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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 recited and moment of reflection
2 observed.)

3 MR. MCGOFF: Roll call, please?

4 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

5 MS. EVANS: Here.

6 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli.

7 MS. GATELLI. Here.

8 MR. COOLICAN: Ms. Fanucci.

9 MS. FANUCCI: Here.

10 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright.

11 MR. COURTRIGHT: Here.

12 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McGoff.

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

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

16 CONTROLLER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING MAY
17 31, 2008.

18 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?

19 If not, received and filed.

20 MS. GARVEY: 3-B. MINUTES OF THE

21 SCRANTON-LACKAWANNA HEALTH & WELFARE

22 AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MAY 15,

23 2008.

24 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?

25 If not, received and filed.

1 MS. GARVEY: 3-C. COMBINED FINANCIAL
2 STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
3 FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,2007, FOR
4 THE SCRANTON-LACKAWANNA HEALTH & WELFARE
5 AUTHORITY.

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

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

10 MR. MCGOFF: I did want to make one
11 announcement, the Scranton Home Fair which
12 is a free admission sponsored by the City of
13 Scranton Office of Economic and Community
14 Development is going to be held Thursday,
15 June 26, at the Addison for hotel. Time is
16 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., such things as
17 Plus-on mortgages, real estate, home buyers
18 programs, lead-based paint hazards, credit
19 counseling, reverse mortgages and other
20 another thing that are doing is free blood
21 level screening for children under eight
22 years of age, primarily with lead poisoning
23 in children it is being offered free of
24 charge if anyone is interested. That's the
25 Scranton Home Fair Thursday, June 26, at the

1 Radisson Hotel from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and
2 it's free of charge. Any other
3 announcements?

4 MS. GATELLI: Yes. I'd like to wish
5 condolences to former Mayor James McNulty,
6 his mother passed away this past week.
7 Kevin O'Shea sent an e-mail, Kevin O'Shea,
8 Jr., as you know his dad had a fire in his
9 home in Minooka and they are having a
10 fundraiser this Saturday evening the 28th at
11 7:00 at Whistles. The cost is \$20 and you
12 can get tickets at the door. They are also
13 going to have a basket raffle and you can
14 call MaryAnn at 876-4314 if you would like
15 to donate. He asked about given
16 commendations at the party for people that
17 provided heroic measures and rescuing them
18 and their son. One of them was a Mr. Kevin
19 Browning, and the other one who
20 coincidentally our county commissioner Corey
21 O'Brien, so I would like council to work
22 later to do that and if someone is going to
23 attend the party they can present the
24 proclamation.

25 Also, on Saturday evening, the 28th,

1 at 7:00 at the Mellow Theater at Lackawanna
2 Junior College they are having giving gate,
3 it's being to done by Caring Kids. They are
4 college students, they are going to be
5 performing songs and dances from Broadway
6 shows such as Annie, West Side Story, Chorus
7 Line, Phantom and Les Mis and it's all
8 benefiting St. Joseph's Center which is an
9 excellent cause. Tickets can be obtained by
10 contacting Lee Minora at 241-8013 or
11 Michelle Conaboy at 687-0406 and tickets can
12 also be obtained at the door.

13 Tonight at 5:00 there will be a
14 celebration in Center Street, it's called
15 Tuesdays on Center Street, and the theme
16 tonight is African American night and the
17 guess star is Shanay Brown, wife of our city
18 hall reporter Stacy Brown. It's a free
19 event and it's from 5 to 7 tonight.

20 The last item I have is a Troop 16
21 at St. Mary's Church is doing a service
22 project at Nay Aug Park down at the
23 footbridge and they are building a camp site
24 for their troop. They are asking for
25 volunteers and they will be meeting this

1 Thursday evening at 6:00 at the treehouse

2 for anyone who is interested in helping.
3 That's all I have.

4 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else? No other
5 announcements. Fourth Order. Doug Miller.

6 MR. MILLER: Morning, Council. Doug
7 Miller, president of the Scranton Junior
8 City Council. Today marks my final meeting
9 as president and a member of the Scranton
10 Junior City Council. I would like to thank
11 quite a few people for making the last two
12 years a wonderful learning experience.

13 First, I would like to thank
14 Mrs. Gatelli for supporting our council
15 since day one. Mrs. Gatelli has become
16 someone that I admire and have great respect
17 for. I would also like to thank the rest of
18 city council for their assistance along the
19 way. A special thanks also must go out to
20 the council staff. They have also been very
21 helpful during my two-year term.

22 I would like to thank Ian Miller for
23 his service on Junior Council. Ian and I
24 were the first two members appointed to this
25 council and now we are the last two to

1 leave. Ian has shown excellent leadership

2 skills and one day he may be a leader of
3 this city. I wish him the best of luck as
4 he moves forward.

5 I must also take this time to thank
6 a very special person, Mr. Bob Bolus. When
7 I was 12 years old Bob introduced me to my
8 first city council meeting. It is because
9 of him that I became interested in city
10 government. I would not be standing here
11 today if it weren't for Mr. Bolus'
12 friendship, advice and encouragement. Bob,
13 thanks for helping me become a better
14 leader.

15 Most of all, I want to thank my
16 parents. They have been tremendous
17 supporters and have always help guide my
18 down the right path. You have also helped
19 make me a better leader. I know these two
20 years weren't always your favorites, but
21 serving on Junior Council has been a
22 wonderful experience for me. As an
23 18-year-old student I am very proud of
24 everything that we have accomplished over
25 the last two years. The one thing I am most

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1 proud of is the fact that we as a council
2 never gave up, we are never quitters. Some

3 would probably say we certainly had a reason
4 to, but as president of this council I knew
5 we would overcome the criticism and the
6 personal attacks. I truly believe that
7 Junior Council was a hug success and a
8 valuable educational tool for students all
9 across the city. It was truly an honor for
10 me to represent West Scranton High School
11 and all of my fellow students and I thank my
12 teachers and principals for their guidance
13 as well.

14 During my term on Junior Council I
15 have become stronger, wiser and more mature.
16 Finally, I would hope that in the future the
17 students that speak before council are not
18 chastised and stifled by speakers. While
19 many of us on Junior Council have become a
20 lot wiser there seems to be some adults here
21 that still have a lot to learn. You all
22 must remember one thing, it's not your
23 future on the line, it's ours. Thank you
24 and have a great summer.

25 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Doug. I have

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1 only been on council now for two years, but
2 I would like to say that -- I would like to

3 thank Douglas and the other members of
4 Junior Council for all of the work that they
5 have done. People are generally judged by
6 their accomplishments, and I think in the
7 future your tenure as Junior Council, you
8 and Ian and the other members that will be
9 judged very favorably because you did
10 accomplish quite a bit and I thank you.

11 MR. MILLER: Thank you.

12 MS. GATELLI: I would also like to
13 thank the Junior Council, it was under my
14 tenure that the council was formed. It is
15 my hope that it will continue, however, I
16 don't believe that that will happen. If you
17 read today's paper up in Carbondale they are
18 now starting a Junior City Council, so it
19 has caught on and you did some wonderful
20 work, you got some playgrounds cleaned, you
21 got the handicapped swingset and you also
22 are working on the firemen's monument, so
23 you are a credit to your community, both of
24 you and the students that preceded you also,
25 and you have been a tremendous asset to the

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1 city and we appreciate your voluntarily
2 work. Thank you.

3 MR. MCGOFF: Les Spindler.

4 MR. SPINDLER: Morning, Council, Les
5 Spindler, city resident, home owner. I only
6 have one question today, it's the question I
7 asked last week and it went unanswered, in
8 the past many times Mrs. Fanucci has stated
9 that grant money can only be used for what
10 it was originally intended for so how can
11 the three members of council that voted to
12 transfer \$90,000 to ECTV, how can you
13 justify transferring that money?
14 Mr. McGoff, can you answer that question?

15 MR. MCGOFF: I'm sorry? You want me
16 to answer, is that what you said? I didn't
17 hear what you said?

18 MR. SPINDLER: Yes. Did you hear my
19 question or were you dreaming?

20 MR. MCGOFF: I can justify the
21 transfer because it's an eligible project.
22 The funds were not being used for -- the
23 projects had run out for which they were
24 being used and I think it's a worthwhile
25 cause.

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1 MR. SPINDLER: Well, there was
2 another worthwhile project, Mr. Hubbard came
3 here many times asking for \$280,000 for the

4 flood project, but members of this council
5 said, oh, we can't transfer it, it's meant
6 for something else. How do you explain
7 that? How do you transfer one amount of
8 money but you can't transfer another? I got
9 you, huh?

10 MS. FANUCCI: No, I hate to respond
11 to you, Les, because there is nothing that I
12 can say that you are not going to try to --

13 MR. SPINDLER: Because you are wrong.

14 MS. FANUCCI: -- justify yourself --
15 no.

16 MR. SPINDLER: You're all nothing but
17 puppets of the mayor --

18 MS. FANUCCI: So you don't want the
19 answer? You don't want the answer?

20 MS. SPINDLER: I'm talking now.

21 MS. FANUCCI: Well, then don't ask a
22 question.

23 MR. SPINDLER: You do whatever Chris
24 Doherty wants you to do. Why don't the
25 three of you grow a spine and do what's good

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1 for the city.

2 MR. MCGOFF: Excuse me.

3 MR. SPINDLER: What, Mr. McGoff?

4 MR. MCGOFF: You asked for a response

5 and then --

6 MR. SPINDLER: Yes, and I didn't get
7 a good response.

8 MR. MCGOFF: And then you started
9 yelling.

10 MR. SPINDLER: You do what's good for
11 what Chris Doherty wants, but you don't do
12 what's good for the city. You can't
13 transfer money to help the flood project,
14 but you can transfer money to help bring
15 another TV station in here. You have no
16 explanation for that and that's wrong.

17 MS. FANUCCI: I have an explanation,
18 Les, but obviously you don't want it, so
19 it's okay. It's okay.

20 MR. SPINDLER: Your explanation is
21 just coming from --

22 MS. FANUCCI: You just keep spewing
23 your anger and see what you get.

24 MR. SPINDLER: -- Chris
25 Doherty or Virginia McGregor.

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1 MS. FANUCCI: Actually, mine comes
2 from me, I'm not sure actually where your
3 questions come from you --

4 MR. SPINDLER: My questions come

5 from myself.

6 MS. FANUCCI: My answers come from
7 fact.

8 MR. SPINDLER: I don't have anybody
9 pulling my strings.

10 MS. FANUCCI: My answers come from
11 facts.

12 MR. SPINDLER: Nobody is pulling my
13 strings. You don't have any -- Mr. McGoff,
14 you don't have any answer to my question?
15 How come you couldn't transfer \$280,000 to
16 the flood project?

17 MS. GATELLI: Well, Mr. Spindler, the
18 flood project is being done. I mean --

19 MR. SPINDLER: But it wasn't being
20 done back then --

21 MS. GATELLI: Yes, it was, it just
22 takes time.

23 MR. SPINDLER: No, it wasn't.

24 MS. FANUCCI: Yes, it was, for years.

25 MS. GATELLI: Yes, it was.

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1 MR. SPINDLER: Not in lower
2 Greenridge.

3 MS. GATELLI: Oh, absolutely it was.

4 MR. SPINDLER: No, it wasn't.

5 MS. FANUCCI: Yes, it was.

6 MS. GATELLI: You will have to look
7 it up because it has been, Mr. Spindler.

8 MR. SPINDLER: I'm fighting a losing
9 battle now, I have to get back, some of us
10 have to work.

11 MS. GATELLI: Yeah, some of you.
12 You are not here about the wage tax, that's
13 for sure.

14 MR. MCGOFF: Excuse me, that's
15 uncalled for. Ozzie Quinn.

16 MR. QUINN: Ozzie Quinn, Taxpayers'
17 Association. In the beginning of the agenda
18 you read approval of the file, the reports,
19 did you all read those reports? Did you all
20 read those reports?

21 MS. GATELLI: Yeah, we have them.

22 MR. QUINN: Did you read them before
23 you approve them? That's how you got in
24 trouble with the tax office, you know? I
25 hope you are reading these reports.

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1 MS. GATELLI: We usually look at
2 them.

3 MR. QUINN: In this morning's
4 paper-- you didn't read them, that's what
5 happened. In this morning's paper there is

6 an advertisement in the city for a risk
7 management consultant, what does that mean?
8 Under business, government or business
9 mismanagement means that you have to have a
10 strategy development because you are in
11 trouble. That's the only thing -- the only
12 reason I would see why you are hiring this
13 manager. Does anybody know about that, a
14 risk manager?

15 MS. FANUCCI: I can tell you what, I
16 mean, Ozzie, again, you are not going to --
17 risk management is not just for people who
18 are in trouble, risk management is to try to
19 make sure you foresee any problems down the
20 line. That's what it's all about.

21 MR. QUINN: Correct. Right.

22 MS. FANUCCI: So, you would want risk
23 management in any corporation in any city at
24 all times, that is something that's pretty
25 much prudent.

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1 MR. QUINN: Right, I believe the
2 Doherty administration sees trouble down the
3 line that's what I'm saying it, okay? I'm
4 asking you today to rebid the cable
5 television, okay, because of the fact that,
6 you know, there is an outstanding situation

7 where one applicant did not yet have a
8 hearing before the Ethics Commission.

9 MS. FANUCCI: That was you, right?

10 MR. QUINN: No, it wasn't me.

11 MS. FANUCCI: I believe that that was
12 your application, correct?

13 MR. QUINN: No.

14 MS. FANUCCI: You and -- it was not?

15 MR. QUINN: Northeast Public Access
16 Television.

17 MS. FANUCCI: Was you and --

18 MR. QUINN: It's not me.

19 MS. FANUCCI: Oh, I'm sorry.

20 MR. QUINN: It was Dave Allen.

21 MS. FANUCCI: I'm sure that that was
22 -- you were one of the three applicants,
23 weren't you?

24 MR. QUINN: Hold my time on that
25 blabber, okay? Now, the fact is he did

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1 those bids, the mayor, to fit one shoe.
2 They were disgusting those bids. I never
3 seen anything like that in my life come out
4 of government and they should be rebid
5 because the person who bid them, Balton is
6 no longer with ECTV. Second, the fact is

7 that when they put their bid in they
8 submitted a budget that did not include an
9 OECD grant. I mean, you cannot do that in
10 the middle of a stream. You just can't do
11 it -- oh, you can do it, I guess you can do
12 it, obviously you can do it, but you should
13 not do it, it's not good government.

14 Third, citizens' participation,
15 public hearing. There should be citizen
16 participation, a public hearing by OECD
17 before council acts on this. It's not
18 required, but it's good government. Is
19 there going to be a public hearing or
20 citizens' participation? No?

21 MS. GATELLI: We are having it now.

22 MS. FANUCCI: You are having it now.

23 MR. QUINN: OECD.

24 MS. FANUCCI: No.

25 MR. QUINN: Has to have a citizens'

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1 participation.

2 MS. FANUCCI: They don't have to.

3 MR. QUINN: Well, I beg to differ.

4 We will see in the future. All right. We
5 have seen through Scranton Today which we
6 would never have witnessed before, I know
7 it, in the print or any electronic media the

8 fact that we are 400 million dollars in
9 debt, we sold a tax producing, revenue
10 producing golf course, we sold a South Side
11 Complex to the University and we yet do not
12 have any baseball or softball field with
13 lights after how many years. Daron
14 Industries, no one ever heard of that. The
15 neighborhood blight and rehab never would
16 have been brought out. OECD monitoring
17 reports, never brought out, she sat on them
18 for three years. Police and firefighters,
19 the problems they are having, not getting
20 any raise in five years, you never would
21 have heard that or complaints.

22 And you know what I found out, since
23 Mr. Doherty has taken office, and this is
24 probably a first on Scranton today, he has
25 hired 60 employees on the Sewer Authority.

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1 Unbelievable. Yet they raised our rates ins
2 2003, I'd like to see what those rates were.
3 So, I'm asking you on behalf of our protest
4 this morning please do not pass this
5 resolution to approve ECTV and put it back
6 out to bid because you know it's ragged and
7 it should never happened. Thank you.

8 MS. EVANS: Mr. Quinn, if I just
9 might explain one thing to him, on going
10 back to the beginning of your presentation
11 the risk management consultant for the city,
12 we did receive some information on that and
13 I'll read just a portion of the
14 specifications for you so that you might
15 better understand what this entails:

16 "Provide professional risk management
17 consulting services to the City of Scranton,
18 assist with revisions to the City of
19 Scranton's Pennsylvania state accident and
20 illness prevention program as well as
21 enhance employee health and safety policies
22 and programs with the goal of reducing both
23 employee injuries and worker's compensation
24 related costs."

25 So, it would appear to me that the

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1 City may be substituting this consultant for
2 the previous health care cost containment
3 committee.

4 MR. QUINN: Which the mayor cut out.
5 Thank you.

6 MS. EVANS: Pardon?

7 MR. QUINN: Which the mayor cut out.

8 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mrs. Evans.

9 Thank you, Mr. Quinn.

10 MS. FRANUS: Fay Franus, Scranton.

11 I want to start off by saying that
12 everything I say at any meeting is my
13 opinion. Mr. Minora, I would like to ask
14 you a question? Mr. Minora? Last week when
15 I left the podium you made a statement about
16 what I talked about the subpoena, I read
17 from the Home Rule Charter saying that an
18 investigation will come after a subpoena and
19 you said something. I would like you to,
20 maybe you don't have it now, but I would
21 like you to cite the code to which you
22 referred, the section, the paragraph and
23 provide me with a copy of that, please?
24 Could I have that this week, please?

25 MR. MINORA: I work for city council.

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1 MS. FRANUS: Yes. I asked you if I
2 could have what you quoted.

3 MR. MINORA: I don't work for you, I
4 work for city council.

5 MS. EVANS: Then, Mr. Minora, as a
6 council person I'll ask that you provide the
7 information to the city resident, please.

8 MR. MINORA: I'll get you the code

9 section.

10 MS. FRANUS: From what you were
11 referring to, from what you were referring
12 to I will have all of that information?

13 MR. MINORA: I'll provide it to
14 council and they can provide it to you.

15 MS. FRANUS: Thank you. Mr. Minora,
16 are you related to this John Darcy in any
17 way that's going to be involved with the
18 ECTV?

19 MR. MINORA: No.

20 MS. FRANUS: No one in your family
21 is?

22 MR. MCGOFF: Mrs. Franus --

23 MR. MINORA: My family is not part of
24 this matter. I am not related to him.
25 That's what you need to know, those are your

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1 answers. I am not going to sit here and be
2 interrogated by you, do you understand?

3 MS. FRANUS: It's a question.

4 MR. MCGOFF: Mrs. Franus --

5 MR. MINORA: I will not be
6 interrogated by you.

7 MS. FRANUS: I'm not interrogating,
8 I'm asking you a question.

9 MR. MCGOFF: The questions should be

10 directed to council not to Attorney Minora.

11 MS. FRANUS: Well, Mr. Minora was
12 involved with someone that is involved in
13 ECTV that is city business.

14 MR. MCGOFF: Then address the
15 questions to us and --

16 MS. FRANUS: Let me ask you,
17 Mr. McGoff, you see that flag behind you,
18 last time I heard it was American.

19 MR. MCGOFF: Excuse me?

20 MS. FRANUS: Every time somebody says
21 something you say excuse me.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Well, I didn't hear you.

23 MS. FRANUS: And then you say you
24 want an answer? You waste so much time
25 trying to -- I asked you, I said, the flag

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1 behind you last I saw was American, you
2 should take a look at it because you are
3 acting like we are in Soviet Russia with
4 your actions, that happens every week.

5 Now, another thing, last week when I
6 was speaking, and I am speaking,
7 Mrs. Fanucci interrupted me and I said,
8 "Point of order."

9 You sat there and did nothing. It

10 is your job as president to not allow
11 someone else to speak when I am speaking
12 unless I give them the floor. So, I'm going
13 to hope that the next time that happens that
14 you do what you are supposed to do. Do what
15 you are supposed to do not do what you want
16 to do.

17 Mrs. Gatelli, as head of finance, if
18 Channel 61 goes black before July 1 when
19 this other television station is supposed to
20 take over are you going to ask for more
21 funding to keep it running or are you going
22 to let it go?

23 MS. GATELLI: It's not going to go
24 black.

25 MS. FRANUS: If it does, are you

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1 going to make sure that there will be enough
2 financing that --

3 MS. GATELLI: I'll make sure there is
4 someone here taping the meeting and it will
5 be televised.

6 MS. FRANUS: Thank you. And,
7 Mrs. Fanucci, when that man spoke last week
8 for the first time and he asked you about
9 your house for sale, I believe it was his
10 business and the only reason I say that is

11 if you sell your house, yes, that is your
12 business, but the point he was driving at
13 was if you buy another house we just wanted
14 to see if you were still going to live in
15 Scranton and be a council person, that's all
16 he meant.

17 MS. FANUCCI: Well, there would have
18 been a better way, and maybe probably not a
19 public forum. If he wanted to know that
20 information he could have pulled me over.

21 MS. FRANUS: But that's city
22 business.

23 MS. FANUCCI: If it happened and I
24 moved somewhere else then it would be an
25 issue, but at this stage of my life I can

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1 sell a house, I can buy a house, I can do
2 whatever I want as long as I stay in the
3 City of Scranton. I know the rules. I know
4 what I need to sit here, so it was not --
5 personal questions are not really entitled
6 for this forum. That was my point.

7 MS. FRANUS: I know. But, his point
8 was if you moved out of town and you were
9 still a council person that's the only thing
10 he was getting at.

11 MS. FANUCCI: Right, but he said he
12 got it prompted from the back of the room,
13 he said that's how he found out the
14 information was from the back of the room,
15 and that shows me that this nothing but a --
16 it was a personal agenda, it was not about
17 the city, and I have no problem answering
18 the question and I did the answer the
19 question. You know, it just wasn't the
20 right -- this is not the right forum to ask,
21 I mean, it just isn't.

22 MS. FRANUS: Well --

23 MS. FANUCCI: You know, it's
24 personal.

25 MS. FRANUS: Where you live where

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1 you are on council is city business though.

2 MS. FRANUS: Right. Well,
3 absolutely and I know the rules of the city
4 and I know that I have to be in the city to
5 be a council person and if I'm not in the
6 city, I would not know enough that would be
7 an issue.

8 MS. FRANUS: Another thing,
9 Mr. McGoff, when Mr. Ellman was speaking and
10 he was speaking about Doug Miller and you
11 said to him, "We've heard enough already

12 about that," you have no right to tell
13 someone who they can talk about and when
14 they should stop talking and how long they
15 should talk about someone. That's none of
16 your concern. Mr. Ellman can talk about
17 whoever he wants to as long as wants to and
18 you have no right to try to intimidate this
19 man or anybody else for that matter.

20 MR. MCGOFF: I didn't intimidate
21 anyone.

22 MS. FRANUS: You tried.

23 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mrs. Franus.

24 MS. FRANUS: You tried. It won't
25 happen again.

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1 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Sbaraglia.

2 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia,
3 citizen of Scranton. Fellow Scrantonians,
4 you are about to vote final passage of for
5 consideration of committee on finance for
6 adoption, resolution number 39208. Does
7 anybody know the dollar amount of that
8 project? I read through the brochure, I
9 estimated it to be somewhere between 20 and
10 30 million dollars which I realize the city
11 isn't really doing, all you are is a

12 conduit, but there is a lot of things in
13 this provision in that piece of legislation
14 that calls for us to pay all the way back to
15 what they acquired the school. To pay for
16 all of the furniture, to pay for even the
17 cost of doing -- issuing bonds. This thing
18 is like a 20 or \$30 million project. I wish
19 they put a dollar amount in it. Now, I know
20 there is going to be a public hearing on
21 this, maybe at that time maybe some of you's
22 will find out what is actually going to cost
23 even though it may not -- it's going to cost
24 the taxpayers, let's put it this way, and as
25 a taxpayers you should be interested. Let's

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1 go to 7-B.

2 MS. GATELLI: Excuse me,
3 Mr. Sbaraglia, what ordinance are you
4 speaking of?

5 MR. SBARAGLIA: Resolution No. 39.

6 MS. GATELLI: Lackawanna Junior
7 College.

8 MR. SBARAGLIA: Yes, to Lackawanna
9 College and it's quite expensive what they
10 are borrowing which wouldn't bother me if
11 they were borrowing, but they are borrowing
12 to pay off old debt, too, and move I think

13 furniture and so forth and so on, it's a
14 huge amount, plus it's not even specific.

15 Okay, let's go to 7-B. Why are we
16 increasing our authority up there on Lake
17 Scranton -- I shouldn't say Lake Lincoln, as
18 you know the authority is going to run out
19 this year, it should be killed, just let it
20 go. You are going to increase the amount of
21 this authority, the municipal authority, to
22 50 years? Is that the prelude we have to
23 borrowing up there, which it most likely is?
24 They are going to long range borrowing up
25 there and push the city deeper and deeper in

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1 financial problems. That's the only reason
2 for doing it.

3 MS. FANUCCI: Actually we had spoke
4 about this in caucus, does anybody want to
5 -- Amil, would you help him and explain what
6 we talked about in caucus about the
7 authority?

8 MR. MINORA: Oh, I spoke to Attorney
9 Paul Kelly this week about reducing the term
10 from 50 years to some lesser amount, he said
11 that would be possible, there is a cost
12 involved in, you know, extending the term

13 and he would prefer that it not be less than
14 25 years because of the cost involved and he
15 wouldn't want to renew an authority every
16 few years because of the cost involved, but
17 he had no real problem with council by
18 motion reducing it from 50 to 25 and he sent
19 a letter to all of the council people to
20 that effect.

21 MS. FRANUS: Kay, can you explain to
22 him how long the last authority was when we
23 researched that, also?

24 MR. MINORA: That was -- the last
25 time that was done was 1958.

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1 MS. FANUCCI: So it was 50 years
2 before and that was why they tried to do the
3 50 years again, and also the cost in filing
4 is exorbitant and it is hard and they don't
5 want to take too much cost from the
6 taxpayers on this thing, that's why they
7 wanted so long. That was the reasoning if
8 that's what you wanted to know.

9 MR. SBARAGLIA: No, I want to know
10 the prelude to heavy borrowing.

11 MS. FANUCCI: Well, no one can
12 ever --

13 MR. SBARAGLIA: I can assume that's

14 what it is for.

15 MS. FANUCCI: No, you need to do it
16 every 50 years so it would have to be done
17 regardless, so I wouldn't say they waited
18 50 years to borrow if that's what you are
19 thinking.

20 MR. SBARAGLIA: It doesn't have to be
21 done. All you have to do is let it die and
22 let the poor kids in the Hill Section
23 finally use the pool they are entitled to
24 use, unless you plan to build them a
25 different pool. There is no reason for that

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1 authority, you and I both know that. That's
2 could be under the parks like it always was.
3 It should have been that way. It should
4 never have been taken out, but the mayor saw
5 another way of superseding the authority of
6 the city by increasing people up there to do
7 what he had to do. I really don't know if
8 that \$20,000 ceiling that escapes council
9 applies to all of the authorities, too, it
10 probably does. Thank you.

11 MR. MCGOFF: Commissioner Munchak.

12 MR. MUNCHAK: Good morning, Council.
13 I'm passing out an analysis I did. I'm

14 here, I'm A.J. Munchak, I'm a Taylor
15 resident, but I'm a property owner in
16 Scranton, I pay Scranton property taxes.
17 I'm here to address Item 6-F on your agenda
18 and it has to do with ECTV. I did a little
19 analysis and I know all of you keep copious
20 notes and there is a copy there for
21 Mr. Minora, also, and Janet if you would
22 pass it down.

23 If you will follow along, the
24 information that I did this analysis right
25 from their proposal, I'm not privy to any

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1 other information. As you can see in the
2 first year they will asking for 25 percent
3 of the estimated \$750,000 franchise fee
4 which amounts to \$187,500.00. In addition,
5 I have added in there, the only thing I have
6 added in there, is this potential \$90,000
7 loan for ECTV.

8 With that loan, according to them,
9 in their first year they are going to lose
10 approximately \$36,000. The second year
11 according to the proposal they were going to
12 pay back in any loan in the first year which
13 means in the second year they are going to
14 be the hole \$125,000.00. Now, in going

15 forward for the first four years ECTV will
16 have losses, net losses of approximately
17 \$161,000.00.

18 So, I ask you when you turn over to
19 page two there are some items that I think
20 council should address before they give any
21 of this money to ECTV. I consider them open
22 items because what was good in January is
23 not good in June. January, as you know, is
24 January 22, and I have the proposal here,
25 they were the successful bidder, for sake of

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1 a better word over Scranton STTV, I'll call
2 it Channel 61, it's easier for me, but an
3 integral part of that is I have a question
4 who is going to replace Chris Balton?
5 According to the proposal he was the
6 consummate communications professional who
7 has won two Emmy awards and has vast
8 experience. He was the one that was going
9 to operate the station. Who is going to
10 replace Melissa Marks, station manager? The
11 station is now down to one experienced
12 person, Mark Migliori, who has his
13 experience from Channel 61.

14 Now, the reason I say that is

15 because there were three people involved in
16 the operation of ECTV, two of them are gone.
17 When the proposal came out I contacted
18 Mr. Balton and he verbally assured me that
19 county government will be included in the
20 broadcasts because in the proposal, as
21 detailed as it was, they did not state that
22 they were going to do any county broadcast
23 such as the prison, such as our
24 commissioner's meeting or special hearings
25 to inform the public, but he assured me that

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1 they would do that, it was an omission on
2 his part. Well, he is gone and if we don't
3 get guarantees there will be no support, at
4 least from this minority commissioner, and
5 I'm sure my colleagues for ECTV unless we
6 are a participant in it's broadcast.

7 What concerns me is the fourth item,
8 why is there no startup capital listed in
9 the proposal? It states corporate
10 underwriting, which means getting donations,
11 but it lists no amount, no asset, and no
12 contributions from stockholders. This
13 venture is totally dependent on taxpayer
14 moneys. There is no private money involved
15 in this whatsoever and that worries me.

16 As you know, we have all done it we
17 have all done it, all loans require
18 financial statements, whether it's a
19 mortgage you need three years prior, and if
20 these are stockholders where are their
21 assets, what are their assets, what are
22 their equities? It hasn't been provided to
23 the public perhaps, I don't know if council
24 has it, but this is basic counting. A
25 four-year budget does not fulfill the

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1 financial requirements for a loan of \$90,000
2 and subsequent monies of 187,500 each year
3 or more.

4 If you give that loan, again,
5 according to their proposal, they will be
6 using taxpayer money to pay off the taxpayer
7 loan to the entity. In other words,
8 taxpayers will be paying themselves. I
9 don't think that's correct. I don't think
10 it's right, I don't think it's ethical.

11 Now, according to published reports
12 there is another concern, there are problems
13 -- can you allow me two more minutes?

14 MR. MCGOFF: Yes, Commissioner
15 Munchak.

16 MR. MUNCHAK: There are problems
17 regarding building permits and zoning
18 approvals. These should be resolved before
19 any loan is approved. Two weeks ago I spoke
20 to Mr. Welby, chairman of the selection
21 committee, and he had similar concerns. I
22 suggest he appear before council to answer
23 whether his concerns have been addressed.

24 Channel 61 has always been
25 nonpolitical. It's programming reflected

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1 this policy. Republicans, Democrats, and
2 Independents were all treated the same.
3 ECTV appears to have cow-towed to the wishes
4 of the mayor, that is it restrict televising
5 the council meetings and eliminating the
6 Taxpayer Association meetings. Why?
7 Because frustrated taxpayers complain about
8 his administration and it puts the city in a
9 bad light.

10 My administration took verbal abuse
11 from that same Taxpayers' Association, but
12 it was a necessary part of informing the
13 public. We never stifled any views from the
14 public. I ask all of council members think
15 before you act, get the answers before you
16 vote, delay the vote until you have Mr.

17 Welby and/or Mr. Darcy, the only remaining
18 member, the only remaining founder of ECTV
19 to answer your questions. If you don't I
20 think ECTV's proposal should be canned, it
21 should be null and void and Scranton Today
22 be given that money because they did submit
23 a good proposal, but at the time apparently
24 ECTV was better. I thank you for your time.
25 You have any questions for me? I know this

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1 isn't a Commissioner's meeting, I never get
2 cheered like that.

3 MS. FANUCCI: You found your people,
4 AJ, you found your people. I want to tell
5 you we did receive some correspondence from
6 Mr. Welby and we all did receive that before
7 the meeting so we will make that part of it
8 so you will understand a little bit better
9 what his reply was, so that is good, we did
10 receive that.

11 MR. MUNCHAK: And I know none of you
12 want to give public money to a company that
13 is one step in the hole already before they
14 even start.

15 MS. FANUCCI: Right.

16 MR. MUNCHAK: There is no

17 experienced people except for one and that
18 worries me.

19 MS. FANUCCI: We'll discuss that
20 later. Thank you though.

21 MS. EVANS: Mr. Munchak, just
22 quickly, you raised one of the questions
23 that I had raised last week concerning
24 Mr. Balton's disassociation with ECTV, since
25 then I think it's Mr. Mark Migliori who will

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1 be taking his place as executive director.
2 He would have been an employee of ECTV
3 regardless, but obviously his been promoted
4 to that position quite recently, and as an
5 aside here, is a former employee of Scranton
6 Today.

7 And as Mrs. Fanucci indicated we
8 would did receive correspondence just this
9 morning from Mr. Welby and having perused it
10 very quickly I can tell you that it appears
11 Mr. Welby is well satisfied with his
12 selection.

13 MR. MUNCHAK: Well, thank you for
14 that, and I'm sure you will make it public,
15 but as of quarter to 9:00 last night at the
16 chamber dinner he was not happy, but --

17 MS. EVANS: Would you like to see it?

18 MR. MUNCHAK: No, I believe you. I
19 believe you. That's okay.

20 MR. COURTRIGHT: Mr. McGoff, can I
21 ask just one question, please, and I'll
22 speak on ECTV when the legislation comes up,
23 I just want to ask you this because we just
24 did receive a letter from Mr. Welby and in
25 your presentation here it says, "Two weeks

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1 ago Mr. Welby, Chairman of the selection
2 committee, which chose ECTV had similar
3 concerns."

4 Could you just briefly tell me what
5 those concerns were that he has because he
6 sent us a letter all for it today.

7 MR. MUNCHAK: Well, his concerns, I
8 paraphrased some of the them, but one was
9 who is going to run the station? There was
10 one only one person because he didn't know
11 Mr. Darcy's background. In the proposal
12 there were resumes from Mr. Balton, Melissa
13 Marks and, of course, Mark, but there was
14 only three employees and two were gone, that
15 was one concern he had.

16 MR. COURTRIGHT: Excuse me, I'm
17 sorry, Mrs. Marks is gone also?

18 MR. MUNCHAK: Melissa Marks, yes, she
19 is gone. She left 61, she is in private
20 industry, and I confirmed that yesterday,
21 she is not planning on returning to ECTV.

22 MR. COURTRIGHT: Thank you.

23 MR. MUNCHAK: That was one concern,
24 who was going to run the station. Secondly,
25 he was worried about the financial status of

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1 ECTV. He entrusted me over the phone, well,
2 I know they are getting public money, but
3 I'm not aware of any, well, the cofounders,
4 obviously Mr. Darcy and Mr. Balton, when you
5 start up a company, you know, as we all, I
6 should most of us, you have to put up some
7 equity just like mortgaging your home. You
8 put up some equity of your assets and at
9 least a 20 percent down payment, nothing is
10 free, so he was concerned about that, the
11 financial side of it. They were the main
12 things and he was -- well, I don't want to
13 use the word worried, but concerned and I
14 don't know, I'm glad he solved his concerns
15 or eliminated them or whatever that
16 particular letter says, but, again, as of
17 last night I said, "I'm coming here," he
18 said, "Boy, I still have concerns --" no, "I

19 still have some problems," that was the
20 word, problems, not concerns, so maybe he
21 got some answers in-between, but that was
22 last night at quarter to 9:00 at the chamber
23 dinner.

24 MS. EVANS: If I might just respond
25 to that briefly, though. The \$90,000 loan

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1 which, of course, which will become a grant
2 I'm sure you know after the creation of
3 three full-time positions, uses equipment as
4 the collateral for the loan. However, there
5 is no equipment at this point, the loan
6 would enable the purchase of that equipment
7 and then, of course, when the loan is
8 forgiven and becomes a grant then the
9 equipment effectively becomes owned by ECTV.

10 MR. MUNCHAK: But, Mrs. Evans, in
11 the proposal itself, in the budget, there is
12 money for painting, electrical, wiring, and
13 walls.

14 MS. EVANS: Yes.

15 MR. MUNCHAK: And I don't know the
16 plans, but if ECTV is given this money they
17 have the right to pay the contractors,
18 electricians or whatever --

19 MS. EVANS: Yes.

20 MR. MUNCHAK: -- to remodel the
21 studio because you are giving that -- you
22 are not restricting just equipment. So,
23 again, I don't know the cost, I think it was
24 \$32,000 the original estimate for repairing
25 the studio.

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1 MS. EVANS: Yes.

2 MR. MUNCHAK: So, theoretically 1/3
3 of that 90 would go towards remodeling and
4 it's not an asset of the city. So, all I'm
5 saying is where is the private money
6 involved in this thing?

7 MS. EVANS: Well, I agree.

8 MR. MUNCHAK: I was on the telethon
9 and I believe some of you up there were on
10 the telethon trying to raise money on the
11 phone and making a commercial for 61
12 scraping and you can just imagine if you
13 gave Channel 61 \$187,000 a year they could
14 get all of the high tech equipment, keep the
15 good people they had and such and such, but
16 you understand where I'm coming from.

17 MS. EVANS: Absolutely, and that's
18 why last week as one of the 16 concerns I
19 posed about ECTV one involved exactly what

20 you are saying. I requested a list of
21 donors and private sponsors who would
22 provide pledges or donations to ECTV so that
23 we could get a handle on the type of their
24 financial status and the type of funding
25 that they hopefully would be receiving in

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1 addition to this gift from the city.

2 MR. MUNCHAK: And if I might digress,
3 you reminded me of something, if I may, I'm
4 taking up so much time I apologize, but on
5 the question that was asked of Mrs. Gatelli
6 about Channel 61 and council's contribution,
7 we as Commissioners did, all three of us, we
8 budgeted \$25,000 and we are giving them 1/12
9 every month, 1/12 of the 25 to Channel 61 to
10 help them operate. I don't know your
11 financial status other than that I know you
12 approved some money, but I agree it
13 shouldn't be the entire amount go all at
14 once because you know if they are going to
15 be there in August or September, but perhaps
16 you would consider a pro rata share of that
17 budgeted amount while they are still acting.
18 Okay?

19 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Commissioner.

20 Bill Jackowitz.

21 MR. JACKOWITZ: Bill Jackowitz,
22 resident of South Scranton, member of the
23 Taxpayers' Association. Tuesday, 3 June,
24 2008, Councilwoman Gatelli, finance
25 chairperson for the city council by default

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1 states she had a conversation with Mayor
2 Chris Doherty to express a concern about a
3 plan the administration has to borrow \$11
4 million to help retire a previously loan and
5 plug holes in this year's budget. By the
6 way, the budget that then President Gatelli
7 approved and voted in favor of. Now, she is
8 expressing concerns a little too late.

9 The concerns should have been
10 expressed last year before she voted to
11 approve the budget which was millions of
12 dollars short. I'm hopeful that something
13 can be worked out because I'm against
14 anymore borrowing. You should be working on
15 a budget and ways to increase revenue in the
16 City of Scranton. This is your job whether
17 you like it or not.

18 Also, Councilwoman Gatelli, you were
19 against any more borrowing in 2007, but yet
20 you voted to borrow in 2007. Also, whatever

21 happened to the nonprofits helping the city
22 out? I attended those meetings, I know what
23 happened, the mayor did not agree.
24 Thursday, 5 June, 2008, Councilwoman Gatelli
25 is now talking about subpoena for Ken

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1 McDowell. Councilwoman, why did you not
2 support subpoenas in 2006, 2007, when they
3 actually could have eased some of the pain
4 on taxpayers? Councilwoman Gatelli stated
5 Mr. McDowell is an elected official who
6 should answer questions the taxpayers have.

7 Councilwoman Gatelli, when Mr. McDowell
8 was a tax collector, was he not an elected
9 official then? Why was he not required to
10 answer taxpayers' questions then?

11 Furthermore, why you are not
12 required to answer taxpayers' questions or
13 President McGoff not required to answer
14 taxpayers' questions. You both are elected
15 official.

16 Then Councilwoman Fanucci said she,
17 too, hopes Mr. Doherty finds an alternative
18 with speculation that would leave five
19 million of the 12.2 million found in the tax
20 office accounts belongs to the city.

21 Councilwoman Fanucci said it is
22 possible a deal could be worked out in which
23 the city could receive the money long before
24 a planned forensic audit of the tax office
25 is completed.

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1 We must remember that Councilwoman
2 Fanucci also voted in favor the budget which
3 was millions of dollars short. Also, she
4 did not recommend any ways in which the city
5 can raise revenue except voting to raise
6 taxes on the citizens. Councilwoman
7 Fanucci, what makes you think that a special
8 waiver would be granted for the City of
9 Scranton to get the 5 million from the tax
10 office before the audit is completed? Do
11 you know for the certain that 5 million is
12 due the city, if so, can you tell the
13 citizens during motions what proof you have
14 of this. It sounds to me like \$5 million of
15 visions and dreams. Also, possibly can you
16 elaborate on some of your ideas and how to
17 raise revenues and not taxes.

18 President McGoff, you also voted in
19 favor of the budget which was millions of
20 dollars short. I hope you also will
21 elaborate on your ideas and recommendations

22 to solve the shortfall and proposed
23 borrowing. Friday, 6 June, 2008, President
24 McGoff stated he was aware of the law
25 requiring annual reports from the tax

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1 office. Ignorance is no excuse. Speakers
2 have brought up problems in the tax office
3 for at least two years, but then again we
4 know that some council members do not listen
5 to or understand what some speakers are
6 saying. City council have been aware, yes,
7 Mr. President.

8 Mayor Doherty stated, "Am I supposed
9 to know every law?"

10 Yes, if you are raising taxes and
11 borrowing more money causing a bigger
12 financial burden on the citizens of your
13 community. I can't say I was aware of
14 reporting requirements, Councilwoman Fanucci
15 said, of course, I should have been aware.
16 Too late, Councilwoman Fanucci. When you
17 vote for a tax increase and borrowing you
18 should be aware of everything. Ignorance is
19 no excuse.

20 Mr. Courtright said he couldn't
21 explain why he and other council members

22 weren't aware of the law requiring reports.
23 I will explain it. You do not take the time
24 to research the law. At least you did not
25 vote for the tax increase or borrowing.

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1 Councilwoman Evans you are right, oversight
2 of the city's day-to-day finances is the
3 mayor's responsibility, but he was too busy
4 campaigning for Hilary. At least
5 Councilwoman Evans did not vote for the tax
6 increase or borrowing here.

7 In light of the fact that council
8 admits to not being up on the laws, summer
9 vacation should be cancelled and the work of
10 the people should come first. Possibly the
11 next time a budget meeting is scheduled all
12 five elected council members will attend,
13 not just three. Remember, citizens and
14 taxpayers, it is not what a politician says
15 it is how they vote that matters.

16 Just look at the voting record of
17 the Doherty Three, hire taxes, increased
18 borrowing, no financing for Channel 61,
19 passing budgets that have million dollar
20 shortfalls, given way OECD money to friends
21 and backers including Mr. Darcy and
22 Mr. Balton who has state liens against them,

23 ignoring the concerns of the firefighters to
24 support the friend. I have no vote but I
25 have a voice. The three R's, respect for

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1 yourself, respect for others and
2 responsibility for your actions. Legion on
3 of doom. Fair, honest and open government.

4 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you,
5 Mr. Jackowitz. Bob Bolus.

6 MR. BOLUS: Morning, Council, Bob
7 Bolus, Scranton. On 6-F I don't think there
8 is much more than I can add that A.J.
9 hasn't already put on the table. I think
10 you need it do due diligence, which have
11 not, to this contract. I direct my comments
12 to Judy because I understand Mr. McGoff and
13 Sherry will go with Chris Doherty. I
14 believe you need to really take a hard look
15 with ECTV, with your personal issues with
16 Pilchesky or whatever it is or aside or
17 think that he creates or he controls it, he
18 doesn't. He doesn't control me, he doesn't
19 control other people that come here and
20 speak on issues in the City of Scranton. He
21 may control a handful of people that go to a
22 website and think they're heroes, that is

23 their choice, but our choice is we elected
24 you people to represent us and this contract
25 is wrong.

