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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

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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

MR. WILLIAM COURTRIGHT

MS. KAY GARVEY, CITY CLERK

MR. NEIL COOLICAN, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

MR. AMIL MINORA, SOLICITOR

1 (Pledge of Allegiance recited and
2 moment of reflection observed.)

3 MR. MCGOFF: Roll call, please.

4 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

5 MS. EVANS: Here.

6 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli.

7 MS. GATELLI. Here.

8 MR. COOLICAN: Ms. Fanucci.

9 MS. FANUCCI: Here.

10 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright.

11 MR. COURTRIGHT: Here.

12 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McGoff.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Here. Dispense with
14 the reading of the minutes.

15 MS. GARVEY: THIRD ORDER. 3-A.

16 SCRANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT'S GENERAL FUND
17 BUDGET FOR 2008.

18 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?

19 If not, received and filed.

20 MS. GARVEY: That's it for Third
21 Order.

22 MR. MCGOFF: If anyone has any
23 announcements?

24 MS. EVANS: Yes. First, the Friends
25 of the Scranton Knights are planning their

1 annual night at the races on Saturday,
2 April 19, 2008, at Holy Rosary Center the
3 corner of West Market Street and Wayne
4 Avenue, Scranton, from 7 to 11 p.m. Tickets
5 are \$10.

6 Also, you are cordially invited to
7 the Scranton Special Olympic Cocktail Party
8 this Friday, April 11, 2008, from 7:00 p.m.
9 to 10:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary Center, West
10 Market Street and donations will be \$35 per
11 person, food and beverages are provided by
12 Stirna's Restaurant.

13 Saint's Peter and Paul Parish, 1309
14 West Locust Street in Scranton is sponsoring
15 a craft fair on April 1, Saturday, from 9
16 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the church hall and
17 refreshments will be available.

18 Also, WNEP and the Scranton
19 Firefighters Local 60 Auxiliary are teaming
20 up to raise money for Oprah's Big Give in
21 Northeastern, Pennsylvania. All of the
22 money raised will go towards purchasing
23 smoke alarms for "WNEP's Operation Save A
24 Life free smoke alarm program," and so on
25 April 12, this Saturday, the Scranton

1 Firefighters' auxiliary will be hosting a
2 firehouse chili contest at the Scranton
3 Cultural Center from 5 to 8 p.m. I hope to
4 see you will of you there, and please
5 remember, money raised will stay in the
6 city. They hope to raise a total of \$15,000
7 in order to provide 5,000 smoke detectors to
8 residents of Scranton.

9 And, finally, I ask your prayers for
10 a very dear, sweet gentleman who passed away
11 several days ago, Mr. Ferdinand Peters and
12 his family and friends that he leaves
13 behind. Thank you.

14 MS. GATELLI: I'll do mine in
15 motions. Anyone else?

16 MS. FANUCCI: I certainly have
17 something. Today is a very special day, it
18 is our president's birthday and I believe --
19 how old would that be again, Mr. McGoff? I
20 think you should be proud it is very big
21 birthday.

22 MR. MCGOFF: It has a zero at the
23 end.

24 MS. FANUCCI: I certainly want to
25 wish you a very happy birthday and enjoy

1 yourself because you never know what could
2 happen on your birthday, right? You never
3 know, it actually could be just a fun night.

4 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you very much.

5 MS. EVANS: Happy birthday.

6 MR. MCGOFF: With that, we'll move
7 to citizens' participation. Doug Miller.

8 MR. MILLER: Good evening, Council.
9 Doug Miller, president of the Junior City
10 Council. I, too, would like to wish
11 Mr. McGoff a happy birthday. He said with a
12 zero on the end so he must have turned 20
13 today. On Friday, April 4, the Scranton
14 Junior City Council sponsored a charity
15 basketball game between the Scranton Police
16 Department and the Scranton Fire Department.
17 Admission was \$3.00 and all of the proceeds
18 will benefit a police and firefighters'
19 memorial. On behalf of Junior Council, I
20 would like to thank the Scranton School
21 District for allowing us to hold the game at
22 Scranton high school. The game attracted
23 approximately 300 people and I am pleased to
24 announce that our event raised \$2,340.00.
25 Of course, this could not have been possible

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1 without the support and assistance from many

2 businesses and volunteers and I would like
3 to again thank Mr. McGoff and Mrs. Gatelli
4 for helping us put this event together.

5 On behalf of Junior Council I would
6 like to thank the following contributors for
7 their generosity: Dave Febo, uniforms for
8 All Sports. Royal Pizza, Alfredo's Pizza,
9 Good Fellows, Granteed's Pizza, Domino's,
10 Aroma Cafe, Cafe Classico, Mr. Z's
11 Supermarket, Crystal Beverage, Beer City
12 Beverage, Studio RD, Linda Lee, Perfections,
13 Gianna's, McGoin's Floral, Billy's Cafe,
14 Heil's, the Radisson, Mrs. Daniel King, Mrs.
15 Jennifer Herman, and Mr. Jack Lions.

16 I would also like to take this time
17 to thank my mother and aunt for putting time
18 aside to assist Junior Council in organizing
19 our concession stand. Their hard work and
20 effort made our concession stand successful.
21 We also appreciate the assistance from all
22 of the volunteers who have sold raffle
23 tickets and collected ticket money at the
24 door including Mrs. Gatelli.

25 On behalf of Junior Council I would

1 like to extend a sincere thank you to

2 Mrs. Linda Robeson and her family for their
3 generous contribution towards this event.
4 It was an honor to have the Robeson family
5 in attendance.

6 And, finally, I must thank the
7 police and firemen for their commitment to
8 play in the game. The teams were as
9 follows: For the Scranton Police Department
10 Chief David Elliott, Carl Graziano, Joseph
11 Lafferty, Jeff Vaughn, Joe Carney, Mike
12 Schultz, James Pappas, Bruce Stevens, Robert
13 McKeean, and Jill Foley.

14 For the Scranton Fire Department:
15 Ryan Robeson, Paul Triano, Robert Gavern,
16 Rich Sidnick, Dave Dolphin, Jack Gafferty,
17 Rick Roach, Shawn Eckenrode, Brian Murray,
18 Mike Norieka, Tom Patterson, Tom Irwin,
19 Dugan Gallagher, Paul Mackrell, Dan
20 Halovich, and Jim Yesalavich. And in case
21 anyone was wondering, the firemen won the
22 game 63 to 50.

23 Junior Council is still accepting
24 donations towards the police and
25 firefighters' memorial and those donations

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1 can be sent to 340 North Washington Avenue,
2 Scranton, PA, 18503. And I would once again

3 like to thank everyone for making Hero's
4 Night, truly a night to remember. Thank
5 you.

6 MS. EVANS: And, Doug, you did a
7 wonderful job, someone should be recognizing
8 you, too, for all you did and your
9 colleagues on Junior City Council you are
10 all certainly to be commended, it was a
11 wonderful turn out and I think everyone who
12 attended enjoyed themselves immensely.

13 MR. MILLER: Absolutely. Thank you.

14 MR. MCGOFF: Congratulations, Doug.
15 Thank you. Jim Williams.

16 MR. WILLIAMS: My name is Jim
17 Williams, I'm a resident of the City of
18 Scranton, a property owner and a taxpayer
19 and I'm here again for the last time. I
20 came last week, I'm here, I hope none of you
21 missed me too bad, but I won't be bad, but
22 if I can approach I have a paper I'd like to
23 give you, can I do that?

24 MR. MCGOFF: Please.

25 MR. WILLIAMS: I have one for

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1 Attorney Minora, this is for you only
2 though. They are different than the others.

3 This is a document that was faxed to me from
4 someone, I had just asked -- I said that
5 this story was floating around, is it true,
6 and what you see in front of you is a faxed
7 transmittal from the Single Tax Office, it's
8 a cover sheet and the second sheet is stubs
9 from the checkbook known to these people in
10 the tax office as the Single Tax Account and
11 you will see that check number 1154 is to a
12 person for a rebate -- in July 2006 for a
13 rebate from 2005 for their occupational tax,
14 occ tax. I blacked it out, the reason I
15 blocked it out it shows that person's last
16 night and under that name it shows their
17 social security number for which Attorney
18 Minora now has and can see that it's valid.
19 It's an official statement. This is not
20 something I made up or someone else made up.
21 The second tax -- the second check in it's
22 sequence is 1155 for the same reason, 2005
23 tax that was paid, occ tax which was
24 refunded on July 7, 2006. It says C-10 and
25 S-5 which is "C" city was refunded \$10 from

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1 the city and \$5 from the school board, same
2 as the previous one. Check 1156 on the
3 other hand is dated July 13, 2006, to the

4 Stadium Club in the amount of \$511.71. The
5 other two are for \$15 each. This was a
6 retirement party for the Chief Clerk and
7 Mr. McDowell at that party stood up and said
8 that he would pay the bar bill and the bar
9 bill was \$511 71 which was paid by us and
10 you, the taxpayers. I.

11 Was here last week for this
12 particular reason, I didn't show this stuff,
13 I probably should have, it doesn't much
14 matter, the Single Tax Office was a warrant
15 was served on them today by the FBI.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Williams, I'm going
17 to stop you for a moment. Number one, I'm
18 not sure that what you are presenting to us
19 is information that should be disclosed.

20 MR. WILLIAMS: Well, there's 12
21 million dollars of our money in a bank
22 account somewhere --

23 MR. MCGOFF: Well, I'm saying --

24 MR. WILLIAMS: So that shouldn't have
25 been disclosed apparently either,

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1 Mr. President.

2 MR. MCGOFF: Excuse me.

3 MR. WILLIAMS: If this shouldn't be

4 then I plead guilty. I have it, I dispersed
5 it, I gave it to the Times this afternoon,
6 also so the Scranton Times has it.

7 MS. FANUCCI: The question is you
8 are dealing with other people's social
9 security numbers.

10 MR. WILLIAMS: And I scratched them
11 out. The only one that's given privy to
12 that was Attorney Minora who is not going to
13 tell a soul.

14 MS. FANUCCI: So how are you getting
15 it? How are you getting it?

16 MR. WILLIAMS: I scratched them out,
17 I don't want them.

18 MS. FANUCCI: How are getting the
19 information is the scary part.

20 MR. WILLIAMS: I got it from a person
21 from the Single Tax Office who faxed me.

22 MR. COURTRIGHT: Did you get this
23 recently? Can you tell me when you got
24 this?

25 MR. WILLIAMS: Pardon me?

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1 MR. COURTRIGHT: Can you tell me
2 when you got this?

3 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, it's stamped on
4 top, it's on the fax.

5 MR. COURTRIGHT: You just got this
6 now, March 27?

7 MR. WILLIAMS: March 27, this year.

8 MS. FANUCCI: Attorney Minora, is
9 this something that we should be cautious
10 about?

11 MR. MINORA: Mr. Williams, here is
12 what I see as -- you know, I'm glad this is
13 out if it's a problem, it ought to be
14 investigated and ought to be investigated
15 properly, but here is what I see is the
16 problem, you placed in my hands confidential
17 information, you know what I'm going to do
18 this, I'm not going to do anything with it.
19 I'm going to probably throw it away because
20 I shouldn't have it.

21 MR. WILLIAMS: That's fine.

22 MR. MINORA: There are other people's
23 social security -- listen --

24 MR. WILLIAMS: I understand. I
25 understand. Okay.

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1 MR. MINORA: I shouldn't have this
2 confidential information. This confidential
3 information should go to an investigative
4 authority because every police investigation

5 or District Attorney investigation has a
6 confidentiality attached to it. It's not a
7 public record. Giving this to this body
8 produces a public record of someone's social
9 security number. I don't know what these --
10 stop for a minute, let me finish what I'm
11 trying to say, I don't know whether they
12 rebates or taxes are correct, incorrect,
13 whether they were due, not due, whether they
14 were a kickback, not a kickback, but I know
15 this, I shouldn't have these social security
16 numbers.

17 THE WITNESS: Okay.

18 MR. MINORA: What ought to happen is
19 that these ought to be turned over to some
20 police authority and if something happens
21 with the Single Tax Office I think you ought
22 to go down to the FBI and drop this off.

23 MR. WILLIAMS: I believe the FBI has
24 it today.

25 MR. MINORA: They have the

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1 confidentiality to these numbers. These
2 social security numbers should not be made
3 public.

4 MS. FANUCCI: Right.

5 MR. WILLIAMS: Attorney Minora, I

6 think I got your point.

7 MS. FANUCCI: Quite frankly, I'm a
8 little --

9 MR. MINORA: We are a body in which
10 our records become public and these should
11 not be part of our record, so I'm going to
12 give it back to you.

13 MR. WILLIAMS: Fine. I'll be more
14 than happy to take it.

15 MS. FANUCCI: Attorney Minora, my
16 problem with it now is we are also dealing a
17 with a new tax person and this just happened
18 recently, so you tell me now that this is
19 not another violation and I'm a little
20 concerned about a new investigation now
21 taking place and how someone else is getting
22 records out of our Single Tax Office faxed
23 to them with other people's information on
24 it. So, to me this goes way beyond --

25 MR. MINORA: I don't disagree.

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1 MS. FANUCCI: -- way beyond what is
2 going on from the past, this is absolutely
3 current as of today and that makes me -- it
4 actually makes me frightened. We are
5 dealing with the taxpayers money and still

6 it's going on as we speak to faxing other
7 people's information to you which --

8 MR. WILLIAMS: That's my point --

9 MS. FANUCCI: -- at this point can I
10 call them and get your information or you
11 can you just call and maybe I'll call and
12 see what Bill is doing? I mean, it makes
13 me -- it really makes me uneasy, I'm not
14 comfortable with this, I'd rather not
15 discuss anything more about it and as far as
16 the Tax Office is concerned let's let the
17 investigation take place, but I believe that
18 this is something that warrants to go into
19 whatever is going on in the investigation as
20 currently.

21 THE WITNESS: I think if council asks
22 for what I got they'd have got it already,
23 too.

24 MS. FANUCCI: Quite frankly, I am not
25 privy to other people's information.

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1 MR. WILLIAMS: Quite frankly, I don't
2 think you care about the 12 million dollars.

3 MS. FANUCCI: Mr. Williams, how you
4 are privy to this information?

5 MR. WILLIAMS: You know what, ladies
6 and gentlemen of council, I didn't come here

7 to argue with you as other people do. I
8 came here to state my case over my
9 \$12 million.

10 MS. FANUCCI: That's right.

11 MR. WILLIAMS: Apparently, I'm as
12 guilty as the guy who left it there. Well,
13 you know what, I surrender. I surrender.
14 There is an officer there. Lock me up. If
15 you would like to give them back and not
16 having nothing to do with the \$12 million or
17 the Tax Office, that's fine with me.

