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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

Tuesday, July 22, 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 moment of reflection
2 observed.)

3 MR. MCGOFF: Roll call.

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.

14 MS. GARVEY: 3-A. CONTROLLER'S REPORT
15 FOR THE MONTH ENDING JUNE 30, 2008.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?

17 If not, received and filed.

18 MS. GARVEY: 3-B. MINUTES OF THE
19 COMPOSITE PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD ON JUNE
20 24, 2008.

21 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any commence?

22 If not, received filed.

23 MS. GARVEY: That's it for Third
24 Order.

25 MR. MCGOFF: Any announcements? N.

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MS. GATELLI: Yes.

MS. EVANS: As Mr. McGoff said, please remember in your prayers those who have died, particularly, Justin Berios, Leslie Collier, and Dustin Heinz, the victims of last week's tragedy in South Side and their families. The Scranton Police Department is sponsoring it's Sixth Annual National Night Out on August 5, 2008, at the Tripp Park Complex on Dorothy Street from 6 to 10 p.m. National Night Out is a crime prevention event which promotes police community partnerships. I hope to see you there, but if you are unable to attend residents are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police as hopefully millions of Americans will be doing across our country.

Governor Rendell's African American Business Summit will be conducted on September 4 and 5, 2008, at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg East. Attendees will gain immeasurable information to succeed in growing their business. For information

1 contact the Governor's Advisory Commission
2 on African American Affairs or GACAAA at
3 717-772-5085.

4 This Saturday, July 26, there will
5 be a benefit for Kelly Osborne from 1 to
6 6 p.m. at the Minooka American Legion.
7 Kelly, a Scranton High alumni, is in need of
8 your help to pay for serious medical
9 expenses. Tickets are \$10 and can be
10 purchased at the door or from members of the
11 Minooka Lion's Club. Please help Kelly and
12 her family.

13 I wish to recognize the Rolling
14 Thunder Association for organizing a
15 motorcycle ride to benefit the vets of the
16 Gino Merli Veteran's Hospital this past
17 Sunday, July 20. Three parking lots and
18 Capouse Avenue were covered by motorcycles
19 as riders awaited the start of this
20 fundraising events. Congratulations to
21 Mr. Golden and everyone who helped make this
22 project a great success.

23 I also wish to recognize Mr. Tim
24 McHale who enlisted in the US Navy and is in
25 training to become a member of the

1 prestigious Navy Seals. He is a graduate of
2 Holy Cross High School and is the grandson
3 of Mrs. Helen Kravath of North Scranton and
4 that's all.

5 MR. COURTRIGHT: Mr. McGoff, I don't
6 know if it's appropriate for me to read this
7 at this time or in motions, but I'll read it
8 now, but Sunday I got a call about a rescue
9 that was taking place and I couldn't leave
10 to go to the rescue, so I got an account of
11 the rescue and I'd just like to read it to
12 you, if I could. At 1034 Rescue One and
13 Truck 4 were dispatched to 119 Norfolk Way
14 for a 75-year-old male stuck in a tree.
15 Upon arrival the crews found the victim
16 approximately 15 to 20 feet up in a tree.
17 He apparently slipped and fell and was
18 hanging by his ankle upside down which was
19 struck on a branch. The crews rapidly
20 assessed the situation and setup a rope
21 system to safely lower the victim. With
22 assistance from off-duty personnel,
23 Chauffeur Mike Hales, Chauffeur Tom Knoll,
24 and Captain Robert Golden, retired, all
25 three live in the neighborhood and ran to

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1 assist before the responding units got on

2 scene. The man was lowered to the ground
3 without further injury and turned over to
4 EMS for evaluation. The operation took less
5 than 15 minutes from the time the company
6 arrived on scene to the extradition of the
7 patient.

8 The company's responding were Rescue
9 1, acting Captain Dan Franz, acting
10 chauffeur Dan Ulansky, Private Tim Murray;
11 Truck 4, active captain Kevin Chisak,
12 Chauffeur Mark Davis and Captain Robert
13 Corbett.

14 They were talking to me on the
15 phones, somebody was there as it was
16 happening and it was much more dramatic than
17 what this write-up sounds, so I just wanted
18 to thank all of the people that were
19 involved here, again, a 75-year-old man he
20 was dangling upside down I guess for quite
21 sometime before somebody found him, so just
22 thank you to everybody concerned and we are
23 glad that he is okay. Thank you.

24 MS. FANUCCI: I have two
25 announcements. One is that there is going

1 to be a film about members of the garment

2 industry, this is great because this goes
3 back to all of our history, and it's about
4 northeastern Pennsylvania and the garment
5 industry and it will be showing on Sunday,
6 July 27 at 1 p.m at the Steamtown National
7 Historical site and it's \$6.00 for general
8 admission. This is great because it really
9 will bring us back to a lot of our heritage.

10 Also, I had some inquiries on the
11 Shiloh Baptist backpack fundraising. You
12 can call Shiloh directly or also I'm going
13 to talk to 61 about probably putting the
14 information up there so we can be ready for
15 that for September, so that would be great,
16 and that's all I have. Thank you.

17 MS. GATELLI: Well, that whittles me
18 down to a few things, the social director
19 isn't the social director today. Friday at
20 Nay Aug Park there will be a party in the
21 park from 5 to 7 and the singer, featured
22 singer, is Shanay Brown, Stacy's wife. If
23 you haven't heard her she is really
24 wonderful.

25 Also, on August 1, 2 and 3 is the

1 downtown Scranton Jazz festival. It will be
2 featuring Phil Woods, Marco Marcinko and

3 bands of that caliber. The main stage will
4 be at the Radisson. You can get tickets at
5 Joe Nardone's Gallery of Sound or by calling
6 the Radisson at 342-8300. It's a three-day
7 event and many of the venues in the downtown
8 will also participate.

9 And the last thing I have is really
10 not an announcement, but it is a
11 commendation of praise. Many of the
12 neighbors in the 1600 block of South Irving
13 Avenue where the heinous murders were
14 committed have contacted me and they wanted
15 me to announce that they want to thank
16 everyone that was involved and heap mounds
17 of praise upon the FBI, the state police and
18 more important the Scranton Police
19 Department. They all did an excellent job.
20 The murderer was apprehended by 4:00 that
21 afternoon. It was a wonderful job on the
22 part of everyone. It was a terrible,
23 terrible tragedy that happened. It could
24 happen anywhere, domestic violence is on the
25 rise in America and it's a crime of passion,

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1 one that cannot be controlled and it's a
2 very, very sad situation.

3 As Mrs. Evans said, many of those
4 children we know because they were students
5 of the high schools, and I would just like
6 to thank the FBI, the state police and, of
7 course, Scranton's finest for doing their
8 best in apprehending this terrible, terrible
9 criminal who took the lives of three young
10 people in our community. Thank you.

11 MR. MCGOFF: Fourth Order. Marie
12 Schumacher.

13 MS. SCHUMACHER: Good morning, Marie
14 Schumacher. Last week I asked Mrs. Fanucci
15 to provide a description of the eligible
16 project that would funded by what is 7-F
17 this week. In as much as HUD requires
18 economic development and administration
19 loans to be used to leverage private
20 investment of at least \$2 for every dollar
21 of economic development administration
22 investment, I would also request Mrs.
23 Fanucci to explain why the leverage funds
24 are not specified in the backup for 7-F. If
25 this answer is not available this morning, I

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1 request this item be tabled until the
2 leverage requirement is made contractual.

3 Last week a frustrated and exacerbated

4 Mr. Gilroy was asking for help for his mom's
5 property. I checked the one property, 1006
6 Mt. Vernon, did any of you? Do you know
7 whether that home is owner occupied or
8 rental property? If it is a rental property
9 do you know whether it is registered in
10 accordance with the ordinance you passed
11 just last year?

12 These questions are mere rhetoric as
13 I am using them to segway to another topic
14 which is why you shouldn't take a four-week
15 August recess. This taxpayer is suggesting
16 the need for several work sessions. Today
17 you attempted, but failed to shed light on a
18 portion of the past. You need to put the
19 emphasis on the future. I have talked
20 several times before about the multi-year
21 budget prepared in 2003 by the Public
22 Financial Management of Philadelphia and the
23 fact that it appears this \$25,000 report was
24 tossed in a file and forgotten about, that
25 is, until I requested a copy under the Right

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1 to Know Statute. This report includes much
2 helpful information including this quote
3 from Standard and Poor's credit week

4 municipal: "Multi-year planning is a
5 critical exercise. These plans often have
6 outyear gaps projected which allow
7 government to work out in advance the
8 optimal way to restore fiscal balance."

9 Where is Scranton's multi-year
10 budget? Where for that matter is the
11 capital budget the Administrative Code
12 Section 601 says council should have
13 received by June 1? Have you ever sat down
14 with the Administrative Code and made a list
15 of the dates when materials are due? Do you
16 understand the components of the budget? I
17 believe the answer to that is, no, and I'll
18 tell you why, last year you passed on July
19 26 ordinance 105 which established a
20 registration program for residential rental
21 properties which among other items
22 established fees for the costs associated
23 with the registration. I'm quite confident
24 you felt noble for having made a major dent
25 in the absentee landlord problem. All well

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1 and good, but how did you think this would
2 be implemented? Did you add a staff
3 position even for the first year to ferret
4 out which properties are not owner occupied

5 and send out notices for completion and
6 compliance? No. You really need to
7 understand both the budget and unintended
8 consequences of your actions. More on that
9 another day.

10 At this time, I would like to share
11 with you some materials from a city that is
12 comparable in many ways to Scranton, that
13 is, the City of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.
14 There is a single page in the materials I
15 will provide to you showing the 2007 budget.
16 If you compare the figures with Scranton's
17 budget I believe we will find the key to why
18 Bethlehem flourishes and Scranton is
19 struggling. Scranton's Act 511 taxes in
20 2007 were budgeted at \$27,346,955 while
21 Bethlehem's were \$11,600,000. The second
22 document, a portion, a small portion of the
23 entire Bethlehem capital budget. Note the
24 detail in the justification for the funds.
25 Compare this with what you received for

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1 Scranton. The final package is again a
2 small section of the Bethlehem operating
3 budget request. Notice the detail. Compare
4 it with Scranton's paltry budget submittal.

