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1 SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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5 Held:

6 Thursday, July 27, 2006

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9 Time:

10 12:00 p.m.

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13 Location:

14 Council Chambers

15 Scranton City Hall

16 340 North Washington Avenue

17 Scranton, Pennsylvania

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23 Lisa M. Graff, RMR

24 Court Reporter

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1 CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

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3 MS. JUDY GATELLI, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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5 MR. WILLIAM COURTRIGHT, VICE-PRESIDENT

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7 MS. JANET EVANS

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9 MS. SHERRY NEALON FANUCCI (left where noted)

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11 MR. AMIL MINORA, ESQUIRE, SOLICITOR

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13 MS. KAY GARVEY, CITY CLERK

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15 MR. NEIL COOLICAN, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

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1 MS. GATELLI: Okay. Please stand for

2 the Pledge Of Allegiance. Please remain standing for a

3 moment of reflection. Roll call.

4 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

5 MS. EVANS: Here.

6 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Fanucci.

7 MS. FANUCCI: Here.

8 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McTiernan.

9 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright.

10 MR. COURTRIGHT: Here.

11 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli.

12 MS. GATELLI: Here. Mrs. Garvey.

13 MS. GARVEY: Third order. 3-A,

14 CONTROLLER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING JUNE 30, 2006.

15 MS. GATELLI: Are there any comments?

16 If not, received and filed.

17 MS. GARVEY: 3-B, MINUTES OF THE

18 COMPOSITE PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD ON JUNE 28, 2006.

19 MS. GATELLI: Are there any comments?

20 If not, received and filed.

21 MS. GARVEY: 3-C, MINUTES OF THE

22 SCRANTON-LACKAWANNA HEALTH & WELFARE AUTHORITY MEETING

23 HELD ON JUNE 15, 2006.

24 MS. GATELLI: Are there any comments?

25 If not, received and filed.

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1 MS. GARVEY: 3-D, MINUTES OF THE

2 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION FUND MEETING HELD ON JUNE

3 28, 2006.

4 MS. GATELLI: Are there any comments?

5 If not, received and filed.

6 MS. GARVEY: 3-E, AGENDA FOR THE ZONING

7 HEARING BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 9, 2006.

8 MS. GATELLI: Are there any comments?

9 If not, received and filed.

10 MS. GARVEY: 3-F, AGENDA FOR THE

11 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION FUND MEETING TO BE HELD

12 ON JULY 26, 2006.

13 MS. GATELLI: Are there any comments?

14 If not, received and filed.

15 MS. GARVEY: 3-G, MINUTES OF THE

16 FIREMEN'S PENSION COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON JUNE 28,

17 2006.

18 MS. GATELLI: Are there any comments?

19 If not, received and filed.

20 MS. GARVEY: 3-H, MINUTES OF THE POLICE

21 PENSION COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON JUNE 28, 2006.

22 MS. GATELLI: Are there any comments?

23 If not, received and filed.

24 MS. GARVEY: I have no clerk's notes

25 this week.

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1 MS. GATELLI: I just have a few

2 announcements. I'd like to wish Mr. and Mrs. Beppler a

3 Happy 50th Anniversary, which they celebrated ed

4 several weeks ago.

5 Yesterday I had the pleasure of

6 visiting the Novembrino Pool with Mr. Brazil and

7 Ray Hayes, and they were there to honor two lifeguards

8 that had rescued a little nine-year-old girl on

9 July 13. They were given accomodation by the mayor,

10 and Mrs. Garvey is going to be preparing proclamations

11 for them to be given at a September meeting when we
12 come back from recess.
13 They could not be with us today. I did
14 invite them to the meeting, but they could not make it.
15 It is wonderful that they did such a courageous thing,
16 and it's just so worthwhile when you see these children
17 who are trained so well in CPR and lifesaving
18 techniques.
19 And I've heard many people say, Oh, the
20 lifeguards, they just sit up in the chair and get a
21 suntan, and this is an example of what these children
22 are really doing. They have a tremendous
23 responsibility to the children that are swimming there.
24 So, I'd like to say their names. Sara Seymour and
25 Patrick McAliney, and they deserve all the kudos we can
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1 give them.
2 Saint Joseph's Picnic is this weekend,
3 Friday and Saturday from four to eleven, Sunday from
4 one to nine at the grounds at Marywood.
5 Lackawanna Little League's Picnic is
6 Friday and Saturday from five to eleven at the complex
7 on Jackson Street.

8 And we're having a very special night
9 on Tuesday, August 1. It is The Night Out, the
10 National Night Out For Crime. Lenny Namiotka has
11 organized it. Many of you have been there every year,
12 as well as this Council, and the parade starts at 5:30
13 at Marshall School, and they will be walking to the
14 Tripp Park Community Center Complex, where the
15 festivities will commence at six o'clock.
16 I'd like to commend Director Jeff
17 Brazil, who happens to be in the audience with us
18 today, for having the viaduct going into West Side
19 cleaned up. You did a great job. It looks really
20 good.
21 Trees were removed at the five, seven
22 and 1000 of Kellum Court, the 1500 of North Washington.
23 The brush was cleaned on Mifflin Avenue from Mulberry
24 to Linden, and some paving and done on Drinker Place
25 from North Washington to Capouse and the 700 and 1100

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1 of Kellum Court.

2 I know that a lot of you probably saw
3 the paper yesterday where there was another tax lien
4 for a company that had applied for funds from OECD, so

5 I called Mrs. Garvey yesterday and sent a letter to
6 Sara Hailstone making sure that none of the money has
7 been expended to them, and I was assured that it has
8 not been.

9 They have since changed their name, and
10 when it came before us, it's tabled. But I wasn't sure
11 if maybe they would give it to them under the old name,
12 so I wanted to make sure. So, I can assure Council
13 that none of the money has been expended to Paperless
14 Practice as of this point.

15 MS. EVANS: And, Mrs. Gatelli, on that
16 subject, I think in today's paper there's yet another
17 state lien against one of the businesses who had
18 received a loan through OECD prior to 2004, and I think
19 this may make the fourth lien against them in the last
20 two years.

21 MS. GATELLI: Yes. I did see that,
22 too. And when I questioned that one, I was told that
23 that came after the loan, so I don't know if we can
24 have Attorney Minora check into what can be done if
25 they have the lien after the loan.

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1 MS. EVANS: I don't know if there's

2 anything we can do, but what I've been pushing for is
3 that OECD would check out its applicants very, very
4 carefully so that, you know, certainly it's a good
5 thing to be helping businesses and loaning money to
6 start projects that are going to employ people in a
7 variety of ways, but I think we have to be very careful
8 to whom we give that money.

9 MS. GATELLI: In the letter,
10 Mrs. Evans, I also put that there should be a sheet in
11 the application that says they do not have any
12 outstanding liens and they should sign that, but in the
13 case of that one that you saw today, if it happens
14 after, I'm not sure what the ramifications --

15 MS. EVANS: Probably nothing.

16 MR. MINORA: It would depend on the
17 loan documents. Whether or not you're in default on
18 the loan depends on the loan documents themselves.

19 A default may be a lot of things,
20 including, of course, a failure to make timely
21 payments, but there are other things that can be in a
22 document that would be a default.

23 I don't know without looking at these,
24 and I'm -- they were drafted by OECD. I'm sure they're
25 most familiar with what --

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1 MS. GATELLI: Kay, maybe you can get a
2 copy of those and we can have Attorney Minora peruse
3 them and see if we can have something add that if they
4 don't -- you know, if they get these liens, then
5 there's some kind of ramification with the city.

6 MR. MINORA: I don't know that we can
7 do it retrospectively but we can do to prospectively;
8 in other words, we can't change an agreement that's
9 already been made, of course, unless both parties want
10 to, but I don't know why somebody --

11 MS. NEALON FANUCCI: How about a fine?
12 Can't we just fine?

13 MR. MINORA: Pardon?

14 MS. NEALON FANUCCI: Have a flat fine
15 that we can actually say if you're not -- if you do not
16 comply, we just actually get the money back out of our
17 loan?

18 MR. MINORA: Prospectively, you know,
19 in the future, in other words, with any new loans you
20 can, you know, just make that these are our documents
21 and this is the loan terms, you either take it or you
22 leave it. So, whatever you want to put in them and

23 whatever OECD wants to put in there.

24 MS. EVANS: Yes, perhaps even the funds

25 obtained may not be used for payment of federal and

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1 state tax liens.

2 MS. GATELLI: Uh-huh.

3 MR. MINORA: You can just make that a

4 default and accelerate the entire amount due. I mean,

5 there's a lot of things that can be done, I guess is my

6 point prospectively. Retrospectively, I'm not so sure

7 without seeing the documents that anything can be done.

8 MS. GATELLI: Attorney Minora, can you

9 get a copy of those documents and maybe work on it over

10 the move of August?

11 MR. MINORA: I'll be glad to take a

12 look at them.

13 MS. GATELLI: Give us some suggestions.

14 MR. MINORA: I'll be glad to take a

15 look at them. Thank.

16 MS. GATELLI: Okay. Thank you. That's

17 all I have. Motions. Mrs. Evans.

18 MS. EVANS: Good afternoon. Please

19 remember in your prayers Charles Haikes, Sr. Charlie

20 was a former coach and very active member of Sloan
21 Little League and was deemed the unofficial mayor of
22 Watson Street for his vigilance of his
23 neighborhood.

24 Also, I ask your prayers for

25 Michael Thomas, a dedicated DPW employee who passed

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1 away on Monday. Both gentlemen served their community
2 honorably and will be sorely missed.

3 I also send my prayers and best wishes

4 for a full and speedy recovery to my dear friend Danny

5 Campion and to a tireless South Side activist and

6 friend, Ben Leo.

7 The City of Scranton is flooding in a

8 sea of red ink and no levees or flood gates were

9 constructed to save our residents. Taxpayers are

10 drowning in borrow and spend economics, giveaways,

11 arbitration appeals and cronyism.

12 This week I learned of yet another

13 example of the waste and cronyism exercised within this

14 administration. A city resident bid on a property at

15 1621 Race Street, in fact, he bid on it twice, and both

16 times he was the highest bidder.

17 To make a long story short, his bid was
18 sizably larger than the second highest bid both times.
19 Meanwhile, however, the basement of the house on Race
20 Street flooded in June destroying the furnace, hot
21 water heater and covering the area in mud.
22 The city made an estimate of \$1,575 for
23 damages to be deducted from the sale price, while the
24 bidder obtained estimates for replacement, labor and
25 cleanup for \$4,000.

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1 The city doggedly refused to deduct
2 \$4,000 from the sale price and stood its ground on
3 \$1,575.
4 Now, here is the real issue. It
5 appears the city will lose \$13,000 on the sale of the
6 property if it awarded to the second highest bidder,
7 whose bid is \$15,000 less than the highest bidder.
8 Attorney Farrell has failed to return
9 calls placed by the highest bidder. Cronyism strikes
10 again. Since the second highest bidder is very well
11 connected to this administration through his brother, a
12 former city employee, thus, the crony wins and could
13 well sell the property at a tidy profit, since that is

14 his profession and the taxpayers lose revenue.
15 I know just one small example, but no
16 doubt, there are countless others of similar and
17 greater monetary proportions. The people need to know
18 how this administration really operates and why our
19 future has been mortgaged.

20 Attorney Minora, please be ready to
21 present Council in September with just drafts of
22 legislation I requested in July 2006, the policy for
23 the elimination of favors performed by the DPW for
24 select city residents and legislation to levy hotel and
25 entertainment taxes, as well as a commuter tax and

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1 impact fees.

2 And, also, Attorney Minora, I would
3 like a specific reference to the change in law that
4 occurred to benefit non-profits as a result of the
5 University of Pennsylvania Hospital case.

6 MR. MINORA: I'm sorry. What?

7 MS. EVANS: I'm looking for a specific
8 reference to that case so that I would be able --

9 MR. MINORA: The statute or the -- the
10 statute that amended that case or the case itself?

11 MS. EVANS: Both, if possible.

12 MR. MINORA: Okay. That's fine. No

13 problem.

14 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

15 MR. MINORA: You're welcome.

16 MS. EVANS: To the residents of

17 Pine Brook, an inspector visited 853 Capouse Avenue and

18 contacted the owner. The owner will clear the area

19 inside the fence, but not the wooded property he owns.