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1 We are giving a free give away to
2 the city, it's already proven it's
3 mismanagement, it's dysfunctional and I have
4 supported 61 from day one, I have held
5 fundraisers for it, does that mean I'm
6 someone different that I am out there doing
7 something different for a station that I
8 believe free speech to the people. It's
9 unedited, what we say here, what you say
10 there is done. It's not cut, it's not
11 edited, it's not censored, it's here. Why
12 are you changing it? Because Chris Doherty
13 has three people that wants to do his
14 bidding to suppress what happens in this
15 city and you can't allow that and that's why
16 I directed it to you, Judy, that's why I'm
17 here today. You cannot join with these two
18 and go against us and in the city, and
19 that's not just a few people here I'm not
20 concerned about, I'm talking about everyone
21 in the city and outside of this city that
22 gets this information and they get the
23 truth.

24 This ECTV is not ready to take over,
25 it's just a political game at our expense

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1 and something for nothing. They don't have
2 the money, they don't have the
3 collateralization and they want us to give
4 them something, you need to read that
5 contract. Table this, vote with the other
6 two, it's in your heart, it's in your
7 judgment to do what's right for the people
8 in this city and I believe A.J. laid it
9 right on the table so I won't go on it any
10 longer.

11 What I would like to do is
12 congratulate young Doug Miller, Ian and the
13 other kids that came here, kids that were
14 chased out of here because of some people in
15 the gallery.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Please, Mr. Bolus.

17 MR. BOLUS: Mr. McGoff, I'll handle
18 my own meeting today, if I got comments to
19 day, please, I don't want to get
20 argumentative today. We have been attacked
21 on a website just like Judy and everybody
22 else. They have kids have been criticized
23 publically by these people and it annoyed

24 me. It were their children they wouldn't
25 stand here and allow it to happen. These

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1 kids have parents, they have friends, and
2 I'm here to defend these kids. I'm here to
3 defend what they stood up to do and this
4 council should do the same thing. When
5 people come criticize them they are giving
6 their freedom of speech. I'm exercising my
7 free speech.

8 They have mentioned Doug's name,
9 they have mentioned my name here, that's
10 fine, well, I'm going to mention them
11 because I'll take their challenge day in and
12 day out. I have saw these kids move
13 forward, I have seen them grow up, I have
14 seen the adults here regress from adulthood
15 to childhood rather than support a city and
16 kids going somewhere they are demeaning,
17 they are negative, and it's wrong.

18 Doug's mom is here, she should be
19 congratulated to support her kid, to see
20 Ian. They work jobs yet they come here and
21 they represent the city just as you to.
22 These people represent themselves, they
23 represent superficial issues sometimes and
24 other times they represent issues that are

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meaningful here, but when you start

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degrading and chastising kids I'll stand up

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for them and I don't want to be

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argumentative, but I will address them and

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any issues they have they know where to find

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me.

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What I'd like to do, Doug, I'd like

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to give you this. This was in the Scranton

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Times, I guess I would call it your page of

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honor because when the editorial page and

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the Scranton Times gives you something you

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must have earned it somehow. I could only

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say, thank the people that got you here.

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Thank you.

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MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Bolus.

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MR. BOLUS: Put that on your wall for

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your future and, remember, no matter what

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people say believe in Scranton and it's

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people. Don't let a few people discourage

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you or Ian or any other kid that wants to

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join this council and this council should

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support it that come here and help them

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grow. It's our duty as citizens and adults

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to do that. Thank you.

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MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Bolus.

1 MR. STUCKER: Jim Stucker. How you
2 doing, Mr. Courtright, and everybody else.

3 MR. COURTRIGHT: Hi, Jim.

4 MR. STUCKER: Hi. I had a note, I
5 was down at the courthouse yesterday that
6 said that --

7 MR. COURTRIGHT: I can't hear you
8 Jim.

9 MR. STUCKER: This guy gave me a
10 letter, a paper, it's on your desk there in
11 front of you.

12 MR. COURTRIGHT: Oh, with the --
13 with the crazy cats, the wild cats?

14 MR. STUCKER: Yeah.

15 MR. COURTRIGHT: Okay I got that.
16 You didn't give me an address though, I need
17 an address. You can't just tell me Main
18 Avenue.

19 MR. STUCKER: He wrote it down.

20 MR. COURTRIGHT: Well, you didn't
21 write and address down, you just said Main
22 Avenue, you got to give me an address, all
23 right?

24 MR. STUCKER: Okay, and over by that
25 old school up by that light there,

1 Greenridge, remember that day you stopped
2 there?

3 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yeah.

4 MR. STUCKER: Well, there is a --
5 the city ain't doing the gras anymore.

6 MR. COURTRIGHT: The city doesn't
7 own that, Jim.

8 MR. STUCKER: Well, they do the
9 grass, they cut the grass. And there is a
10 guy on Oak Street, I don't know his name,
11 but he has bar on Oak Street, and he told me
12 to go around the tour, around the thing here
13 in the corner of the field and cut the
14 grass, so and I work for Mr. Jelly and Mr.
15 Jelly wants to know can you get somebody
16 over there to fill a couple of holes in
17 along the drive, in Jelly's parking lot?

18 MR. COURTRIGHT: Mr. Who?

19 MR. STUCKER: Jelly. Jelly.

20 MR. COURTRIGHT: Mr. Jelly?

21 MR. STUCKER: Yeah, on the corner of
22 the road going into the parking lot there is
23 a big hole there.

24 MR. COURTRIGHT: Again, Jim, give me
25 some kind of an address and we we'll see if

1 we can't help him out.

2 MR. STUCKER: It's right on
3 Greenridge, not Greenridge, coming down the
4 hill, straight down you go towards right an
5 around the corner by my Schooner's --
6 Ruddy's bar, right around the corner by
7 Ruddy's bar.

8 MR. COURTRIGHT: Jilly's you are
9 talking about, Jilly's Restaurant?

10 MR. STUCKER: Yeah.

11 MR. COURTRIGHT: Oh, okay, I got you.
12 We'll help you out there.

13 MR. STUCKER: And a lot of people
14 told me, I don't know who it was, Pat told
15 me you said something about the scooter, Pat
16 told me yesterday, the other night about it.

17 MR. COURTRIGHT: Jim, the scooter is
18 gone, Buddy. I don't think you are going to
19 see it again. Gone. Okay?

20 MR. STUCKER: Yeah, at Pat told me
21 you were donating one?

22 MR. COURTRIGHT: I'm going to donate?

23 MR. STUCKER: I don't know how true
24 it is.

25 MR. COURTRIGHT: I don't have a

1 scooter for you, Jim, I'm sorry, I don't
2 know what to tell you.

3 MR. STUCKER: Okay, what about that
4 house on Greenridge Street on the front
5 porch, I complained about that last month,
6 are they going to clean that porch off or
7 tear the house down, there's a lot of stuff
8 and rats and stuff in there yet, I know
9 there is.

10 MR. COURTRIGHT: I don't know, Jim.

11 MR. STUCKER: And I mentioned it you
12 last year about that house in Greenridge.

13 MR. COURTRIGHT: See, Jim, you got TS
14 to give me addresses because -- -

15 MR. STUCKER: Right on Greenridge.

16 MR. COURTRIGHT: I know, but you
17 can't just tell me Greenridge because there
18 is lot of houses on Greenridge Street.

19 MR. STUCKER: Right next door to
20 McGinty's.

21 MR. COURTRIGHT: I'll drive-by and
22 see if I can get an address there, all
23 right?

24 MR. STUCKER: And next door to us we
25 have the dog barking again right next to

1 East Street Bar, they are carrying on again
2 there.

3 MR. COURTRIGHT: Okay.

4 MR. STUCKER: And can you maybe look
5 for a place to me? I talked to city council
6 about it -- not city council --
7 Courtright -- my payee, mental health, I
8 talked to mental health my payee and she
9 said she won't help me to get a place it's
10 up to me and I live in John Doherty's
11 building and there is no -- it used to be
12 his office, turn around there is no shower,
13 just a sink and a toilet, that's all that's
14 in there. And Courtright -- not Courtright,
15 John Doherty told me he said he is going to
16 give me a place or put a shower, it's too
17 small for a shower. I mean, there is
18 nothing -- the room is small, it's not big.
19 I need some -- I need something like two
20 apartment, like a two-room apartment or
21 something like that.

22 MR. COURTRIGHT: I don't know what
23 to say, Jim, maybe can you go to the Housing
24 Authority and ask them if they can --

25 MR. STUCKER: I had a police reports,

1 I have a county jail reports and they won't
2 get me in there.

3 MR. COURTRIGHT: I don't know what to
4 tell you, Jim, you went to the Housing
5 Authority and asked them?

6 MR. STUCKER: Yeah.

7 MR. COURTRIGHT: I thought you said
8 were moving to Mulberry Street or Adams
9 Avenue?

10 MR. STUCKER: Well, I don't know. I
11 didn't check -- I didn't check that out.

12 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yeah, ask the
13 Housing Authority maybe they can help you.
14 I don't have an apartment.

15 MR. STUCKER: I went to the Housing
16 Authority and they said they can't do it,
17 they won't give me a place because I have
18 too much police reports.

19 MR. COURTRIGHT: Okay. All right,
20 Jim.

21 MR. STUCKER: Okay, on Market Street
22 right by the TV -- by t he laundry mat,
23 they are still parking there, they are still
24 parking there by the laundry mat and then
25 going down the hill.

1 MR. COURTRIGHT: We are working on
2 it, Jim.

3 MR. STUCKER: Last week there was a
4 brand new car there and I was afraid
5 somebody is going to hit it.

6 MR. COURTRIGHT: Okay.

7 MR. STUCKER: They park on that hill
8 all the time right by the laundry mat.

9 MR. MCGOFF: All right. Thank you,
10 Mr. Stucker.

11 MR. STUCKER: And we need something
12 done with that, put signs up or something
13 up, Mr. McGoff.

14 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.

15 MR. STUCKER: The state owns it. All
16 right?

17 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you very much,
18 Mr. Stucker.

19 MR. STUCKER: Thank you.

20 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. Jack Powell.

21 MR. POWELL: Jack Powell, Scranton
22 resident. Excuse the attire, I forget that
23 it was this morning and not tonight. All I
24 wanted to address is that we did have a
25 meeting with Mr. Skantos in regards to

1 Kesyer Terrace. We did keep it at a minimum
2 as you said as to not intimidate him. There
3 was eight of us, didn't really accomplish a
4 lot, but we did find out that after some
5 members of council had their walk through he
6 bought the corner property off himself, so
7 whatever that entails we don't know, and we
8 have been informed that they are going to
9 become rentals. So, Mrs. Gatelli or Ms.
10 Gatelli, as you are aware we hope this
11 isn't, as you see throughout the city has
12 happened in the past, we have gone from
13 quaint little shops to now Townhouses to
14 rentals and I know there is other places
15 that this is happening in the past
16 throughout the city.

17 We are just here to say that maybe
18 we are going to have another meeting coming
19 up, we just had another meeting with the
20 developer last week and to discuss what he
21 told us he is going to do for the people
22 that are there and also as far as the
23 rentals, and I don't know how you are going
24 to take it being a neighbor, but, I mean,
25 you are putting multiple units in, and you

1 have been affiliated in the past with the

2 city and you have seen what's occurred so we
3 are just hoping, I don't know what the
4 outcome is going to be, but we are in there
5 for the long haul, so I'm sure we will back
6 to talk to you and that's all I have to say
7 at this point and we'd appreciate the
8 support from everyone. Like I said, he has
9 now bought the property out for himself so
10 I'm sure he is going to be the owner out of
11 the corporation to the individual.

12 MS. GATELLI: Has he done any other
13 repairs, Jack?

14 MR. POWELL: Yes, he has. He has.
15 They have some guys back there with machines
16 and worked on things, but we had an
17 itinerary that they give him last Thursday
18 night, it was an exciting night.

19 MS. GATELLI: I bet.

20 MR. POWELL: Thank you very much.

21 MS. EVANS: Please keep us updated,
22 Mr. Powell.

23 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Powell.

24 MS. O'MALLEY: Barbara O'Malley,
25 Scranton resident, Scranton Today board

1 member, here to speak on 7-A. The \$90,000

2 funding of ECTV that is on today's agenda
3 enables Mayor Doherty to eliminate what he
4 perceives as a political enemy, Scranton
5 Today. As Annette Palugis told council last
6 week, Mr. Doherty is no fan of Scranton
7 Today, and this takeover is really no
8 surprise.

9 The emergence of ECTV, as flawed as
10 the evidence shows it is, has become the
11 mayor's perfect storm. ECTV is a vehicle by
12 which the mayor can remove Scranton Today
13 without alarming the public. The mayor's
14 handpicked selection committee chose ECTV as
15 the operator for Channel 61 providing him
16 with perfect political cover, so now we have
17 what Mrs. Fanucci so aptly called at last
18 week's council meeting they mayor's deal.

19 The mayor is banking on the premise
20 that the public will not care which
21 organization is behind the cameras as long
22 as the meetings are still broadcast.
23 Mr. McGoff calmed the viewer's fears by
24 assuring them that 61 will stay be here.
25 Not to worry, everything will be okay. The

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1 public reassured 61 won't go dark is lulled
2 back into complacency. No one except those

3 council malcontents, who really don't matter
4 anyhow, will care what happens. The public
5 will not connect the political dots and see
6 that this is really a hostile takeover being
7 paid for with public money.

8 The public will not ask why we need
9 a new TV station when Scranton Today has
10 televised government meetings and more for
11 over nine years. The public will not ask
12 why in this time of budget deficits,
13 borrowing, tax increases and rising costs on
14 all fronts is council spending \$90,000 on a
15 duplicate service. The public will not ask
16 why their tax dollars are paying for a
17 Cadillac Escalade when a Chevy will get them
18 to the same place at half the cost.

19 The powers that be are so confident
20 that the money will be approved that the
21 work at ECTV studios is proceeding at a fast
22 and furious pace to meet the mayor's July 1
23 deadline. This is in spite of a pending
24 zoning appeal and an ethic's complaint.
25 John Darcy, ECTV's cofounder is overseeing

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1 the project at 933 Prescott Avenue. The
2 building, which is owned by Mr. Darcy's

3 employer, is being improved with new
4 electrical services, walls, painting, later
5 to be paid for with the \$90,000. Again, the
6 mayor is counting on the public not to
7 connect the political dots.

8 The \$90,000 will be turned over to
9 ECTV board president, John Darcy, who
10 represents a very sketchy organization. The
11 organization's mastermind cofounder Chris
12 Balton is no longer there. Mr. Darcy stated
13 that Mr. Balton did not advise him of the
14 reason why he left. Mr. Darcy says, "We
15 will carry on."

16 We? Mr. Darcy is a full-time
17 employee of the Carlisle Group and we can
18 assume he is planning on keeping his day
19 job. The other we is a tech person who has
20 been elevated to the position of executive
21 director since Mr. Balton's departure. ECTV
22 reportedly had five board members. When I
23 contacted two of them they said they aren't
24 and never were on the board. Another one
25 didn't know Balton had left and expressed

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1 great concern, so we are down to three board
2 members, one uninformed, I don't know about
3 the other two.

4 Does this sound like a stable
5 organization? I think not. Would any bank
6 loan ECTV money? Again, the mayor is
7 counting on the public not to connect the
8 political dots. By funding this sham
9 operation with \$90,000 which the executive
10 director says is just a start, council is
11 also underestimating the public's
12 intelligence. Just give them a meeting and
13 neither the price tag nor the operator will
14 matter, but Scranton Today has worked hard,
15 I have been here for nine years, played
16 fair, didn't play politics, been there for
17 the public for nine years and ultimately
18 lost the deal because the deck was stacked
19 against them. Thank you.

20 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mrs.
21 O'Malley. Francis Tyson.

22 MR. TYSON: My name is Francis Tyson,
23 I'm a resident of Scranton. Good morning,
24 Mr. President, council members, ladies and
25 gentlemen and your viewing audience. We

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1 would like to announce the American flag
2 Committee we are going to again this year
3 have our Fourth of July event up in Nay Aug

4 Park as we do annually. It's going to be on
5 Friday, of course, the Fourth of July. We
6 will start off at 10:30 in the morning, we
7 start off with a band concert. The band
8 concert will then be followed by our
9 ceremony. We will have the blessing of the
10 flag, we will have the parade of flags, we
11 will have the salute to the flag. We will
12 also have a speaker to speak a few short
13 minutes and then immediately after that
14 again have a band concert.

15 We ask everyone in the audience to
16 please attend. If you plan on coming, we
17 wish you might want to consider bringing a
18 comfortable folding chair with you. There
19 is ample room and there is plenty of parking
20 and we ask you to please bring your children
21 and your grandchildren. This is a great
22 patriotic event and this shows our
23 youngsters how adults celebrate a patriotic
24 holiday, so if you can make it on the Fourth
25 of July there is plenty of parking. Are

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1 there any questions for us? None? Thank
2 you.

3 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Tyson.
4 Dave Dobson.

5 MR. DOBSON: Good morning, Council,
6 Dave Dobson, resident of Scranton, Taxpayer
7 Association associate. Once again I am here
8 to propose keeping Scranton Today as our
9 public access provider on Channel 61.
10 Completely equipping a new provider is cost
11 ineffective and may result in a destruction
12 coverage. Channel 61 has not endorsed any
13 candidate for office or the Scranton Today
14 organization. It has not been implicated in
15 any misappropriation of funding, works with
16 a force of volunteers, is not beholding to
17 any political parties, has lacked funds to
18 run a station due to lack of funds, lost
19 it's employees, and I see a great deal of
20 lost opportunities on all sides of Scranton
21 for publicity in this equation.

22 Number one, Steamtown, Mine Tour,
23 Trolley museum, iron furnaces, not a city
24 expense, however, unadvertised assets of
25 great importance. It serves no purpose to

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1 run to council appropriations as in 7-A.
2 Authorities are not very Democratic methods
3 of deciding issues as in the issue with
4 Scranton Today. In my opinion subscribers

5 of Comcast are the only parties that should
6 have a vote ultimately pay the bill. Why
7 couldn't we have Comcast pull their
8 subscribers in an effort to decide who
9 should run Channel 61?

10 My only concern is public access TV
11 is not beholdng to anyone, just document
12 political events as they occur. Scranton
13 has many, as all cities has believe it or
14 not potentially greener than the suburbs.
15 Both policies are antiquated by our
16 environmental and energy woes. We need to
17 refocus our policies, population density
18 mass transit and local jobs can be attained
19 by our large Brownfields being converted to
20 industrial space.

21 Country development is fuel
22 insufficient and pollutes, a particular
23 siting is a Waverly Industrial Park, look at
24 all of the polluted wells and so forth that
25 we have. We need liveable cities and

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1 substantial jobs, let's get progressive.
2 Thank you, and have a good morning.

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

4 Sam Patilla.

5 MR. PATILLA: Good afternoon,

6 Councilman Courtright. My name is Sam
7 Patilla, city resident, member of the
8 Scranton/Lackawanna County Taxpayers'
9 Association. In light of many of the things
10 that have been addressed by speakers and
11 council today and because I personally have
12 overheard Mrs. Gatelli state at these
13 meetings that she often relies on the
14 information relies on information provided
15 by the city solicitor, Mr. Minora, I as
16 taxpayer and citizen and resident of the
17 city request that any information, be it
18 through marriage or be it through birth
19 showing a connection between our city
20 solicitor and the Darcys that are connected
21 with ECTV be investigated.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Minora answered
23 that.

24 MR. PATILLA: Most of -- most of what
25 I have to say entails ECTV, I have been

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1 speaking about it from the beginning. In
2 light of what the county commissioner
3 stated, and the others, the fact that there
4 is no private funding available, I request
5 from my elected officials that any possible

6 liens, be it on a local, state or federal
7 level against anybody affiliated with ECTV
8 be investigated.

9 Now, I have stated time and time
10 again at this forum that I do not appreciate
11 monies being taken from the HOME Program or
12 the Emergency Shelter Program to finance
13 what I deem to be government backed
14 projects. Any time somebody goes out to buy
15 a home, purchase a home or a vehicle and a
16 cosigner is needed, once that cosigner
17 changes their mind and pulls out any deal,
18 that loan is null and void, okay? The bank
19 refuses to grant those funds if the cosigner
20 is not there. With Mr. Balton and the young
21 lady removing themselves from ECTV their
22 whole project should be canned. The backers
23 who initially submitted the proposal aren't
24 there anymore and most of what -- and most
25 of the agreements that I feel that were made

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1 on behalf ECTV relied heavily on their
2 information, so if they are no longer in the
3 picture our money should be no longer in the
4 picture as taxpayers. Why should we fund
5 what's evident as a governmental takeover of
6 public access television? Why should money

7 be taken from our taxpaying dollars to
8 silence the speakers here at city council
9 and to silence the members of the
10 Scranton/Lackawanna County Taxpayers'
11 Association, to silence anybody that doesn't
12 agree with this administration?

13 You know, as I stated before, you
14 come to me for a loan, you don't have any
15 collateral, you won't get a loan. You are
16 just giving our money to an organization
17 backed by Christopher Doherty and that's it
18 in a nutshell. They have no money, they
19 bring nothing to the table and I stated in
20 this in the past. They bring nothing to the
21 table. You couldn't find \$20,000 to give to
22 Scranton Today and as I stated before,
23 without Scranton Today we don't need Channel
24 61. I don't have Comcast anyway so it
25 really doesn't effect me one way or the

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1 other, you know, but why give our money to
2 an agency that's not prepared to provide
3 services we as taxpayers require and
4 request? It is our money. I'm deeply
5 offended every time I hear a city public
6 employee state that they do not answer to

7 the people that pay their salaries.

8 Mr. Minora might work for city
9 council, but he gets paid by the taxpayers,
10 so they are his boss. I agree that maybe
11 the way, you know, that comment was worded
12 it could have been reworded a different way,
13 this is why I request of my elected
14 officials that they pursue that matter and
15 provide me with any information being it
16 through birth or marriage if Mr. Minora is
17 related to anybody associated with ECTV
18 because you do work for me.

19 MR. MCGOFF: Once again, he answered
20 that question.

21 MR. PATILLA: I'm not done. This is
22 my time. You have plenty of time to say
23 whatever you want to say, Mr. McGoff. You
24 have plenty of time after I walk away from
25 this podium. You know, we bring you

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1 information and everyday that information is
2 proven to be factual. You might have
3 differences of opinions or agreements with
4 certain people that come to this podium, Joe
5 Pilcheski or Daniel Hubbard. As a former
6 Marine, I'll get in a foxhole with those
7 guys any day of the week because they have

8 shown that they are here for the taxpayers
9 and not for any personal agenda.

10 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Patilla.
11 Are there any other speakers?

12 MR. ELLMAN: Ronnie Ellman,
13 homeowner, taxpayer. I wasn't going to come
14 up here tonight that's why I didn't sign the
15 sheet now I'm going to get a ticket because
16 I'm up here, my meter was over 50, so I'll
17 be contributing. Mr. McGoff --

18 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.

19 MR. ELLMAN: -- I have a question for
20 you and I don't mean it to be offensive or
21 anything, but as our eyes and ears to the
22 mayor's office I was wondering if he had a
23 comment about Mr. Lyman running against him
24 in the fall?

25 MR. MCGOFF: He hasn't said anything

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1 to me about the opposition candidate.

2 MR. ELLMAN: Well, evidently the
3 people in Duryea or wherever he was thinks
4 he's a shoe-in, that's why I was wondering.
5 What I was wondering, I saw Friday in the
6 paper "C" over here about taken this
7 \$241,000 from Friendship House for streets,

8 Friendship House gets contribution and
9 grants from the whole state, how can we take
10 money from them to use on our streets? Is
11 there anything --

12 MS. GATELLI: Would you like the
13 answer, Mr. Ellman?

14 MR. ELLMAN: Yes.

15 MS. GATELLI: They are not ready for
16 their project for several years.

17 MR. ELLMAN: Several years.

18 MS. GATELLI: They are not ready for
19 that project. They notified us.

20 MR. ELLMAN: It also states that they
21 are going to use if for curbcuts, they did
22 all of that, what is it, four or five years
23 ago in the whole city and how many curbs can
24 you cut, you know? There is cars parked on
25 sidewalks so you can't use the sidewalks

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1 anyway if you are in a wheelchair. There is
2 no enforcement of the traffic laws or
3 whatever that is and on Parker Street which
4 I guess is the 2,500 Block of North Main,
5 there's a big house, there must be five or
6 six cars continually parked there and before
7 my house burned I used to see the little
8 kids, the preschoolers or whatever that gets

9 on the bus, they are in the street because
10 of cars parked there and I don't think
11 anything has ever been done. The lady with
12 the little paddle, you know, told me she has
13 complained and they won't remove them.

14 You know who approves the curb cuts
15 and the street cuts? I complained about a
16 street cut, you know what they told me?
17 That whoever constructed it approves their
18 own work. This is ridiculous. That's why
19 the streets are in such terrible condition I
20 suppose, you know, when you approve your own
21 work like when the water company or
22 something tears up the city streets.

23 MS. GATELLI: No, there is a pave
24 cuts inspector, Mr. Ellman. There is an
25 inspector to inspect those pave cuts. If

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1 you have any we will report them.

2 MR. ELLMAN: I'm not being
3 argumentative, they had too much calcium or
4 something when they poured the cut in for
5 the curb cut at my house and the man told
6 me, you know, like I said, this was four or
7 five years ago, I said, "It's all falling
8 apart," and he told me there is nobody

10 this?

11 You know, now we are borrowing more
12 to give to a company that's -- the owner is
13 in the construction business or something,
14 he doesn't know nothing. I probably know as
15 much about running the TV cameras as he
16 does. This is all wrong. Something has
17 just got to be done. We are probably the
18 worst city financially in the whole country.
19 There is countries that don't own as much
20 money as we do, you know? Thank you.

21 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Ellman.

22 MS. SCHUMACHER: Marie Schumacher,
23 resident and member of the taxpayers' group.
24 Mrs. Gatelli, as finance chair during
25 motions would you please share the number of

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1 contacts you have made with Mr. Doherty and
2 his cabinet to expedite the responses
3 requested by council's auditor back in
4 February?

5 Regarding 5-G, why was this issue
6 not addressed by planning or zoning if a
7 20-foot right-of-way is required? I rather
8 suspect since the price of asphalt has
9 escalated this is yet another gift to the

10 brothers Pizano. We taxpayers have already
11 demolished structures for them, removed
12 trees, leveled a lot, so why not spend more
13 scarce paving funds for yet another gift and
14 pave the alley for them, too. The
15 administrative code of the city says the
16 capital budget should be received by council
17 by the first of June. I would like to know
18 during motions whether that has been
19 received.

20 On 7-B, why does only one park have
21 an authority? I think we should either do
22 away with this authority or make it cover
23 all parks.

24 Now, back to ECTV. Has anyone seen
25 an executed five-year lease for Mr. Mansure

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1 to ECTV? If not, what is to prevent the
2 taxpayers' loss of investment for
3 refurbishment of Mr. Mansure's tax free
4 property if after a year Mr. Mansure decides
5 to not renew the lease?

6 It was revealed last week that
7 Mr. Darcy, ECTV president has sizable tax
8 liens against him. Had this transfer of
9 funds truly been a loan and not a grant or
10 a gift the Commercial Industrial Section 108

11 funding vehicle could have been used with
12 one small exception. HUD requires that 108
13 loans go to those without tax liens, but, of
14 course, Mayor Doherty and his three cohorts
15 see no problem gifting tax delinquent
16 individuals with \$90,000. What a slap in
17 the face to all of those elderly who are
18 being squeezed out of the homes they have
19 faithfully paid taxes for decade after
20 decade.

21 Even the Grow Scranton Fund from
22 which the funds are being transferred would
23 have required information such as a cash
24 flow. I doubt you have seen one of those
25 for ECTV.

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1 Earlier in the year council reported
2 the city would own the expensive equipment
3 ECTV needed to procure. Now we find this,
4 too, is part of the gift the mayor plans to
5 give to ECTV with your help. The ECTV
6 proposal dedicated two and a quarter pages
7 of qualifications of the talented
8 Mr. Balton. Has anyone checked during these
9 past seven days to determine whether or not
10 Mr. Balton is or is not an ECTV employee and

11 if not why he left?

12 Finally, this creation of a new
13 activity in the OECD budget makes for a
14 substantial amendment according to OECD's
15 published participation plan. When a
16 substantial amendment is proposed OECD will
17 publish notice in the Scranton Times to give
18 citizens an opportunity to comment. In no
19 case almost city council approve such
20 legislation before 30 days have elapsed to
21 ensure that citizens have an adequate
22 opportunity to comment, so 6-F cannot be
23 approved for at least 30 more days as OECD
24 has yet to publish this change. I certainly
25 hope that those published participation

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1 plans are not just window dressing and that
2 they will, in fact, be adhered to.

3 I would also like to know during
4 motions how will the roughly \$180,000.00 of
5 lost operating budget revenue be replaced
6 next year when the franchise fee is divided
7 with ECTV 75 for the city and 25 for ECTV.

8 I would hope, new subject, that during
9 motions Mr. Courtright will follow-up and
10 inform us the results of a letter that was
11 sent to Mr. Brazil regarding the disposition

12 of the pothole machine. Has that answer
13 been received and if so could it be shared
14 with the public during motions?

15 A few weeks ago I reported that
16 permits for rental housing had been issued
17 only for -- may I finish this up, only for 3
18 percent of the rental properties. Perhaps
19 our finance chair and blight elimination
20 proponent, Mrs. Gatelli, could share how
21 this would be brought up to 100 percent
22 during motions. Thank you.

23 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mrs.
24 Schumacher. Chris.

25 MR. SLEDENZSKI: Hi, Billy.

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1 MR. COURTRIGHT: Hi, Chris.

2 MR. SLEDENZSKI: Billy, there is a
3 game out on the field Thursday night with
4 the little league, first game at 5:30,
5 second game is at 7:00, Bill. Support the
6 kids, Billy. Thank you.

7 MR. COURTRIGHT: Okay, Chris.

8 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else? Thank you.
9 Mrs. Evans.

10 MS. EVANS: Before I begin my
11 comments I just want to address two things

12 raised by Ms. Schumacher, number one,
13 regarding the capital budget, that has not
14 been presented to city council to date. And
15 with regard to the lease agreement secondly
16 involving ECTV and Mr. Mansure, I have not
17 seen any lease agreement. I do not know
18 that it exists.

19 Good morning, everyone. Since our
20 last council meeting of June 17, 2008, once
21 again I have received countless e-mails and
22 have had numerous conversations with city
23 residents regarding the operation of Channel
24 61 and 62. As a result, I have done more
25 homework on this matter and I have also

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1 carefully considered the comments made by my
2 colleagues regarding ECTV, Scranton Today TV
3 and the selection committee. It appears
4 that the RFP or request for proposals issued
5 by the administration was not a low cost
6 technically acceptable RFP. Since the
7 selection committee chose the highest
8 bidder, ECTV, I assume this was a best value
9 RFP.

10 A bidder can include other
11 information and proposals beyond those
12 included in the RFP, but the selection

13 committee is not required to give
14 consideration for the additional information
15 since they were beyond those identified as
16 necessary.

17 Now, thus, the question arises were
18 all bidders compared based solely on the
19 identical requirements and the answer lies
20 with the selection committee. The selection
21 committee is required to document the
22 ratings given to each of the bidders in
23 order to justify the selection and avoid the
24 appearance of favoritism.

25 Mr. McGoff supports ECTV, however,

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1 his statements last week that he knows this
2 was an honest selection process because he
3 knows the people on the committee are honest
4 or noble is insufficient. It's merely his
5 opinion. It would be best if he examined
6 the committee's ratings as compared to the
7 RFP criteria, reviewed the evaluation
8 selection process and ultimately found the
9 evaluations and ratings were appropriate or
10 inappropriate.

11 Mr. McGoff also seemed to hint that
12 the outstanding acquisitions should be

13 pursued, I agree. The most common business
14 practice within government is to delay the
15 final decision and loan until the issues are
16 resolved. Mrs. Fanucci appears to agree
17 with the selection of ECTV because their
18 proposal included greater coverage and more
19 diversity. However, weren't these the
20 requirements of the RFP and if so how did
21 each of the proposals from ECTV, Scranton
22 Today TV and Northeastern Pennsylvania
23 Public Access Project respond to these
24 requirements? You must prove that ECTV
25 included the greatest coverage and

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1 diversity, particularly in light of the
2 departure of it's executive director who
3 drafted the proposal and created the
4 submitted DVD. Are the promises of ECTV
5 then still feasible?

6 Austin Burke, Chamber of Commerce
7 executive director appears to blame Channel
8 61 and the council meetings for the lack of
9 private industry interest in the Scranton
10 area. Rather, it is the taxation policy of
11 the Scranton municipal government and the
12 perceptions of unfair competitive bidding
13 and favoritism within a good ole' boys

14 network that dissuades industry interest in
15 the Scranton area.

16 As for me and any implications that
17 were made against me at last week's council
18 meeting, I often find myself taking a
19 position that differs from other council
20 members. In good faith I have tried
21 repeatedly to understand how my colleagues
22 reached their decisions and have tried to
23 share the facts that lead to my decisions.
24 I use the information available to me and
25 seek other sources of the information that

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1 result in a process that is common to the
2 auditing profession. I have questioned
3 management decisions. I do so in order to
4 fulfill my duties and responsibilities as a
5 steward of the funds entrusted to me by the
6 taxpayers.

7 My position on the issue is not an
8 alliance with Scranton Today, rather, it is
9 the same position I have repeatedly taken in
10 the past, affordability, accountability, and
11 fairness. My decisions are not made in a
12 vacuum. I consider all ramifications and
13 most importantly the impact my decision will

14 make on the taxpayers and the financial
15 status of Scranton.

16 As such, I am concerned with
17 providing a good service at an affordable
18 cost. This management decision appears at
19 the very least to ignore the affordability
20 element common to all decision processes.
21 Therefore, the decision to select ECTV
22 should not be limited to the individual
23 opinion of the best value proposal or the
24 individuals who were chosen to sit on the
25 committee, but on the evaluation criteria,

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1 the quality and fairness of the selection
2 process and, of course, the cost.

3 In addition to the 16 concerns about
4 the selection of ECTV I enumerated at last
5 week's meeting I have three or more that
6 pertains specifically to the Office of
7 Economic and Community Development. First,
8 should OECD funds be used to drive tax
9 exempt organizations out of a business; and
10 should they be used to replace one tax
11 exempt organization for another? Where is
12 the economic development if one simply
13 replaces one organization with another?

14 Does this create new employment

15 positions or conversely does this create
16 unemployment at the same time?

17 Further, this action does not
18 enhance service by increasing competition,
19 but merely drives out an existing
20 organization. Could this be considered
21 mismanage of public funds?

22 Second, OECD representatives have
23 stated that all loan applicants are screened
24 carefully to include any tax liens or
25 delinquencies placed against an individual

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1 or a corporation or a business, an applicant
2 with such a history would not receive
3 approval from OECD and consequently
4 legislation for a loan to this high risk
5 business or individual would not be
6 forwarded to council.

7 However, it was reported at the
8 June 17, 2008, council meeting that the
9 president and cofounder of ECTV has federal
10 and state liens against him, and so I ask
11 does OECD, indeed, conduct comprehensive
12 financial screenings of all applicants? If
13 not, why not or does OECD conduct these
14 screenings and approve loan applicants

15 regardless of their financial history?

16 Either way, the Office of Economic and
17 Community Development or OECD now appears
18 more like the office of easy cash donations.

19 Third, according to OECD council
20 members may not view any financial
21 information regarding loan applicants until
22 after they have approved a loan. Since tax
23 liens and litigations are a matter of public
24 record why then it OECD not provide such
25 information to council before it votes on

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1 loans?

2 These issues, like those 16 raised a
3 week ago are, indeed, significant and merit
4 further investigation. Therefore, I move to
5 table Items 6-F and 7-A on today's agenda
6 until an investigation into the selection
7 process is conducted, the complaint filed
8 with the Ethics Commission is addressed and
9 the zoning appeal is resolved.

10 MR. COURTRIGHT: I'll second it.

11 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

12 MR. COURTRIGHT: On the question, I
13 was going to make a similar motion, Mrs.
14 Evans' does included more, I was going to
15 include it. I just have -- there has been a

16 lot of concerns brought up and I understand
17 that it's the mayor's prerogative to chose
18 who he wants to select, I don't debate,
19 that's the way it is and how it is, you are
20 not going to change that, but I'm really
21 concerned when the main man behind the whole
22 thing, Chris Balton, is gone.

23 I am also concerned now, I wasn't
24 aware until Mr. Munchak came in that Melissa
25 Marks was gone. I believe they said

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1 Mr. Migliori is going to be in charge now, I
2 don't really know him or that much about
3 him, I believe he taped me a couple of times
4 when I was doing interviews when we were
5 running for office, but I was under the
6 impression the main trust behind ECTV being
7 chosen was Mr. Balton's expertise and also
8 Miss Marks her being the station manager.

9 So, I'm willing to see you table it
10 until -- I would like to see them come here
11 and speak to us and tell us who is going to
12 be taking over the duties that Mr. Balton is
13 going to have and Miss Marks and what are
14 their qualifications. I'm also concerned
15 because there is a zoning appeal and I

16 wouldn't feel comfortable voting, yes, until
17 I see how that zoning appeal goes, so for
18 those reasons I'll -- Mrs. Evans went a
19 little bit further than I would have gone,
20 but for those reasons I will second that
21 motion.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else on the
23 question?

24 MS. GATELLI: I would just like her
25 to repeat the motion.

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1 MS. EVANS: I move to table Item 6-F
2 and 7-A on today's agenda until an
3 investigation into the selection process is
4 conducted, the complaint filed with the
5 Ethics Commission is addressed and the
6 zoning appeal is resolved.

7 MS. GATELLI: Thank you.

8 MR. COURTRIGHT: I'm sorry, could I
9 ask a question, I second that motion, but,
10 the very first part you make there an
11 investigation, that's a little broad for me,
12 so could you just expand on what you mean by
13 investigation?

14 MS. EVANS: It's probably more of an
15 examination than an investigation in that --

16 MR. COURTRIGHT: But by whom, by us

17 or -- by council or --

18 MS. EVANS: I think at this point it
19 behooves us to do so to take a look at the
20 RFP to request the ratings of each of the
21 members of the selection committee, to see
22 if their evaluations match the requirements
23 of the RFP and if, indeed, for example,
24 anything was considered from one proposal
25 that went above and beyond the requirements

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1 of the proposal then the proper thing to do
2 in business is to reopen or allow the other
3 party to provide the information that would
4 be not equivalent to, but in response to the
5 information provided by one proposal without
6 their knowing what the exact information was
7 in other words, from --

8 MR. COURTRIGHT: But it would be us
9 asking these questions, city council when I
10 say "Us" asking them, correct, in this
11 investigation? Because I would like to,
12 again, what's the guy that's taken over, Mr.
13 Darcy? I'd like to see him come here and I
14 would like see the selection committee come
15 here because I want to ask the selection
16 committee this question, would they have

17 voted for ECTV if, in fact, at the time the
18 proposal was made Mr. Balton wasn't a part
19 of ECTV and Mrs. Marks wasn't part of ECTV
20 because I am guessing that that had a big
21 part in deciding on ECTV Mr. Balton and
22 Mrs. Marks, so I don't know would this
23 selection committee still have voted for
24 that company?

25 And again, Mr. Migliori, I don't

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1 know him very well at all, like I said, he
2 might have taped me a couple of times when
3 we were running for office, but they are
4 just some of the questions I have, so I
5 would like to see it tabled. I'm not naive,
6 I understand it's the mayor's choice, but
7 the money is our choice, so for that reason
8 I'll vote for your motion.

9 MS. EVANS: Well, Mr. Courtright, if
10 you would like I wouldn't be adverse to
11 including in the motion the necessity for a
12 meeting with the individuals you've
13 enumerated.

14 MR. COURTRIGHT: I don't think you
15 need to change your motion because if
16 passed, if it does pass your motion, I can't
17 imagine anyone up here refusing for us to

18 meet with him if they are going to vote for
19 your motion, so you don't need to alter it,
20 that's fine.

21 MR. MCGOFF: The problem I have with
22 the motion is that it's so -- that there is
23 no determined date for when this would be
24 put -- could be put back on the agenda,
25 there are so many things that are included

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1 in the motion that have no terminal time to
2 them that these motions that we are tabling
3 or these things that we are tabling might
4 never return.

5 MS. EVANS: Well, I'm assuming that a
6 zoning appeal has to be resolved, that's a
7 matter of litigation so I don't think we can
8 say that one will never be resolved. The
9 Ethics Commission --

10 MR. MCGOFF: But, do we have --

11 MS. EVANS: That I do not know -- as
12 for Ethics Commission I really don't no,
13 ma'am what their time line is on this
14 particular matter, but, you know, I do
15 believe it's important that both be
16 satisfied. I agree with you it's difficult
17 to attach a time line to this in respect to

18 those two provisions, but they are
19 significant and they do deserve a response
20 before awarding \$90,000 to anyone and I
21 think in the interim certainly the current
22 operator can continue to provide coverage
23 until such time as these matters are
24 resolved. And should they require any
25 financial assistance in so doing we learned

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1 today from Mr. Munchak that the county is
2 providing monthly 1/12 of it's allocation
3 and perhaps the city would decide to provide
4 some minimal contribution outside of the
5 \$13,000 provided last year and continue with
6 Scranton Today until these matters have been
7 resolved.

8 This is done in government I believe
9 all the time on a federal and a state level.
10 It really isn't a prudent practice to
11 proceed with the funding of let's say a
12 loan, a contract, whatever, when there are
13 so many significant issues raised that have
14 not been answered.

15 MR. MCGOFF: ECTV has stated that
16 they are ready to begin broadcasting at
17 least of council meetings on July 1. As far
18 as I can see what you are now asking is that

19 this motion is simply to delay them taking
20 over the operation of Channel 61 and allow
21 Scranton Today to continue.

22 MS. EVANS: No, that's not exactly
23 what I'm saying. That's an outgrowth --

24 MR. MCGOFF: You did say that.

25 MS. EVANS: Yes, but that's an

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1 outgrowth of the motion. The motion is that
2 all of these issues must be answered. Now,
3 it's also possible that an outgrowth of that
4 motion would be that the record would show
5 ECTV is not suitable for this undertaking.
6 It could possibly show that Northeastern
7 Pennsylvania Public Access Project is better
8 prepared to do this or Scranton Today is
9 better prepared to do this, I don't know,
10 but that is also a possible outgrowth.

11 MR. MCGOFF: If you were to asked to
12 table those two items without any qualifiers
13 I would be more than happy to vote for it
14 and speak to Mr. Welby, speak to Mr. Darcy,
15 speak to whoever is involved in the process,
16 but with the qualifiers and as you say the
17 outgrowth of it I don't think that that's
18 something that I can approve.

19 MS. EVANS: Well, I would be willing
20 to rephrase the motion if you could base
21 your examination or investigation on more
22 than just conversations or opinions. If you
23 would base it on, you know, an actual review
24 of the materials, the facts, the ratings,
25 you know, in other words, I'm asking you to

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1 physically ensure the fairness of the
2 process and to physically ensure the
3 affordability factor, not to simply have a
4 conversation with a gentleman that you know.

5 MR. MCGOFF: The gentleman that I had
6 the conversation with were the ones that
7 made the selection so it's not just -- it
8 was the people that actually made the
9 selection of ECTV. You are making it sound
10 like I was speaking to somebody on the
11 street corner.

12 MS. EVANS: Oh, no, I wasn't -- I
13 wasn't implying that at all. But, again, a
14 conversation is not the type of evidence
15 that I'm seeking. I'd like to see their
16 ratings. They had to have provided a
17 written ratings system or road brick for
18 their choices and those are the things I
19 would like to see in order to coordinate

20 those with the criteria of the RFP.

21 MS. GATELLI: I don't agree because
22 an RFP wasn't even necessary.

23 MS. FANUCCI: No.

24 MS. GATELLI: Because the mayor
25 allowed to pick who he wanted. Jimmy

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1 Connors picked them.

2 MS. FANUCCI: There didn't have to
3 be an RFP, the criteria is --

4 MS. GATELLI: They had to have money
5 to start up and equipment costs.

6 MS. FANUCCI: We are on the question,
7 aren't we?

8 MR. MCGOFF: We are on the question,
9 the motion is to table, and I lost the two
10 items.

11 MS. GATELLI: Well, the zoning that
12 can go for years. You see the mission down
13 the street is still conducting business
14 after three years.

15 MR. MCGOFF: If you would like to
16 make a motion --

17 MS. EVANS: It's in the Supreme
18 Court.

19 MS. GATELLI: Well, this can go

20 there, too, it absolutely can go there.

21 MR. MCGOFF: Again, if the motion
22 were to table this, simply to table the two
23 items without any of the qualifiers that
24 would be appropriate.

25 MS. GATELLI: We'll vote on it and

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1 then someone can make a motion.

2 MR. MCGOFF: Or do you wish to vote
3 on the motion that you made?

4 MS. EVANS: Yes.

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

7 MS. EVANS: Aye.

8 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

9 MR. MCGOFF: Opposed?

10 MS. FANUCCI: No.

11 MS. GATELLI: No.

12 MR. MCGOFF: No. Motion defeated.

13 MS. EVANS: I thank you. I just hope
14 that the residents understand that you get
15 what you deserve when you don't hold elected
16 officials accountable. Do your elected
17 officials consider the big picture and how
18 each decision they make will impact the
19 taxpayers and Scranton's financial future.
20 When taxes continue to climb because you

21 choose gold-plated services when silver will
22 satisfy the requirements, it's yet another
23 fine example of mismanagement of tax dollars
24 that could be better utilized on other
25 priorities.

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1 Yes, the public wants Channel 61,
2 but it doesn't want the gold plated Channel
3 61. I heard you and I have been trying to
4 ensure a fair competitive process while
5 holding the costs of the service to a
6 minimum.

7 On another topic, council received a
8 letter from Mr. Farrell of the University of
9 Scranton regarding it's position on a
10 neighboring restaurant/bar business and
11 while I understand the concerns noted by Mr.
12 Farrell, they are certainly not new or
13 unusual. Underage drinking is not so much
14 enabled by takeout beer and restaurants
15 sports bars as it is by legal adults
16 21 years of age or older who purchase the
17 alcohol citywide and turn it over to
18 underage drinkers.

19 If students, for example, had no
20 vehicles and the city had no restaurant bars

21 within walking distance of the "U" perhaps
22 the argument made by Mr. Farrell would
23 demonstrate more validity. Unfortunately,
24 as he well knows, all colleges and
25 universities face the ever growing problems

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1 of substance abuse. It's not unique to the
2 University and as such the University must
3 make continuous concerted efforts to enforce
4 it's policies, offer preventive programs,
5 and police it's extensive properties.
6 Attempting to target, control or eliminate
7 business does not effectively address the
8 number of issues of substance both on and
9 off campus.

10 As a steward of city finances, I
11 feel compelled to protect the small
12 businessman in our city. He pays taxes
13 which are Scranton's primary source of
14 revenue. He employs workers. He
15 beautifies his property. He polices the
16 activities of his business. Further, in
17 this specific case he has unwavering support
18 of the Hill Neighborhood Association as well
19 as business neighbors. The only support he
20 lacks is from the University of Scranton.
21 Just as our beloved city acts as a good

22 neighbor to the University, might I suggest
23 that the University assume the role of good
24 neighbor to Scranton small businesses. The
25 taxpayer can ill afford to lose them.

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1 Finally, I have some requests for
2 the past week: A letter to Parks and
3 Recreation, the Dorothy Street playground
4 continues to be defaced with graffiti, some
5 of which is obscene according to residents
6 of the area. Please remove this filth as
7 soon as possible.

8 The 700 block of Prescott Avenue a
9 resident of the block reports an abandoned
10 house possibly condemned where grass is
11 highly overgrown. He is concerned the
12 property is a safety hazard.

13 A letter to Mr. Renda: Please
14 provide a written response to the letter of
15 May 22, 2008, requesting information
16 regarding revenue from insurance carriers on
17 or before June 30, 2008. The initial
18 deadline for this information was June 2.

19 A letter to Mrs. Moran and
20 Mr. Doherty and an advertisement for a clerk
21 with a salary range of 60 to 90,000 dollars

22 was identified on Craig's list as of
23 June 16, 2008, and details read: "This is
24 responsible administrative and specialized
25 clerical work in directing the activities of

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1 the Office of the City Clerk."

2 Did the city administration
3 advertise for this position and if so please
4 describe in detail the necessity of such?
5 Please provide a written response on or
6 before June 7, 2009. And that's it.

7 MR. MCGOFF: Mrs. Evans, just a
8 clarification, I did ask and that was not
9 put in by anyone in the city.

10 MS. EVANS: So, that was an unknown
11 advertiser? I'm glad to hear that.

12 MR. MCGOFF: Well, the e-mail from
13 which it came was unidentified as well, but
14 it wasn't placed by the city.

15 MS. EVANS: Okay. Well, the e-mail
16 received though was from an individual so
17 they weren't unidentifiable.

18 MR. MCGOFF: No, no. I meant the
19 e-mail to place the ad was one --they
20 couldn't find who actually sent it, but it
21 wasn't sent from here.

22 MS. EVANS: Well, it's very good to

23 know that we won't be paying \$90,000 for a
24 clerical position.

25 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mrs. Evans.

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1 Mrs. Gatelli.

2 MS. GATELLI: First I have to thank
3 some people. We had a community justice
4 walk on Thursday and a lot of people helped
5 out, the district attorney was there,
6 Jennifer McCambridge, with her interns Jarod
7 Miero, Eric Lascuzzo, and Maria Berta. The
8 Department of Inspections was there, Carl
9 Graziano, Tom Oleski, Todd Ortez, Jack
10 Liptai and Patty Fowler. Police officers
11 Paul Reed and Tony Guida and during the
12 process nine cars were towed, six houses
13 were condemned, and 18 notices were posted
14 and police filed several litter citations.
15 So, the kick off of our new program was very
16 successful. It is also happening in the
17 Hill Section and I believe West Scranton did
18 have a crime community justice, do you know
19 who it is, Bill?

20 MR. COURTRIGHT: I don't know how
21 active is it now, it was Mr. Vanacoski,
22 Mr. Minicoss, those people, Mrs. Tallo. I

23 don't know how active they are.

24 MS. GATELLI: Well, if you need any
25 help over there, Bill, if somebody wants to

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1 get it going it's an excellent program.

2 MR. COURTRIGHT: I'll ask.

3 MS. GATELLI: And I'll offer to help
4 you get it going, it is needed over there.

5 MR. COURTRIGHT: I'll pass that onto
6 whoever is left there.

7 MS. GATELLI: Yes, please, because
8 we are happy to get it going again and all
9 of the sections of the city should have the
10 benefit of it. It's a program sponsored by
11 the District Attorney's Office and it's an
12 excellent program, so anyone who is
13 interested please let us know. You can call
14 Kay and we can maybe set you up with the
15 right people to get it done in your
16 neighborhoods.

17 The next thing, I would like to make
18 a motion that we give a proclamation to
19 Douglas and Ian Miller. I don't believe,
20 and I do sincerely hope that we will have
21 other students that will participate and
22 they are welcome and maybe you can hang the
23 signs at Scranton High next year and I'll

24 hang some at West, but I believe they did a
25 fine job and I think that we should give

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1 them a proclamation for their hard work.

2 MS. FANUCCI: I'll second that.

3 MR. MCGOFF: All in favor?

4 MS. EVANS: Aye.

5 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

6 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

7 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

8 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

9 MS. GATELLI: Thank you. I just need
10 a letter to Michael Wallace. I have been
11 having being trouble, Kay, getting ahold of
12 Mr. Wallace. I don't normally have you do
13 these, but I can't seem to get him.

14 There is a property at the corner of
15 Pittston Avenue and Pawn Street and there is
16 a tractor-trailer in the rear and the
17 neighbors wanted to know if it qualified
18 under the zoning.

19 Also there is a property at 123-125
20 Prospect Avenue that's being gutted and from
21 what I understand the owner wants to make it
22 a six-family unit. It has not been a
23 six-family in at least five years so I want

24 to make Mr. Wallace aware of that property.

25 I read an article in the paper today

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1 about the legislators, Representative Todd
2 Eachus is urging committee action on his
3 anti-blight legislation in the state, and it
4 would enable municipal officials to take
5 action against absentee landlords of
6 derelict properties. Why should we allow
7 absentee owners to further degrade the value
8 of properties while hardworking
9 Pennsylvanians struggle to hold onto their
10 own, so I would like to make another motion
11 we send Mr. Eachus a letter supporting his
12 bill.

13 MS. FANUCCI: I'll second that.

14 MR. MCGOFF: All in favor?

15 MS. EVANS: Aye.

16 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

17 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

18 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

19 MS. GATELLI: I have a lot of motions
20 today. My last motion is to table the two
21 pieces of legislation for Channel 61, ECTV.
22 I would like to table them to get some more
23 information of some of the allegations that
24 have been made here. I don't want to go the

25 full gammet of waiting for this and waiting

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1 for that, but I am willing to investigate
2 some of the financial discrepancies in the
3 information that has been received, so I ask
4 that we table it until we get some
5 information.

6 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

7 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

8 MR. COURTRIGHT: On the question, I'm
9 hoping that we can meet with these people
10 and ask them face-to-face the questions that
11 we have and then move on from there.

12 MR. MCGOFF: All in favor of tabling
13 Item 6-F and 7-A signify by saying aye.

14 MS. EVANS: Aye.

15 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

16 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

17 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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

20 MS. GATELLI: That's all I have.

21 Thank you.

22 MS. FANUCCI: I actually only have
23 one thing to speak about. The Shiloh
24 Baptist Church every year has a wonderful

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program where they provide backpacks for

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1 children going to school with all of the
2 necessities for the children to start off
3 with and this is a great program and I
4 believe to donate they are looking for 500
5 kids for these backpacks and they are
6 looking for about \$12 each to donate, so if
7 anyone please contact Carol Mason of the
8 Shiloh Baptist Church, and I'm not going to
9 read the number out, but you can contact us
10 here at the office and I will make sure that
11 we have it. This is a program that will
12 send the kids back to school with all -- I
13 can't believe we are talking about back to
14 school, but we have to now, but send them
15 back with all of their necessities and this
16 is wonderful program, and I just wanted to
17 talk about it. Thank you.

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MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Courtright?

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MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes, a lot of
people have been asking for about two or
three years about the 1100 block of Washburn
Street back to maybe the 16 or 1700 block if
not further about having it paved and I
guess we all know how difficult it is to get
a street paved in this city, but I have to

1 check into this further. My understanding
2 is, I don't know if people recall last year,
3 many streets why paved and they were paved
4 by the utilities because the utilities went
5 in and dug up the ground and they were
6 required to pave them. I'm hearing that
7 possibly it's going to happen the full
8 length of Washburn Street that the utilities
9 are going to come in and dig up and put down
10 new pipes, so hopefully you will get your
11 street paved, I will check that and confirm
12 it. That's it, Kay. Everything I have here
13 is going to I guess go to the DPW. Meridian
14 Avenue off of Luzerne Street which would be
15 heading south until it gets to the Elm
16 Street bridge, it is beyond patching. You
17 just can't patch it anymore. It's just --
18 it's ineffective, it's terrible. I believe
19 it would fall under OECD funds to do it or
20 -- I would ask you to send a letter asking
21 that they would consider that somewhere on
22 the top of list to get it paved. It's
23 beyond patching, you just can't patch it
24 anymore. So, if we can ask Mr. Brazil to
25 respond to me on that anyway.

1 quickly that it wasn't going to be effective
2 for the city and I'd ask back when they
3 bought it, I forget the dollar amount, if we
4 weren't going to be able to use if we put it
5 up for sale, so we at least got something
6 for it. I am being told of the record from
7 some DPW workers that it's not worth
8 anything now, just the cost of whatever the
9 metal you can get out of it. So, I haven't
10 gotten an answer so I can't answer you. I
11 have been asking for several years, even
12 before Mr. Brazil was there I asked this
13 question, but I think it's down, I think
14 it's parked down at the Sewer Authority the
15 last I heard and that's all I have. Thank
16 you.

17 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you,
18 Mr. Courtright. Just a couple of things.
19 In response to I don't know if Mr. Sbaraglia
20 was asking about an amount on the Lackawanna
21 College, the only thing I could find in the
22 backup from last week was an amount of
23 \$8 million, but I don't think that's the
24 amount that he was looking for, that's for
25 whatever loan or whatever grant they're

1 receiving, it's not to exceed \$8 million,
2 but that was the only dollar amount that was
3 in the backup.

4 To Mr. Powell speaking about Keyser
5 Terrace I was in -- or I happened to be
6 speaking with some people and about Keyser
7 Terrace and just a refresher, I believe that
8 we as a council voted that nothing would be
9 done as far as we were concerned at Keyser
10 Terrace until we got approval from the city
11 engineer, so as that continues to move
12 forward hopefully I would just reiterate to
13 Mr. Powell that I believe that we are all in
14 agreement with that, that nothing will be
15 approved at Keyser Terrace as far as council
16 is concerned until we have some assurances
17 from the city engineer that it is
18 acceptable.

19 And to Mr. Ellman, I just wanted to
20 mention that the money that is being used
21 from Friendship House for paving of streets
22 was done with the agreement of Friendship
23 House. They were not, as Mrs. Gatelli said,
24 they were not ready to start on the projects
25 for which the money was granted, and so in

1 agreement with Friendship House the money
2 was moved to paving the streets, so it
3 wasn't taken from them, it was at least done
4 with their agreement and the understanding
5 that money would then being reinstated to
6 them when they were ready to move on with
7 the projects.

8 Also, last week it was mentioned
9 that the University of Scranton was charging
10 some exorbitant rates for the use of the
11 South Side Complex for the soccer programs
12 that were taking place there. That was not
13 true. In contact with the University of
14 Scranton they said that they with agreement
15 through the whatever, I forgot the name of
16 the federation that runs the soccer program,
17 but with their agreement they were using the
18 field at no cost. That they were being
19 given the field at no cost to them and that
20 what happened was that a letter was sent to
21 the person that was running the program
22 stating that if, in fact, there were a cost
23 it would be given -- that the letter stated
24 that this would be the cost of a rental.

25 Apparently, the person in charge of the

1 soccer program then sent the University of
2 Scranton a check thinking that that was a
3 rental fee. The check was returned to them
4 and told that the letter was sent only
5 because of I believe tax requirements that
6 the University has to state, you know, any
7 gifts that they give and put a dollar amount
8 to it. Any fees that are being charged, any
9 fees that are being charged to people
10 playing there are not being charged by the
11 University of Scranton. There may be fees
12 being charged by the federation that's
13 running the soccer program, but there are no
14 fees from the University of Scranton.

15 And the other clarification, the
16 University of Scranton is in ownership of
17 the South Side Complex despite the fact that
18 it is still in -- that there are some --
19 there is some litigation taking place, the
20 University of Scranton does own the South
21 Side Complex, and so they would have a right
22 to charge anything that they wanted to.

23 One last thing, at the US Conference
24 of Mayors, the City of Scranton was given an
25 honorable mention and Mayor Doherty an

1 honorable mention for their efforts to
2 protect the city's tree canopy. It was --
3 the first place winners were the cities of
4 Seattle and Carmel, Indiana and then the
5 City of Scranton was in an honorable mention
6 category with Bartlett, Illinois,
7 Chattanooga, Tennessee, Colorado Springs,
8 Oakland, Phoenix, Pleasanton, California,
9 San Francisco, and as I said, Scranton.
10 That's all. Thank you.

11 MS. GARVEY: Kay. FIFTH ORDER. NO
12 BUSINESS AT THIS TIME. SIXTH ORDER. 6-A.
13 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 23,
14 2008 - AN ORDINANCE - ESTABLISHING A "NO
15 PARKING" ZONE ALONG THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF
16 MULBERRY STREET (S.R. 3027) FROM THE NOW
17 VACATED HITCHCOCK COURT EAST TO A POINT
18 SEVENTY FIVE FEET (75') EAST OF THE CENTER
19 LINE OF ROYAL WAY (QUINCY AVENUE VACATED)
20 THE SAME DISTANCE AS MORE PARTICULARLY
21 DESCRIBED ON THE MAP/PLAN ATTACHED HERETO,
22 TO ALLOW FOR SITE DISTANCE FOR THE DRIVEWAY
23 TO ROYAL WAY.

24 MR. MCGOFF: You have heard Reading
25 by Title of Item 6-A, what is your pleasure?

1 MR. COURTRIGHT: I move that item 6-A

2 pass Reading by Title.

3 MS. GATELLI: Second.

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

6 MS. EVANS: Aye.

7 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

8 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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

12 MS. GARVEY: 6-B. READING BY TITLE -
13 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 24, 2008 - AN ORDINANCE
14 - REMOVING PARKING METERS ON THE SOUTHERLY
15 SIDE OF MULBERRY STREET (S.R. 3027) FROM THE
16 NOW VACATED HITCHCOCK COURT TO MCKENNA
17 COURT, THE SAME DISTANCE AS MORE
18 PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON THE SITE PLAN
19 ATTACHED HERETO, IN THE "NO PARKING" ZONE
20 ESTABLISHED TO ALLOW FOR SIGHT DISTANCE FOR
21 THE DRIVEWAY OF THE NEW UNIVERSITY OF
22 SCRANTON CAMPUS CENTER.

23 MR. MCGOFF: You have heard Reading
24 by Title of Item 6-B, what is your pleasure?

25 MR. COURTRIGHT: I move that Item

1 6-B pass Reading by Title.

2 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

5 MS. EVANS: Aye.

6 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

7 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

8 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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

11 MS. GARVEY: 6-C. READING BY TITLE -
12 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 25, 2008 - AN ORDINANCE
13 - AMENDING FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 123, 2007,
14 ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
15 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE
16 CITY OF SCRANTON TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY
17 ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE CONSOLIDATED
18 SUBMISSION FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AN
19 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS (AS AMENDED) TO BE
20 FUNDED UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
21 GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM, HOME INVESTMENT
22 PARTNERSHIP (HOME) PROGRAM AND EMERGENCY
23 SHELTER GRANT (ESG) PROGRAM", BY
24 TRANSFERRING \$216,628.42 FROM PROJECT NO.
25 05-154 FRIENDSHIP HOUSE AND \$24,371.58 FROM

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1 PROJECT NO. 05-154.1 FRIENDSHIP HOUSE TO

2 PROJECT NO. 07-04 PAVING OF CITY STREETS TO

3 INCLUDE HANDICAPPED CURB CUTS.

4 MR. MCGOFF: You have heard Reading
5 by Title of Item 6-C, what is your pleasure?

6 MR. COURTRIGHT: I move that Item 6-C
7 pass Reading by Title.

8 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

11 MS. EVANS: Aye.

12 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

13 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

14 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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

17 MS. GARVEY: 6-D. READING BY TITLE -
18 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 26, 2008 - AN ORDINANCE
19 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON
20 PROVIDING FOR AN AGREEMENT OF
21 INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION FOR THE
22 PURPOSE OF MULTI-MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE
23 PLANNING BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON AND THE
24 ADJACENT MUNICIPALITIES OF: ABINGTON
25 TOWNSHIP, CLARKS GREEN BOROUGH, CLARKS GREEN

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1 BOROUGH, CLARKS SUMMIT BOROUGH, DALTON

2 BOROUGH, DUNMORE BOROUGH, GLENBURN TOWNSHIP,

3 NEWTON TOWNSHIP, NORTH ABINGTON TOWNSHIP,
4 SOUTH ABINGTON TOWNSHIP AND WEST ABINGTON
5 TOWNSHIP.

6 MR. MCGOFF: You have heard Reading
7 by Title of Item 6-D, what is your pleasure?

8 MR. COURTRIGHT: I move that Item 6-D
9 pass Reading by Title.

10 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

11 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

12 MS. EVANS: Yes, I believe next week
13 perhaps we would table this prior to the
14 reading so that we might receive the final
15 draft to read and I believe in July we will
16 be meeting with the SAPA representative;
17 correct?

18 MR. MCGOFF: Yes, July 15 is the date
19 I would assume that once we table it if we
20 table it next week that we would wait until
21 the 15th before it would be reintroduced.

22 MS. GATELLI: That's what we said
23 last week.

24 MR. MCGOFF: All those in favor
25 signify 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: Aye. Opposed? The
6 ayes have it and so moved.

7 MS. GARVEY: 6-E. READING BY TITLE -
8 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 27, 2008 - AN ORDINANCE
9 - APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF A RESTAURANT
10 LIQUOR LICENSE CURRENTLY OWNED BY ANN MARIE
11 KULICK T/A ANN'S BAR, 160 BOULEVARD AVENUE,
12 THROOP, PA 18512, LICENSE NO. R-15082 TO
13 KEDNRA A. RICCIO ENTERPRISES, LLC T/A/
14 "BALLINA" FOR USE AT 2934 BIRNEY AVENUE,
15 SCRANTON, PA. AS REQUIRED BY THE
16 PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD.

17 MR. MCGOFF: You have heard Reading
18 by Title of Item 6-E, what is your pleasure?

19 MR. COURTRIGHT: I move that Item 6-A
20 pass Reading by Title.

21 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

24 MS. EVANS: Aye.

25 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

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1 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

2 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

3 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The

4 ayes have it and so moved.

5 MS. GARVEY: 6-F has been tabled.

6 6-G. READING BY TITLE - FILE OF COUNCIL NO.
7 29, 2008 - AN ORDINANCE - ACCEPTING AND
8 ORDAINING A FOUR (4) FOOT PORTION OF LAND TO
9 WIDEN A PORTION OF LAVELLE COURT IN THE
10 VICINITY OF THE FIVE HUNDRED BLOCK OF MOOSIC
11 STREET TO CREATE A RIGHT OF WAY TO TWENTY
12 (20) FEET.

13 MR. MCGOFF: You have heard Reading
14 by Title of Item 6-G, what is your pleasure?

15 MR. COURTRIGHT: I move that Item 6-G
16 pass Reading by Title.

17 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

20 MS. EVANS: Aye.

21 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

22 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

23 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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

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1 MS. GARVEY: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A has
2 been tabled. 7-B., do you want to make any
3 amendments before I read this?

4 MR. MINORA: This is the matter that

5 I spoke to Attorney Kelly about, if you
6 wanted to amend it now to 25 years you can
7 do that by motion and then we can read it as
8 the final reading.

9 MS. FANUCCI: I'll make a motion that
10 we change Item 7-B from 50 years for the
11 term to 25 years.

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

15 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

16 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

17 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

18 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed?

19 MS. EVANS: No.

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

22 MS. GARVEY: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION
23 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES FOR ADOPTION -
24 RESOLUTION NUMBER 36, 2008 -- AS AMENDED --
25 APPROVING FOR ADOPTION THE PROPOSED

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1 AMENDMENT OF THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
2 OF THE SCRANTON MUNICIPAL RECREATION
3 AUTHORITY TO INCREASE THE TERM OF EXISTENCE
4 OF SAID AUTHORITY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF

5 THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ACT OF 2001.

6 MR. MCGOFF: As Chairperson for the
7 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
8 passage of Item 7-B as amended.

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

10 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

11 MS. EVANS: Yes, I just wanted to
12 repeat my position that was stated last
13 week, the Recreation Authority sets the fees
14 at Nay Aug, but council is left to pay the
15 bills and I believe it is council who should
16 be setting the fees and making the decisions
17 at that park as it does with other
18 neighborhood parks throughout the City of
19 Scranton, though a 25-year adjustment from
20 the 50-year term is certainly improvement,
21 it is still a lengthy period of time and I
22 believe that as long as we are being asked,
23 which in effect means you are being asked to
24 pay these bills, you are doing so without
25 frankly any input because you would have to

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1 respond to individuals who are appointed by
2 a mayor to an authority that oversees your
3 greatest park, the jewel of parks throughout
4 Scranton.

5 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else on the

6 question? Roll call, please.

7 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

8 MS. EVANS: No.

9 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli.

10 MS. GATELLI. Yes.

11 MR. COOLICAN: Ms. Fanucci.

12 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

13 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright.

14 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

15 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McGoff.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare
17 7-B as amended legally and lawfully adopted.

18 MS. GARVEY: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION
19 BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -
20 FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 37, 2008 -
21 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
22 CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A
23 REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT NO. 04R007 WITH THE
24 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, DEPARTMENT OF
25 TRANSPORTATION ("PENNDOT") FOR THE 500 BLOCK

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1 OF LACKAWANNA AVENUE PROJECT ENTITLED: PARK
2 PLAZA AND PEDESTRIAN COURT.

3 MR. MCGOFF: What is the
4 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
5 Committee on Community Development?

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

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

10 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

11 MS. EVANS: Again I'll reiterate what
12 was said last week, but in a more brief
13 fashion, I'm not against economic
14 development. I was very supportive of this
15 project in it's initial stages, however, I
16 can't vote to approve anything that's not
17 going to include the two staples of the 500
18 block of Lackawanna Avenue, those being,
19 Coney Island and Buona Pizza.

20 MR. MCGOFF: Roll call, please.

21 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

22 MS. EVANS: No.

23 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli.

24 MS. GATELLI. Yes.

25 MR. COOLICAN: Ms. Fanucci.

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1 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

2 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright.

3 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

4 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McGoff.

5 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare
6 7-C legally and lawfully adopted.

7 MS. GARVEY: 7-D. FOR CONSIDERATION
8 BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -
9 FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 38, 2008 -
10 ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE
11 HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD
12 ("HARB") AND APPROVING THE CERTIFICATE OF
13 APPROPRIATENESS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF
14 SCRANTON, 800 LINDEN STREET, SCRANTON, PA
15 FOR MINOR ALTERATION OF EXTERIOR TO FIT
16 EXISTING MASONRY OPENING TO ACCOMMODATE
17 INSTALLATION OF ELEVATOR AT THE UNIVERSITY
18 OF SCRANTON, HOULIHAN-MCLEAN CENTER, 342-348
19 JEFFERSON AVENUE, SCRANTON.

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

23 MS. FANUCCI: As Chairperson for the
24 Committee on Community Development, I
25 recommend final passage of Item 7-E.

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1 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

2 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Roll
3 call, please.

4 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

5 MS. EVANS: Yes.

6 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli.

7 MS. GATELLI. Yes.
8 MR. COOLICAN: Ms. Fanucci.
9 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.
10 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright.
11 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.
12 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McGoff.
13 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare

14 Item 7-D legally and lawfully adopted.

15 MS. GARVEY: 7-E. FOR CONSIDERATION
16 BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION -
17 RESOLUTION NO. 39, 2008 - APPROVING THE
18 FINANCING BY THE SCRANTON-LACKAWANNA HEALTH
19 AND WELFARE AUTHORITY OF CERTAIN CAPITAL
20 PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF LACKAWANNA
21 COLLEGE, A PENNSYLVANIA NON-FOR-PROFIT
22 CORPORATION SERVING THE PUBLIC; DECLARING
23 THAT IT IS DESIRABLE FOR THE HEALTH, SAFETY
24 AND WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF
25 SCRANTON, LACKAWANNA COLLEGE, TO HAVE

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1 PROJECTS PROVIDED BY AND FINANCED THROUGH
2 THE AUTHORITY; DESIGNATING THE MAYOR OF THE
3 CITY, OR, IN HIS ABSENCE, THE PRESIDENT OF
4 VICE PRESIDENT TOF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY,
5 AS THE PERSON TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY
6 COUNCIL, AS THE "APPLICABLE ELECTED
7 REPRESENTATIVE" WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE

8 INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED;
9 AUTHORIZING SUCH MAYOR OF THE CITY OR THE
10 PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY
11 COUNCIL TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS ON BEHALF OF
12 THE CITY COUNCIL AS SUCH "APPLICABLE ELECTED
13 REPRESENTATIVE"; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER
14 NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE ACTION.

15 MR. MCGOFF: What is the
16 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
17 Committee on Finance?

18 MS. GATELLI: As Chair for the
19 Committee on Finance, I recommend final
20 passage of 7-E.

21 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

22 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

23 MS. EVANS: There was a question
24 raised earlier during the meeting regarding
25 this legislation I believe by Mr. Sbaraglia,

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1 perhaps, and I know that, Mr. McGoff, you
2 tried to answer that under motions, but
3 might we table this until we are able to get
4 more firm financial information, and I think
5 Mr. Sbaraglia also indicated there would be
6 a public hearing on this issue where we
7 might be able to obtain further details.

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MR. MCGOFF: Is there a second?

MR. COURTRIGHT: I'm going to abstain for voting on this totally because in the past I believe it was political what they said because I teach at the police academy there and I shouldn't be voting on any legislation there, and so rather than -- and at the time Mr. Walsh I believe checked with the Ethic's Commission if it was an Ethic's violation, but in an effort not to send Mr. Minora through the same thing I've just got to abstain from this, so I'm not just going to comment on it.

MR. EVANS: Mr. McGoff, I didn't really make a motion though, I just asked if we might consider the motion.

MR. MCGOFF: I would think since there is no liability on behalf of the city

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that we can approve it and perhaps find the answer. I think Mr. Sbaraglia was just looking for the total amount of their project was and what was going to be paid.

MR. GATELLI: If flows through the Health and Welfare Authority.

MS. EVANS: Yes, we are not responsible for any debt or let's say

9 failure of repayment that may not fall on
10 the shoulders of the city, however, it is
11 the same constituency inevitably, so through
12 the county perhaps since you are a resident
13 of Scranton and Lackawanna County you can be
14 responsible for repayment.

15 MR. MCGOFF: Understood. Anyone else
16 on the question? Roll call, please.

17 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

18 MS. EVANS: Yes.

19 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli.

20 MS. GATELLI: Yes.

21 MR. COOLICAN: Ms. Fanucci.

22 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

23 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright.

24 MR. COURTRIGHT: Abstain.

25 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McGoff.

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1 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare
2 Item 7-F legally and lawfully adopted.

3 MS. GARVEY: That was 7-E.

4 MR. MCGOFF: 7-E, excuse me. I
5 hereby declare Item 7-E legally and lawfully
6 adopted.

7 MS. GARVEY: 7-F. FOR CONSIDERATIO BY
8 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -

9 RESOLUTION NO. 40, 2008 - AUTHORIZING THE
10 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE
11 CITY OF SCRANTON TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A
12 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE
13 INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MACHINISTS AND
14 AEROSPACE WORKERS LOCAL NO. 2462 (CLERICAL
15 UNION.)

16 MR. MCGOFF: As Chairperson for the
17 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
18 passage of Item 7-F.

19 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

20 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Roll
21 call, please.

22 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

23 MS. EVANS: Yes.

24 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli.

25 MS. GATELLI. Yes.

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1 MR. COOLICAN: Ms. Fanucci.

2 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

3 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright.

4 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

5 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McGoff.

6 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare
7 Item 7-F legally and lawfully adopted. No
8 further business. Thank you for your
9 cooperation and I ask for a motion.

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MS. GATELLI: Motion to adjourn.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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

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