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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

LOCATION:

Council Chambers
Scranton City Hall
340 North Washington Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

MR. ROBERT MCGOFF, PRESIDENT

MS. JUDY GATELLI, VICE-PRESIDENT

MS. JANET E. EVANS

MS. SHERRY FANUCCI (Not present)

MR. WILLIAM COURTRIGHT (Not present)

MS. KAY GARVEY, CITY CLERK

MR. NEIL COOLICAN, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

MR. AMIL MINORA, SOLICITOR

1 MR. MCGOFF: Please stand for the
2 Pledge of Allegiance.

3 (Pledge of Allegiance recited and
4 moment of reflection observed.)

5 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I would
6 like to ask if everyone would please turn
7 off cell phones, beepers, or at least put
8 them to vibrate for the duration of the
9 meeting. Roll call.

10 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

11 MS. EVANS: Here.

12 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright. Ms.
13 Fanucci. Mrs. Gatelli.

14 MS. GATELLI: Here.

15 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McGoff.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Here. I'd like the
17 record to reflect that Mrs. Fanucci will not
18 be at tonight's meeting for personal reasons
19 and also that Mr. Courtright called and that
20 there was a family emergency and that he
21 would like -- he will attempt to make the
22 meeting, he may be late or he may not be
23 able to make the meeting at all. Thank you.

24 I'd like to dispense with the reading
25 of the minutes, and --

1 MS. EVANS: As you may know from last
2 week's meeting, Mr. Courtright and I had
3 concerns about one of the changes to the
4 rules of City Council. And both of us had
5 discussed these concerns further with
6 Mr. McGoff and Mr. McGoff had requested that
7 an amendment would be drafted in order to
8 allow council members to respond to the
9 questions or comments made by citizens
10 during Fourth Order or to do so during 5-A,
11 Motions, and I had hoped that Mr. Courtright
12 would have been with us at this point in the
13 evening. He had asked Attorney Minora to
14 draft such an amendment. I had drafted one
15 myself, but the one drafted by our solicitor
16 is the one that I will read this evening
17 and, as I said, I had hoped at that
18 Mr. Courtright would have been here to do
19 this and cast his vote as well.

20 I move to amend Resolution 1 of
21 2008, the Rules of Council. I move we amend
22 Article V, Section 1-B, by removing the
23 third sentence of that paragraph, "Council
24 members may respond to citizens' questions
25 and/or comments during 5-A motions," and

1 inserting the following sentences, "Council
2 members may at the president's discretion
3 respond to citizens' questions and/or
4 comments during Fourth Order, Citizens'
5 Participation. The five-minute time limit
6 for citizens' participation shall include
7 any time that council members may speak in
8 response to the citizens' questions or
9 comments.

10 MS. GATELLI: I'll second that
11 motion.

12 MR. MCGOFF: On the question.

13 MS. EVANS: Yes. As I was reading it
14 I only have one concern and it is that we
15 may answer during the Fourth Order at the
16 president's discretion. May we answer at
17 our own discretion if the question is posed
18 through you to us?

19 MR. MCGOFF: I think that's pretty
20 much what we have done in the past, isn't
21 it?

22 MS. EVANS: Yes, but I wanted to
23 clarify that since the language of the
24 motion is different.

25 MR. MCGOFF: I believe that that's

1 just -- the motion was written to follow I
2 believe Robert's Rules of Order that, you
3 know, any question be through the president,
4 but I'm fine with that.

5 MS. EVANS: So, just to --

6 MR. MCGOFF: Procedurally.

7 MS. EVANS: -- repeat here, I think I
8 hear you saying that we are able to respond
9 within the five-minute time frame to a
10 question posed by a citizen to any
11 individual council member?

12 MR. MCGOFF: Absolutely.

13 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

14 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else? I would
15 just like to say that there was no intent on
16 my part to create controversy by the changes
17 that were originally made. Upon hearing the
18 discussion last week, it seemed reasonable
19 that these changes be made and so I did ask
20 Mrs. Evans and eventually Mr. Courtright if
21 they would draft the legislation or draft a
22 motion and I fully approve it. I don't
23 believe we need a roll call on this, do we?

24 MS. EVANS: No.

25 MR. MCGOFF: It's just a motion. All

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1 in favor?

2 MS. EVANS: Aye.

3 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

4 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. All opposed? The
5 ayes have it and so approved.

6 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

7 MR. MCGOFF: Before we get to Third
8 Order there is just one thing that I would
9 like to make mention of, next week, next
10 weekend, this coming weekend is the
11 observance of Martin Luther King Day. There
12 are a series of events that are scheduled
13 throughout the city at various times,
14 Saturday at 10 a.m., bus tour focusing on
15 Pennsylvania's roll in the underground
16 railroad. I'm reading from a thing that was
17 in the Sunday paper, by the way, it was a
18 schedule of events, so you can access that
19 as well. Sunday at 6:00 p.m., program at
20 Scranton High School featuring dancers,
21 music, and an address by Rosette Adera,
22 director of equity and diversity at the
23 University of Scranton; and then Monday
24 there are a number of activities, Peace and
25 Justice Day program at the University of

1 Scranton at 10:30; an all-ages event at the

2 United Neighborhood Centers' Progressive
3 Center, teaching the live of Martin Luther
4 King and Pennsylvania's underground railroad
5 at 1:15 and 4:15. UNC Progressive Center
6 for annual March to Sister Adrian Barrett's
7 annual march to the Lackawanna County
8 Courthouse. At 5:30 city dignitaries will
9 speak on the holiday. 6:30 Scranton
10 Cultural Center there will be refreshments
11 for all marchers; and then, finally, at 7
12 p.m. a Central City Ministerial Interfaith
13 Service, interfaith service at Bethel AME
14 Church. I don't know if that is a
15 comprehensive list of events, but it is what
16 was in the paper and I would encourage all
17 to, you know, attend all or part of them and
18 thank you.

19 MS. EVANS: May I?

20 MR. MCGOFF: Oh, I'm sorry, yes.

21 MS. EVANS: Thank you. The West
22 Scranton Wrestling Invader-mat Boosters are
23 sponsoring a Night at the Races at Saints
24 Peter and Paul Russian Orthodox Church on
25 Academy Street in West Scranton. On

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1 Saturday, January 26th at 7:00 p.m., all
2 proceeds benefit West Scranton Wrestling.

3 Admission to the Night at the Races is \$10
4 and tickets may be purchased at the door.
5 Admission includes food, soda, beer and
6 coffee, and, of course, one must be 21 years
7 of age to be admitted. Hope to see you
8 there.

9 MR. MCGOFF: Mrs. Gatelli, anything?

10 MS. GATELLI: No, I just have one
11 request, at a meeting in early December I
12 believe it was I made a motion to give a
13 proclamation to the West Scranton football
14 team if we could make those arrangements?

15 MS. GARVEY: Okay. Yes, Sue has all
16 of the information and pretty much has the
17 proclamation prepared, but we were just
18 waiting for council's go ahead.

19 MS. GATELLI: I'll talk to the
20 athletic director tomorrow.

21 MS. GARVEY: To try and coordinate a
22 date.

23 MS. GATELLI: Is that all right, Mr.
24 McGoff?

25 MR. MCGOFF: Absolutely.

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1 MS. GATELLI: Janet?

2 MS. EVANS: Oh, yes.

3 MR. MCGOFF: Even though it's West
4 Scranton.

5 MS. EVANS: Even though. I love them
6 anyway.

7 MR. MCGOFF: Third Order?

8 MS. GARVEY: THIRD ORDER. 3-A.
9 MINUTES OF THE VACANT PROPERTY REVIEW
10 COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 18,
11 2007.

12 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?
13 If not, received and filed.

14 MS. GARVEY: 3-B. MINUTES OF THE
15 FIREMEN'S PENSION COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON
16 OCTOBER 24, 2007.

17 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?
18 If not, received and filed.

19 MS. GARVEY: 3-C. MINUTES OF THE
20 SCRANTON POLICE PENSION COMMISSION MEETING
21 HELD ON NOVEMBER 14, 2007.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?
23 If not, received and filed.

24 MS. GARVEY: 3-D. MINUTES OF THE
25 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION MEETING HELD

1 ON NOVEMBER 14, 2007.

2 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?
3 If not, received and filed.

4 MS. GARVEY: 3-E. MINUTES OF THE
5 COMPOSITE PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD ON
6 NOVEMBER 14, 2007.

7 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?
8 If not, received and filed.

9 MS. GARVEY: 3-F. MINUTES OF THE
10 SCRANTON-LACKAWANNA HEALTH & WELFARE
11 AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 15, 2007.

12 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?
13 If not, received and filed.

14 MS. GARVEY: 3-G. AGENDA FOR THE
15 VACANT PROPERTY REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING
16 HELD ON DECEMBER 11, 2007.

17 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?
18 If not, received and filed.

19 MS. GARVEY: 3-H. AGENDA FOR THE CITY
20 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER
21 19, 2007.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?
23 If not, received and filed.

24 MS. GARVEY: 3-I. AGENDA FOR THE
25 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION MEETINGS HELD

1 ON DECEMBER 19, 2007.

2 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?
3 If not, received and filed.

4 MS. GARVEY: 3-J. AGENDA FOR THE
5 ZONING HEARING BOARD MEETING HELD ON JANUARY
6 9, 2007.

7 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?
8 If not, received and filed.

9 MS. GARVEY: 3-K. APPLICATIONS AND
10 DECISIONS RENDERED BY THE ZONING HEARING
11 BOARD MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 12, 2007.

12 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?
13 If not, received and filed.

14 MS. GARVEY: 3-L. CONTROLLER'S REPORT
15 FOR THE MONTH ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2007.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?
17 If not, received and filed.

18 MS. GARVEY: 3-M. APPLICATIONS AND
19 DECISION RENDERED BY THE ZONING HEARING
20 BOARD MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 9, 2008.

21 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?
22 If not, received and filed.

23 MS. GARVEY: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS
24 PARTICIPATION.

25 MR. MCGOFF: First speaker, Douglas

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1 Miller.

2 MR. MILLER: Good evening, Council.
3 Doug Miller, president of the Scranton
4 Junior City Council. Last evening I

5 attended the Scranton School Board meeting
6 held at West Scranton High School. I
7 addressed the board not on behalf of Junior
8 Council but as a student of West Scranton
9 High School. I proposed to the board a
10 district wide dress down day and to members
11 of the school board and to district CEO Mike
12 Sheridan, I proposed a district wide dress
13 down day in which all proceeds from this
14 dress down day would benefit Captain James
15 Robeson memorial fund that was setup by his
16 family. I made this proposal because I feel
17 that it is our responsibility to honor
18 Captain Robeson's name and the names of all
19 firefighters in the City of Scranton.

20 This afternoon I met with Scranton
21 school district CEO Mike Sheridan to discuss
22 other ways to honor Captain Robeson and I am
23 pleased to announce that a memorial plaque
24 will be placed in the main lobby in West
25 Scranton High School to honor Captain

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1 Robeson who was a West Scranton graduate.
2 We have also organized a perpetual
3 scholarship in honor of Captain Robeson's
4 name. Captain Robeson is a man who

5 dedicated his life to protect the lives of
6 others in our city. He was one of our own
7 and he will be missed by family, friends and
8 fellow colleagues.

9 Finally, I would like to take this
10 time to thank Mrs. Gatelli for her two years
11 of service as council president. It was an
12 honor to work with you during that time and
13 I look forward to continuing to work closely
14 with you while I serve on junior council.
15 You are a true leader, one who is backed by
16 the majority of the citizens in our city and
17 your service is greatly appreciated, so
18 thank you.

19 Mr. McGoff, on behalf of junior
20 council I congratulate you on your
21 appointment as council president, I have no
22 doubt that you will handle your position
23 with class and integrity. As president of
24 the junior council, I look forward to
25 working with you. As we enter the Year 2008

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1 we must turn the page to a new chapter, a
2 fresh start, one where we can all work
3 together and get along because at the end of
4 the day we are all here for the same reason
5 and that is to improve the quality of life

6 for all of our citizens in our progressive
7 city. Thank you.

8 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Miller.
9 Fay Franus.

10 MS. FRANUS: Fay Franus, Scranton. I
11 was pleased to see that you changed the
12 rules, Mr. McGoff, I just have to wonder why
13 you did it though because I think if Mrs.
14 Evans and Mr. Courtright didn't say last
15 week that they wouldn't abide it that you
16 would still enforce them, so I just didn't
17 think want to brag about that because you
18 would look like a fool.

19 I would also like -- since you are
20 saying about respecting people, I noticed
21 that how much respect do you have for your
22 fellow council members, Mrs. Evans and Mr.
23 Courtright, when they didn't even know about
24 these new rules, weren't they even
25 considered? Didn't you take their -- how

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1 come they weren't notified about the new
2 rules? They read about it in the paper.

3 MR. MCGOFF: Do you want --

4 MS. FRANUS: Yes, that was a
5 question.

6 MR. MCGOFF: Are you asking for a
7 response?

8 MS. FRANUS: Yeah, it was a
9 question.

10 MR. MCGOFF: Okay. Mr. Courtright
11 was-- I talked to Mr. Courtright on Friday
12 before the meeting and I did not have an
13 opportunity to talk with Mrs. Evans, we
14 could not make contact, although, I did make
15 the attempt and also they were in the
16 agendas which were available to everyone on
17 Friday.

18 MS. FRANUS: Let me ask you about
19 Attorney Grecco that he is getting this
20 contract again, it's very transparent. Here
21 is man that has had the contract for like
22 seven years and nobody else even wants to
23 bid on it because they know when they set it
24 up that the application read through like
25 certain requirements that only fit Attorney

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1 Grecco so he could get it now, why wouldn't
2 you want somebody else to have a chance to
3 get this contract? It's just so
4 transparent. It's just so much cronyism
5 here, it's the same 'ole, same 'ole again.

6 Another question, you mentioned about

7 the police being here. Why do you feel that
8 the police should be here? Do you feel
9 threatened like Mrs. Gatelli did?

10 MR. MCGOFF: Again, I will respond as
11 I did to when Mr. Brown asked me the
12 question, I feel that in any public meeting
13 where citizens are present that there should
14 be a police presence. It's not for personal
15 protection, it's not because I feel
16 threatened, I just feel that any meeting
17 that should be the case.

18 MS. FRANUS: How come other meetings
19 don't have them? I mean, it's the same
20 room, different people?

21 MR. MCGOFF: I don't know and if it
22 were me I would require that.

23 MS. FRANUS: The zoning board, the
24 planning commission.

25 MR. MCGOFF: I would require that any

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1 meeting where the public was present that
2 there be a policeman.

3 MS. FRANUS: Is that something that
4 should be discussed through city hall, like
5 something that the mayor should enforce or
6 is that something each president of each

7 committee should enforce?

8 MR. MCGOFF: Well, it's a personal --
9 it's a personal belief on my part. Would I
10 recommend it to others? Yes. But, I don't
11 know that it's -- like I said, it's my
12 personal belief and I'm going to try and --
13 I will continue to ask that a police man be
14 here.

15 MS. FRANUS: Let me ask you another
16 question about the minutes, how come -- I
17 don't know who does the minutes or I don't
18 know anything about it, but how comes it
19 takes so long for the minutes to be
20 transcribed? It's supposed to take a couple
21 of days according to the Attorney General by
22 law, only a couple of days for the minutes
23 from the meetings to be transcribed and it
24 takes a long time.

25 MR. MCGOFF: I'm not aware of the

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1 procedure in which it's done, Mrs. Garvey
2 may.

3 MS. FRANUS: Can someone check into
4 that see if they could possibly --

5 MR. MCGOFF: I'm sorry?

6 MS. FRANUS: Could someone possibly
7 check into that and see if they could

8 possibly be done in a quicker fashion?

9 MR. MCGOFF: I certainly will consult
10 with Mrs. Garvey and, you know, see. Thank
11 you.

12 MS. FRANUS: Also, I have requests
13 for potholes. I have like eight of them
14 right in front of my house, right like not
15 even two car lengths, eight potholes right
16 in front of my house. Is there anybody
17 somebody could do something about that
18 because it's hard on the cars.

19 MR. MCGOFF: I would say that if you
20 have any requests of that nature --

21 MS. FRANUS: I have tried to call
22 and all I get is a machine.

23 MR. MCGOFF: I would suggest that you
24 put it in writing, your request in writing,
25 give it to Neil and please put your name and

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1 a contact number and that we will direct it
2 to the appropriate agency.

3 MS. FRANUS: Thank you very much.

4 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. Andy
5 Sbaraglia.

6 MS. GARVEY: Mr. McGoff, as far as
7 having the minutes done, you know, sooner or

8 whatever, we are just very grateful to have
9 a court reporter able to be here to do those
10 minutes for us and they do have quite a
11 workload on their own that they have to do
12 and then the length of the meetings being
13 sometimes as long as they are, it kind of
14 takes them a little bit longer to get them
15 to us, but they do the best that they can.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.

17 Mr. Sbaraglia.

18 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia,
19 citizen of Scranton, fellow Scrantonians. I
20 had a chance to look at the audits from the
21 parking authority from the city for the '06,
22 in '06 the parking authority had
23 approximately 2 1/2 million dollar
24 shortfall, the city had a million dollar
25 shortfall approximately, pretty close to it.

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1 So in '07 we had a huge tax increase.

2 One, the home occupation privilege
3 tax, of course, was moved up to 52 bucks,
4 and all of the real estate land and
5 dwellings, of course, went on the
6 25 percent. This was done, I presume, to
7 try to balance the budget or so forth and so
8 on. In 2008 we got a huge spending increase

9 and we go back to the same old story, the
10 more you give the more they spend. There
11 was nothing in this budget that call for
12 restraint. All they called for is more
13 sacrifice on behalf of the individuals that
14 live in this city and somehow or someday
15 it's too late to stop it. Not only that,
16 you plan to even add more taxes with this
17 amusement tax, more burden placed on the
18 businessmen and even the churches within the
19 city. And this came at a very bad time.
20 Your \$2,000 tax, people don't pay their tax,
21 was put in a very bad time. You see what's
22 happening across the nation, people are
23 losing their homes. The government sat on
24 their hands when the banks increased all of
25 them fees up and everybody got credit cards

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1 and so forth and so on, now it's coming back
2 to roost in this city. And if you -- well,
3 I shouldn't put that, it's too late. You
4 had an opportunity to try to hold on because
5 you can see what's happening across the
6 nation and that's going to come to Scranton,
7 and that's going to effect a lot of people.

8 Fuel got out of hand, the cost is

9 way up, people got to take a choice, are we
10 going to eat, are we going to keep warm or
11 pay our taxes? Which would you choose? And
12 it's going to fall on a lot of people. The
13 government has become our enemy instead of
14 our friend and that's what it shouldn't be.
15 You say you have a lot of discord here, you
16 are going to have a lot of discord, you are
17 affecting people's lives, not only your own
18 but your affecting them, but you may
19 be well-off, more well-off than they were,
20 hence, whatever you do affects them more
21 than it affects you. And that's why you get
22 a lot of discord. When you take bread from
23 people's mouths you are going to get
24 problems and so it happens.

25 I would like to read an article, I'm

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1 going to read mine, "Fire pension and
2 pension appeal is denied," a little article.
3 "A bid to prevent ex-city council members
4 from receiving a pension has failed.
5 Firefighter Dave Gervasi and Robert Gavin,
6 Junior, had appealed an early decision
7 regarding John Pocius and Alex Hazzouri's
8 city pension. The appeal was denied because
9 the firefighters filed a notice of appeal

10 instead of a notice petitioning the Court
11 for permission to appeal."

12 And so be it. Technicalities, they
13 are covering up. The charter specifically
14 states that you are not entitled to a
15 pension. It's true. You are not entitled
16 to a pension and the Court's said that, but
17 yet two members, maybe even more, that
18 served on council is getting a pension.
19 Now, the question is has the law been
20 broken? Is there a law being broken that
21 these members get the pension because they
22 are in violation of the law. When somebody
23 violates the law and it's a letter of the
24 law that's being violated, what action
25 should be taken? Should we petition a

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1 different set of Courts to look into this?
2 I hope the firefighters do. I hope since --
3 I don't know if I would have standing
4 because I'm not in their pension plan, but I
5 hope they appeal it, the decision, because
6 this is important. A law is a law. If we
7 disregard the law we disregard our
8 liberties. It has no effect anymore because
9 a man can do what he wants to do or has a

10 right to look at issues. There is a little
11 article in this think -- I thank you.

12 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you for your
13 concerns. Mr. Quinn.

14 MR. QUINN: Ozzie Quinn, president
15 of the local taxpayers' association. I want
16 to commend you, Mr. McGoff, for your
17 election to president and I felt good when
18 you said according to the paper that you
19 were going to keep yourself up with the
20 legislation that comes before you because
21 that was one of the big conflicts with the
22 people and with the council before in
23 regards to not everybody, but some people,
24 didn't know what was coming before them when
25 asked.

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1 I want to also ask you something in
2 regard to Channel 61, all right? There are
3 specs out there, and I want to -- I tried to
4 contact what's his name up in the business
5 administrator's office, Stu Renda, and I
6 tried to ten times for three days and the
7 phone has been busy. I want to know these
8 specs are not the regular type of specs that
9 have been done with the City of Scranton,
10 okay, and it makes me wonder and, actually,

11 it makes one wonder if it's not tainted in
12 some way, all right, so can you possibly
13 look into that for me because I can't get
14 anywhere with it, okay, and it's important.

15 MR. MCGOFF: Just so I'm clear on
16 what you are asking, you would like to know
17 what the specifications are for them?

18 MR. QUINN: Yes, who prepared them.

19 MR. MCGOFF: Okay.

20 MR. QUINN: I'd appreciate that,
21 because the panel, I understand, didn't --
22 the three panel members that were informed
23 by Mr. Doherty did not prepare them. The
24 other thing is this here, with Comcast
25 contract expiring December 31, 2009, and the

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1 mayor looking out for proposals. Now, I
2 think I would recommend to city council on
3 behalf of the people in this city who are
4 low income and make ends hard to meet, okay,
5 that maybe we should ask for another cable
6 industry to come into Scranton for a bid,
7 okay? Because what you do, again, you are
8 tainting, if you only use one without
9 another bid you are tainting it, okay? It's
10 like you are making the specifications up

11 for that one contract, so we support the
12 fact that there should be two cable
13 companies at least asked to come in here and
14 via for this contract.

15 The other thing the fact that House
16 Bill 1279 which I spoke about the
17 elimination of school property tax, no one I
18 understand on the council collectively sent
19 a letter to support this, and what it
20 actually would mean is that we are going to
21 not have to pay school property taxes,
22 58 percent of your bill now is school
23 property taxes. This have a large I want so
24 say amount of indebtedness and they may have
25 to pay that off and that's going to be

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1 erased, okay? So look into this bill,
2 please, and do something. None of our
3 representatives here in the northeast are
4 doing anything, it reminds me of a joke a
5 person saying, "Where would you want to go
6 if the end of the world was coming?"

7 And the guy said, "Scranton, Pa."

8 And he said, "Why?"

9 "Because that's the last place to
10 know about it."

11 So, it's sort of -- it's true, too,

12 in fact. Mrs. Gatelli, I asked you in
13 October for information after it was put on
14 the agenda about two ordinances which used
15 2004 approved OEC -- CDBG funds, but they
16 were approved by council, but it was never
17 executed and that money was made around 2004
18 and they used it for a program in 2007, all
19 right? And also the surplus UDAG funds. I
20 see the mayor is using more money again for
21 it. Actually, it's a little nest egg he has
22 and I would like to know just how much we
23 have and it should be transparent because of
24 the fact that it's federal funds and we
25 should know, and I shouldn't have to write a

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1 letter of a Right to Know, I'm a taxpayer.

2 MS. GATELLI: Can I respond?

3 MR. QUINN: Pardon?

4 MS. GATELLI: May I respond?

5 MR. MCGOFF: Sure.

6 MS. GATELLI: I'll try to have that
7 for you for next week.

8 MR. QUINN: Thank you very much.

9 Also, I want to ask you something, okay, or
10 inform you of something. Last month there
11 was a study done by the Home Builder's

12 Association, National Home Builder's
13 Association and Wells Fargo and you got to
14 first page review of the Scranton is the
15 fourth affordable area in the city in the
16 nation to have affordable housing and I
17 looked into it and I called HUD and I guess
18 just sort of how could that be? And I asked
19 him the median income, the median income
20 used, the one study was \$52,000 and the HUD
21 representative, whose name I will not note,
22 the fact that he said that that median
23 income takes -- one moment to finish my
24 train of thought? That median takes
25 communities outside of the City of Scranton

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1 like Abington and Moscow, and it shouldn't,
2 because we are -- we are entitled to a
3 program here and we are the ones who should
4 be, you know, looked at for median income.
5 The difference between the median as the
6 census has us and what HUD has us \$22,550.
7 That's a big difference.

8 MR. MCGOFF: I did read your e-mail
9 to that effect.

10 MR. QUINN: Yeah, but if somebody
11 don't address that a lot of people are going
12 to be suffering in Scranton because we do

13 not have -- the poor should get more money
14 and they're not.

15 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.

16 MR. QUINN: Okay, thank you.

17 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Quinn.

18 Les Spindler.

19 MR. SPINDLER: Good evening, Council,
20 Les Spindler. Mr. McGoff, I want to thank
21 you for giving us our five minutes back, I
22 think that will help with the decorum. May
23 I approach council, please?

24 MR. MCGOFF: Sure. Yes.

25 MR. SPINDLER: What I just passed out

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1 is a decision by the United States Supreme
2 Court 1963 about freedom of speech. I have
3 it highlighted on page one, I'm not going to
4 read the whole thing because it will take up
5 most of my five minutes, but these two
6 sentences are all we need to hear, "The
7 Fourteenth Amendment does not permit a state
8 to make criminal the peaceful expression of
9 unpopular views. A function of free speech
10 under our system of government is to invite
11 dispute."

12 So, you may not like what people say

13 at this podium, but according to the Supreme
14 Court you cannot do anything about it. You
15 cannot say somebody is out of order. You
16 cannot have the policeman take us out of
17 here, the Supreme Court is the highest court
18 in the land and they are backing up the
19 United States Constitution which is the law
20 of the land and there is no argument there.
21 I'm not an attorney, but I can read.

22 And, Mr. McGoff, I hope you are
23 going to continue to have meetings every
24 week and not cancel them as your predecessor
25 did like to celebrate the Fifth of July or

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1 the day after Labor Day. Now, next Monday
2 is a holiday I hope we are not going to have
3 next Tuesday's meeting cancelled because
4 it's a day after a holiday.

5 And on that subject, at the
6 December 11 meeting, Mrs. Gatelli, you said,
7 and I quote, "As far back as I can remember,
8 once the budget was passed council recessed
9 for December."

10 Well, I guess your memory doesn't go
11 back too far because when Mr. DiBileo was
12 president of council between November 9,
13 2004, and December 31, 2005, that's two

14 budgets were passed, one meeting was
15 cancelled, July 7th of '05, so that shoots
16 down your theory about meetings being
17 cancelled after budgets were passed.

18 Next thing, a few weeks ago a woman was
19 tragically killed when she was crossing in
20 he electric wheelchair and struck by a car.
21 This is becoming a terrible thing. I mean,
22 there is many of these wheelchairs and last
23 week another person was hit, it almost
24 happened to me a few weeks ago, also, and I
25 was coming up two ways -- a one-way street,

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1 there was a car on my left, the chair came
2 in front of the car in front of me and the
3 light changed. If I didn't look out of the
4 corner of my eye and see that chair I would
5 have run into that person. I would like
6 council to make a motion to have an
7 ordinance to have flags on all of these
8 wheelchairs. I have seen some with flags,
9 they stick up and you can see the flags
10 sticking up in the air, that's for the
11 safety of the person in the chair and I
12 think it's a good idea.

13 The next thing, on the 11:00 news

14 Saturday on Channel 16, I was outraged, they
15 spoke to Mayor Doherty coming out of the
16 Fenstermacher funeral. First of all, let me
17 say, I was born and raised in the Hill
18 Section just up from where the
19 Fesntermachers lived and my dad had a
20 grocery store right on the corner of Monroe
21 and Ash, the Fenstermachers were customers
22 of our store and I also knew Captain
23 Robeson. Mayor Doherty came out and said on
24 television that, "We were here to celebrate
25 the lives of these people, now let's put it

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1 behind us and celebrate our city going
2 forward."