20 It seems he has a new project in mind for that area.

21 To the residents of West Locust Street,

22 the developer Dale and Dale was sent a letter by

23 Mr. McKeon, city inspector, to clean up their vacant

24 lots. Should they fail to do so, they will be cited.

25 I still have not received the

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1 information requested from Mr. Parker regarding

2 Hollow Avenue, nor have I received the information

3 regarding the demolition of buildings in the 500 block

4 of Moosic Street.

5 Kay, please send a letter to the

6 business administrator regarding Moosic Street and

7 Sanderson Avenue. I feel he may respond to the request

8 for the information.

9 And I have this week's requests.

10 First, 408 Honesdale Court, trash is deposited nightly

11 on the back porch of this condemned house,

12 consequently, skunks and groundhogs are attracted to

13 the garbage piles.

14 Neighbors report that a woman

15 frequently stays in the house. Please send an

16 inspector to investigate.

17 1006 Moosic Street, please clear a

18 vacant lot which is extremely overgrown with weeds. In

19 the rear are a swing set and tires which must be

20 removed. Sidewalks are in ruinous condition and

21 deteriorated curbing causing storm water on

22 Moosic Street to be diverted to the neighbor's

23 property. Residents of this block request these

24 repairs and a cleanup.

25 1016 Moosic Street, a vacant house is

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1 surrounded by overgrown shrubs, trees and weeds. Snow

2 is never removed from the sidewalks. Please notify the

3 owner of said property to address these issues in a

4 timely fashion.

5 2 Glinko Street, a residential property
6 borders a housing development. On the side of the home
7 a paved road stops at a deep drop-off onto a severely
8 rutted road. Please fill the depression and pave
9 approximately 40 feet of the city-owned street.

10 Please send a letter to Mr. Lennox of
11 the Sewer Authority regarding 1920 North Washington
12 Avenue. The storm drain needs to be flushed out
13 immediately. Residents have been clearing the drain
14 after each rainfall since flooding and water ponding
15 occurs.

16 118 Masters Street in Petersburg,
17 vehicles and debris need to be removed. Please send an
18 inspector.

19 And the last request, and this comes
20 from not only the residents of lower Green Ridge, but
21 from myself, as well.

22 As of yesterday, and, in fact, I
23 received a call in Council's office just today
24 confirming that the situation remains unaltered. The
25 debris in the river at the Albright Avenue Bridge still

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1 has not been removed on either side of the bridge.

2 And these are photos of the conditions
3 that exist in that area, and God forbid were we to have
4 further flooding conditions, these poor residents are
5 exactly in the right of way of this mess.

6 So, I would like a letter to
7 Mr. Parker, I'd like to know why this hasn't been done,
8 though it was promised four weeks ago at a flood
9 meeting at Scranton High School. It was requested by
10 Council again at the Thursday meeting of July 20, and
11 still no action. It's not an eyesore, it's a safety
12 hazard.

13 Final, in a script that can only be
14 written by this mayor, the administration continues its
15 costly and romantic appeals of arbitration awards which
16 amount to well over \$8 million in the hope that some
17 court will uphold the mayor's breaking the law and
18 breaking his promises to the people.

19 We continue to await the payment of
20 over \$5 million to American Water Services, meanwhile,
21 the mayor has sold and leased city assets and has
22 continued to borrow millions upon millions of dollars
23 to balance his annual bloated budgets since 2003.

24 I will be most curious to see the 2007
25 budget and the independent audit of 2005, and I look

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1 forward to September Council meetings and a return to
2 the proper agenda. Have a safe and enjoyable summer
3 everyone. That's it.

4 MS. GATELLI: Ms. Fanucci.

5 MS. FANUCCI: I would like to make a
6 motion to support and appoint a temporary chair for the
7 committee on finance in the absence --

8 MS. GATELLI: I'll second that motion.

9 We'll name Mr. Courtright.

10 MS. FANUCCI: I'll second that.

11 MS. GATELLI: All in favor.

12 MS. EVANS: Aye.

13 MS. NEALON FANUCCI: Aye.

14 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

15 MS. GATELLI: Aye. And so moved.

16 MS. NEALON FANUCCI: Okay. The first
17 thing I have is just a neighborhood request. The dead
18 end and the no outlet sign -- or a no outlet sign is
19 requested on the corner of Colfax and Pine. Children
20 often play in this area and it is near the park, but
21 what happens, I believe, that people believe that they
22 can get to the CMC through this area. It is a dead

23 end, so they rush down in -- probably on their way to

24 the CMC, as they should, and there's no outlet there.

25 So, I would just like to request a sign for them. If

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1 we can send a letter to George Parker, that will be

2 wonderful.

3 In response to many of the economic

4 development projects in the city, the laundry list I

5 got last week, I will give you what I have at this

6 time.

7 The Rinaldi Project, which is on the

8 500 of Lackawanna Avenue, they are consistently working

9 with at least six different separate agencies and the

10 Pennsylvania House Agency, Steamtown National

11 Historical Site and other state offices.

12 They need to comply with all the

13 executive office and the project to make it -- to make

14 it proper and done in the right way. And this is what

15 they are doing.

16 This is how it goes. It takes a long

17 time. Unfortunately there are many people to comply

18 with, and that is where we stand with that.

19 Austin Burke has also asked me, as well

20 as Mr. Courtright, to inform Council President that we
21 will set up a meeting in September, whatever works for
22 our agenda, and he will come in with the upcoming plans
23 for development.

24 The Connell Building announcement, as
25 all we have read, who reads The Times, they have a

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1 target line for transforming this building within a
2 year. This is going to be a wonderful project for the
3 city. It is not only apartments, but also wonderful
4 retail stores and shops, and the outlook is absolutely
5 beautiful. I believe this is going to help boom
6 downtown even more.

7 The Pisano Project, this was something
8 that we all got a red flag about. People are worried
9 about how this was. This is the 500 block of Moosic
10 Street. This project is the gateway into the city.

11 If you look at the left, it used to be
12 old stores and things like this. This man has bought
13 it, and people were concerned. We got some complaints
14 about people worrying about what we have done as a
15 city.

16 OECD has not put any money into this

17 project whatsoever. In fact, what was the deal that
18 was arranged was that we would go in, the city, and
19 take the buildings down.

20 Since we own the equipment, the only
21 finance that was used for this project up to date was
22 to pay the payrolls of the people who were doing the
23 project and taking the building down.

24 My outlook on this is whether or not
25 it's right or wrong. When you sell your house and

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1 people come in to buy your house, they say, Oh, you
2 need a new roof. I'm not going to buy your house until
3 you replace the roof.

4 I believe this is what goes on in these
5 projects. It's basically to say our goodwill is we
6 will do something if you are going to put this type of
7 money into our city. That is what I have to date on
8 that.

9 As of the other requests that I had
10 received, this is something that I believe we have a
11 little mixup here. My role as the economic person is
12 to come to City Council and report to them what goes on
13 in the city.

14 I keep getting these requests. And as
15 much as I love to fulfill these requests, it is
16 constant and I would not be able to help anyone else in
17 the city but one person with the requests.
18 So, I believe that we should go back to
19 the way in which Council used to do these things, which
20 was for you, as taxpayers, to go to the heads of the
21 departments in writing, write your request, ask them
22 for it.
23 If you do not receive an answer within
24 90 days, then we will intervene on your behalf and try
25 to get the information for you.

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1 This is what used to go on at Council
2 for a long, long time. So, as far as my status goes,
3 that's how I would like to see it go back to, writing
4 your requests out, and if you want economic development
5 or any other, talk to the department heads. They are
6 really the ones who are in charge of the departments
7 and probably can keep you more informed. It is my job
8 to keep Council informed.
9 Also, unfortunately I just want to say
10 when we return in September, I hope we will return with

11 a purpose and to find solutions for the taxpayers that
12 we are here to represent.
13 I believe that this city is moving in
14 the right direction, and I understand that this is our
15 business meeting and everyone here is entitled to their
16 opinions, as well as I, and I want the people to know
17 that I heard them and I understand what they are saying
18 constantly, but I am sitting here and watching and
19 understanding.
20 I know that people felt threatened by
21 my words last week, and I feel bad for that. I did not
22 want to threaten you or make you feel like you were
23 being watched or something wrong was going on, but the
24 intent of my words was to say, as long as we are here
25 and we are working toward one solution, we need to do
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1 it in a proper manner. And if that is the only -- the
2 only message I get out, then that's enough for me.
3 I do not want to start wars, I do not
4 want this to be a place of battles, and it is a place
5 of battles, and I just don't want that anymore.
6 I would just like us to see to try to
7 work together to get the intent, to help the taxpayers

8 out with their solutions and help them get what we are
9 here for, which is some solutions for our city. And
10 that is all I have. And I want everybody to have a
11 wonderful summer. As you know, we are not going to be
12 here for the next four weeks.

13 MS. GATELLI: Excuse me. No comments,
14 please.

15 MS. NEALON FANUCCI: See. Case in
16 point. Thank you. So, as we are going onto our
17 summer, I would like to say we will move on and hope
18 that everybody has a good summer, and when we come back
19 here in September, we will do what it is we are
20 intended to do, which is work together for one issue
21 and we can all agree that we want our city to be the
22 best place it can be. Thank you.

23 MS. GATELLI: Thank you.

24 Mr. Courtright.

25 MR. COURTRIGHT: Thank you . Kay, I

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1 have a couple requests, if you don't mind.
2 On the nine of Euclid there's a pretty
3 large pothole there, if they can take a look at that,
4 and also on the 13 of West Elm, the same situation.

5 Last week Mr. Spindler came up and
6 spoke about the flags on Main Avenue in West Scranton,
7 that some of them were tattered. And he was correct,
8 it is the West Scranton Neighborhood Association.
9 I got a call from Mrs. Tallo, and she
10 was telling me quite a few things. I asked her if she
11 could put it down in writing, and she did, and if you
12 don't mind, I would like to read what she has given me.
13 It says, the West Scranton Neighborhood
14 Association with only five active people, we have done
15 a pretty good job of helping others. And I'd just like
16 to list some of the things that she has here, that they
17 have done.
18 Closed a nuisance bar, they put up
19 Christmas light on Main Avenue and decorated a tree in
20 Allen Park for the last 25 years, and they've held a
21 Christmas party for several years at St. John's Hall,
22 until what time that was torn down, and now they have
23 the party at Allen Park, Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus
24 arrives, and every child gets a present, and the money
25 comes from the association. They raise the money.

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1 They put a gazebo and benches in Allen

2 Park, they built a pavilion at Novembrino Pool with
3 tables and benches, they built a pavilion at Fellows
4 Park, also put tables and benches there.

5 And one thing that I'm happy for, I
6 asked them to do this and they did, they put a bench
7 and a flag in Powderly Park. And they take care of the
8 two large flag poles in those parks, and they basically
9 take care of those.

10 They started putting the flags up on
11 Main Avenue back in 1994, and with little help from
12 many other people. And this year they've spent \$400 on
13 the flags. And, so, if Mr. Spindler or anybody else
14 would like to give them a donation, they would
15 certainly appreciate that.

16 Mr. Rankowski (phonetic) goes out on
17 Sunday morning with a large pole and reaches up
18 unravels the flags that are twisted around the pole.

19 And they understand that some of them are tattered, and
20 they're doing their best to keep them in the best shape
21 they could, but, again, their funds are limited. And
22 anybody that would be willing to help them out, they
23 would greatly appreciate it.

24 They also would like to see if anybody
25 else would like to join the neighborhood association.

1 They only have five active members at this time.

2 And one last thing, Kay, I'm just

3 trying to check up and see if anybody went to 414

4 Cameron Avenue to check that catch basin, because I

5 don't know if that's been done or not yet. We've been

6 asking for that for a little bit here. And I believe

7 that's all I have. Thank you.

8 MS. GATELLI: Thank you, Mr.

9 Courtright. Mrs. Garvey.

10 MS. GARVEY: Fourth order. 4-B, FOR

11 INTRODUCTION - A RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH

12 GUIDO, 211 LARCH STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, AS A

13 MEMBER OF THE SCRANTON RECREATION AUTHORITY. MR. GUIDO

14 WILL BE FILLING THE TERM OF EMMANUEL JOHNSON, WHO

15 RESIGNED EFFECTIVE JULY 12, 2006. MR. GUIDO'S TERM

16 WILL EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2007.

17 MS. GATELLI: Before we introduce this,

18 I'd like to ask Mr. Minora if we could suspend the

19 rules on these two appointments so that we can pass

20 them today and not have to wait until September.

21 MR. MINORA: I don't believe you can.

22 MS. GATELLI: No?

23 MR. MINORA: Section one of our rules

24 don't allow for that except with an emergency

25 certificate.

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1 MS. GATELLI: Okay. Thank you.

2 At this time I'll entertain a motion that 4-B be

3 introduced into its proper committee.

4 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

5 MS. NEALON FANUCCI: Second.

6 MS. GATELLI: On the question? All in

7 favor.

8 MS. EVANS: Aye.

9 MS. NEALON FANUCCI: Aye.

10 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

11 MS. GATELLI: Aye. Opposed? The ayes

12 have it and so moved.

13 MS. GARVEY: 4-C, FOR INTRODUCTION - A

14 RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF ANN HARRINGTON, 316 GENET

15 STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18505, AS AN ALTERNATE

16 MEMBER OF THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION, EFFECTIVE JULY

17 10, 2006. MS. HARRINGTON'S TERM WILL EXPIRE ON JULY

18 10, 2011.

19 MS. GATELLI: At this time I'll

20 entertain a motion that 4-C be introduced>

21 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

22 MS. NEALON FANUCCI: Second.

23 MS. GATELLI: On the question?

24 MS. EVANS: Yes. I just want to

25 congratulate the new appointees, wish them the best of

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1 luck, and I was remiss a moment ago in not thanking

2 Mr. Johnson for his dedicated service to the Recreation

3 Authority. He was probably one of the very few members

4 who had the expertise in the areas of athletics,

5 recreation, and buildings and grounds, and it's very

6 unfortunate that he has resigned for whatever reasons,

7 but I do, as I said, wish the best to the new

8 appointees.

9 MS. GATELLI: Anyone else on the

10 question? All those in favor.

11 MS. EVANS: Aye.

12 MS. NEALON FANUCCI: Aye.

13 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

14 MS. GATELLI: Aye. Opposed? The ayes

15 have it and so moved.

16 MS. GARVEY: Fifth order. No business

17 at this time. Sixth order. 6-A - FOR CONSIDERATION BY
18 THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF
19 COUNCIL NO. 41, 2006, AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE
20 PLACEMENT OF SIGNS ALONG THE LACKAWANNA RIVER LEVEE
21 INDICATING THAT NO STRUCTURE MAY BE PLACED WITHIN TEN
22 (10) FEET OF THE TOE OF THE SLOPE ON THE LAND SIDE OF
23 THE LEVEE AND AUTHORIZING FINES AND PENALTIES FOR
24 VIOLATIONS.

25 MS. GATELLI: What's the recommendation

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1 of the chairperson on public works?

2 MS. EVANS: As chair of the committee

3 on public works, I recommend -- this is not final

4 passage. I don't know. The order of the agenda seems

5 to be very different.

6 MS. GATELLI: Mrs. Garvey, do you have

7 an answer to that?

8 MS. GARVEY: Sixth order used to be

9 seventh order which was final passage, so --

10 MS. EVANS: Okay. So, I do recommend

11 final passage of 6-A.

12 MS. GARVEY: Right. It's just

13 confusing because it's now sixth order instead of

14 seventh.

15 MS. EVANS: Got it.

16 MS. GATELLI: On the question? Roll

17 call.

18 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

19 MS. EVANS: Yes.

20 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Fanucci.

21 MS. NEALON FANUCCI: Yes.

22 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McTiernan.

23 Mr. Courtright.

24 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

25 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli.

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1 MS. GATELLI: Yes. I hereby declare

2 6-A legally and lawfully adopted.

3 MS. EVANS: That's why I'll be so happy

4 to get back to the regular order of business.

5 MS. GARVEY: 6-B - FOR CONSIDERATION BY

6 THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF

7 COUNCIL NO. 42, 2006 - AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE

8 INSTALLATION OF NO TRUCK TRAFFIC SIGNS (EXCEPT

9 RESIDENTIAL DELIVERIES) ALONG A CERTAIN PORTION OF PEAR

10 STREET BETWEEN CEDAR AND PITTSTON AVENUES PURSUANT TO A

11 STUDY RECOMMENDING SAID TRUCK BAN.

12 MS. GATELLI: What's the recommendation

13 of the chairperson on public safety?

14 MR. COURTRIGHT: As chairperson for the

15 committee on public safety, I recommend final passage

16 of Item 6-B.

17 MS. NEALON FANUCCI: I'll second that.

18 MS. GATELLI: On the question? Roll

19 call.

20 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

21 MS. EVANS: Yes.

22 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Fanucci.

23 MS. NEALON FANUCCI: Yes.

24 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McTiernan.

25 Mr. Courtright.

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1 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

2 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli.

3 MS. GATELLI: Yes. I hereby declare

4 6-B legally and lawfully adopted.

5 MS. GARVEY: 6-C, FOR CONSIDERATION BY

6 THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF

7 COUNCIL NO. 43, 2006 - AN ORDINANCE - AN ORDINANCE -

8 ESTABLISHING PERMIT PARKING IN THE 2100 AND 2200 BLOCKS
9 OF NORTH WASHINGTON AVENUE FROM GRANDVIEW STREET TO
10 PARK STREET, ON BOTH SIDES MONDAY TO FRIDAY ONLY.

11 MS. GATELLI: What's the recommendation

12 of the chairperson on public safety?

13 MR. COURTRIGHT: As chairperson for the

14 committee on public safety, I recommend final passage

15 of Item 6-C.

16 MS. NEALON FANUCCI: Second.

17 MS. GATELLI: On the question? Roll

18 call.

19 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

20 MS. EVANS: Yes.

21 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Fanucci.

22 MS. NEALON FANUCCI: Yes.

23 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McTiernan.

24 Mr. Courtright.

25 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

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1 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli.

2 MS. GATELLI: Yes. I hereby declare

3 6-C legally and lawfully adopted.

4 MS. GARVEY: 6-D, FOR CONSIDERATION BY

5 THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF
6 COUNCIL NO. 44, 2006 - AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING AND
7 ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF CITY-OWNED
8 PERSONAL PROPERTY.

9 MS. GATELLI: What is the
10 recommendation of the chairperson on finance?

11 MR. COURTRIGHT: As temporary chair for
12 the committee on finance, I recommend final passage of
13 Item 6-D.

14 MS. NEALON FANUCCI: Second.

15 MS. GATELLI: On the question? Roll
16 call.

17 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

18 MS. EVANS: Yes.

19 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Fanucci.

20 MS. NEALON FANUCCI: Yes.

21 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McTiernan.

22 Mr. Courtright.

23 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

24 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli.

25 MS. GATELLI: Yes. I hereby declare

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1 6-D legally and lawfully adopted.

2 MS. GARVEY: 6-E, FOR CONSIDERATION -

3 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION

4 NO. 80, 2006 - APPOINTING RAY DOMINGUEZ, 2010 FARR

5 STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18504, AS ALTERNATE NO.

6 1 MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR THE CITY OF

7 SCRANTON. MR. DOMINGUEZ WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM

8 OF NANCY REEDY, WHOSE TERM EXPIRES ON JULY 1, 2007.

9 MS. GATELLI: As chairperson for the

10 committee on rules, I recommend final passage of 6-E.

11 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

12 MS. GATELLI: On the question? Roll

13 call.

14 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

15 MS. EVANS: Yes.

16 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Fanucci.

17 MS. NEALON FANUCCI: Yes.

18 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McTiernan.

19 Mr. Courtright.

20 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

21 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli.

22 MS. GATELLI: Yes. I hereby declare

23 6-E legally and lawfully adopted.

24 MS. GARVEY: 6-F, FOR CONSIDERATION BY

25 THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - FOR ADOPTION -

1 RESOLUTION NO. 81, 2006 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
2 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER
3 INTO A CONTRACT WITH NORTHEASTERN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
4 COMPANY OF PA-CDC., d/b/a AMERICAN SMALL BUSINESS
5 FINANCE (NEDCO) TO ASSIST THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND
6 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WITH SOURCING AND OBTAINING
7 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCING, LOANS AND GRANTS THE
8 ADMINISTRATION THEREOF.

9 MS. GATELLI: What's the recommendation
10 of the chairperson on community development?

11 MS. NEALON FANUCCI: As chairperson for
12 the committee on community development, I recommend
13 final passage of Item 6-F.

14 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

15 MS. GATELLI: On the question?

16 MS. EVANS: Yes. As I said last week,
17 this entails really a substitution of one consultant
18 for another who had not received a contract renewal,
19 and, of course, some of the errors in judgment that
20 we're seeing with regard to the awarding of loans
21 through OECD occurred during the tenure of that
22 consultant.

23 Again, I feel that the employees of
24 OECD do their jobs very well and they are very well
25 equipped to handle the duties and responsibilities of
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1 their positions, and so, I will be voting no to the
2 hiring of another consultant.

3 MS. GATELLI: Is there anyone else on
4 the question? Roll call.

5 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

6 MS. EVANS: No.

7 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Fanucci.

8 MS. NEALON FANUCCI: Yes.

9 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McTiernan.

10 Mr. Courtright.

11 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

12 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli.

13 MS. GATELLI: Yes. I hereby declare

14 6-F legally and lawfully adopted.

15 MS. GARVEY: 6-G, FOR CONSIDERATION BY

16 THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - FOR ADOPTION -

17 RESOLUTION No. 82, 2006 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND

18 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS FOR THE CITY OF

19 SCRANTON TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT AND MAKE A LOAN

20 FROM THE COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM,
21 PROJECT NO. 03-150.S IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
22 \$75,000.00 TO DENISE'S SALON, LLC TO ASSIST AN ELIGIBLE
23 PROJECT.

24 MS. GATELLI: What's the recommendation
25 of the chairperson on community development?

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1 MS. NEALON FANUCCI: As chairperson for
2 the committee on community development, I recommend
3 final passage of Item 6-G.

4 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

5 MS. GATELLI: On the question? Roll
6 call.

7 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

8 MS. EVANS: Yes.

9 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Fanucci.

10 MS. NEALON FANUCCI: Yes.

11 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McTiernan.

12 Mr. Courtright.

13 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

14 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli.

15 MS. GATELLI: Yes. I hereby declare

16 6-G legally and lawfully adopted. And the first

17 speaker is Mr. Jackowitz.

18 (WHEREUPON, Councilwoman Fanucci left the meeting.)

19 MR. JACKOWITZ: Bill Jackowitz,

20 taxpayer, South Scranton resident. Parents were legal

21 citizens, grandparents were also legal citizens,

22 retired United States Air Force.

23 If I am incorrect with any of my

24 statements, Council, feel free to stop me and correct

25 my statements not using my five minutes. These are not

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1 personal attacks, only my opinions and observations.

2 First and foremost as a legal citizen

3 and Veteran, I do not appreciate threatening remarks

4 from a first-term Councilperson who has an admittedly

5 stated she has no governing experience and has also

6 publicly stated that she must confer with the mayor

7 before casting her vote. She also attends very

8 important meetings with PEL and never has any

9 information for the taxpaying citizens.

10 Also, she has publicly promised two

11 taxpaying businesses in the Southern Union Building,

12 which, by the way, did not materialize. Nothing more

13 than fish stories.

14 People are being killed in the Middle

15 East daily. American soldiers are being killed in Iraq

16 daily. Why? So they can enjoy freedom and peace and

17 have a good life.

18 My broadcast, are those not

19 grandstanding words, political grandstanding words?

20 When the Scranton, Pennsylvania City Council is

21 fighting and arguing among themselves, changing their

22 minds and votes at taxpayers' expense, not showing up

23 or leaving meetings early, and, to the best of my

24 knowledge, receiving full pay for no show, using cost

25 as their reason for not allowing people to swim during

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1 the summer months.

2 Is there not a paid police officer at

3 Nay Aug Park? And now we have a paid police officer at

4 City Council.

5 103 arrests during in Scranton schools

6 the last year. Maybe we should start charging a \$1 fee

7 at the schools and that way it will keep the problem

8 kids out of the school like it does at the pool.