5 Please embrace the possibility -- the
6 responsibilities associated with your
7 position. Next time. May I?

8 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you,
9 Mrs. Schumacher. Rich Gilroy.

10 MR. GILROY: Rich Gilroy, Scranton
11 resident, I was here last week.
12 Mr. Courtright, you said about Townhouse
13 Boulevard about the dumpsters without the
14 lids on them, you said you mentioned about
15 the children that she couldn't put that on
16 the lids on them, well, like I said before
17 my mom is there 20 years there was always
18 lids on them until this vendor had taken --
19 since they put the lids there, but since
20 last year, but there is a birds flying in
21 there so they get bird droppings all over my
22 mom's driveway, there is cats --

23 MR. COURTRIGHT: I have an answer for
24 you if you would like to hear it?

25 MR. GILROY: Could I please finish?

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1 MR. COURTRIGHT: Sure.

2 MR. GILROY: Because I only have five
3 minutes, I have a lot to cover, a lot of
4 topics to cover. There is, like I said,
5 birds flying in there for food. There is

6 bird droppings, you can get a disease from
7 that. Skunks, cats, garbage all over the
8 road and it's always in my mom's driveway,
9 it's a disgrace. I mean, come on. Why
10 should we even have to look at that? That's
11 more closer to homeowner's homes than the
12 tenants that live there. It's right on the
13 road and plus with the humidity, the hot
14 weather, you can really smell, smell them
15 dumpsters because they never change them or
16 clean them like the other vendors did, and
17 I'd like to express again back in '99 there
18 was a drug problem there, my mom's road was
19 blocked off with a concrete barricade for a
20 year and we all together, the homeowners,
21 and complained about it, it was terrible,
22 and there is still drug dealing going on
23 there.

24 And another thing is I understand if
25 you had an offense, like, a criminal offense

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1 there is one tenant living there with a
2 serious criminal offense, he was in prison,
3 they occasionally stay there. One of the
4 guys exposed himself o my mom last year and
5 he was there yesterday. My mom was

6 terrified to even go out of her home and
7 then another person at the same residence,
8 this was about five months ago, and she went
9 out to pick the garbage up from that
10 dumpster, it was in our own driveway, the
11 girl was going to run her over with her SUV.
12 She says, "Get out of the way."

13 And my mom is in her own driveway
14 picking up the garage. There is a hearing
15 coming up about that, but I think it's a
16 disgrace. This person had a serious offense
17 and she is still living there. She was
18 never evicted out of there, and two months
19 ago there was a stabbing over a diaper bag,
20 that's the place where the girl lived in
21 that project. Last year a chop shop, a guy
22 running a chop shop, he lived there two
23 years ago from Afghanistan, he was
24 photographing children with a camera, that
25 was a pedophile two years ago, so there is a

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1 lot of history with that project, and that
2 place should have closed down nine years ago
3 with the drugs and it still was left open.

4 Now, another topic, 1006 next to my mom
5 there was a busted shed there. There was
6 all skunks living under there, they fixed

7 the shed, but the grass was never cut, an
8 out-of-town landlord. My mom had a problem,
9 there was a drug house in 2005, she had to
10 get an attorney. There was ten guys living
11 in the basement and they were dealing drugs
12 in the back of the project that night and
13 going, we know where the houses were at the
14 project where they were going. So, I mean,
15 there are still drug dealers living there
16 and it's a disgrace, and then plus five
17 condemned houses, the three on my mom's
18 street on Mt. Vernon Avenue and two up on
19 Main Avenue within a block of where my mom
20 was, so that's five condemned houses, one
21 house a blighted lot where a house once
22 stood where they tore it down and the lot
23 was never cleaned out.

24 The road is a mess in the back, all
25 big potholes, a pothole in front of my hops

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1 house I asked the guy from the DPW about it
2 eight weeks ago -- no, seven weeks ago would
3 you please fill that pothole because every
4 time they hit it my mom's chandelier shakes
5 in the front room, well, they didn't do it.
6 They won't even do that, a pothole, and what

7 gets me is three weeks ago when I was
8 shopping at Big Lots there is the DPW truck
9 they were in there shopping on a Saturday,
10 so you tell me.

11 I mean, how much can you take living
12 there? And then my mom gets her taxes
13 raised 25 percent to live in that
14 neighborhood? She is even afraid to go
15 outside that's how bad it is up there. You
16 have to hide yourself in your house living
17 up by that project, it shouldn't be.

18 Another thing, Mr. Courtright, I said
19 about there is only one entrance in that
20 housing project, the front entrance with no
21 screen door on, the one that was closed
22 downtown has two entrances and how is that?
23 The one house had three-family living and
24 eight cars, no, nine cars he had, and the
25 end guy was changing oil, but I said that

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1 last week when I was there. Changing oil
2 and dumping it down the drain there and I
3 went down to the office and told the manger
4 about it, next thing you know there is only
5 two cars there and he parked the other seven
6 cars down by Fiorelli's. Well, that's all I
7 got to say, but can you please tell me why

8 there is only one entrance in that housing
9 project, and I would like an answer about
10 those what she is going to do about those
11 lids on there because there is a terrible
12 foul smell. Like I said, they never changed
13 them.

14 And another thing, fire crackers,
15 they were shot at my mom's house, that's why
16 I brought these here to show you, these are
17 illegal, the long stem, and the siding was
18 singed burned, they damaged the exhaust fan
19 which by mom has to hire somebody because I
20 can't get up there to get at it. They did
21 property damage. I mean, where is the
22 security there? How can they -- the whole
23 street was like an inferno, it was like you
24 couldn't even park the night before the
25 Fourth of July and then about a week after

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1 they were shooting M-80's, little kids,
2 seven years old shooting M-80's off, give me
3 a break. If they don't -- why don't she
4 worry about that with the fireworks?

5 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Gilroy.

6 MR. GILROY: Can you give me an
7 answer about the dumpsters with the lids,

8 please.

9 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Gilroy.

10 MR. COURTRIGHT: You wouldn't let me
11 answer you and now your time is up and now I
12 can't answer you.

13 MR. GILROY: Well, I had so much to
14 say.

15 MR. COURTRIGHT: I'll answer it in
16 motions, I can't answer you now.

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

18 MR. GILROY: All right. Thank you.

19 MR. MCGOFF: Les Spindler.

20 MR. SPINDLER: Good morning, Council.

21 Les Spindler, city resident, homeowner. I
22 see in the morning paper today that Ken
23 McDowell is suing council. He was
24 exonerated by the FBI what is he afraid of,
25 why doesn't he come in here, what's he got

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1 to hide? Maybe coming in this morning would
2 have interfered with his tee time.

3 As everybody knows there was a
4 terrible triple homicide in South Side last
5 week and we have other crime in the city and
6 Chris Doherty wants to cut our police force.
7 You are going to have put deadbolts on your
8 doors, bars on your windows, you won't be

9 I see yesterday where Mayor Barletta
10 of Hazleton was named mayor of the year.
11 Well, if Chris Doherty has done so much for
12 this city according to certain people,
13 Mrs. Fanucci, why wasn't he named mayor of
14 the year?

15 MS. FANUCCI: I wasn't on the
16 committee to elect.

17 MR. SPINDLER: You mustn't have been
18 on the committee to put his name in either
19 because these names had to be submitted by
20 people. I guess Mayor Barletta is doing a
21 lot better job than Chris Doherty is.

22 Mr. Courtright, last week you made a
23 comment that, I forget who it was, someone
24 from ECTV said that these tapes aren't being
25 edited, well, I watched the tape last week

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1 and when Ray Lyman left here the tape went
2 black for a good minute and then when it
3 came on Mrs. Hubbard was speaking again
4 already into her presentation, so I guess
5 that part of that tape must be down at Chris
6 Doherty's floor.

7 MR. COURTRIGHT: Do you want me to
8 answer, Les?

9 MR. SPINDLER: No, you can say later,

10 but it's not ECTV it's CD TV, Chris Doherty
11 TV.

12 The next thing, with the Lackawanna
13 County bridge being closed most of the
14 traffic going to the mall has to -- I think
15 it's going west on Lackawanna Avenue and
16 this is about three years now I have been
17 asking for lines to be painted here and now
18 most of the traffic has to go that way,
19 nobody knows what lane to get into because
20 there are no lanes, so this is ridiculous.

21 The same with the corner of Spruce and
22 Franklin, I commented about that. A few
23 weeks ago I was on Washington Avenue and
24 Spruce in front of the Rite Aid in the
25 turning lane, the light turns green, I go to

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1 turn, a lady from the straight lane turns in
2 front of me, if I didn't stop she would have
3 ran right into me, no lanes there either.
4 This is a safety hazard and I don't know
5 what the problem is with these lines being
6 painted. Something has to be done. I have
7 asked for three years now. Maybe I have the
8 wrong signs in my front yard come election
9 time, I don't know. This is a public safety

10 issue. That's all I have right now. See
11 you in September, Council.

12 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Spindler.
13 Ozzie Quinn.

14 MR. QUINN: Ozzie Quinn, Taxpayers'
15 Association. First I'd like to make a few
16 announcements. This afternoon at 4:00 p.m.
17 OECD is going to hold a public hearing over
18 at the Scranton Life Building, eighth floor
19 regarding the fifth year action plan. Those
20 that can attend should and give their input
21 of how you feel this money should be used.
22 It's ashame it's over there, but it should
23 be right here in city hall, however, it
24 isn't. The other thing is that the Scranton
25 Taxpayer -- the Scranton/Lackawanna County

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1 Taxpayers' Association will meet this
2 Thursday, 6:00 p.m., right here in city
3 council chambers. Lieutenant David Gervasi,
4 first president of the firefighters' union
5 will be present to address the taxpayers.

6 Also, our demonstration will continue
7 this Saturday at 11 a.m., everybody is
8 invited to the Taxpayers' Association and to
9 the demonstration, the demonstration will be
10 held on Lackawanna Avenue in front of the

11 Steamtown Mall.

12 Last week I attended a school board
13 meeting and they passed a resolution that
14 they can increase the taxes up to
15 6.4 percent which I think they will because
16 of their negotiating with the unions and the
17 salary increases they are giving each other
18 over there and the fact that the county has
19 a 207 million dollar deficit, that's
20 principal, and the city 108, that was in
21 2006, also I believe, so we are talking a
22 lot of money in principal, so just look at
23 long-term I want to pickup where Janet
24 Evans, Mrs. Evans spoke last week in regard
25 to the motions, she indicated that there was

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1 \$226,925 in regards to indebtedness,
2 long-term indebtedness in the City of
3 Scranton, but she also included the 35
4 million bond issue by the parking authority
5 which would go up to 52 1/2 million dollars
6 and basically we would be \$279 million in
7 long-term debt just in the city
8 administration.

9 Now, that's according to the 2006
10 single audit. Now, we are still waiting for

11 the audit for that last year which is going
12 to be two months overdue. Now, you looked a
13 this morning, if you read this morning's
14 Scranton Time's mail bag and you saw all of
15 the people whose utilities are being cut
16 off, over 600,000, and I assume a good
17 portion of them are living in the City of
18 Scranton, and with these tax increases and
19 these debts and we are looking for more
20 money to balance the 2008 budget and to pay
21 off a loan, the Doherty loan, this is
22 getting out of hand and I don't know how
23 people are going to when they get their tax
24 bills in January and with the utility costs
25 I don't know how they are going to be able

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1 to make it. I hope they do make it.
2 The problem is that we got to look
3 start looking at priorities here and we are
4 getting way out of line, way out of line
5 when the City of Scranton owes so much money
6 and we have so little revenue being taken
7 in, and what's happening is the city just
8 has no place to go. How the heck can you
9 grow when you have that much debt, you just
10 can't. Mayor Doherty has just put us way
11 under. There is no doubt about it, I mean,

12 you can say, oh, yeah, look at the building
13 down on Lackawanna Avenue, but look at the
14 back porches in the neighborhoods. It's
15 ashame and that's what I hope to speak on
16 this afternoon at 4:00 p.m., I appreciate
17 that and, Mr. McGoff, last week you
18 mentioned and I believe in motions or
19 whatever the fact that you felt that there
20 was no discrimination at the Nay Aug Pool, I
21 just feel that, you know, those Hill Section
22 low income children should have access to
23 Nay Aug pool, you know, every other section
24 of the city has access to the pool and city
25 council should actually do something about

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1 it because by just charging \$3 a lot of
2 children cannot afford it, their families
3 can't afford it, a lot of single mothers,
4 and this loan is discrimination, you know,
5 and the fact is that you are up there today
6 and they should be able to go up there
7 today, I mean, there is no doubt about it.
8 They can't walk over, in this day and age
9 you can't walk over to South Side or over to
10 West Side with all of the traffic and the
11 predators, kids under 15 years of age going

12 down to six it's impossible, so let's try to
13 do something for those children in the Hill
14 Section and let's try to do something about
15 this debt and, please, no more borrowing.
16 Thank you.

17 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Quinn.
18 Stephanie Galla.

19 MS. GALLA: Good morning, Council,
20 Stephanie Galla, city resident. I may not
21 be a very good speaker nor am I a know it
22 all, but like most people I understand what
23 I see and hear at which point I use my
24 common sense to guide me. I feel compassion
25 for the people who are in need of help, have

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1 problems and are in need of answers to their
2 questions. I have friends and relatives
3 that are a lot brighter than me, they see,
4 they hear, they see people coming to council
5 with problems expecting help and also ideas,
6 questions and answers depending on council
7 members they get help or they don't. City
8 agencies do or do not respond, it's very
9 obvious a strong mayor form of government is
10 in play.

11 For quite awhile Mrs. Evans had and
12 has been asking for an accountability by

13 city administrators. It was again obvious
14 that most council members did not agree or
15 felt it was unnecessary. Again, a strong
16 mayor form of government. Again, Mrs. Krake
17 who puts her job and herself on the line
18 each week when she comes to speak had told
19 council that city tax collector McDowell was
20 not coming to work, not collecting taxes and
21 several grievances were filed against
22 Mr. McDowell, none of these grievances were
23 ever made public. Mr. McDowell was being
24 paid by the City of Scranton.

25 Also, along these lines I would like

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1 to make sure that city council is going to
2 continue to investigate Mr. McDowell and the
3 tax office. I hope his little shenanigans
4 this morning is not going to deter you guys
5 from continuing to find out what's been
6 going on.

7 I would like to address the public
8 at this point. I hope in September you can
9 put your thoughts down on paper and come and
10 speak to council on all of the ongoing
11 issues. Yes, you will be little nervous, as
12 long as you write your thoughts out you can

13 could it. We can't sit at home expecting
14 Andy Sbaraglia, Marie Schumacher, Sam
15 Patilla, Fay Franus, Ozzie Quinn, etcetera,
16 to keep coming and carrying the torch for
17 the rest of us, so please take the time
18 during August to put your thoughts together
19 and come and express your hopes and opinions
20 to council. Thank you.

21 Now, I would like to ask council if
22 any of you can possibly go to the next
23 commissioner's meeting and ask them why we
24 are paying Mr. McDowell \$66,000 a year and
25 he really doesn't have to show up or do his

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1 job. I'd also like to know does anybody
2 know his qualifications? Does he have any?

3 And I'd also if you can please check on
4 the manning of the police and firemen, we
5 really can't cut them. I understand that
6 there is only five cars out there on a
7 Saturday night, one man, you have to pull
8 anybody to back up we are in big trouble and
9 the prime example of I live in South Side,
10 trust me, I'm not a happy girl right now,
11 I'm very, very concerned about my safety and
12 the safety of all of the citizens and, you
13 know, again, I'd like, you know, some of the

14 newer members maybe to go back and check
15 what went on in '93 and stuff with Mayor
16 Connors and you would understand that the
17 police and firemen really, really have tried
18 to work with all of the administrators to
19 get the contracts resolved and, you know,
20 make in a safer city. Thank you.

21 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mrs. Galla.
22 Any other speakers?

23 MR. GERVASI: Good morning. My name
24 is Dave Gervasi, firefighter and citizen of
25 the city. Two things, first and foremost,

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1 being a firefighter we do have the
2 opportunity quite a bit to work hand-in-hand
3 in with the police officers. They are
4 usually playing a very big supporting role
5 fire scenes, incidents, accidents that our
6 members take care of. There was a few
7 incidents last week since the implementation
8 of the Recovery Plan, it was during some
9 flooding, and our guys -- I was speaking to
10 some of our guys that were on many of those
11 scenes and there wasn't in an officer in
12 sight to direct traffic and things of that
13 sort.

14 Speaking to other officers we are
15 finding out at this point that some officers
16 are doing 12 to 20 calls per shift each.
17 There is not many situations of backup.
18 There is incidents with COM Center where all
19 of the calls are backing up. There was an
20 incident in Greenridge, I guess they waited
21 over 30 minutes for a police officer to show
22 up.

23 As a citizen, not as a firefighter,
24 as a citizen and in the past working in law
25 enforcement, this is unconscionable. I

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1 think this council should get together and
2 maybe have a little chat with the police
3 officer or police force, I would talk to the
4 some of the police officers first. It's not
5 good what's happening now and I had a brief
6 conversation with Mr. Courtright today and I
7 know he is on top of it and I know he has
8 been talking to many of the officers and I
9 hope council would address the situation and
10 I hope that the people out there would
11 realize that there was two or three shifts
12 in the last week where your police
13 protection has been cut 75 percent during
14 certain periods, 75 percent when there was a

15 few occasions where there was three police
16 officers working covering the entire city.
17 It's not right. It's not right. You know,
18 the mayor is sitting on an \$11 million
19 surplus, you know, \$4 million comes up in
20 taxes of people who haven't been paying
21 their taxes, that's not even going after
22 delinquency, that's people that just all of
23 sudden realize they have to pay wage tax and
24 whatever portion of the \$12 million under
25 the Ken McDowell debacle that belongs to the

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1 city and they don't want to call in some
2 extra duty guys for overtime to cover our
3 streets? I mean, come on. I mean, that's
4 the basic necessity. That's more important
5 than fire protection having a police officer
6 there when things happen.

7 Getting back to what I was speaking
8 of last week a few people called me and they
9 were confused over some of the budgetary
10 things I was talking about. They said how
11 can we be so far in debt and the city is
12 broke, but how could we possibly have a
13 surplus? I'm going to make this as simple
14 as I could because I'm not a CPA, but this

15 is how I understand it. Chris Doherty took
16 office, there was we were paying in
17 long-term debt, basically your mortgage, our
18 mortgage of the debt we owed. They were
19 paying \$3.5 million a year, fast forward to
20 last year we are now making debt payments of
21 \$16 million a year on the debt service that
22 we owe. So, our debt service went up
23 \$12.5 million a year which basically means
24 our mortgage payments, there is
25 \$12.5 million a year more today than there

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1 was in 2002 that we can never use again for
2 police protection, fire protection, buying
3 equipment, cleaning your streets, paving
4 your roads. That is all going to our debt
5 payment for the term of those bonds that
6 were floated and the money that was
7 borrowed. Some are ten years, some are 15,
8 some are 28. We are in debt hundreds of
9 millions of dollars, but we don't owe it
10 today. We make payments. If you owe
11 \$100,000 on your house you don't have to pay
12 the bank today \$100,000, you pay it over
13 30 years, 20 years, whatever the term of
14 your mortgage is.

15 From my understanding there is a

16 surplus. According to every piece of
17 financial information we were able to obtain
18 from the city we had it studied by our
19 international, we had it studied by a doctor
20 of economy, the city since 1999 has been
21 making, bringing in more money in tax
22 revenue than it costs to run the city in
23 total. Last year the city brought in
24 \$11 million more than if needed to run the
25 city. The year before that it brought in

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1 \$5.9 million more than they needed and the
2 mayor raised your taxes 25 percent when he
3 already was running a budget surplus, so I
4 just wanted to make that clear, yes, are we
5 in debt? Is there a Doherty debt? It's
6 huge. It quadrupled in seven years. The
7 payments have more than quadrupled our debt
8 payments, but there was never any reason to
9 borrow, there was never any reason to raise
10 your taxes and there is no reason whatsoever
11 that they have to cut your public safety.
12 Thank you.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Gervasi.
14 Mr. Davis.

15 MR. DAVIS: Salaam aleikum. My name

16 is Jim Davis. I'm a native of Scranton, a
17 veteran and all of those other things, and I
18 have sat for two weeks and I have listened
19 to what we are trying to do and I hear you
20 keep debating away from Nay Aug Park. Well,
21 it's an affront to the nonwhite community,
22 the minority community of Scranton, to know
23 that you want to charge the children that
24 live in the Hill Section, that live in the
25 central city of Scranton that would use this

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1 park money to go and swim when other
2 children from West Side, North Scranton,
3 from whatever, have free parks to go to.
4 That means that the danger of our kids
5 transporting themselves away from central
6 city to these parks to go swimming becomes
7 more dangerous, it becomes a public safety
8 hazard or problem. I've had two or three
9 ministers come to me say, "Well, Jim, why
10 don't we say something about that?"

11 So what I want to say now is that
12 you ministers in your churches don't send
13 your children to Nay Aug Park, just don't
14 use it, for awhile, just let's just cut it
15 all out, all right? I think maybe that's
16 the only way we can make Mr. Doherty or

17 Mayor Doherty and others who wish to have
18 this segregated park change their minds. We
19 fought this back in 1955 which was the first
20 year I was allowed to swim in Nay Aug Park,
21 I can remember this, and I'm saying that we
22 don't need it again. Our kids have learned
23 to live together, they have learned to
24 educate themselves together and they have
25 learned to have fun together, so let's let

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1 it be like that for awhile. You are going
2 to make the separation, you are going to
3 make that big move that's going to say I
4 don't want my kids or these kids and I will
5 make sure it doesn't happen, I will make it
6 too expensive for them to be here.

7 No child, no family that I know of
8 either minority or otherwise can afford to
9 send three kids to Nay Aug Park three times
10 a week. They just can't do it. That's
11 something we did automatically. It was an
12 open day. Hey, our parents, sometimes our
13 parents went with us, sometimes only one
14 parent on the whole block would go and
15 supervise all of our activities. When they
16 said it was time to leave we got up and

17 left. I can remember that and I remember
18 how well controlled we were. Now, I think
19 we were really well controlled, but I'm
20 saying with all of the our people that we
21 have that have that are either school
22 teachers or in the schooling system that
23 allow this to go on you can see the danger.
24 Can't you see the danger of what you are
25 building for the future?

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1 If you don't allow my kid not to
2 play with your kid or to swim with your kid,
3 my kid is going to eventually say why?
4 Well, you got to come up with some sort of a
5 system. They can't afford to or they are
6 dirty or they are this or that. This is
7 what they used to use. I don't want that to
8 happen again and I pray, please, don't let
9 it happen again. Use the city council, you
10 got to stand up now and say we either want a
11 city that we are proud of or we are going to
12 lose the city because what you are doing is
13 you are performing an act of terrorism I
14 think to those that are not white or
15 Caucasian. This is how terrorism starts,
16 believe it. First of all, they feel that
17 they are not worthy, then once they don't

18 feel that they are worthy then they feel
19 there is something about it, then you get
20 the anger, and that's bad. Crime -- you
21 don't have any police as it is you are going
22 to spend all the policeman's time chasing
23 around after these kids which is wrong. I
24 hope you can do something about it. I hope
25 you can rescind the act have given or done

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1 so far as far as Nay Aug is concerned.

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

3 MR. DAVIS: And do something about it
4 really.

5 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.

6 MR. DOBSON: Good morning, Council,
7 Dave Dobson, resident of the Scranton,
8 Taxpayers' Association associate. I'd like
9 to talk first about the police and fire. We
10 really need to reconsider any cuts in any
11 departments and to get that situation
12 straightened out if possible. It's really a
13 matter of public safety. The only thing
14 worse than being murdered is probably
15 burning to death in a fire. It's ungodly to
16 think that 38 people should be dismissed
17 from the fire department right now

18 especially with all of the old dwellings and
19 so forth we have in this town requiring
20 everybody to move out of their house because
21 it's not up to code isn't a good answer.

22 On this Nay Aug I also would like to
23 say that people from the Hill Section should
24 be allowed to go to Nay Aug. It's not a
25 racial thing so much as an economic

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1 discrimination and we really need to
2 reconsider what are these kids going to be
3 like when they get older and they realize
4 that they have been deprived all their life
5 of equal treatment and equal amenities from
6 the city.

7 Mr. McDowell I have a -- I have been
8 wondering the last few weeks on all of these
9 extra taxes that have been collected. It
10 would be interesting to note whether these
11 taxes were deducted by employers from their
12 employee's checks and never turned over,
13 that to me is particularly egregious where a
14 citizen pays taxes and they are not turned
15 over on a timely basis to the city or
16 whoever they are due to.

17 And also from what I understand,
18 maybe I'm wrong, but in a case of the IRS if

19 your employer deducts the taxes and doesn't
20 hand them over you are still responsible for
21 someone some of them, so that's a double
22 whammy and in addition to that interest and
23 penalties.

24 On industrial park development, I'm
25 going to keep talking about this until the

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1 leave of absence for the summer, hopefully I
2 can affect a policy change some day. The
3 suburbs as they stand right now are
4 unsustainable, they don't generate enough
5 taxes to justify the infrastructure and
6 maintenance required of that infrastructure,
7 they are energy unwise, we have a lot of
8 brownfields, once again I think I mentioned
9 that before that need to be redeveloped and
10 we should be surveying these and deciding
11 what might be done with any issue of
12 industrial development. They are already
13 polluted fairly well, so naturally we
14 wouldn't want anymore pollution, however, it
15 wouldn't be as much of a concern because say
16 like Waverly Industrial Park where 500
17 people have been drinking contaminated water
18 probably one of the worst chemicals in

19 history. The only reason that's not use
20 would as an insecticide is because that
21 particular chemical TCE is because it's so
22 volatile that if you dumped it in the middle
23 of the floor it would sit there and boil
24 away. So, if you sprayed it on an insect it
25 would kill them. If you expected it to kill

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1 them an hour later it wouldn't be there, so
2 that's an example of why people, why the
3 government should be considering development
4 out in these outreaching communities and,
5 furthermore, I feel that the purpose is to
6 generate taxes to sustain countryside
7 development as opposed to the city and in
8 that way we could justify, oh, well, we have
9 to build a better road or we have to build
10 better bridges to these places because this
11 plant or that plant is out there or this
12 industrial park is out there.

13 Thank you. Hopefully some day we
14 will see a change in policy and it would
15 lovely to see development starting inside of
16 the cities and not out in the middle of the
17 country side where we are just polluting
18 virgin land. Thank you.

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

20 MR. SLEDENZSKI: Hello, Jude.
21 MS. GATELLI: Hi, Chrissy.
22 MR. SLEDENZSKI: Hi, Bill.
23 MR. COURTRIGHT: Hi, Chrissy.
24 MR. SLEDENZSKI: Up or down, Bill?
25 MR. COURTRIGHT: Bring it up, Chris.

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1 MR. SLEDENZSKI: Judy, the Dream Game
2 is July 30 this year instead of August this
3 year, they switched it.
4 MS. GATELLI: Oh, it's early.
5 MR. SLEDENZSKI: It's early this
6 year, yeah.
7 MS. GATELLI: Thank you.
8 MS. KRAKE: Good morning, city
9 council. What I have to say is pretty much
10 going to echo what the speakers before me
11 have said today. I have a couple of
12 different topics, but they are all about
13 accountability. I would like to request
14 once again a breakdown of all of the monies
15 collected through the SRA from Abrahamson,
16 Moran and Conaboy. Apparently they gave one
17 lump sum, that was not my original request.
18 I asked for it to be broken down to the tax
19 paid to the city, the interest paid to the

20 city and then all of the amounts that just
21 went to Abrahamson, Moran and Conaboy which
22 would be the fines, fees and penalties that
23 were passed by three persons on council,
24 Mrs. Gatelli, Mr. McGoff and Mrs. Fanucci.
25 Also, these properties were liened, but

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1 there was not a tax sale. Once again, part
2 of your accountability.

3 Also, is there an agreement in
4 existence between ECTV and the city? I
5 would like to know what the terms of this
6 agreement are and who signed off on it.
7 Finally, Mr. McDowell is not here today. I
8 think it's Mayor Doherty who should be here
9 today. Other municipalities went to that
10 tax office and demanded their money, where
11 was the City of Scranton? The past six
12 years we have said nothing. He should be
13 called in here and asked why did he turn to
14 raising our taxes, why did he turn to
15 borrowing instead of looking into collecting
16 the wage tax and the delinquent wage.

17 Also, the three persons on council
18 who went along with what he proposed are
19 also to be held accountable for this. It
20 was brought to everyone's attention by

21 people at this podium as to what was going
22 on. Once again, it was Mrs. Gatelli,
23 Mrs. McGoff, and Mrs. Fanucci who chose to
24 simply do what the mayor said. The new
25 rubber stamps. There is plenty of funds

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1 apparently, that's extremely obvious even
2 per the Scranton Times to pay for police
3 protection, fire protection and the members
4 of my clerical union who also provide a
5 valuable service who the mayor has chosen to
6 cut these past six years. It's not as
7 quickly clear when these jobs are cut as it
8 is with police and fire, but we are short
9 health inspectors, housing inspectors and
10 the person who does our animal control.
11 There should be at least three to four more
12 jobs here as there was.

13 This is a very dangerous game once
14 again that the mayor is playing and once
15 again as one of the speakers said this
16 council needs to embrace it's
17 responsibilities to the citizens of
18 Scranton. Thank you.

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

20 MS. HUBBARD: Good morning, Council.

21 Liz Hubbard, resident, taxpayer of the City
22 of Scranton. I just have a couple of
23 questions. Bill, regarding that guy in the
24 tree, how did he get in the tree?

25 MR. COURTRIGHT: I believe he was

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1 cutting the tree down.

2 MS. HUBBARD: Oh, okay.

3 MR. COURTRIGHT: And he fell.

4 MS. HUBBARD: I thought maybe he was
5 just climbing a tree.

6 MR. COURTRIGHT: I don't think so.

7 MS. HUBBARD: On this 7-G on the
8 Cartegna family wines is that the religious
9 wine place that got --

10 MS. GATELLI: No.

11 MS. HUBBARD: Different? Okay.

12 That was my question. I'd like to get back
13 to the skunk issue. The city has got to do
14 something. It's getting out of hand. You
15 can't go out of your house at night. My
16 neighbor goes to work for the third shift
17 and she went out the door the other night
18 and barely missed getting skunked. I had to
19 use a half a can of Oust to get the smell
20 out of my house. I mean, I don't
21 understand, there is money for everything

22 else, why can't you just hire somebody to
23 get rid of skunks all over the city? It's
24 not just in my neighborhood.

25 Anyway, it's like beating my head

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1 against the wall and I have another -- we
2 are talking about the police officers being
3 cuts and shifts being cut, why are we
4 wasting a police officer's time having him
5 at a city council meeting when he probably
6 should be out on the street catching
7 criminals or whatever?

8 MS. GATELLI: He is not here.

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: We got rid of him
10 today because we knew they were shorthanded
11 and we didn't anticipate needing him, so we
12 asked -- so we sent him back into service.

13 MS. HUBBARD: Oh, I'm sorry, I didn't
14 notice that he left. Very good. I don't
15 think we need to have a police officer here.
16 I mean, it's not like people are coming in
17 with guns and shooting and have a riot.
18 Once in while somebody might get a little
19 out of hand, but, you know, they can be
20 quieted down and just escorted they don't
21 have to be arrested or have the police, but

22 that's just my opinion. Anyway, there is a
23 meeting next week; correct? This is not the
24 last meeting?

25 MR. MCGOFF: There is one more.

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1 MS. HUBBARD: Thank you.

2 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mrs. Hubbard.
3 Anyone else? Mrs. Evans?

4 MS. EVANS: Good morning. Mr.
5 McDowell did not appear before council this
6 morning, instead, he has sued city council.
7 Consequently, the public must wait even
8 longer for answers to his questions.
9 Unfortunately, council cannot comment
10 further on this situation due to pending
11 litigation.

12 I wish now to return to the \$10,000
13 the mayor gave to the East Scranton Business
14 Association to give to ECTV. Attorney
15 Minora, last week you indicated that the
16 mayor did have the right to give federal
17 UDAG monies to entities without the
18 knowledge and approval of city council. Do
19 you have a copy of your source today?

20 MR. MINORA: I said I was looking
21 into it. Yes, I have most of it written
22 out, I wanted to speak to a Steven Stein who

23 is on vacation until tomorrow, he is at HUD
24 and so, if you please, I would like to get
25 that done first before I put the whole thing

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1 in writing.

2 MS. EVANS: Thank you. And when you
3 are speaking with him if you could also
4 discuss this, and I raised this question as
5 well last week, if it were appropriate for
6 one organization to give it's government
7 funds to another organization.

8 MR. MINORA: That was actually the
9 primary reason why I wanted to talk to him.

10 MS. EVANS: Okay. Thank you. I
11 continue to be concerned about the use of
12 this \$10,000 because funding for a peg
13 channel operator was not listed among the
14 uses for the \$577,000 in the ordinance of
15 March 2006.

16 Also, I have not received a response
17 from OECD regarding the date of blight
18 declaration for 933 Prescott Avenue. The
19 issue of this property having been blighted
20 remains in question.

21 Further, although, I did not vote
22 for the \$577,000 in UDAG funds in March 2006

23 to be used by the mayor for his
24 discretionary projects, I was not surprised
25 by the treehouse and other projects because

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1 they were listed in the original ordinance,
2 thus, even if the mayor has the ability to
3 give UDAG funds to organizations without the
4 knowledge and consent of council, I
5 specifically question this extraordinary
6 case. My question is if any organization
7 can then give those funds to a different
8 organization. If so, what would prevent the
9 transfer and misuse of funds in any UDAG
10 allocation?

11 OECD records will reflect an
12 allocation to an organization or let's say
13 organization (a) when audited, but in fact
14 the funds are in the hands of organization
15 (b). As a nonprofit and organization (a)
16 will report the receipt of OECD funds and
17 the gifting of the same, the same dollar
18 amount to organization (b) who is not yet an
19 official nonprofit with a 501-C-3 status in
20 order to maintain it's own nonprofit status.
21 HUD must learn of the ultimate transfer of
22 these federal funds to ECTV to be used on a
23 property that was allegedly blighted.

24 Also, as a speaker mentioned earlier
25 the implementation of the Recovery Plan

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1 during the last few weeks has had serious
2 consequences throughout our city. I have
3 spoken to several members of the police
4 department who are very concerned for the
5 safety of the public as well as that of
6 their fellow officers. Particularly since
7 there have been only three officers taking
8 calls on a shift, for example, just last
9 Friday. The mayor says he will not cut
10 police officers yet we are now witnessing
11 the effects of the elimination of the
12 minimum manning clause and the assignment of
13 police officers by the administration, and
14 I'm sure we would all agree our officers
15 have been cut and that cut is jeopardizing
16 all of our safety and welfare.

17 Next, I have citizens' requests for
18 the week. Council has not received PEL
19 summaries since the meeting of 6-2-08.
20 Summaries have been received in a sporadic
21 and delayed manner in 2008. Council
22 requests all PEL summaries since the June 2,
23 2008, meeting.

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A letter to Miss Vitale, tax collector, council is in receipt of the

July 2008 year-to-date comparison for tax collections and is pleased to receive the monthly report of the Single Tax Office, however, all debits and credits for tax collections on pages three, four, five and six appear to be blacked out. Please provide all figures for the July 2008 tax collection data to city council as soon as possible and provide all information clearly in future monthly reports.

At 348 North Bromley Avenue, this property is overgrown. Neighbors report that grass and weeds have not been cut in five years. The owner resides at this address. The city inspector has visited the property several times and spoken to the owner, nevertheless, no action was taken by the property owner. Please follow-up with the next step in the process which addresses property owners who ignore warnings from inspectors.

1101 Cedar Avenue, residents of the area have registered numerous complaints about this blighted property which poses a

25 fire hazard. In summer months the property

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1 has a rodent, pigeon and stench problem,
2 while in winter the sidewalks are impassable
3 for students walking to South Intermediate
4 School. Please notify council when this
5 structure will be demolished and I did
6 notice that the structures to be demolished
7 in the near future that were reported during
8 last week's council meeting did not include
9 this particular address.

10 A letter to the appropriate party,
11 what is the timetable for work on the Parker
12 Street bridge? Residents in the area report
13 that no work has occurred since the bridge
14 was changed to one lane several months ago.
15 They further report the drivers ignore the
16 traffic signal and there have been several
17 near misses of head-on collisions.

18 The corner of Marvin and Wells
19 Street across from the Marvin Dutch Gap
20 Little League, there is a lengthy, deep open
21 ditch which runs the length of a resident's
22 property and is expanding continuously.
23 Approximately 24 vehicles have landed in
24 this ditch over the last few years

1 required a tow truck in order to be removed.
2 Both Mr. Parker and Mr. Brazil are familiar
3 with this location as they have inspected
4 the problem. Council requests that the DPW
5 purchase the necessary tons of rocks to fill
6 this ditch and perform this work inhouse.

7 Further, Linde Construction should be
8 contacted to repair the damage to the corner
9 that it's truck have caused. Now, as I
10 said, this has been ongoing for several
11 years and very likely the most appropriate
12 fix to the situation is extremely costly,
13 but the residents of the area and the
14 property owner would be satisfied with a
15 filling in of the ditch with rocks.

16 Now, the property owner has told me
17 that the DPW will purchase the rocks which
18 in effect are very inexpensive, but they
19 will not fill in the ditch in the street
20 with those rocks and so I'm asking that
21 council will agree to have the DPW please
22 provide this service for the residents of
23 that block.

24 3019 Pendant Street, the resident
25 has failed to comply with the city's vehicle

1 ordinance regarding current inspection and
2 registration. The city inspector has
3 reported this vehicle to Mr. Oleski and
4 Mr. Seitzinger, but no action has been
5 taken.

6 And I've lost count, this is a
7 second or third request, also last Friday I
8 reported a tree at St. Ann's Basilica which
9 is located between the sidewalk and the
10 street where a branch was dangling, a very
11 large branch above the sidewalk. I believe
12 the tree would have been hit by lightning
13 during a storm last week, and to my
14 knowledge the DPW has not yet turned up just
15 to take that one branch from the tree and my
16 concern is that it's going to fall on the
17 large number of pedestrians that are
18 traveling to and from that Novena or even
19 onto a parked car beside this tree.

20 Also, paint traffic lanes on
21 Lackawanna Avenue near the mall
22 entrance/exit near to the Lackawanna Avenue
23 bridge.