18 MR. MCGOFF: Excuse me, Mr. Williams

19 THE WITNESS: I'll take them and
20 leave.

21 MS. FANUCCI: You are certainly not
22 accurate on any of your statements right
23 now.

24 MR. WILLIAMS: That's not five
25 minutes, you took up for five minutes than I

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1 did. You know what, I'm not going to miss
2 not ever coming back here. I'm not going to
3 miss it. To you I wish all of the luck in
4 the world and you know what, if you get any
5 money back pay the ten million. Shame on
6 all of you.

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MS. EVANS: Mr. Williams.

MR. WILLIAMS: Not on all of yo, but
a few of you, shame on you.

MR. MCGOFF: Excuse me, you are out
of order.

MS. EVANS: Mr. Williams, I just --

MR. MCGOFF: Please --

MS. EVANS: Well, I just wanted to
add I think perhaps he came here --

MR. WILLIAMS: I'm sorry.

MR. MCGOFF: Ms. Evans, Mrs. Evans,
can you address it during motions?

MS. EVANS: No, I prefer to do it
now. Others did and intend to.

MR. MCGOFF: His time is up and --

MS. EVANS: His time is over, but I'm
using my time.

MR. MCGOFF: We agreed to do this --

MS. EVANS: I didn't agree to

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anything, Mr. McGoff, because every other
council member does it, and now I'm
exercising my right. Mr. Williams, I can
understand --

MR. MCGOFF: Please.

MS. EVANS: -- you are coming to
council because you were looking for an

8 investigation.

9 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes.

10 MS. EVANS: As I was looking for an
11 investigation. I felt from the beginning
12 and council asked the district attorney to
13 provide an investigation of that office, he
14 responded that he felt, and I'm not using
15 his exact words, I don't have them before
16 me, so I'm not quoting them, but he felt it
17 was not necessary and he would just, if you
18 will, oversee an audit, and I know I was not
19 satisfied with that response so much so that
20 I had written a letter to him as a private
21 citizen and a single council person pursuing
22 the investigation, so I was very pleased to
23 hear today that the FBI has stepped into
24 this situation, but I do think now that the
25 FBI is involved council doesn't need -- I

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1 don't think we need to oversee the FBI
2 investigation.

3 MR. WILLIAMS: Surely not.

4 MS. EVANS: And I what they are going
5 to do and I would advise you, I thank you
6 for providing this, but I really would
7 advise you to turn that over to the FBI and

8 let them handle everything from this point
9 on and, you know, as I said I think we
10 should all be very grateful that however
11 they got here they got here quickly and they
12 are responding to something far more quickly
13 than our District Attorney's Office seemed
14 to.

15 MR. WILLIAMS: I agree 100 percent.

16 MS. EVANS: And, you know, where he
17 didn't see any problems evidently there is
18 some sort of problems.

19 MR. WILLIAMS: The only thing that
20 disappoints me about the FBI --

21 MR. MCGOFF: Your time is up, Mr.
22 Williams.

23 MR. WILLIAMS: -- didn't get here
24 ahead of them. You should have got there
25 ahead of them.

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1 MR. MCGOFF: Mrs. Evans, these were
2 the rules that you agreed to as well.

3 MS. EVANS: And everyone agreed to
4 the rules and everyone is responding to
5 individuals, as are you.

6 MR. MCGOFF: I'm just saying --

7 MS. EVANS: And so I'm just saying,
8 too, yes, I understand your point and I'm

9 sure as an intelligent man you understand
10 mine and I think we can all agree that when
11 a situation arises that it is the right and
12 responsibility of every elected official to
13 respond if they so chose.

14 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. Lee Morgan.

15 MR. MORGAN: Good evening, Council.
16 I guess we have our problems here with
17 corruption, don't we? I'm not going to
18 single out Judge Harhut or Judge Corbett
19 either. You know, I got -- I have got here
20 a public access channel proposal from
21 Electric City Television and I'd just like
22 to say that, you know, when you look at this
23 whole thing they are saying that they are
24 not going to start transmitting until they
25 receive their phase one Funds, are those

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1 phase one funds going to have to be voted on
2 by this council?

3 MS. EVANS: I don't know.

4 MR. MORGAN: Well, I think that this
5 just shouldn't happen. I don't think
6 Channel 61 should change operators and I
7 think it's time for this council to stand up
8 and make it clear to everyone in government,

9 including the mayor, may I add, that this
10 isn't the right thing to do. This is all
11 political, that's my opinion. Channel 61
12 ran with no money for years and years.
13 Mr. Connors is the one I think that gave
14 them the contract. They ran the station
15 really top shelf, no political shenanigan
16 going on, covered everything, and I just in
17 my opinion think this is political on the
18 mayor's part. I really think that, and I
19 really think this council has an obligation
20 to make sure that it doesn't vote to give
21 this channel any money. The way the
22 proposal was presented in the newspaper, the
23 time frame that was given for proposals, and
24 as you know I'm on the board of directors of
25 one of the grounds that filed the proposal,

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1 and I just think that it's very
2 questionable, some of the people that were
3 on that board, you know, I don't want to
4 take up all of my time because I want to say
5 a couple of other things. I don't have to
6 time to get back to the things I asked last
7 week, but the one thing I would like to say
8 here from this podium is that I'm hoping
9 that Doug Miller will hold a special

10 election for Junior Council before he leaves
11 office and graduates from high school and we
12 need to reinvigorate Junior Council, we need
13 that table filled. These are our future
14 leaders and, boy, do we really need them.
15 As you can see, the shenanigans that are
16 taking place here in the city and county
17 government, we need young people to know the
18 things that every day Scrantonians and
19 residents of Lackawanna County face. The
20 Scranton Housing Authority, we had problems
21 there, now we have problems here. We have
22 the city losing it's bond rating. I mean,
23 we have just got to see where this city
24 actually is and we have got to have trained
25 young Scrantonians ready to step into the

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1 void when the time comes.

2 And the other thing I would like to
3 say is, you know, I really appreciate what
4 the Scranton School District did with the
5 new medical college and I hope that every
6 elected official whether it be Senator
7 Casey, this council, the school board, the
8 mayor, Mr. Mellow, I think that this medical
9 school needs to move much quicker in

10 acquiring property and building buildings
11 and infrastructure and starting to meet the
12 needs of this community and I hope that
13 everybody in politics or government on
14 various levels would support that. Thank
15 you.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Morgan.
17 Giovanni Piccolino.

18 MR. PICCOLINO: Good evening, City
19 Council, Giovanni Piccolino, resident and
20 taxpayer. Mr. McGoff, before you call
21 Mr. Moran up next he had me sign him in and
22 he is unable to attend this evening, for
23 Coney Island, he just wanted to thank the
24 police and the firefighters for such a quick
25 response to his arson fire, but due to legal

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1 reasons I guess he couldn't show up.

2 I wanted to ask you Mr. McGoff or
3 city council, what could we do or I could do
4 like to help fix up the basketball courts
5 around the city? I do see Mr. McGoff, I saw
6 you down at Hoop City or the river front,
7 you know, the warm weather and everything is
8 coming up and a lot of people go up to
9 Clarks Summit, Peckville, West Pittston, you
10 know, the courts up there are nice, it's a

11 nice lake area to play at, but, you know, we
12 should keep the people that live here
13 downtown is there anything we could do that
14 spruce them up?

15 MR. MCGOFF: That I don't know. I
16 certainly would ask parks and recreation if
17 there are any plans to anything to refurbish
18 the city courts. I know my son was going
19 back to the Minooka-Barrett playground this
20 evening.

21 MR. PICCOLINO: Yeah, I mean, I have
22 lived back there. Minooka really isn't, you
23 know, doesn't make you want to stay there
24 all day, you know what I mean? I don't
25 know, can use a little sprucing I guess.

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1 Secondly, I would just like to say that
2 Gryzbowski Trains and Gianetti who were in
3 the city for and good loyal customer of
4 ours, thank you for all of the business and
5 we are kind of sad to see them leave. You
6 know, just hurts for some strange reasons,
7 you know, the sidewalks and stuff in front
8 of them and, you know, they packed up and
9 left for other areas and it's just
10 unfortunate and I just want to thank them

11 for their loyal service to all of the
12 customers over the years, and that's it.
13 Thank you.

14 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you,
15 Mr. Piccolino. Andy Sbaraglia.

16 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia.
17 Citizen of Scranton. Fellow Scrantonians,
18 your 7-A, lending the \$250,000 to a project
19 that we just forgave \$200,000 to. You and I
20 both know that that's a subordinate and it's
21 subordinate to quite a few million dollars.
22 There is no way in heck that them people
23 walk away we are going to get anything back
24 out of that \$250,000. The 5 percent is fine
25 if it was, in fact, that this project

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1 already failed once and now a new team comes
2 up and chances they are doing the same thing
3 the other team did and there is little or no
4 chance it's going to succeed. If the other
5 team couldn't do it why should this team do
6 it. I don't know what the building was sold
7 for. I know what the lien is, but I don't
8 know how much capital -- I don't know
9 anything about this deal other than the fact
10 that is the first people that were in there
11 failed and we had to forgive their loan.

12 whoever he is will push it, I certainly hope
13 so. I don't know where to goes with you
14 people.

15 You know, of course, we had a BBB
16 minus rating and now we got a negative -- we
17 don't have any rating, let's put it this
18 way. We are even below junk. We got money
19 coming in from the sale of the delinquent
20 \$1.8 million, now where is the SRA going to
21 come up with \$1.8 million? Or if they are
22 going to come up with 1.8 million because
23 your legislation says it maybe up to. It
24 says up to, so it's not necessarily they may
25 get everything for \$1,000, who knows. You

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1 don't know what is going on. Thank God the
2 FBI is finally coming in here, I hope they
3 go through the whole city government,
4 really, I wish that. Finally, we will get a
5 -- know what happened. This man took -- I
6 can't even tell you how any things that they
7 really done to the city with his loans. He
8 borrowed and borrowed and borrowed. Now you
9 are going to have another \$10 million loans,
10 chances are we are not going to see much
11 progress with that ten million and make sure
12 probably 20 million they got to borrow again

13 and you got a one-track all you people and
14 I'm just glad finally is somebody coming in
15 and examining everything that's going on
16 within this city. That's the best way we
17 got it to finally coming out and say this is
18 right, that's wrong, and, like I say, it's
19 bad.

20 Like I said from the very beginning
21 way back when you sold the golf course, sold
22 the South Side complex, sold the DPW site,
23 sold our good loans, now we are selling our
24 delinquent tax loans, what else has he got
25 to sell, our very hearts, that's the only

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1 thing left in this city that he can sell and
2 he can't constantly borrow. Yeah, I guess
3 he could if you keep voting for it, I guess
4 he could until they finally get somebody in
5 here from either the state, the Attorney
6 General or somebody get up here and finally
7 say, you can't do this, you really can't do
8 this because if people can't afford to pay,
9 bad enough now they are going to be losing
10 their homes. They can't afford it. We are
11 in a recession and you keep pushing more and
12 more burden upon the people. I thank you.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you,
14 Mr. Sbaraglia. Ozzie Quinn.

15 MR. QUINN: Ozzie Quinn, president of
16 the Taxpayers' Association. Good evening.
17 First of all, Mrs. Gatelli, last week you
18 took argument with the fact that people are
19 coming here and complaining about the taxes
20 for the school district is paying much
21 higher taxes, well, I have to take argument
22 with that myself, because myself and Marie
23 Schumacher we visit the school district,
24 school board meetings almost every time
25 there is something on there regarding taxes,

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1 okay, and we have argued, and as a matter of
2 fact, we even filed amicus curia with the
3 Court to try them from floating the
4 \$11 million bond issue for that new school,
5 so it's not that people aren't trying to
6 address all of the groups, we are.

7 Okay, I had gentleman contact me
8 over the weekend, I don't know if he
9 contacted anybody else, this guy come under
10 a lot of trouble, he was a businessman, he
11 was a middle management and making \$40,000,
12 his wife passed away from cancer.
13 Subsequently, he stepped on some type of a

14 metal thing, he lost his leg, he is in a
15 wheelchair. He owes two years in back
16 taxes, \$105 on one year and \$450 on the
17 other for a total of \$558 which was trying
18 to pay it partially with the NCC. He got a
19 bill for \$2,000 because he is two years
20 delinquent and he don't know what to do.

21 Mr. McGoff, Mrs. Gatelli, Mrs. Fanucci,
22 you passed that bill, what can he do?

23 MS. GATELLI: Tell him to call me
24 tomorrow and I'll see what I can do.

25 MR. QUINN: Tell him to call you

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1 tomorrow, huh? I sure will.

2 MS. GATELLI: Thank you.

3 MR. QUINN: Thank you. I visited --
4 I went to the SHA, the Scranton Housing
5 Authority Board meeting last night and I
6 learned that Park Gardens, the title is in
7 the city's name. In February I approached
8 this council asking them to talk to the
9 Scranton Housing Authority about selling the
10 Park Gardens because it's in pretty bad
11 shape maintenance wise and to a private
12 seller so we could get the purchase price
13 and also continuity perpetuity of writs or

14 taxes every year from the new developer or
15 if the association was formed and taking
16 over, whatever, okay? Now that it's in the
17 city's name I think something should be done
18 with this property, okay? I really think so
19 because of the fact that, you know, there
20 has been an audit done and we have paid --
21 they found out there was misappropriation of
22 \$300,000 in Park Gardens and that finding,
23 okay, now it means that it has to be repaid
24 back to the federal government. Now, who
25 pays that? Right here. They don't have the

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1 money to pay that back. They can't pay it
2 back the federal monies, we are going to be
3 strapped paying that bill of \$300,000 in
4 that audit. I ask you to look into it.
5 Finance chair?

6 MS. GATELLI: Yes.

7 MR. QUINN: Would you look into that
8 for me and see who is going to be paying
9 that \$300,000, is it the taxpayers?

10 MS. GATELLI: From what I understood,
11 Ozzie, it was paid back.

12 MR. QUINN: It was a
13 misappropriation.

14 MS. GATELLI: Yes, but it was paid

15 back from a different account, I'll find
16 out.

17 MR. QUINN: What account was it paid
18 back from?

19 MS. GATELLI: I don't know, but I
20 will find out.

21 MR. QUINN: Okay, thank you very
22 much.

23 MS. GATELLI: I will find out and
24 also we did send a letter to them asking
25 about Park Gardens.

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1 MR. QUINN: Last night they told me
2 they haven't received anything from them.

3 MS. GATELLI: They didn't. I'm sure
4 we sent a letter.

5 MR. QUINN: The other thing is this
6 here on I guess it's 5-I on hiring a
7 solicitor for the Human Relation's
8 Commission. I have never seen a report at
9 the beginning of the council meetings in
10 five, under number five, introduction of
11 resolutions, commissions and etcetera,
12 reports, from the Human Relations
13 Commission. Is this a commission on paper?
14 Are we --

15 MS. GATELLI: Could you repeat that?

16 MR. QUINN: This Human Relations
17 Commission do they actually handle cases? I
18 never see you people approve approving or
19 any reports coming from the Human Relations
20 Commission yet we are going to hire an
21 attorney. I figure it's one of Doherty's
22 cronies that must be complaining that he
23 never got hired. Would you check on that,
24 please, because are you supposed to be
25 getting reports on this? I guess you are

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1 under number five all commission reports?
2 Let's stop this nonsense, will you, please.

3 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you Mr. Quinn.
4 Les Spindler.

5 MR. SPINDLER: Good evening, Council,
6 Les Spindler. I don't know if council
7 remembers but two weeks ago I was here and I
8 said we don't need an audit of the single
9 tax office we need a FBI investigation. I
10 guess somebody was listening because today
11 they God raided. I guess the FBI answered
12 my prayers and maybe some of these crooked
13 elected officials will be spending a few
14 years in federal prison.

15 Saturday as I was out a woman

16 approached me, she said her and her family
17 lived at the Village at Tripp Park. She had
18 all kinds of complaints, they can't get
19 stuff done there, she called the police once
20 because people were speeding up and down the
21 street, the police would not come because
22 the city has yet to take it over. They will
23 only come there for emergencies. Does
24 council know, is this, the punch list that
25 was made up, is that ever going to be

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1 finished? Is that everything -- this Mr.
2 Spiker, it's seven years now, is this thing
3 ever going to get finished? This is
4 ridiculous.

5 MS. GATELLI: Would you like an
6 answer, Mr. Spindler?

7 MR. SPINDLER: Yes.

8 MS. GATELLI: I just found out today
9 that we do have now a city engineer, so I'm
10 sure we will be contacting him to find out
11 about Tripp's Park.

12 MR. SPINDLER: Is there something
13 that could be done to put pressure on this
14 man?

15 MS. GATELLI: I know that Mr. Brazil

16 was plowing the streets there and I did ask
17 him to plow some of the streets there
18 because people were calling me, it was a
19 safety issue, and Speicher was not doing
20 that, so he did do some plowing and he was
21 keeping track of the time and the rates, so
22 we could recoup that from Mr. Speicher.

23 MR. SPINDLER:but for this to take
24 seven years --

25 MS. GATELLI: Mr. Speicher has also

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1 sued city council and the City of Scranton.

2 MR. SPINDLER: What?

3 MS. GATELLI: So, we are in a
4 lawsuit presently with Mr. Speicher.

5 MR. SPINDLER: He is the one that's
6 not keeping up with his obligation.

7 MS. GATELLI: Well --

8 MR. SPINDLER: If I was living there
9 I would sue.

10 MS. GATELLI: Well, we are being
11 sued, so I'm not going to say too much.

12 MR. SPINDLER: He should be sued.
13 If I was living there I would be sue.

14 MS. GATELLI: I'm not going to say
15 too much.

16 MR. SPINDLER: I'd be suing him.

17 MS. GATELLI: And if you would like I
18 can talk to you after the meeting.

19 MR. SPINDLER: Okay, thank you.

20 MS. GATELLI: You are welcome.

21 MR. SPINDLER: Next thing, we are
22 supposed to be a distressed city, we have
23 KOZ's all over, and we give away land for
24 next to nothing and yet one night last week
25 at the mayor's house they raised a quarter

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1 of a million dollars, it's amazing. We are
2 giving away all of this land and everything
3 else for nothing and look at all the money
4 we have in this city, a quarter of a million
5 dollars raised in one night, unbelievable
6 and we are giving away the stuff for
7 nothing.

8 On that order, Mrs. Fanucci, were
9 you at this fundraiser?

10 MS. FANUCCI: Yes, I was.

11 MR. SPINDLER: Did you pay the
12 \$2,300?

13 MS. FANUCCI: I think that that's
14 personal business.

15 MR. SPINDLER: I think that's the
16 city's business.

17 MS. FANUCCI: I don't think it is
18 city business.

19 MR. SPINDLER: And if you went there
20 for nothing --

21 MS. FANUCCI: Did you go to the bar
22 last night?

23 MR. SPINDLER: Pardon me?

24 MS. FANUCCI: Did you buy yourself
25 drinks? I mean what does that mean.

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1 MR. SPINDLER: If you went there for
2 nothing that shows that you will be voting
3 for whatever the mayor wants you to do.

4 MS. FANUCCI: Excuse me? Wow.
5 That's grasping at straws, Les. I'll tell
6 your right now you are groping.

7 MR. SPINDLER: Mr. Courtright, were
8 you at the party?

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: No, I wasn't.

10 THE COURT: Were you, Mr. McGoff?

11 MR. MCGOFF: Yes, I was.

12 MR. SPINDLER: Did you pay the
13 \$2,300?

14 MR. MCGOFF: That's absolutely none
15 of your business.

16 MR. SPINDLER: I think it is. I
17 think it is. I guess the answer is, no,

18 because -- Mrs. Gatelli, did you attend?

19 MS. GATELLI: Yes, and I have been at
20 the Clinton's affairs since Bill Clinton
21 first ran for office because I'm friends
22 with Jamie Brazil, I have been to the Brazil
23 house, the Rodham brothers have been to my
24 home, so I wasn't there because of Mayor
25 Doherty.

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1 MR. SPINDLER: Oh. Mrs. Evans, were
2 you there?

3 MS. GATELLI: And, no, I did not pay.

4 MR. SPINDLER: Mrs. Evans, were you
5 there?

6 MS. EVANS: No.

7 MS. GATELLI: Were you invited?

8 MR. SPINDLER: Just goes to prove
9 what I have said all along, you three people
10 do whatever Geppetto Doherty wants them to
11 do.

12 Last thing, Mrs. Evans, that hole I
13 told you about last week on the 200 of
14 Franklin still wasn't fixed and it's getting
15 worse. I mean, it's -- like I said, you can
16 see right down into it. I see people go by
17 there and they have missed it, but if

18 somebody ever hits that, like I said, that
19 ground it's sinking in, you can see down
20 into the ground. It's a real safety hazard.
21 That's all I have. Thank you.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Spindler.
23 Sam Patilla?

24 MR. PATILLA: Sam Patilla, Scranton
25 resident, member of the Scranton Lackawanna

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1 County Taxpayer's Association. Good
2 evening, Mrs. Evans and Mr. Courtright.
3 First, I would like to go into the feds
4 raiding the Single Tax Office and the
5 housing director under -- currently under a
6 federal indictment. That's just the tip of
7 the iceberg, there is more to come.

8 Secondly, Mr. Courtright,
9 hypothetically, okay, this 12.2 million
10 dollars, let's just suppose that somebody
11 made a tax payment and it wasn't recorded
12 and their property was condemned and/or
13 sold, who would be on the hook for that?

14 MR. COURTRIGHT: I don't really know.
15 My guess would be maybe the tax office, but
16 you can refer to Mr. Minora for that one.

17 MR. PATILLA: Not in his lifetime.
18 Secondly, Ms. Evans actually a while ago the

19 cost per up to the current date on the
20 Gatelli lawsuit because I as a taxpayer
21 paying for that would like to know because
22 when all is said and done I will be filing a
23 lawsuit to recoup my monies from her if see
24 wins or losses.

25 Thirdly, in relations to the 5-J,

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1 the sale of the 2007 tax claim and the 2008
2 anticipated claims, is this just another way
3 to farm taxpayers to NCC? I have asked
4 Ozzie, I've asked Andy, I've asked a couple
5 of other people where the redevelopment
6 authority gets their funding. Where are
7 they going to get the money to pay for these
8 tax claims? You know, if they are funded by
9 OECD or if they're funded -- that's taxpayer
10 money, whatever you go it's taxpayer money
11 and it's my thinking from the way it was
12 explained to me is that the city just
13 couldn't find a lender, nobody could lend
14 the city any money, so it's another -- in
15 the realm to get our money, from my money to
16 NCC and then they do whatever they can do
17 upon them. The kickbacks or whatever the
18 case may be.

19 Thirdly, you all need to on 7-A, I'm
20 totally against giving any business any type
21 of loan. We are a distressed city. We
22 don't have money to loan anybody especially
23 ones that we forgive their loans to, we
24 forgive their debts and we turn around the
25 projects, the same projects we turn around

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1 and funnel more money in there. It just
2 don't smell right. You can't continue to
3 give money where they are not paying taxes,
4 the Raddison, the other my --my favorite
5 Alexander's Spa and Salon, you know, you
6 people aren't giving anything back to us,
7 you are giving them all money and we don't
8 have anything to show for it. Enough is
9 enough. You take money from the emergency
10 shelter, you take money from the First Time
11 Homebuyer's Program and we are not getting
12 anything of this, we are not going anything
13 for this, you know, the only thing we have
14 to show for and, thank God's it's the
15 medical school, because the state is saying
16 other agencies are behind that, because if
17 the city was behind it we wouldn't be
18 getting anything out of that.

19 You just take, take, take from us.

20 I told you months ago that this country was
21 in a recession. Don't want to hear it from
22 me, but now all the big wheels are finally
23 agreeing. This country is in a recession
24 and in a recession you tighten your
25 drawstrings. You don't open up your purse

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1 strings and just give and let people come
2 and take at will. You cut back. You make
3 it easier on the people who have it the
4 hardest, the taxpayers, we have it the
5 hardest. We don't have cushy jobs, we don't
6 have families in higher places. We have to
7 scrimp and scrap for everything that we get.
8 We have to pay our rent, we have to pay our
9 mortgage, we have to pay electricity, we
10 have to pay our phone bills, we have to pay
11 to eat, we have to pay to cloth our
12 children. We can't continue to allow our
13 bank accounts to be raped, pillaged and
14 raped by public officials who don't care
15 about us, who show us week in and week out.
16 Enough is enough. And like I stated before,
17 you know, the feds is going into the Single
18 Tax Office and the feds going to the Housing
19 Authority that's just the beginning because

20 they are other officers of this city that
21 will be touched. Good evening, Mrs. Evans.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Patilla.
23 Jim Stucker.

24 MR. STUCKER: Mr. Courtright.

25 MR. COURTRIGHT: Hi, Jim.

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1 MR. STUCKER: Up by the laundry, I
2 clean for a guy, the city owns the property
3 on that laundry mat up on Providence Square
4 and there is lot of leaves, glass, bottles,
5 cardboard, garbage all over, alongside that
6 middle thing where they park the cars on
7 both sides up that laundry mat.

8 In the back of it, back of the
9 laundry there is a lot of garbage. Somebody
10 is going to go back there and set it on fire
11 and we still want signs put up on Market
12 Street.

13 MR. COURTRIGHT: Jim, I went up there
14 Sunday. The guy was sweeping the streets
15 just like you said, Sunday morning. There
16 is one sign up there.

17 MR. STUCKER: Yeah, it says parking
18 from the top to go down.

19 MR. COURTRIGHT: They are allowed
20 to.

21 MR. STUCKER: Where the laundry mat
22 is, there is no -- you can't park there.
23 There is going to be a wreck there on top of
24 the hill.

25 MR. COURTRIGHT: Okay.

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1 MR. STUCKER: Right on top of the
2 hill there is right on top when you come
3 down that hill.

4 MR. COURTRIGHT: Okay.

5 MR. STUCKER: On Market. Do you
6 make that request for Pat up on Parrot
7 Avenue when he talked to you Saturday?

8 MS. GATELLI: Pardon? Yes, we did.
9 Dartmouth and Parrot.

10 MR. STUCKER: Yeah, and the same
11 place where Murphy's ar is that garbage is
12 still down there. There is bottles and
13 everything, papers, bottles. Right where
14 the stadium is that "Y" in the road I can't
15 name the street, I can't think of the name
16 of the street, Vine. Well, the red house
17 sitting up in the back right by DeNaples'
18 lot there is a red house there, a red brick
19 house that everybody -- the guy has been
20 breaking his windows and went in there and

21 they are doing damage to the house, the lady
22 next door called the cops about it. On
23 Lackawanna Avenue we got a lot of holes,
24 lots.

25 MR. COURTRIGHT: Lots of holes.

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1 MR. STUCKER: We got to get them
2 repaired, all right, and I still need --
3 everybody asked me about Mayor Doherty about
4 the money, everybody that I go to in the
5 bars, I go to East Street Bar and he said,
6 "Oh, you get the money?"

7 I he said, "No."

8 MR. COURTRIGHT: I don't know what to
9 tell you, Jim. How much does he owe you,
10 100 bucks?

11 MR. GATELLI: Fifty he said.

12 MR. COURTRIGHT: You will take 50
13 stuck?

14 MR. STUCKER: I don't care what he
15 gives me, to be honest with you, 50, I don't
16 care.

17 MR. COURTRIGHT: Jim, I'll tell you
18 what --

19 MS. GATELLI: What kind of work did
20 you do, Jim?

21 MR. STUCKER: I did the hedges from

22 him.

23 MR. COURTRIGHT: You did the hedges
24 and he didn't pay, okay.

25 MS. GATELLI: How many hedges?

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1 MR. STUCKER: A lot in front of the
2 house.

3 MR. COURTRIGHT: Will you take \$25?

4 MR. STUCKER: Yeah.

5 MR. COURTRIGHT: I'm going to take a
6 donation up, all right? I'll try to get you
7 25 bucks, how is that? Is that fair?

8 MR. STUCKER: Yeah.

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: You will be happy
10 then?

11 MR. STUCKER: Yes. I'm moving the
12 next two weeks.

13 MR. COURTRIGHT: You are moving?

14 MR. STUCKER: Yeah, on Adams Avenue.

15 MR. COURTRIGHT: I thought I won't
16 have to pay you, you'd be gone.

17 MR. STUCKER: Two weeks I'll be
18 moving onto Adams.

19 MS. GATELLI: He is only moving to
20 Adams Avenue, not to Dunmore.

21 MR. COURTRIGHT: I'm going to try to

22 -- I'm going to take a donation up and I'll
23 try to get you 25 bucks, how is that?

24 MR. STUCKER: Okay.

25 MR. COURTRIGHT: Don't cut the hedges

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1 anymore though.

2 MR. MCGOFF: Thanks, Jim.

3 MR. STUCKER: Sorry, the garbage
4 cans, a lot of the garbage picking up the
5 garbage, what happens they are putting them
6 out, they are not putting them in the yard
7 or on the sidewalks what they are doing they
8 are throwing them on the street. Today I
9 was out riding a bike and there is lot of
10 them on the roads, garbage cans.

11 MR. COURTRIGHT: We'll contact DPW
12 about that.

13 MR. STUCKER: And, yeah, I just
14 talked to a guy the other day they said they
15 were coming through and going out and around
16 like DPW that goes through and they go out
17 the other end of the road there is going to
18 be a wreck there.