9 The City of Scranton appears to be in a

10 financial leadership mess. The only people who seem to

11 care are the Legion of Doom. So far my observation is
12 that Scranton Legion of Doom is right on target. City
13 elected officials are way off target.
14 I have spoken publicly for one year at
15 City Council meetings, my agenda being elected
16 officials working together to make Scranton,
17 Pennsylvania a better place to live, work and play.
18 I have asked questions over and over,
19 very few answers and some answers were obviously
20 misleading. In my opinion, Scranton does not have good
21 government. I have stated publicly that third world
22 countries have better government than Scranton. Proof,
23 we have an armed police officer in the room right now.
24 I stand behind that statement until
25 proven wrong. Let's stop the cat fights and start
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1 governing.
2 The next Council meeting will be in
3 September. I hope that Council comes back with a new
4 attitude. This is my broadcast spoken by and written
5 by Bill Jackowitz, legal citizen of the United States
6 of America and very proud, will not be intimidated.
7 By the way, I do not own a computer,

8 nor do I go on websites. I will make my statements and
9 express my beliefs openly and in public.
10 Council, come together, work together,
11 and Mayor Doherty, come out of hiding. A complete and
12 accurate financial report is needed and required.
13 Mrs. Fanucci referenced Allentown and
14 Pittsburgh pool fees. She neglected to mention that
15 Allentown wavered their pool fees during the 90-degree
16 heat wave, so did Rochester, New York where I was
17 visiting. This is the rest of the story.
18 Sounds to me like Councilperson Fanucci
19 wants closed door meetings and no citizens
20 participation, possibly a dictatorship. Again, why
21 can't we all just get along? Council should not
22 threaten in any way American citizens.
23 Last week Mrs. Fanucci stated pool
24 fees, \$1. Nay Aug is \$3. Meetings always in the
25 summer, correct. Public participation has never been
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1 the last part of the meeting before. Politicians will
2 always be targeted. It goes with the job.
3 Name some accomplishments. Hope to see
4 the people who have been ringing Mrs. Fanucci's bells

5 come and speak at the Council meeting start in
6 September.
7 Mrs. Fanucci's accomplishments, misled
8 citizens about campaign contributions, voted for
9 Mr. Pocius' retirement with consultation, voted against
10 firefighters' pension board, changed her vote on free
11 swimming, missed meetings, leaves early from meetings,
12 refuses to give answers on economic development.
13 And she just said that today, she's not
14 going to talk to the citizens, she's only going to talk
15 to Council. Again, the citizens left out of the hoop.
16 We pay the bills, we pay the salaries.
17 She threatens citizens, laughs and
18 giggles while speaking about business, starts arguments
19 with fellow Council members and citizens, states
20 publicly that a fellow Councilperson does not attend
21 caucuses, while she is missing meetings and leaving
22 early, voted for Mr. Greco's contract after admitting
23 she received a contribution, stated that she supports
24 the administration irregardless, unable to make her own
25 decisions. Thank you.

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1 MS. GATELLI: Thank you.

2 Mr. Narsavage, before you start, I would like to
3 compliment you and tell everyone of your volunteerism
4 at the Dorothy Street Playground. Mr. Narsavage has
5 been taking care of the graffiti, and he is to be
6 commended.

7 MR. NARSAVAGE: Thank you very much. I
8 that graciously.

9 MS. GATELLI: It's appreciated. And
10 Mr. Brazil is going to look into getting something a
11 little stronger that we can get off the plastic, the
12 porous plastic.

13 MR. NARSAVAGE: I would appreciate
14 that. It would make it a lot easier.

15 MS. GATELLI: Yes, it will make it
16 easier.

17 MR. NARSAVAGE: I can't get rid of all
18 of the graffiti. Some of it I have to leave there
19 because I can't get it off.

20 I'm going to not extend my First
21 Amendment rights, I'm going to use my First Amendment
22 rights and ask why a policeman is present her today.

23 Am I --

24 MS. GATELLI: There was a problem
25 before the meeting started, and I felt very

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1 uncomfortable and I wanted a police officer here.

2 MR. NARSAVAGE: Okay. I'm not in

3 danger then. He's not here for that?

4 MS. GATELLI: No. It is because of me

5 and I felt compromised and harassed, and I don't think

6 I should have to feel that way as a Council President

7 or as a Council member.

8 And if any of my other Council members

9 ever feel that way, I would hope that they would let us

10 know and we can have a police officer here for them,

11 too. I don't like taking a police officer off the

12 street, however, we deserve protection, too.

13 MR. NARSAVAGE: All right. As long as

14 you brought that up, this gentleman would be doing a

15 very good job at the Dorothy Street Playground right

16 now, right now.

17 I don't know how many people remember

18 James Carvelle, I think he managed Clinton's first

19 campaign, but I'm going to refer to a slogan that they

20 ran on during that campaign, and that slogan was, It's

21 the Economy, Stupid.

22 Now, I'm going to use that throughout

23 this little address that I have here, not referring it

24 to anybody, just referring it to what I'm saying.

25 According to the labor data provided by

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1 the Department of Labor and Industry, the Scranton

2 Region continues to lag behind the metropolitan

3 strategical area in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in

4 average hourly earnings and average weekly earnings.

5 The Pennsylvania average weekly

6 earnings in manufacturing is \$625.87 or \$83.30 more

7 than the Scranton region.

8 The average weekly earnings for durable

9 goods in the state is \$644.18 or \$103.82 more than

10 Northeastern Pennsylvania. The average weekly earnings

11 in the state in non-durable goods is \$541.16 or \$56.54

12 more than the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre/Hazleton MSA. It's

13 the economy, stupid.

14 The average hourly earnings statewide

15 manufacturing is \$15.34 or \$1.62 more than the Scranton

16 region. The average durable goods statewide is \$15.56

17 or \$1.88 an hour more than the Scranton Region. The

18 average non-durable goods statewide is \$14.98 or \$1.21

19 higher than the Scranton area.

20 In view of the fact that Fanucci and
21 mayor like to use Lehigh Valley in comparison with
22 Scranton, try this on. The Allentown/Bethlehem/Easton
23 MSA average weekly earning in manufacturing is \$640.46.
24 \$99.80 more than the Scranton area.

25 The Lehigh Valley average weekly

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1 earnings in durable goods is \$678.15, \$137.79 more than
2 the Scranton area. The average in nondurable goods in
3 the Lehigh Valley is \$604.03, \$62.87 more than the
4 Scranton area.

5 Mrs. Fanucci, these figures and not
6 population are the reason the city of Allentown charges
7 more to swim in pools. You did not mention that in
8 your ghost written speech that the mayor of Allentown
9 allowed free swimming when the temperature hit 90
10 degrees. It's the economy, stupid.

11 The average hourly earnings in Lehigh
12 Valley in non-durable goods is \$14.52 or \$.79 more than
13 Scranton area. Twelve months ago the metropolitan
14 statistical area of Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton
15 was also last in the state in hourly earnings and
16 average weekly earnings, exactly where we are as of

17 this average gross earnings and working time.
18 I'll take another second. My
19 references are the Department of Labor and Industry, no
20 ghost written, and also an article that appeared in the
21 July issue of The Union News. The Union News prints
22 the truth about these figures. The figures that you
23 see in The Scranton Times are not accurate. Thank you
24 very much.

25 MS. GATELLI: Thank you very much. Ray

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1 Lyman.

2 MR. LYMAN: July 19, last Wednesday, I
3 took six kids up to Nay Aug Park and they were
4 discriminated when a lifeguard told six kids that I
5 took up there that they couldn't go to the pools
6 because he used the word shabby and profanity.
7 Now, I told Mr. Brazil. He said he
8 would look into it. Now, I told the one girl's father,
9 he has a short fuse, and I don't know who he called,
10 but he was fighting with the person. I know it wasn't
11 Mr. Brazil. Mr. Brazil's a nice guy. He said he would
12 look into it.
13 But I don't know who that lifeguard is,

14 but I said if they brought those lifeguards down here,

15 I could identify that person.

16 Now, I think it's kind of ridiculous

17 that they would use profanity and discriminate the

18 children.

19 Mrs. Gatelli, when you said in there

20 that no other people called you up and said that they

21 were discriminated, this could have been the first

22 case. You were wrong.

23 MS. GATELLI: I didn't say that. I

24 said the office --

25 MR. LYMAN: You said in there --

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1 MS. GATELLI: Mr. Lyman --

2 MR. LYMAN: -- that I was wrong and you

3 hollered at me

4 MS. GATELLI: Mr. Lyman, I think it was

5 a little different than that.

6 MR. LYMAN: You did holler at me in

7 there.

8 MS. GATELLI: No, I didn't holler at

9 you. There are witness in this room that were in there

10 and they were also harassed.

11 MR. LYMAN: Yeah, but you hollered at
12 me.

13 MS. GATELLI: No, I didn't, Mr. Lyman.

14 MR. LYMAN: You were at a loud voice
15 and you did holler at me.

16 MS. GATELLI: No, I didn't, Mr. Lyman.

17 Please move on or you're going to be asked to step down
18 from the podium.

19 MR. LYMAN: Okay. I'll say something
20 else. Like this police officer here. This gestapo
21 officer should not be here. He should be on --

22 MS. GATELLI: He's not a gestapo
23 officer. He's a Scranton Police Officer.

24 MR. LYMAN: Well, that's your opinion.

25 MS. GATELLI: No, that's the truth,
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1 Mr. Lyman.

2 MR. LYMAN: He's a police officer. He
3 should not be here. He should be on the street.

4 MS. GATELLI: Well, he's here because
5 people in the office were being harassed.

6 MR. LYMAN: Well, I was harassed by
7 you.

8 MS. GATELLI: No. People in the office
9 were being harassed, and that's not acceptable in the
10 City Council officer.

11 MR. LYMAN: You harassed me, too.

12 MS. GATELLI: No, I didn't, Mr. Lyman.

13 MR. LYMAN: Because I called my lawyer

14 and --

15 MS. GATELLI: You can call your lawyer
16 all you want. You'll have to see Attorney Minora,
17 because he's my lawyer.

18 MR. LYMAN: Yeah, well, you didn't have
19 to fight with me.

20 MS. GATELLI: Mr. Lyman, if you're
21 going to continue, you're going to be asked to leave
22 the meeting.

23 MR. LYMAN: Yeah, I have other things,
24 too.

25 MS. GATELLI: Mr. Brazil is here, and
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1 he is going to answer the allegations that you are
2 charging.

3 MR. LYMAN: May I speak? May I speak?

4 Mrs. Gatelli, now, I think it's kind of wrong we had

5 that argument. We're two adults. I think it was kind
6 of ridiculous.

7 MS. GATELLI: It was ridiculous, I
8 agree.

9 MR. LYMAN: I had a problem.

10 MS. GATELLI: And I told you to stop
11 numerous times.

12 MR. LYMAN: So did I.

13 MS. GATELLI: And so did other staff
14 members, and you would not stop.

15 MR. LYMAN: You were the one who
16 started it when you were hollering at me.

17 MS. GATELLI: Please --

18 COURTRIGHT: Mrs Gatelli. Raymond,
19 listen. We know you had a problem with the kids at the
20 pool. Mr. Brazil is here. He's going to address it.

21 Why don't we just leave it at that? Let Mr. --

22 MR. LYMAN: Okay. It's dead in the
23 water now.

24 MR. COURTRIGHT: All right. Thank
25 you.

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1 MR. LYMAN: Now, my question is now,

2 Mr. Courtright, now, let's talk about the police
3 patrols in my neighborhood about the robberies. When
4 are we going to get a beat cop back?

5 MR. COURTRIGHT: I believe there was
6 somebody in Pine Brook yesterday. I'm not 100 percent
7 sure.

8 MR. LYMAN: No, there wasn't.

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: Okay. I thought that
10 -- I was under the impression there was somebody there
11 last night, I could be wrong. I will check and make
12 sure. I'm asking that question. I haven't gotten an
13 answer yet.

14 MR. LYMAN: And you took some of my
15 time because you were speaking, Ms. Gatelli. Now, I
16 was wondering about --

17 MS. GATELLI: I do the time, Mr. Lyman,
18 not you. Mr. Minora takes care of the time. You
19 wanted an answer, and that's part of your time.