24 And maybe just one last anecdote, I
25 meet many people daily at St. Ann's Novena

1 who take, well, let's say tax advantage of
2 the fact that I'm a council person so that
3 they are able to have an ear for their
4 problems and one gentleman who resides in
5 West Scranton, in fact, he told me he has
6 lived there for 49 years and you can tell
7 just by looking at this gentleman and the
8 manner in which he performs his work because
9 he volunteers there that he is meticulous,
10 and he tells me that he takes -- he and his
11 wife both take meticulous care of their own,
12 their property as do many of the residents
13 of their block and they have done so all
14 their lives.

15 And then he proceeds to tell me that
16 about two weeks ago on a Sunday he witnessed
17 a drug deal occurring right on his street
18 corner and ever brave or foolish man that he
19 is because this is an older gentleman, he
20 approached these individuals himself and
21 said, "Get off my street. I have never had
22 drug problems on this street. I have lived
23 her all my life, I pay my taxes, now go."

24 Well, they just chuckled at him and
25 then the following Sunday they came back,

1 but this time the drug deal was conducted
2 right in front of his house, and again, he
3 went out and engaged them and said, "Not in
4 front of my home. Not on my block. Not in
5 my city."

6 And he asked me, "Mrs. Evans, what
7 has happened to Scranton? What is going on?
8 And I know where these people --"

9 Not me personally, he is saying, "I
10 know where this dealer lives and it's not
11 very far from me here."

12 And he gave me the address. He said
13 he had contacted the police on both
14 occasions about this and the police -- I
15 don't want to repeat the response because I
16 don't want to jeopardize anything that they
17 may be doing involving this, but the fact of
18 the matter remains with all that's been said
19 today as we are seeing the shrinking of the
20 number of officers per shift I just worry
21 that we are going to be seeing more and more
22 of what this very kind, you know, very wise
23 gentleman told me about and that's just one
24 of the stories that I have listened to over
25 the last five days.

1 So I think Scranton can ill afford
2 to continue on it's current path. We have
3 got to re prioritize and make the people's
4 priorities the budgetary priorities and
5 provide these essential services to the
6 people who have been paying taxes and living
7 here and taking care of their properties all
8 their lives. They deserve better. That's
9 it.

10 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mrs. Evans.
11 Mrs. Gatelli.

12 MS. GATELLI: Well, I just wanted to
13 say that I had Mrs. Garvey check on the
14 status of the independent audit for the last
15 several years and in 2002 we received it in
16 July, July 24. In 2003 we received the
17 audit in September of '04; '04's audit was
18 received in August of '05; '05's audit was
19 received in November of '06; '06's audit was
20 received in February of '08. I just wanted
21 to give a list of those to let you know that
22 that is when they have come in.
23 Mrs. Schumacher continues to ask and we do
24 want them to come in, but as you can see
25 they haven't always come in on time. The

1 only person I heard from when I sent letters
2 to the various authorities was the SRA and
3 they said that their audit would be complete
4 in August.

5 The crosswalk signs that we
6 discussed quite sometime ago, the ones that
7 are similar to the ones on Mulberry Street
8 where they are placed in the crosswalk for
9 people to have an easier way to access
10 crossing the street, I finally received them
11 from PennDOT. I picked them up last week
12 and delivered them to St. Joe's Church in
13 Minooka on Davis Street, West Scranton High
14 School and Robert Morris School. Anyone
15 else who is interested in receiving
16 crosswalks please contact me and I can put
17 the order in for you.

18 Mr. Gilroy continues to talk about
19 the lids on the garbage, the one entrance
20 and no security. I think that we need to
21 send Mrs. Yacavazzi a letter. We had
22 similar problems in Skyview in my
23 neighborhood and we met with the managers of
24 the project and we got things worked out, so
25 I think that we need to send her a letter as

1 council that there are some concerns over
2 there and that we would like to meet with
3 her, maybe we can meet with Chief Elliott,
4 or, you know, Bill, if you would want to go,
5 I'd like to go as a neighborhood person that
6 I have dealt with that situation before, but
7 see if she can meet with us at sometime, I'm
8 willing to go over there and see if we can't
9 get some of these things taken care of.
10 They should have some type of security at
11 that project. That's -- do they?

12 MR. COURTRIGHT: I don't mean to
13 interrupt you, but she had called me and
14 they have police officers there, I don't
15 want to say the names, she gave me the names
16 of who is there and the days they are there,
17 so they do have Scranton police officers
18 there, not continually, but what would be
19 considered the high crime times, so they do
20 have police officers there.

21 MS. GATELLI: Something is not right.

22 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yeah, well, maybe we
23 have to just dig a little bit deeper.

24 MS. GATELLI: We can just set up a
25 meeting and see what's what. Mr. Spindler

1 talking about the line painting, from what I
2 understand stood we did hire line painters
3 and they are painting crosswalks throughout
4 the city, so I will call Mr. Brazil and ask
5 him if he can't get those lines done. I
6 know that we have hired someone.

7 He also talked about no political
8 speakers having extra time. I say, yes, to
9 that. They should have the same time as
10 every other citizen. Sometimes I feel that
11 they come here just to get face time when
12 they are running for office, maybe I'm
13 wrong, but I think in my own opinion as some
14 people say at the podium that that's why
15 they come here and I agree that they should
16 be stopped after five minutes just like
17 everyone else.

18 The Home Rule Charter, we keep
19 talking about the Home Rule Charter, I know
20 we had a committee several years ago and it
21 was voted down. The time has since passed
22 that we can resurrect a new Home Rule
23 Charter Study Commission, so I would make a
24 motion today that we start to take the steps
25 to resurrect a new Home Rule Study Charter

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MS. EVANS: Second.

MS. GATELLI: I made a motion and Janet seconded it, Mr. McGoff.

MR. MCGOFF: On the question? I guess the only thing that I would ask is what steps are we looking to take by making this motion and, you know, and what the extent of --

MS. GATELLI: Well, Mrs. Garvey would know all of that, so we would have her initiate it and anything else that we would have to do as a council we would do, but there is a committee formed, they meet here for a year, I think they are elected.

MS. FANUCCI: Yes, it has to run on a ballot.

MS. GATELLI: You know, they run on a ballot, so it will take time to get it going, but it's well over five years --

MS. FANUCCI: It's time.

MS. GATELLI: We can do it again.

MR. MCGOFF: So what we are just asking to initiate the process.

MS. GATELLI: To initiate starting

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the process.

2 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. Anyone else?

3 All in favor signify by saying aye.

4 MS. EVANS: Aye.

5 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

6 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

7 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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

10 MS. GATELLI: Mr. Spindler and
11 several others also talked about no cops
12 being cut, as far as I am aware there are no
13 cops being cut in the Recovery Plan. If
14 there is no cops on the street I don't know
15 the reason and I will try to find out that
16 reason, but there are no less cops on the
17 payroll, so I don't really understand maybe
18 Bill will fill me in on it later, but as far
19 as I knew there is no less police officers
20 on the payroll and everyone is alluding to
21 the fact that the cops have been cut and
22 that's not true and I just -- Les Spindler
23 called me on the phone and said, "Make sure
24 you talk to the mayor about the police
25 officers and not cutting them," and I said,

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1 "I absolutely will make that phone call."

2 And I did speak to the mayor early

3 in the week and he has no intentions of
4 cutting any police officers, so I'd like to
5 find that answer out, why everyone is saying
6 it and why I'm getting a different story.

7 Bethlehem, Mrs. Schumacher talked about
8 Bethlehem. I have been to Bethlehem on
9 several occasions, it is a wonderful city,
10 they do wonderful things, but they have a
11 lot of things that we don't have. They have
12 their own health department. They have
13 their own ambulance. I believe they either
14 own their own water company or electric
15 company, I'm not positive which one, maybe
16 both.

17 MS. FANUCCI: Water.

18 MS. GATELLI: So, they are able to
19 access, you know, a utility. They get money
20 for a utility and many other things. They
21 charge at every swimming pool pay \$3.00.
22 Every child pays to swim. They have an ice
23 skating rink, everyone pays to go there.
24 So, you know, what you see and what's
25 reality is not always the same. They have a

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1 lot more assets to tax the people and to
2 provide services. It is a wonderful,

3 wonderful community. I would go there if
4 you would like to. I would take a trip down
5 there again, I know Mayor Callahan very
6 well, I have met him at several League of
7 Cities, he is very young, but he has got a
8 lot going and Bethlehem is really a
9 wonderful, wonderful city, I think it's one
10 of the top 25 places to live in the country
11 right now. So that's all I had to say about
12 that.

13 About the subpoenas and
14 Mr. McDowell, it really is unfortunate. If
15 you read the paper this morning, I think
16 that they try to use council and sometimes
17 some of the things that happen here that
18 aren't really pleasant and I think they try
19 to use that as a scapegoat excuse not to
20 come here, that it would be a circus and he
21 would be, you know, interrogated and we had
22 the tax collector here, we have had
23 Mr. Skantos here, we had the Tripp Park guy
24 here, we never had a problem with anyone
25 that we have had here, I mean, we are all

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1 professionals up here, we are all adults and
2 we never intentionally try to embarrass
3 anyone unless, of course, you know, they

4 didn't do something they were supposed to do
5 like Tripp Park, you know, there were many
6 things there that weren't done that should
7 have been done, but it was done in a
8 professional manner and I don't think we
9 ever had any circus-like atmosphere with
10 anybody that we have had at one of our
11 caucuses. So, I personally resented that
12 comment and I was really hoping that Kenny
13 would come here. I know him a long time, I
14 have nothing against him personally. He is
15 a very friendly personable guy, but, you
16 know, we just wanted to ask some questions
17 and I feel badly that he didn't come because
18 it's just going to drag on, you know, the
19 lawyers are going to be fighting it in Court
20 and it will be probably a year from now
21 before we even ever get an answer.

