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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

Tuesday, July 1, 2008

LOCATION:

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

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

MR. ROBERT MCGOFF, PRESIDENT

MS. JUDY GATELLI, VICE-PRESIDENT

MS. JANET E. EVANS

MS. SHERRY FANUCCI

MR. WILLIAM COURTRIGHT

MS. KAY GARVEY, CITY CLERK

MR. NEIL COOLICAN, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

MR. AMIL MINORA, SOLICITOR

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

3 MR. MCGOFF: Roll call, please.

4 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

5 MS. EVANS: Here.

6 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli.

7 MS. GATELLI. Here.

8 MR. COOLICAN: Ms. Fanucci.

9 MS. FANUCCI: Here.

10 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright.

11 MR. COURTRIGHT: Here.

12 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McGoff.

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

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

16 MINUTES OF THE COMPOSITE PENSION BOARD

17 MEETING HELD ON MAY 28, 2008.

18 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?

19 If not, received and filed.

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

21 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING

22 HELD ON MY 28,2008.

23 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?

24 If not, received and filed.

25 MS. GARVEY: 3-C. AGENDA FOR THE

1 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING
2 HELD ON JUNE 25, 2008.

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

5 MS. GARVEY: 3-D. MINUTES OF THE
6 FIREMEN'S PENSION COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON
7 APRIL 23, 2008.

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

10 MS. GARVEY: 3-E. MINUTES OF THE
11 FIREMEN'S PENSION COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON
12 MAY 28, 2008.

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

15 MS. GARVEY: That's it for Third
16 Order.

17 MR. MCGOFF: Any announcements that
18 council members may have? Mrs. Gatelli?

19 MS. GATELLI: On Thursday, July 3
20 the Philharmonic will be playing at the
21 Lackawanna County Stadium at 7:30 followed
22 by a fireworks display. It's a really
23 wonderful event if you have never been there
24 and it's free to the public and on the
25 Fourth of July at Nay Aug Park at 10:30 they

1 are going to be having the flag ceremony and
2 that's also a wonderful event to celebrate
3 Americanism and all our soldiers that have
4 fought for us.

5 The other thing I have is there will
6 be an arts festival Saturday and Sunday,
7 July 5 and 6, called the Scrantonhanton
8 festival. It will be in the 300 block of
9 Spruce Street starting at 2:00 p.m. on
10 Saturday and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. There
11 will be music, food, arts displays, live
12 poetry and there will be live theatre in the
13 second floor of the Hotel Jermyn which is
14 better known as the Northeast Theatre. And
15 I think that's all I have. Thank you.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else? Mrs.
17 Evans?

18 MS. EVANS: There is a gentleman by
19 the name of Allen Rubinstein who is
20 donating. I don't know if it's a 1999 or
21 2000 Ford Windstar van to any nonprofit in
22 the Scranton area who is in need of
23 transportation. The van I believe only
24 needs a new transmission and if anyone is
25 interested in receiving that Windstar van as

1 a donation for your nonprofit please contact
2 the Office of City Council.

3 MR. MCGOFF: Anything else? Citizens
4 participation. Fay Franus.

5 MS. FRANUS: Fay Franus. Mrs.
6 Gatelli, as head of finance when can you
7 expect to see legislation come before city
8 council on the \$11 million borrowing that
9 the mayor wants?

10 MS. GATELLI: I don't believe there
11 will be any legislation.

12 MS. FRANUS: Pardon me?

13 MS. GATELLI: I don't believe you
14 will be seeing any legislation for that.

15 MS. FRANUS: May I ask how will they
16 get this money then? It's in the budget,
17 how will they pay the bills without the
18 borrowing? Will they be raising taxes?

19 MS. GATELLI: I don't believe there
20 is 11 million in the budget. I don't
21 believe that was the budgeted amount.

22 MS. FRANUS: Well, whatever the
23 amount is.

24 MS. GATELLI: Pardon?

25 MS. FRANUS: Whatever the amount,

1 whether it be 5 or 6, whatever, where would

2 this money come from.

3 MS. GATELLI: Well, we are hoping
4 then will be getting some from the tax
5 office?

6 MS. FRANUS: Pardon me?

7 MS. GATELLI: From the tax office
8 when that -- -

9 MS. FRANUS: The tax office, that's
10 not coming through until 2009 Attorney
11 McGovern says, so you cannot count on that
12 money from the tax office, absolutely not,
13 so where would it come from, possibly
14 raising taxes? It will not be coming from
15 the tax office.

16 MS. GATELLI: If that's the way the
17 mayor proceeds it will be raising his taxes.

18 MS. FRANUS: So we are getting a tax
19 raise?

20 MS. GATELLI: I don't know.

21 MS. FRANUS: That's the only other
22 possibility since you said you are not going
23 to borrow and Mrs. Fanucci said she is going
24 to try an implement other plans, there is no
25 way it's coming from that \$5 million, there

1 is no way, and you are head of finance, so

2 you should be looking into this. I never
3 hear you speak about anything on finance
4 ever, so I wish you would start looking into
5 matters like this.

6 Now, as far as this ECTV thing, I
7 understand that Mark, the executive
8 director, was on the Steve Corbett show and
9 he mentioned that the East Scranton Business
10 Association gave them \$10,000. I would hope
11 that somebody up here on council will look
12 into it and find out if this is a nonprofit,
13 if it isn't nonprofit, where did this money
14 come from North Scranton -- or north -- East
15 Scranton Business Association? The downtown
16 Business Association doesn't even have that
17 kind of money, so I wish somebody up there
18 would take it up themselves, Mrs. Gatelli,
19 you are finance to find out more about this
20 \$10,000.

21 Also, we got to follow this money
22 and this \$90,000 I don't know if you are
23 going to give it to them or you're not going
24 to give it to them, but if you don't give it
25 to them I think it's just a -- I don't know,

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1 it's just a political ploy to get elected by
2 saying you are getting that ECTV would go

3 dark and you would like that as well, so
4 there is a little plan here, we won't know
5 until it's happens, but you can bet it's
6 going to be political.

7 Now, on the other hand, this John
8 Darcy that works there, he is a contractor,
9 he works for himself according to Mark on
10 the radio show, so if this Mr. Darcy is up
11 there doing work and then you give him this
12 money, this \$90,000, who is to say where
13 this money is going? He could write himself
14 a check and say, "Well, I did this, I did
15 this, I did this, I got to write this
16 check," and he owns own all this money in
17 liens, he could be paying his bills off. I
18 think this \$90,000 there should be a trial,
19 there should be absolute accountability for
20 every penny that goes out of this city to
21 pay those people. Every penny spent should
22 have somebody, and not people appointed by
23 the mayor, because you can see where that's
24 going to go, somebody should be watching
25 that money, I don't know who, but it better

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1 be in place if this money is accounted for.

2 Now, in all other city's across the

3 country these peg stations, their are
4 government programs are viewed anywhere from
5 5 to 10 times a week, not twice as this is.
6 This is going to be once live and then once
7 12 hours later at 6:30 in the morning when
8 the meetings are going to go back to 6:30 at
9 night. Who is going to see these? And as
10 far as computers, nobody, rarely anybody in
11 the city has computers, maybe the young
12 kids, but senior citizens and the old
13 people, Mr. McGoff you are making faces, I
14 would take a survey and many, many, many
15 more than not do not have computers nor do
16 they want to watch a council meeting on a
17 computer, they want to see it live, and when
18 they get home from work at 6:30 most people
19 are making their meals, they don't want to
20 be watching, trying to catch one meeting a
21 week. I think you could do something about
22 that by doing something with an agreement
23 with these people to make it more than twice
24 a week. This is outrageous and this is a
25 deliberate plan by the mayor to keep what he

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1 is doing away from the people. This is why
2 we are doing this in the first place, you
3 handpicked these people and naturally he is

4 saying, well, he picked them. He picked the
5 people that picked it, so it's common sense
6 that Mayor Doherty is running this whole
7 show and three folks, Gatelli, McGoff and
8 Fanucci are giving him everything he wants
9 like you always do and you always will, but
10 I want this \$90,000 and any other money
11 going out to this station followed, penny by
12 penny and an accounting.

13 I would like to get on the board of
14 directors of ECTV, I'm making this known
15 right now, volunteer, they are saying we
16 should volunteer the people to keep an eye,
17 I would like to be a member of the board of
18 directors of ECTV before they pick one, so
19 how could anybody say knowing now it's in
20 the early stages I'm putting right on notice
21 now. I have all of the time in the world
22 and I'm retired and I would like that, so if
23 someone could please get back to me on ECTV.
24 Thank you.

25 MR. MCGOFF: Ozzie Quinn.

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1 MR. QUINN: Ozzie Quinn, Taxpayers'
2 Association. First thing I would like to
3 say, as last year the Taxpayers' Association

4 will continue their kids swim for free the
5 first two days will be July -- Saturday,
6 July 12 and Sunday, July 13, from noon to
7 6:00 p.m. Any youth 15 and under may come up
8 Nay Aug Park and swim and use that slide
9 free and it doesn't just mean Scranton, it
10 means all of the boroughs throughout the
11 county or whoever else wants to come up
12 there, we will pay for that, and we want to
13 appreciate and thank the businesses for
14 their involvement in this and individuals.

15 I do want to talk about the fact that
16 we are in July and we still haven't seen the
17 audit for 2007 and am I'm very much
18 concerned because of the fact that although
19 government officials or CPA's can say we can
20 only look at the principle loan or as I
21 spoke about previously, last audit we were
22 \$180 million in debt and now we see that
23 this county is \$27 million and the school
24 board is \$185 million, so we are very much
25 concerned with the coming of the taxes for

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1 next year, the increase in the taxes which
2 we know we are going to get, probably from
3 the school district, and the fact is that we
4 are concerned because of the heating system

5 and this \$90,000 that you are spending out,
6 you are sending out to ECTV which should be
7 going for low to moderate income, they
8 should be building up some kind of a surplus
9 to help these low to moderate income that
10 have heating problems during the season.

11 Now, giving that money to ECTV is like
12 tantamount to what's happening across the
13 country with predatory lenders. These
14 lenders give money to homeowners, they
15 shouldn't give because their background,
16 their history, their credit rating is not
17 good. They gave the money to them even
18 though their credit rating they had a bunch
19 of liens, whatever and what happened they
20 are being foreclosed upon now. Now, that's
21 taxpayers' money and I don't think that we
22 should be giving that money to people who
23 are not worthy financially have a history of
24 doing good in business and have a good
25 credit rating, okay?

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1 Also, I'm awaiting from HUD in
2 regards to that citizen participation end of
3 it, I still feel there needs to be citizen
4 participation.

5 Now, we are very much concerned
6 about the fact that what's going to happen
7 with this ECTV because of the fact that as
8 Commissioner Munchak cited last week that
9 the county wasn't in the proposal and the
10 taxpayers' association is not in a proposal,
11 and I feel as Mr. Munchak supported us that
12 we should be in part of the ECTV because it
13 is public access TV, and I would like to
14 council to support us, you know, I know you
15 don't like to hear a lot of things
16 especially the mayor of what we say, but we
17 are trying to make people aware in which we
18 are going to continue to demonstrate
19 throughout the year, be it not city hall,
20 but maybe throughout the whole city in
21 regards to making people aware of the
22 financial situation in the City of Scranton
23 and how this mayor is continually putting us
24 deeper and deeper in debt and we cannot
25 continue to do it, we can't continue it with

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1 the population dwindling. You saw the
2 employment rate, you know the economy, you
3 know what's happening in paying your
4 gasoline, your food, what's going to happen
5 after the meeting, we just cannot continue.

6 predatory lenders, okay? Thank you very
7 much.

8 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Quinn.
9 Jean Suetta.

10 MS. SUETTA: Why do you laugh every
11 time I get up here, Billy?

12 MR. COURTRIGHT: Because I'm afraid
13 of what you are going to say.

14 MS. SUETTA: Jean Suetta, Scranton,
15 Pennsylvania, I want to thank you very much
16 for the sign. We got them in the 1500 block
17 of Gardner Avenue, they forgot the 1400, all
18 well and good the traffic is slowing up. We
19 need some on Marian Street, they didn't do
20 any there and there is only two blocks of
21 Marian. Neil, I'm not going to abuse you
22 today because last time I went over there he
23 took my time off me. Yeah, I had two
24 minutes to go and you called Jimmy Stucker
25 up.

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1 MR. COURTRIGHT: Could you just give
2 the addresses?