20 MR. LYMAN: Well, you did what -- you
21 were interrupting me.

22 MS. GATELLI: No, I didn't. I just
23 answered your questions.

24 MR. LYMAN: Yeah, but I didn't ask you
25 a question.

1 MS. GATELLI: Mr. Lyman, I am not going
2 to continue to do this on a weekly basis. You're
3 disrupting the office and you're disrupting the
4 meeting, and I'm not going to tolerate it.

5 MR. LYMAN: I'm not fighting with you,
6 Mrs. Gatelli. I want to ask some other stuff.

7 MS. GATELLI: Well, go ahead and ask
8 your question.

9 MR. LYMAN: Now, what about that catch
10 basin on the 300 block of Phelps Street?

11 MR. COURTRIGHT: Raymond, I asked you
12 to take a picture, because I went there twice. I can't
13 --

14 MR. LYMAN: Yeah, I did take pictures.
15 I'm having them developed.

16 MR. COURTRIGHT: All right. Good.
17 Because I couldn't find it. I was there twice. I was
18 there with a DPW guy, we couldn't find it.

19 MR. LYMAN: Give me a ride home and
20 I'll show you where it is.

21 MS. GATELLI: Thank you. Mr. Brazil,
22 would you like to come up to Council and speak to

23 Council, please?

24 MR. BRAZIL: Jeff Brazil, City of

25 Scranton, Director of Parks and Rec. First of all, I'm

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1 a little confused, because there's a problem with the

2 story here.

3 Mr. Lyman called me last week, told me

4 he was at Capouse Pool. Today he's saying Nay Aug. So

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6 MR. LYMAN: No, it's not Nay Aug, it's

7 Capouse.

8 MR. BRAZIL: You just said Nay Aug Pool

9 MS. GATELLI: You said Nay Aug.

10 MR. BRAZIL: You said Nay Aug Pool.

11 MR. LYMAN: I meant Capouse Pool.

12 MS. GATELLI: Don't interrupt, please.

13 Mr. Brazil's trying to talk.

14 MR. BRAZIL: Either way, I find it

15 unfounded and absolutely not true. I talked to all

16 those guards. I don't know where this story came from,

17 but I find it appalling that our kids, our lifeguards,

18 who are out there every day saving our kids, guarding

19 them, and as yesterday, saving their lives, have to put

20 up with criticism like this. I think they deserve more
21 respect than that, and Mr. Lyman needs to get whatever
22 story straight.
23 I stand behind these kids 100 percent.
24 They're there seven days a week. So, I don't know what
25 the story is. I'm getting two different sides now.

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1 MR. MINORA: Are there other -- I was
2 just going to ask if there were other complaints or --
3 MR. BRAZIL: I've gotten zero
4 complaints. And to the contrary, we'll go back to
5 Capouse Pool, because that's what it originally come up
6 on.
7 Capouse Pool in the spring, we put a
8 considerable amount of money in, we painted it, we
9 removed the old diving boards, we did concrete work, we
10 painted the building.
11 I've gotten at least ten calls, not
12 only on the facilities, but on the kids. He was just
13 telling me in the audience here there was no cashier
14 on. There's a cashier at every pool from the minute we
15 open until we close.
16 So, there's something amiss with these

17 statements, and I find it hard to take, because these
18 kids are out there every day, every day protecting our
19 kids. So --

20 MS. GATELLI: Mr. Brazil, is anyone
21 denied access to the pool if they don't have
22 money?

23 MR. BRAZIL: Absolutely not. I've
24 gotten calls from many Council members, different
25 organizations, number one priority, no one is denied
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1 and never will be.

2 MR. LYMAN: Yes --

3 MS. GATELLI: Mr. Lyman, you had your
4 turn. Do not disrupt another speaker.

5 MR. BRAZIL: Absolutely not.

6 MS. GATELLI: All right. Thank you.

7 Do you have any questions for Mr. Brazil? Do you,

8 Mr. Courtright?

9 MR. BRAZIL: Okay. Thank you.

10 MS. GATELLI: All right. Thank you,

11 Mr. Brazil. Lee Morgan. Is Lee here? Reverend

12 Kathryn Simmons.

13 MS. SIMMONS: Good afternoon, Council,

14 and good afternoon, Youth Council. Let me begin by
15 saying, Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be
16 called the sons of God, blessed are those who are
17 persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the
18 kingdom of heaven, blessed are you when they revile and
19 persecute you and say all kinds of evil against you
20 falsely for my sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad,
21 for great is your reward in heaven, for so they
22 persecuted the prophets who were before you.
23 I say to you today standing here, I am

24 thrilled to be standing in the same room with an
25 officer, a Scranton Police Officer. I am honored and I
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1 see nothing wrong with him being here. He's a
2 Scranton resident and he has much right to be here as I
3 do.

4 As all of you know, I've been coming
5 here these past weeks talking about tomorrow evening
6 about a dinner that's going to be held to honor law
7 enforcement in the city and county of Scranton and
8 Lackawanna.

9 For the last several weeks we've sent
10 out 312 correspondences. We haven't sent them to

11 residents, because \$30 to residents is a lot of money
12 to have to come up with, so we've sent them to lawyers,
13 to corporations, to banks and to colleges.
14 We've sent out faxes, 92 as a matter of
15 fact. We've sent these out to the media, none of which
16 were published, none of which were put on what they
17 call their community calendar, none about the dinner
18 tomorrow night and none about the gang seminar
19 tomorrow. Why? I don't know.
20 I guess their love and their respect
21 for our law enforcement in the city isn't that grand or
22 maybe unless our policemen are laying on the ground
23 drawing blood, they're not that big a deal to the
24 media.
25 Here's just a list of second faxes that
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1 went out. It's disgusting that they wouldn't buy one
2 ticket to come in and support a judge, a police
3 officer, a firemen, an assistant district attorney.
4 I don't care if they don't like me.
5 There's a lot of people who don't like me. I'll be
6 going home one of these days. My father likes me.
7 The thing that disturbs me the most is

8 that at the end of Florence midtown complex sits a

9 college which has never lifted its hand to help

10 Florence Midtown Crime Watch.

11 We asked them one time for \$50 so we

12 could give a Christmas party to our children. They

13 told us they didn't have any money and they shut the

14 door.

15 Do you know who came forward so we

16 could give the party to our children? The policemen,

17 they came that night out of their own pocket. They

18 didn't go to their union, they came out of their own

19 pocket.

20 This college, I don't know what they

21 have against law enforcement. Act 120 goes to their

22 school, and I thought they would be one of the first to

23 take a table and send their students over to St. Mary's

24 Center, but they have made it quite well known that

25 they're not going to support law enforcement at any

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1 stage.

2 All I can say is I hope whether OECD or

3 anybody else thinks about giving them any money,

4 they'll come and talk to crime watch first. We have a

5 lot to say about banks and other places that don't help
6 neighborhood associations and crime watches. There's a
7 lot of them out there that didn't have a lot of good
8 things to say about law enforcement. Thank you.

9 MS. GATELLI: Thank you. Andy
10 Sbaraglia.

11 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia, citizen
12 of Scranton. Fellow Scrantonians, I guess we all
13 notice it's getting hot out there, very, very hot. I
14 can see this administration will never let the kids
15 have free swimming no matter what. There's no way in
16 heck. It's as clear as the nose on my face, which is
17 quite big, so we do notice it. But something still has
18 to be done.

19 Since a lot of you do work for the
20 school system, I wonder if you can see if we can turn
21 our city pools over to the school.
22 I think they were better able to run
23 the pools and they can continue with this program when
24 school is out for the other few months until they come
25 back in. That would make a lot more sense than --

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1 depending on the city.

2 The city would rather hire an engineer
3 to go down to Central Court there and do some cosmetics
4 to it than let the kids get out there and swim for
5 free.
6 I don't care what you say, no kid
7 should have to say, I can't afford to pay to get into
8 this pool. This is not -- you're more than
9 discriminatory doing something like that.
10 The kids should just be able to go and
11 swim. You should never have to say, I can't afford to
12 swim. That puts a stigma on them kids. They'll
13 remember that for the rest of their lives that the city
14 wanted them to say they couldn't afford to swim so they
15 could swim, when the taxpayers are fitting the bill.
16 It would make more sense to enter in an
17 agreement, in fact, inquire with the school if they
18 would be willing to accept our pools and let them run
19 their summer program from the pools like it should have
20 been, like it used to be.
21 Our summer programs weren't in the
22 schools, they were at pools if you had lucky a pool. I
23 swam up at Luzerne Street. Luzerne Street had a pool
24 there, so it was in my neighborhood.
25 If you lived in South Side, you went

1 down The Hollow and swam there, or if you lived in
2 North Scranton, you went where the fire barn is and you
3 swam there or you went to Nay Aug and swam.
4 And there was no fees. There was no
5 need for fees. We're bled white already. You just
6 raised the taxes 52 bucks. That money -- some of that
7 money could have been used for the pools, even though
8 it was designated for the firemen and the policemen,
9 you just took the money from that account and moved it
10 over to the pools.
11 Or when they came up for this CommD
12 money, why wasn't the money allocated for the pools at
13 that time? Instead of what -- well, you heard Reverend
14 Simms criticize down there at the school, the college,
15 Lackawanna College.
16 But if I go back into the legislation,
17 we gave them something like \$75 or \$100,000 so they
18 could acquire the old silt mill, the lace mill. They
19 had their hands out. They grabbed that real good.
20 And what do they give back? Well, the
21 kids give back. I'm not saying that the kids don't
22 give back, because if they buy something in town in

23 such a way, they give back.

24 But as far as actually giving something

25 for the community, I don't even think they give

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1 scholarships out. At least I never heard of

2 advertising for scholarships. I assume they do

3 somewhere along the line, because federal funds

4 probably flow in and they have to do something like

5 that.

6 But the basic thing is, the children of

7 Scranton is being shortchanged by this mayor and by

8 members of Council. There's no need for me to name

9 members of Council, because I should be -- as a whole I

10 always did.

11 I don't want to insult anybody that

12 sits up there, because I know some of you feel like me

13 and some of you don't, but that's beside the point, but

14 your Council is a Council, your rulings are by Council.

15 It's up to the people of the City of

16 Scranton to look at what's happening and decide what

17 they're going to do about it.

18 But somewhere along the line it would

19 make more sense to try to make arrangements with the

20 school system to see if we can transfer our pools into
21 their system for a summer program at least, in fact,
22 for a two-year period, say.

23 Because you got teachers that could be
24 hired, you got a -- you got programs up there where you
25 train lifeguards in the pools. Scranton High has a

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1 pool, one of the grade schools has a pool, and you can
2 train your lifeguards right from there and give them a
3 summer job.

4 Because like I said before, there's no
5 way I'm ever going to see these kids swim for free as
6 long as the pools remain in the city's control. I
7 thank you.

8 MS. GATELLI: Thank you.

9 MS. EVANS: I'm just going to interrupt
10 for one minute. As Mr. Sbaraglia spoke, he jarred my
11 memory on the issue of Lackawanna Junior College and
12 the Scranton Lace Building.

13 I believe in 2004, there were CDBG
14 funds allocated to LJC for that project, however, I've
15 recently learned that LJC may not, in fact, probably
16 not -- is not going into that building.

17 It seems that it may be the location
18 for Artspace, and some other projects, and so, Kay, if
19 you could please send a letter to OECD to determine if
20 that 2004 allocation was distributed to Lackawanna
21 College, and if so, for what use was it intended.
22 And I'm referring to, I'm quite sure,
23 minutes of a Scranton Tomorrow Board meeting where this
24 issue was discussed. Thank you.

25 MS. GATELLI: Mrs. Wardell.

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1 MS. WARDELL: Good afternoon, Council.

2 My name is Mary Ann Wardell. Council, I have been
3 coming to these meetings an eye on 15 years now. I
4 have had disputes, disagreements, arguments, and
5 criticisms for quite a few Council people. We have
6 discussed and we have disagreed.

7 I have never in all the time I have
8 come here attacked a Councilperson personally, nor do I
9 intend to, however, I will say Mrs. Fanucci's comments
10 last week upset me, and I'll tell you why.