3 I felt like throwing something
4 throughout television. This man uses a
5 terrible tragedy to push his own political
6 agenda, get his face on TV and say we should
7 celebrate the city after three people were
8 buried last week in the tragedy. This man
9 is despicable. He is the lowest form of
10 dirt on this earth and I was totally
11 outraged by that saying. He is just -- I'm
12 too mad to continue. He is just beyond
13 belief. Thank you.

14 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Spindler.

15 Reverend Simmons.

16 MS. SIMMONS: Good evening, Council,
17 members and youth council, I am Reverend
18 Kathryn Simmons, president of
19 Florence-Midtown Crime Watch. I came here
20 tonight to talk to you about several things,
21 but as always something always takes
22 precedent. Let me begin by saying to you
23 that Florence-Midtown Crime Watch in the
24 month of May for the last several years has
25 held a dinner to honor our police department

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1 or fire department, our sheriff's office,
2 going right on down, people who work out at
3 the prison, we are not supported by anyone.
4 People tell us what a wonderful thing this
5 is that we do, but they keep their checkbook
6 closed and so that begins. So when I come
7 here tonight to talk about an incident that
8 took place in this city on Ash Street the
9 week before last I'm going to say it out
10 loud, and I don't care who gets angry, but
11 I'm going to tell you the way that it is. I
12 know everyone is well aware of what
13 transpired on Ash Street, but I hope and
14 pray that all of those within hearing

15 distance will understand what it is I truly
16 am trying to say. A man of heroic
17 leadership took the realms that morning and
18 decided to not only exhibit a spiritual
19 miracle on that street, but also the true
20 love of his fellow firefighters. Those of
21 us who scream and carry on through the years
22 that the city does not have the income to
23 give these angles of life a much needed
24 raise in their paycheck were witness that
25 day to how quickly these men and woman can

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1 lose their lives for those of us who ever
2 them so very little. When a call is made to
3 the fire department or even the police
4 department, no one who takes those calls
5 asks, what religious sect are you? What
6 ethnic background are you? They don't even
7 ask are illegal or illegal immigrant. These
8 men and woman rush and do what they can to
9 help save lives and property. In some
10 instances they even cross the line
11 themselves to aid the victim together to the
12 very steps of heaven.

13 I watched all week as the leadership
14 of this city, our mayor, took the headway
15 and helped a grieving community build itself

16 back up. I was at Covenant Presbyterian
17 Church and I heard fully what was said that
18 day. Our mayor has no reason to hide his
19 face. I don't always agree with him on
20 everything that he says, but I'm proud to
21 say that he did take the help many this time
22 and try to pull our people together.

23 I am now asking in the name of
24 Captain James Robeson to give these workers
25 that which they truly earn and deserve. You

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1 will be remembered for it long after your
2 terms are ended. Council members, yes, you
3 can again tell me that you can't vote the
4 raises in, but you can stand with the mayor
5 as he tells the citizens of Scranton that
6 our heroes are in need of and deserving of
7 what they have asked for. Let this man's
8 death not be in vain. Let him look down
9 from the heaven and say, "Open the gate, I
10 have done my job."

11 And I hope that before this month is
12 out you will be inviting the family here to
13 give them some kind of proclamation for the
14 heroic actions that this man took that day.
15 Thank you.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Reverend
17 Simmons. Sam Patilla.

18 MR. PATILLA: Sam Patilla, Scranton
19 homeowner and Scranton taxpayer,
20 businessman. First, I'd like to make a
21 comment in regard to the new rules. I'm all
22 for rules, but in light of the fact that the
23 current council president, Mrs. Gatelli,
24 Mrs. Fanucci, and the council solicitor will
25 be subpoenaed for not only a local trial,

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1 but the ensuing federal trial as well, I
2 hope that when I seek recourse from Mrs.
3 Evans and Mr. McGoff -- excuse me,
4 Mr. Courtright, that that attempt isn't
5 stifled because if it is will be construed
6 as an attempt to not only stifle my freedom
7 of speech, but my rights as an Afro-American
8 and my rights as a disabled American, so
9 when I come here anything that I have to say
10 will be directed either directly to Miss
11 Evans or directly to Mr. Courtright and, as
12 I said before, if I'm planning along the
13 rules and anything is done to squash that,
14 the lawsuits will be filed.

15 Secondly, in regards to Scranton
16 Today, Doherty used Channel 61 and Scranton

17 Today to get to where he is and now he wants
18 to squash that because they won't cow-toe to
19 his demands. Without Scranton Today we
20 don't need a Channel 61. Without Channel 61
21 we don't need Comcast, so unless Comcast
22 provides Scranton Today with the equipment
23 and/or room or a station in which they can
24 continue to provide the paying subscribers
25 of Comcast with the brilliant services that

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1 they have over the years in the course of
2 time that I have been in this city, you
3 know, I feel that we should all just get rid
4 of Comcast, stop paying, you know. Doherty
5 wants to call the shots with Comcast, let
6 him pick up our tab. I think to follow suit
7 to what Mr. Ozzie said here I think an open
8 bid should be pursued and the simple fact
9 that without competition you have a
10 monopoly, a monopoly. This is America. It
11 was built on competition, so we should have
12 Comcast as well as any other capable
13 operator that wants to do business within
14 this city. We shouldn't be single or
15 limited to anything because it's our money.

16 Secondly, Mrs. Evans, I really need

17 your help on this one, it concerns the
18 appraisals. Considering the downward spiral
19 of the housing industry which will no doubt
20 about it continue for at least two more
21 years, I think that if the appraisals that
22 were done on your homes doesn't reflect that
23 downward spiral, somebody should look into a
24 possible violation of the RICCO Act and
25 other federal laws mandating those

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1 appraisals, because if those appraisals
2 don't reflect the current market trend it
3 means somebody is overpricing our homes to
4 get tax money out of us knowing full well
5 that if we were to go to sell that home we
6 are not going to get that type of money and
7 that's cooked, it's crooked as it comes.

8 Thirdly, and just so to reiterate on
9 this rules thing, I have no problems with
10 rules, all right, I served five years in the
11 United States Marine Corp so that the people
12 in this country did have the rights that
13 they now are afforded and no one, no one has
14 a right to try to deny me something that I
15 was willing to give my life for and, as
16 such, just like the current litigation
17 that's ongoing federal charges will be

18 filed. They won't be filed in Scranton, so
19 they wouldn't be any roadblocks, they will
20 be filed in an area where justice prevails.
21 That's all I have to say.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Patilla.
23 Peter Anania. Did I get the pronunciation
24 right?

25 MR. ANANIA: Yeah, you did, actually.

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1 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you very much for
2 your help.

3 MR. ANANIA: Guys, real broad strokes
4 really fast, what I'm interested in doing is
5 buying -

6 MR. MCGOFF: Would you please just
7 state your name.

8 MR. ANANIA: Oh, sure. It's Peter
9 Anania, 613 Wheeler Avenue. I'm interested
10 in buying Scranton.com, the URL that the
11 city holds, I don't know if this is the
12 appropriate forum for that or not, so before
13 I go any further I just need you to let me
14 know in response whether this is the correct
15 forum for that proposal?

16 MR. MCGOFF: Are you asking us if --

17 MR. ANANIA: Yeah, I'm asking you if

18 this is the correct forum to make that
19 proposal?

20 MR. MCGOFF: To purchase a city
21 property?

22 MR. ANANIA: The Scranton.com URL
23 which is property, yes.

24 MR. MCGOFF: I would not -- I would
25 say that this is the not the proper forum.

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1 MR. ANANIA: Okay. Could you direct
2 me to where I might be able to do that?

3 MR. MCGOFF: I would suggest the law
4 department at city hall.

5 MR. ANANIA: Oh, okay, excellent.
6 Excellent.

7 MR. MCGOFF: Which I would -- there
8 should be somebody there from 8 to 4?

9 MS. GARVEY: 8:30 to 4:00.

10 MR. ANANIA: Excellent. Thank you.
11 That's all I needed.

12 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. David
13 Dobson.

14 MR. DOBSON: Dave Dobson. Member of
15 the Scranton Taxpayers and also a resident
16 of Scranton. Congratulations on all of the
17 changes, hopefully everybody will be happy
18 in their new positions. On Channel 61 I

19 feel that there should not be a change from
20 Scranton Tomorrow group without a vote by
21 patrons of the cable company. The customers
22 are ultimately the people that pay for this
23 service, so they should also be included in
24 deciding who operates this and not a
25 committee or an entity or an authority.

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1 Also, extreme measures should be taken
2 to prevent control of content, coloring of
3 content and editing to eliminate
4 controversial content.

5 Further, if any educational
6 institution wants in on participation
7 possibly a good suggestion would be a coop
8 with Scranton Tomorrow apprenticeships with
9 students to help during the production and
10 it certainly would be preferable to hand all
11 operations over to a nonproven entity.

12 Finally, all the branches of the government
13 should meet local, municipal and county and
14 decide on possibly providing some better
15 support to these people because they haven't
16 done a bad job in the past. They really
17 haven't committed any egregious situations
18 in which they have been the cause of and

19 certainly I have always felt that people
20 shouldn't be terminated if they haven't done
21 anything wrong, if they have done their jobs
22 the correct way so thank you and have a good
23 night.

24 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Dobson.
25 There is no one else on the list. Are there

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1 any other additional speakers?

2 MR. DAVIS: Salaam aleikum, Happy
3 New Year. This if for all you kids out
4 there that are ready to celebrate Martin
5 Luther King holiday this week coming.

6 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Davis?

7 MR. DAVIS: Yes.

8 MR. MCGOFF: Would you please stat
9 your name for the record?

10 MR. DAVIS: Oh, my names is Jim
11 Davis, excuse me.

12 MR. MCGOFF: That's fine.

13 MR. DAVIS: I stand corrected, and
14 there is lot of things that have gone on in
15 this city that you may never hear about, the
16 fact that there were three nonwhite
17 communities at one time in this community,
18 in this city, and they have all been
19 destroyed surrepticiously very -- by it was

20 done by the administration. The first one I
21 find -- I found was on Adams Avenue. It was
22 a nonwhite community that was prospering.
23 There were slums there, yes, but they
24 weren't all slums, but it was a way of
25 getting rid of a bad eyesight, a blighted

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1 area is what they called it. This the first
2 time I heard about a blighted area. Blights
3 have been living there all these years and
4 it was never blighted, suddenly it was a
5 good term. Now, we hear about Valley -- or
6 Skyview, what are you going to do with this
7 one? You have already taken away Washington
8 West, you called that blighted, you said it
9 was unfit so, therefore, you moved everybody
10 out. This is another for the low, low and
11 moderate incomes that are being moved out of
12 the city. What do you want to do? Are you
13 going to ever give equal redress to the
14 problems of minorities in this city and if
15 you are when are you going to start?

16 I don't see anybody saying anything
17 about central city whatsoever and yet all of
18 this housing sits there empty, vacant, and
19 there are people crying for homes. The

20 housing problem in Scranton is horrible for
21 nonwhites. Check it out. You will see that
22 I'm telling you the truth, but we don't have
23 a lot of nonwhites in jobs, we don't have a
24 lot of nonwhites in anything here. They are
25 sort of like a persona non grata you don't

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1 want them seen, you don't want them present.
2 As a matter of fact, you can go to the high
3 schools and stuff like this and find the
4 newspaper reports, these kids are doing
5 well. This is a -- this is the speakers,
6 these are the debaters, these are this,
7 these are the that. You won't see any
8 minorities pass through. I don't understand
9 how this school, how this -- how this system
10 came to be. I came through this system, I
11 graduated from Tech High School, I know that
12 we had equal representation in a lot of
13 things, in the band and everything else,
14 what happened? Our kids are being smashed
15 under by a hand that I cannot see, but I
16 wish that you would help me, I really do,
17 because there is something going on here
18 that is not kosher, it's not good and it
19 make our kids angry at the very site of
20 going to school, going to a doctor's office,

21 coming home, you are making a ghetto from
22 the inside, like, you are taking down the
23 house, taking down all of the housing and I
24 don't know what you are going to do with
25 Skyview, I remember that one as being built,

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1 now it's a convenient it's blighted, are you
2 going to tear that down like you did down
3 here in Washington Avenue? Oh, you got a
4 new plan for it? When are we going to hear
5 about this plan.

6 MR. MCGOFF: If you had -- the
7 legislation that's before us is to make
8 improvements, it's a grant to make
9 improvements at Skyview.

10 MR. DAVIS: Well, this is what they
11 said when they -- okay, maybe I'm wrong
12 then. Going on Washington Avenue,
13 Washington apartments, that was to make it
14 better, wasn't it? Wasn't it the same?
15 Wasn't it the same wording?

16 MR. MCGOFF: I'm not -- all I can
17 speak to right now is what is in front of
18 me.

19 MR. DAVIS: You they are all HUD
20 housing. They all got funned by HUD. DCED,

21 through HUD, so I don't understand. These
22 are homes that are not supposed to be for
23 everybody, but they are supposed to be for a
24 certain group of people and how are you
25 going to move these people out and redo

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1 their homes? Where are you going to move
2 them to? You got to start doing something
3 right.

4 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Davis.

5 MS. KNIGHT: Good evening, Council.
6 My name is Geraldine Knight, K-N-I-G-H-T,
7 and I watched the swearing in of your
8 people, I watched this show for two and a
9 half years and you have aggravated the
10 living daylights out of me. First of all, I
11 would like to congratulate Mr. Courtright,
12 Mrs. Evans, on your new positions of this
13 council. I know you will both do an
14 excellent job. One of who has received,
15 Mrs. Evans' job, Mrs. Fanucci, since she is
16 not here tonight for some unGoden reason and
17 the other two councils say no one needs to
18 have an education to do a job. We all know
19 that Mr. Fanucci will really be sewn to
20 Mr. Doherty hip. Judy, you said in the year
21 '07 to a woman that stood at this stand

22 wearing and bringing into council an item of
23 religion, she did not talk about -- she did
24 talk about her faith and our Lord.
25 Mr. McGoff, at your swearing in day said he

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1 wanted his pastor to do a benediction of
2 this council. Your pastor left, a small
3 man, a smart man, he knew it's not a good
4 thing to mix church and government.

5 Please do not take this wrong that I
6 am against the Catholic church or any
7 church, I am not. Please do not use these
8 people, Scranton people. A big favor of all
9 three of you, all in a line except Fanucci,
10 I wish you would think first when you open
11 your mouth. To receive the bread of Christ
12 that you are deserving of it for you have
13 lied, underhanded everything that was
14 approached to you by a woman standing there,
15 Mrs. Evans, last year gave up her time to do
16 an excellent job of a budget, but council
17 for whom you are to be working for are us,
18 not for yourself, for us, that's what you
19 are there for.

20 I would also like to add, you all
21 talk about your children and grandchildren

22 and your families and how important they
23 mean to all three of you because neither
24 does Mrs. Evans or Mr. Courtright ever bring
25 them up, but you three seem to do it very

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1 much, so I'm wondering when you open your
2 mouth again what kind of a legislation are
3 you leaving for your own family and your own
4 generation to come in this City of Scranton.
5 That's all I have to say. And, by the way,
6 Doug, I'm not too proud of the way you --

7 MR. MCGOFF: Excuse me, you are
8 allowed to address council.

9 MS. KNIGHT: Oh, I'm not allowed to
10 address junior council?

11 MR. MCGOFF: No.

12 MS. KNIGHT: Okay. Thank you.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mrs. Knight.

14 MS. KNIGHT: You are welcome, my
15 pleasure. And you can all smile up there,
16 too.

17 MR. MCGOFF: Excuse me, thank you.

18 MS. KNIGHT: Yeah, but your smiles
19 are uncalled for.

20 MR. MCGOFF: Excuse me.

21 MS. KNIGHT: Excuse me.

22 MR. MCGOFF: You had your time to

23 speak. Thank you.

24 MS. KNIGHT: Thank you.

25 MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening, Marie

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1 Schumacher, citizen and member of the
2 Taxpayers' Association. I feel a little bit
3 weird tonight because I think we have had a
4 role reversal. Instead of citizens and
5 taxpayers coming to petition council for
6 answers to questions about their government
7 or to seek help, we are now told where to go
8 -- write Right to Know letters and then
9 presumably come back here and make comment
10 on what we find and we are being relegated
11 to comment only on government business, so
12 tonight instead of asking questions I will
13 make a number of comments.

14 I think it's unfortunate that we
15 don't -- that we have at large election of
16 council people because for too long there
17 has been no park parody, all the money
18 that's being poured into Nay Aug Park and
19 Weston Field and now maybe Connell Park, I
20 don't know what's going on, I haven't been
21 back there, but certainly it's
22 disproportionate to both the utilization and

23 the citizens and the taxpayers that surround
24 those parks.

25 I would like to remind you that I

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1 believe there are ordinances required for
2 sidewalks in new development, we have had
3 two accidents in downtown within the last
4 several weeks of people in the vehicles as
5 has been referred to earlier, but in the
6 neighborhoods we also need sidewalks. I
7 walk frequently with a disabled person on
8 Seymour Avenue, there are no sidewalks on a
9 lot of the properties on Seymour Avenue,
10 East Mountain Road since it's been
11 reconstructed with the sewer water project
12 has become a thoroughfare for people
13 diverting up to Moscow, so they come off 81
14 or up through town and they come up East
15 Mountain Road speeding and then they go
16 across Seymour Avenue and, conversely, they
17 come down 307 and turn in and we are almost
18 killed by a car doing that one day that was
19 speeding.

20 The sidewalks if they exist are in
21 deplorable condition, so we are only putting
22 off the inevitable. We are not being fair
23 to handicapped persons forcing them out to

24 in the streets where they are at risk and a
25 perfect time to install sidewalks is when

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1 there are new builds, yet the ordinance that
2 was before this body, I know none of you, I
3 don't believe any of you were on in the
4 mid90's was rejected for some reason. I,
5 again, suggest you dust off that ordinance
6 and pass it. There still has been no
7 ordinance. I submitted two from other
8 municipalities for maintenance of in and
9 above-ground swimming pools. The only
10 ordinance this city has with respect to
11 building such recreational items and once
12 they are built there is no requirement to
13 keep the pumps running or to put chemicals
14 in and we need that.

15 I also think an ordinance should be
16 drafted regarding who administers the public
17 access television station. The way the
18 franchise agreement is written it is all
19 authority resides in one individual, the
20 mayor. I think that's wrong. I think the
21 city council should have a role in that, and
22 I think you should draft some legislation
23 and you should have an ordinance on how the

24 entity that runs those stations, the public
25 access stations, are selected and approved.

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1 And I, again, would echo that I think
2 Scranton Tomorrow is doing certainly an
3 adequate if not better than adequate job.

4 I would observe that we need some
5 line painting within the city. It always
6 astounds me that we have adequate green
7 paint for the drunken celebration called the
8 St. Patrick's Day parade, but we don't seem
9 to have any money to paint the lines on the
10 streets. The crosswalks are not in good
11 shape, Lackawanna Avenue the cross-hatched
12 island that was created for the construction
13 of the Southern Union building is still
14 there, there is no warning that the
15 500-block of Lackawanna County is restricted
16 to one way, one lane each way until you get
17 upon it. It's terrible down in front by the
18 Lackawanna bridge entrance to the mall as
19 has been stated many, many times. A little
20 bit of paint would go a long way. Thank
21 you.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mrs.
23 Schumacher. Any other speakers? Mrs.
24 Krake?

1 My name is Nancy Krake, and I'd just like to
2 take a moment to bask in the return of the
3 five minutes before council votes on agenda
4 items. It feels so good, that little bit of
5 freedom of speech back, it's wonderful.

6 I, too, would like to urge everyone
7 to press for Scranton Today to remain the
8 entity that runs Channel 61. Their unbiased
9 coverage despite political pressures that
10 I'm sure we'll never even be aware of. They
11 have provided us with televised council
12 meetings as they unfold and live. There is
13 no editing. This is a very difficult job to
14 do and they do it because of their
15 dedication and it's something that they
16 believe in. It is also probably at this
17 point the greatest tool we have for holding
18 the man and city council accountable. It's
19 something that we cannot lose by giving it
20 to someone that we know nothing about it.

21 I would also like to take a moment
22 tonight to mention a council person,
23 Mrs. Evans, and based on her record of
24 nonwaiving representation of all of the

1 record, her three city budgets that
2 eliminated tax increases, lowered taxes and
3 eliminated any need for borrowing, I would
4 like to ask her this evening and every night
5 that I come to speak at council, you do not
6 have to answer, by the way, Mrs. Evans, if
7 you would please consider running for mayor
8 of our city, the Mayor of Scranton. Thank
9 you.

10 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

11 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mrs. Krake.

12 MR. ANCHERANI: Good evening, Nelson
13 Ancherani, resident and taxpayer, city
14 employee and financial secretary of the FOP
15 exercising my First Amendment Rights. I
16 want to say something about the five minute
17 speaker time. It seems very convenient now
18 that budget time is passed and the 35
19 million parking authority loan was passed
20 that speaker time is returned to five
21 minutes per person and back again to
22 audience participation before votes are
23 taken. Mr. McGoff, I would hope that that
24 wasn't why you proposed all the speaker's
25 time changes over the last year. You all

1 had a nice long month, a nice month-long
2 vacation since December 11, '07. Prior to
3 having your vacation a record \$85 million
4 2008 city budget was passed by a 3 to 2
5 vote. Just because the budget was passed
6 last year I hope that the three of you, Mrs.
7 Fanucci, Mrs. Gatelli and Mr. McGoff don't
8 think that the taxpayers will forget about
9 it. In fact, you three had a chance to vote
10 for a budget that would have saved money for
11 the taxpayers and equaled the playing field
12 between the privileged, new hires in the
13 city along with the favorite people who
14 received raises as opposed to the union
15 workers who have been disrespected and
16 treated unfairly and differently than the
17 favorite. It would have been fair to the
18 union workers if no one was treated
19 specially. Therefore, no one would have had
20 a complaint. You three showed where you
21 stand, everyone knows that now.

22 The PA Economy League sat silently
23 while \$13,000 raises were given to the
24 police and fire chiefs. PEL sat silently
25 when 15 million in raises and new hires were

1 approved by the last six councils. PEL sits
2 quietly when tons of money is spent on
3 high-priced attorneys to fight the unions.
4 PEL sits silently while the city buries
5 itself in approximately 400 million
6 long-term debt, but yet when it comes to the
7 unions there is no more silence on their
8 part. In fact, if PEL doesn't kneel to this
9 mayor's wishes they will find themselves in
10 the unemployed lines. PEL does not want the
11 distressed label lifted from the city
12 because their cash gets milk and they are in
13 the unemployed lines.

14 This mornings' paper dribble written
15 by Stacy Brown says, and I quote, "As
16 president, Mr. McGoff said he would do more
17 homework on legislation and have more
18 contact with the administration."

19 This concerns me. Prior to that
20 quote I was under the belief that all
21 legislation would have had homework done on
22 it prior to all legislation being voted on.
23 This concern me as it should all taxpayers
24 in the City of Scranton. Was homework done
25 on this budget by anyone other than

1 Mrs. Evans or did a giant rubber-stamp get
2 the nod?

3 Another piece of legislation that is
4 very concerning is the legislation that will
5 add thousands to people who won't be able to
6 pay their taxes, that will be forfeiting
7 their homes. Was their homework done on
8 that legislation or did it get the big
9 rubber stamp? The same with the legislation
10 for the \$35 million loan for the parking
11 authority. Same comment. This concerns me
12 now because I feel that the big rubber-stamp
13 was used on all of the controversial
14 legislation that has been passed in the past
15 six years. Was any homework done before
16 legislation was voted on? This is a concern
17 and it's a big concern.

18 The mayor was happy that two new
19 businesses opened in the city, he was very
20 well-pleased, but we forgot about the other
21 side of the coin. There was nothing in the
22 slimes on the other side of the coin either.
23 Hoban business left, 74 years down the
24 tubes. Quint's left, 90 years down the
25 tubes. Deemers left, 70 years. Gianetti,

1 50 years and Leonard's, 140 years. That's
2 424 years down the tubes, but we got two new
3 businesses. A couple more, but that sure
4 does not equal 424 years.

5 I see the chairmanship of some of
6 the committees has changed. Ms. Evans is
7 now chairman of public works committee, Ms.
8 Gatelli is now chairman of the finance
9 committee. I have a question for Ms. Evans,
10 is this change agreeable to you or were you
11 opposed to it?

12 MS. EVANS: This change was agreeable
13 to me. I declined the chairmanship of the
14 finance committee.

15 MR. ANCHERANI: Okay. Ms. Gatelli,
16 if you would?

17 MS. GATELLI: I took it because no
18 one else wanted it. I really didn't want it
19 either. I will be consulting Mr. Renda with
20 any of the questions that you have.

21 MR. ANCHERANI: A big responsibility.
22 Budget time will be here in 12 months, 11
23 /PHOBTS.

24 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you,
25 Mr. Ancherani. Anyone else?

1 MS. GARVEY: 5-A. Motions.

2 MR. MCGOFF: Mrs. Garvey, before we
3 go to 5-A motions, it's kind of unique
4 situation because there are only three
5 members present this evening if one of us
6 were to leave, walk out the door, there
7 would not be a quorum and we could not
8 conduct business. At this time, I'm going
9 to request that we take a very brief recess,
10 two minutes recess, so that -- we will
11 return in two minutes. Thank you very much.

12 (Brief recess taken.)

13 MR. MCGOFF: 5-A. Motions. Mrs.
14 Evans.

15 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Good evening,
16 ladies and gentlemen. I'm very happy to be
17 back in session following our long respite,
18 and before I go on I want to state
19 unequivocally in response to many of the
20 speaker's comments this evening that I, too,
21 stand strongly behind Scranton Today in the
22 operation of Channel 61. I believe they
23 have done an unparalleled job of providing
24 live uncensored access to all government
25 meetings, and this is one of the most

1 important assets to our citizenry and long
2 may it stand.

3 I spoke with Representative Shimkus
4 in the last week to obtain an update on the
5 separation of tax bills within the City of
6 Scranton. Representative Shimkus stated
7 that an amendment was approved by the
8 appropriate attorneys which he hopes to
9 attach to forthcoming property tax
10 legislation. He further indicated that
11 property tax legislation will come before
12 the House of Representatives in February or
13 March of 2008. However, countless
14 amendments have been proposed so he feels
15 the likelihood of his amendment achieving
16 success is minimal.

17 On the other hand, I try to remain
18 optimistic. Since this amendment applies
19 solely to Scranton, I cannot fathom
20 objections by other state representatives.
21 It would serve to separate school district
22 taxes from city taxes so that homeowners
23 could pay city taxes and, therefore, prevent
24 the loss of their homes to delinquent tax
25 collections. I will reach out to

1 Representative Shimkus again in late
2 February for an update.

3 Recently, I noted the absent of all
4 equipment from the 500 block of Lackawanna
5 Avenue. I also noticed signs posted on one
6 building located next to the AFA gallery
7 which states, "Danger, Asbestos."

8 Because of the serious health and
9 safety risks posed by the streetscape
10 project, I requested an update from
11 Mrs. Aebli, OECD director, and Mr. Brazil,
12 DPW director and I hope to have a report for
13 next week's meeting.

14 Mr. McGoff, as former chair of the
15 DPW committee you were, fortunately, a
16 member of the committee that planned for
17 snow emergencies and snow removal, and since
18 inclement weather is forecasted in the near
19 future evidently we will see many examples
20 of it over the next two months, I wonder if
21 you would update us regarding any possible
22 new procedures that would have been
23 developed by that committee?

24 MR. MCGOFF: Oh, you want me to do it
25 now?

1 MS. EVANS: Yes, please.

2 MR. MCGOFF: The only thing that the
3 committees had really talked about, we did
4 discuss the idea of odd/even parking, it was
5 seen to be somewhat unfeasible given the
6 number of cars parked on streets throughout
7 the city and especially in some areas where
8 the streets were rather narrow and couldn't
9 handle the number of cars.

10 We talked about some snow emergency
11 routes. The signage for the snow emergency
12 routes would have been, and I don't have the
13 number with me, I was thinking it was
14 somewhere like 20 to \$25,000 to provide the
15 signage. I know Mr. Hayes has said that
16 what they were going to try and do was to
17 designate existent bus routes or some of the
18 existent bus routes as snow emergency routes
19 since there was still some signs, again, I
20 don't have it with me, but the other thing
21 that was talked about was the possibility of
22 some type of not a 911 number, but a
23 separate number at DPW for medical emergency
24 where somebody needed something plowed sort
25 of immediately, whether it was a parking

1 area so that they could get to, I think last

2 time we talked about, you know, dialysis
3 patients and such, and I don't know and I
4 honestly do not know if that has been
5 followed through on that.