3 MS. SUETTA: No.

4 MR. COURTRIGHT: To get the signs.

5 MS. SUETTA: The 100 and 200 block of
6 Marian and 14 of Gardner, and with the TV

7 station you got all of these extra money
8 throw some my way, you know, I'll put the TV
9 on for you. And, Judy, you said we weren't
10 going to be in the dark this week, well, we
11 are not being televised --

12 MS. GATELLI: Yes, we are.

13 MS. SUETTA: But it's going to be an
14 hour late.

15 MS. GATELLI: I believe it's going to
16 be on time, I think Comcast was trying to
17 get it so it could be live.

18 MS. SUETTA: Sherry, what about those
19 bids? The bids?

20 MS. FANUCCI: Nothing has taken place
21 there, but I still have not heard anything
22 about it, so I will keep you posted if they
23 are or not.

24 MS. SUETTA: Thanks very much. Have
25 a good day.

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1 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mrs. Suetta.

2 MS. SUETTA: You owe me three minutes
3 plus two so that's an extra five.

4 MR. MCGOFF: Barbara O'Malley.

5 MS. O'MALLEY: Yesterday the feed
6 for Scranton Today was pulled and ECTV began

7 broadcasting on Channel 61. The takeover
8 has been accomplished and, as Mr. Doherty
9 said, only the funding is still in question.
10 In a radio interview on June 26 Mark
11 Migliori, executive director of ECTV, was
12 questioned about the organizations financial
13 status. He stated that the money -- they
14 had money in the bank because the East
15 Scranton Business Association gifted them
16 \$10,000. He stated he didn't know what the
17 East Scranton Business Association's
18 function was or who was in charge. He was
19 very vague on the details which seemed odd
20 considering the size of the gift.

21 It is disconcerting to think that
22 the executive director does not have a
23 working knowledge of the organizations
24 finances. Will he be responsible for the
25 record keeping and reporting required for

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1 the proposed \$90,000 OECD loan? If the
2 executive director doesn't know the details
3 of a \$10,000 gift what will happen with the
4 proposed \$90,000 loan? Who is managing the
5 finances for this organization? Is it John
6 Darcy, ECTV cofounder, board president with
7 a documented history of unpaid bills, failed

8 businesses liens?

9 The disclosure of the \$10,000 gift
10 from the East Scranton Business Association
11 is certainly surprising. The East Scranton
12 Business Association is a nonprofit
13 organization, a 501-C-6 whose member pay
14 annual dues of \$60. Last fall the East
15 Scranton Business Association was raising
16 funds for the Richter Avenue Common Project
17 which, by the way, is still not complete
18 under Mr. Darcy and Mr. McDonough's
19 tutelage, yet this spring the East Scranton
20 Business Association is donating \$10,000 to
21 ECTV. How did the East Scranton Business
22 Association acquire \$10,000 in such a short
23 span of time to donate to ECTV? Why didn't
24 the organization use the money to complete
25 the commons project?

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1 The president of the board of the
2 East Scranton Business Association revealed
3 that the \$10,000 came from Scranton's Office
4 of Economic Development OECD. The grant
5 money, which many of you know is highly
6 coveted by organizations and civic groups in
7 the city, appears to have been awarded in

8 rather short notice to the East Scranton
9 Business Association and then gifted to
10 ECTV. Who approved this award?
11 Mr. Migliori implied these funds are being
12 used for startup costs apparently to
13 purchase equipment and renovations at 933
14 Prescott Avenue a property owned by
15 Lackawanna Institute. A call to OECD for
16 information on this project has not been
17 returned.

18 The \$10,000 OECD awarded to East
19 Scranton Business Association and the
20 subsequent gift to ECTV may not be
21 irregular, but it certainly gives the
22 appearance of subterfuge. Has the East
23 Scranton Business Association made sizable
24 gifts such as this to other businesses in
25 Scranton. John Darcy, ECTV's cofounder, the

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1 property owner and others associated with
2 ECTV have ties to the East Scranton Business
3 Association. Did they use their influence
4 to solicit the East Scranton Business
5 Association to become a conduit for funding
6 for ECTV?

7 The city's financial commitment to
8 ECTV using scarce OECD funds appears to be

9 two-pronged. The OECD grant to the East
10 Scranton Business Association and the
11 \$90,000 loan council is considering.
12 Comments reported in the Times attributed to
13 cofounders John Darcy and Chris Balton as
14 well as Mayor Doherty regarding the startup
15 cash for ECTV have been less than clear.
16 This back door development only adds to the
17 murkiness.

18 Two weeks ago Annette Palugis spoke
19 from this podium of Mayor Doherty's
20 displeasure with Scranton Today and the
21 individuals associated with the station.
22 Last week I spoke of the deck being stacked
23 against Scranton Today. In my opinion the
24 circumstances surrounding the East Scranton
25 Business Association gift certainly adds

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1 credence to that claim. Are the taxpayers
2 of this city paying the price for political
3 shenanigans? Take heed, my fellow
4 Scrantonians, for in this self-proclaimed
5 progressive city the old adage, you can't
6 fight city hall, is alive and well and the
7 cost immeasurable.

8 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. I'm sorry, I

9 can't read the next name, is it Tobin?

10 MR. TOBIN: My name is Edmond Tobin,
11 I'm a resident of Scranton. We have found
12 \$90,000 to give to a television station to
13 broadcast your council meetings and
14 different things which senior citizens like
15 me rely on. This is public television, but
16 you had a station that I understand has
17 worked for ten years with very little money,
18 so I have a suggestion for you, take that
19 \$90,000, fix up your handicapped ramps, your
20 sidewalks in Scranton, go up Mulberry Street
21 here in a wheelchair and see what fun you
22 have. In wintertime try to get around to go
23 downtown to by groceries. If it snowstorms
24 forget it, crosswalks you can't get across.

25 I have called the Public Works

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1 Department and complained, the answer I got
2 was, "I've worked for the city for 35 years
3 we never clean crosswalks."How are we
4 supposed to go shopping? Thanks to Janet
5 she did once speak up for me, remember,
6 Mrs. Evans, when I spoke to you?

7 MS. EVANS: I remember it well.

8 MR. TOBIN: And I thank very much,
9 but it's getting to the point we can't get

10 around in Scranton because your sidewalks
11 are unfit, your crosswalks are unfit. We
12 had a lady from our apartment get killed
13 right over here last December because of
14 crosswalks, because cars don't want to stop
15 for us. I come down now, I had two cars cut
16 me off at the intersections because I had to
17 take my time to make sure I got around
18 without going into one of your holes and
19 sitting there hoping somebody comes to help
20 me out. I think it's a disgrace the way
21 this mayor is letting this city fall apart.
22 You people better talk to him and say, look,
23 we've got enough of this complaints, let's
24 do something. You got a lot in the city
25 here, believe me. I lived in Honesdale.

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1 The parking money in Honesdale went to
2 remove the snow away from the streets. You
3 get a snowstorm in Honesdale and at least
4 two days after that snowstorm you have no
5 trouble getting around on your streets
6 because they remove the snow and take care
7 of their citizens.

8 I wish I could go back there, but
9 they don't have the transportation systems

10 and such that you have here, that's why I'm
11 here in order to get around. It's about
12 time you stop pocketing money for yourselves
13 for the city and could something for the
14 scene or citizens. Thank you.

15 MR. MCGOFF: Marie Schumacher.

16 MS. SCHUMACHER: Good morning. Marie
17 Schumacher, city resident. Mrs. Gatelli,
18 last week I asked you as finance chair to
19 let us know what you have done to help the
20 mayor and his administration respond to the
21 request made by the auditor back in February
22 during motions. However, you failed to
23 respond, so I repeat my request that during
24 motions today you tell us what you are doing
25 to get those responses back to the auditor.

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1 On the issue of renewing the charter of
2 the Recreation Authority which I'm glad to
3 not see on the agenda, when the authority
4 was the overseer of the Municipal Golf
5 Authority there was only one such asset.
6 Now, that the sole role of the Rec Authority
7 is Nay Aug Park I again ask for park parody.
8 The Rec Authority should not be extended
9 until it is expanded to cover all city parks
10 capable of hosting recreational activities.

11 Now, as to the resolution and ordinance
12 tabled last week to provide \$90,000 of tax
13 dollars to ECTV, first I want to thank you
14 for tabling this giveaway of precious tax
15 resources. Next, I want to point out the
16 fallacy used as the basis of gifting these
17 funds to ECTV, the creation of three low to
18 moderate income jobs. As two jobs are being
19 eliminated at Scranton Today, there is only
20 one net job being created by ECTV and
21 \$90,000 is simply too much for this
22 distressed city to pay for the creation of a
23 single low to moderate income job.

24 Now, let's move onto the inflated
25 proposal submitted. During the past week

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1 ECTV has admitted that individuals included
2 in their proposal for ECT operations were
3 false. Chris Balton's role apparently was
4 fulfilled when the inflated proposal was
5 submitted. The ECTV inflated proposal also
6 includes the purchase of over \$50,000 of HD
7 equipment. Well, the likelihood is that by
8 the time high definition reaches the public
9 access channels any equipment bought now
10 would be sorely outdated. Cable companies

11 are not required to offer HD bandwidth for
12 peg channels and until and unless that ever
13 happens that precious HD signal bandwidth
14 will be used elsewhere.

15 We also are being requested to pay
16 utilities for the ECTV studios. Now, wasn't
17 that clever of Mr. Mansour to give the
18 church to ECTV for only \$1 a year when, in
19 fact, he is going to be getting his
20 property, his nontax, nonproperty tax paying
21 property heated so it won't deteriorate by
22 the taxpayers, very clever.

23 Mr. Tom Welby, who seems to be the
24 selection committee spokesman, has been on
25 talk radio and has said SCTV was eliminated

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1 due to past performance. Now, I ask you
2 which is worse, SCTV's doing a great job
3 with extremely limited resources or ECTV
4 winning with a highly inflated proposal?
5 Let your conscience be your guide should
6 this ever come back to the agenda. Thank
7 you.

8 MR. LASKE: Okay, now, I've heard
9 enough, I'm depressed over what you are
10 going to do with Scranton Tomorrow. I was
11 one of the people that spent two years

12 working on the Home Rule Charter, I didn't
13 run for a position on the board because I
14 was meeting'd out, and I'll tell you what,
15 if you don't get disgusted around this town
16 I'm trading these glasses in, I'm going to
17 buy a pair of rose-colored ones so I can
18 envision the city the way Mr. Doherty does.

19 Okay, now, let me switch gears a little
20 bit, you have been chewed on enough today.
21 The cash cow in Scranton that's against
22 nature. I was born on a farm in
23 Madisonville, Pennsylvania, I worked on
24 farms. Now, if I could buy cows and milk
25 them the way the city does milk the cash cow

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1 she never goes dry. You are defying nature
2 you three people. When a cow gets a certain
3 age you have it artificially inseminated and
4 it has a calf. You can't put the milk in
5 the pail for six weeks because it's special
6 milk that nature provides for the mother to
7 feed the calf. Why the heck do you people
8 think you are above nature? The cash cow in
9 this city never dries. They just keep
10 sucking on the tits. It's ashamed.

11 I'm 80 years old, I'm not brain dead

12 yet and I have been watching the way you
13 people look at this speakers. You have no
14 respect for us. The only time you are aware
15 that Dick Laske is alive is when the tax
16 bill comes due and then when it goes in the
17 tax office where does it go? It's ashame.
18 Judy, you know me and I know Janet Evans for
19 over 30 years, I have never lied to anybody.
20 I supported you when you ran for election,
21 we'll see what happens next time around.
22 Thank you and have a good day. I hope you
23 enjoy your vacation you have earned it.
24 David Dobson.

25 MR. DOBSON: Good evening -- good

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1 morning. I was about to say good evening,
2 but it's way past my bedtime I guess. I
3 would just like to say one more thing on
4 Channel 61. This is perfect for people that
5 don't want people to get along with each.
6 It's ashame because I see people being hurt
7 on both sides and it was so totally
8 unnecessary. I don't see why things
9 couldn't have gone on for many years the way
10 they were and everybody a year or two ago
11 seemed pretty happy with the situation.
12 Now, everybody seems pretty unhappy.

13 Now, I'd like to speak on something
14 else. On 5-B I would like to ask that
15 council consider the advantage or
16 possibility thereof of renovation as opposed
17 to new construction of schools, especially
18 aforementioned by council members of high
19 school taxes compared to city maintenance
20 taxes, please use your influence in this
21 matter.

22 On 7-B, again, I would like to cite
23 brownfield development as opposed to
24 development in rural areas. In the past I
25 have tried to raise issues and encourage

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1 development of industrial parks within the
2 city. The advantage brownfields are already
3 polluted -- we have plenty of polluted land
4 that could be tested and polluted no
5 further, but harbor an industry that could
6 create jobs and tax revenues. Farmlands and
7 wetlands should be preserved. If you ever
8 gone out to the country or lived in the
9 country, which I have, you would see a lot
10 of development in places that were really
11 questionable, for instance, up at Benton
12 Township, East Benton Township, we developed

13 a plant decimated a wetland from what I
14 could see and everybody wound up laid off
15 three months later.

16 I will cite Waverly Industrial Park
17 for the pollution of ground water devaluing
18 properties of area homeowners and requiring
19 alternatives to wells for fresh water. You
20 can only imagine the massive infrastructure
21 that would be required and investment to get
22 them city water. Mass transit will be an
23 unlikely player with well ridership
24 potential. With this consideration
25 employees of these businesses will no doubt

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1 be forced into an expensive and
2 environmentally unfriendly travel practices.

3 Property taxes from these businesses go
4 to small communities with little or no
5 nonprofit liability. I would cite hospitals
6 and schools and so forth and churches as an
7 example. These institutions don't pay much
8 taxes, they do great good for the community,
9 but unfortunately, we get stuck paying for
10 them all with none of the industrial
11 development to help pay.

12 The downside, we need to refocus
13 economic development funds on land

14 acquisition and development of
15 infrastructure and not some of the change
16 away from some of the current developments,
17 finish them off, get them done and let's
18 refocus. Thank you and have a good morning.

19 MR. MCGOFF: Sam Patilla.

20 MR. PATILLA: Mr. Courtright, Mrs.
21 Evans. I am going to go to very quickly
22 what this gentleman stated about the curbs
23 and whatnot. August will be the second and
24 third year that Phyllis and I relocated to
25 Scranton, I thought it was three years, and

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1 in that time, as a matter of fact, yesterday
2 morning I have had to replace three tires:
3 One nail, one screw and knife and yesterday
4 a three-inch bolt, okay, and that's one of
5 the reasons why I get upset from tax -- I
6 see taxpayer money given to an organization
7 such as ECTV. Like I said time and time
8 again, they came to the table, nothing but
9 open hands, you know, people come up here
10 and they speak about giving our money away,
11 it's factual. They are paying their light
12 bill, they're paying their phone bill, we're
13 paying for them to go out and get vehicles,

14 we are paying for them to out and get
15 high-end equipment that they don't have a
16 need for. You know, if those people really
17 wanted to provide a service of a public
18 access television station they would seek to
19 provide access to the public. You know, we
20 shouldn't have to pay anybody's tax loan,
21 tax lien, excuse me. We shouldn't have to
22 pay back anybody's grant, loan, gift, nobody
23 is giving away money nowadays, all right?
24 So, they could say it's a grant, they can
25 say it's a gift, they can say whatever they

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1 want to say, okay, I'm from the old school,
2 that's the front money to be paid back out
3 of that 90 grand, no and's, if's or but's
4 about it. If the average taxpayer came in
5 and asked for money they would be shown the
6 door, all right? This man isn't the first
7 person, and I've come in front of council
8 before and heard that he had -- he or the
9 business had tax liens against him then you
10 guys give him our money. You know,
11 perception is 99 percent of the equation.
12 Regardless if it's a legitimate and it's
13 above board, perception is 98 percent of the
14 equation and since day one the perception

15 that I have of the majority of the City
16 Administrators in this city isn't a good
17 one.

18 You know, I have lived with crooked
19 CEO's, I have worked under supervisors and
20 managers that robbed the company and their
21 employees blind, so I speak from experience.
22 What this mayor is doing it's a scam, that's
23 all it is a scam. It's nothing I haven't
24 seen before or nothing I haven't encountered
25 before, you know, all you have to do is

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1 follow the money, but you make it kind of
2 hard because there is no audits, but these
3 agendas speak in volumes. You know, I often
4 speak about the raping of the emergency
5 shelter program and the HOME program, that's
6 what you are doing you are raping those
7 programs, so when these poor people and
8 these low to moderate income people need
9 that money it's not their for them because
10 they have given to people that aren't going
11 to pay it back, that don't have to pay it
12 back. \$90,000. They don't have a building
13 of their own that they have payed rent, they
14 don't have equipment, they don't have

15 vehicles, quite possibly the city paved the
16 parking lot of that place. Among other
17 things, you know, if you went out to get a
18 car and you walked into that dealership, put
19 your pockets turned out, they are going to
20 show you the door and the same thing should
21 have happened to the families and the
22 copresident of ECTV television when they
23 walked in there and talked about giving our
24 money.

25 Our roads need to be paved. It's

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1 that time of year when some people are going
2 to start getting flooded out. We have
3 fires. Everyday, everyday I come here I
4 hear a police or a fire siren going past
5 this building, every single day. That money
6 could be used to help those people out
7 there. It could be helped to help out our
8 seniors and our young children, our young
9 adults, excuse me. You know, that's what
10 taxpayer money is for.

11 I said a long time ago, Scranton is
12 more than just 500 block of Lackawanna
13 Avenue and this little general area in here,
14 it's a big city. We pay our taxes, so the
15 whole city gets taken care of, not the

16 brother of the sister of a cousin of the
17 father or the uncle or the niece, the whole
18 city, black, white, purple, green, it don't
19 make no difference to me. I pay my taxes to
20 help my fellow man, I don't pay my taxes to
21 make somebody else rich.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Patilla.
23 Mr. Jackowitz.

24 MR. JACKOWITZ: Good morning, council
25 members, president, Bill Jackowitz, South

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1 Scranton resident and member of the
2 Taxpayers' Association. First of all, as of
3 10:45 this morning Channel 61 is black in
4 case anybody was wondering.

5 Also, I see Councilwoman Fanucci
6 left again, she left last week when I came
7 up to speak, she has left five times already
8 when I've come up to speak, that's just
9 information. I provided council members
10 with the official Pennsylvania Department of
11 State certificate which shows that ECTV
12 became a corporation on 17 March 2008. As
13 you can see, they have no mailing address.
14 Does this mean ECTV represented himself as a
15 corporation in application and paperwork and

16 they really were not? If this happened
17 would that in invalidate their application?
18 President McGoff, can you answer that
19 question during motions, please, try not to
20 forget.

21 As far as RFP's are concerned, I
22 understand that one was not required and
23 that the mayor could have selected anybody
24 to take over, but he did not. He put it out
25 on an RFP which means that the rules must

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1 have been followed. You cannot consider
2 certain things for one bidder and not have
3 the other bidders presented themselves in
4 that area if it isn't in the initial
5 specifications, and the bidder can't be
6 selected on performance and the others
7 rejected on another category. Obviously,
8 ECTV has no historical performance. The
9 background of Mr. Balton is his personal
10 experience and not that of ECTV. Obviously,
11 if they had been in business and he worked
12 for them then his experience can count.
13 That did not happen. ECTV has no
14 experience.

15 Since RFP's were required by the
16 mayor now that Mr. Balton is no longer a

17 member of ECTV then another proposal with
18 Mr. Migliore's qualifications and experience
19 should be reviewed, he now is the head
20 honcho. By the way, congratulations to
21 Mayor Doherty and the Doherty Three for
22 their victory by awarding the contract to
23 ECTV who has no money, no experience and no
24 equipment, but many taxpayers who will pay
25 their bills. Thank you and congratulations

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1 again. The people deserve the government
2 they vote for.

3 The latest unemployment figures are
4 released for the month of May.
5 Scranton/Wilkes-Barre jumped to 6 percent,
6 the second highest in the state, again, that
7 is four months in a row unemployment has
8 risen in the Scranton area and low income
9 students in Scranton fought 52.7 percent,
10 52.7 percent low income students, second
11 highest in the state. Only Wilkes-Barre has
12 a higher rate, I wonder why? Maybe because
13 there are no jobs in Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.
14 Oh, I forgot, according to Austin Burke, the
15 president of the Chamber of Commerce, the
16 Legion of Doom is responsible for that.

17 Maybe if Mr. Burke would start doing his job
18 as chamber president and stop whining about
19 the Legion of Doom we can see some
20 improvement. Citizens, do not believe what
21 you are told by the Doherty Times Tribune,
22 things are not good in Scranton or
23 Northeastern, Pennsylvania, why, because we
24 have no leadership. Just look at the
25 official records that are provided by the

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1 state and the nation it will show that
2 things are not going good in the City of
3 Scranton.

4 I was going to ask Councilwoman
5 Fanucci, but since she left again, president
6 McGoff, Mrs. O'Malley said that OECD
7 provided ECTV with \$10,000, is that a
8 truthful and accurate statement, Mr. McGoff?

9 MR. MCGOFF: I don't know.

10 MR. JACKOWITZ: Can you please find
11 out for me, and also I would like it in
12 writing, not someone's word or not the word
13 of mouth, I would like something official
14 that states either OECD did donate the
15 \$10,000 to ECTV or they did not. If they
16 did not can you please follow-up and find
17 out for the citizens of this city who did

18 and who the East Scranton Business
19 Association is.

20 I was shocked when I heard what Mrs.
21 O'Malley said, and I believe Mrs. O'Malley,
22 she has no reason to lie, but I'm giving the
23 city and I'm giving city council the benefit
24 of the doubt to please, and also
25 Councilwoman Gatelli as finance chairperson,

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1 I think it's your responsibility, if that
2 was taxpayers' money that was given to ECTV
3 we need to know about it, meaning we, I, a
4 taxpayer. I pay over \$2,000 a year in wage
5 tax to this city, I want to know where it
6 goes, you know, I'm not bought and paid for
7 like some people. Every job I have ever
8 gotten I have gotten on my own merit, and I
9 pay taxes every year, check my record, I
10 have never been delinquent with taxes yet
11 and I never will be and I never have been
12 given a job or appointed a job by any
13 politician of the City of Scranton or
14 Lackawanna County, and you know something,
15 at 60 years old I never will either, so
16 please find this information out, we need to
17 find out, this \$10,000, is this OECD money,

18 taxpayers' money or was it a gift given to
19 them by the business association. Free
20 swimming the 12th and 13th of July at Nay
21 Aug Park.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Mrs. Hubbard.

23 MR. HUBBARD: Hi, Council, Elizabeth
24 Hubbard, resident, taxpayer of Scranton.
25 Who is in charge of road paving, what

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1 committee?

2 MS. EVANS: DPW.

3 MS. HUBBARD: Is that you, Mrs.
4 Evans?

5 MS. EVANS: Although, I understand
6 that the paving project can be curbing is
7 running through OECD as well the monies for
8 it are coming from that office and according
9 to I believe either Mrs. Aebli or Mrs. Reed
10 OECD will look over the meeting list and
11 approve the streets and send that back to
12 DPW and we have asked that we keep in mind
13 that because of rise in costs and
14 particularly I would say rise in costs of
15 gasoline and materials used for paving that
16 not as many streets will be paved as was
17 originally anticipated.

18 MS. HUBBARD: Well, I have one

19 street, that's a real problem, I'm sure you
20 realize that Nay Aug Avenue and Ross Avenue
21 are closed, Albright Avenue is closed, so
22 now when you come off the Albright Avenue
23 bridge from town you are forced to go around
24 that Glenn Street, the S-turn around the
25 Lace Works and over Mylert Avenue to get to

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1 where I live on Greenridge Street if that's
2 where you are going. That stretch of Glenn
3 Street is horrendous, absolutely horrendous.
4 Somebody is going to lose a wheel on that
5 road and I think since we are going to be
6 forced to use that way for quite sometime
7 until they get whatever they are doing now
8 on the levy project, which I believe is just
9 sewer work, I think that the city should
10 come in and do something about that because
11 there is a lot more traffic on there now
12 than there is normally and it's just
13 atrocious, I mean, it's a horrendous road.
14 I have been four-wheeling on the mountain
15 roads that are in better shape than that
16 one, so if you could do something about it.

17 And I'm also appalled about this
18 whole ECTV thing, I cannot believe that the

19 mayor has this much power to do something
20 like that and that you people want to
21 finance it when you couldn't give anything
22 to Scranton Today, I don't understand it at
23 all. It's just appalling in my book.
24 Anyway, have a good day.

25 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mrs.

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1 Hubbard.

2 MR. DAVIS: Salaam aleikum. I
3 thought we meet at 10:30 in the morning on
4 Tuesdays so that it's convenient to all
5 those that are on the council, but it seems
6 as though there are people who have other
7 agendas, you know, when certain people come
8 to the podium and leave the stands and I
9 think it's -- I think ignorant on their
10 parts for doing so, but some people have to
11 go to the bathroom, I can understand that.

12 MS. FANUCCI: For the record, that's
13 where I went?

14 MR. DAVIS: Excuse me, what was that
15 again?

16 MS. FANUCCI: I said for the record
17 that's where I went.

18 MR. DAVIS: I'll talk back to you, if
19 you don't mind, I will answer you.

20 MS. FANUCCI: I just said that's
21 where I went for the record.

22 MR. DAVIS: Okay, you gained weight
23 since I first met you, too, but that's all
24 right.

25 MS. FANUCCI: You did too, by the

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1 way.

2 MR. DAVIS: I know. Now that we have
3 gone that far, I came here primarily to -

4 MS. FANUCCI: Does that mean you're
5 not going to ask me out now?

6 MR. DAVIS: You are talking to me?

7 MS. FANUCCI: Yeah.

8 MR. DAVIS: You are actually talking
9 to me? Oh, wow, gee do you want to go out?
10 I didn't know. I'm single, you know, I'm
11 able. Okay. All right. This is serious.
12 I come before you because my fathers, my
13 grandfathers, my great-grandfather came
14 before a tribunal like this to find out if
15 they could vote, to find out when they were
16 going to be able to vote and if their vote
17 would be counted. We have a long history of
18 putting up with voting, just voting by
19 itself, we won't even talk about the other

20 things that went along with it, and I
21 encourage everyone out there if you have a
22 chance, if you have the ability to vote, if
23 you have the age to vote please go out and
24 vote. I'm not asking you to vote for one
25 party or another, but I'm saying to you it's

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1 important that the numbers show that we have
2 a 90 percent, a 100 percent activity of
3 those who are able to vote in Lackawanna
4 County when it comes times, it really,
5 really matters and so I'm asking you to
6 please become active this time and register
7 to vote and vote. We have time to vote for
8 the major or the general election, so I'm
9 hoping that you will take me seriously.
10 Mr. McGoff, I'm sorry that I'm talking about
11 politics again.

12 MR. MCGOFF: That's fine.

13 MR. DAVIS: But I got involved with
14 this president elect Obama and he is quite
15 the guy, you know, and he does get your
16 blood stirring and I'm very proud of it,
17 too. I'm very glad that I have the blood to
18 stir. I'm glad I'm not too old to stir and
19 I think we should all be stirred. This is a
20 very serious situation worldwide. This is a

21 serious situation. If you listen to your
22 news you will find out there is lot of
23 things that are getting ready to happen or
24 are happening already, many, many
25 atrocities, many just very strange things

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1 either by nature or by man and we have got
2 to be able to help ourselves because I think
3 that's going to be the next step is for us
4 to help ourselves and help each other. We
5 have got to be friends. We don't have a
6 choice. If we are going to survive the next
7 ten years on this earth we have got to treat
8 each other as friends at least, if we can as
9 brothers and sisters, but all this nastiness
10 and fighting that we find going between us
11 or after us I think it's time to -- I think
12 I it's time to just turn the book over, you
13 know, just open the other book if you have
14 to. You should find it in the Bible, but if
15 you don't find it in the Bible look for
16 another book, look over the Koran, look
17 somewhere else, but look at what direction
18 you should be headed because it doesn't seem
19 we are heading in the proper direction.
20 There is too much -- there is too much

21 wrongful dealings.

22 But the first man that got up here
23 that I heard was on the scooter, and he is
24 on a scooter, and I want to thank the people
25 that don't hit me. Seriously. I go down --

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1 becomes sometimes the only way you can get
2 down the street is in the street. Some of
3 the sidewalks are that bad, but I'm thankful
4 the drivers in Scranton have not hit me yet
5 and I'm very thankful to them, so be careful
6 and I'll try be careful also and thank you.

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

8 MR. LYMAN: Hold the time, Amil. I
9 have a couple of questions about ECTV.
10 Number one, the voice is so slow that you
11 can't hear it. Number two, is Chris Doherty
12 circumvented the constitution of free
13 speech. Scranton Today was an independent
14 channel, how did Scranton Today, I mean,
15 Mayor Doherty, could eliminate Scranton
16 Today's rights or violate it. Now, I want
17 Kay Garvey to send a letter to the Supreme
18 Court.

19 MR. MCGOFF: Excuse me --

20 MR. LYMAN: This is my time to speak,
21 Mr. McGoff.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Oh, I'm just going to
23 tell you Mrs. Garvey --

24 MR. LYMAN: Hold the time.

25 MS. MCGOFF: -- is not going to send

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1 a letter on your behalf.

2 MR. LYMAN: I ask city council. You
3 can do that, Mr. McGoff, on my behalf.

4 MR. MCGOFF: Continue.

5 MR. LYMAN: You will do it.

6 MR. MCGOFF: I don't think so, but
7 that's okay.

8 MR. LYMAN: Or I'll just ask my
9 friends to write the letter. For, number
10 one, the rights were violated because I want
11 to know these questions how can Mayor
12 Doherty take the right to 61, this is
13 America, this ain't Nazi Germany, that
14 should not be on, 61 should be on. People
15 fought and died for this country not for
16 three crooks and that crook downstairs who
17 stole \$12.9 million.

18 MR. MCGOFF: Excuse me, please don't
19 call anybody a criminal.

20 MR. LYMAN: Well, where did that
21 twelve point nine million dollars appear?

22 MR. MCGOFF: That is going to get you
23 in trouble.

24 MR. LYMAN: Well, answer my question.
25 Where did that 12.9 appear? You are not

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1 answering my question. It's a question.
2 Their rights were violated, and I want that
3 letter sent. I'm paying your taxes,
4 Mr. McGoff, and you forgot that somebody
5 else is running for public office.

6 MR. MCGOFF: You're paying my taxes?

7 MR. LYMAN: Mr. DiBileo and somebody
8 else. Mrs. Gatelli, I have a question to
9 ask you.

10 MS. GATELLI: Yes, Mr. Lyman, what
11 can I do for you?

12 MR. LYMAN: You spent all of this
13 money when you were president on city
14 council for South Side, Pinebrook didn't get
15 any money to fix their streets and
16 sidewalks, senior citizens in wheelchairs
17 have to go on the road, a woman was raped by
18 homeless people, but yet South Side and
19 Greenridge where the mayor has beat cops, we
20 got a cop over there.

21 MS. GATELLI: You had a beat cop in
22 Pinebrook. Yes, you did.

23 MR. LYMAN: Yeah, and it
24 disappeared.

25 MS. GATELLI: Well, so did the one in

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1 South Side.

2 MR. LYMAN: I was down in South Side
3 and I saw a beat cop there.

4 MS. GATELLI: Well, you are wrong
5 because there isn't wrong.

6 MR. LYMAN: That's a bold-faced lie.

7 MS. GATELLI: No, you are lying. You
8 are lying.

9 MR. LYMAN: No, I'm not. I was down
10 there in South Side.

11 MS. GATELLI: Well, there is no beat
12 cop in South Side.

13 MR. LYMAN: Don't lie.

14 MS. GATELLI: I'm not lying.

15 MR. LYMAN: That justice program
16 there was a beat cop down there.

17 MR. MCGOFF: Nobody is looking to
18 argue with you.

19 MR. LYMAN: I'm not fighting.

20 MS. GATELLI: Call the police
21 department and you will find out that there
22 is no beat cop.

23 MR. LYMAN: Mr. McGoff, would you
24 please send a letter? What do I have to do,
25 give you money?

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1 MR. MCGOFF: For the postage if I
2 were going to send it, yes.

3 MR. LYMAN: I have to give you 42
4 cents, and I'm paying you what is it \$16,000
5 a year and yet you stole 12.9 million
6 dollars. Well, when I become mayor
7 hopefully you idiots are going to be gone.
8 There will be a lot of changes. A lot of
9 changes.

10 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. Jim.

11 MR. STUCKER: He is nuts
12 (Indicating.)

13 MS. GATELLI: Jim, that was the
14 motion relevant thing you have ever done.

15 MR. STUCKER: He is crazy. Okay, you
16 know where Jilly's is? Remember the house
17 that was on fire?

18 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes, Jilly's;
19 right?

20 MR. STUCKER: Remember the house on
21 fire? Okay, that grass is so high there.

22 MR. COURTRIGHT: You know what, Jim,
23 the house on Greenridge Street I went and

24 looked at, it's at Greenridge and Dickson so
25 that one we will take care of, okay? We are

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1 trying.

2 MR. STUCKER: All right. I heard to
3 work for -- not work for, they own that lot
4 where I -- by the old school, Goodwill owns
5 it, the Goodwill own the property and I cut
6 around the corner for a guy, I got paid for
7 it, now, the city won't do that lot no more
8 on account of Goodwill owns it. I seen
9 glass all over the back of the parking lot,
10 in the back of the school. There is kids
11 back there playing, somebody is going to get
12 hurt back there. There is -- I see rats,
13 mice back in there. Same with the front,
14 the front is like so high, somebody is going
15 to get bitten there. There has got to be
16 rats and snakes in this grass. They got to
17 do something. I mean, if they want to pay
18 me I'll to it, Goodwill. I can do it.

19 MS. GATELLI: We'll report that for
20 you, Mr. Stucker.

21 MR. STUCKER: And up the street
22 where the house was on fire that grass is
23 high, I went by there today, and they're

24 only doing it on their own side of the
25 property where that -- on the other side

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1 where the grass is cut down and the other
2 side where the house is on fire they aren't
3 doing that, they are not doing that.

4 MR. COURTRIGHT: We are going to look
5 into that one, too.

6 MR. STUCKER: Yeah. All right. And
7 our garbage man picked up -- Pat told me
8 that to tell you, Mr. Courtright, you got to
9 do something, you got to get on these
10 people's backs and do something. He told me
11 to tell you.

12 MR. COURTRIGHT: Tell me what, Jim?

13 MR. STUCKER: About different things,
14 signs and stuff put up, I mean, you got to
15 start doing something like Pat told me to
16 tell you.

17 MR. COURTRIGHT: About signs?

18 MR. STUCKER: Yeah.

19 MR. COURTRIGHT: What kind of signs?

20 MR. STUCKER: Saying "No Parking."
21 We need signs up saying "No Parking", a lot
22 of them.

23 MR. COURTRIGHT: A lot of them?

24 MR. STUCKER: Yeah, we need them on

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Market Street, people on Oak Street is

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1 parking on the sidewalk now where the white
2 van, people can't walk on the sidewalk, got
3 to go out on the road. Then what reason why
4 they park on the sidewalk where the white
5 van right there on Oak Street where that dip
6 is.

7 MR. COURTRIGHT: Did you call the
8 police, Jim?

9 MR. STUCKER: No. The police, I
10 don't know what they are going to do. The
11 police go there and tell them not to park
12 there. Now they are parking by the fire
13 plugs, I seen them back. Another one I seen
14 them park on handicapped signs, handicap --
15 for handicaps.

16 MR. COURTRIGHT: Call the police
17 when you see that, Jim.

18 MR. STUCKER: Handicap they should
19 not be parking. People are going in stores
20 like Gerrity's, any store they should never
21 go into park in a handicapped zone. They
22 don't know how to read, they should not --
23 Greenridge, all over, I have been seeing a
24 lot of people parking in the handicapped

1 even playing field and retain Scranton Today
2 by giving nothing to ECTV. Taxpayers have
3 already taken a hit, several as a matter of
4 fact, in the form of million dollars --
5 millions of dollars in land value being
6 sold, that being the Scranton Municipal Golf
7 Course and the South Side Complex, taken on
8 millions of dollars in borrowing, taking a
9 25 percent tax increase, millions lost in
10 arbitration awards and now for them to pay
11 to have Mr. Doherty possibly control what
12 they watch, all of this with millions being
13 uncovered in the tax office as we speak, so
14 please do the right thing and think of the
15 taxpayers for a change. Thank you very
16 much.

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

18 MR. MCCLOE: Good afternoon. My name
19 is Brett McCloe, Scranton taxpayer, I really
20 wasn't going to speak today and I just heard
21 so many things come out and I'm always
22 thinking, I'm always contemplating and I'm
23 always observing and one of the things that
24 struck me, although, you know, I'm no model
25 citizen, I'm just a regular Scrantonian born

1 and raised here, but one of the things I
2 noticed and it's really starting to become
3 apparent to me is, and I'm not trying to
4 point you out, Mrs. Fanucci, but how
5 powerful your position is, how much money
6 comes through your position, how much can be
7 shuffled around through your position. You
8 see it all, and it just seems to me that
9 somehow this money seems to circulate around
10 like some type of municipal welfare for
11 everyone except to where it belongs
12 especially to people who seem to live beyond
13 their means, businesses that want the gift
14 first and do the work later.

15 That \$10,000 gift from that OECD
16 thing you really need to check that out.
17 It's filled with the appearance of
18 impropriety and all of the nonconnected
19 citizens of East Scranton as well as the
20 rest of Scranton should be appalled that you
21 are using tax money to pay tax things to get
22 more tax money. I don't have a bunch of
23 letters after my name and I don't understand
24 certain things, but I do know when I smell
25 something funny. I have been around in this

1 city long enough to understand these things.

2 What kind of an economy are you
3 developing when things like this can happen?
4 Maybe some of these seats need to be changed
5 around a little bit, get a different view.

6 Mrs. Gatelli she is there by default, is
7 there something that you really, really want
8 to do? What could you do up there?

9 Mrs. Evans seems to be -- she was talking
10 about she couldn't get things paid because
11 something in your office, well, can't
12 Mr. Courtright get it completed. This is
13 just getting a little old and we are wasting
14 a lot of money. Somebody is getting it.
15 Like I said, thank you very much.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. Anyone else?
17 Mrs. Evans?

18 MS. EVANS: Good morning. I wish to
19 discuss two important issues today that
20 affect our residents: First, the ongoing
21 controversy over ECTV. Scranton Today,
22 Channel 61, went dark June 30 at 9:30 a.m.,
23 a time and date established by Comcast, our
24 local cable provider. Comcast was directed
25 to pull the plug by the City of Scranton.

1 Only one individual has the authority to
2 issue that order and that one person is the
3 mayor.

4 At our last meeting Mrs. Gatelli
5 stated that the mayor has the authority to
6 select whomever he wishes to operate Channel
7 61 as occurred when a prior mayor collect
8 selected Scranton Tomorrow and the Scranton
9 Public Library nine years ago. I wonder if
10 any organizations besides Scranton Tomorrow
11 expressed interest in creating and managing
12 a peg channel at that time? Perhaps
13 Scranton Tomorrow was the only group willing
14 to undertake this task and it's important to
15 note that this founding body received no
16 money from the City of Scranton for startup
17 costs.

18 More importantly, however, was the
19 proposals submitted in 2008 requested
20 funding as well as an annual percentage of
21 the cable franchise fee. Knowing the
22 funding requested would far exceed the
23 city's bidding threshold of \$20,000 the
24 decision to issue an RFP or a request for
25 proposals was appropriate. Whether or not

1 my council colleagues agree that an RFP was
2 necessary, the fact remains that the mayor
3 decided to go with the RFP process.

4 Therefore, it became council's
5 responsibility to ensure that the process
6 was fair and the decision made was
7 responsible and affordable. Council refused
8 to investigate the selection process and
9 overlooked ethics allegations and a zoning
10 appeal. Scranton City Council check and
11 balance controls are not operating, ladies
12 and gentlemen. My insistence on reviewing
13 the documentation is the standard required
14 by any type of independent review, audit or
15 investigation. Further, the documented
16 evidence would avoid any future suspicions
17 that the justification for selecting ECTV
18 was fabricated after the fact or it may
19 reveal that no documentation existed as this
20 was all smoke and mirrors to conceal the
21 fact that the mayor simply did not want STTV
22 and was determined to replace them since the
23 removal of their TV cameras from council
24 chambers failed in 2007.

25 In addition to the 20 significant

1 concerns I raised about ECTV over the last
2 several weeks, I have one more final issue
3 to raise. Apparently, the East Scranton
4 Business Association has donated \$10,000 to
5 ECTV for startup costs. According to
6 sources, Mr. Gene McDonough, president of
7 ESBA has stated it's \$10,000 donation came
8 from OECD. This is highly unusual in light
9 of council having tabled an OECD transfer of
10 funds, and an OECD loan or grant to ECTV.

11 Also, any transfer of possible OECD
12 funds given to the East Scranton Business
13 Association which the SBA recently give to
14 ECTV would require council approval.
15 Without such, it appears that someone could
16 have attempted to launder funds if this is
17 true.

18 In addition, I question whether this
19 money will be used for equipment purchases
20 or for payment to the contractor for
21 renovations to the ECTV studio and offices.
22 Who is the contractor for the project? I
23 certainly hope it is not Mr. Darcy who is
24 chairman of the ECTV board will sign the
25 ECTV loan and thereby use these tax dollars

1 to pay himself and his employees. Council
2 should investigate these issues immediately.

3 The second important issue today
4 involves the independent forensic audit of
5 the Single Tax Office. Bidders or
6 applicants for this audit were submitted to
7 council for it's review by July 3. I
8 continue to believe that this process is
9 sluggish while simultaneously numerous
10 townships and the City of Scranton await our
11 long overdue tax dollars. This is an
12 economy where citizens are losing homes,
13 experiencing utility shutoffs, and choosing
14 between groceries and medications. People
15 cannot afford tax increases in an economy
16 where they are scraping to survive.

17 Equally at issue is the lost
18 confidence in the tax office and elected
19 officials. As such, the forensic audit
20 selection process and hiring should be
21 should have occurred months ago, in fact, so
22 the real work of sorting over \$12 million
23 can begin and money can be dispersed
24 properly and sooner rather than later.

25 A 2009 dispersement date will only

1 add to the suspicion of political

2 gainsmanship as several elected offices, the
3 tax collector position in particular, will
4 be hotly contested next year.

5 Also, it doesn't appear that
6 Mr. McDowell will appear at City Council
7 according to his attorney and I will quote
8 from the letter received by council, "To
9 facilitate a useful and informative
10 appearance by Mr. McDowell we will need
11 access to and an opportunity to review the
12 pertinent records and documents of the
13 Single Tax Office in addition to
14 specifications of the areas and inquiries
15 sought.

16 If council is able to command or
17 request of the current Single Tax Office
18 administration that Mr. McDowell be provided
19 with access to the next records and
20 information, this would certainly serve to
21 facilitate a conductive appearance as
22 requested by council."

23 Now, I'm quite certain that Attorney
24 Solfanelli is aware that the records that he
25 alludes to will be in hands of the forensic

1 auditor and/or the FBI, and so his

2 statements he made really don't hold water
3 and I believe that an elected official
4 having served for a period of five years in
5 the same office or perhaps it was six, I
6 really don't know, certainly he should know
7 his business, he should know that better
8 than anyone else. He is after all the
9 gentleman who commingled tax funds and did
10 so purposely, so I would see this letter
11 really as nothing more than an attempt to
12 circumvent city council.

13 I also have citizens' requests for
14 this week. First of all, though, I did want
15 to say this is not one of the requests but
16 rather it pertains to a prior request that
17 coincidentally I believe was made while
18 Mr. DiBileo served as president of City
19 Council. I had heard that the mayor is
20 planning on putting \$100,000 into Barrett
21 Park, and I do remember in 2004 and 2005
22 having that conversation and I recall
23 council wanting funds to upgrade that park,
24 but for whatever reason the money didn't
25 come through.

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1 MR. COURTRIGHT: I think it was --
2 that was Mayor Connors that told us I think

3 they had the money there from UDAG, I didn't
4 track it personally to get that information
5 and I could never get it, maybe they found
6 the money. He said 100,000 or better, I
7 just don't know Mr. McGovern said the exact
8 amount, but Mayor Connors had said at least
9 \$100,000 and it was UDAG money, so they
10 didn't have to qualify under OECD.

11 MS. EVANS: Yes, and I do recall so
12 many residents of the area asking for those
13 improvements month after month after month
14 for whatever reason, you know, as you said,
15 that money just didn't appear so isn't it
16 wonderful thing that now the work will
17 finally be done.

18 A property at 14th Avenue and
19 Luzerne Street, garbage and recycling bins
20 remain on the sidewalk 24/7. The garage
21 area remains littered with junk, concrete
22 and dirt piles and the neighbors are fed up.
23 I am requesting action at this address for
24 the fourth time. Since this address is
25 apparently ignored, I request a written

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1 response from Mr. Oleski on or before July 7
2 as to why the city has failed to address the

3 problems at this property for over two
4 years. Who is the owner and who is being
5 protected?

6 895 Providence Road, the old Atlas
7 Glass building, residents report that the
8 problems on this property still have not
9 been addressed and that is a second request.

10 3019 Pinmore Street in Minooka,
11 neighbors report that the illegal vehicle
12 remains. Apparently, the inspectors
13 assigned to that city area has not addressed
14 it and this is also a second request.

15 2935-37 Pittston Avenue, this is a
16 city owned property where the grass is
17 highly overgrown. Please clear this ASAP
18 and this is a second request.

19 Next, if we could please learn of
20 the phone number for ECTV so that citizens
21 may have it for reference when calling to
22 register for free classes or perhaps if they
23 have programming questions, etcetera. Also,
24 2309 Wattress Avenue off the 2200 block of
25 Ash Street, please pave, it hasn't been

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1 paved in many years. It has been cold
2 patched, but that is no longer suitable.

3 Also, pave Glenn Street which endures

4 heavy traffic now and the street is in
5 deplorable condition. A memo to Mr. Hayes
6 and Chief Elliott, residents of Tripp Park
7 have expressed some safety concerns
8 regarding a concert scheduled for July 3 at
9 the Tripp Park Community Center, doors will
10 open at 8:00 p.m. and the concert begins at
11 12 midnight. Undoubtedly, Mr. Hayes and
12 Chief Elliott are aware of this and will
13 respond to accordingly. Residents of
14 Dorothy Street are looking to our public
15 safety department to ensure that order will
16 be maintained particularly in light of the
17 past gang related crimes in Tripp Park and
18 the ongoing graffiti tagging of the Dorothy
19 Street playground and, Kay, if we could
20 please send that out today since, obviously,
21 the concert date fast approaches.

22 And, finally, I'd like to wish
23 everyone a very safe and enjoyable Fourth of
24 July holiday and as we celebrate
25 Independence Day let's remember our men and

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1 woman in the services who, well, the
2 sacrifices that they and their family, their
3 families, make for us each date are

4 absolutely priceless, and that's it.

5 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mrs. Evans.
6 Mrs. Gatelli?

7 MS. GATELLI: First, I would like to
8 say that I have sent a letter to
9 Mr. Wallace, the zoning officer, requesting
10 that city council be notified when zoning
11 decisions are appealed and the dates of that
12 appeal. Many of them of the parties that
13 wish to know about these cases cannot find
14 out, so we will be receiving these notices
15 from the zoning office.

16 The second thing I have is
17 Mrs. Schumacher asked about what I have
18 done. On May 30 I did send a letter to Stu
19 Renda on behalf of city council and Robert
20 Rossi requesting an update to which they
21 replied dated June 21, 2008, about 15 items.
22 I requested that they expedite the responses
23 to Robert Rossi in order to complete the
24 audit. We can resend this letter, Mrs.
25 Garvey, and see if we can't get a response.

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1 I, too, received the letter from
2 Attorney Solfanelli concerning the
3 appearance of former tax collector Ken
4 McDowell coming before city council. I have

5 since found out that he will need the
6 permission, and I'm not quite sure why, of
7 Attorney McGovern and Tax Collector Vitali
8 in order to for him to appear. No? I'm
9 saying it wrong.

10 MR. MINORA: Attorney Dave Rinaldi
11 needs that.

12 MS. GATELLI: Oh, attorney David
13 Rinaldi needs the permission of Vitali and
14 McGovern for Mr. McDowell to appear here. I
15 have spoken to Mr. Minora to expedite this
16 and if we do not have a firm commitment by
17 next Tuesday I will make a motion to begin
18 an investigation and issue subpoenas, so I
19 will do that next week. This is the final
20 week that they have to decide whether they
21 are going to come voluntarily or whether
22 they we have to issue subpoenas. I don't
23 like to do that, I don't think that
24 governmental officials should not cooperate
25 with each other, so it makes me very

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1 uncomfortable to think that I have to
2 subpoena someone that's a public official
3 just like I am, and if someone asked any of
4 us up here to go somewhere I'm sure we would

5 go without question, and if you can't answer
6 the question you can't answer the question,
7 that's okay, but at least come and, you
8 know, try to cooperate as much as you can.
9 So, I will make that motion next week if we
10 do not hear from Attorney Minora as to the
11 status of what is happening.

12 Handicapped curbcuts, Mr. Tobin came
13 here talking about the curbcuts. There is a
14 committee, handicapped, I'm not sure the
15 name of it, but it's for handicapped people
16 and they meet at city hall, I think they
17 meet monthly, and they are headed by Keith
18 Williams, who is the director of the Center
19 for Independent Living. Keith has called me
20 periodically with requests of curbcuts that
21 were too high or too low or have potholes
22 near them and they were addressed and they
23 were taken of, so if Mr. Tobin would call
24 city council and speak to Mrs. Garvey she
25 can put him in touch with Keith Williams and

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1 Keith will certainly stay on top of it. I
2 apologize for any curbcuts that someone
3 can't get over. That is really unacceptable
4 in my opinion, also. So, we will try to
5 take care of that as expeditiously as

6 possible and Mr. Williams I believe is the
7 president of that committee that meets in
8 city hall.

9 The next thing I have is graffiti.
10 I got a phone call from Gene Talerico,
11 assistant district attorney, and through the
12 Community Justice Office they are addressing
13 the graffiti problem that we are having not
14 only in the city but in the county, and they
15 are working together with the city and with
16 PennDOT and we did an ordinance in 1996
17 concerning graffiti. Sherwin Williams in
18 South Scranton has agreed to donate some of
19 the products for graffiti removal and I
20 would like to publically thank them for
21 their offer to help our city.

22 We are also having problem it seems
23 with private property that has graffiti on
24 it. The owner is responsible and that's
25 where Mr. Talerico is working in concert

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1 with the police department and the police
2 chief. Jeff Brazil is having men trained to
3 use our graffiti machine that we have and
4 the city will work with the DA and PennDOT
5 to expedite the graffiti removal. Anyone

6 who has any graffiti in their neighborhoods
7 or there has been quite a bit of it in the
8 downtown area and there is some at Nay Aug
9 that I noticed and some at Connell Park
10 Little League on the dugouts, so if you have
11 any graffiti that you would like to report
12 call the police department, you may call the
13 district attorney at 963-6717 or you can
14 call our office 348--4113. It's very
15 important that graffiti be removed as soon
16 as possible. Usually they like to remove it
17 within 48 hours, so I would like to thank
18 you if you could cooperate on that issue.

19 I ready about the Com-D cops being
20 reinstated and it's a great thing. I'm
21 happy they are going to be at the Midtown
22 and in the neighborhoods and I'd also like
23 to report that the Housing Authority has
24 hired a full-time officer at both Hilltop
25 and Valley View housing projects and there

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1 is a police officer also at Skyview.

2 The Minooka playground, yes, there
3 is going to be money allocated to the
4 Minooka playground. I met there about six
5 weeks ago with some of the neighbors and I
6 did speak to the mayor about it. It is in

7 deplorable condition. There seems to be
8 groups hanging around there in the evening
9 doing drugs and we need to spruce it up.
10 There is a lot of children back there and I
11 will be setting up a meeting with the
12 neighbors again and have them involved in
13 the decision making of what they would like
14 to see happen back there, so that's the
15 report on that.

16 The dog park, I just had to make a
17 comment about the dog park, when the idea
18 was first brought up I really thought it was
19 rather silly. I thought, a dog park, you
20 know, that's a crazy thing. I'm sure we
21 have places where we can spend that money
22 that are more important, but I have since
23 come to understand that it is the most
24 popular place in the county. For any of you
25 that haven't been there, just come up any

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1 given day and there is at least 40 dogs
2 there. Last night I was there for about an
3 hour and 60 dogs were there, you know,
4 coming and going. It's just something that
5 you can't imagine I guess unless you are a
6 real dog lover that people find this really

7 important and it's for socializing their
8 dogs, but it's socializing for the human
9 beings, I mean, people are meeting other
10 people and they are walking through the park
11 and some of the kids are on the playground
12 and if you haven't been there you have to go
13 because it's really something to see and
14 something that I never would have believed
15 would have been anywhere near the popularity
16 that it has.

17 Also, it's not complete yet, we are
18 awaiting fountains to give water to the dogs
19 and for them to get wet when it's very hot
20 and benches, and the neighbors have agreed
21 to put up a small pavilion to sit under when
22 it's very hot, but take a skip up there if
23 you get a chance and you will really get a
24 charge out of it.

25 I think that's all I have, and I

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1 also would like to wish everyone a happy
2 Fourth of July and to pray that some day the
3 war will end and some day the boys will come
4 home and, you know, that the real wish is
5 that we never have to have a war for people
6 to be killed and to die for our freedom, but
7 they are wonderful, they should be

8 remembered and I salute them all and have a
9 happy Fourth of July. Thank you.

10 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mrs. Gatelli.
11 Mrs. Fanucci?

12 MS. FANUCCI: I'd like to send a
13 letter to Mark Seitzinger with council's
14 approval, there is a hot dog vendor that's
15 been parking outside of the Medallion Garage
16 at night and I guess the idea is to get the
17 children -- I don't want to say children,
18 the kids on the way out of the bars to buy
19 hot dogs at night and he has been not
20 picking up after himself, so I'm not sure --
21 what I'd like to know, you know, is this guy
22 licensed, who is he and maybe if we can
23 relocate him to a better spot that's not
24 something that the city has to constantly
25 maintain, you know, this seems to be a

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1 problem for, you know, the people who are
2 out there renting, also, so I went to send a
3 letter out on that.

4 Also, don't forget that Nay Aug on
5 the Fourth of July, a wonderful place to be.
6 It has been amazing how many people have
7 been up in the park and today is Pink in the

8 Park and that to help Susan B. Komen Cancer
9 Foundation, so to go up and participate in
10 that because that's a wonderful cause.

11 As far as the -- I need to speak on
12 the OECD funding, Brett McCloe, I'm not sure
13 you understand, I'm certainly not in charge
14 of deciding who gets the money or doling out
15 the money or giving the money, that has
16 nothing to do with any one of our jobs up
17 here our not to decide or -- I mean, none of
18 us do that. We are pretty much just are
19 here to legislate, so that has nothing to
20 do, like, I can't tell you who gets the
21 money or how that's the city and the state's
22 qualifications that people have to meet to
23 get the money, so we are not in charge, you
24 know, what you say a pocket full of money
25 that I can disperse, I certainly wish I

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1 could, but I can't, but as far as our
2 committees up here, we are definitely not in
3 charge of any type of funding or anything
4 that happens within the city, that is not
5 our jobs, you know, our job is city council
6 which is different from the city, so I just
7 wanted to clarify that, that that is not my
8 decision who gets the money and when they

9 get the money, it's my job to vote on it,
10 but it's certainly not doing that alone.
11 You know, there is lots of people up here to
12 vote.

13 As far as the ECTV, I can't believe
14 that this has gotten to the contentious
15 state it has gotten, not surprising though.
16 I had said before and I will say again as
17 long as the cameras on I'm very happy, and
18 they are. I turned on the TV today and I
19 saw a beautiful screen and lot of fun new
20 excitement for the city and for the people
21 out there viewing I think it's going to be a
22 wonderful change because there is going to
23 be more to see.

24 We had done some -- I personally
25 made some phone calls to find out that there

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1 was a lot of programming that was available,
2 this is water under the bridge, but there
3 was a lot of free programming that I think
4 that if ECTV takes advantage of it might be
5 a very good thing.

6 Also, I do agree that maybe these
7 two entities should try to work together.
8 It couldn't be a bad thing for people to

9 come together and help each other, but for
10 the way that this has gone down and the
11 typical, and I have to say typical behavior
12 of just bashing and going out at a very
13 negative way is the outcry has been from
14 this audience, but as far as the rest of the
15 city I have not seen it. I really haven't,
16 so I'm happy to say that as long as the
17 cameras on I will be very happy.

18 City council needs to be on. I
19 believe that local government they should
20 put the county on, they should put
21 everything on, let everybody see, I don't
22 think that that that's a problem at all, but
23 as far the hostile takeover I don't know how
24 hostile it is. We saw what happens here
25 today and that will be all aired, so, I

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1 mean, I don't think there is a chance to say
2 that this is not what happens here happens
3 here regardless. This is city government
4 and it's at it's finest, folks, so, believe
5 me, you are not going to miss any of it.

6 And that is all I have to say except
7 I wish everyone a safe, happy Fourth of
8 July, safe being the biggest part and hope
9 that the people who are over there fighting

10 for our freedom know that there are people
11 over here who are appreciating every second
12 that they give to us and that is all.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mrs. Fanucci.
14 Mr. Courtright?

15 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yeah. I see that we
16 are going to be on the air, I have no way of
17 getting back to these people that sent me
18 this letter other than hopefully I'm
19 assuming that they watch city council. They
20 sent me a lengthy letter about a situation
21 on Washburn Street, they don't want to be
22 identified, I don't even believe they want
23 me to identify the problem on the air for
24 fear of what would happen, so for those of
25 you who sent me this letter I will turn it

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1 over to the appropriate people and hopefully
2 it will do something to solve your problem.

3 I don't know, I must be out of the loop
4 here, I didn't hear anything about this
5 \$10,000 until somebody came to the podium
6 and spoke about it and whether it was done
7 properly or not done properly I don't know,
8 but, once again, if it was done and it was
9 done properly it still gives the impression

10 that something is trying to be done
11 backdoor, you know, \$10,000 to an
12 organization to that sends it over to ECTV I
13 don't think is the right way to start. You
14 know, you are getting off on a bad foot now
15 in my eyes. I would like to ask, I don't
16 know, I know everybody spoke on this, if
17 this council would be agreeable to not only
18 asking Mrs. Aebli, you know, to fill us in
19 and see if everything was done properly, but
20 to whoever she reports to, to ask them to
21 also take a look at it so that no one would
22 be able to say it was done improperly and if
23 it was done improperly, obviously, let's
24 rectify it. To me, it just doesn't seem
25 right if you gave money to an organization

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1 and the organization turned it over to ECTV
2 something doesn't seem right to me there.

3 MS. EVANS: Maybe make a motion.

4 MR. COURTRIGHT: I will make a motion
5 that we send a letter to Mrs. Aebli and ask
6 Ms. Aebli to send it to whoever she answers
7 to in the state or federal government to see
8 if this transfer of \$10,000 from the East
9 Scranton Neighborhood Association to ECTV
10 was done legally.

11 MS. FANUCCI: I'll second that.

12 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

13 MS. EVANS: We already have calls
14 into Mrs. Aebli and Lori Reed. I had
15 contacted Kay yesterday and asked for a
16 comprehensive explanation from OECD. I know
17 Mrs. Gatelli put in a phone call this
18 morning for similar purposes. The
19 information that we have received to date
20 which, of course, is not definitive is that
21 there is no record of OECD funds having been
22 awarded to the SBA, but there is still,
23 obviously, there are numerous years to check
24 back into and so they are in process of
25 doing so. I do, however, agree with your

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1 idea to take it step further if, indeed,
2 this is the case.

3 MS. FANUCCI: If one leads to the
4 next then --

5 MS. EVANS: Yes, and in that event
6 then certainly I think HUD should be
7 notified, any other state or federal
8 governments as necessary so that they can
9 investigate what's been occurring in the
10 office.

11 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else in the
12 question? All those in favor signify by
13 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 MR. COURTRIGHT: I'm going to stay
21 with ECTV for just a little bit. One of the
22 panel members that selected ECTV had left me
23 their phone number and their name and my
24 karate school and asked me to call with any
25 questions I have and I did call them and we

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1 talked about, and I'm not going to go
2 through the whole conversation, but one
3 thing I believe I told him was that I was at
4 two different graduation parties this week
5 and one at the Villa Maria and one at the
6 Harbor House and in both of those, the very
7 first thing that grabbed me when I came in
8 the door at Villa Marie was there was a
9 table of young ladies ranging I would
10 imagine from 60 to 75 years old and the
11 first thing they said to me was that they

12 are upset about the fact, you know, that
13 it's got not going to be played more than
14 once. Some of them don't have computers,
15 some of them don't want to go on their
16 computer to watch it, all right, and I got
17 the same thing when I was at the Harbor
18 House from some people, they were younger
19 people.