22 But I did have another question and
23 maybe Mr. Minora can tell me if this is
24 possible, is it possible to subpoena any of
25 the workers in the office to appear here? I

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1 know Mrs. Evans wanted them to come at one
2 point and he would not allow them and I
3 think when Mrs. Krake used to tell us about

4 that people weren't paying their wage tax, I
5 think she knew that probably from the
6 workers, I'm not sure and I'm not quoting
7 her, she didn't tell me that, but I know she
8 is the union rep over there and maybe they
9 told her, you know, we are not collecting
10 enough of the taxes, etcetera, etcetera, so
11 maybe we can have the workers or the clerks
12 or whoever handles this account over there
13 and maybe they know what happened. I don't
14 know, Amil, maybe you have to look into the
15 possibility of that.

16 MS. EVANS: Or maybe perhaps rather
17 than issuing a subpoena we could issue an
18 invitation to come and discuss the matter.

19 MR. MINORA: Well, that would be
20 fine. I just, you know, because we have got
21 litigation over this right now I would
22 rather not give you an opinion here, we can
23 talk in caucus about it.

24 MS. GATELLI: Would you look into
25 this for us?

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1 MR. MINORA: Sure. Sure. But, I
2 don't see any problem with inviting somebody
3 that would may be in a supervisory position
4 that would know asking them to come and

5 whether they do or not is another story, but
6 certainly somebody voluntarily coming to a
7 caucus is no problem at all that I could
8 see.

9 MS. GATELLI: Thank you, Amil. Let's
10 see what else I have here. Talking about
11 Nay Aug Park, Mr. Davis seems to think
12 that's done strictly for segregation
13 reasons. I don't believe that the Rec
14 Authority, the mayor or any of the five of
15 us would consider it that. I'm going to
16 speak for my colleagues on that because I
17 know that's not their reason either. We
18 have no jurisdiction over Nay Aug. It is
19 the Recreation Authority that sets the fee
20 at Nay Aug Park, however, I have contacted
21 other places that do have slides and they
22 all charge. I really don't have a problem
23 with charging at Nay Aug. I don't think
24 it's a segregation issue. I have spoken to
25 Mike Hanley at United Neighborhood Centers,

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1 he says it's not a problem. They get passes
2 to go on swim from the city and, you know,
3 they have their share of times up at Nay
4 Aug.

5 As far as continuing to talk about
6 the fees for delinquent properties, I'm
7 going to continue to say that I approve of
8 the fees for the delinquent properties. I
9 worked here long enough to know that there
10 are more landlords that don't pay their fees
11 than there are single family homeowners. No
12 one in this city has lost their house. I
13 have helped several people that have called
14 me and they were taken care of NCC, it was
15 not a problem, so she can -- Mrs. Krake can
16 keep up here every week and keep saying my
17 name, you know, Ernie Preate used to say,
18 "Just say the name, people won't remember if
19 it's good or bad, they'll just keep
20 remembering the name," but that's my reason
21 about the delinquent taxes, the absentee
22 landlords, so that's my response to that.

23 And 1101 Cedar Avenue, I called the
24 realtor yesterday when I went by because
25 it's totally overgrown right now. I know

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1 Todd or Tess has a citation filed there, and
2 I thought, well, let me call the realtor and
3 see what's going on, so he called me right
4 back and he said he would have the weeds
5 cut. He is working with someone that is

6 interested in buying the property and we are
7 going to give it another month or so and if
8 not we are going to try to have it
9 demolished and one of the neighbors is
10 interested in purchasing the vacant land
11 once it's demolished, so that's the update
12 on 1101 Cedar Avenue, and I think that's all
13 I have. Thank you.

14 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mrs. Gatelli.
15 Mrs. Fanucci.

16 MS. FANUCCI: I have the backup for
17 Mrs. Schumacher on the Cartena Family wine
18 owners, is that what you wanted 7-F for the
19 loan for the winery?

20 MS. SCHUMACHER: No, 7-F, Fratelli's.

21 MS. FANUCCI: Oh, you wanted
22 Fratelli's backup? I had read that, I had
23 read that like two weeks ago, but this of
24 the one that I did not read so far so I
25 thought this might be it, but I can get that

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1 for you before the end of the meeting about
2 the backup for that, but I'm going to read
3 this one now. This is a loan, a working
4 capital loan for \$35,000 for the community
5 grant project. They are for a five-year

6 term -- or for a ten-year term at 5 percent.
7 The total project cost for this is \$244,000
8 and the owner equity and the financing have
9 been invested, they are looking to improve
10 the whole site, that's what this is about.

11 So the public benefit for this
12 directly would be they are going to hire two
13 full-time positions and do what they are
14 expected to do through OECD and through HUD
15 and what they are going to do is open a new
16 warehouse for increased sales for wine
17 which, you know, can't be a bad thing, but
18 this project, and it is a very good project,
19 they actually were in the -- they have a
20 place in the Steamtown Mall and now they are
21 going to be relocating to 999 Providence
22 Road, so it's nice to see people who are
23 actually increasing their business and
24 creating new employment opportunities.

25 But I will get that other for you.

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1 I had read that two weeks ago actually when
2 it first was on the agenda for Fratelli's
3 for how much was the investment.

4 And, also, I wanted to send a letter
5 to remind the administrative people in city
6 hall to be sending us the call logs, for

7 some reason we did receive them twice, maybe
8 three times, but we are not receiving the
9 weekly call logs of people, so if Kay could
10 send a letter to remind them that I still
11 would like to that to see what the concerns
12 of the public are and to make sure that
13 their calls are being answered and
14 addressed.

15 Also, yeah, I wants to talk a little
16 bit about people coming here. Election is
17 coming and I think, Amil, this might be
18 something, I love to give you more work, but
19 something that we need to look into. I know
20 there is a rule about election and face
21 coverage for candidates and, you know, I
22 have seen what happens to this forum during
23 election time and I certainly would like to
24 try to put a handle on that now if we can,
25 maybe have some type of rule that, you know,

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1 if someone comes and they are a candidate
2 and they are going to use this forum then
3 what happens to the candidates who are not
4 using this forum? To me it shouldn't be
5 used at all, but it seems to happen, so if
6 we can look into what the rules are.

7 MR. MINORA: I can't, you know, quote
8 it exactly, I mean, it's in our rules, but
9 generally speaking they are not allowed to
10 use this forum to promote a candidate,
11 themselves or somebody else.

12 MS. FANUCCI: Right, but they come
13 here under the premise of, you know, ECTV or
14 whatever the issue of the week is and use
15 it, so what I would like to do is see what
16 we could do because I know equal face time
17 is a problem. You know, equal face time is
18 something candidatewise whether you give
19 someone five minutes and you are an elected
20 official -- excuse me, are you guys okay out
21 there? Are you okay? All right. Thank
22 you. I know that if there is a problem if
23 someone does get to have five minutes then
24 another candidate is still owed five
25 minutes, whether it's on their agenda or on

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1 some other topic so we need to look into
2 that if we can.

3 MR. MINORA: I'll take a look a
4 that.

5 MS. FANUCCI: And if not I'd like to
6 adopt something, I'd like to put something
7 here in our rules because I'm not going

8 through the election cycle like we have been
9 gone through in the past nor should the
10 viewers have to put up with five-minute free
11 commercials for whatever the issue of the
12 day is for a candidates.

13 MR. MINORA: Let me take a look at
14 it.

15 MS. FANUCCI: Thank you, and that is
16 all I have. I'm going to see if I can get
17 that information for Mrs. Schumacher now
18 that she is over her giggling. It's fun,
19 isn't it, to giggle? Thank you. That's all
20 I have.

21 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.
22 Mr. Courtright.

23 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes. Last week I
24 got the full support as council in sending a
25 letter to Dave Elliott asking about the

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1 manning of the shifts. We sent a letter
2 out, I had asked to have it to us by this
3 meeting, but we did not receive a response
4 yet and I'm hoping that after I get done
5 speaking I'll get the full support of this
6 council again. I'm going to explain what's
7 happening to the best of my ability. Did

8 they cut the number of men on the police
9 department? No, they haven't. What has
10 happened is with the ruling and their
11 implementing portions of the Recovery Plan
12 we don't have nearly as many people on the
13 streets as we had before.

14 My initial reason for bringing it up
15 last week is because of the calls I
16 received, and I put it in the letter to Dave
17 Elliott there were various people, and I'll
18 say generally who they were. One was from
19 an individual whose family member worked in
20 the COM Center 911, some from police
21 officers and some from people that listened
22 to scanners. There is many, many people
23 that listen to scanners and you can hear
24 what goes on the air, and that's why I
25 brought it up last week.

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1 This week, Sunday, I don't know,
2 somewhere about 3:30 in-between 3 and 5 I
3 got a phone call asking me do I realize how
4 low the manning was on that shift?

5 I said, "No, I hadn't."

6 Are you listening to the air?"

7 I said, "No, I'm not."

8 "We think you should listen to

9 what's going on."

10 I was busy doing something, digging
11 a hole in my yard actually, so I didn't
12 listen, I come back in I got another call.
13 The same thing, "Are you listening?"

14 So I started to listen and one car
15 took anywhere in the neighborhood of 8 to 12
16 calls, one guy within a two-hour period, so
17 I went to my school yesterday morning and
18 there was a note stuck in my door and it was
19 basically what the staffing was on that
20 Sunday evening on the second shift. I went
21 into Ray Hayes' office yesterday morning,
22 Ray wasn't there, his secretary wasn't
23 there, so I called and I left a message on
24 his machine explaining to him what I was
25 concerned about and asked him if he could

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1 look into it I haven't heard back from him
2 yet.

3 Here's is the staffing as I know it,
4 this isn't gospel because I don't have the
5 official thing, but I believe this is true
6 from what I heard from my own ears this is
7 what I believe is true. Central city, there
8 the option in the past we have C-1, C-2,

9 C-3. Central city had only one central city
10 car, C-1, but that car was pulled from
11 working central city from 1500 hours to
12 2100 hours or basically it would be from
13 3:00 to 9:00 there was no cars covering
14 central city -- North Scranton, North 1,
15 North 2, North 3, we had no North 1 or North
16 2, I believe, we had one car North 3, number
17 three car, that's the guy that I heard
18 getting run all over the town.