11 She talked about we are watching you,
12 you know our tactics. I am probably coming to these
13 Council meetings longer than Ms. Fanucci even knew

14 there were Council meeting or had any intention or any
15 idea that she would ever sit up there on that seat.
16 And I want it be known that I do not
17 need anyone to write my speeches. I do very well
18 myself. And that's all I'm going to say on this
19 subject, because, you know what, her tirade last week
20 and her little tantrum, it was just uncalled for,
21 unnecessary, and it was embarrassing.
22 However, I do have a lot of questions
23 for this City Council, because there are things that
24 have -- that I have requested and asked for that I have
25 not heard. If you would, though, grant me my five

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1 minutes and then answer me, okay?
2 First all, I would like to know, Judy,
3 you weren't here last week, but I requested the
4 quarterly reports that the mayor sends out to Council
5 and the public for the year 2006. I also requested the
6 demolition costs for the property on Sanderson Avenue
7 and Green Ridge Street.
8 I also have to comment on this Hollow
9 Avenue situation. And let me say this, along with
10 coming to these meetings for years, I have met many

11 people that have come to these.

12 Now, Mr. Minora based his answers to

13 questions last week on this was done on private

14 property. We will agree that it was not done on

15 private property. We will say that this was done to

16 clear a right of way, and I believe Mr. Parker when he

17 was here at that one meeting said that they were not on

18 private property, that they were clearing a right of

19 way so that this homeowner could get material into that

20 site, okay?

21 We have had at least two people, that I

22 know of, come here for years requesting that the right

23 of way be cleared to their property so they could do

24 something with their property, and they have been told

25 time and time again, we do not clear right of way, we

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1 do not clear right of way.

2 So, I guess unless you're a Democratic

3 committee man or a former Democratic committee man and

4 you come here and say, Hey, I need my right of way

5 cleared so I can gain access to my land, you're going

6 to be told no.

7 This is unfair, it is unjust, and you

8 people all know, we cannot let this drop. Whoever
9 heard of a department that, let's say, was under
10 investigation investigating themselves?
11 I mean, I -- that's like filing a
12 complaint with the police department and having the
13 police chief investigate this. This is something that
14 needs to be checked into much further, I believe.

15 MS. GATELLI: Can I interrupt you just
16 for one second?

17 MS. WARDELL: Sure you can.

18 MS. GATELLI: The last conversation I
19 had with Attorney Minora was after that --

20 MS. WARDELL: Okay.

21 MS. GATELLI: -- episode, not last
22 week, of course, because I wasn't here, and I asked him
23 if he would bring some of those facts that he has to
24 the district attorney and the attorney general's office
25 --

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1 MS. WARDELL: Good show, Judy, good.

2 MS. GATELLI: -- see if we can go any
3 further.

4 MS. WARDELL: Thank you very much.

5 That's what we need.

6 MS. GATELLI: So, he is pursuing that.

7 MS. WARDELL: That's what we're looking

8 for. We're looking for some action. We do not want a

9 Council that sits up there and says, Yes, we'll see

10 what we can do and turn around and do nothing.

11 I would also like to ask, it's been a

12 long time since I've heard anything about the Daron

13 Northeast Project. I have driven down that road

14 several times. The dust is unbelievable, the dirt

15 blows up.

16 What is being done for these people?

17 What has been the resolution down there? What have we

18 determined we can do for these people down there that

19 are living, some of them on oxygen, some of them trying

20 to sell their homes, because they just -- they're sick

21 from living down there.

22 They can't open their windows in the

23 summer, they can't put their air conditioners on

24 because this dirt is blowing in. What kind of recourse

25 -- what are we doing?

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1 This has not been brought up for

2 several months, and I just don't want to see anything
3 like this swept under the rug.
4 Also, and this is only a rumor, but I
5 have to bring this up, there's a rumor about that in
6 September are going to request some more money, we're
7 going to sell some more bonds and get another loan.
8 I would just like to get say to this
9 Council, we do not need any more loans, we don't need
10 to spend any more money, we have to learn to live
11 within our income and we have to keep this mayor from
12 foolishly wasting our money.
13 And I will say one more thing, I am
14 very disappointed in this Council that they voted on
15 another consultant for OECD.
16 Listen, after five years, if you can't
17 do your job, you know what, you're in the wrong
18 profession. Thank you.
19 MS. GATELLI: Thank you, Mrs. Wardell
20 MR. MINORA: If I might. Mrs. Gatelli,
21 the only reason I hadn't spoken to anybody in the
22 District Attorney's Office is when this first was
23 raised to me and when you and I spoke about that, the
24 issue that was raised to me was that city workers and
25 city equipment was used to remove trees from private

1 property, which conceivably could have been theft, a
2 form of theft.

3 About two weeks ago or three weeks ago,
4 one of the neighbors, I believe his name was Mr. Moran,
5 came up here and I stopped him because it changed
6 things dramatically in my mind, specifically said that
7 nothing was done on private property.

8 If nothing was done on private
9 property, there's no basis for a criminal charge. And
10 what I said to Mr. Laske last week was that, or maybe
11 it was the week before, I'm sorry, the weeks are sort
12 of melding into one another, but I spoke to Mr. Laske
13 when he was addressing Council and explained to him
14 that that's a political policy matter, which you've
15 asked me to draft, and which I'm in the process of
16 doing, and I did not bring it to the District
17 Attorney's Office, nor do I think there'd be any
18 fruitful reason to do that. If there's absolutely --

19 MS. GATELLI: But we did discuss that.

20 MR. MINORA: Yes, we did. But I wanted
21 to explain to you --

22 MS. GATELLI: I don't want it to appear

23 that I'm not telling the truth.

24 MR. MINORA: No, no, no. I wanted to

25 explain to you why I hadn't, because Mr. Moran's

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1 remarks to me clearly took this matter out of any kind

2 of criminal charge, and then it was either political or

3 policy, and that's where that went, and I wanted to

4 explain that to Mrs. Wardell.

5 MS. GATELLI: And then we're going to

6 work on the policy.

7 MS. EVANS: And also if I might just

8 update quickly, Daron Northeast. I know that there are

9 a very few residents who were in negotiations with

10 Daron Northeast through their attorneys for a buyout of

11 their property.

12 Well, when last I heard, Daron wanted

13 to provide the appraisals of the properties, and

14 naturally I had advised the residents that they should

15 obtain their own appraisals, but I'm sure that that is

16 still ongoing.

17 And I do agree with you, though, about

18 the conditions of the dust that has been blowing,

19 especially during these scorching periods of heat, and,

20 so, if Kay could also send a letter to Mr. Fiorini
21 requesting that he direct the manager of the facilities
22 to wet down the property and the surrounding streets
23 daily as was done last summer, and it should be at
24 their expense, rather than the city's DPW trucks coming
25 out and wetting everything down.

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1 MS. GATELLI: Oh, lord.

2 MR. MINORA: Additionally, if I might
3 add, when situations like this occur, the neighbors
4 themselves have the right to bring a private nuisance
5 action against whatever the offending property owner is
6 that's abutting the property, and they have that
7 available to them, as well as what they might have
8 under city ordinances.

9 MS. GATELLI: Mrs. Evans, when we had a
10 similar problem in South Scranton with a factory, we
11 did bring a suit and we won and we had --

12 MS. EVANS: I remember.

13 MS. GATELLI: Yeah. We had an attorney
14 that did a pro bono, so there are attorneys that, you
15 know, will help you. And if you call or know someone
16 down there, I can probably give you a few names to call

17 that used to help the South Side neighborhood. But
18 that's a good avenue to pursue, Amil.
19 MS. EVANS: And with regard to the
20 demolition on Sanderson Avenue, as you may have picked
21 up on earlier, I'm requesting that information, and it
22 appears that the operator and truck driver who
23 performed the work on Moosic Street and Sanderson
24 Avenue are from the DPW and were paid from the payroll
25 of their department and the tipping fees were also paid
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1 out of the city's operating budget, but Mr. Fiorini did
2 not have a total cost on any of the projects, which is
3 why I'm seeking the assistance of Mr. Kresefski.
4 He's always been very amenable to
5 providing information to Council, and since he oversees
6 the finances of the city, I'm sure he can tell us where
7 in the budget we can find this information, and I'm
8 hoping he'll also break it down for us by project.
9 That's it.

10 MS. GATELLI: There was also another
11 one up on Bryn Mawr Street that was paid by the city.

12 MS. EVANS: Well, let's add that to the
13 list.

14 MS. GATELLI: Where they took that old

15 factory. Yeah.

16 MS. EVANS: The development up on Bryn

17 Mawr, the cost of that demolition, as well. And we're

18 looking for the total costs for each project, please,

19 Kay, that's incurred by the city.

20 MS. GATELLI: Are either one of them a

21 KOZ? I don't believe so. I know --

22 MS. EVANS: I don't know about Bryn

23 Mawr.

24 MS. GATELLI: Yeah, Bryn Mawr isn't,

25 no. Do you know if Sanderson is?

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1 MS. EVANS: I don't believe so.

2 MS. GATELLI: I don't believe so

3 either.

4 MS. EVANS: But then again, they will

5 receive, I'm sure, a two-year tax abatement, as

6 everyone does.

7 MS. GATELLI: Yeah. I don't have

8 anyone else on the list. Mrs. Shumaker. Mr. Davis.

9 MR. DAVIS: Assalaam Alaikum. Peace

10 and blessings of Allah be with you.

11 Mr. Minora, since you are our legal
12 beagle, why don't you draft a petition for the people
13 to sign, because they've come here before the Council,
14 they've asked for help, yeah, draft a petition, give it
15 to them, let them go out and get signatures for it, at
16 least they know it will be legally binding, they know
17 it will be done properly, and that would help them
18 tremendously.

19 When you serve the public, it really
20 means serve. You're serving God, you're serving the
21 public, and I thank you for that.

22 MR. MINORA: Thank you for the
23 suggestion.

24 MR. DAVIS: You're welcome. Okay.

25 Number one, Emanuel Johnson, we're very proud of
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1 Emanuel Johnson and for a lot of reasons.

2 The young man stands on his own two
3 feet today because he desires to stand on his own two
4 feet. He does the best that he can when he is allowed
5 to do so.

6 To put him in the position of
7 representative on that Rec. Board, you fulfilled him,

8 you made him into a human being that the whole
9 community could love and appreciate.
10 Now, he comes to me and tells me that
11 he was told to resign. He was told by someone like the
12 mayor to resign. He comes to me and he says, Jim, I
13 had no recourse.

14 So, I came to the office of the mayor
15 and I asked his secretary, and she says, All I know is
16 I have a letter here from Emanuel Johnson saying that
17 he resigns his post.

18 I said, Well, I'd like to have a
19 conference with the mayor and with Emanuel Johnson
20 together, if you don't mind. I'd like to face that
21 off, if I may.

22 MS. EVANS: Mr. Davis, I can tell you
23 that the mayor appoints --

24 MR. DAVIS: And dismisses --

25 MS. EVANS: -- and discontinues,
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1 dismisses individuals on boards, authorities,
2 commissions, and this wouldn't be the first time.
3 I remember a case with the Sewer
4 Authority board and Mr. Paul Kearns, who was made to

5 leave before his term was up.

6 But that is the prerogative of the

7 mayor to place you on a board and then to tell you that

8 it's time to leave the board.

9 MR. DAVIS: It was a smart and

10 political move in the beginning, and it's still a

11 political move now. And we realized that, and I'm

12 quite sure he will pay for it in the future as he tries

13 for other political positions, as everyone who has

14 these problems.

15 You see, we're a very small minority

16 here in Scranton, but yet in the newspaper, we hear

17 that there are more arrests in the Scranton schools

18 than any other school of its size, comparable schools

19 of its size, and I'm wondering what are the

20 demographics of that. I want to know what the

21 demographics are.

22 I called -- I called the

23 superintendent. He's the one who made the statement in

24 at the school board meeting. I haven't gotten an

25 answer back.