20 And so when I talked to the
21 gentleman that was on the selection
22 committee he thought that that shouldn't be
23 a problem for ECTV to play it more than just
24 one time. He couldn't see why they wouldn't
25 be willing to do something like that and I

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1 don't suggest that ECTV play this four or
2 five times a day, five days a week, that's
3 not my suggestion. I thought a bare minimum
4 of three replays so that you would afford
5 everybody that works each and every shift,
6 somebody that works first, second or third
7 shift if you did it that way at the bare
8 minimum at least people on off shifts would
9 have an opportunity to see whatever it is
10 they were interested in watching. I mean,
11 there is more to Channel 61 than Scranton

12 City Council, I actually watch some of the
13 shows myself, which brings one other thing
14 to mind. I know AJ Munchak was here and
15 saying that the county gives money to
16 Scranton Today at the time and the city does
17 and now the city wants to give \$90,000 and
18 part of the discussion I had with the
19 gentleman on the selection committee was
20 that he was saying, you know, they were
21 going to be expanding coverage of somebody
22 say, for instance, someone, you know, they
23 taped it, they are going to try and train
24 people that wanted to be trained to use the
25 equipment and go out and film things and I

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1 said that's fine, but now I started
2 thinking, you know, why does the burden fall
3 mostly on the City of Scranton? If we are
4 going to be doing the entire viewing area,
5 if we are going to give money from our OECD
6 I'm sure the other viewing areas have OECD
7 money or other money, how about them kicking
8 in a little bit? And I understand, you
9 know, if it's in the county the county is
10 giving their share, but we are also in the
11 county, so if we are going to be doing
12 program for all of these other areas I would

13 ask ECTV to go out and ask those other
14 municipalities to donate money. I don't
15 think the full burden should fall on the
16 City of Scranton or the bulk of the burden
17 anyway.

18 MS. FANUCCI: The school board.

19 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yeah, if the school
20 board wants to. The only thing about the
21 school board you are hitting the same
22 taxpayers, Scrantonians. I would like to
23 see, you know --

24 MS. FANUCCI: Their pockets are a
25 little deeper than ours. They get a lot

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1 more money than we do, so I'd like to see
2 them hit up.

3 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yeah, but we're
4 still hitting the Scrantonians. I believe
5 the game that they had one time involving
6 Mr. Saunders was either Bloomsburg or
7 Stroudsburg College, I don't know what the
8 game was --

9 MS. FANUCCI: Bloomsburg.

10 MR. COURTRIGHT: Well, they are
11 seeing it out that far, maybe they would be
12 willing to donate money if they are enjoying

13 the programming, and I'll leave it at that
14 with Channel 61 for right now.

15 I had a list of questions given to
16 me by somebody and one of the questions was
17 where can somebody call concerning drug
18 activity in their neighborhood and right now
19 I believe you would have to call the police
20 desk and they would transfer that
21 information over. I'll check and see if
22 there is any one specific number for drug
23 activity, but right now I don't think there
24 is. The other question that I didn't get a
25 chance to take a look on, but they are

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1 saying to me the flags at the fire station
2 on Mulberry Street is worn and dirty and
3 they would like to see it replaced. I
4 didn't get an opportunity, I came down the
5 other way, so I'll take a look at it and see
6 if we can get it replaced.

7 And and oldie but a goodie, the
8 William Schmidt plaque that was in the South
9 Side field I don't know what has happened to
10 that, I don't know if anybody on council
11 knows, I know Mrs. Evans was big on that, is
12 it ever going to be replaced?

13 MS. EVANS: No. We have been trying

14 to track that down since you and I first
15 took seats on council and I did hear that it
16 was at the DPW.

17 MR. COURTRIGHT: If they want find it
18 would they -- Kay, if they can't find the
19 plaque would you ask Mr. Brazil if they
20 would make a new one? I don't know.

21 MS. EVANS: Maybe they will now under
22 Mr. Brazil. I know I had asked for a new
23 plaque from Mr. Parker and that never
24 happened.

25 MS. GATELLI: And then where are you

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1 going to put it?

2 MR. COURTRIGHT: Well, they are not
3 going to be able to put it at South Side
4 anymore, so whatever field the mayor gives
5 to the players from South Side maybe we'll
6 ask to have it put there. I know they
7 are -- my understanding is there they are
8 looking at another location.

9 As I came to the meeting this
10 morning I rode by because somebody asked
11 about the Sunoco station on Mulberry Street
12 right where you come off the bridge, I know
13 it's one of the gateways to the city, why

14 does it look the way it looks and what's
15 going to be done there and they were cutting
16 the grass and all of the weeds there were as
17 I came over, but maybe, Kay, if we can ask
18 the administration --

19 MS. GATELLI: I know what's going to
20 be done.

21 MR. COURTRIGHT: Oh, you know?

22 MS. GATELLI: It just came before the
23 zoning board last month and there is going
24 to be a Dunkin Donuts there.

25 MR. COURTRIGHT: Oh, okay. Great.

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1 MS. GATELLI: So, you know, I don't
2 know why the paper I think did the article,
3 Stacy, Pat McKenna he usually does the
4 editorials, tell him that that Sunoco
5 station has been approved by the zoning
6 board to be a Dunkin Donuts just at the last
7 zoning meeting, so I found that interesting
8 when I read that there is something being
9 done with it.

10 MR. COURTRIGHT: Another coffee shop,
11 as Mr. McGoff said, that's exactly what we
12 need. Kay, one for Mr. Brazil, the Washburn
13 Street Bridge down where the old Gress
14 Poultry and it's looking a little bit like a

15 jungle down there if somebody can go down
16 there and I believe the DPW would take care
17 of that.

18 And I'll probably have Ray Lyman
19 coming back here yelling at me next week,
20 but, Ray, there are no beat cops anywhere in
21 the city for the longest time. My
22 understanding is that today they are
23 supposed to hit the streets again and I hope
24 that's true and I would just like to commend
25 everyone on this council because all five of

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1 us were very eager to see that come back and
2 it has and the more cops in my opinion the
3 better, and that is all I have. Thank you.

4 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you,
5 Mr. Courtright. Just a couple of quick
6 things. Somebody mentioned, Mrs. Schumacher
7 mentioned something that the Rec Authority
8 was not on the agenda. I believe that that
9 passed last week. That was in Seventh Order
10 last week just for your information sake.

11 MS. GATELLI: But it was changed
12 maybe she didn't know.

13 MR. MCGOFF: It was amended to a
14 25-year term and it did pass through

15 council. Just very quickly on the ECTV
16 thing, just on the selection of ECTV, I
17 think that by implication we have -- or some
18 people have started to attack or are
19 attacking the selection process and by
20 implication attacking the integrity of the
21 people on the selection committee.

22 I have spoken with two of the
23 members of that committee, I find them to be
24 reputable and honest people who I believe
25 took the job of selection seriously. I

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1 don't like the idea that we are in some way
2 impugning their integrity and their honesty
3 by questioning the process of selection. We
4 may not have agreed with the selection
5 process or how it came about or the final
6 decision, but I don't think that it's
7 necessary to attack the people that were
8 members of that committee.

9 I do agree that we should as
10 somebody suggests be very careful about
11 following the funding for ECTV, next week
12 hopefully we will have the legislation on
13 for an oversight -- the oversight committee
14 that we had spoken of to approve that.

15 Also, in addition to inquiring

16 through OECD as to the \$10,000 that has been
17 mentioned that was used as startup for ECTV
18 I think it would be -- that we should also
19 contact Mr. Darcy and, you know, or the
20 board of the ECTV and ask, you know, what
21 the source of that \$10,000 was and if, in
22 fact, they did receive \$10,000 from some
23 government source, be it OECD or some other
24 place in government, that we should ask for
25 an accounting of the expenditures that they

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1 have from that revenue that they received
2 and I will attempt to do that.

3 A couple of -- one thing was
4 mentioned about the tax office and the
5 forensic audit again. Just in speaking with
6 some people and the forensic accountant, his
7 comment was that a forensic audit, while
8 it's probably needed, a forensic audit looks
9 for possible criminal activity or
10 malfeasance on the part of someone. It was
11 his belief that what's really needed at the
12 tax office is a simple auditing of
13 accounting principals to determine where
14 that \$12 million, you know, came from, where
15 it should go and how it can be prevented in

16 the future. He said that, you know, yes, a
17 forensic audit is needed, but there also may
18 be a need for a more extensive audit dealing
19 with more accounting principals than just
20 looking for malfeasance if we are ever going
21 to resolve what's taking place there, so for
22 what it's worth.

23 And the last thing we have talked a
24 little bit about some of the playgrounds and
25 all and this past first few months of the

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1 summer I have been following my grandson
2 around as he plays teener league and legion
3 baseball and had the opportunity to go to a
4 number of, you know, fields and playgrounds
5 and one in particular stood out that as I
6 got there I took a look at Battaglia Field
7 which the field itself is in great shape,
8 they have done a great job of, you know, the
9 actual baseball field, but the surrounding
10 areas and especially the stairwell or the
11 staircase and the wall that leads up to the
12 playground is overgrown and in really
13 difficult shape much as Weston Park was at
14 one time with the stone wall that's there,
15 and I spoke to Mark Dougher and he did say
16 that there is some plans to do some work

17 think he asked for it.

18 MR. COURTRIGHT: He has. They did
19 the for lack of a better word the field
20 house and another thing not as much on the
21 hill other than their own hard blood, sweat
22 and tears up there, but they need a parking
23 lot paved, they need an awful lot of work
24 down there, but maybe we could start off
25 giving them something for that, I'm glad you

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1 brought it up.

2 MS. GATELLI: You know what, I'll
3 find out from Linda Aebli if there is any
4 machine. I think they told me there is
5 money they haven't used yet, but that some
6 of the board members want to do one project
7 and some want to do another and they can't
8 agree on what they want to do.

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: Maybe we can tell
10 them if you specifically put in for that
11 think we will all vote for it.

12 MS. GATELLI: I'll find out.

13 MR. MCGOFF: And, finally, a couple
14 of people have used the term bought and paid
15 for today and I personally resent that
16 implication. That verges on slander if I'm
17 not mistaken and the implication of bribery

18 and I don't argue with anyone who wants to
19 question my voting record, you know, that's
20 your prerogative, but when you start to
21 defame my integrity, my honesty, my good
22 name, then I do take offense and if it's
23 going to happen in the future then I am
24 going to ask the people to present evidence
25 or that there has been bribery involved or

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1 desist from implying it, and that is all.

2 MS. EVANS: Mr. McGoff, before we
3 end, I was wondering if my requests could be
4 sent on behalf of council, the citizens'
5 requests?

6 MR. MCGOFF: Absolutely. I thought
7 that was --

8 MS. EVANS: Rather than just
9 singularly.

10 MS. GATELLI: Sure.

11 MS. EVANS: And one final comment,
12 I'll speak only for myself and my purpose
13 was never to impune the integrity or
14 reputation of any of the members of the
15 selection committee, however, since this
16 selection was made many red flags,
17 significant red flags, have arisen

18 concerning the group that was chosen for the
19 operation of the peg channel and when
20 circumstances such as that occur in business
21 or in government, and I have said this
22 before, whether it's local, state or federal
23 government an investigation ensues, and just
24 as Mr. McGoff was saying if he is going, you
25 know, if anyone should be impuning him he is

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1 going to request evidence. Well, this is a
2 similar circumstance in that there is great
3 evidence here, evidence abounds about this
4 process and the organization who has been
5 selected, yet council turns a blind eye to
6 all of the evidence. I think council is not
7 doing it's job which is to I think operate
8 as a check and balance to the executive
9 branch and I haven't seen that happen.

10 MS. FANUCCI: I myself am very happy
11 with the job I am doing, but thank you very
12 much for your, you know, assessment of the
13 whole thing. As you have said, you know,
14 you have done all you can. It was, you
15 know, your job to do the opposite, to make
16 sure that 61 stayed where they were. It's
17 also my job to worry about what stays on the
18 air and I'm very happy that something is on

19 the air and I'm very happy to give someone a
20 chance, and I know that this has become more
21 than what it should have been which is just
22 public access and it has been obvious by a
23 lot of comments that have been made and
24 people's behavior and how they act and how
25 they don't know how to behave themselves in

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1 public and talk about the facts and only the
2 facts, so I do believe you reap what you
3 sow. If you decide to act that way that is
4 exactly what you will get in return.