6 And the last thing that I requested,
7 and I know it hasn't been done, was that I
8 was -- I had asked that whatever procedures
9 were going to be followed, whatever the plan
10 was, that that be posted on the DPW website
11 so that people could access that and at
12 least have an idea of the process that was
13 going to take place so that it might
14 forestall people calling and saying, "When
15 is my street going to be plowed," or, you
16 know, and to the best of my recollection
17 those are the things that were discussed.

18 Now, Mr. Hayes was following through on
19 some of those or was going to follow through
20 on some of those, I would probably suggest,
21 you know, maybe speaking with him just to
22 see if there is anything that I've forgotten
23 and I know that Mr. Brazil was also, you
24 know, acting on some of those.

25 MS. EVANS: Thank you very much.

1 Next, council recently received
2 correspondence from Mr. Don King, city

3 planner, which included an ordinance which
4 would alter Section 30 of the zoning map to
5 general institutional and general
6 commercial, and so, Council, Kay, would like
7 a letter sent to Mr. King asking if this
8 amendment will allow a fast food business or
9 a gas station, grocery store to be
10 constructed next to the Scranton High School
11 soccer field, and Council would request a
12 written response on or before January 21,
13 2008.

14 Council is also requesting written
15 responses or updates from the following:
16 First, Mr. David Baker with a copy to the
17 chairman of the Scranton Housing Authority,
18 written responses to questions presented in
19 a December 13, 2008, letter of request
20 regarding the \$900,000 advance from the
21 Scranton Housing Authority and received by
22 the city.

23 Next, council requests a letter to
24 Mr. Brazil, please provide a written update
25 regarding Smith Place, the original request

1 was made in October 2007, and a request for
2 an update was made of Mr. Seitzinger on

3 December 14, 2007, with no response.
4 Residents report garbage, broken trashcans,
5 etcetera, remain along the court property
6 and roadway.

7 And for Mr. Brazil as well, please
8 provide a written update on the punch list
9 at streetlights in the Tripp Park
10 development after you have met with
11 Mr. George Parker, and that was a second
12 request for that and information.

13 And if we might also, this is
14 something that I did not see earlier this
15 evening, so if you could excuse me, but I
16 had previously in December I believe
17 requested some information from Mrs. Aebli
18 and I just wanted to send a second letter on
19 behalf of council to request that
20 information once again, and I really realize
21 that since she was new to her position she
22 may well have been backed up on so many
23 requests and hopefully this would serve as a
24 reminder and if she could please provide
25 those written responses on or before

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1 January 28, 2008, and that's it.

2 MR. MCGOFF: Mrs. Gatelli.

3 MS. GATELLI: I just have a few

4 things. I'm working with Don Hart from the
5 Bricklayer's union and Sam Vitris in trying
6 to rehabilitate the lookout on Lake Scranton
7 Road, there were many people complaining
8 that there is many, many people parked there
9 at all times for the view and the stonework
10 is deteriorating, so we are trying to work
11 out an agreement, Mr. Hart said possibly
12 apprentices can come and we have to work it
13 out with Mr. Vitris through the DPW union,
14 but that's one project that's on the burner.

15 I got my newsletter from the
16 Pennsylvania League of Cities and they are
17 continuing with the House Bill 2018, with
18 the municipalities that have tax exempt
19 properties and it is going through the
20 Lebanon mayor and first vice president Bob
21 Anspa and they are all supporting that
22 legislation as is this council.

23 We got a letter from Linda Aebli
24 regarding the firefighters' memorial that
25 Roseann Novembrino had received from OECD it

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1 is an eligible activity, but it is not
2 eligible unless it is in a low to moderate
3 income area, so it needs to go in a public

4 place in a low to moderate area, so I don't
5 know where we are going to put it, but it
6 cannot be put at city hall because it's not
7 a low to moderate area so, it has to
8 probably go into a park. I suggested
9 Connell Park only because we are spending a
10 lot of money up there.

11 MR. MCGOFF: May I?

12 MS. GATELLI: Sure.

13 MR. MCGOFF: To give you just a brief
14 update, I did speak to Mayor Doherty and
15 it's possible given the nature of the events
16 of the past week or two that there may be a
17 complete alteration in plans. The
18 possibility exists and I think that they are
19 in discussions with firefighters and others
20 that that monument may be placed next to the
21 Mulberry Street firehouse in the parking
22 area, what's now a paking area. If the
23 legislation or the grant, whatever, is going
24 to be rewritten so that it can be placed
25 there.

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1 MS. GATELLI: Okay, I wasn't aware of
2 that. Thank you, Mr. McGoff. The other
3 thing that I'd like to do is I would like to
4 make a motion that we send a letter to the

5 mayor, I do agree with the speakers tonight
6 about Comcast. I don't think that they
7 should be the only people that we speak to
8 about a cable contract. I don't know about
9 anyone else, but I think most people would
10 agree that they are way out of control with
11 their prices and I can't believe that we
12 have to pay that much to watch television.
13 We used to watch it for free, but in any
14 event, I suggest that we -- well. I'm
15 making the motion to send the mayor a letter
16 to start bids from other cable companies.

17 MS. EVANS: Second.

18 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All in
19 favor?

20 MS. EVANS: Aye.

21 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. All opposed? The
23 ayes have it.

24 MS. GATELLI: Thank you. Also, the
25 last two contracts that went through city

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1 council were 15-year contracts, I don't know
2 if we will still on council when the
3 contract comes up, but I don't find that
4 acceptable to give someone a 15-year

5 contract. I think it's totally insane, and
6 I hope that we can find someone else that
7 can give us the services for a much reduced
8 cost.

9 I have one more motion I'd like to
10 make, and I would make a motion that we send
11 the mayor a letter that it is council's
12 desire, and I know we have said it before,
13 but let's put it in a motion and send him a
14 letter that he speed up contract
15 negotiations and settle all of the union
16 contracts. I think it's imperative for the
17 city to move on in any way, shape or form
18 that people don't have contracts. I'm in
19 the union and when I don't have a contract
20 I'm not going to be a happy camper, as Mrs.
21 Evans, we are both in the same union
22 together and our contract is coming up and I
23 can't believe how it must feel not to have a
24 contract for all of those years, and we are
25 pretty much in the same both as the city.

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1 You know, many of them have gotten raises
2 over the years and some of them don't pay
3 health care, etcetera, and we do. You know,
4 we just got hit with a big increase in our
5 health care costs. My health care for my

6 husband and I is up to \$500 a month, so, you
7 know, I know how it feels, so I think that
8 we should send a letter to the mayor letting
9 him know that council is desirous of him
10 settling these contracts as soon as
11 possible.

12 MS. EVANS: Second.

13 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All in
14 favor?

15 MS. EVANS: Aye.

16 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

17 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. All opposed? The
18 ayes have it.

19 MS. GATELLI: And that's all I have.
20 Thank you.

21 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. Just very
22 quickly, and I'm sorry about the -- I did
23 during our caucus I mentioned the
24 firefighters monument and I'm sorry that I
25 didn't communicate that to you.

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1 MS. GATELLI: That's fine.

2 MR. MCGOFF: In conjunction with
3 that, I would also like to say that I know
4 the Department of Public Safety is also
5 putting together information for a

6 commendation/proclamation, whatever the
7 proper terminology would be regarding the
8 incidents and people in the fire on Ash
9 Street, and we will await, you know, what
10 comes from the Department of Public Safety.

11 Also, on Comcast, I believe that --
12 I believe that the only way that we are
13 going to get any type of favorable contract
14 is through a competitive bidding process.
15 Given the nature or the number of people
16 that are moving from cable television to
17 satellite dishes, one would think that
18 Comcast would be looking to perhaps reduce
19 the amounts of money that they would be
20 paying to the city for the franchise and I
21 think the only way in which we can keep our
22 revenue from cable television at a
23 reasonable amount is through a competitive
24 bidding process. I know there are other
25 companies out there that I'm sure would

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1 welcome the opportunity, and so hopefully as
2 we move forward closer to the termination of
3 the Comcast contract that there is a
4 competitive process. I know a friend of
5 mine told me that if I ever voted for
6 Comcast again that he would personally come

7 over and look for a recall election, so I do
8 believe that there is, you know, again,
9 there is a need to do something about
10 Comcast and the way it has operated.

11 Just a couple of quick items, you
12 may have noticed that there is a little bit
13 of change in the process for kind of sending
14 letters to different agencies, you know, the
15 different departments, that was at my
16 request. I thought that perhaps letters
17 sent as individuals were not as well
18 received as they would be if they came from
19 council and I asked Mrs. Evans before during
20 the caucus and Mrs. Gatelli if we would go
21 through the process of rather than sending
22 individual letters, you know, that we would
23 agree as a council to these letters or for
24 the gathering of information and hopefully
25 it will improve the communications between

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1 the departments of, you know, the government
2 departments and the city council.

3 Also, and I didn't know whether I
4 wanted to address this or not, but the whole
5 idea of rules regarding citizen
6 participation, they are not attempts to

7 limit free speech in any way and have never
8 been. Despite the opinion of the Court that
9 Mr. Spindler gave us, really that opinion
10 was in a different venue and different
11 circumstance and has really nothing to do
12 with the way in which any agency or any body
13 regulates itself. We do have the right to
14 set limits on what is said in council,
15 limits within, again, within the
16 constitution and I believe those limits are
17 fair and reasonable and we will continue to
18 use those for the operation of citizen
19 participation.