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1 But the thing is, I'll get it. I'll go

2 over there personally. I'll knock on his door. He has
3 policemen over there, too. Now -- okay. That's
4 something I'll bring in September.
5 But we've got to solve this problem
6 before we go back to school, we really do. We've got a
7 whole summer of kids that had nothing to do and nowhere
8 to go and nothing but trouble to get into.
9 They may not be here for going to
10 school next year. They might be dead in the streets.
11 Do you ever think of that? Can you think of this as
12 being Iraq or Iran where our kids are running away from
13 bullets? No, you can't think of that.
14 This area, this whole Tech/Central
15 area, the area I'm talking about, the lighting is not
16 kept up.
17 DPW, I have to say this before I go any
18 further, the person, the new fellow from recs, I made
19 one phone call to him after all this time, one phone
20 call to him, I said, Would you do me a favor? I need
21 to put two flag footballs up there at Tech High School,
22 two flag football fields side by side. He says, I'll
23 be there in ten minutes with the staff to do it.
24 No problem, no hassle. I said, Why
25 didn't I do this months ago? Because I couldn't. I

1 kept asking for the school board's permission, I kept
2 asking you to go to the school board and your joint --
3 and your interdisciplinary group or something and do
4 something about it. Nothing.

5 The lights are still not on at
6 seven o'clock. That means that the people that walk
7 through there are going to have problems.
8 Those who want to play basketball, it's
9 just impossible. Maybe until 8:30, but then that's
10 when the problems start, because that's when the
11 hustlers come out. If there's no lights there, if
12 we're not there to protect the kids, what are you going
13 to do about it? We're just going to put them in jail.
14 That's your solution. They're problem kids, put them
15 in jail. They turn around, they look at you funny, put
16 them in jail. All right.

17 MS. GATELLI: Thank you, Mr. Davis.

18 MR. DAVIS: I'm not finished. One
19 second, please.

20 MS. GATELLI: Your time is up, Mr.
21 Davis.

22 MR. DAVIS: I know it's always up. I

23 have one thing to say. Mrs. Gatelli, Miss Finesse or
24 Fanucci, I said out loud resign if you didn't like the
25 situation. The policeman came to me and said, You
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1 can't speak when, you know. I said, Excuse me. But
2 the thing I'm saying to you is, if you so dread, if you
3 so hate your position that you have to call police to
4 protect you from saying and doing things to people --

5 MS. GATELLI: Mr. Davis, sit down.

6 MR. DAVIS: You said that before.

7 MS. GATELLI: You're out of order. Sit

8 down, Mr. Davis.

9 MR. DAVIS: Where's the policeman? I'm

10 up here at the podium, right?

11 MS. GATELLI: Sit down, Mr. Davis.

12 POLICE OFFICER: Your time is up.

13 MS. GATELLI: You're time is up. Sit

14 down. Mrs. Shumaker, come up, please, Mrs. Shumaker.

15 You'll never forget Thelma Franklin, will you, Mr.

16 Davis?

17 MR. DAVIS: I can't.

18 MS. GATELLI: You'll never forget it.

19 MR. DAVIS: I can't.

20 MS. GATELLI: The worse house in the
21 City of Scranton, and you just won't give it up. Sit
22 down. I did my job. I protected the people that lived
23 there. Mrs. Shumaker, please.

24 MS. SHUMAKER: Yes. I have six quick
25 items. Number one, I am disappointed that no ordinance

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1 has been brought forward regarding pool maintenance
2 that would allow Mr. Fiorini's people to go out and get
3 after homeowners who do not properly maintain their
4 pools.

5 Two, I would like to know, again, back
6 on capital budgets, I read the Home Rule Charter, and
7 it says the mayor is to submit capital budgets 90 days
8 before the drop-dead date of 15 December.

9 When I finish, I would like someone to
10 tell me what recourse you guys plan to take if you
11 don't have those capital budgets by the 15th of
12 September, such that you and the citizens may look
13 through those budgets and see what's happening.

14 I mean, again, the Parks and
15 Recreation, which I'm intensely interested in, if you
16 look at those tennis courts down at the South Side

17 Complex, it's nothing short of disgusting.
18 Number three, nobody addressed the
19 situation at Meadow and River today. Mr. Courtright,
20 you talked about that two weeks ago when I was here.
21 There's been no action taken. The signs are all still
22 up that you have to -- if you're coming down East
23 Mountain Road, you have to actually pull out and almost
24 get hit by the traffic turning left in order to see
25 beyond the landscaping and the signs that are there.

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1 There are no signs in that station or
2 that mini-mart, whatever it is, that indicate it's a
3 right turn only.
4 I almost got broadsided when I made
5 that right turn yesterday, and I'm sure if I could read
6 lips, my ears would still be burning by what that lady
7 was saying to me.
8 Number four, I'd like to know -- one of
9 our presidents said the definition of is is, I would
10 like to know what the definition of soon is.
11 I had occasion to go up Green Ridge
12 Street the other day, as I do frequently, and there was
13 that eyesore, the North Scranton Junior High School,

14 with a big sign saying, Coming Soon.
15 And I know last year you approved
16 \$350,000, and I know that it's -- there's a two-year
17 period in which to act before OECD rescinds the money,
18 but I just would like to know what the definition of
19 soon is, because it's certainly -- my definition is
20 certainly different from whoever put up that coming
21 soon sign up on that property.

22 And then I do read the Doherty Deceit
23 website, because I find it frequently scoops the
24 monopoly newspaper, and in there is a report that the
25 mayor is planning to seek a \$40 million loan so he

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1 could avoid increasing taxes next year.
2 It may be total rumor, but it certainly
3 upset me, and I'm sure other taxpayers. I don't think
4 we need any more debt. And the only reason I bring
5 this up, because at this point it is a rumor, is that
6 you think about it over the course of this -- your
7 vacation time and give some serious consideration,
8 because I don't think this city can stand another \$40
9 million worth of debt. And so, I hope you look into
10 that and are prepared should such a situation

11 arise.

12 And then finally on the action that you

13 took today on 6-G, it's my understanding from the OECD

14 website that a loan from the commercial and industrial

15 revolving loan program requires the addition of an

16 employee for every \$35,000 worth of expenditures.

17 So, I'm assuming that someone, and

18 that's what I'd like to know, who is responsible for

19 following up to make sure that at least two additional

20 employees are hired by Denise's Salon?

21 MS. GATELLI: OECD, and they're -- in

22 the backup that I read, it said four employees, four

23 new jobs.

24 MS. SHUMAKER: Okay. I don't have the

25 privilege of having that information, but okay.

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1 MS. GATELLI: You can have it when I'm

2 done.

3 MS. SHUMAKER: That's fine. Okay. And

4 as I say, except if you'd respond to what action you

5 plan to take on the September -- if you don't have the

6 capital budgets in proper detail by September 15 that

7 you plan to take.

8 MS. EVANS: If I might respond, the
9 problem in the past has not been the date on which the
10 capital budget was distributed to Council, rather, the
11 capital budget itself was in violation of the Home Rule
12 Charter because it did not contain the backup
13 information that is required within the Home Rule
14 Charter.

15 MS. SHUMAKER: Well, now, can't you
16 subpoena department heads?

17 MS. EVANS: Yes, we certainly can.

18 MS. SHUMAKER: I hope you do that this
19 year if the detail isn't provided, because I certainly
20 would like to see it and I'm sure that other taxpayers
21 would like to see how those funds --

22 MS. EVANS: I very much would like to
23 see it --

24 MS. SHUMAKER: But I hope your fellow
25 Council members are in agreement with you.

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1 MS. GATELLI: We'd like to see it, too.

2 MS. SHUMAKER: Thank you. You have a
3 good August.

4 MS. GATELLI: I would just like to

5 commend you on your presentation at the commissioner's
6 meeting. I saw it, and it was very good.

7 MS. SHUMAKER: Thank you. I just
8 learned today that I've been invited to come sit down
9 with a lawyer, which I was not aware of. So, I'll
10 follow up on that when I get home.

11 MS. EVANS: And one last update on the
12 South Side Complex, the city has been very remiss for a
13 number of years now because of the potential sale to
14 the University of Scranton in maintaining that
15 property, and as a result, the concession stand or the
16 bathroom facilities have severely deteriorated.

17 Much of the work that's done on the
18 field is done by ballplayers and volunteers themselves
19 most often, and I believe this is the case because the
20 mayor had accepted a \$700,000 security deposit from the
21 University of Scranton quite a while ago, and he
22 immediately used that security deposit as a partial
23 payment to a landscaper who had performed services at
24 Nay Aug Park.

25 So, since the case is still in

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1 litigation, and it's quite clear that the city believes

2 that this sale will come to fruition, I believe there

3 has been purposeful neglect of that area.

4 MS. SHUMAKER: Well, it's just sad to

5 see that many public tennis courts not usable because

6 of lack of maintenance. It's sad.

7 MS. EVANS: Yes.

8 MS. SHUMAKER: Thank you all and have a

9 good August. See you in September as the song goes, if

10 you're old enough to remember it.

11 MS. GATELLI: Thank you. Have a good

12 summer. Mr. Johnson.

13 MR. JOHNSON: Good evening -- I mean,

14 good afternoon, City Council and staff. Erik Johnson,

15 resident of Scranton.

16 Last time while I was speaking here at

17 the City Council meeting, there was one particular

18 regular citizen speaker who usually speaks early at the

19 meetings with a few others tried to disrupt me while I

20 was speaking. Thank you, Judy Gatelli, for putting

21 them in their place, as I have the right to speak here

22 as they do on an agenda that spins like a broken record

23 at times.

24 And I'm going to speak on why Scranton

25 is a safer city than Wilkes-Barre and why the police

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1 are doing a better job here in Scranton than they are
2 doing in Wilkes-Barre, because it is out of hand over
3 in Wilkes-Barre.

4 It's been told to me -- all right. I

5 was going to put something else here. I'll leave that
6 out.

7 Well, some people, they want to run the

8 show here, and I guess that's not what's going to

9 happen, and it's not going to -- and they're not going

10 to have their way.

11 Getting back to safety issues.

12 Scranton is by far ahead of Wilkes-Barre in keeping

13 crime down on the streets and schools.

14 Wilkes-Barre has double the crime in

15 the streets and schools. The safety report regarding

16 schools 2004 and five has Scranton schools enrollment,

17 9,100 with 103 arrests. Well, Wilkes-Barre, 6,970

18 double the number of arrests of 200.

19 The Scranton Police Department compared

20 to Wilkes-Barre, which is a smaller city in size and

21 population, has more full-time police officers here in

22 Scranton, meaning also more in the union than

23 Wilkes-Barre Township and area.

24 They operate with more part-time police

25 and few full-timers and has a turnover in the police

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1 department like Wal-Mart and TJ Maxx.

2 I believe being a police officer here

3 in Scranton is more secure -- more of a secure job than

4 Wilkes-Barre area.

5 If the officers are unhappy here, you

6 ought to hear about the unhappiness and back biting

7 that's going on in the Wilkes-Barre area.

8 If you don't have the right name and

9 voice, you're opinion of what improvements that need to

10 be correct about the absurd of crime or wanting to join

11 the police union, the police union. There's police

12 officers that's want to join the police union.

13 You can be screamed in your face with

14 spit and fired without a union hearing before your

15 scheduled shift. That's unfair labor practice.

16 Scranton Police, you have it made here

17 compared to Wilkes-Barre area, lower crime, more

18 full-timers. Wilkes-Barre area, more crime and less

19 full-timers and much more part-timers, as I hear it.

20 By the way, I was in Wilkes-Barre
21 yesterday. Scranton downtown is vastly improved, while
22 Wilkes-Barre downtown has all but died. Scranton was
23 once a dying downtown city.

24 My son and I agree it's alive and
25 improving. Nay Aug Park has never been better, and the

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1 neighborhood crime watch is one of the best in Eastern
2 Pennsylvania, roads are being repaired, new buildings
3 and improvements of the already older buildings.

4 Police and firemen as of now here in
5 Scranton are keeping their jobs instead of being fired
6 for something that every other officer is doing right
7 or wrong without union representation as being done in
8 the Wilkes-Barre area. That's unfair labor practice.

9 You're lucky to be a police officer
10 here in Scranton. I give credit to Mr. Hayes, the head
11 public safety official, of doing a great job. And
12 Scranton Police Department, you're doing a more
13 efficient job.

14 Our prayers goes out to all the Middle
15 East and our U.S. troops overseas for their protection
16 of life. Thank you.