5 I myself am very happy, happy with
6 the selection I have made, happy with the
7 fact that I will voting and happy with the
8 fact that there is someone new to take over
9 and hopefully we will see a whole different
10 view of what is out there in the city and
11 more of the city. So, I'm glad you were
12 speaking on behalf of council, but next time
13 please speak on behalf of yourself.

14 MS. EVANS: Well, that's precisely
15 what I was doing, speaking on behalf of
16 myself, and I will say my job is not to do
17 the opposite, my job is to represent the
18 people of the City of Scranton, not my own

19 views, their views, and to listen to their
20 concerns and to do my homework and sometimes
21 it does appear that I might be the only one
22 doing the homework on the issues and I don't
23 make my decisions in a vacuum nor do I make
24 them to be contrary. My decisions are based
25 on facts, statistics, information supplied

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1 and the research I perform beyond that. I'm
2 not a proponent of any one group or any one
3 organization, I'm just exercising my
4 responsibilities as an elected official and
5 if that's disturbing to, you know,
6 individuals who see no need to investigate
7 serious concerns and red flags, well, then
8 that's certainly your prerogative.

9 MS. FANUCCI: You are very good at
10 putting out there what you just want to put
11 out there, it's amazing to me.

12 MR. MCGOFF: Please.

13 MS. FANUCCI: I'm going to say one
14 thing though, you know, your innuendoes and
15 your insinuations have been amazing since
16 the day I sat here, but no longer will I be
17 listening to them. Yes, you are right, I
18 will do what I want to do for the people of
19 the city. You are not the only one who is

20 elected and you certainly not the only one
21 who does what needs to be done here. I know
22 that, you know, to self-pat your back -- pat
23 yourself on the back has been a very good
24 thing for you, but there are other people in
25 this city, not just, you know, the people

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1 you feel you represent. There was not an
2 outcry. There was not an outpour. I know
3 that you get hundreds and thousands of
4 e-mails a day, but so do the rest of us.
5 So, please, just stop being one person and
6 be a part of the group.

7 MR. MCGOFF: We are getting personal
8 here.

9 MS. GATELLI: I'd just like -- I'm
10 not getting personal.

11 MR. MCGOFF: No.

12 MS. GATELLI: I just have one thing
13 to say, that we think there may be a problem
14 with the 10,000 and we all voted for it, so
15 I think that speaks for itself. I think
16 that we are all interested in things if they
17 are not right. Your relationship with who
18 you want to run the channel is different. I
19 may have a different opinion than other

20 people up here, but if there is a problem
21 and a red flag, you know, we all voted, yes,
22 on finding out about that money, so I think
23 we are all concerned about the citizens in
24 the community and I think we will all
25 continue to try to work together to make

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1 things better for everybody.

2 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. I know I
3 keep saying one last thing. I guess there
4 was scrolled I believe on Channel 61 a
5 blight hotline and pothole line number at
6 one time and apparently someone called the
7 city and said that they had left something
8 like 25 messages and no one had ever gotten
9 back to them. Apparently, whatever number
10 was there had been discontinued, but it
11 somehow was continuing to take messages and
12 so when this woman finally called they have
13 investigated and found there was somewhere
14 around 45 messages left on the hotline, the
15 blight hotline. Mr. Oleski is contacting
16 each of those persons realizing that it's,
17 you know, some of the calls are from a few
18 months past, but that the blight hotline is
19 now operational and someone is responding to
20 those. They are investigating as to whether

21 the pothole hot line number whether there is
22 messages somewhere that can be used, so if
23 you have a blight issue that hotline is
24 available.

25 MS. GATELLI: Mr. McGoff, maybe in

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1 light of the some of the things that were
2 discussed here today maybe we can find out
3 about putting in a graffiti hotline and a
4 drug hotline also on the television whether
5 it go to the DA or the city police I think
6 those are two other necessary numbers that
7 we need to setup some type of an answering
8 machine for if you could investigate that.

9 MR. MCGOFF: I will look into it.
10 I'm sure there is probably some type of, you
11 know, drug hotline somewhere that all we
12 need to do is --

13 MS. GATELLI: Is advertise the
14 number.

15 MR. MCGOFF: -- advertise it, and the
16 other one, the graffiti one, I'm not sure,
17 but I'm sure that we could arrange something
18 that there would be a line to call and I
19 will look into it. Thank you.

20 MS. GATELLI: Thanks. And I'll call

21 Mr. Talerico.

22 MR. MCGOFF: I think that's all.

23 MS. GARVEY: FIFTH ORDER. 5-B. FOR
24 INTRODUCTION - AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING AN
25 EASEMENT ON CITY-OWNED LAND TO THE SCRANTON

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1 SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE
2 NEW WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

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

6 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

7 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

8 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

9 MS. EVANS: If there are any
10 residents of the area who feel they will be
11 negatively impacted by the transfer of this
12 easement, I hope you will contact the office
13 of city council or come to a council meeting
14 next week and express your points of view
15 because it would certainly not be my
16 intention to infringe on your rights as a
17 property owner by passing this legislation.

18 MR. MCGOFF: I would like to comment,
19 also, in the backup it says there is no
20 change in the project, the easement simply
21 allows the district additional access to the

22 parcel in a more timely fashion and the
23 words additional access, and also in a more
24 timely fashion, I would like some
25 clarification as to what that actually means

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1 and if that does mean that we are going to
2 cause further inconvenience to the property
3 owners around that parcel of land certainly
4 I would agree with you that if there is
5 anyone that has a problem with this
6 legislation that they please contact council
7 and I would also like to have some
8 clarification on those on the idea of
9 additional access and what that means.
10 Anyone else? All those in favor of
11 introduction signify by saying aye.

12 MS. EVANS: Aye.

13 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

14 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

15 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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

18 MS. GARVEY: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -
19 A RESOLUTION - REAPPOINTING DAVID CARDEN,
20 248 WILBUR STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA,
21 18508, AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ZONING

22 APPEALS FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON. MR.
23 CARDEN'S TERM EXPIRES ON JULY 1, 2008 AND
24 HIS NEW TERM WILL EXPIRE ON JULY 1, 2011.

25 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll

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

3 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

4 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

7 MS. EVANS: Aye.

8 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

9 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

10 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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

13 MS. GARVEY: SIXTH ORDER. NO
14 BUSINESS AT THIS TIME. SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A.
15 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
16 SAFETY - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO.
17 23, 2008 - ESTABLISHING A "NO PARKING" ZONE
18 ALONG THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF MULBERRY STREET
19 (S.R. 3027) FROM THE NOW VACATED HITCHCOCK
20 COURT EAST TO A POINT SEVENTY FIVE FEET
21 (75') EAST OF THE CENTER LINE OF ROYAL WAY
22 (QUINCY AVENUE VACATED) THE SAME DISTANCE AS

23 MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON THE MAP/PLAN
24 ATTACHED HERETO, TO ALLOW FOR SITE DISTANCE
25 FOR THE DRIVEWAY TO ROYAL WAY.

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1 MR. MCGOFF: What is the
2 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
3 Committee on Public Safety?

4 MR. COURTRIGHT: As Chairperson for
5 the Committee on Public Safety, I recommend
6 final passage of Item 7-A.

7 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

8 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Roll
9 call, please.

10 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

11 MS. EVANS: Yes.

12 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli.

13 MS. GATELLI: Yes.

14 MR. COOLICAN: Ms. Fanucci.

15 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

16 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright.

17 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

18 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McGoff.

19 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare
20 Item 7-A legally and lawfully adopted.

21 MS. GARVEY: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION
22 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY FOR

23 ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 24, 2008 -
24 REMOVING PARKING METERS ON THE SOUTHERLY
25 SIDE OF MULBERRY STREET (S.R. 3027) FROM THE

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1 NOW VACATED HITCHCOCK COURT TO MCKENNA
2 COURT, THE SAME DISTANCE AS MORE
3 PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON THE SITE PLAN
4 ATTACHED HERETO, IN THE "NO PARKING" ZONE
5 ESTABLISHED TO ALLOW FOR SIGHT DISTANCE FOR
6 THE DRIVEWAY OF THE NEW UNIVERSITY OF
7 SCRANTON CAMPUS CENTER.

8 MR. MCGOFF: What is the
9 recommendation of the chairperson for the
10 Committee on public safety?

11 MR. COURTRIGHT: As Chairperson for
12 the Committee on Public Safety I recommend
13 final passage of Item 7-B.

14 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

15 MR. COURTRIGHT: On the question?
16 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: Yes.

25 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McGoff.

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

3 MS. GARVEY: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION
4 BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -
5 FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 25, 2008
6 - AMENDING FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 123, 2007,
7 ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
8 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE
9 CITY OF SCRANTON TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY
10 ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE CONSOLIDATED
11 SUBMISSION FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND
12 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS (AS AMENDED) TO BE
13 FUNDED UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
14 GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM, HOME INVESTMENT
15 PARTNERSHIP (HOME) PROGRAM AND EMERGENCY
16 SHELTER GRANT (ESG) PROGRAM," BY
17 TRANSFERRING \$216,371.58 FROM PROJECT 05-154
18 FRIENDSHIP HOUSE AND \$24,371.58 FROM PROJECT
19 05-154.1 FRIENDSHIP HOUSE TO PROJECT 07-04
20 PAVING OF CITY STREETS TO INCLUDE
21 HANDICAPPED CURB CUTS.

22 MR. MCGOFF: What is the
23 recommendation of the Chairperson for the

24 Committee on Community Development?

25 MS. FANUCCI: As Chairperson for the

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1 Committee on Community Development, I
2 recommend final passage of Item 7-C.

3 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

4 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Roll
5 call, please?

6 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

7 MS. EVANS: Yes.

8 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli.

9 MS. GATELLI: Yes.

10 MR. COOLICAN: Ms. Fanucci.

11 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

12 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright.

13 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

14 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McGoff.

15 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare

16 Item 7-C legally and lawfully adopted.

17 Prior to reading 7-D I believe that this was

18 the one that we wished to table so I need a

19 motion to table.

20 MS. GATELLI: I'll make a motion to

21 table 7-D.

22 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

23 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All

24 those in favor signify by saying aye.

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MS. EVANS: Aye.

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MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

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MS. GATELLI: Aye.

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MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The

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eyes have it and so moved. Item 7-D is

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tabled.

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MS. GARVEY: 7-E. FOR CONSIDERATION

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BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -

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FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 27,2008 - APPROVING THE

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TRANSFER OF A RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE

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CURRENTLY OWNED BY ANN MARIE KULICK T/A

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ANN'S BAR, 160 BOULEVARD AVENUE, THROOP, PA

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18512, LICENSE NO. R-15082 TO KENDRA A.

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RICCIO ENTERPRISES, LLC T/A/ "BALLINA" FOR

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USE AT 2934 BIRNEY AVENUE, SCRANTON, PA. AS

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REQUIRED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL

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BOARD.

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MR. MCGOFF: As chairperson for the

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Committee on Rules, I recommend final

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passage of Item 7-E.

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MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

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MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Roll

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call, please.

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MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

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MS. EVANS: Yes.

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MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli.

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MS. GATELLI: Yes.

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MR. COOLICAN: Ms. Fanucci.

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MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

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MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright.

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MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

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MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McGoff.

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MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare

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Item 7-E legally and lawfully adopted.

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MS. GARVEY: 7-F. FOR CONSIDERATION

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BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - FOR

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ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 29, 2008 -

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ACCEPTING AND ORDAINING A FOUR (4) FOOT

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HUNDRED BLOCK OF MOOSIC STREET TO CREATE A

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RIGHT OF WAY TO TWENTY (20) FEET.

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MR. MCGOFF: What is the

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recommendation of the Chairperson for the

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Committee on Public Safety?

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MR. COURTRIGHT: As chairperson for

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the Committee on Public Safety, I recommend

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final passage of Item 7-F.

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MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Roll

1 call, please.

2 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

3 MS. EVANS: Yes.

4 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli.

5 MS. GATELLI. Yes.

6 MR. COOLICAN: Ms. Fanucci.

7 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

8 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright.

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

10 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McGoff.

11 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare

12 Item 7-F legally and lawfully adopted.

13 Motion to adjourn?

14 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

15 MR. MCGOFF: Thank for your

16 participation and cooperation.

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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.

CATHENE S. NARDOZZI, RPR
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