20 Last thing, the possibility on
21 economic development in the city, maybe for
22 Mr. Ancherani a third business coming since
23 you mentioned two, the possibility of the
24 sale of the Laminations building and the
25 possibility of a company coming in with the

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1 appearance of 60 jobs at approximately \$20
2 an hour hopefully within the next, you know,
3 next brief time we will see that take place.
4 It would certainly be a boom for the city.
5 And that's it all I have and thank you.

6 MS. GARVEY: FIFTH ORDER. 5-B. FOR
7 INTRODUCTION - AN ORDINANCE - VACATING ANY

8 AND ALL RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST OF THE
9 CITY OF SCRANTON IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY KNOWN
10 AS SMALLACOMBE DRIVE AS MORE PARTICULARLY
11 DESCRIBED ON THE MAP ATTACHED HERETO.

12 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll
13 entertain a motion that Item 5-B be
14 introduced into it's proper committee.

15 MS. GATELLI: So moved.

16 MS. EVANS: Second.

17 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
18 those in favor say aye.

19 MS. EVANS: Aye.

20 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

21 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
22 have it.

23 MS. GARVEY: I believe we were going
24 to call for a motion for public hearing.

25 MS. EVANS: I move that city clerk,

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1 Kay Garvey, notify the Lackawanna County
2 Regional Planning Commission that the City
3 Planning Commission and make the necessary
4 arrangements for a public hearing.

5 MS. GATELLI: Second.

6 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
7 those in favor?

8 MS. EVANS: Aye.
9 MS. GATELLI: Aye.
10 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
11 have it.

12 MS. GARVEY: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -
13 AN ORDINANCE - PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE
14 AND DEDICATION OF JAMESTOWN WAY CIRCLE AND
15 PARK EDGE LANE; AS WELL AS ALL THE STORM
16 DRAINAGE SYSTEM UNDERLYING SAID STREETS AND
17 RIGHTS-OF-WAY; ALL OF THE AFOREMENTIONED
18 IMPROVEMENTS BEING LOCATED IN THE KEYSER
19 TERRACE SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON,
20 PENNSYLVANIA; ALSO AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
21 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO ACCEPT
22 FOR THE SUM OF ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) AND TO
23 RECORD IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS AT THE OFFICE
24 OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS FOR LACKAWANNA
25 COUNTY A DEED FOR THE AFORESAID PUBLIC

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1 STREETS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

2 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll
3 entertain a motion that Item 5-C be
4 introduced into it's proper committee.

5 MS. GATELLI: So moved.

6 MS. EVANS: Second.

7 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
8 those in favor?

9 MS. EVANS: Aye.

10 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

11 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
12 have it and so moved.

13 MS. GARVEY: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION -
14 AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE AUCTION AND
15 SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY ACQUIRED
16 PURSUANT TO THE LACKAWANNA RIVER FLOOD
17 CONTROL PROJECT, SITUATED AT THE CORNER OF
18 DIAMOND AVENUE AND WOOD STREET, THE FORMER
19 CORDARO BUILDING AND RECORDED AT RECORD BOOK
20 0720 PAGE 325.

21 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll
22 entertain a motion that Item 5-D be
23 introduced into it's proper committee.

24 MS. GATELLI: So moved.

25 MS. EVANS: Second.

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1 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
2 those in favor?

3 MS. EVANS: Aye.

4 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

5 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
6 have it and so moved.

7 MS. GARVEY: 5-E. FOR INTRODUCTION -0
8 AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL

9 NO. 86, 1998 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE "amending
10 file of the council no. 148, 1993, entitled
11 "AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE DESIGN
12 CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, ENLARGEMENT,
13 REPAIR, DEMOLITION, REMOVAL, CONVERSION, USE
14 AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL BUILDINGS AND
15 STRUCTURES KNOWN AS THE BUILDING CODE;
16 PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMIS,
17 COLLECTION OF FEES, MAKING OF INSPECTION,
18 PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION
19 THEREOF, ESTABLISHING MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS
20 FOR BUILDING UNDERWRITER INSPECTORS,
21 DECLARING AND ESTABLISHING FIRE LIMITS" BY
22 ADOPTING THE BOCA NATIONAL BUILDING CODE
23 1993, ALSO REFERRED TO AS THE HOUSING CODE,
24 TWELFTH EDITION" TO INSERT A NEW SECTION
25 2 (D) AND ADJUSTING ALL LETTERS AND NUMBERS

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1 ACCORDINGLY.

2 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll
3 entertain a motion that Item 5-E be
4 introduced into it's proper committee.

5 MS. GATELLI: So moved.

6 MS. EVANS: Second.

7 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
8 those in favor?

9 MS. EVANS: Aye.

10 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

11 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
12 have it.

13 MS. GARVEY: 5-F. FOR INTRODUCTION -
14 A RESOLUTION - APPROVING THE MODIFICATION OF
15 EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON SOUTH MAIN
16 AVENUE (SR 3013) AND LUZERNE STREET (SR
17 3014) TRAFFIC SIGNAL PERMIT NO. 6192.

18 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll
19 entertain a motion that Item 5-F be
20 introduced into it's proper committee.

21 MS. GATELLI: So moved.

22 MS. EVANS: Second.

23 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
24 those in favor?

25 MS. EVANS: Aye.

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1 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

2 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
3 have it.

4 MS. GARVEY: 5-G. FOR INTRODUCTION -
5 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR ANT
6 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE
7 AN ENTER INTO SUPPLEMENTAL ENGINEERING
8 AGREEMENT NUMBER 041746-B WITH BUCHART-HORN
9 INC. TO AMEND PART II OF THE AGREEMENT TO

10 COVER ADDITIONAL WORK AND SERVICES FOR
11 RIGHT-OF-WAY PLANS AND FINAL STRUCTURE
12 DESIGN OF THE ROCKWELL AVENUE BRIDGE PROJECT
13 FOR AN ADDITIONAL COST OF \$73,404.55.

14 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll
15 entertain a motion that Item 5-G be
16 introduced into it's proper committee.

17 MS. GATELLI: So moved.

18 MS. EVANS: Second.

19 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? I
20 would just like to make one comment, I would
21 like to find some information regarding the
22 overall cost of that project and whether
23 this money was originally set aside and
24 budgeted or whether this is an additional
25 and the reasons why and I would hopefully

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1 will have that information for next week.
2 Anyone else?

3 MS. GATELLI: No.

4 MR. MCGOFF: All those in favor?

5 MS. EVANS: Ayes.

6 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

7 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
8 have it and so moved.

9 MS. GARVEY: 5-H FOR INTRODUCTION - A
10 RESOLUTION - AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 1285,

11 2007 A RESOLUTION "AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
12 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE
13 AND APPLY FOR A GRANT FOR HOUSING AND
14 REDEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE
15 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF
16 COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (DCED);
17 ACCEPTING THE GRANT IF THE APPLICATION IS
18 SUCCESSFUL, AND COORDINATING THE USE OF THE
19 GRANT FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT TO BE NAMED AS
20 "SKYVIEW PARK APARTMENTS" WITH THE TO BE
21 NAMES AS "SKYVIEW PARK APARTMENTS" WITH THE
22 NATIONAL HOUSING TRUST (NHT)-ENTERPRISE
23 PRESERVATION CORPORATION" TO INCLUDE THE
24 APPROPRIATE BLIGHT LANGUAGE REQUIRED BY
25 DCED.

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1 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll
2 entertain a motion that Item 5-H be
3 introduced into it's proper committee.

4 MS. GATELLI: So moved.

5 MS. EVANS: Second.

6 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
7 those this favor?

8 MS. EVANS: Aye.

9 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

10 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The ayes

11 have it and so moved.

12 MS. GARVEY: 5-I FOR INTRODUCTION - A
13 RESOLUTION - ACCEPTING THE GIFT OF A POLICE
14 VEHICLE, VIN NUMBER 2FPFP71W02X134275 FROM
15 POLICE OFFICER JEFF GILROY FOR USE IN THE
16 CITY'S FLEET PURSUANT TO A LEAST AGREEMENT
17 BETWEEN THE CITY AND OFFICER GILROY.

18 MR. MCGOFF: At this time he will
19 entertain a motion that Item 5-I be
20 introduced into it's proper committee.

21 MS. GATELLI: So moved.

22 MS. EVANS: Second.

23 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
24 those in favor?

25 MS. EVANS: Aye.

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1 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

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

4 MS. GARVEY: 5-J. FOR INTRODUCTION -
5 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
6 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE
7 AND ENTER INTO A LEAST/POLICY AGREEMENT WITH
8 OFFICER JEFF GILROY GOVERNING THE USE OF
9 OFFICER GILROY'S "PRIVATE CRUISER" AS
10 DEFINED HEREIN.

11 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll

12 entertain a motion that Item 5-J be
13 introduced into it's proper committee.

14 MS. GATELLI: So moved.

15 MS. EVANS: Second.

16 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
17 those in favor?

18 MS. EVANS: Aye.

19 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

20 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
21 have it and so moved.

22 MS. GARVEY: SIXTH ORDER. NO
23 BUSINESS AT THIS TIME. SEVENTH ORDER. NO
24 BUSINESS AT THIS TIME.

25 MR. MCGOFF: At this time then I

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1 would like to thank you for your cooperation
2 and your input and I would like to ask for
3 our adjournment.

4 MS. GATELLI: I make a motion.

5 MS. EVANS: Second.

6 MR. MCGOFF: We shall adjourn.

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I hereby certify that the proceedings and evidence are contained fully and accurately in the notes of testimony taken by me at the hearing of the above-captioned matter and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the same to the best of my ability.

CATHENE S. NARDOZZI
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