

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
JANUARY 18, 2007
6:30 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL
2. READING OF MINUTES
3. REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR & HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND INTERESTED PARTIES AND CITY CLERK'S NOTES:
 - A. MINUTES OF THE VACANT PROPERTY REVIEW COMMITTEE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2006.
 - B. APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS RENDERED BY THE ZONING HEARING BOARD MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 10, 2007.
 - C. AGENDA FOR THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 16, 2007.
 - D. AGENDA FOR THE VACANT PROPERTY REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 16, 2007.
4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION I - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY
5. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RE-APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS. MOTIONS & REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

A.
MOTIONS

B.
FOR INTRODUCTION - A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT AND MAKE A LOAN FROM THE COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL LOAN PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 150.7 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000.00 TO IPANEMA GRILL INC TO ASSIST AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT.

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C.

FOR INTRODUCTION - A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A SUPPLEMENTAL REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT NO. 040809-D WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REGARDING THE LACKAWANNA AVENUE BRIDGE PROJECT TO ALLOW FOR AN INCREASE IN DESIGN, UTILITY, RIGHT-OF-WAY AND CONSTRUCTION COSTS.

6. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES - READING BY TITLE

A. NO BUSINESS AT THIS TIME.

7. FINAL READING OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES - CONSIDERATION FOR ADOPTION:

A.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 72 , 2007 - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 6, 1976 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) IMPOSING A TAX FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES ON THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY SITUATE WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON; PRESCRIBING AND REGULATING THE METHOD OF EVIDENCING THE PAYMENT OF SUCH TAX; CONFERRING POWERS AND IMPOSING DUTIES UPON CERTAIN PERSONS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES", BY IMPOSING THE RATE OF THE REALTY TRANSFER TAX AT 2.5% FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2007.

B.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 73, 2007- AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 7, 1976 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) IMPOSING A MERCANTILE LICENSE TAX OF 2 MILLS FOR THE YEAR 1976 AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER UPON PERSONS ENGAGING IN CERTAIN OCCUPATIONS AND BUSINESSES THEREIN; PROVIDING FOR ITS LEVY AND COLLECTION AND FOR THE ISSUANCE OF MERCANTILE LICENSES; CONFERRING AND IMPOSING POWERS AND DUTIES UPON THE TAX COLLECTOR OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON; AND IMPOSING PENALTIES", BY IMPOSING THE MERCANTILE LICENSE TAX AT 1 MILL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2007.

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C.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 74 , 2007 - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 8, 1976 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) PROVIDING FOR THE GENERAL REVENUE BY IMPOSING A TAX AT THE RATE OF 2 MILL UPON THE PRIVILEGE OF OPERATING OR CONDUCTING BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON AS MEASURED BY THE GROSS RECEIPTS THEREFROM; REQUIRING REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT OF THE TAX AS CONDITION TO THE CONDUCTING OF SUCH BUSINESS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF SUCH TAX; PRESCRIBING SUCH REQUIREMENTS FOR RETURNS AND RECORDS; CONFERRING POWERS AND DUTIES UPON THE TAX COLLECTOR; AND IMPOSING PENALTIES", BY IMPOSING THE BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX AT THE RATE OF 1 MILL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2007.

D.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 75, 2007 - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.11, 1976, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) ENACTING, IMPOSING A TAX FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES IN THE AMOUNT OF 2% ON EARNED INCOME AND NET PROFITS ON PERSONS, INDIVIDUALS, ASSOCIATIONS AND BUSINESSES WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, OR NON-RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, FOR WORK DONE, SERVICES PERFORMED OR BUSINESS CONDUCTED WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON, REQUIRING THE FILING OF RETURNS BY TAX PAYERS SUBJECT TO THE TAX; REQUIRING EMPLOYERS TO COLLECT THE TAX AT SOURCE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE SAID TAX; AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS", BY IMPOSING THE WAGE TAX AT 2.4% ON EARNED INCOME FOR THE YEAR 2007 FOR RESIDENTS.

E.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 76, 2007 - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 100, 1976, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) LEVYING GENERAL AND SPECIAL TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1977", BY SETTING THE MILLAGE FOR THE YEAR 2007.

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FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 77, 2007 - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.17, 1994 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO ENACT A "WASTE DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION FEE" FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAISING REVENUE TO COVER THE WASTE DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION COSTS INCURRED BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON FOR THE DISPOSAL OF REFUSE", BY IMPOSING A WASTE DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION FEE OF \$178.00 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2007.

G.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 78, 2007 - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF COUNCIL NO.10 OF 2006 AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL 95 OF 2005, WHICH IN TURN AMENDED FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 9, 1976 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND IMPOSING A TAX FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES ON INDIVIDUALS FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF ENGAGING IN AN OCCUPATION WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON" BY CHANGING THE NAME OF THE TAX TO THE EMERGENCY MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAX, INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF THE WITHHOLDING TO \$52.00, AND DIRECTING THAT THE REVENUE BE USED FOR POLICE, FIRE, OR EMERGENCY SERVICES OR FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE.

H.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 123, 2007 - RE-APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT WAGNER, 1731 CAPOUSE AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18509, AS A MEMBER OF THE SCRANTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. MR WAGNER'S TERM EXPIRED ON FEBRUARY 4, 2006 AND HIS NEW TERM WILL EXPIRE ON FEBRUARY 4, 2011.

I.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 124, 2007 - APPOINTMENT OF MARCIE HERMAN RIEBE, 1315 SANDERSON AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18509, TO THE SCRANTON RECREATION AUTHORITY. MRS. RIEBE WILL BE FULFILLING THE TERM OF JOSEPH O'CONNOR AND HER TERM WILL EXPIRE ON MARCH 1, 2011.

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J.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 125, 2007 - ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD ("HARB") AND APPROVING THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR HARTLEY & ESGRO WATERPROOFING CO., INC., 312 S. SHERMAN AVENUE, SCRANTON, PA. 18504 FOR MASONRY REPAIR ON THE SCRANTON LIFE BUILDING, 538 SPRUCE STREET, SCRANTON.

K.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 126, 2007 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR INSURANCE WITH HARIE INSURANCE EXCHANGE, NATIONAL CASUALTY, PHILADELPHIA INSURANCE COMPANY AND CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY FOR THE CITY INSURANCE COVERAGES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2007 THROUGH JANUARY 1, 2008.

8. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION II - GENERAL CITY ISSUES

9. ADJOURNMENT:

KAY GARVEY
CITY CLERK
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA