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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

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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 and moment of
2 reflection observed.)

3 MR. MCGOFF: Roll call. All present.
4 Dispense with the reading of the minutes.

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

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

8 MS. GARVEY: That's it for Third
9 Order.

10 MR. MCGOFF: Prior to going to
11 citizen's participation, I would just like
12 to make mention of something that took place
13 last week. One of the speakers made a
14 somewhat derogatory comment about the city
15 forester, a gentleman who works tirelessly
16 at his own -- pretty much at his own expense
17 who has volunteered for a number of years to
18 work in the city with the trees and the
19 plant life in the city and does a tremendous
20 job and somebody made, as I said, a kind of
21 derogatory comment, and I would just like to
22 -- it escaped me at the time and I'm sorry
23 that I didn't address it at the time, but I
24 would like to apologize to Mr. Santolli for
25 what was said and at this time really

1 recognize the fine work that he has done and
2 thank him for the work that he has done for
3 the City of Scranton. Any other
4 announcements?

5 MS. EVANS: Yes. On Saturday, May
6 17, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of
7 the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will conduct
8 the Great Strides Fundraising Walk at Nay
9 Aug Park beginning at 10:00 a.m. Everyone
10 is invited to participate. You may also
11 drop off donations before the walk at 10
12 a.m. as well.

13 MS. GATELLI: I just have a couple of
14 items as social director. This Saturday at
15 the Cultural Center part of the children's
16 series will be the show Max and Ruby and it
17 starts at 11:00. Tickets can be had by
18 calling 344-1111.

19 This Thursday evening the South Side
20 Lion's Club is having a dinner at the Dante
21 Club, 1916 Prospect Avenue, and you can get
22 tickets at 604-0809.

23 Boy Scout Troop 11 in West Side is
24 having a yard sale at the park at the corner
25 of Main and Price on Saturday all day.

1 Friday evening benefiting the Women's
2 Resource Center is Jazz on Jefferson. It
3 will in the 800 block of Jefferson Avenue.
4 There will food, cocktails and jazz by the
5 Marco Marsinco Quintet, and that's all I
6 have. Thank you, Mr. McGoff.

7 MR. MCGOFF: I'm sorry, let me add
8 one other thing that was mentioned last
9 week, just to mention it again, on Thursday,
10 May 8t, the Intergovernmental Affairs
11 Committee of the Pennsylvania House of
12 Representatives will be holding a public
13 hearing on the Real Identification Act of
14 2005. This meeting will be held at the
15 University of Scranton Reddington Hall,
16 that's located at 1120 Linden Street. The
17 public hearing will start at 10 a.m. and end
18 at 12 noon. Anyone interested it deals with
19 the identification I believe that will be
20 required under this Act, personal
21 identification for all persons and they will
22 discuss the implementation of the law for
23 the State of Pennsylvania and implications
24 it may have for all of us. Anything else?
25 If not, Fourth Order, Citizens

1 Participation. Andy Sbaraglia.

2 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia,
3 citizen of Scranton. Fellow Scrantonians, I
4 want some clarification of 7-C this loan to
5 Coopers. From what I read, the original
6 loan was for \$300,000 and I assume they paid
7 a lot back except the \$71,217.78. Now, we
8 are canceling the \$300,000 loan, obviously,
9 that was completed because if they are
10 selling the building they would have to pay.
11 You can't have a lien against the property
12 when you sell it, you got to satisfy that
13 lien. So, hence, you are giving them this
14 new loan. Now, what is the collateral on
15 this new loan?

16 MS. FANUCCI: Would you like me to
17 clarify?

18 MR. MCGOFF: It's not a new loan,
19 it's a removal of collateral from the
20 building so that it may be sold.

21 MS. FANUCCI: They are still
22 obligated to satisfy the \$76,000.

23 MR. SBARAGLIA: What is the
24 collateral now?

25 MR. MCGOFF: Personal guarantees.

1 MR. SBARAGLIA: You are talking a

2 personal note is what is amounts to? Now
3 the city is in business of giving out
4 personal notes?

5 MS. FANUCCI: No.

6 MR. SBARAGLIA: I guess you are
7 because you are doing it.

8 MS. FANUCCI: No, not correct.

9 MR. SBARAGLIA: You didn't put a lien
10 against Coopers restaurant, which you could
11 have.

12 MS. FANUCCI: Their personal
13 guarantee includes -- it could be anything.
14 People come in all of the time with their
15 personal guarantees. The fact is that they
16 paid almost \$200,000 and they cannot sell
17 the business with this on it, so they are
18 selling the business and the guarantee that
19 they are still going to pay back the
20 \$76,000.

21 MR. SBARAGLIA: But, it's still a
22 personal note regardless of what they are --
23 there is no collateral on a personal note
24 other than the loan being on the person that
25 you're giving it to.

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1 MS. FANUCCI: Let me talk to Attorney

2 Minora for a minute. Can you explain that?

3 MR. MINORA: A personal guarantee is
4 a lien. The lien is placed in the
5 courthouse, it then becomes a lien on their
6 personal real estate and all personal
7 property, so it's not a personal note that's
8 in somebody's drawer. It's recorded in
9 Court and it then becomes a lien on any
10 other personal property, the home, their
11 lake property, their cars, their stocks,
12 bonds, 401K's, all of those things.

13 MR. SBARAGLIA: And, of course --

14 MR. MINORA: And they are obligated
15 under a personal guarantee. So a personal
16 guarantee is very burdensome thing for
17 somebody to sign onto.

18 MR. SBARAGLIA: I understand that. I
19 don't know why they just didn't pay off the
20 loan?

21 MS. FANUCCI: They probably will. I
22 have a feeling once they sell the business
23 that might be happen.

24 MR. SBARAGLIA: That would be the
25 most logical thing to do, just pay off the

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1 loan and be done with it. Okay. So we got
2 into that a little.

3 MS. FANUCCI: That's okay.

4 MR. SBARAGLIA: There's a little note
5 in the paper today, Lackawanna County is
6 selling a property in Scranton, Lackawanna
7 County Tax Claim Bureau is selling a
8 property in Scranton. 1220-1222 6th Avenue
9 in Scranton, PA. I don't really see -- this
10 is first time I ever saw the county actually
11 without a tax sale selling a quiet title to
12 this, in other words, somebody went before
13 the I guess Lackawanna County Tax Bureau,
14 it's a duplex house, a beautiful home, it's
15 worth about probably \$50,000, okay? There
16 they are selling it for four. So I talked
17 to the guy, thank God he got a lawyer
18 working on it, but I think this is going to
19 be the same thing as the lot on Cedar Avenue
20 where it's going to have to go to Court and
21 whatever it was, but somewhere along the
22 line these homes that are decent should be
23 put for auction and not with these quick
24 titles. This is a joke. A \$50,000 home
25 going for four. You can all go down and

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1 look at it. It's really -- it's where the
2 buses -- they keep the buses for the school,

3 it's right there. The house is terrific. I
4 guess they are cleaning it out a little, but
5 the house looks nice and I think it could
6 have been, thank God they got a lawyer, I
7 don't know if the lady died or what, I don't
8 know all of the conditions that it was,
9 apparently, they were three months in
10 arrears -- or three years in arrears, I
11 assume that because from what my taxes
12 that's on the books for \$11,000 my house,
13 single house, was on the books for \$11,000
14 so that's about three years taxes that they
15 said they owe.

16 I mean, something ought to be done
17 about these things. You got to look into it
18 more into what they are doing to us. I
19 mean, there are decent homes, either they
20 are ripping them down or they are selling
21 them quick title behind them, quick title
22 means somebody going went down there and put
23 a bid in, that's all it is, I mean, the poor
24 guy is going to have to go now before the
25 judge, I guess, that's the normal procedure

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1 and then say either the taxes are paid or
2 overbid the people that bid the house for
3 \$4,000, but it's the price of the house that

4 bothered me. It's not so much that it was
5 being done, it's that it's done at the
6 ridiculous price. There's something got to
7 be done to stop that. Thank you.

8 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you,
9 Mr. Sbaraglia. Ozzie Quinn.

10 MR. QUINN: Ozzie Quinn, Taxpayers'
11 Association. I want to pick up where I left
12 last week. We were speaking about the
13 monitoring reports that were done that were
14 wrong by Mrs. Fanucci for the last three
15 years.

16 MS. FANUCCI: That's a ridiculous
17 statement. You keep going with your
18 comments.

19 MR. QUINN: I don't want hear --Mr.
20 McGoff --

21 MS. FANUCCI: I know you're going to
22 say there is sweeping it under the rug.

23 MR. MCGOFF: That is inappropriate.

24 MS. FANUCCI: It is very
25 inappropriate.

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1 MR. QUINN: Inappropriate.

2 MS. FANUCCI: You are going to run to
3 your Habitat?

4 MR. QUINN: Mrs. Fanucci did not
5 produce any of the monitoring reports for
6 the last three years that were prepared by
7 HUD mailing the City of Scranton for
8 mismanagement and misappropriation.

9 MS. FANUCCI: Did you get that from
10 Habitat to Humanity?

11 MR. QUINN: And it is documented and
12 it was read off a document, okay? A
13 gentleman, a man would apologize if he was
14 wrong, we would call that person a
15 gentleman. A woman apologize, we could call
16 that person a gentlewoman. She is not a
17 gentle woman, and I want to tell you
18 something right now, the fact is and I'm
19 telling you these monitoring reports are not
20 my makeup reports, these are documents and
21 they are in the hands of the Scranton Times
22 if they ver do anything with them.

23 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.

24 MR. QUINN: The fact is that the
25 performance report that I reviewed and I got

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1 that they have a letter over there that
2 shows that there was sent already to HUD, I
3 looked on the HUD website and on the report
4 that they sent into Philadelphia they said

5 they were creating 116 jobs in 2007,
6 however, the HUD report now says they are --
7 they are creating eight jobs because I asked
8 for documentation in the files to show that
9 these jobs actually exist by a low to
10 moderate income.

11 This monitoring report, this
12 performance report shows that we have spent
13 two and a half million dollars out to loan
14 for 27 loans which were 2.5 was spent for
15 people who did not qualify, okay? They did
16 not meet the low to moderate income.

17 MS. FANUCCI: That's such a lie.

18 MR. QUINN: And they didn't satisfy
19 the job. I have the documentation.

20 MS. FANUCCI: You are such a liar.

21 MR. QUINN: So, don't let that lady
22 mislead you --

23 MR. MCGOFF: Excuse me. Stop the
24 pointing of the fingers and that lady.

25 MR. QUINN: I can do whatever I went

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1 up here --

2 MR. MCGOFF: If you have information
3 present --

4 MR. QUINN: -- Mr. McGoff, as long as

5 I am not swearing or belittling anybody.

6 MS. FANUCCI: You are correct.

7 MR. QUINN: There is nothing that
8 you can't say that I'm going to put my hands
9 in my pocket, so don't try to order me
10 around when I know that I have documentation
11 and you are trying to defend her. You are
12 wrong and you are hurting these taxpayers in
13 the City of Scranton by hiding this stuff.
14 It's this stuff.

15 MR. MCGOFF: Was it hidden from you,
16 Mr. Quinn?

17 MR. QUINN: Pardon?

18 MR. MCGOFF: Was it hidden from you?

19 MR. QUINN: Did you look at it? Did
20 you ever see it?

21 MR. MCGOFF: Excuse me?

22 MS. FANUCCI: Was it in a vault
23 somewhere?

24 MR. QUINN: You now how I got it?

25 MR. MCGOFF: Was it hidden from you?

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1 MR. QUINN: Yes. You know how I got
2 it.

3 MR. MCGOFF: You went to OECD.

4 MR. QUINN: I asked for it. I had
5 to get it under the Pennsylvania Right to

6 Know. Ms. Hailstone who was there did not
7 give it me. I finally got sick. Now, I was
8 supposed to go back Monday and get the rest
9 and they slammed the door in my face, they
10 won't let me in.

11 MR. MCGOFF: They what?

12 MR. QUINN: They will not let me in
13 or won't answer my phone calls or anything.

14 MR. MCGOFF: Were you there this
15 week?

16 MS. FANUCCI: For two hours.

17 MR. QUINN: I was supposed to go in
18 on Monday.

19 MR. MCGOFF: Were they cooperative in
20 providing you with information.

21 MS. FANUCCI: Last week.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Excuse me.

23 MR. QUINN: Would you tell her to
24 keep quiet, please.

25 MR. MCGOFF: Excuse me.

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1 MR. QUINN: Please have her keep
2 quite?

3 MR. MCGOFF: Why?

4 MR. QUINN: It's like a bird
5 chirping.

6 MR. MCGOFF: You don't want to answer
7 the question. OECD has been more than
8 cooperative with you and now you are going
9 to stand here and berate what they are doing
10 there.

11 MR. QUINN: They haven't been more
12 than cooperative, I have the letters that
13 show that I asked for these reports and
14 these reports I have now I asked in February
15 and I just got approval to go in. Do you
16 have a report? Do you have the reports?

17 MR. MCGOFF: What reports?

18 MR. QUINN: The monitoring reports.

19 MR. MCGOFF: I didn't ask for them.

20 MR. QUINN: You didn't ask for them.

21 As the President of Council, you should
22 realize what's going on. She should have
23 gave them to you. These are staggering.

24 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.

25 MR. QUINN: My five minutes isn't

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1 up.

2 MR. MCGOFF: I didn't say it was.

3 MR. QUINN: You are responsible as
4 President of Council to see what I'm saying
5 here. I'm saying that you should have to go
6 over and look at these reports and do

7 something about them.

8 MR. MCGOFF: I spoke to Mrs. Aebli.

9 MR. QUINN: Mrs. Aebli, and what did
10 she say, did she give you the reports?

11 MR. MCGOFF: I didn't ask for the
12 reports, I spoke to Mrs. Aebli about them.

13 MR. QUINN: Oh, yeah, I speak to a
14 lot of people, but go get the reports, look
15 at the facts and figures in them.

16 MS. FANUCCI: Are you accusing the
17 state of also being negligent, also?

18 MR. QUINN: Mrs. Fanucci, I didn't
19 mention anything about the state.

20 MS. FANUCCI: Well, they are the ones
21 that monitor this constantly, so what you
22 are saying is that --

23 MR. QUINN: Mrs. Fanucci, it's hard
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25 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Quinn.

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1 MS. FANUCCI: You are the only one
2 that knows what are you doing, Mr. Quinn,
3 God bless ya.

4 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.

5 MS. FANUCCI: It will be another
6 office you run under.

7 MR. MCGOFF: Please, that's --

8 MS. FANUCCI: Liar.

9 MR. MCGOFF: Please. Stop. Reverend
10 Simmons. Mr. Quinn, your time is up.

11 MS. SIMMONS: Good evening. Reverend
12 Catherine Simmons, Florence Midtown Crime
13 Watch. I came for two reasons this evening,
14 one is that for the last 15 years or better
15 the 500 block of Adams Avenue between Vine
16 Street and North Washington Avenue has been
17 no parking. Now, starting last week, well,
18 really starting back in February we began to
19 have problems over there with cars parking
20 along of that state away or whatever you
21 want to call it, boulevard, and now it's
22 been -- it's out of hand. The other day we
23 had 32 cars parked along that site.

24 Now, I called down and I asked if
25 there was an ordinance or a resolution of

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1 some type that was passed 15 years ago, I
2 know there was because I lived in Midtown at
3 that time and I know the problems that we
4 were going through, but they said there no
5 resolution, there is no ordinance to say
6 that there is no parking. Well, you don't
7 not park along a street for 15 years just

8 because you don't feel like not parking
9 there, okay, but just to make things easier
10 I'm asking one of you to present an
11 ordinance that no parking, you know how
12 dangerous it is along that corridor and when
13 people park on that side of the street
14 people can't see coming in and out of the
15 parking lot, children when they are getting
16 on the school buses in the morning, you
17 know, they can't be seen, so something is
18 going to happen there and then it's going to
19 be a little too late to say "Well, we should
20 have, but we didn't."

21 I want to thank Director Hayes for
22 what he has done the last couple of days to
23 try and keep traffic off that street, but
24 indeed he is right, if there is no ordinance
25 there then, you know, there is very little

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1 that he can do.

2 The other thing that I came here
3 tonight for is about the Human Relations
4 Commission. The last two weeks I believe
5 you have had something on the agenda about
6 Mark McGrath being hired as a solicitor to
7 act on their behalf from January 1, 2008

8 through December 31, 2008. Can I ask you,
9 who sits on the Human Relations Commission?
10 The last time that I heard it was four years
11 ago and one of the members has passed away
12 and hasn't been replaced. We don't know
13 when a meeting is being held, we don't know
14 where it's being held, it's not published in
15 the paper, so how does one get to come
16 before the commission and present a case?

17 MR. MCGOFF: Mrs. Simmons, I had it a
18 week or so ago and I don't believe I have it
19 with me, but if I do I'll look through and
20 see if I can provide the information.

21 MS. SIMMONS: Could you publish that
22 in the newspaper so that people who are --
23 who do want to come down and present
24 something to them can do this?

25 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

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1 MS. SIMMONS: Thank you.

2 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mrs. Simmons.

3 MS. GATELLI: Excuse me, did Mike
4 Hanley ever come to talk about that?
5 Remember I asked if he would come to tell us
6 about that case? Kay, was there a reason
7 Mike Hanley didn't come?

8 MS. GARVEY: I never spoke with him.

9 I believe Bob was going to look into that
10 when he got a chance.

11 MR. MCGOFF: I may have neglected to
12 request that.

13 MS. GATELLI: All right. Is it on
14 the agenda, I didn't even notice?

15 MR. MCGOFF: Yes, it is.

16 MS. GATELLI: Is it for final
17 reading?

18 MR. MCGOFF: Um-hum. John Scelara.

19 MR. SCELARA: Good evening, Council
20 members, my name is John Scelara. I reside
21 in Midtown Florence apartment complex, I'm
22 also the president of the tenant council.
23 Again, I would like to reiterate on what
24 Reverend Simmons has said. Last week I had
25 received, three different complaints,

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1 employees that are part of Midtown reporting
2 three near misses. This area has been a
3 problem. I'd like again thank Mr. Raymond
4 Hayes for his actions on our complaint, now
5 I have to ask the city again. I believe
6 it's about time we check to see if there is
7 an ordinance and if there is not I think we
8 should get one.

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: Sir, I'll talk with
10 Mr. Hayes this week and then if we need to
11 do an ordinance I will do speak with
12 Mr. Minora and see what can be done.

13 MR. SBARAGLIA: Thank you.

14 MR. COURTRIGHT: You are welcome.

15 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Scelara.
16 Joe Talimini.

17 MR. TALIMINI: Joe Talimini, City of
18 Scranton. First of all, Mr. Courtright, I'd
19 like you to convey my appreciation to the
20 police department, they have done an
21 excellent job this week and the past several
22 weeks as a matter of fact. I knew last
23 night there was nothing going on at
24 Whistles, I mean, you know, the political
25 season hasn't hit us yet, so Monday night,

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1 and I was very pleased to hear when the
2 policeman on the scanner say that there was
3 a suspicious situation on Franklin Street
4 which poured over into Lackawanna Avenue and
5 got behind the Radisson Hotel and I guess it
6 was a case of police profiling in a sense,
7 but it turned out to be a very good profile,
8 I mean, you know, nobody walks around with a
9 fur coat on a very warm May evening,

10 especially on Franklin Avenue and
11 Lackawanna, but the very fact that they
12 managed to herd this individual or whatever
13 it was into the soccer field, I was
14 overjoyed because, you know, we talk about
15 our zoo in this town, last week we had a
16 pair of penguins around, last night we had a
17 bear running around, and I just think it's
18 remarkable the police department handles all
19 of this.

20 I don't know if the bear was aware
21 of the fact that the soccer season was over
22 or was, you know, just trying to get in
23 there and get tickets, but apparently he had
24 a good snooze underneath the bleachers and I
25 think the police are to be commended because

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1 it's a pretty precarious position to be
2 placed in at that time, and they don't get
3 enough credit. The fire department didn't
4 get enough credit, the University of
5 Scranton security didn't get enough credit,
6 but I wouldn't want to go down there and
7 tangle with a 165-pound bear at 3:00 in the
8 morning when you couldn't see it in an open
9 field, you couldn't go in and after it,

10 fortunately, the game commission came down
11 and the situation was rectified, but I just
12 wonder if, you know, maybe this Lackawanna
13 Today or Tomorrow or whatever it is and good
14 things are happening in Scranton program
15 isn't being overplayed just a little bit
16 because are getting some pretty strange
17 people coming into Scranton or pretty
18 strange creatures, but, anyway, the
19 situation was solved and I would just like
20 you to convey that to the police department
21 and we appreciate the job they did and thank
22 you.

23 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Talimini.
24 Fay Franus.

25 MS. FRANUS: Fay Franus, Scranton.

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1 In 2006 Stacy Brown wrote an article in the
2 Scranton Times where he explained the city's
3 auditor, Robert Rossi, was having difficulty
4 in obtaining information from the Single Tax
5 Office. Stacy Brown also explained that
6 Mr. Rossi had found that the interest income
7 in the Single Tax Office had risen from
8 \$3,000 to \$135,000 from 2004 to 2005. Kenny
9 McDowell was going to look into this matter
10 and get back to the Times as to where the

11 money came from.

12 Now we know where the interest money
13 came from. Obviously, the money
14 Mr. McDowell was hiding for the mayor,
15 that's my opinion.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Excuse me, Mrs. Franus.

17 MS. FRANUS: I said that's my
18 opinion.

19 MR. MCGOFF: Well, it's an
20 accusation.

21 MS. FRANUS: It's my opinion. In
22 2006 the Scranton Times knew there was a
23 major issue with the tax office and they
24 either covered it up or you did not report
25 on it, why not? Then in 2008 when the truth

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1 is finally revealed they attack the man most
2 responsible for exposing it, Mr. Tom
3 Gilbride. It sure makes one wonder.

4 The article stated, "The interest
5 jumped more than \$130,000 in one year, Ken
6 McDowell said he would have to review the
7 matter."

8 We haven't heard from him since on
9 it. Now, I would like to ask, Mrs. Gatelli,
10 since you are finance chair, would you

11 please, I don't know if you can or not, but
12 maybe you would make a motion to have
13 Mr. McDowell come in here and answer some
14 questions or anybody else or if you could
15 subpoena, ask Mr. Minora to subpoena anyone
16 to help further this information and get it
17 out. This is very, very important to the
18 people, you know, the Scranton School
19 District had a meeting, a long meeting with
20 Mr. -- the attorney and Mary Ann Vitale and
21 they answered many question. I think the
22 Scranton City Council has that right just as
23 much as the county commissioners, would you
24 please make a motion tonight to do something
25 about this?

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1 MS. GATELLI: Yes, we have discussed
2 that in caucus this evening and we are all
3 in agreement and it will come up during
4 motions.

5 MS. FRANUS: Thank you.
6 Mr. Courtright, last week you said you had
7 answers on this PEL and you had answers on
8 this investigation of Chief Davis, but, yes,
9 in motions you said nothing, so I'm going to
10 say it again tonight, I hope you make a
11 motion to do something about PEL versus just

12 talk again. Do something for the people in
13 regards to PEL and when I go home I hope I
14 hear you say something in motions. That's
15 -- it's not just an excuse again, you are
16 rationalizing to do something.

17 Another thing, remember a long time,
18 a long time ago I asked about the trucks in
19 Bellevue, okay, you said you would get back
20 to it, then I looked back at the records two
21 years earlier I asked you the same question,
22 still nothing is done.

23 MR. COURTRIGHT: Fay, I have gone to
24 the police at least, at least ten different
25 times, they are gone down there, they have

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1 gone over --

2 MS. FRANUS: Ten years they haven't
3 stopped one truck.

4 MR. COURTRIGHT: What they're
5 telling me, if you would let me answer you,
6 what they are telling me is they go down
7 there when they could, they can't stay there
8 on a constant basis, but they have gone down
9 there, they have ticketed, many, many times
10 I have gone to them, many times.

11 MS. FRANUS: Many times what,

12 they've what?

13 MR. COURTRIGHT: They've gone down,
14 they've ticketed.

15 MS. FRANUS: They've never ticketed
16 anybody. Okay, let me check this.

17 MR. COURTRIGHT: I'm not going to
18 argue with you, Fay.

19 MS. FRANUS: Okay, then I'm going to
20 call the police department tomorrow and see
21 how many get ticketed, okay?

22 MR. COURTRIGHT: Go right ahead.

23 MS. FRANUS: I stopped a policeman
24 the other day and he didn't even know what I
25 was talking about. I said, "Are you here to

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1 stop the talk?"

2 He said, "No, I'm not, what about
3 the trucks?"

4 "Didn't you see the sign that says,
5 "No Trucks"?"

6 He said, "No, we'd have to have
7 weight thing on our car."

8 I said, "No, you don't, the ones
9 with five wheels you know are over ten ton."

10 And on Luzerne Street I asked you
11 about putting a sign coming down Luzerne.
12 There is no sign on Luzerne Street coming

13 down the hill. From Main Avenue all the way
14 down to the river this is not one sign
15 saying "No Trucks." What good is if it
16 there no sign that way when there is a sign
17 coming the other way. I want a sign on
18 Luzerne Street, I have been asking you this.
19 Still nothing done. I rest my case. Ask
20 Eddie Chumbo if you don't believe me. My
21 house shakes every night when a truck goes
22 by.

23 MR. COURTRIGHT: Fay, I can only ask
24 them and they told me they went there. You
25 want me to call them --

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1 MS. FRANUS: It's not good enough,
2 Billy.

3 MR. COURTRIGHT: What would you like
4 me to do, Fay?

5 MS. FRANUS: I would like -- okay,
6 here's what I would like you to do. I would
7 like you to get to back to me on all the
8 trucks they ticketed, that's what I would
9 like you to do, okay?

10 MR. COURTRIGHT: I can't do that. I
11 don't run the police department. You need
12 to go to Chief Elliott and ask him, he will

13 give you those answers. I don't order the
14 police what to do and what not to do. You
15 ask them.

16 MS. FRANUS: Well, you were supposed
17 to put the signs on Luzerne Street, did you
18 do it? No. You checked into it.

19 MR. COURTRIGHT: I talked to
20 Lieutenant Mackey, I talked to Lieutenant
21 Thomas about it --

22 MS. FRANUS: Well, nothing has been
23 done.

24 MR. COURTRIGHT: They said there is
25 signage there sufficient for what is needed.

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1 MS. FRANUS: There is no sign on
2 Luzerne Street.

3 MR. COURTRIGHT: Well, ask Chief
4 Elliott, Fay.

5 MS. FRANUS: Wait, aren't you in
6 charge of safety?

7 MR. COURTRIGHT: No.

8 MS. FRANUS: Who is?

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: David Elliott and
10 Director Hayes.

11 MS. FRANUS: Are you not in the
12 Department of Safety on city council?

13 MR. COURTRIGHT: That's my

14 committee. I don't order them. The don't
15 take orders from me.

16 MS. FRANUS: Not orders, can't you
17 ask them?

18 MR. COURTRIGHT: I did ask them. I
19 told you I've said many times --

20 MS. FRANUS: In other words, you
21 are -- okay, Billy, I'll handle it myself
22 since you can't do it.

23 MR. COURTRIGHT: Wonderful.

24 MS. FRANUS: It's amazing why we
25 elect people like you.

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1 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mrs. Franus.
2 Lee Morgan.

3 MR. MORGAN: Good evening, Council.
4 It's been pretty lively tonight, I wonder
5 how many people turned off, gee-whiz, I
6 don't watch too much TV, American Idol to
7 watch this, but what I have come here to say
8 is, you know, on May 2, Attorney Falk did an
9 editorial I assume in the Scranton Times so
10 I think I would like to call that an
11 editorial about law day, and I think that to
12 be so honest about this gentleman, he
13 actually believes the things he says and I

14 find that to be very troubling because in my
15 at my point of view I don't think law really
16 rules anything anymore except hiding
17 everything and I think that judges abuse
18 their discretion, and I'm not just talking
19 about Harhut and Corbett.

20 You know, when you take a look at
21 where this country came from and you go back
22 to 1775 and what possibly Washington and
23 Green thought when they were fighting the
24 British in Boston and what Clinton and Howe
25 thought, which were British officers on the

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1 other side, and you see what the American
2 people wanted was a government that
3 represented the people. And Jefferson,
4 Wyatt, Mason, Pendleton and Lee rewrote our
5 laws from 1777 to 1779, and then we see that
6 we are here in this council and we can't
7 even get subpoenas. We can't get anybody to
8 represent the needs of the people, anyone,
9 okay? We have council people making
10 disparaging remarks to people. You have
11 people who want to make comments about a
12 what a speaker said after that speaker
13 leaves the podium.

14 And law touches every single bit of

15 our life, every bit of it, and laws are used
16 to in my opinion, you know, at what one time
17 people were talking about how, and this goes
18 back to the Civil Rights Movement possibly,
19 even before that how black Americans
20 couldn't get justice in America or people of
21 color, but the truth of the matter is it's
22 reached the point where most people can't
23 get justice, and if you go into Family
24 Court, this Attorney Falk talks about a
25 right to a jury and a judge, but when you go

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1 to Family Court there generally aren't
2 juries and we have see serious special
3 interests running the Court, family courts
4 under Judge Harhut, which is a very
5 troubling thing where people's rights
6 everyday are abused and including Judge
7 Corbett.

8 Now, in my opinion I think that if
9 this Judge Falk and all of the other
10 attorneys in Lackawanna County want to do
11 something for people in this community they
12 need to go into Family Court and start
13 representing unrepresented individuals and
14 start fighting their way up the judicial

15 system because this Court of Common Pleas in
16 Lackawanna County Family Court is just so
17 blatantly dishonest. It's just special
18 interests runs from one side to the other.

19 MR. MCGOFF: Excuse me --

20 MR. MORGAN: Before you interrupt me
21 I'd like to say this, that's my opinion --

22 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Morgan --

23 MR. MORGAN: And all I want to say it
24 -- let me finish.

25 MR. MCGOFF: -- when you call someone

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1 dishonest that's not an opinion.

2 MR. MORGAN: No I have called them
3 that to their face right in Court, so I
4 think that -- if I say it there and I have
5 chased them into Superior Court then I think
6 I can say what I'm saying here because I'm
7 not talking about anything that I haven't
8 told the parties directly and right to their
9 face including Judge Harhut and Corbett and
10 I find it very troubling that we find
11 ourself in this republic here stripped of
12 our rights on almost all occasions and we
13 rely on attorneys to come into Court and
14 represent us, and to be honest with you, I
15 have had attorneys tell me right to my face

16 they wouldn't argue a case in Court because
17 they were friends of the judge, so when we
18 start talking about representation where
19 does justice begin and where does it end?

20 And when we come here to this council
21 as citizens of this city and ask you to do
22 investigations which is in the Home Rule
23 Charter and you refuse or you, Mr. McGoff,
24 who talks about what Ozzie had in his hand
25 or how Mrs. Fanucci left the meeting last

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1 week or snickers and laughs, I mean, it's
2 just terrible and, you know, it's really not
3 funny because people have actually given
4 their life for these things that we really
5 think we deserve. Some people think it's
6 funny, but it's really not, it's pathetic,
7 okay?

8 And, you know, to be a woman and
9 have such disregard for law is just
10 atrocious because for a long time women
11 thought they had no rights and here you are
12 you are denying people their rights.

13 MS. FANUCCI: That's ridiculous.

14 MR. MORGAN: A representative of
15 government --

16 MS. FANUCCI: Don't make statements
17 you can't back up, Mr. Morgan.

18 MR. MORGAN: No, let me finish.

19 MS. FANUCCI: Again, you make more
20 statements you can't back up.

21 MR. MORGAN: I think if you read this
22 country's history you will find out that
23 women didn't even have the right to vote at
24 one time.

25 MS. FANUCCI: What are you talking

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1 about? What does this have to do with -- -

2 MR. MORGAN: Here you sit -- now,
3 wait a minute. Here you sit on council and
4 snicker at people who ask you questions--

5 MS. FANUCCI: I laugh at ridiculous
6 statements just like the one you made which
7 was absolutely ridiculous and I certainly
8 would laugh it that again.

9 MR. MORGAN: Which one was that?

10 MS. FANUCCI: Probably 90 percent of
11 what you said, but I'll just --

12 MR. MORGAN: Maybe you should get an
13 education.

14 MS. FANUCCI: And what did you do
15 for a living, sir?

16 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Morgan --

17 MS. FANUCCI: One question.

18 MR. MORGAN: Can I say this, in a war
19 of wits you are unarmed.

20 MR. MCGOFF: Mrs. Fanucci --

21 MS. FANUCCI: First of all, my
22 education has nothing to do with how I act
23 there, and I can certainly --

24 MR. MORGAN: That's politics.
25 That's politics.

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1 (Whereupon several people began
2 speaking at one time and it was
3 untranscribable.)

4 MS. FANUCCI: All I know is you ran
5 for office and didn't get here, so that's
6 all I have.

7 MR. MORGAN: I didn't get paid --

8 MS. FANUCCI: Education or no
9 education.

10 MR. MINORA: If I can, I just can't
11 sit through this and listen to Judge Harhut
12 and Corbett be disparaged like that.

13 MR. MCGOFF: I agree.

14 MR. MINORA: I have been in the
15 practice of law for 32 years, I haven't
16 found two more honorable people on the bench

17 anywhere in the Commonwealth and I have been
18 in counties throughout the whole eastern
19 part of the state and the Federal Court,
20 Newark, New Jersey, Binghamton and a number
21 of other jurisdictions in New Jersey and I
22 haven't found anybody more honorable than
23 those two judges and, I'm sorry, I just
24 couldn't sit still and listen to that. It's
25 just not fair and it's just not right.

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1 MR. MCGOFF: No, it isn't.

2 MS. FANUCCI: May I say something,
3 and I want to ask you a question, this room
4 has become nothing but personal vendettas
5 and it is so blatantly office, we have to
6 listen to family court because somebody is
7 not doing well in family court. We have to
8 listen with problems with OECD because
9 somebody got fired from OECD, I'm not
10 listening to this. This has nothing to do
11 with the taxpayers and the business that
12 they go through and it is constant in this
13 room and it can't go on. It cannot go on.
14 Do I speak up, I'm going to keep speaking
15 up, you know, it's just beyond ridiculous
16 and it cannot keep going on. You want to
17 talk about city business, talk about city

18 business, but certainly family court has
19 nothing to do with what goes on in these
20 chambers.

21 MR. MCGOFF: Just the Rules of
22 Council and supported by the courts do
23 prohibit personal attacks and you are
24 correct we've engaged in that over the
25 course of time and it demeans the nature of

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1 city government and I would hope that in the
2 future that we can refrain from that type of
3 behavior and I say that on behalf of I
4 believe on behalf of council and also
5 hopefully on behalf of the people that come
6 to city council with legitimate concerns
7 that that should be the purpose of what we
8 do here and not the personal attacks that we
9 have experienced this evening. And with
10 that, Mr. Davis.

11 MR. DAVIS: Salaam aleikum. I have
12 been very fortunate in the last month to
13 work with Hussein Obama when he was running
14 for presidency. I know I'm not supposed to
15 speak of any president things, but it's past
16 Pennsylvania now, right so I can say it?

17 MR. MCGOFF: Well, it's still ongoing

18 so --

19 MR. DAVIS: Oh, excuse me, we can't
20 vote for him --

21 MR. MCGOFF: Not in Pennsylvania,
22 well, the general election, I'm sorry,
23 Mr. Davis.

24 MR. DAVIS: It was quite
25 experiencing, it really was, because I got

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1 back out in the streets of Scranton as a
2 volunteer and I started talking to people
3 and looking at people and finding where they
4 were going, what they wanted to do and what
5 was their examples of what they were having
6 right now and they kept saying it seems as
7 though this election reminds the older
8 people that the election reminds them of the
9 time in 1964 when Martin Luther King was
10 running when he was becoming a strong force
11 in the liberal -- in freedom rights and
12 things like that and they could feel that
13 there is division that was occurring among
14 people in Pennsylvania, but all over the
15 United States really between white and black
16 and brown and orange and it was a strange
17 feeling because at the same time there was
18 more openness, there was more discussion,

19 through a thing with DPW and we asked them
20 and we asked them and they still haven't
21 been painted. That is tremendous. Is that
22 public safety? I thought it was public
23 safety.

24 When I came here I asked you, I
25 thought it was public safety, I didn't think

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1 I was outstepping or overstepping my
2 boundaries or asking for something that
3 couldn't be done. Then they painted all the
4 lines up around Prep with brand knew paint
5 that wouldn't wash away, then they painted
6 lines all over west side and they still
7 haven't done central city. We still don't
8 have our lines painted for pedestrians and
9 most of our population in the central city
10 are pedestrians, but you are going to tell
11 me that, hey, they just didn't have the
12 money or they didn't have the workers and
13 that I have heard every excuse you possibly
14 could come up with and I didn't think that
15 our city council could protect, I still
16 don't think they could protect the residents
17 of central city by just having the lines
18 painted properly, giving us, you know, what
19 is due to everybody else.

20 MR. COURTRIGHT: Mr. Davis, I think
21 more than just myself, I have asked them to
22 do that, many council members have asked for
23 that and in addition to asking for it in
24 front of the mall downtown many people don't
25 know what lane to get in especially when we

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1 have somebody from out of town, I couldn't
2 agree with you more and I think everybody
3 here on council agrees with you. I can't
4 imagine why they are not. No, I imagine
5 why, I don't think they have enough man
6 power. I have said it all along they have
7 got to put more people in that department, I
8 agree 100 percent with you.

9 MS. EVANS: I agree with you, also,
10 and I do know that in up of city locations
11 had the crosswalks painted, but this is
12 probably going back two years, particularly
13 in front of the elderly high-rises, but
14 since that time, unfortunately, those lines
15 wear away. Now, I believe just maybe today
16 or yesterday the crosswalks were done over
17 at West Scranton High School which was
18 sorely needed to protect the safety of all
19 of the students there, so obviously the DPW

20 must be out working on this, so I will put
21 in this request for you if you can give me
22 the specific locations.

23 MR. DAVIS: The specific locations?

24 MS. EVANS: Prioritizing --

25 MR. DAVIS: Adams Avenue from Gibson

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1 all the way to Mulberry, all the way to
2 Lackawanna if you want. Our kids walk --

3 MS. GATELLI: Mr. Davis, just to let
4 you know the schools are a priority because
5 of the buses and --

6 MR. DAVIS: Excuse me, these are our
7 kids that go from Northeast Elementary
8 School all the way to south side to walk
9 home. They might take the buses, a few of
10 them might ride buses, but most of these
11 kids they are walkers, they walk the
12 distance and I'm saying to you like this, if
13 we don't protect our kids, if we don't -- if
14 I don't stand here and become belligerent
15 and --

16 MS. GATELLI: No, I agree. I'm not
17 disagreeing with you, I'm just telling you
18 that --

19 MR. DAVIS: Why haven't we done
20 anything?

21 MS. GATELLI: The schools are a
22 priority.

23 MR. DAVIS: Why haven't we got
24 anything done?

25 MS. GATELLI: Because we had to do

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1 every crosswalk in the City of Scranton
2 because some students crosses every road.

3 MR. DAVIS: Exactly and those are
4 our -- that's our duty though.

5 MR. MCGOFF: We'll look into it,
6 Mr. Davis. Thank you.

7 MR. DAVIS: That's our
8 responsibility.

9 MR. MCGOFF: You are right.

10 MR. DAVIS: That's all I'm asking.
11 Is that a responsibility or no?

12 MR. MCGOFF: You are correct.

13 MS. GATELLI: No, you are right.

14 MR. COURTRIGHT: Mr. McGoff, can I
15 say just one thing, not to Mr. Davis, one of
16 the problems I think is they cannot use the
17 paint that lasts for a real long time
18 because of environmental, we have gone
19 through this, environmental problems, so
20 they did these crosswalks right here and I

21 don't even think it lasted more than a year.
22 The paint that they have to use now just
23 isn't cutting it and then I asked, I can't
24 remember the exact answer, I asked how it's
25 lasting longer on the highways than it would

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1 here and they are saying just the amount of
2 traffic going over, you know, the crosswalks
3 in the city, so that's one of the reasons,
4 I'm not making excuses for them, but it just
5 doesn't last as long as the paint that they
6 used to be able to use, and I know that's
7 not an excuse, I'm just trying to explain
8 something to you.

9 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Gonzalez.

10 MR. GONZALEZ: Pedro Gonzalez, South
11 Side resident. Good evening, Council,
12 Junior Council and all in attendance. I'm
13 here today to give thanks as usual, this
14 might be a little different than what you
15 guys are used to, so I'm here to give thanks
16 to all of the participants and all of the
17 contributors for this past Cinco De Mayo
18 celebration that went on at the River Park
19 over here on Olive Street. The fundraiser
20 helped collect funds to keep the programs
21 running for the kids, for the LCDC kids for

22 their uniforms, their costumes and for
23 future performances and transportation costs
24 and things to that effect. It was a
25 fantastic event that was very well attended.

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1 It went very, very well. We want to thank
2 the mayor for giving us the park on short
3 notice. We want to thank Lackawanna County
4 Book Mobile, the Scranton Fire Department,
5 the Scranton Police Department, the Lupus
6 Foundation that came out and Scranton
7 University Lahey nurses. We want to thank
8 the Scranton University's exercise
9 department that came out. We want to thank
10 the American Liberty's union of Pennsylvania
11 that came out. We want to thank certain
12 sponsors like the Goya Food, Fidelity Bank,
13 Foley law firm, Waste Management, OECD,
14 Mohegan Sun, Lavos Latina, Rosenn, Jenkins
15 and Greenwald. We especially would like to
16 thank Pastor Alfredo Medina from the
17 Assembly of God in Dickson that came out and
18 blessed the festival before the craziness
19 that got started, that is one thing we
20 definitely believe in, you know, God comes
21 first in everything and anything that we do

22 and we contribute that to our success.

23 We would like to thank the many
24 performance performers that were there that
25 day, the musical group, the mariachi band,

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1 the musical reflections they are called. We
2 would like to thank the Urban Beat dancers
3 from Scranton University. We would like to
4 thank our troop, the Latin Cultural
5 Diversity Center South Side Urban Dancers,
6 those girls were on fire that day, they were
7 phenomenal.

8 We would like to thank Lisa Vargas
9 and all of the vendors that were out there
10 that day also, the vendor stations were
11 packed. I mean, there were so many people
12 just eating, nobody wanted to get up,
13 everybody was rolling off chairs, it was
14 hilarious.

15 So, once, again I would like to
16 thank everyone in the city that came out for
17 that event. I would like to thank everyone
18 that had anything to do with that or
19 contributed to the growth of the LCDC and
20 the programs that we are running. Thank you
21 all so, so very much and as always I leave
22 you with, my name is Pedro Gonzalez, and

23 thank you for letting me express myself.

24 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Gonzalez.

25 David Dobson.

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1 MR. DOBSON: David Dobson, resident
2 of Scranton, Taxpayers' Association. At the
3 risk of sounding like a broken record I once
4 again I would like to ask that council
5 consider some money for Channel 61,
6 hopefully I'll hear some address to that in
7 the near future. Also, some political
8 discussions aren't unwarranted, I'm not
9 going to -- I don't regard it as good
10 manners to call somebody corrupt or
11 whatever, however, if they don't show up for
12 votes and so forth on regular basis and
13 don't answer for instance with Janet Evans
14 and a request to separate city and school
15 taxes, it should be pointed out because it
16 eventually affects all of us and they are
17 not doing the job that they could be doing.

18 Also, it's spring time and the insects
19 are starting to fly about. I brought this
20 up once before, Nay Aug -- all of our parks
21 are incurring a lot of damage from gypsy
22 moths and it probably wouldn't cost anything

23 to find out what is needed to treat the
24 problem, Mr. Santolli might have some
25 answers, I understand he is our regional

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1 forester, but with the money we invested in
2 these parks it would ashame to see them as
3 barren and eroded and just dead because we
4 didn't spray for a few nasty little moths.

5 MS. GATELLI: Mr. Dobson, just for
6 the record, they are spraying.

7 MR. DOBSON: They are?

8 MS. GATELLI: Yeah, we got the
9 notice.

10 MR. DOBSON: That's great. That's
11 great. They are spraying in Nay Aug Park?
12 Because I seen in the paper that there was
13 -- a few days ago that they were spraying
14 some 40,000 acres, but maybe the state even
15 has a plan that we could reserve this at no
16 cost to us. I know it was be interesting to
17 find that out. Like I said, with all of the
18 money that has been spent there it would be
19 ashame to see it just as far as the forest
20 part of it delipidate to a point that's no
21 longer worth looking at, it will start to
22 resemble an old coal field or something, so,
23 that's all for tonight. Thank you. Have a

24 good night.

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

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1 Bill Jackowitz.

2 MR. JACKOWITZ: Good evening,
3 Mr. President, Scranton City Council
4 members, Bill Jackowitz, South Scranton
5 resident, member of the Taxpayers'
6 Association. I would like to start off this
7 evening by congratulating Mr. Austin Burke
8 and the Scranton Chamber of Commerce on
9 their award presented to them by the site
10 selection magazine. A handful of
11 contribution facilities pushed the Chamber
12 and it's industrial marketing arm. The
13 construction of large distribution
14 facilities for Sears, Lowe's, McLaine
15 Company and Certain City generated a total
16 of 235 million in projects and an estimated
17 2,200 jobs, low to moderate income jobs I
18 may add.

19 I also may add that these jobs were
20 created in Covington Industrial Park, Valley
21 View Business Park and the Jessup Small
22 Business Center. As you can see, Scranton
23 is not mentioned. Although, I am sure that

24 some Scranton residents work at these sites.

25 March 2008, the seasonally adjusted

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1 unemployment rate for the Scranton/
2 Wilkes-Barre metropolitan statistical area
3 decreased 1/10 of a percentage point from
4 5.8 percent in March 2008. This is an
5 increase of 1/10 of a percentage point from
6 February 2008, but more importantly, it is
7 an increase of 1.1 percent point from March
8 of 2007, one year ago, one full percentage
9 point.

10 Also, the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre
11 metro area now ranks 13th out of 14 metro
12 areas in the state for the highest
13 unemployment rate. The national
14 unemployment rate is 5.1 percent, the state
15 rate is 4.9 percent. Again, we are well
16 above the state and national average. The
17 only area in the state that has a higher
18 unemployment rate is Johnstown, 5.9. We are
19 only 1/10 of a percentage point from having
20 the highest unemployment rate in the state.
21 I will provide copies to Scranton City
22 Council members and Neil has them.

23 Furthermore, the Brookings's Institution
24 gave the area low marks. Education level

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cited as an impediment to Northeastern,

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1 Pennsylvania's economic growth. Our region
2 is ranked last, last among the state's
3 largest six metro areas in gross domestic
4 product per job, a key measure of
5 productivity. Only 28.3 percent of the area
6 residents have an associate's degree, 20.4
7 percent have bachelor's degrees and only
8 22.5 have access to high speed Internet
9 service the study concludes. Technological
10 improvements and a better educated work
11 force are long-standing goal of economic
12 developers. The job opportunities reflect
13 the work force, in other words, the educated
14 leave, the uneducated stay. No where in the
15 study does it talk about parks and
16 recreation as the number one reason for
17 companies moving into the area. Surprise.

18 Our institutions of higher education
19 are educating people, but we are exporting
20 them to other areas of the country. The
21 cultural needs to change. We have excellent
22 college trade schools and universities in
23 the area. We just have no good paying jobs
24 or for that matter good elected leaders who

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can work for the people. They only work for

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themselves, proof: Federal investigations

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that are being conducted at this time. It

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is comforting to know that one president and

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an elected body in the city, Tom Gilbride,

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school board, is going to stand up for the

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people of the city and more importantly

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himself and finally get the truth out.

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Our district attorney declaring

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immediately that no crime was committed to

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having three people arrested, oh, by the

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way, the FBI is investigating and no crime

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also. Amazing. By the way, where is the

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ex-tax collector? The Times-Tribune seems

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not to be able to locate him.

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Definition of a veteran: A veteran

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whether active duty, discharged, retired or

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reserved is someone who at one point in his

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or her life wrote a blank check made payable

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to the United States of America for an

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amount up to and including his or her life.

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This is an honor and there are way too many

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people in this country today who no longer

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understand that fact. Remember, Veteran's

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Day is coming.

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MR. MCGOFF: Thank you,

1 Mr. Jackowitz. Any other speakers?

2 MR. TIGUE: Good evening, fellow
3 Scrantonians, Jody Tigue, a concerned
4 citizen. Again, I'm going to pick up last
5 week where I left off, and I guess I'm short
6 on time so please forgive me if I rush
7 through this and it begins. We are all
8 aware that the local government face
9 different choices as they consider increased
10 revenue, creating new revenue sources and
11 reducing service and personnel levels.
12 Public officials depend on the budget
13 officer to complete critical tax and
14 preparing revenue estimates or preparing a
15 proposed budget based on those estimates.
16 To make an accurate estimate of the city
17 revenue for the fiscal year the budget
18 officer should have a working knowledge,
19 which I'm sure you do, ma'am, of the
20 dynamics of local revenue sources and
21 economic factors that can be based on
22 overtime, therefore, Mrs. Gatelli, your
23 mission is critical.

24 The local government, pardon me, the
25 local economy plays a key role in creating a

1 budget. All of the revenue is available for
2 funding the city operations depend on a
3 large degree of the condition of the local
4 economy. What drives our city economy is
5 the question that should be asked as most
6 can see dealerships, schools, banks, liquor
7 stores, hotels, critical areas such as
8 grocery stores, what are our economic and
9 political strengths and weaknesses and I
10 think that's important so we can then
11 exploit it or prevent it from being
12 exploited.

13 Decisions about employment salaries
14 should also be made in the line with
15 community standards. Relevant economic data
16 may not always be available, yet some useful
17 information can be gleaned from the
18 community. Local merchants, bankers and
19 other citizens can supply a valuable insight
20 into the municipal planning for an overall
21 perspective and from the perspective of
22 their own businesses. The information can
23 then serve as available guide to help budget
24 officers you, Mrs. Gatelli, for estimated
25 revenue.

1 In the evaluating the extent of
2 which the local economy will effect the
3 city's revenues during the next fiscal year,
4 the board members should also explore the
5 following questions: During the next fiscal
6 year were the local businesses improved or
7 weakened? And my answer: Estimate
8 temporary loss of permanent change.

9 How will the economic conditions in
10 nearby cities affect the local economy?

11 And I answer: We are losing revenue
12 to outlying cities due in part to our
13 infrastructure while our main road should
14 allow visitors to travel through the city as
15 opposed to a providing a throughway from one
16 side of 81 to the other. What is the
17 outlook for employment in industry growth?
18 Well, if the personal income level of local
19 citizens increase or remain in the same
20 during the next fiscal year? How will these
21 factors affect city revenues. Well, with
22 the current property tax rates what stimulus
23 program is being provided to offset the
24 costs of living for those who have to
25 compete with low wages because, as you see,

1 taxes raising, essential, but wages aren't
2 being raised for these jobs for it to
3 continue with decline in the market.

4 Would the population of the city
5 increase or decrease or remain the same?
6 What affects would change in the age
7 brackets of the socioeconomic composition?
8 As you see, a lot of our younger individuals
9 are leaving the area, it's almost as if it's
10 a -- and no disrespect, almost a gerontology
11 award here in the city. We are starting to
12 see a lot of our youth, we are depleting a
13 lot of our youths within the city.

14 What changes are expected in
15 residential and merchant development? What
16 impact of the construction industry have on
17 the budget? Are changes necessary or
18 changes just as or if not more detrimental
19 as no change at all if it's not the proper
20 change.

21 And in closing, during recent years
22 the importance of active revenue estimates
23 have increased along as pressure on city
24 official to increase revenue and most city's
25 automatic yearly increases resulting from

1 the increased property appraisals have
2 disappeared. One of the first steps in
3 preparing a budget is making a reasonable
4 estimate as to how much money will be
5 available for the municipality to spend for
6 the next fiscal year. At a one point of the
7 budget cycle, the budget officer and the
8 board members should prepare a forecast of
9 the basic financial factors, but in such a
10 way that we as citizens can understand or
11 even the 1/1- low area, no disrespect, so
12 the basic individual without an education
13 because we are equally as important to
14 understand, otherwise, it's no null and
15 void.

16 These forecasts also include a
17 city's ending balance with the current year,
18 no expenditures that must be built into the
19 budget during the next year such as payments
20 that will also be due on the outstanding
21 debts which we are receiving from the KOZ.
22 I'm not necessarily for welfare, but I
23 understand the certain tenants of it, but
24 for a city in order for us to strength it's
25 hard for us not to support welfare yet our

1 city is on welfare themselves, such as
2 payments were due, outstanding debts and the
3 seize estimated revenue and revenue sources
4 for the next year. Each of these procedures
5 are required to make estimates. I thank you
6 for much for your time and I hope that
7 Scranton can move in a better direction with
8 your help.

9 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. Anyone else?

10 MR. ANCHERANI: Good evening. Nelson
11 Ancherani, First Amendment Rights. Last
12 week I was unable to attend the council
13 meeting. I caught a rerun on Thursday
14 evening and was amazed at particular council
15 members' remarks about laughing, snickering,
16 tired of the nonsense, you know what, that
17 council person could laugh, snicker, all she
18 wants it just proves her point from a number
19 of months ago. This is the Jerry Springer
20 show, but the participants are not the
21 audience.

22 These council speakers are taxpayers
23 and have every right to come here week after
24 week and air their views or nonsense as what
25 that council member says, give them answers.

1 If you want to shut us up, give us answers.
2 Until the last couple of years elected
3 officials pretty much were able to act
4 without the electorate or taxpayers knowing
5 what they were doing. Thanks to the
6 Internet and the interest of many people
7 across the country and not to our slimes in
8 this city, elected officials have to be
9 accountable for their actions. Answer Ozzie
10 Quinn, answer Marie Schumacher and the other
11 speakers, facts are put forward, that's not
12 nonsense. They deserve answers, we all
13 deserve answers, so I thank the speakers,
14 keep up the good work, but what we all have
15 to remember when we stop and argue on the
16 miniature Jerry Springer show, we can't
17 forget the issues. There are many. They
18 are happy people when we argue with the
19 council. The issues end up being ignored.
20 We have to get through the smoke and mirrors
21 and get back to the issues.

22 One issue is, and I don't care about
23 the school district or the school board or
24 the school district when I come here, I'm
25 concerned about city business when I come

1 here. Other people will take care of that.

2 As I said, I pick my battles. The 12.2 plus
3 million that was hidden in my opinion in the
4 Single Tax Office bank account that only a
5 couple of people knew about I'm concerned
6 about that money because in my opinion it
7 was being hid for a reason, hidden for a
8 reason. As a city employee and union
9 official member I along with the other city
10 employee union members have been blamed
11 for the financial condition of the city. We
12 are now in our 17th year of distress, if
13 that money wasn't hidden, again, it's my
14 opinion we have gotten rid of the distressed
15 label.

16 Another issue, Armed Forces Day will
17 be here next week and still our soldiers who
18 return from Iraq haven't been paid but yet I
19 see we are going to loan \$36,000 to another
20 restaurant, but what I have to say is anyway
21 to everybody back to the issues. We have to
22 remember them, we can't forget our issues.
23 Thank you.

24 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you Mr. Ancherani.

25 MR. SLEDENZSKI: Hey, I wasn't going

1 to talk today, Bob. I wasn't going to talk

2 Bill, but I forced myself into it.

3 MR. MCGOFF: You were hiding on me.

4 MR. SLEDENZSKI: I wasn't hiding on
5 you, I was hiding on Billy.

6 MR. COURTRIGHT: You were hiding on
7 me? Don't hide on me.

8 MR. SLEDENZSKI: Judy, what happened
9 yesterday, Jude? We got bonkered bad
10 yesterday.

11 MS. GATELLI; We both lost, the boys
12 and the girls.

13 MR. SLEDENZSKI: I know. The girls
14 and the boys lost. Don't forget, Billy, the
15 best is up to you, there is only you, Buddy,
16 remember that.

17 MR. COURTRIGHT: Thanks, Chris.

18 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else? Mrs.
19 Evans?

20 MS. EVANS: Before tonight's
21 regularly scheduled meeting, council met in
22 a caucus to discuss the situation at the
23 Single Tax Office. We were informed by
24 President McGoff that Attorney McGovern, the
25 solicitor of the Single Tax Office, will be

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1 meeting on Monday with reporters of the
2 Scranton Times in order to provide

3 information and answer some of the questions
4 that the newspaper has posed specifically
5 through Right to Know requests. We had been
6 invited to this, well, if one might call it
7 a private meeting on Monday, but as a
8 council we elected not to attend that
9 meeting, rather we have discussed the matter
10 of subpoenas regarding the Single Tax Office
11 and so this evening as the former
12 chairperson of the finance committee for
13 four years I'm asking Mrs. Gatelli who is
14 the current finance chair of Scranton City
15 Council to initiate an investigation in
16 preparation to issue subpoenas to the
17 representatives of the Tax Office for the
18 following reasons:

19 Council has numerous questions
20 concerning the discovery of the 12.2 million
21 dollars deposited into a Fidelity Bank
22 account. We also have questions regarding a
23 forensic audit, the dollar amount of that
24 audit. If, in fact, RFP's have been
25 advertised. Who will make the selection of

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1 that forensic audit, why has it not yet
2 begun, when will it begin, etcetera.

3 In addition, the selection process
4 and contracts for both the tax office
5 solicitor and it's special attorney. The
6 tax office procedures. The duties and
7 responsibilities of all of the employees of
8 the tax office and, of course, the
9 underlying I would say impetus for this
10 measure has been the refusal of the tax
11 collector and her solicitor to meet
12 publically with Scranton City Council and so
13 Mrs. Gatelli I believe will be conducting
14 that investigation on behalf of all of us
15 and I believe Mrs. Gatelli is going to work
16 in concert within Attorney Minora --

17 MS. GATELLI: Attorney Minora.

18 MS. EVANS: -- to, as I said,
19 initiate that investigation which will then
20 provide for the issuance of subpoenas to the
21 Single Tax Office to provide that
22 information to Scranton City Council
23 publically.

24 MS. GATELLI: Attorney Minora, do we
25 have to do anything else? You know, should

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1 we make an official motion?

2 MR. MINORA: I'd like to be able to
3 prepare one formally rather than kind of off

4 the cuff because there is a number of things
5 that Mrs. Evans suggested and I'd just like
6 to have it done formally and correctly
7 before we issue subpoenas out of that.

8 MS. GATELLI: Would you like to make
9 a motion?

10 MS. EVANS: I think he was suggesting
11 that he --

12 MR. MCGOFF: He is going to prepare.

13 MS. EVANS: -- he wanted to prepare
14 the motion, wasn't that correct?

15 MR. MINORA: Yes. I'll have
16 something for you to look at before the next
17 meeting.

18 MS. EVANS: Well, I appreciate that
19 and I would like to present that motion next
20 week because I do want to get the ball
21 rolling.

22 MR. MINORA: I'll have something for
23 you to look at before the night is out and
24 so then we can start discussing it for final
25 preparation for next week.

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1 MS. EVANS: Oh, I see, but, again --

2 MR. MINORA: I'll give you a rough
3 tonight.

4 MS. EVANS: A rough draft tonight,
5 but we will present that as a council next
6 week because, as I said, we need to get the
7 ball rolling as soon as possible. I believe
8 the public meeting conducted between the
9 Single Tax Office and the Scranton School
10 District occurred possibly over two months
11 ago. We have exercised great patience and I
12 think the time for patience has passed and
13 the taxpayers want answers and it is the
14 duty and the responsibility of city council
15 to provide those answers for you in whatever
16 way in which we have to pursue those answers
17 for you.

18 Now, we also received a response
19 from the University of Scranton regarding
20 the South Side Complex which I would like to
21 read. "On April 11 City Council sent a
22 letter to the mayor with a copy to a
23 Reverend Scott Pilarz, University president
24 regarding the South Side Sports Complex.
25 The four questions presented in the letter

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1 only questions three and four pertain to
2 actions by the you.

3 The University has made minor
4 repairs and improvements to the South Side

5 Complex but has not made substantial changes
6 or improvements. The fields are maintained
7 and remain open and available to the public
8 including scheduled use by local groups and
9 organizations.

10 The details of the agreement of sale
11 are public and reflect the amount of
12 \$100,000 that the University committed to
13 the cost of a replacements softball field.
14 Plans for the site itself are to use it for
15 athletic fields and the playground. The
16 transfer of this property is involved in
17 ongoing litigation. Further development at
18 the site must await the outcome of that
19 case."

20 I do appreciate the response
21 provided by Rob Farrell of the University of
22 Scranton. He is the director of community
23 relations, however, I still await a response
24 to questions one and two from Mayor Doherty.

25 We also received a response from Doug

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1 Hein, city treasurer, to requests that had
2 been made by council as a body, and Mr. Hein
3 states: "In reply to your letter dated May
4 1, enclosed please find monthly trial

5 balances for January, February and
6 March 2008 which the city received from the
7 Single Tax Office."

8 So, that is information I'm sure
9 each individual member of council will want
10 to examine quite closely.

11 Regarding Burkheimer's analysis of
12 the city's delinquent real estate tax data,
13 this project is ongoing and should be
14 completed by the end of June and, therefore,
15 he is unable at this time to provide city
16 council with any analysis, but, Kay, I would
17 ask that, again, in June we contact Mr. Hein
18 for the Burkheimer analysis. It was my
19 understanding based on the PEL summaries
20 specifically from a statement by Mr. Renda
21 that he anticipated the completion of that
22 analysis by early March, so I am very
23 anxious to be able to examine that.

24 Also, Kay, I would like a letter
25 sent to the appropriate department head

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1 regarding the total cost incurred for the
2 demolition of the Robert's building at
3 245-247 Wyoming Avenue and the structure at
4 the rear of the Pub Charles by RLE
5 Enterprises.

6 Also, I would like to know from
7 which account and budget line item these
8 funds for payments RLE Enterprises were
9 taken from Mr. Joyce, Dalton Entrepreneur
10 and the property owner and if council agrees
11 the request can be sent on behalf of council
12 as a body.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Any objection?

14 MS. FANUCCI: Nope.

15 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Kay, again,
16 if council agrees, a request for an update
17 on the damaged wall at the 400 block of
18 Prescott Avenue, damage was caused by S & L
19 Sanitation and a Mr. Mackie I believe sent a
20 letter to each one of us, it was a copy I
21 believe of a letter he had sent directly to
22 DPW so if Mr. Brazil could update us on that
23 situation if it's agreeable to everyone.
24 Thank you.

25 I also have the make, model and

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1 license plate numbers of cars parked on the
2 sidewalks of the 900 block of Greenridge
3 Street, which I'm not going to announce, but
4 I will forward that information to that
5 lucky man in blue over there.

7 resource and that is our children and I'd
8 also like to recognize our children's very
9 first teachers, their mothers, so to all of
10 the mothers I wish you a joyful Mother's
11 Day. Mrs. Gatelli, Mrs. Fanucci, I hope you
12 enjoy a wonderful Mother's Day and to my
13 very special mother thank you for all you
14 have done for me every day of my life and
15 everything you have done for my family. I
16 love you, mom. And that's it.

17 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mrs. Evans.
18 Mrs. Gatelli.

19 MS. GATELLI: Well, Mr. Dobson was
20 here about the spraying for the gypsy moths,
21 the letter says that they will be spraying
22 in the East Mountain section of Scranton.
23 The Forestry Office can be reached at
24 963-4561. Maybe we can have Kay find out
25 when they are going to spray so we can ask

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1 Stacy to put it in the newspaper. Could you
2 do that, Kay?

3 MS. GARVEY: Um-hum.

4 MS. GATELLI: As you know, they are
5 going to be planting trees in South Scranton
6 and recently I got a phone call that there

7 was a tree project in another section of the
8 city and the people agreed to have a tree on
9 their tree lawn, which is the property from
10 the sidewalk to the street which is actually
11 city property, we do not plant trees on
12 private property, we plant trees on city
13 property, and it came to my attention that
14 someone had the trees cut down, they were
15 only four years old, they were ready to
16 bloom and they were cut completely by the
17 owners who had originally agreed that they
18 wanted the trees.

19 I just want to make the public aware
20 that any tree in the public right-of-way is
21 not to be cut down whether you agree to it
22 or not. I mean, years ago there were trees
23 on the tree lawn which are large now and you
24 are not allowed by a city ordinance to cut
25 down any trees from the sidewalk out to the

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1 street, that is city property and there is a
2 \$250 fine. I spoke to Mr. Santolli about
3 it, he did indeed check at these particular
4 homes and we have decided that we are not
5 going to fine those owners because we don't
6 think that it's been adequately advertised
7 publically that there is such an ordinance

8 in place, so he didn't think it would be
9 fair to fine them because maybe people don't
10 know that.

11 So, for the record, there is an
12 ordinance that you are not allowed to cut
13 trees down from the tree lawn, which is the
14 part from your sidewalk to the street, that
15 is city property, so please, do not cut any
16 trees down.

17 I'd also like to make sure that if
18 we don't have an ordinance for that 500 of
19 Adams Avenue, if Kay can find that out
20 a rather quickly and then we can have the
21 law department draft that. I was at
22 Northeastern Intermediate School for several
23 years and drove that way every morning and
24 never have I seen a car parked there so I
25 don't understand why they are parking there

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1 now because they never did before, so if we
2 can have that motion ready for next week if
3 there is not one on the books.

4 I have gotten many calls about the
5 two fire damaged properties in the 900 block
6 of Cedar Avenue. They will be coming down
7 within the next two weeks. If you go by

8 there you can see that the litter on those
9 two properties has encroached on the street.
10 It's very unsightly and I'm hoping that they
11 will be coming down as soon as possible.

12 I'd like to send a letter to
13 Mr. Seitzinger concerning a property at 3244
14 Pittston Avenue. I was out there over a
15 year ago, met with the neighbors, it's been
16 abandoned for several years, it's just
17 totally unsightly and dangerous and if you
18 could please put that on some type of an
19 emergency demolition list it's really
20 deplorable.

21 Also, I sent a letter, I haven't got
22 an answer yet, but I did send a letter to
23 Chief Elliott because I found out at a
24 recent neighborhood meeting that South Side
25 has not had beat officers since October.

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1 So, I sent a letter about all of the
2 neighborhoods because I'm assuming if we
3 don't have one then probably the other
4 neighborhoods don't have one either. The
5 Hill and South Side and West Side all have a
6 community justice program and we are
7 suffering greatly without our beat officer,
8 so I have asked Chief Elliott to address

9 would like to make a motion that we compose
10 a letter to Linda Aebli with a list of
11 accusations that Mr. Quinn came in finding
12 out if, in fact, HUD did change the website
13 in our job creation and where we fell short,
14 obviously, he is saying that HUD made a
15 mistake in counting the jobs and how that
16 happened.

17 I also want to tell the public that
18 job creation doesn't have to happen for
19 three years, so I'm not sure if that's how
20 it fell, but I know that HUD monitors this
21 very, very closely, so I also want to send a
22 letter to HUD to find out exactly how many
23 jobs have been created, if the jobs that
24 were stated were created were not and the
25 official count for the last three years and

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1 that we compare with the loans that we were
2 giving out. That is all I have in that
3 department.

4 We have two loans that are on, I'm
5 just going to go over them tonight because
6 they are going to be introduced, both of
7 them have complied and have job creation of
8 two jobs a piece I believe, but I would go
9 into that in further detail next week after

10 it's done.

11 Also, I wanted to see if we can have
12 Mrs. Aebli give us a list of what is the
13 exact compliance for the application. I
14 have done this before, we came with the
15 allocations in so that people can know
16 exactly what happens and the criteria that
17 he they have go through and go over the
18 application for loans, and I want to say to
19 Mr. Ancherani, Mr. Ancherani, OECD sat down
20 with Mr. Quinn and Mrs. Schumacher two hours
21 a piece in the last two weeks answering all
22 of their questions, so their questions have
23 been answered just so you know. Nobody is
24 afraid of answering the questions, it's the
25 motives of the questions I think that tends

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1 to get a little sticky in here. It's not
2 the answers that they don't want, it's just
3 constantly being able to talk.

4 I also want to speak on two issues
5 that we spoke about tonight, one being our
6 subpoenas and -- no motion, nobody seconded
7 it?

8 MR. MINORA: You made a motion for
9 the letter, I don't know if you want to have

10 a motion or --

11 MS. GATELLI: Linda Aebli?

12 MS. FANUCCI: Yeah.

13 MS. GATELLI: I'll second that

14 motion. I'm sorry.

15 MS. FANUCCI: It could have been

16 either or.

17 MR. MINORA: There was just a motion

18 out there and I wasn't sure if you wanted it

19 as a motion or just a requesting a letter.

20 Now you need to vote on it.

21 MS. EVANS: That's a letter?

22 MS. FANUCCI: It's a letter.

23 MS. EVANS: All right. I thought

24 maybe you wanted her to address that when

25 she came to council.

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1 MS. FANUCCI: Well, I'm going to have

2 her do that, too, but I figured we'll have

3 an official letter sent so she knows exactly

4 what we are looking for.

5 MS. EVANS: Oh, good.

6 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All in

7 favor?

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. FANUCCI: I wanted to speak on
15 what we are talking about on our subpoenas
16 which seems to be something that I think we
17 are all in compliance with. This has to be
18 done. If a violation has been committed in
19 an office we need to know procedural reasons
20 on how this happens, who is in charge, who
21 is allowed to have access to certain
22 documents, who does hiring and who does
23 firing without any accountability and none
24 of us, you know, 50 percent of the money
25 comes from the city, so I think that this is

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1 something that we have to monitor very
2 closely, obviously.

3 Also, yeah, I want to talk a little
4 bit about my education which is -- I gotta
5 say that was probably the best hit of the
6 night from probably the least worthy.

7 MR. MCGOFF: Please.

8 MS. FANUCCI: I don't believe that
9 that is how we got here and it's definitely
10 not how I got here. I always said I wasn't

11 the most educated on council and I never ran
12 on the fact of my wonderful education. I
13 ran on the fact that I support and help the
14 people who call me every single day and I do
15 that constantly and will continue to do
16 that. I certainly am not going to let what
17 goes on in here stop the way that I do my
18 job. My job is very important and for phone
19 calls and the e-mails that I get constantly
20 and the results shows me that I am on the
21 right track, so I certainly am not going to
22 let political maneuvering again try to take
23 it's toll in these chambers and, you know,
24 it's started since day one. I still hold
25 the record of the most asked to resign and

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1 I'm pretty proud of that, so keep that in
2 mind. I always say that, you know, if
3 people want to get rid of you, you must be
4 doing something right, so I am very proud of
5 what I do here and I am very happy for the
6 way that I do it and to have people come up
7 and try to claim that I'm doing something to
8 cover something or inadequate for the job is
9 just amazing to me because there is no facts
10 behind it. It is just purely spewing for
11 hate and for conspiracy theory that just

12 keeps going and going and hopefully some day
13 I hope that the end of the conspiracy
14 finally comes together for the people that
15 have been putting it together for so long
16 because it's a lot of waste of time and
17 energy on certain people's parts.

18 Do I believe that I should probably
19 not talk back or defend myself? I probably
20 shouldn't give the energy myself, but I have
21 worked very hard to get here. I have made
22 sure that my job is done to the best of my
23 ability and to have people come up and
24 constantly ridicule it just so they can get
25 what they need out of the end of the day is

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1 something that doesn't float well with me
2 and never will. So for the rest of the
3 people out there who I am actively
4 supporting and will constantly to my job for
5 thank you for being the people that I feel I
6 can accurately represent in the city and
7 when you look around you know the changes
8 and what's good and what's happening and you
9 also know when you sit and watch what
10 motives are and connecting the dots is
11 always something that I believe should

12 always be done under any circumstances.

13 And I don't have a day for myself
14 today, I wish I could come up with some day,
15 I'm not a teacher or a nurse, but
16 unfortunately, I don't have a day except for
17 mom, Mother's Day I want to wish my mother
18 obviously a Happy Mother's Day and, mom, as
19 you know in this forum you take a lot of
20 deep breaths and I want to wish you a
21 wonderful Mother's Day and, you know, just
22 to all my colleagues, you know, it's a great
23 day so spend your day with a lot of good in
24 your heart whether your mom is with you or
25 not, remember what it's all about because

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1 that's where it all starts, and that's all I
2 have.

3 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mrs. Fanucci.
4 Mr. Courtright.

5 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes. Kay, if you
6 could send this to Mr. Brazil for me,
7 several years ago we bought a pothole
8 machine and I've never been able to find out
9 what has happened to it. I know it was at
10 DPW for quite awhile, but we spent quite a
11 bit of money on that machine and I think we
12 utilized it one summer if I'm not mistaken.

13 If it's still down there, and I don't know
14 if it's in that bad of shape that we can't
15 sell it, but obviously we are not going to
16 use it, are we going to sell it, junk it, I
17 would just like to know what's going on with
18 that machine.

19 Coincidentally, Mrs. Gatelli just
20 spoke about the beat cops, I was going to
21 speak on that myself. I think what has
22 happened, not I think what has happened, I
23 know what has happened, is that there wasn't
24 a civil service test given fast enough and
25 so there was no where to draw from to get

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1 police officers, we had a lot of police
2 officers leaving, some police officers, I
3 didn't want to say a lot, possibly some more
4 maybe in the future, so we had no one to
5 draw from. They hired, those people that
6 they hired have to go through the Act 120
7 which takes approximately six months then
8 they've got to be certified by the state and
9 then they've got to do ride alongs, we might
10 still have two guys out there in North
11 Scranton, Kenny James and his name escapes
12 me, I'm sorry, another individual, I don't

13 know if they are still out there in North
14 Scranton, but the rest of the city hasn't
15 had any for the longest time, and I don't
16 anticipate us getting any that soon. The
17 question, and I'll call myself to Linda
18 Aebli is all of the money that comes to the
19 city from OECD for these beat cops, I hope
20 that we are not going to lose, I don't think
21 we are, but I hope we are not going to lose
22 that money because those beat cops are being
23 paid through OECD and --

24 MS. GATELLI: You have three years to
25 use the money.

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1 MR. COURTRIGHT: Oh, great. Because
2 free money is tough to come by, but I'm a
3 big believer in beat cops, the sooner the
4 better, but I just don't think we are going
5 to see them any time soon. I hope I'm
6 wrong.

7 MS. GATELLI: We are having a big
8 problem with nuisance bars again, we have
9 three of them. The money is already in the
10 system with the LCB, I mean, believe it or
11 not we got rid of one we got three more, so
12 we need them really badly.

13 MR. COURTRIGHT: They really make a

14 different. Absolutely. They make a
15 difference. I'm sure everywhere I know
16 where I live we sorely miss them and we had
17 two great girls, Jill and Melissa, and
18 unfortunately they are not there now so
19 somebody dropped the ball.

20 One other thing, Kay, I asked awhile
21 back, last year actually, in all of the Main
22 Avenue in Scranton I dont' think there is
23 too many instances where you see trees going
24 out across the street but it's happened for
25 several years now where Carl Servino Funeral

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1 Home is there is a street light there and
2 the tree has grown out so far off of Main
3 Avenue that it blocks out the streetlight.
4 There has been more than one accident there.
5 Somebody was seriously hurt one time there,
6 and I'm asking if the city can go out there
7 and just trim around the streetlights so at
8 least that's lit because people are going
9 back and forth from the funeral home and you
10 can't see them and traditionally a lot of
11 people wear black when they are going tot he
12 funeral home and without that light there,
13 you know, it's bad so if they could do that

14 I would really appreciate it.

15 Kay has told us that Mrs. Aebli or
16 Ms. Aebli said that she is willing to come
17 and speak to people and I don't believe that
18 council meeting is the place for her to do
19 it because I think it's going to take quite
20 awhile and there's going to be a lot of
21 questions so my suggestion would be this to
22 her and see if she is interested in doing
23 this, to use these chambers, pick a night
24 that's convenient for her and these chambers
25 are open and use these chambers and maybe

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1 her and her staff can sit here and they can
2 set a time frame and maybe field questions
3 from the individuals that have been asking
4 each and every week and I'm sure there would
5 be other people that would want to come and
6 ask her those questions. I think that might
7 be the best way to see if we can't get some
8 answers. If she is open to that I think
9 that might be a good suggestion, but she did
10 say she is willing to come and speak and so
11 far for me I haven't asked anything to her
12 that she hasn't given me answers for, I've
13 got to give her credit where credit is due.

14 Mrs. Gatelli already asked

15 about the 500 block of Lackawanna Avenue --
16 or Adams Avenue, I'm sorry.

17 PEL, I did -- sometimes it takes
18 time if I send a letter to somebody I got to
19 wait for a response. I did send a letter to
20 PEL. We got a response from PEL, we also
21 sent something to Stu Renda and Stu had
22 called Kay recently, and I do it for anybody
23 that wants the information from PEL they
24 sent me the figures what they were paid,
25 I'll be happy to give it to you. I'm not

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1 trying to keep it a secret. I question
2 their worth, you know, but I don't know my
3 questioning their worth counts for anything,
4 but Stu Renda said to Kay, and I don't want
5 to quote him because I can't, but more or
6 less my question was did he feel that they
7 were worth having and if they were doing us
8 any good. I believe what he had said to Kay
9 is he didn't want to comment on something
10 like that, it's just his opinion, but he
11 said he would like to speak to me personally
12 so I would call now and I'll speak to him
13 personally.

14 I also asked, and Mr. Minora is

15 going to look into it for me, my belief is
16 even if the five members of council wanted
17 to fire PEL we don't have that power. It's
18 a state thing, so our hands are kind of
19 tied, but I will ask Mr. Minora to confirm
20 that we don't have the many power to fire
21 PEL. It would be the state and I would just
22 ask him to confirm that.

23 I'm assuming we all got an e-mail
24 from Karen Bazzari about Channel 61, no? I
25 got one asking, you know, she couldn't be

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1 here today she is out of town I believe she
2 is in Baltimore if I'm not mistaken about
3 the money that we asked for Channel 61 and
4 if we heard anything and we haven't heard
5 anything yet have we, Kay?

6 MS. GARVEY: No.

7 MR. COURTRIGHT: I asked that if
8 council would agree to send another letter
9 and ask for answers as soon as possible
10 whether that money is going to be
11 forthcoming to Channel 61 or not.

12 Mrs. Evans brought up a lot of
13 issues about the tax office and Mrs. Fanucci
14 brought up some, one question that I will
15 ask them when they come here is this when

16 the \$12 million was discovered did they call
17 Ken McDowell and say, "Hey, what's up, you
18 know, we got \$12 million bucks here where
19 did it come from," and get an explanation
20 from him as to why that \$12 million was
21 there. Because I haven't heard any
22 explanation publically of what he has to say
23 about it, so I don't know that they even
24 asked him.

25 MS. EVANS: I think I read in the

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1 newspaper that Attorney McGovern did attempt
2 to contact Mr. McDowell once and
3 Mr. McDowell did not respond.

4 MR. COURTRIGHT: All right. And
5 that would be one of the questions I would
6 ask.

7 MS. GATELLI: But as you know, we
8 can't believe what we read in the newspaper.

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: Sorry to say,
10 Stacy, I don't read the paper that often,
11 but I did read it today, so if they've asked
12 that question, I'd just like them to answer
13 that question when they first discovered is
14 that the first person they called and asked
15 was him and get his explanation of why or

16 why the money was there or why it should be
17 there or shouldn't be there.

18 MS. FANUCCI: I want to know who made
19 the deposits, that's what I want to know who
20 put the money there.

21 MS. GATELLI: I mean, if there is a
22 chief clerk in charge of that then they
23 should have known, also.

24 MS. FANUCCI: How often were they
25 made they --

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1 MS. GATELLI: I mean, it's not ---

2 MS. FANUCCI: They are easy
3 questions.

4 MR. COURTRIGHT: But anyway,
5 obviously, we have questions, obviously we
6 have questions and I would hope that they
7 would step up and come here and answer them
8 for us. And, you know, you talk about
9 Mother's Day, I think every one of us here
10 knows that council keeps you pretty busy and
11 I know a lot of people think it's just this
12 meeting, but God knows it's much more than
13 just this meeting, so to be on council I
14 actually don't get to spend as much time
15 with my mom as I should because I'll drive
16 her where I could drive her and while I'm

17 driving her somebody is calling me and
18 asking me what's going on for council so we
19 don't even really get to talk in the car,
20 but obviously I love my mom and I want to
21 wish her Happy Mother's Day and my wife
22 because I spent so much time on this council
23 if it wasn't for her my children wouldn't
24 turn out as good as they are, and so happy
25 Mother's Day and both and to everybody here.

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1 Thank you. That's all I have.

2 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you,
3 Mr. Courtright. Just, and I'm not saying
4 this to defend Mr. McGovern or Mrs. Flynn,
5 but again, I will repeat, I have been in
6 contact with Mr. McGovern, he has said on
7 many occasions that he would be willing to
8 speak with council and I understand that
9 that's that -- we feel that that's not
10 adequate, but I do want to at least put it
11 out there that, you know, Mr. McGovern has
12 been cooperative to the extent that he said
13 he would speak to us it was just not in a
14 public venue.

15 It should also be pointed out that
16 we seem to be blaming Mr. McGovern and Mrs.

17 Flynn somehow for the \$12 million. They are
18 the ones that discovered that it was there
19 and I don't think that there is any attempt
20 on their part to cover it up since they are
21 the ones that initially announced that they
22 had found that money, so I do think that we
23 need to get answers to some questions and I
24 know somebody said that they would not be
25 attending that meeting. I hope that it's

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1 not -- I would like to attend the meeting
2 that they are having just to see what is
3 being said. I hope that doesn't offend
4 anyone on council or that anyone has an
5 objection to that, but I will make an
6 attempt to go to the meeting that is being
7 held on Monday just to see what it is that
8 they present and maybe what they don't
9 present as well and then we will be glad to
10 report back to you what was said at that
11 time.

12 Also, on the city's answers about
13 the complex and the replacement field the
14 answer that I received when I asked was
15 basically the same that came from the
16 University of Scranton that the replacement
17 field that they're at least saying is a

18 replacement, it's not a new field, but the
19 idea was that they were going to put lights
20 at Rockwell Avenue, at the field at Rockwell
21 Avenue or Rockwell Park, I'm not sure, and
22 that that would be used for softball leagues
23 and all. But at the same time, a new field
24 would until it's out of litigation and the
25 University of Scranton releases money that,

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1 you know, that they have promised or said
2 that it would be released, so that they are
3 not going to do anything on an entirely new
4 field, at least that's my understanding. I
5 don't know if that's an adequate answer, but
6 it's the answer that is being given.

7 And along with the letter, I will
8 attempt to get a response about the Channel
9 61 funds, if I can, prior to our next
10 meeting.

11 MS. EVANS: I might suggest though on
12 at that topic, because I'm sorry to
13 interrupt you, but I know Mr. Courtright
14 brought it up and then I forgot about it and
15 now that you've brought it up, in the event
16 -- I know that this was unanimously approved
17 by council to provide that funding and, of

18 course, if any of the funds were unused they
19 would be returned to the city.

20 Now, even if the mayor were not in
21 agreement with that motion, council still
22 has the power via the Home Rule Charter to
23 amend the operating budget and that requires
24 only four out of five council people in
25 order to do so. The budget can be amended

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1 and opened by council without the permission
2 of the mayor, we can determine from what
3 account we would like the funding to be
4 drawn and provide that money to Channel 61
5 and so I would ask that you as well to
6 consider that because I know that we made
7 that motion several weeks ago, meanwhile,
8 the clock is ticking and Scranton Today
9 still has nothing.

10 MR. MCGOFF: As I said, how about if
11 I seek an answer to the question as to the
12 funding. If and when I get the answer let
13 you know what it is and if it's
14 inappropriate for what we believe to be an
15 adequate response then we can look into it--

16 MS. EVANS: Yes, but if he is
17 agreeable could the legislation, I know I
18 asked this I think two weeks ago, could the

19 legislation please be prepared to be
20 introduced at council next week?

21 MR. MCGOFF: I will ask that, sure.

22 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

23 MR. MCGOFF: And as all of my
24 colleagues have done, I would like to wish a
25 Happy Mother's Day, especially my wife, my

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1 daughter and my daughter-in-law, my wife for
2 providing me with three children and my
3 daughter and daughter-in-law with four
4 grandchildren and all others members of
5 council and all other mothers to have a
6 wonderful day, a day specifically for them.
7 And that is all I have.

8 MR. COURTRIGHT: Mr. McGoff, can I
9 just say one thing, because I know this has
10 gotten down in the past with Rockwell
11 Avenue, the neighbors on Rockwell Avenue are
12 not happy about having lights put there, all
13 right, they have stressed that to me on more
14 than one occasion, so do we know for a fact
15 that lights are going to go there?

16 MS. GATELLI: I think so.

17 MR. COURTRIGHT: They are not happy
18 about it.

19 MR. MCGOFF: Well, the last I heard,
20 I asked about the field, they said Rockwell
21 Field and that lights were going to be put
22 up I then spoke with Mark Dougher from Parks
23 and Recreation and I believe he said that
24 the lights were going to be through the
25 Redevelopment Authority and that they are

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1 awaiting on the funding for the lights or
2 something, so I'm not sure exactly where the
3 status of putting the lights on the field is
4 but that was, that is the plan.

5 MS. EVANS: Like Mr. Courtright
6 though, I think we would want to seek the
7 input of the residents whose homes border
8 that field and also according to the
9 memorandum of understanding, you know, these
10 have to be fields that are in compliance
11 with ASA regulation and I don't know that
12 these fields are, and it's also a matter of
13 replacing all of the fields that were a part
14 of the South Side complex, not just one
15 field.

16 MS. GATELLI: Yeah, but that's not
17 happening now. That's not going to happen
18 until all of the litigation is over.

19 MS. EVANS: Litigation, right, but my

20 point being --

21 MS. GATELLI: This really isn't the
22 replacement field technically.

23 MS. EVANS: But the new field, well,
24 let us say if we wanted to make Rockwell
25 Field it's not only the matter of lighting

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1 it's a matter of all of the fields that must
2 be replaced and what the cost of that would
3 be because even the \$100,000 from the
4 University of Scranton is not going to even
5 scratch what that cost will be since I
6 believe when the complex was originally
7 constructed the cost then decades ago was
8 close to \$100,000. So, you know, according
9 to that memorandum of understanding in that
10 Senate Bill, those fields were to have been
11 provided I believe in April of 2005, the
12 replacement fields, so we are three years
13 beyond that point right now and, you know,
14 technically the city has gotten away with it
15 for three years and in the mean time,
16 however, as you know, Mr. McGoff, the
17 softball teams haven't been utilizing the
18 fields of the complex. I know there are
19 soccer leagues that utilize those fields,

20 but all of those other teams that play there
21 summer after summer after summer have had to
22 go elsewhere so that's my concern that the
23 people get what's been promised to them
24 legally.

25 MR. MCGOFF: Understood. Thank you.

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1 Mrs. Garvey.

2 MS. GARVEY: FIFTH ORDER. 5-B. FOR
3 INTRODUCTION - A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING
4 THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY
5 OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A LOAN
6 AGREEMENT AND TO EXECUTE A PROMISSORY NOTE,
7 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000 BY AND BETWEEN THE
8 CITY OF SCRANTON AND CACHE SUPRIS LIMITED
9 FOR ENTERPRISE ZONE COMPETITIVE GRANT FUNDS
10 TO BE DEDICATED TO THE CACHE SUPRIS LIMITED
11 PROJECT.

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

15 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

16 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

17 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

18 MS. EVANS: I'd prefer that we set
19 these aside temporarily until our visit from
20 Mrs. Aebli until, you know, we can clear up

21 the statements that have been made regarding
22 monitoring reports and etcetera, before we
23 would grant anymore funding, well, loans
24 specifically to any other businesses.

25 MR. MCGOFF: I don't think that we --

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1 I honestly don't believe that we need to do
2 that. These are things that we have looked
3 at before. In talking with Mr. Aebli, they
4 are continuing to work to provide, you know,
5 whatever documentation is necessary and that
6 the people have met the specifications for
7 these loans, I don't think that there is
8 anything in jeopardy in terms of money to
9 the city and I think that these are, you
10 know, two projects that allow, you know, two
11 albeit small businesses to open and to
12 operate and I think they are worthy of our
13 attention at this time.

14 MS. EVANS: Well, I agree the
15 businesses are worthy of our attention, I
16 have nothing against either of the
17 businesses and I hope they are successful,
18 but when questions are raised regarding the
19 Office of Economic and Community Development
20 on a local level I would like to see

21 monitoring reports, I would like to see
22 everything cleared up before I would
23 continue handing out of the cash.

24 MS. FANUCCI: We could not hand out
25 the cash until HUD tells us to hand out the

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1 cash, so it's not our office it would be
2 HUD, so, you know, to sit here and say,
3 well, the state actually is not doing their
4 job would be what would be accurate.

5 MS. EVANS: HUD is federal money.

6 MS. FANUCCI: HUD is the one that has
7 to oversee all of the regulations, so they
8 have to comply with HUD.

9 MS. EVANS: Right, but what citizens
10 appear to be saying is that these
11 conclusions are coming from HUD.

12 MS. FANUCCI: But, that --

13 MS. GATELLI: If I recall though
14 didn't he say it was 2005?

15 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

16 MS. GATELLI: But this isn't under a
17 limit.

18 MS. FANUCCI: This is 2005 he is
19 talking about and we are some reason on the
20 website, I don't know.

21 MS. EVANS: Well, there has got to be

22 a carry over when things are not -- I'm not
23 saying -- I'm not accusing anybody.

24 MS. FANUCCI: I myself am not going
25 to -- and the statement of --

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1 MS. GATELLI: It wasn't purposefully
2 if they did it.

3 MS. FANUCCI: I won't accept the
4 motion, that's all.

5 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else on the
6 question? All those in favor signify by
7 saying aye.

8 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

9 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

10 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

11 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed?

12 MS. EVANS: No.

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

15 MS. GARVEY: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -
16 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
17 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE
18 AND ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT AND TO
19 EXECUTE A PROMISSORY NOTE, IN THE AMOUNT OF
20 \$36,000 BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF SCRANTON
21 AND F & M RESTAURANT LLC D/B/A/ YANNI'S

22 GREEK BISTRO FOR ENTERPRISE ZONE COMPETITIVE
23 GRANT FUNDS TO BE DEDICATED TO THE F & M
24 RESTAURANT LLC D/B/A/ YANNI'S GREEK BISTRO
25 PROJECT.

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

4 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

5 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

6 MR. MCGOFF: On the question. All
7 those in favor signify by saying eye.

8 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

9 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

10 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

11 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed?

12 MS. EVANS: No.

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

15 MS. GARVEY: SIXTH ORDER. NO
16 BUSINESS AT THIS TIME. SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A.

17 MS. GATELLI: Before you start
18 reading this I would like to make a motion
19 to table this for this evening and to have
20 you contact Mike Hanley so he can speak to
21 us about the Human Relations Committee.

22 MS. EVANS: Second.

23 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
24 those in favor of tabling Item 7-A signify
25 by saying aye.

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1 MS. EVANS: Aye.

2 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

3 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

4 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

5 MR. MCGOFF: Opposed? No. The ayes
6 have it and 7-A is tabled.

7 MS. GARVEY: 7-B FOR CONSIDERATION BY
8 THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - FOR
9 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 28, 2008 -
10 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
11 CITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH
12 THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT
13 OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
14 ("DCED") FOR IT'S EMERGENCY RESPONDERS
15 RESOURCE AND TRAINING PROGRAM TO RECEIVE AT
16 \$30,000.00 GRANT TO UPDATE FIRE DEPARTMENT
17 EQUIPMENT.

18 MR. MCGOFF: What is the
19 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
20 Committee on Community Development?

21 MS. FANUCCI: As Chairperson for the
22 Committee on Community Development, I

23 recommend final passage of Item 7-B.

24 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

25 MR. MCGOFF: On the question. Roll

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1 call, please.

2 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

3 MS. EVANS: Yes.

4 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli.

5 MS. GATELLI. Yes.

6 MR. COOLICAN: Ms. Fanucci.

7 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

8 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright.

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

10 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McGoff.

11 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare

12 Item 7-B legally and lawfully adopted.

13 MS. GARVEY: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION
14 BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -
15 FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 29, 2008 -
16 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
17 CITY OFFICIALS FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO
18 ENTER INTO REFINANCE AGREEMENT FOR THE
19 COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL REVOLVING LOAN
20 PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 150.16 IN REGARDS TO
21 PAUL S. COOPER, JOHN B. COOPER AND ANGELA
22 COOPER D/B/A/ 510 LINDEN STREET COMPANY.

23 MR. MCGOFF: What is the

24 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
25 Committee on Community Development?

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1 MS. FANUCCI: As Chairperson for the
2 Committee on Community Development, I
3 recommend final passage of Item 7-C.

4 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

5 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

6 MS. EVANS: Yes, I'm going to be
7 voting in favor of this, but it's a
8 different set of circumstances because this
9 is a loan that has been ongoing for a number
10 of years. The owners of the property now
11 owe less than 1/3 of the original cost of
12 the loan, they have an excellent payment
13 history with the City of Scranton and it
14 also involves a piece of property that has
15 been, well, a troublesome spot in the
16 downtown area and, of course, we want to
17 keep it on the tax roles, but we are hoping
18 that it's going to be taken over by perhaps
19 a more responsible people friendly business.
20 However, as I said, the underlying reason is
21 that this loan has been in effect for quite
22 a long time and they do have an excellent
23 payment history.

24 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else? Roll call,
25 please.

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1 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.
2 MS. EVANS: Yes.
3 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli.
4 MS. GATELLI. Yes.
5 MR. COOLICAN: Ms. Fanucci.
6 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.
7 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright.
8 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.
9 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McGoff.
10 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare
11 Item 7-C legally and lawfully adopted.
12 Motion to adjourn.
13 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.
14 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.
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