSURANCE,  
5 UTILITIES AND DEBT SERVICE.

6 MR. DIBILEO: At this time I'll  
7 entertain a motion that Item 5-C be introduced into  
8 it's proper committee.

9 MR. POCIUS: So moved.

10 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

11 MR. DIBILEO: On the question?

12 All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

13 MR. MCTIERNAN: Aye

14 MR. POCIUS: Aye.

15 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

16 MR. DIBILEO: Aye. Opposed? The ayes

17 have it and so moved.

18 MR. SAUNDERS: Sixth order. There's no  
19 business at this time. Seventh order 7-A, FOR

20 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
21 - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 155, 2005 - AN  
22 ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE

23 OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY  
24 ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE CONSOLIDATED SUBMISSION FOR  
25 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS TO BE  
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1 FUNDED UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
2 (CDBG) PROGRAM, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME)  
3 PROGRAM AND EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (ESG) PROGRAM.

4 MR. DIBILEO: What's the recommendation

5 of the chairperson for the committee on community

6 development?

7 MR. MCTIERNAN: I recommend final

8 passage of Item 7-A.

9 MR. POCIUS: Seconded.

10 MR. DIBILEO: On the question?

11 MR. POCIUS: Just let it be duly noted,

12 because I think Mark would do this, that Scranton City

13 COUNCIL did hold their public hearing on this issue on

14 October 21, 2005 at 6 p.m.

15 MR. DIBILEO: Thank you, Mr. Pocius.

16 If there's no further questions, roll call, please,

17 Kay.

18 MS. GARVEY: Mr. McTiernan.

19 MR. McTIERNAN: Yes.

20 MS. GARVEY: Mrs. Evans. Mr. Pocius.

21 MR. POCIUS: Yes.

22 MS. GARVEY: Mr. Courtright.

23 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

24 MS. GARVEY: Mr. DiBileo.

25 MR. DIBILEO: Yes. I hereby declare

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1 Item 7-A legally and lawfully adopted.

2 (WHEREUPON, Attorney Blasi arrived.)

3 MR. SAUNDERS: 7-B, FOR CONSIDERATION

4 BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - FOR

5 ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 157, 2005, AN ORDINANCE

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

7 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE

8 OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY

9 ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE CONSOLIDATED SUBMISSION FOR

10 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS (AS

11 AMENDED) TO BE FUNDED UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

12 BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP

13 (HOME) PROGRAM AND EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (ESG)

14 PROGRAM, BY TRANSFERRING \$23,279.17 FROM PROJECT NO.

15 05-066.1 BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB (PARK-IT) AND \$7,067.54

16 PROJECT NO. 04-252 BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB (ROOFING) TO

17 PROJECT NO. 03-066 BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB (REACH OUT).

18 MR. DIBILEO: What's the recommendation

19 of the chairperson for the committee on community

20 development?

21 MR. MCTIERNAN: I recommend final

22 passage of Item 7-B.

23 MR. POCIUS: Seconded.

24 MR. DIBILEO: On the question? Roll

25 call, please, Kay.

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1 MS. GARVEY: Mr. McTiernan.

2 MR. McTIERNAN: Yes.

3 MS. GARVEY: Mrs. Evans.

4 Mr. Pocius.

5 MR. POCIUS: Yes.

6 MS. GARVEY: Mr. Courtright.

7 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

8 MS. GARVEY: Mr. DiBileo.

9 MR. DIBILEO: Yes. I hereby declare

10 Item 7-B legally and lawfully adopted.

11 MR. SAUNDERS: 7-C, FOR CONSIDERATION

12 BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - FOR

13 ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 158, 2005 - AN ORDINANCE

14 - AMENDING FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 68, 2004, ENTITLED, AN  
15 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE  
16 OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY  
17 ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE CONSOLIDATED SUBMISSION FOR  
18 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS TO BE  
19 FUNDED UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
20 (CDBG) PROGRAM, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME)  
21 PROGRAM AND EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (ESG) PROGRAM, BY  
22 REALLOCATING \$100,000.00 FROM PROJECT NO. 99-100,  
23 COMPREHENSIVE HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM, TO  
24 PROJECT NO. 04-107 EMERGENCY HOUSING REPAIRS, WHICH IS  
25 ADMINISTERED BY NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING OF SCRANTON.

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1 MR. DIBILEO: What's the recommendation  
2 of the chairperson for the committee on community  
3 development?

4 MR. MCTIERNAN: I recommend final  
5 passage of Item 7-C.

6 MR. POCIUS: Seconded.

7 MR. DIBILEO: On the question? Roll  
8 call, please, Kay.

9 MS. GARVEY: Mr. McTiernan.

10 MR. McTIERNAN: Yes.



11 MS. GARVEY: Mrs. Evans. Mr. Pocius.

12 MR. POCIUS: Yes.

13 MS. GARVEY: Mr. Courtright.

14 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

15 MS. GARVEY: Mr. DiBileo.

16 MR. DIBILEO: Yes. I hereby declare

17 Item 7-C legally and lawfully adopted.

18 MR. SAUNDERS: 7-D, FOR CONSIDERATION

19 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF THE

20 COUNCIL NO. 159, 2005, AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF

21 COUNCIL NO. 114, 2003, TO AMEND THE COMPOSITION OF THE

22 FIREMEN'S RELIEF AND PENSION FUND COMMISSION RESTORING

23 SAID COMPOSITION OF SAID COMMISSION TO THE COMPOSITION

24 AS SET FORTH WITHIN SECTIONS 2(a) AND 2(b) OF FILE OF

25 THE COUNCIL NO. 14 OF 1964.

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1 MR. DIBILEO: As chairperson for the

2 committee on rules, I recommend final passage of Item

3 7-D.

4 MR. COURTRIGHT: Seconded.

5 MR. DIBILEO: On the question? Kay,

6 roll call, please.

7 MS. GARVEY: Mr. McTiernan.

8 MR. McTIERNAN: No.

9 MS. GARVEY: Mrs. Evans. Mr. Pocius.

10 MR. POCIUS: No.

11 MS. GARVEY: Mr. Courtright.

12 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

13 MS. GARVEY: Mr. DiBileo.

14 MR. DIBILEO: Yes. By a 2-2 vote, let

15 me refer to Mr. Blasi --

16 MR. BLASI: Yes, at a 2-2 vote, that

17 does not pass.

18 MR. DIBILEO: Okay. A two to two vote,

19 that does not pass, 7-D.

20 And seeing that there's no further

21 business on the agenda, I'll entertain a motion we

22 adjourn.

23 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

24 MR. POCIUS: Seconded.

25 MR. DIBILEO: We're adjourned.

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2 (MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.)

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8 to the best of my ability.

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LISA M. GRAFF, RMR

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