19 MR. MCGOFF: Okay.

20 MR. STUCKER: DPW.

21 MR. MCGOFF: DPW.

22 MR. STUCKER: Yeah. I met a guy the

23 other day in the bar and he told me about
24 it.

25 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Stucker.

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1 Phyllis.

2 MS. HUMPHRIES: I have such a list
3 here, you are going to see it and you are
4 going to see it. Peace, Pacha, salaam
5 aleikum, shalom, God bless those who bless
6 you and God bless those who curse you. I
7 want to send my love to all of my military,
8 all of my government officials, my police
9 department, my EMT's, my fire department,
10 God Bless them how they serve us. We got
11 the good, the bad and the ugly. Just like
12 every town, every country, my mission it to
13 separate the sheep from the goat in a kind
14 of way that nobody would truly like. Over
15 the years I observed many things. I
16 documented everything and I took pictures
17 because this world has to change, the people
18 are terrorized all over the world, but we
19 are terrorized in our own towns. Bombs are
20 being dropped, kids are crying, kids are
21 dying, starvation, water problems all over
22 the world, but also in the City of Scranton.

23 I come up against a lot of military men that
24 are out on the street, but I know for a fact
25 in some of these apartment complexes they

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1 discriminate against these people. I would
2 ask them to open up an investigation to
3 these apartment complexes to see how many
4 apartments are truly empty, that we in the
5 City of Scranton could be a light to the
6 world and to straighten out the good, the
7 bad and the ugly.

8 I had -- my apartment has been
9 pillaged, attacks upon me, everybody sits
10 back, but truly why they are sitting back
11 because there is going to be a day that
12 everybody is going to stand up with me and
13 they are going to expose the people of what
14 they have done to me. I love the City of
15 Scranton and for how much I have been
16 pillaged, attacked and discriminated and
17 persecuted I am not leaving the City of
18 Scranton. I love Scranton, Pennsylvania.

19 I need a place where I could put a
20 lot of documents and everything, so
21 everybody could come here in every country.
22 I am preparing right now, and it's going to
23 be surprise visits to certain places, what's

24 going to be the United Nations? Nobody
25 doesn't know about me.

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1 At this point this is the second
2 month I am in default of my rent. Why? I
3 will tell you why, so this will be an
4 example. Every three years you are supposed
5 to get your apartment painted, no painting.
6 Water coming down my walls months before
7 they put the repair. Water logged cabinets,
8 fungus in the bathroom, so guess what, I
9 went and got myself a caulking gun, weapons
10 of mass destruction. I caulked my bathroom.
11 I lock my doors and why the FBI and the
12 police and I'm sure the City of Scranton are
13 government officials are not going to stand
14 back and watch everything that's happened to
15 me. I know there is going to be day that
16 they are going to come together and we are
17 going to straighten out the City of
18 Scranton, the United States and nations.

19 My mission is for peace. I went to
20 hand the rosary, well, if you are not
21 Catholic that's okay I'll give you a Bible,
22 they said, no, we don't want anything from
23 you. They said like the Cohanes at Mulberry

24 Tower and they point fingers at me when they
25 really should be coming in here and fighting

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1 for what has to be done. I don't think that
2 I should see my military that are coming
3 back here in body bags or disabled or that
4 are committing suicide or they lose their
5 families and they lose their homes, millions
6 and billions and trillions of dollars are
7 going to other countries I do want to see
8 these children helped, but I think it's time
9 President Bush, you got to cut -- we got to
10 get our tax down, we got to get our bills
11 down and we got to live like real human
12 beings. It's ashamed. No veteran, no
13 elderly should have their homes taken away
14 from them.

15 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Phyllis.

16 MS. HUMPHRIES: So that's what I want
17 and this is my mission.

18 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.

19 MS. HUMPHRIES: And God bless
20 everybody and I could hardly wait to see the
21 Holy Father. God Bless you, and I got one
22 more picture. This is --

23 MR. MCGOFF: No, later, Phyllis.

24 MS. HUMPHRIES: This is floating

25 around.

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1 MR. MCGOFF: Phyllis?

2 MS. HUMPHRIES: Yes.

3 MR. MCGOFF: We have to move on.

4 Thank you.

5 MS. HUMPHRIES: Okay, I'm leaving,
6 but I have something to give you. This is
7 floating around --

8 MR. MCGOFF: Later on please.

9 MS. HUMPHRIES: The two leading lady
10 of the world --

11 MR. MCGOFF: Phyllis --

12 MS. HUMPHRIES: Phyllis Humphries and
13 Hillary Clinton, and we need a woman to run
14 this country.

15 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. Fay Franus.

16 MS. FRANUS: Fay Franus, Scranton.

17 I would just like to address a couple of
18 things. Mrs. Gatelli, you have an
19 opportunity to reopen the budget.

20 MS. GATELLI: I'm not answering,
21 I'll address them later.

22 MR. MCGOFF: She said she will
23 address it during motions.

24 MS. FRANUS: You are answering for

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her again, Mr. McGoff? A couple of things,

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1 what Mrs. Gatelli said last week I'd like to
2 correct. She apologized for her behavior
3 from the week before and she stated that she
4 was upset because when people come we attack
5 her family and she gets upset. Nobody came
6 to this podium and attacked her family. I
7 came to this podium and asked her if there
8 is any truth to rumor that she was going to
9 try to get Jeff Brazil Gene Barrett's job
10 and before I had the opportunity to say that
11 she yelled, "My son-in-law?"

12 Mrs. Gatelli is the one that brought
13 up her family, I did not, just to set the
14 record straight, so and then she was also
15 saying, Mrs. Gatelli, that people come to
16 this podium and lie, but yet when she spoke,
17 Mrs. Gatelli, in motions, she lied. So, I
18 just, you know, that's why I sort of say
19 when I ask the question I'd like them to
20 answer when I am here, it's my prerogative
21 to give up my time to council members if I
22 so wish because if they say something like
23 that, I could have said, well, that's not
24 true or instead of waiting for a week to
25 address something and I guess Mrs. Gatelli

1 is not going to answer me, but if you notice
2 she answered everybody else, so I don't
3 think it makes me look bad, I think it makes
4 Mrs. Gatelli look bad because I am paying
5 her salary, I am her boss and she is not
6 representing me and to me it makes her look
7 pretty bad, Mrs. Gatelli, the one who raised
8 our taxes along with Mr. McGoff and
9 Mrs. Fanucci along with Mr. McGoff. You
10 stated last week, maybe it was to
11 Mr. Jackowitz, that people say things or and
12 you feel that council people have a right to
13 make faces at people and you didn't think it
14 was rude. Well, I definitely beg to differ,
15 Mr. McGoff. I think council should be set
16 to a higher standard than the average
17 citizen. You knew Mr. McGoff was president
18 of this council to even be a higher standard
19 than the other members and tonight while I
20 sat here I could not believe what I
21 witnessed, you with all of your power you
22 think trying stop Mrs. Evans from answering
23 a person in the city? She is an elected
24 official, whether it be Mrs. Evans or
25 Mrs. Gatelli or anybody, any council person

1 that wishes to speak to a citizen whenever
2 they want they should and will be allowed.
3 Now, I don't think Mrs. Fanucci or
4 Mrs. Gatelli would have the guts to cross
5 you because the three of you were in it
6 together, I can't speak for Mr. Courtright,
7 but I'll tell you this, I'm very proud of
8 Mrs. Evans for standing by the people, she
9 always has, and for you to tell her she
10 can't speak I'd like to know what gives you
11 that authority? You don't have that
12 authority. You are elected officials. You
13 are here to represent the people and if a
14 person asks you a question I would only hope
15 that you would have the decency to answer
16 them not in motions when you say the rules
17 are the rules.

18 Your rules are not right,
19 Mr. McGoff, just because you say them
20 doesn't mean these council members have to
21 listen. They are not ground in stone, we
22 are not in Communist China. This is
23 ridiculous the way you -- you thought you
24 were going to come out her skin when she was
25 talking.

1 And another thing, Mrs. Fanucci,
2 also week when you said you raised the taxes
3 you said, well, you did because everybody
4 else's prices are going up, taxes all over
5 around, I understand what you are saying on
6 this, the supermarket and everything else,
7 everything is going on up, but you did not
8 have to raise those taxes. You had a choice
9 and I say this because there was a budget
10 that Mrs. Evans had that had no taxes, but
11 you probably feel you had to raise the taxes
12 to pay for the bills, like you said, health
13 care and everything, but how about all of
14 the administration people that got raises,
15 they did not have to get raises, but you
16 and, Mr. McGoff and Mrs. Gatelli, approved
17 that in the budget all of these
18 administrative raises and yet the firemen
19 and policemen didn't get a penny, but yet
20 you say you are for the firemen and
21 policemen, but yet you give the
22 administration people big raises.

23 Now, if you really cared about the
24 firemen and policemen you were have stood
25 your ground and said, "Until these firemen

1 and policemen get a raise I am not giving
2 anybody in the administration a raise and
3 you did not have to raise the taxes."

4 So you used that as an excuse to
5 say, "I raised the taxes because --" you did
6 not have to raise the taxes. That was your
7 choice and I'm very ashamed of you.
8 Mr. McGoff, you are not president material.

9 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mrs. Franus.
10 Ron Ellman.

11 MR. ELLMAN: Ron Ellman, property
12 owner and member of the Taxpayers'
13 Association. Mr. McGoff, if I don't come
14 for a month can I have 20 minutes up here?
15 I can't say it in five minutes and I
16 couldn't say it in two and a half minutes --
17 well, I'll go to Plan B.

18 Mrs. Fanucci, I was listening to you
19 on the tape the other day, you've got a
20 pleasant voice, you know, watching the
21 meeting last week. It's ashame you can't
22 dub in your voice for that little blond on
23 CSI Miami that talks like a Barbie Doll, she
24 is just terrible. Well, you know, I didn't
25 know that you could have so many problems

1 riding a bicycle and these potholes are such
2 an inconvenience for a bicycle rider. I
3 guess they're hard on your hip bones, too,
4 according to that commercial on television.

5 I was happy this afternoon and then
6 I found out that you had a motion about the
7 medical school. I went to medical school in
8 Memphis at the University of Tennessee, I'm
9 an x-ray technician, so I'm an advocate of
10 this school, but you cannot displace 700
11 people in a project that there is nothing
12 wrong with and there is no place like the ad
13 says here, the article says, to find them a
14 place near there, if there is place near
15 there minimize. You cannot expect the
16 taxpayers around here to lose 10 or 12 acres
17 of houses, not 10 or 12 houses, 10 or
18 12 acres of property to be gone. You know,
19 the University of Scranton is devouring the
20 Hill Section like a big octopus, everything
21 in sight. There is just millions of dollars
22 gone forever. Now the Lackawanna College is
23 the same way, you just -- this can't be and
24 where are we going to stop with all of these
25 nonprofits, a college is a big business,

1 they can afford -- they let -- do they want
2 to buy all of the property they want, let's
3 them pay taxes like the rest of us out here.
4 It's just got to stop somewhere. The
5 article even says right here they can find
6 another location, well, let them go find
7 one, let them go out there to Throop or
8 someplace and put their school in. The
9 taxpayers in the city is just like the
10 people come here day in and every Monday and
11 Tuesday they got to stop them. You know,
12 the school board is out of control, they
13 have bilked the city dry with a bunch of
14 obscenities. It just never stops with them.
15 The KOZ, you know, it's -- everything you
16 talk to is KOZ for 13 years, at least some
17 day they will be on the tax rolls. These
18 people will never be back on the tax roll.
19 How to you expect the city to keep going
20 when losing population, the intelligent
21 population we are losing, if the people that
22 come to this school they probably most of
23 them don't live in town on spend millions of
24 dollars here, if they do it will just be in
25 KOZ restaurant on bars downtown. It's a

1 time to put your foot down. This motion is
2 obscene to let them take over that project.
3 This is the same situation that you said
4 would happen across the street at the Olive
5 Street, they said they would be back in
6 there in no time. They are scattered all
7 over town. There is no place -- there is
8 not 10 or 12 acres downtown to rebuild and
9 put these 700 families. It's just senseless
10 to keep going. You got to put your foot
11 down somewhere and you got to remember the
12 tax base of this town is dwindling. I paid
13 \$350 I think in November or something for an
14 appraisal on my house, it went down \$9,000
15 in three years. My neighborhood looks like
16 the dickens. Go down North Main Avenue from
17 the expressway towards Market Street, it
18 looks like a dump, people parking on the
19 grass, on the 2800 block they are throwing a
20 bunch of the furniture out the second story
21 it's laying there for weeks and weeks. It's
22 all wet. The whole neighborhood is like
23 that. The town is going downhill.

24 You live in South Side, does your
25 neighborhood look like the mayor's?

2 MR. ELLMAN: Nobody does. There is
3 only one little section around here that's
4 green, the rest of it is all brown. It's
5 time to stop, you know. You can't keep
6 milking these people anymore. I watched
7 that poor soul last week talk about losing
8 his house. I had another man that --
9 another gentleman talking to me that Ozzie
10 talked about for a couple of thousand
11 dollars he is losing a house. It's things
12 like that just can't go on. Thank you very
13 much.

14 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Ellman.
15 David Dobson.

16 MR. DOBSON: Dave Dobson, resident of
17 the Scranton, Scranton Taxpayers'
18 Association associate. Once again I'm up
19 here this week, please help Channel 61 with
20 funds for basic op costs. As before
21 mentioned, several months will expire after
22 61 goes dark. I had a chance to review the
23 awarded proposal and I'm somewhat disturbed
24 to find possible hundreds of percent
25 increase over what 61 ever received and for

1 this we'll get cooking shoes, less coverage

2 of political and economic events and all the
3 more expense. I feel that instead of
4 authorities we should have referendums to
5 let these people decide and might I add that
6 the public needs to work to reform
7 themselves of what the issues are about.

8 We need to rededicate and fund our
9 public access to also include issues such as
10 energy, economics, law and many other facets
11 of life, an ill-informed public cannot
12 possibly solve problems by foreign ballots
13 it casts.

14 Now, on 7-J, the only thing I have
15 to say on it is please discontinue any such
16 practice of allowing people to charge
17 excessive penalties for people that are
18 unable to pay the initial tax levies. This
19 money doesn't help us out as all except that
20 we get a few dollars and then some poor
21 person in the city has to come up with all
22 of the more money, sometimes 5, 600 percent
23 more money. All we are to doing is
24 enriching a bunch of the attorneys to make
25 an easy buck and that's definitely not right

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1 and, finally, anything that could be done to
2 help Paul Meile who appeared last week

3 please continue with your efforts because
4 from what I understand he hasn't gotten very
5 far with anything and he is really a nice
6 guy, I knew him in high school and I haven't
7 seen him for maybe 20 years, but he was a
8 musician all his life and unfortunately it
9 doesn't pay very well not like the 60's
10 where if you bought a guitar and next thing
11 you know you were found dead and rich. Have
12 a good night.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Dobson.
14 Are there any other speakers?