17 MS. GATELLI: Thank you.

18 MR. JOHNSON: Scranton Police

19 Department is in a lot better shape than Wilkes-Barre.

20 I don't think Wilkes-Barre will ever recover. And I

21 have to really say that something must be -- there must

22 be something being done right here.

23 MS. GATELLI: Thank you, Mr. Johnson.

24 Mrs. Suetta.

25 MS. SUETTA: I know you're happy to see

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1 me today. You know we're complaining about the

2 Albright Avenue Bridge. Has anybody been over by the

3 Popular Street Bridge, over by the old Jaunty?

4 MS. EVANS: I have. And I know there's

5 a lot of debris there and an island of debris, and that

6 needs to be addressed, as well.

7 MS. SUETTA: You know, you said to

8 bring pictures. Bill, you weren't over. The two girls

9 were over. Please take a look.

10 MS. EVANS: Kay, could you add Popular

11 Street Bridge to the Albright Avenue?

12 MS. GATELLI: Yeah, I think there's

13 four bridges scheduled to be cleaned soon. Mrs.

14 Shumaker, soon. I did call yesterday, but apparently
15 they didn't respond.

16 MS. SUETTA: Now, I don't want to go
17 through this again. So, why isn't anything being done
18 about the bridges?

19 MR. COURTRIGHT: I asked Mr. Parker. I
20 ran into him the other day. I asked him why, because I
21 went over there and I saw it. The night after our last
22 meeting, last Thursday, I went over there Thursday
23 night with my wife and I looked at it, and I asked him
24 why. And he said they're working on it. That was the
25 answer I got.

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1 MS. SUETTA: You mean to tell me
2 between the five of you, you have no power over this
3 man?

4 MR. COURTRIGHT: Apparently not.

5 MS. SUETTA: He's ruining our lives.

6 What happens if we take matters into our own hand?

7 MR. COURTRIGHT: I don't know that you
8 want to do that.

9 MS. GATELLI: Don't go into the river.

10 MR. COURTRIGHT: We don't want to fish

11 you out.

12 MS. EVANS: Actually, Ms. Suetta, there
13 was, or rather there were, yesterday two DPW workers
14 that I saw in the area of the Albright Avenue Bridge at
15 about 9 a.m., and they appeared to have a piece of
16 equipment that would be similar to a leaf blower and he
17 was blowing dirt on a sidewalk, off a sidewalk rather,
18 and the other appeared to be cutting large weeds from
19 the sides of the bridge, but what disturbed me is that
20 the greatest problem, which is the debris underneath
21 the bridge, that is protruding above the bridge, has
22 never been touched.

23 MS. SUETTA: I know. And every time I
24 go over that bridge, I think of my cellar. For what
25 it's worth, if I get flooded again because of the
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1 negligence of the City of Scranton, I don't know what
2 I'm going to do.

3 MS. GATELLI: I know that they're going
4 to be bidding that out, they're contracting it out.

5 MS. SUETTA: Dear, Jesus. I said I was
6 going to be good. Where is he?

7 MS. GATELLI: Be good.

8 MS. SUETTA: The guys, I talked to two
9 DPW workers today. They said they can do that job on
10 the weekend, which would be cheaper than Parker
11 contracting it out. Why can't he do that? We got the
12 material.

13 MS. GATELLI: I don't know. They're
14 working with FEMA and it's going to be reimbursed by
15 FEMA.

16 MS. SUETTA: (UNTRANSCRIBABLE.)

17 MS. GATELLI: When, you know, I can't
18 --

19 MS. SUETTA: That was a curse in
20 Polish.

21 MS. GATELLI: I'll call him again when
22 we get out of the meeting.

23 MS. SUETTA: Can't you call him now?
24 He's supposed to be working.

25 MS. GATELLI: Oh, yeah. I mean, I can
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1 call him as soon as I get back to the office. If you
2 want to wait, I'll call him right with you there.

3 MS. SUETTA: No, because I'm liable to
4 get --

5 MS. GATELLI: I'll see if, you know, if

6 I can get an answer.

7 MS. SUETTA: Then the French will be

8 coming out.

9 MS. GATELLI: No, no French, only

10 English.

11 MS. SUETTA: All right. I'm being

12 good, but, you know, already, we're little peons over

13 there. I don't want to have another flood.

14 MS. GATELLI: I know. We don't want

15 you --

16 MS. SUETTA: Who do I hold responsible

17 if we do?

18 MS. GATELLI: Not City Council.

19 MS. SUETTA: Well, this is where I'm

20 coming to.

21 MS. GATELLI: We'll call as soon as we

22 get out of the meeting, Jeanie, I promise. I'll call

23 and see what answer I get.

24 MS. SUETTA: Get the guys from DPW, get

25 Popular Street, because that dam backs up to our dam

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1 and, whoa, we got it again. FEMA was fabulous. City

2 was -- DPW was good, except for the bridges.

3 MS. GATELLI: And I'm also working with

4 Mr. Garibino. I think he's going to be coming back in

5 October. I'll let you know the date.

6 MS. SUETTA: All right. And the plant

7 up on Dickson Avenue, Daron, I get the fumes from

8 there, and I'm four blocks away. You sit on my porch

9 and you smell it. So, tell them wet it down or let us.

10 MS. GATELLI: Mrs. Evans is sending the

11 letter.

12 MS. SUETTA: All right.

13 MS. GATELLI: So, we should have an

14 answer on that.

15 MS. SUETTA: I'm done. No trouble, no

16 cursing.

17 MS. GATELLI: Thank you very much.

18 Have say good summer. Chrissy.

19 MR. SLEDZINSKI: I'm coming, Jude.

20 MS. GATELLI: Chrissy, we don't have a

21 trainer. Do you think I have to come over?

22 MR. SLEDZINSKI: Yeah. Down a little,

23 Bill?

24 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yeah, bring it down,

25 Chris.

1 MR. SLEDZINSKI: Billy, our dream game
2 is Wednesday night, eight o'clock stadium, city and
3 county. Everybody show up for the game. Thank you.

4 MS. GATELLI: Thank you.

5 MS. FIDATI ADSIT: Good afternoon.

6 You'll have to excuse me, I just ran four blocks to the
7 meter, and I'm a little out of breath, but I only have
8 a few comments.

9 And I believe in response to last week,
10 we don't want to beat a dead horse, you know, but I
11 firmly believe that everyone who comes here as a
12 taxpayer, they're sincere in what they say, I really
13 believe that, and I know most of these people, some I
14 don't know, but I believe they're very concerned about
15 the direction where the city's going, and I applaud
16 them for it. The time they take up to come here, it's
17 not an easy task, you know.

18 And I remember the day all of you newly
19 installed took that oath of infidelity and it was
20 sacred, you know, at least I viewed it that way.

21 And I feel sometimes Sherry might get
22 off on the wrong path saying things that are so

23 provoking that it instigates responses that normally

24 wouldn't be here.

25 So, if she could try to balance herself

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1 with those negative remarks to the people, after all,

2 she does work for us, and we shouldn't have to tolerate

3 abuse, either.

4 And we're all concerned people. Now,

5 she can't make fun of us, because it isn't a funny

6 thing. They're very serious in their remarks, you

7 know? I'm very serious in what I said.

8 And I think The Times loves to reprint

9 things just to stir it up a little and keep it going.

10 That's wrong, too. So, everybody has to really do

11 their part.

12 But she's got to get a little more

13 balanced, get her head out of the sand. We are

14 important here, because we pay the bills.

15 And there's still freedom of speech.

16 It's the life blood of American democracy. So, we

17 can't shut her up and we don't want to be shut up

18 either. It is our First Amendment.

19 Now, even though I was a little

20 perplexed by it, I'm not going to hold a grudge against
21 the woman, I just don't like doing that. This
22 shouldn't be an ongoing thing.
23 But everybody knows I'm a campaigner,
24 and I campaign hard, and I do it door to door, and when
25 I go in these people's homes or they come out on the
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1 porch, they express to me how they feel about this
2 Council.
3 So, sometimes when I speak, I express
4 some of that in my own words of what the people tell
5 me, and she can come across pretty badly to the public,
6 the people that are viewing this on Channel 61.
7 Like Mary Ann said, she's been coming
8 here 15 years before it's ever been broadcast. So,
9 this is really a blessing for the people out there.
10 They love it. They love it. So, they do see what goes
11 on. And the only negative response I get is about
12 Sherry Fanucci, and I travel far and wide.
13 Now, there's one other thing I want to
14 bring up. The name over this building says City Hall;
15 is that right? Yeah. I don't see a cross over it.
16 Now, I'm the last person to ever say

17 anything about this, because I used to teach The Bible,
18 I have several in my home, I'm pro life, and I'm for
19 prayer in school, I'm for all these things, but if
20 people come here and read the scriptures, I think you
21 have to make a decision about that.

22 And then if another person should come
23 and talk about saints and that person is told they're
24 out of order, a decision has to be made.

25 If it isn't good for one, it isn't good
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1 for another, and that was my only point on that. But
2 I'm all for reading the scriptures. I read my bible
3 with my husband from cover to cover. We believed in
4 it. And -- that was loud.

5 So, that's a thought that many people
6 have expressed, also. If it's good for one, it should
7 be good for another or eliminate it altogether. You
8 look confused, Bill. Okay. Thank you and have a very,
9 very nice summer. Maybe I'll see you in the pool,
10 okay?

11 MS. GATELLI: Thank you. Is there
12 anyone else, Douglas?

13 MR. MILLER: Good afternoon, Council.

14 Doug Miller. Just a few announcements I would like to
15 make this afternoon. First on behalf of the entire
16 Scranton Junior City Council, I would like to invite
17 everyone to the Minooka Playground on Saturday,
18 August 5 at 9 a.m., where we will conduct our third
19 park cleanup this summer.

20 We've had a huge success in our
21 previous cleanups, and we look forward to doing this
22 project.

23 Tomorrow night the Florence Midtown
24 Crime Watch Association will be conducting a night of
25 helping hands, a dinner at St. Mary's Center to support

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1 law enforcement. It begins at 6 p.m. and if you are
2 interested in attending, please see Reverend Simmons.

3 I hope you will support this event. I will be
4 attending. I'm looking forward.

5 And lastly, as we get ready to break
6 for August, I hope this Council can come to an
7 agreement to see eye to eye.

8 Over the last few weeks we've had
9 Council members criticizing each other. I feel it was
10 very childish and an embarrassment to the city. We're

11 here to conduct city business and to try to make the

12 city a better place. Thank you, have a great

13 afternoon, and we'll see you in September.

14 MS. GATELLI: Thank you, Douglas. Is

15 there anyone else that cares to speak before Council?

16 Before I adjourn the meeting, I just want to remind

17 everyone that even though we're on recess for the month

18 of August, we will still be working, Mr. Jackowitz. I

19 wonder if we'll get overtime. I'll prove it to you.

20 Are you going to be working, Mrs. Evans?

21 MS. EVANS: I never stop.

22 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

23 MS. GATELLI: Absolutely.

24 MR. JACKOWITZ: I'll call you every

25 night at three in morning.

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1 MS. GATELLI: No, I don't think so.

2 But if anyone has to call any one of us, please feel

3 free. We are here for you, we're here to represent

4 you. We all feel the same way. The E-mail is there,

5 our phone numbers are the book, and call us with any of

6 your problems.

7 We are not on vacation. We're just

8 recessing from the meetings. So, I'd like to make that
9 clear. We are all available to anyone. Go ahead,
10 Jackson.

11 MR. LOCKHEAD: Thank you, Mrs. Gatelli.

12 I just want to say that tomorrow night we will be
13 having a comedy show at the Renaissance Center to
14 benefit the Scranton skate park project. I'd like
15 everybody from Council to attend, if applicable. And
16 that's pretty much it. We'd really like everybody to
17 come out, if they can. The tickets will be sold at the
18 door, if you didn't get them from us, and I hope to see
19 everybody.

20 MS. GATELLI: What time is that?

21 MR. LOCKHEAD: Oh, t starts at six.

22 MS. GATELLI: On Pittston Avenue?

23 MR. LOCKHEAD: Yeah, 705 Pittston
24 Avenue.

25 MS. GATELLI: Okay. Thank you. If

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1 there's no one else, we'll make a motion to adjourn and
2 we hope everyone has a wonderful summer. All in favor.

3 MS. EVANS: Aye.

4 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

5 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

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7 (MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.)

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