15 MS. KRAKE: Good evening, Council. I
16 have a couple of different items this
17 evening. The first is the director of Parks
18 and Rec, Mr. Dougher, is apparently having
19 leaves dumped behind the amphitheater in Nay
20 Aug Park. I know that DPW brings the leaves
21 to the recycling center which is I believe
22 part of our qualification to receive grants
23 and so forth, so I would appreciate if
24 someone would look into it, maybe there is
25 an explanation, but in any event I think we

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1 should know why this is going on.

2 Several weeks ago I asked Mr. McGoff

3 if he would investigate what type of sale we
4 are having, did you get an answer to that?

5 MR. MCGOFF: I thought that I had
6 answered you, but if I remember I had spoke
7 to the -- I spoke to Mr. Shane and he said
8 as far as he knew there was no sale being
9 conducted.

10 MS. KRAKE: There is not going to be
11 a sale conducted?

12 MR. MCGOFF: That's what he told me
13 at this time, that he did not know of any.

14 MS. KRAKE: So can we have that in
15 writing from him since you have put it in an
16 ordinance that they have the power to have a
17 sheriff's sale, which attorneys explained to
18 me would be a judicial sale with what's
19 going on in Monroe County that would remove
20 people from their homes. So if, you know,
21 you want to believe Mr. Shane versus getting
22 it in writing I'm sure you could do that,
23 but I for one would like to see that in
24 writing and I'm sure the rest of the
25 citizens of Scranton would.

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1 MR. MCGOFF: I'm not exactly sure
2 what you want in writing, but what I said
3 was that he told me that he was not -- he

4 did not know of any sale what that was
5 taking place. He didn't say that --

6 MS. KRAKE: Will one be taking place?

7 MR. MCGOFF -- there would not be in
8 the future.

9 MS. KRAKE: Oh, so we don't have an
10 answer to that then. What is happening
11 right now is what you're answering?

12 MR. MCGOFF: I'm trying to answer it
13 the way it was presented to him that he did
14 not know of any planned sale.

15 MS. KRAKE: That's fine. That's
16 fine. Obviously, you don't want to get the
17 answer and that's okay.

18 MR. MCGOFF: No, I'm giving you the
19 answer. That's --

20 MS. KRAKE: Mr. McGoff, you are not
21 giving me the answer --

22 MR. MCGOFF: Yes, I am.

23 MS. KRAKE: If you want to believe
24 that, that's fine. I would like to stop
25 discussing it right now. Thank you. All of

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1 the excessive charges which Mr. McGoff and
2 Mrs. Gatelli and Mrs. Fanucci voted for and
3 then refused to amend are going to the law

4 firm of Abrahamsen, Moran and Conaboy, the
5 owners of the Northeast Credit, not the City
6 of Scranton. The example that was just
7 given where a gentleman owes approximately
8 \$500.00 and is now paying approximately
9 \$2,000, that \$1,500 is going to a law firm.
10 The initial reason we hired NCC was because
11 we were distressed and to bring money into
12 this city. What you three people have done
13 is brought money to Abrahamsen, Moran and
14 Conaboy.

15 If it's money you wanted for the
16 city, why did you vote for that? If it's
17 money that you wanted for a certain law firm
18 then it's obvious why you voted for that.
19 How three people can vote for vast amounts
20 of money to go to a law firm who already has
21 that information at it's fingertips because
22 they own our collection agency is frankly
23 appalling and I'm going to ask even though I
24 know in my heart that it's not going to
25 happen that you will not vote for 5-J which

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1 allows them to take two more years of taxes
2 and do the same thing, the 2007 and 2008
3 taxes. You are do nothing to benefit your
4 city. Thank you.

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

6 MS. EVANS: Mrs. Krake, before you go
7 could you tell me again it's the DPW dumping
8 leaves?

9 MS. KRAKE: No, I'm sorry, it's the
10 Director of Parks and Rec, Mr. Dougher, and
11 I know the DPW normally brings the leaves to
12 the recycling center, so --

13 MS. EVANS: Yes. So your question
14 was is Mr. Dougher dumping leaves in the
15 area of the Nay Aug Park Amphitheater.

16 MS. KRAKE: Yes.

17 MS. EVANS: Okay.

18 MS. GATELLI: And why.

19 MS. EVANS: And why.

20 MS. KRAKE: Right.

21 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

22 MS. GATELLI: I know last year they
23 dumped them because they used some of the
24 leaves for mulch because I checked that out
25 once before, the time I checked it they were

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1 dumping it over where the helicopter goes,
2 you know where that parking lot is for the
3 CMC?

4 MS. KRAKE: Yes.

5 MS. GATELLI: And when I
6 investigated that they were using it for
7 mulch.

8 MS. KRAKE: Okay.

9 MS. GATELLI: But we'll find out.

10 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. Marie
11 Schumacher, resident and member of the
12 Taxpayers' Association. First I'd like to
13 say I hope that someone during motions
14 tonight will address what was done during
15 the last seven days to help Mr. Miele and
16 whether all of the procedures that were
17 followed were proper. I would also like to
18 ask who will own the equipment that the city
19 plans to buy in accordance with the ECTV
20 proposal in order for them to operate. I
21 think it amounts to some \$127,000 worth of
22 equipment and --

23 MS. EVANS: Mrs. Schumacher, I do
24 hope --

25 MS. SCHUMACHER: Can you wait until

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1 motions?

2 MS. EVANS: Okay, I'm sorry.

3 MS. SCHUMACHER: Thank you. I would
4 also like to know who has a list of which
5 streets will be paved this year. On the

6 demolition of the 30 structures in West
7 Side, I would like to know if liens are
8 going to be placed on those properties, a
9 long time ago, Mrs. Gatelli, you said you
10 are were going to have to Mr. Minora check
11 out placing liens on the properties and I
12 never heard anything back on that.

13 Also, two weeks ago, Mr. McGoff, you
14 offered to find out what the changes were in
15 the firefighters and police memorial, so I
16 hope that you will address that during
17 motions tonight. I would like permission to
18 address Mr. Courtright directly, if I may?

19 MR. MCGOFF: Absolutely.

20 MS. SCHUMACHER: Mr. Courtright, are
21 the surveillance cameras now functional or
22 is this another \$220,000 flushed down the
23 tubes as was the \$315,000 spent on the
24 amphitheater that was used for I believe one
25 season.

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1 MR. COURTRIGHT: To the best of my
2 knowledge they are not functional.

3 MS. SCHUMACHER: That's sad. Now,
4 back to the Oppenheim-Connell building
5 garage. I am still having trouble with why

6 this garage is being demolished. You see,
7 last Wednesday I attended the Scranton
8 Redevelopment Authority meeting and they
9 passed a resolution regarding the approval a
10 waiver of a deed restriction in reference to
11 the existing what they call North Washington
12 Avenue but Oppenheim garage, and it was
13 explained that the waiver was required --
14 that the waiver required the partners at
15 Steamtown Mall to make improvements and that
16 was verifying that those improvements were
17 indeed made, so the condition it looks as
18 though, certainly looks as though
19 improvements were made and if, in fact,
20 that's true I would like to know who
21 determined that we needed to -- that needed
22 to be demolished and replaced and putting us
23 further into \$35 million more debt with a
24 like amount of interest payable over the
25 years.

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1 Now to the medical center and the
2 trips come back, a feasibility study. This
3 study as you may recall made it clear
4 Scranton gains yet another nonprofit
5 nonproperty tax paying entity in return for
6 54 direct jobs for city residents and 171

7 indirect jobs which includes teachers that
8 employ workers, children, restaurant workers
9 and beginning in 2018 twenty-two graduates
10 remaining in the area, no, not the city, in
11 the area.

12 Now, we find out they have selected
13 what is probably the only playground in the
14 city for their headquarters and next they
15 plan to displace a community of residents.
16 What a wonderful example these people are.
17 I'm sure they are here to help us not suck
18 us dry. Right. And perhaps in a few years
19 the way things are going they will be able
20 to buy the Steamtown Mall for their school
21 and get it for cents on the dollar.

22 On 5, I asked with Ozzie, I'm
23 confused about this HR Commission. I have
24 never heard of it before, I have called the
25 mayor's office at least seven times to

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1 inquire about I believe it's called an
2 Economic Development Commission, I know you
3 folks have appointed people to it, but the
4 City Clerk's Office has no idea of when they
5 meet or who is on this commission, and the
6 mayor's office keeps saying they will find

7 out and I never hear back from them.

8 And on 5-J I am certainly against
9 taking our elected officials out of the
10 oversight loop. I think it should stay
11 here.

12 And just as two final things, as to
13 the mayor's function last week that included
14 the Doherty four, that would be Mr. McGoff,
15 Fanucci, Gatelli and Stacy Brown, but
16 excluded the taxpayers, too, the campaign
17 records will show who was comped and who
18 paid and then finally there is a Hill
19 Section cleanup this Saturday from noon
20 until 2:30, if people wants to know how to
21 do it I'm sure that they can find out.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.

23 MR. HUBBARD: Good evening, Council.
24 Liz Hubbard, Scranton resident, homeowner
25 and taxpayer. Just a couple of questions,

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1 what do the people in this city have to do
2 to get the city to do something about the
3 wildlife problem? I know I brought this
4 subject up before, I mean, do we need to get
5 a citywide petition for the city to hire
6 people to get rid of these woodchucks that
7 are burrowing under people's homes and the

8 skunks that are roaming freely and dying in
9 the middle of a field near my house, God
10 know what's it died from, hopefully not
11 rabies.

12 Is there a way we could get the city
13 to do something about this, hire more
14 people?

15 MS. GATELLI: Do you want an answer
16 or do you want to wait?

17 MS. HUBBARD: I'll wait. My next
18 question, observation, I'm not too up on it,
19 but I understand that this ECTV they have to
20 buy all of their equipment, they need money
21 to do that and they are going to get the
22 money from the city? Channel 61 already has
23 equipment, why would you switch to somebody
24 that you have to give them money to buy
25 equipment? I mean, if they are coming in

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1 here and had \$500,000 of their own money to
2 invest in equipment and they made a better
3 proposal or whatever I could understand
4 switching providers, but they have nothing,
5 they don't even have a building, only one
6 donated by Mr. Mansure, that city money will
7 pay to have renovated which I understand is

8 in a deplorable condition and they might not
9 be up and running for a year or more. I
10 don't understand that at all, and I think if
11 you people have to vote on giving them money
12 I think you should vote against giving them
13 any money.

14 But, anyway, getting back to the
15 skunks, I mean, they caught a 17-pounder up
16 in the Hill Section, that's got to be like a
17 dog. It was in the newspaper, March the
18 7th. He is a 17-pound skunk. Now, I mean,
19 this is getting out of hand, they're
20 everywhere, and, I mean, we pay taxes and we
21 have to then like I say it cost me \$270 or
22 something last year to get rid of two of
23 them and they are still around. So, I mean,
24 let's let our tax dollars do something for
25 the good of the people instead of the

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1 cronies who get loans and whatever. That's
2 all I have. Thank you.

3 MR. MCGOFF: Tank you, Mrs. Hubbard.

4 MR. ANCHERANI: Good evening. Nelson
5 Ancherani, resident and taxpayer, city
6 employee, financial secretary of the FOP,
7 First Amendment Rights. I would just like
8 to comment about some of the speakers that

9 come and they continue every week to talk
10 about raising taxes and, yes, I did vote to
11 raise taxes, the taxes in the city were
12 raised I believe two times in 17 years and I
13 find it peculiar that there are other taxing
14 bodies that raise them every year and I
15 don't see any of the people that come here
16 at those meetings and I just wonder to
17 myself why do they come here or do we raise
18 them once. Once. I raised them once since
19 I'm sitting here and they don't go where,
20 where other people are raising them. I just
21 haven't been able to figure that out there
22 yet.

23 I just quoted Miss Gatelli from last
24 week's council meeting and, yes, I'm the
25 person Ms. Gatelli is talking about. I

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1 wasn't going to respond with an answer, I
2 don't believe I have to or justify why I
3 come here, but I will. Only because I come
4 here week after weak and expect answers even
5 though I, along with numerous other
6 speakers, don't get them. If Ms. Gatelli
7 correct and taxes were only raised twice in
8 17 years that would mean once in Connors'

9 administration and once in Doherty's
10 administration. The difference would be
11 that Ms. Gatelli, Ms. Fanucci and Mr. McGoff
12 raised our taxes 25 percent in one swipe of
13 the pen during the Doherty administration.
14 I bet the tax increase in the Connors'
15 administration was not 25 percent with the
16 speculation there would be two more
17 25 percent tax increases condoned by the
18 Pennsylvania Economy League and the mayor.

19 In fact, in 1992, when the city was
20 declared distressed Connors objected. Could
21 you believe that PEL and Lynn Krushefski
22 along with certain bank officials tried to
23 get a \$44 million loan approved along with
24 the 25 percent tax increase, this 25 percent
25 tax increase occurred in 2007, the third

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1 year that 12.2 million plus was deemed
2 deposited and in my opinion in a secret
3 account. I can't help but think if there is
4 one secret account out there could there be
5 more?

6 One question I asked also week,
7 where is PEL? Did anyone hear from them?
8 12.2 million in the secret account and they
9 have no comment and we paid them millions

10 and they showed their incompetence? Where
11 is PEL, hiding out with Waldo?

12 Getting back to my answer to Ms.
13 Gatelli, I have been coming to council
14 meetings since 2002, the year of the
15 Recovery Plan. I come to council because
16 I'm a city employee who is a member of the
17 union that the mayor is trying to bust. The
18 county isn't try to do that to us. I pick
19 my battles. I'm not in the survival battle
20 with the county. Taxes were raised
21 25 percent in 2007 by Ms. Gatelli, Ms.
22 Fanucci and Mr. McGoff. Yes, the county did
23 raise taxes 48 percent and you can see what
24 the electorate in the county did to the
25 persons who raised them, they voted the

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1 parties out unlike the city who reelected
2 the tax raises. The difference in the city
3 is that there is voter apathy or another
4 reason, the taxpayers like to get their
5 wallets empty and they sit back and complain
6 and do nothing about it unlike the county
7 voters who have back bones. City taxpayers
8 are like sheep, they sit back and let other
9 people do their fighting for them. It's

10 like the kid who constantly reaches his hand
11 into the cookie jar when he is told to stay
12 away and he constantly goes back and gets
13 his hand slapped. He must enjoy the
14 punishment just like Scranton's electorate.

15 As long as God is willing I am going
16 to come to Council and mention the names of
17 the parties who voted for the 25 percent tax
18 increase, Ms. Gatelli, Ms. Fanucci and
19 Mr. McGoff. When I believe the time is
20 right for me to attend the county and school
21 district meetings I will. Right now the
22 taxpayers group is doing a great job at
23 attending those meetings and if I can assist
24 them in any way I will and, yes, I'm the
25 city employee who hasn't had a raise in

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1 seven years, not even a cost of living raise
2 while other city employees, favorites as I
3 call them, have gotten raises to the tune of
4 \$15 million. The one example that sticks
5 out in my mind is Stu Renda. He went from
6 \$39,000 in 2003 to \$85,000 in 2008, an
7 increase of \$46,000 and, yes, it was you
8 three, Ms. Gatelli, Ms. Fanucci and
9 Mr. McGoff who voted to give these favorites
10 these increases during your tenure of

11 council along with previous rubber stampers.
12 You showed your true feelings for union
13 workers when you voted for the \$85 million
14 budget this year. You had the opportunity
15 to make the situation fair and somewhat
16 equal. You ignored a budget prepared by Ms.
17 Evans that would have started to make the
18 playing field equal between the union
19 workers and the favorites. I thank you for
20 nothing. Remember, you three, Ms. Gatelli,
21 Ms. Fanucci and Mr. McGoff ran for office
22 and were elected for those positions. You
23 three people up there, just like my job, we
24 have to remember, if we can't take the heat
25 we can get out of the kitchen. Thank you.

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1 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you,
2 Mr. Ancherani. Is there anyone else?

3 MS. FANUCCI: Happy birthday again,
4 Mr. McGoff.

5 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. Mrs. Evans.

6 MS. EVANS: Good evening. I'd like
7 to revisit the South Side complex issue.
8 Recently I read that the University of
9 Scranton plans to construct athletic fields
10 on property they owned outside of city

11 limits I believe in Springfield Township.
12 This announcement raises the question of the
13 fate of the South Side complex. In 2007 I
14 requested information in three
15 correspondences dated January 12, 2007,
16 March 20 and April 2. The third request was
17 made unanimously by council. All requests
18 were addressed to the mayor with copies to
19 the director of Parks and Recreation. To
20 date, no responses were received from the
21 mayor. In light of these new developments I
22 ask that Scranton City Council request a
23 written response from the mayor on or before
24 April 28, 2008, to the following questions:

25 First, where is the replacement site

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1 for the South Side Complex? Second, what
2 dollar amount will the city contribute to
3 enlighten softball field in conformity with
4 ASA requirements? Third, what dollar amount
5 will the University of Scranton contribute
6 to the replacement fields? And, fourth,
7 what are the University's plans for the
8 South Side Complex? And if council is
9 agreeable we could send that letter from the
10 five of us?

11 MR. MCGOFF: You are asking that to

12 be sent to the mayor?

13 MS. EVANS: Yes.

14 MR. MCGOFF: I just the last part
15 should that be sent to the University or --
16 I don't know that the mayor would have the
17 answer to that part of the question.

18 MS. EVANS: Well, then we can
19 certainly send a copy to the University of
20 Scranton if that would be sufficient or
21 would you like a separate letter, it doesn't
22 matter to me, whichever is your preference.

23 MR. MCGOFF: I would think that a
24 letter to the mayor and a copy to the
25 University would be appropriate to get the

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1 information that you want.

2 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Now, many
3 city residents continue to inquire regarding
4 the status of the complex and the city's
5 apparent violation of the memorandum of
6 understanding as required by Senate Bill
7 850. I hope the mayor will choose to
8 respond to them and to council this time.

9 On a financial front, city
10 representatives intended to meet with bank
11 representatives in March regard the upcoming

12 borrowing of \$11.5 million, and at the same
13 time city representatives anticipate that a
14 forensic audit of the Single Tax Office
15 would take from six months to a year since
16 the tax office states that it's quite busy
17 through April 15, unfortunately, I don't
18 sense any urgency to proceed expeditiously
19 on their part at this time.

20 And at last week's council meeting I
21 was asked by a speaker for information
22 regarding the ability of the committee chair
23 to call for an investigation. The citation
24 source is Purdon's Pennsylvania Statute
25 Annotated, Title 53, Municipal and

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1 Quasi-Municipal Corporations as amended
2 through Act 1998-43, Chapter 52, Section
3 2239, and I'll give this to Mr. Courtright
4 as I promised last week.

5 Now, among the numerous statutes I
6 have examined I have also learned from
7 Chapter 52, Section 2228, that council and
8 the mayor or either have the right to call
9 for information from departments as either
10 of them may think proper. Therefore, it
11 appears to the mayor's permission is not
12 necessary. It appears the mayor has been in

13 violation of the state statute and so each
14 time that council requests of the mayor as
15 we have in the last week, may we have the
16 permission to have the head of Parks and
17 Recreation, the head of OECD, address city
18 council and explain various programs. There
19 is no need to go through the mayor. Council
20 has the authority according to state
21 statutes to make those requests just as the
22 mayor does. We can do them together or we
23 can do them separately, so I don't believe
24 that we need the mayor's permission. I
25 don't believe either that any department

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1 head needs the permission of the mayor to
2 speak to city council. They should be
3 forthcoming on the request of council itself
4 and I do have that citation as well from
5 state statutes.

6 Also, I have some responses to a few
7 requests that were made last week from Chief
8 David Elliott in reference to a recent
9 request to monitor the illegal parking in
10 the 900 block of Greenridge Street, the
11 highway unit looked in the complaint and
12 reported that five vehicles have been

13 ticketed and officers will continue to watch
14 this area for illegal parking.

15 And he also indicates that, "On
16 April 4 I received a request to look in
17 possible abandoned vehicles in the 100 block
18 of South Merrifield. Officers were sent to
19 look into this matter and discovered four
20 vehicles that were considered abandoned, two
21 with no tags and two with expired tags.
22 After the vehicles were tagged, the process
23 for removal has begun. The owners must
24 register and/or inspect the vehicles to make
25 them roadworthy or they will be towed from

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1 the street and he will update all of us with
2 any further progress."

3 Next, I have some requests for this
4 past week. A letter to Mr. Brazil, please
5 pave the 1400 block of Dupont Court which is
6 located between New York Street and Marian
7 Street. It was last paved 40 years ago
8 according to residents.

9 Please fill pot holes on DeSales
10 Avenue between Cornell and Bryn Mawr Streets
11 and on Parrot Avenue between Sloan and St.
12 Ann's streets.

13 Numerous residents of West Scranton

14 request that city streets are cleaned
15 following the winter months. They note that
16 other cities are kept clean in comparison to
17 Scranton City streets and I concur with
18 their observations. I frequently travel
19 through Harrisburg, Carlisle, Wyalusing,
20 Reading, Dunmore, Lewisburg, Elizabethtown,
21 Boston and have traveled throughout various
22 southern states in the past several years
23 and I have not witnessed the amount of filth
24 that I see on many of our Scranton streets
25 nor have I ever traveled over such pothole

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1 cratered and littered roads.

2 For five years I have listened to
3 the complaints of our taxpayers who
4 earnestly want to take pride in their city
5 and their neighborhoods who take such
6 meticulous care of their own properties
7 while the city streets remain in deplorable
8 condition. You're hard-pressed to find five
9 streets on which to drive that are actually
10 a smooth surface in this city. I don't know
11 what it will take to awaken this
12 administration to the people's priorities.

13 211 Holster Avenue, this is a condemned

14 property that has not received garbage
15 pick-up, however, the owner pays the garbage
16 fee. Please collect the trash at this
17 location.

18 Warden Place between Cooper and
19 Diamond Avenue there are many deep potholes
20 and the city has cold patched several times
21 through the years. It lasts approximately
22 one to two months, so please pave Warden
23 Place.

24 A letter to Mr. Seitzinger and
25 Mr. Brazil, residents of the surrounding

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1 area report that nothing has been done to
2 correct the problems in Smith Place. These
3 problems have been ongoing since prior to
4 October 2007 when the residents first
5 presented with the reports to LIPS. The DPW
6 was first informed in November or early
7 December of 2007. When can these taxpayers
8 expect to see tangible results?

9 These are the people's problems and
10 they want to see results to their tax
11 dollars. They do not focus on the downtown
12 and parks as much as they do concentrate on
13 the streets in their neighborhoods. They
14 feel these priorities have been ignored over

15 the past seven years and they are demanding
16 a cleaner city and better roads.

17 A second request to repair large
18 craters in the 200 of Franklin Avenue at the
19 entrance to the Forum garage, and if I may
20 send a letter inquiring why Mr. Dougher is
21 dumping leaves in the area of the Nay Aug
22 Park Amphitheater and I would ask residents,
23 particularly in light of the discussion that
24 was held a few minutes ago regarding skunks
25 and woodchucks, etcetera, please don't place

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1 your garbage out at curb side prior to
2 24 hours in advance of your collection day
3 because that really does encourage animals
4 to come along and pick apart the garbage
5 bags. I know not everyone has trash cans,
6 but this certainly is adding to the problems
7 not only, you know, the dirt within the
8 city, but I think we are attracting these
9 types of animals to our neighborhoods.

10 And, finally, I attended an open
11 house conducted by Mr. John Darcy and
12 Mr. Chris Balton of ECTV on Saturday. I
13 learned that ECTV will appear before the
14 zoning board tomorrow night. They are in

15 the process of obtaining insurance and have
16 not yet become a nonprofit organization.
17 Incidentally, they are looking for a use
18 variance from zoning tomorrow in an R-1-A
19 zone.

20 Further, renovations to 933 Prescott
21 Avenue have not commenced since insurance
22 must first be obtained. They are
23 approximately 60 days into their proposed
24 90-day transition period, but are obviously
25 not prepared to assume operation within the

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1 forthcoming 30 days.

2 Further, Mr. Balton appeared very
3 enthusiastic and anxious to work with
4 members of Scranton Today during and after
5 the takeover.

6 Also, in response to Ms. Schumacher,
7 the city will retain the equipment, not
8 ECTV. I move, therefore, that Scranton City
9 Council provide \$20,000 from the contingency
10 fund to Scranton Today in order to maintain
11 operation of Channel 61 and 62 until such
12 time as ECTV has obtained insurance,
13 completed renovations, received nonprofit
14 status, and purchased equipment and is fully
15 operational.

16 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

17 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? At the
18 meeting did they indicate when they thought
19 they would begin operational?

20 MS. EVANS: Actually, no. Everything
21 seems to be quite up in the air, though I
22 know they are very anxious to get going.
23 They did mention I believe also that they
24 would be applying for OECD funds for the
25 purchase of some equipment and I believe

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1 that I believe that at least according to
2 what Mr. Balton told me the renovations will
3 not come from the cable franchise fee, but
4 rather from the private donations and
5 donors, renovations to the building 933
6 Prospect Avenue.

7 MR. MCGOFF: The reason I ask that, I
8 did speak to Mr. Darcy and I don't know
9 if I'm -- I believe it was prior to the
10 meeting that they had and he indicated to me
11 that they thought they were going to start
12 by mid-May. Now, from what you are saying
13 that doesn't seem like it's --

14 MS. EVANS: No.

15 MR. MCGOFF: -- a feasible or a

16 reasonable time frame.

17 MS. EVANS: I'm just basing the
18 report that I gave to you on my attendance
19 at that meeting and all of this information
20 was presented to, oh, I would say at least
21 25 neighbors and interested people who would
22 like to see Channel 61 and 62 succeed.

23 MR. MCGOFF: And the reason I ask, I
24 would like to see the continuation of
25 Channel 61. My concern was at what time

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1 this change is going to take place and a
2 monetary donation, but giving money in an
3 amount of \$20,000 to Scranton Today is that
4 too much, is it too little, is it -- what is
5 it that's needed in order to keep --

6 MS. EVANS: Well, I'm glad you asked
7 that --

8 MR. MCGOFF: -- the operation until.

9 MS. EVANS: -- because I spoke to the
10 president of Scranton Today, Karen Bazzarri,
11 and she agreed that \$20,000 would be a
12 suitable amount to keep them operational
13 until ECTV is fully prepared to take over.

14 MS. FANUCCI: How long is that?

15 MS. GATELLI: How long would the
16 \$20,000 --

17 MS. FANUCCI: How long would the
18 \$20,000 last though?

19 MS. EVANS: I would expect that's
20 going to last them, they will budget it
21 until Mr. Balton is ready. Mr. Darcy I
22 believe is the one who is going to do the
23 renovations to the building, but, you know,
24 as I said, before any of that can begin, of
25 course, there has to be insurance in place,

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1 also. I believe there is a problem with a
2 lease agreement at this time. They are
3 leasing the property for a dollar a year,
4 however, it hasn't been decided yet whether
5 it's going to be the year-to-year lease or a
6 five-year lease, so there are a number of
7 issues at play here and my concern is that
8 we keep all government meetings broadcasts
9 to the citizens not just of Scranton, but
10 the entire northeastern area until such
11 time, as I said, they are prepared to assume
12 operations.

13 MS. GATELLI: The only concern I
14 have is I was told that this weekend the
15 only thing that was on was old council
16 meetings, they ran for the whole weekend.

17 You know, if they need this money I don't
18 know why they are repeating old council
19 meetings.

20 MS. EVANS: Because they don't have
21 money to provide additional programming.
22 They have had to go down to basically a
23 skeleton programming presentation because
24 they have had no funding.

25 MS. GATELLI: So, what will we be

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1 funding, just the city council meeting.

2 MS. EVANS: No, no. I'm not sure --
3 their priority actually I believe for
4 Scranton Today is on the one hand to provide
5 uncensored access to all live government
6 meetings as well as rebroadcasts of those
7 meetings and then whatever additional
8 programming can be supplied, but right now I
9 would have to say I'm not as concerned about
10 the Chinese language learners and the
11 cooking shows as I am about all government
12 meetings being broadcast until this --

13 MS. GATELLI: Well, I just don't see
14 repeating council meetings from three months
15 ago. I don't think that's appropriate. I
16 think that they should run this one, but I
17 can't see running old council meetings, you

18 know, I just don't think that's proper that
19 it's the only meeting being taped and I know
20 for a fact that there was a school board
21 meeting recently and there were comments
22 made about people and they had deleted it
23 from the television, and I take offense to
24 that because there is things here that
25 people call us that aren't true and we can't

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1 have them deleted, so why are certain things
2 being deleted from other meetings? I don't
3 think that's right. I think all meetings
4 should be live and all meetings should be
5 the full context of whatever anybody says up
6 there, whether it's true or false, black,
7 blue, or purple.

8 So, I am a little upset with Channel
9 61 right now because there was a meeting and
10 it was -- a phone call was made and that
11 portion was taken out of the meeting and,
12 you know, I take offense to that.

13 MS. EVANS: And I would agree with
14 you 1,000 percent. Everything needs to be
15 included for every government body.

16 MS. GATELLI: Absolutely.

17 MS. EVANS: Without any exception.

18 MS. GATELLI: But having a marathon
19 council meeting, what's the purpose of that?
20 And it was one where there was a person that
21 was really harassing everyone and very nasty
22 and it was just repeated all weekend and,
23 you know, you can be nasty, but why repeat
24 that same one for the whole weekend, you
25 know, repeat this one.

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1 MS. EVANS: I would agree with that
2 though, I haven't --

3 MS. GATELLI: Play the current one.

4 MS. EVANS: I haven't seen it, but I
5 would ask you not to -- I understand your
6 feelings and I agree with your feelings, but
7 --

8 MS. GATELLI: I mean, can they take
9 a little less money being that they are not
10 covering as many things?

11 MS. EVANS: I'm just going to present
12 it at the \$20,000, I think, because I really
13 don't know --

14 MS. GATELLI: Whether they may --

15 MS. EVANS: -- enough about their
16 programming to go back and say, will you
17 give me this if I give you that, but agreed
18 every meeting has to be uncensored.

19 MS. GATELLI: Absolutely. I agree.

20 MS. EVANS: However, I don't believe
21 that we should because of any feelings we
22 have about the station we should in any way
23 cast a vote that would deny the public from
24 watching not just city council, county
25 commissioners, the school board, the zoning

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1 board, the sewer authority, whatever it
2 might be.

3 MR. MCGOFF: I would like to see what
4 the cost, I'll say monthly cost of Scranton
5 Today were in order to broadcast programs
6 and then determine the amount of money that
7 would be needed to fund Scranton Today until
8 such time as ECTV were to take over.

9 MS. FANUCCI: Right. I was also
10 asking, I don't remember when we gave them
11 the money last time --

12 MS. GATELLI: \$13,000.

13 MS. FANUCCI: But how far of a span
14 was it from the day we passed it, they got
15 it and how far did it get them? I know it
16 got them to the end of the year, but how
17 long did it really help them?

18 MS. EVANS: And that is also I know,

19 and this doesn't play a huge role in it, but
20 the employees hadn't been paid in quite
21 awhile.

22 MS. FANUCCI: Right.

23 MS. EVANS: And that was one of their
24 issues in December.

25 MS. FANUCCI: I think if we find out

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1 exactly how much and then maybe talk to the
2 new people who are going to be running the
3 TV and say, okay, this is exact. Let's try
4 to make it and then the take over day would
5 be that day regardless.

6 MS. GATELLI: Have they asked the
7 school board or the county commissioners for
8 any additional funding to help them?

9 MS. EVANS: I think they did receive
10 some funding from the county commissioners.
11 I don't know anything about the school
12 board, but I brought the issue up last week.

13 MS. FANUCCI: Right.

14 MS. EVANS: And I said I would bring
15 it up again this week, and at that time the
16 only question posed was in what amount of
17 time was Electric City TV due to take over
18 the operations of 61 and 62? I only wish
19 that all of the questions you are posing

20 tonight you would have posed to me last week
21 or during the week so it could have been
22 settled by now because it is a concern to me
23 that the screen could go black and it will
24 go black because we are trying to decide
25 what type of programming they should have,

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1 how much money is appropriate, how long will
2 it last you, would it affect the, you know,
3 they stated the amount of money that they
4 believe is necessary until such time as
5 Mr. Darcy and Mr. Balton to get ready on
6 their feet and go. I don't know that you
7 are going to be able to tie either one of
8 them down or their board to one specific
9 date and say, "We are going to have
10 everything finished."

11 MS. FANUCCI: Well I think the
12 problem is that the answer that I received
13 of when they were would up and running and
14 the answer you are giving are two different
15 answers to be honest with you. It wasn't
16 that I didn't pose the questions to you, I
17 actually talked to the people who were
18 involved, so I think that's what the issue
19 is. I'm hearing it might be a few weeks and

20 from what you are saying it is not going to
21 be a few weeks, so that's where I'm having
22 my struggle. It certainly isn't that I want
23 the television to go dark nor do I really
24 commenting on the programming, so until my
25 facts are straight to whoever it is that I

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1 need to get my information from then I will
2 decide, but I certainly do not want to see
3 61, and I don't mean to toot my own horn,
4 but I had my own show and I was pretty darn
5 good on it, so I like 61, I'm a firm
6 believer in 61. My issue is more of I'm
7 still spending the taxpayers' money and I
8 want to do it wisely and that's all I have.

9 MS. EVANS: I do, too, but, again, we
10 are going to be spending hundreds and
11 hundreds of thousands of dollars of the
12 taxpayers' money with Electric City TV.

13 MS. FANUCCI: We certainly will.

14 MS. EVANS: Yes.

15 MS. GATELLI: And we hope the
16 programming will be more widespread.

17 MR. COURTRIGHT: Ms. Evans, can I
18 just add one thing?

19 MS. EVANS: Sure.

20 MR. COURTRIGHT: That figure \$20,000

21 was given to you Mrs. Bazzarri, right? Is
22 that correct?

23 MS. EVANS: I checked it out with
24 her, yes.

25 MR. COURTRIGHT: I just think they

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1 have been over all of the years have been
2 very, very fair with us and I think if we
3 give 61 the \$20,000 if, in fact, they didn't
4 need to use that \$20,000 I would think that
5 they would be agreeable to return it to us,
6 I think Mrs. Bazzarri and Channel 61 they
7 are fair. I don't think we need to be
8 concerned about them ripping us off in any
9 way, shape or form, so I think if she says
10 \$20,000 she must have a good handle on it,
11 she has been there a good long time, if you
12 would to want just put it in your motion and
13 if at one time that money is not used it
14 would be returned to the city I think they
15 are trustworthy and I think they are fair.

16 MS. EVANS: Thank you. I'll add that
17 to the motion then, if the monies are not
18 used at the termination of their services
19 monies will be returned to the city.

20 MR. MCGOFF: I think that's

21 reasonable.

22 MS. FANUCCI: I do, too.

23 MR. MCGOFF: I just want to make sure
24 Mrs. Garvey has the motion.

25 MS. GATELLI: She'll listen to it

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1 tomorrow. Right, Mrs. Garvey?

2 MR. MCGOFF: Well, I don't want us to
3 vote on something unless it's accurate for
4 the record. Are we good? So, the motion
5 has been made to ask for \$20,000 funding of
6 Channel 61 until such time as ECTV takes
7 control -- or excuse me, funding for
8 Scranton Today until ECTV takes control of
9 Channel 61 with any unused funds to be
10 returned to the city upon transfer of
11 control; correct? And that has and
12 seconded. Okay, just making it clear. All
13 in favor?

14 MS. EVANS: Aye.

15 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

16 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

17 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

18 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. All opposed? The
19 ayes have it and so moved.

20 MS. EVANS: And that's it. Thank
21 you.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Mrs. Gatelli.

23 MS. GATELLI: First of all, I would
24 like to thank Douglas for all his hard work
25 and Casey and Anna, and it was a very

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1 worthwhile endeavor, everybody had a good
2 time that was there.

3 As far as the fire and police
4 memorial, the fire memorial is almost
5 complete from what I have been told. The
6 only problem is we are having a problem with
7 OECD funding it unless it's in a low to
8 moderate income area so there is a problem
9 there. I know that most people would like
10 to see it in front of city hall between us
11 and the bank and that's why we are hoping to
12 raise the money privately so that we could
13 put it wherever we would like to put it. We
14 will still continue to fundraise for that
15 money, any businesses that would like to
16 donate we need \$50,000, we only have \$2,300.
17 Other than that, we have to put it in a low
18 to moderate income area. There are several
19 locations that they are looking at, but we
20 really would like to put it between city
21 hall and the bank and that is not an

22 acceptable location for OECD funds so that's
23 why there is it a problem. So, we will
24 continue to work on that and keep you
25 updated as to the status of those two

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1 memorials.

2 Cub Pack 16 at the Hickory Street
3 Presbyterian Church is having their first
4 pancake breakfast on Saturday, April 12,
5 from six to ten. Pancakes, sausage, orange
6 juice and coffee and takeouts are available.
7 It's \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children
8 and the proceeds help with the operation of
9 cubpack 16 in South Scranton.

10 Next weekend in the Cultural Center
11 we will have the Broadway Theatre is
12 presenting the play Evita. It is the 18th,
13 19th and 20th, at the Cultural Center and
14 you can call the Cultural Center for
15 tickets.

16 April is autism month, and I said it
17 before but I'll keep repeating it until the
18 time comes, the Minooka Lions are having
19 their Autism Awareness Fundraiser on
20 April 26 at St. Joe's Hall in Minooka,
21 tickets are \$15. You can call Jack Walsh at
22 346-2152.

23 Also, there will be a walk for
24 Autism April 19 at Nay Aug Park.
25 Registration is at 10:00 and the walk is at

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1 11, \$15 and children under 18 is free.
2 Information is 341-3388.

3 The Northeast Theater is having a
4 play, it is free, it is called the Men of
5 Mahjong. It's a tale of four elderly Jewish
6 men who secretly take on a traditional
7 female game of Mahjong. It will tickle your
8 spirit and touch your heart. For free
9 tickets the number is 558-1515, and it will
10 be held on April 21 at 7:00.

11 The next thing is the annual
12 rigatoni and meatball dinner at the Dante
13 Society in South Scranton. The dinner is
14 from 5 to 7, takeouts from 4 to 5, I was
15 looking for the ticket, \$7.50 a ticket, and
16 if you haven't had macaroni from the Dante
17 Club you haven't had real macaroni, so
18 please try to attend. The 26th. April 26,
19 Saturday.

20 I'm like the social girl here. The
21 Odd Couple female version Neil Simon's play
22 at the Northeast Theatre May 7 to the 25th.

23 Agnus Cummings is the star. She is a very,
24 very dear friend of mine, she is a
25 substitute teacher in the Scranton School

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1 District. You can call the Northeast
2 Theatre, 558-1515.

3 The next thing is to promote Stacy
4 Brown. Stacy is going to be the MC at an
5 event at the University of Scranton
6 DeNaple's Center. It is called the night at
7 the Apollo. It's Thursday, April 24, at
8 8:00. The event will feature a classic Ella
9 Fitzgerald performance by his wife Shanay.
10 Very special guest performances will be
11 given by the Temptations, the Winstons, the
12 songs of Charles Lee and the Harlem Jazz
13 Ensemble. Also appearing in speaking roles
14 are civil rights activists, New York radio
15 show host and former Mt. Vernon mayor
16 Earnest D. Davis, Court TV's Diane Diamond,
17 CBS radio Michael Shane, West Chester County
18 Democratic chairman Dave Albert, and the
19 very special guest the operator of the
20 Apollo Theatre, Billy Mitchell. It should
21 be a fun night, Stacy.

22 The Drama Club of West Scranton High
23 School Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

24 next week, Friday, Saturday and Sunday,
25 tickets are \$3.00 and can be obtained at the

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1 school.

2 Cleanups, I'd like to thank the
3 Cubscout Pack 11, West Scranton Senior
4 Citizens' Center for their cleanup this past
5 weekend. Anyone who drives up the Eynon
6 Street viaduct will find it free of cups,
7 straws and other pizza boxes and it has been
8 cleaned and it is wonderful. We would like
9 to get the Boy Scouts and the neighborhood
10 groups we are going to be scheduling them
11 soon in South Side to start their clean-up
12 projects.

13 They also cleaned Theodore Street to
14 Far Street, that got 70 bags of garbage and
15 the cubmaster is Paul Mark.

16 The new catch basin on North Carrie
17 and Lafayette started this week. I would
18 like to thank Mr. Brazil, we are over there
19 several times, they are having a water
20 problem on that corner so they are going to
21 attempt to put in a new catch basin.

22 The skunk problem that Mrs. Hubbard
23 referred to, when I checked into it there

24 seems to be a problem with the collecting of
25 skunks because the game commission has to

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1 take them. It's a new rule with the game
2 commission, so it's not really that there is
3 nobody to catch them, there is no place to
4 take them. It's a game commission problem,
5 so maybe if we contact our state
6 representatives we can get them to change,
7 you know, their rule of the game commission
8 and we will be able to pick them up. They
9 are a problem. Mrs. Evans is right, please
10 don't put your garbage out and please try to
11 put it in a container because they do open
12 the bags.

13 Liens on demolished properties, yes,
14 there are liens placed on those demolished
15 properties, only when it's a business. I
16 believe the mayor has forgiven certain ones,
17 but when it's through community and their
18 homes there are liens being placed on them
19 that's to answer Mrs. Schumacher's question.

20 And I'm going to address
21 Mr. Ancherani's comments, I know that you
22 have a point to make, but I want you to be
23 aware that if I vote for a tax increase it
24 doesn't mean I'm voting against the unions,

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you know, maybe you feel that that's the end

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result, but if a union contract comes before

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me and there is a significant raise in it I

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certainly will vote for it. I certainly

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would vote for another tax increase, so that

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the unions could get a raise I'm not afraid

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to do that, so I don't want you to think

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that because I voted for a tax raise and you

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didn't get a raise that I wouldn't be for

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that if it can before me. When I did talk

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I'm the beginning to Attorney Jennings on

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several occasions trying to get an

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agreement, trying to get together and get a

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contract settlement, he had told me that he

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had never heard from anybody from the city

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before. I was the first one that had ever

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called him to setup a meeting or to ask any

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questions. I don't know if you are aware,

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Mr. Ancherani, but I was told by several

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people to mind my own business and not to

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pursue that any longer. So, that is why I

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never met with Mr. Jennings. No, it wasn't

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you, and if you so wish you can speak to

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your other colleagues and I certainly would

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call him again. I met with the mayor with

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Mr. Schreiber, Mr. Schreiber was going to

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1 set something up for us to go to Bethlehem,
2 that never came to fruition, so it seemed
3 that every stone that I turned I got kicked
4 in the teeth for sticking my nose in, and I
5 didn't think I was sticking my nose in, I
6 thought I was trying to help. I thought if
7 we had four votes up here that we could get
8 you a contract and I still believe that. I
9 think if we have had four votes we could
10 settle the contract, and I think that is
11 possible and I talked to Jennings about
12 that.

13 So am I anti-union, no, and I wish
14 you wouldn't say that because that's not
15 true, I'm in an union, too, I was at my
16 union meeting last night at the school board
17 and I would like to thank Mr. Quinn because
18 he stuck up for our union members and our
19 high cost of health care that we are saddled
20 with, so we know your problems. We know
21 what you are facing because we face it, too.
22 We face the same exact things that happened
23 down here, but if something comes before me
24 or if you want me to pursue working with
25 Mr. Jennings I certainly would be happy to.

1 I'd be happy to be an advocate for the
2 unions and I would continue. Thanks,
3 Mr. Ancherani. That's all.

4 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. Mrs.
5 Fanucci.

6 MS. FANUCCI: I actually have
7 nothing at this time. I'm not sure what is
8 left, but I have nothing at this time except
9 for to say that I do believe that the
10 meeting was well -- was run just as well
11 with a zero at the end of your age as it was
12 with a nine and I just want to say you are
13 doing a great job. Thanks.

14 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.
15 Mr. Courtright.

16 MR. COURTRIGHT: Very quickly. Kay,
17 if every year we do this with the paving if
18 you can ask them could they get us a paving
19 list and we can leave it off here and people
20 know if their is street is going to be get
21 paved or not, going to get paved because I
22 think we all every year say we would like to
23 see the street get paved we'd ask for it to
24 gave paid and usually they don't. So it
25 they could give us a list and leave it off

1 and the people will know if their street is
2 going to be get paved or not.

3 Smith Place, that's been a problem
4 for a couple of years now and I thought,
5 Kay, that we had sent a letter out.

6 MS. GATELLI: That went twice
7 already. They were over there twice
8 already.

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: I spoke to her the
10 other day --

11 MS. EVANS: Yeah, but the residents
12 say they have never seen them there.

13 MR. COURTRIGHT: Who went over? Who
14 went over?

15 MS. GATELLI: Seitzinger and Brazil.

16 MR. COURTRIGHT: Can we ask
17 Mr. Seitzinger and Mr. Brazil to send us --

18 MS. GARVEY: I have asked that about
19 three times now.

20 MR. COURTRIGHT: Well, whatever they
21 discovered.

22 MS. GARVEY: The last time they were
23 going out they were going to get something
24 to me to let me know whatever happened, but
25 I haven't heard everything.

1 MS. EVANS: We didn't get anything.

2 MR. COURTRIGHT: Light a fire under
3 them for that one. And one last thing, I
4 want to ask Mr. Minora, would you tell us
5 what you believe that we should do with this
6 fax from the Single Tax Office? Should we
7 turn them over to you?

8 MR. MINORA: Well, those I understand
9 he blacked the social security number.

10 MR. COURTRIGHT: Right.

11 MR. MINORA: So that's --

12 MR. COURTRIGHT: There is no harm in
13 us having it?

14 MR. MINORA: -- no problem. I really
15 had a serious, serious problems with
16 receiving that kind of information. I mean,
17 there is ramifications from that go all over
18 the place.

19 MR. COURTRIGHT: That's why I was
20 asking.

21 MR. MINORA: Those do not contain
22 that so, you know, it doesn't have that
23 problem for you.

24 MR. COURTRIGHT: Thank you.

25 MR. MINORA: That's the reason I gave

1 him back my copy, the copy that he gave me.

2 MR. COURTRIGHT: Okay, that's all I
3 have.

4 MS. EVANS: Mr. Courtright, we asked
5 all of us jointly for the paving list a few
6 weeks ago, but we didn't get that.

7 MR. COURTRIGHT: Did we ever get one
8 since I have been here?

9 MS. EVANS: Yes, we did.

10 MS. GARVEY: We got one back in maybe
11 '05 or whatever.

12 MS. GATELLI: I've gotten one.

13 MS. EVANS: I think it was last year
14 we had one.

15 MS. FANUCCI: We did get one last
16 year.

17 MR. COURTRIGHT: All right. Okay
18 maybe Mr. McGoff, maybe he can read it off
19 we get it and everybody will know whether
20 their street is on there or not. That's all
21 I have.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. A couple of
23 quick things, I am told that there is --
24 bids were taken and a city engineer was
25 approved and I do not -- I'm not going to --

1 I forget the name that was given to me.

2 MS. GATELLI: Brian Swanson, that's
3 his name, Panoni.

4 MR. MCGOFF: Panoni and Associates.
5 Thank you. And I just was getting Panini
6 and I knew that wasn't correct.

7 MS. GATELLI: Thinking of that
8 Italian food, are you?

9 MR. MCGOFF: I guess, but there is a
10 city engineer that has been approved and I'm
11 sure it will coming before us for an
12 approval and I am told that they are already
13 working on some projects. We did meet in
14 caucus with Mr. Skantos dealing with the
15 Keyser Terrace issues and hopefully the new
16 city engineer will start to work with him on
17 taking care of some of the issues that are
18 part of the Keyser Terrace situation and
19 that this can be resolved in the near
20 future.

21 I will look into the Human
22 Relation's Commission and it's need for a
23 solicitor and try and determine when it
24 meets and what it's purpose is and also why
25 the need for a solicitor for that particular

1 commission.

2 I do want to say that the rules that
3 we use in council are not my rules. The
4 Rules of Council are voted on by the members
5 of council and I was not attempting to
6 sensor Mrs. Evans in any way, I was hoping
7 that we could move from that issue that was
8 becoming somewhat volatile and I was simply
9 asking that we abide by the rules that we
10 had agreed to.

11 And just to Mr. Ellman, I'm sorry to
12 hear that the streets aren't good for bike
13 riding, I just got one and now you have me
14 afraid to go out and actually ride the bike
15 in the city and please let me know if there
16 are any appropriate cycling areas so that I
17 don't hurt myself, not that that won't
18 happen anyhow.

19 And I know we are sending a letter
20 about the South Side Complex, that is an
21 interesting question as far as replacement
22 and usage and in addition to the letter I
23 will try and find -- see if I can receive a
24 quicker answer than through the letter and
25 see if I can get some response from people.

1 And that is all I have for this evening.

2 Thank you.

3 MS. GARVEY: I just have one question
4 for Mrs. Evans regarding the motion that you
5 made for the \$20,000 you asked for that to
6 come out of the contingency fund for the
7 city; right?

8 MS. EVANS: Yes.

9 MS. GARVEY: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION -
10 AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF COUNCIL NO.
11 74, 1993, (AS AMENDED), ENTITLED "THE ZONING
12 ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON", TO PLAN
13 FOR THE PROPOSED MEDICAL COLLEGE BY ADDING
14 AND AMENDING DEFINITIONS AND REGULATIONS AND
15 CHANGING THE MAP FOR A PARCEL OF LAND
16 BOUNDED ON THE SOUTH BY THE 600 BLOCK OF
17 VINE STREET, ON THE EAST BY 500 AND 600
18 BLOCKS OF DRESSLER COURT, ON THE NORTH BY
19 THE 500 BLOCK OF PIN STREET AND ON THE WEST
20 BY NORTH WASHINGTON AVENUE AND ADAMS AVENUE
21 FROM R-3 (MEDIUM HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL)
22 TO INS-G (GENERAL INSTITUTIONAL.)

23 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I will
24 entertain a motion that Item 5-B be
25 introduced into it's proper committee.

1 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

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MS. FANUCCI: Second.

MR. MCGOFF: On the question.

MS. EVANS: Now, this is the land that, in fact, will was sold by the Scranton school district yesterday?

MR. MCGOFF: That is my belief.

MS. EVANS: That's what I'm -- yeah, that's what I'm hoping. I just wanted to be certain that this wasn't a different or additional piece.

MS. GATELLI: It's just being introduced; right?

MS. EVANS: Yes.

MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else? All those in favor signify by saying aye.

MS. EVANS: Aye.

MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

MS. GATELLI: Aye.

MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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

MS. GARVEY: We need a motion.

MR. MCGOFF: Yes, we need a motion for a public hearing I believe.

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MS. GARVEY: Correct. We have a

2 motion to have a public hearing and notify
3 the Planning Commissions.

4 MS. GATELLI: I'll make that motion.

5 MS. EVANS: Second.

6 MR. MCGOFF: All those in signify by
7 saying aye.

8 MS. EVANS: Aye.

9 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

10 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

11 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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

14 MS. GARVEY: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -
15 AN ORDINANCE - ESTABLISHING A "NO PARKING"
16 ZONE ALONG THE WESTERLY SIDE OF HARRISON
17 AVENUE (S.R. 6011) FROM MULBERRY STREET
18 SOUTH 265 FEET TO ALLOW FOR SIGHT DISTANCE
19 FOR A PROPOSED DRIVEWAY BY MR. EUGENE O'NEIL
20 FOR A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 319-321 HARRISON
21 AVENUE.

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

25 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

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1 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

2 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All

3 those in favor signify by saying aye.

4 MS. EVANS: Aye.

5 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

6 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

7 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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

10 MS. GARVEY: 5-D - FOR INTRODUCTION
11 -- there is a typographical error on this.
12 I says it's an ordinance on paper, but I'll
13 read it as a resolution because that's what
14 it is.

15 FOR INTRODUCTION - A RESOLUTION -
16 ACCEPTING THE GIFT OF A POLICE VEHICLE, VIN
17 NUMBER 2G1WF55K059191621 FROM POLICE OFFICER
18 JOSEPH J. HARRIS FOR USE IN THE CITY'S FLEET
19 PURSUANT TO A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
20 CITY AND OFFICER HARRIS.

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 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

25 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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1 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
2 those in favor signify by saying aye.

3 MS. EVANS: Aye.

4 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

5 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

6 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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

9 MS. GARVEY: 5-E. FOR INTRODUCTION -
10 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
11 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE
12 AND ENTER INTO A LEASE/POLICY AGREEMENT WITH
13 OFFICER JOSEPH J. HARRIS GOVERNING THE USE
14 OF OFFICER HARRIS' "PRIVATE CRUISER" AS
15 DEFINED HEREIN.

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

19 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

20 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

21 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
22 those in favor signify by saying aye.

23 MS. EVANS: Aye.

24 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

25 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

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1 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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

4 MS. GARVEY: 5-F. FOR INTRODUCTION -
5 A RESOLUTION - ACCEPTING THE GIFT OF A
6 POLICE VEHICLE, VIN NUMBER 2G1WF55K349356334
7 FROM POLICE OFFICER RICHARD IANNUZZO FOR USE
8 IN THE CITY'S FLEET PURSUANT TO A LEASE
9 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND OFFICER
10 IANNUZZO.

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

14 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

15 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

16 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
17 those in favor signify by saying aye.

18 MS. EVANS: Aye.

19 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

20 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

21 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The
23 ayes have it and so moved.

24 MS. GARVEY: 5-G. FOR INTRODUCTION --
25 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND

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1 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE
2 AND ENTER INTO A LEASE/POLICY AGREEMENT WITH
3 OFFICER RICHARD IANNUZZO GOVERNING THE USE

4 OF OFFICER IANNUZZO'S "PRIVATE CRUSIER" AS
5 DEFINED HEREIN.

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

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

10 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

11 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
12 those in favor signify by saying aye.

13 MS. EVANS: Aye.

14 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

15 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

16 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

17 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The
18 ayes have it and so moved.

19 MS. GARVEY: 5-H. FOR INTRODUCTION -
20 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AN
21 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE
22 AND ENTER INTO A SUPPLEMENTAL REIMBURSEMENT
23 AGREEMENT NO. 040809-E WITH COMMONWEALTH OF
24 PENNSYLVANIA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,
25 REGARDING THE LACKAWANNA AVENUE BRIDGE

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1 PROJECT FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE
2 COMMONWEALTH'S INCURRED COSTS FOR
3 CONSTRUCTION, UTILITIES AND RIGHT-OF-WAY.

4 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll

5 entertain a motion that 5-H into it's proper
6 committee.

7 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

8 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

9 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
10 those in favor signify by saying aye.

11 MS. EVANS: Aye.

12 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

13 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

14 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

15 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The
16 ayes have it and so moved.

17 MS. GARVEY: 5-I. FOR INTRODUCTION -
18 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE HUMAN
19 RELATIONS COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON
20 TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL
21 SERVICES WITH MARK T. MCGRATH, ESQUIRE TO
22 ACT AS ITS SOLICITOR FOR ONE (1) YEAR
23 BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER
24 31, 2008, AT THE RATE OF NINETY-FIVE
25 (\$95.00) DOLLARS PER HOUR.

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

4 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

5 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

6 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

7 MS. EVANS: I do have some
8 information about the Human Relations
9 Commission. It meets quarterly in City
10 Council Chambers or the Governor's Room and
11 the commission is comprised of the following
12 individuals: Robert Brown, Daniel Geralto,
13 Michael Hanley, Richard Leonari, Robert
14 Lesh, the Reverend Reginald McLane, Jane
15 Oppenheim, Margaret Ruddy, Beverly Schmidt,
16 Diana Statsman and Jane Yoaman's.

17 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else?

18 MS. GATELLI: Yes, I would just ask
19 that you get some more information why we
20 need a solicitor maybe there is a case.

21 MR. MCGOFF: I will do that.

22 MS. GATELLI: Please.

23 MS. EVANS: And how that will be
24 paid, in other words, obviously, it must be
25 coming from the city's operating budget.

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1 MR. MCGOFF: I'll write that down or
2 I will forget.

3 MS. GATELLI: You're only 40, why are
4 you forgetting?

5 MR. MCGOFF: Early onset. Anyone

6 else on the question? That is 5-I. All
7 those in favor signify by saying aye.

8 MS. EVANS: Aye.

9 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

10 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

11 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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

14 MS. GARVEY: 5-J. FOR INTRODUCTION -
15 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE
16 2007 TAX CLAIMS AND THE ANTICIPATED 2008 TAX
17 CLAIMS TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE
18 CITY OF SCRANTON, AND AUTHORIZING THE
19 EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT OF SALE AND
20 PURCHASE RELATING THERETO; AUTHORIZING THE
21 CONTINUED RETENTION OF MUNICIPAL REVENUE
22 SERVICES, INC AND THE LAW FIRM OF ELLIOTT,
23 GREENLEAF AND BALABAN RELATING TO THE
24 TRANSACTION.

25 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I will

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

3 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

4 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

5 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All

6 those in favor signify by saying aye.

7 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

8 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

10 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed?

11 MS. EVANS: No.

12 MR. MCGOFF: The ayes have it and so
13 moved.

14 MS. GARVEY: SIXTH ORDER. NO
15 BUSINESS AT THIS TIME. SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A.
16 FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE COMMITTEE ON
17 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - FOR ADOPTION -
18 RESOLUTION NO. 20, 2008 - OFFICIALS FOR THE
19 CITY OF SCRANTON TO ENTER INTO A LOAN
20 AGREEMENT AND MAKE A LOAN FROM THE
21 COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL REVOLVING LOAN
22 PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 07-150.15 IN AN AMOUNT
23 NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00 TO MTM REAL ESTATE
24 COMPANY LLC TO ASSIST AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT.

25 MR. MCGOFF: What is the

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1 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
2 Committee on Community Development?

3 MS. FANUCCI: As chairperson for the
4 Committee on Community Development, I
5 recommend final passage of Item 7-A.

6 MR. MCGOFF: Second. On the

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question?

MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

MS. EVANS: No.

MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli.

MS. GATELLI. Yes.

MR. COOLICAN: Ms. Fanucci.

MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright.

MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McGoff.

MR. MCGOFF: I hereby declare Item

7-A legally and lawfully adopted. I ask for
a motion to adjourn.

MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.

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