19 Greenridge there could be a
20 Greenridge 1 and 2, there was no Greendrige
21 1 and 2 there was just one Greenridge car.
22 There was people scheduled throughout the
23 day at the crime scene, different hours.
24 South Side there could be a South 1, South
25 2, South 3. There was a South -- there was

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1 two South cars not three South cars.

2 West Scranton there could be a West
3 1 and West 2 and West 3, there was no West
4 1, there was no West 2, there was a car
5 assigned to West 3, he was pulled also from
6 3:00 until 9:00 so there was no cars
7 covering West Scranton.

8 We had one man manning Car 18 which
9 is the transport vehicle which transports

10 the prisoners, does the booking or whatever
11 you want to call it. We had no Car 19,
12 which isn't uncommon which would be a second
13 transport vehicle. We had one man on the
14 desk. We had only one supervisor as a
15 command car, it was a sergeant. We had only
16 one corporal on the scene, so technically,
17 and you can spin this anyway you want and I
18 would imagine when they come back with their
19 answer to me it's going to sound different
20 than what I'm telling you, but this is the
21 way it is, people, believe me when I tell
22 you, I'm not lying about this, technically
23 between those hours we had four people
24 manning the entire City of Scranton because
25 they don't want to pay overtime.

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1 MS. GATELLI: Why do they have to pay
2 overtime? Where are the on-duty guys that
3 we have?

4 MR. COURTRIGHT: They have two guys
5 pulled and assigned to St. Ann's, which in
6 the past they used to get comp time, all
7 right, if you go to St. Ann's during the
8 Novena. Maybe people called in sick, it's
9 summertime, we have people on vacation, all

10 right? So, for whatever reason there wasn't
11 enough people to man the shifts. In the
12 past what would happen when that would
13 happen you would call overtime.

14 Now, I looked, I believe, I don't
15 have the paper in front of me, Sue had
16 gotten the information for me, last year the
17 police department budgeted \$115,000 for
18 overtime, all right? Now, the Recovery Plan
19 allows them to do what they want with the
20 manning. Say, for instance, they didn't do
21 any overtime at all in the City of Scranton,
22 that would be an impossibility, you are
23 going to have overtime, there is just no way
24 around it, but I'm looking at this, is it
25 worth either a police officer or a citizen

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1 or anybody getting injured or killed or
2 whatever even if we were to save \$115,000?
3 I think not.

4 I mean, we spend money on everything
5 in this city. Public safety, you know,
6 there is a gentleman that was a well,
7 well-respected police officer, he was
8 retired and everyone up here I think knows
9 him, I don't want to say his name because he
10 is a humble man and he had said to me during

11 the last election public safety had come up,
12 you know, it was a little bit of a political
13 football there and there was a shooting over
14 in front of West Scranton High School and at
15 that time this guy had said to me, he was
16 retired at the time, also, he said, you
17 know, you can't put a price tag on public
18 safety, and agree with him.

19 So, if the reasons for not manning
20 these shifts the way they should be manned
21 is potentially we could save \$115,000 I
22 would ask that everyone on this council
23 agree with me that that's not the way to go.
24 Someone is going to get hurt. It might not
25 be for a month or maybe a year or two years,

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1 but I don't want one of my family members
2 hurt and I don't want a police officer hurt
3 and not only that if you know anything about
4 that job you can only run from call to call
5 for so long before you are going to burn
6 out, right? You are going to burn out and
7 you are going to be short-tempered possibly
8 with the people who you are responding to
9 their calls or when you respond to the call
10 and it's taking a long period of time for

11 you to get, there was an incident at
12 Walgreen's and Main Avenue on Luzerne Street
13 in West Scranton and the guy was disorderly
14 and he was harassing people, he was
15 harassing cars going by, by the time we can
16 get a guy there, which is my one man that
17 ran all over the place, he was in the store
18 now causing problems, and then one man goes
19 to the call. On a call like that you need
20 to send two people, maybe sometimes more.
21 You don't know if he has a weapon, but
22 there's is a whole host of things and, you
23 know, I got labeled as -- what did they call
24 me during that election everybody? The
25 Crime Czar or something because they said I

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1 was trying to scare people. I'm not trying
2 to scare people.

3 And if Ray Hayes and Dave Elliott
4 have an answer for me that's different than
5 this, I'm certain they are willing to look
6 at it, but I believe in my heart this is
7 what's happening and it's happening more
8 often than not.

9 MS. GATELLI: Well, I wish you would
10 find out why there is only four people on?

11 MR. COURTRIGHT: Well, they are going

12 to tell me and here's what they are going to
13 tell me, well, you have a command car he is
14 answering calls, okay, so let the command
15 car and you got East Six he is answering
16 calls, okay, I'll even give them that. I'll
17 give them there supervisor is answering the
18 call, so now you got six. Does anybody in
19 this city think that six police officers can
20 man a shift I think not. I think not. It's
21 wrong and it's solely for saving money and,
22 again, we budget and I'm hoping I'm correct,
23 I believe it was \$115,000 last year. If the
24 reason is to try and save the \$115,000 which
25 is an impossibility, we will never save all

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1 of the overtime, if that's the reason then I
2 would ask does anyone on this council agree
3 that we should cut this minimal amount of
4 people for \$115,000?

5 MS. GATELLI: No.

6 MR. COURTRIGHT: Right, and I'm glad
7 you agree with me and there is extenuating
8 circumstances that happen all the time.
9 Sometimes they will need to send somebody to
10 transport a prisoner, say from Hazleton, so
11 you got two guys tied up on the dayshift,

12 all right, and it used to be daytime didn't
13 get the calls that they get now, if any of
14 you have an opportunity to stand next to a
15 police officer or if you know somebody who
16 has a scanner take a listen and listen to
17 how many times the COM Center will say, I
18 think they must have been told not to say
19 this anymore because they were saying
20 something different, "Command car, we got
21 three calls hanging. We got no cars
22 available. Command car, we got an assault
23 in progress, we have no cars available."

24 Now, you will hear them say quite a
25 bit of times, I think they might have been

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1 told about it, "Command car, could you call
2 in?"

3 And many a times when that command
4 car is calling in it's still we got calls
5 hanging and no one to respond. So it's not
6 scare tactics. Listen for yourself. Ask a
7 police officer for yourself, but, again, I
8 believe this is accurate what was given to
9 me and it's wrong and I will wait, you know,
10 I'm sure Ray will get to me, I'll give you
11 that, he has always come back to me whenever
12 I ask him a question and I will ask him to

13 look at this specific one and when we get
14 the response from Dave Elliott we asked for
15 part of last week and the week prior all of
16 the shifts and who is manning them and try
17 to get this squared away and I just I think
18 money shouldn't be the issue, and again,
19 maybe it can go on for a year or two years
20 and no one get hurt, sooner or later
21 something is going to happen and we are
22 going to have officer burn out, we're going
23 to have people frustrated because it's
24 taking so long to get to a call and it's
25 just simply not right, so I ask this council

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1 now do I have your full support from
2 everyone here, I would like to have
3 everybody's support to pursue this.

4 MS. GATELLI: Absolutely.

5 MR. COURTRIGHT: Is there anybody
6 that would disagree with me pursuing this?

7 MS. FANUCCI: No.

8 MS. GATELLI: I just want to know
9 where the 150 policemen are?

10 MR. COURTRIGHT: Like I said, it's
11 per shift and if you got people on special
12 assignment such as --

13 MS. GATELLI: Maybe we can get a
14 list of that, too.

15 MR. COURTRIGHT: Well, I have it.

16 MS. GATELLI: How many are available
17 for each shift.

18 MR. COURTRIGHT: Right. There is the
19 same amount available that were available in
20 the past, but in the past if somebody called
21 in sick, in the past if we had people on
22 vacation because of the manning clause they
23 would have to be replaced. Now because they
24 don't have to follow the manning clause they
25 don't have to replace anyone if they don't

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1 want to and that's what's happening. They
2 are not replacing people that are on
3 vacation, calling in sick, on special
4 assignment, whatever the case may be.

5 MS. FANUCCI: But, you are talking
6 ten cops calling in sick. You know what I
7 mean? That's what I'm trying to say, that's
8 a heck of a lot of --

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: And keep this in
10 mind, so we have no central city car from 3
11 to 9, we had one north car all night long,
12 we had one Greenridge car all night long, we
13 had two south cars all night long, we had no

14 west cast from three to nine, we had one guy
15 on Car 18, we had one guy on the desk, we
16 had one sergeant, we had one corporal. And
17 that one sergeant and one corporal is even
18 unusual, you know, if a major incident
19 happens that command car has to be there, he
20 has to be controlling the situation. If we
21 had a fire what we would have done if we had
22 a major fire? It would take more than four
23 cars just to block off the streets, you
24 know, which brings me to another problem. I
25 think the police department should have keys

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1 to the DPW to go and pick up barricades.
2 When we have a fire we have cars tied up
3 blocking streets because we can't get
4 barricades, but anyway --

5 MS. FANUCCI: Do you know if that
6 qualifies, if you're on a disability they
7 don't use that as, okay, well, you are done
8 and now we are not filling your person?

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: No, it's the shift,
10 they are not filling the shift itself.

11 MS. FANUCCI: It's the shift itself.

12 MR. COURTRIGHT: And I'm not saying
13 every shift, but it's happening too

14 frequently, and it really shouldn't happen
15 at all. I understand if you are from a
16 management standpoint that you maybe have
17 one guy off or two guys off maybe saying,
18 hey, we are going to try to squeeze by with
19 that, but this is to the extreme. This is
20 way to many, way to many.

21 And sorry I took so long for all of
22 that, but I think it's an important issue.

23 MS. GATELLI: That's okay.

24 MR. COURTRIGHT: And then that
25 gentleman, I forget his name, was it Gilory

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1 from Townhouse, right? I had just been
2 given this this morning when I came in from
3 Sue, Mark Seitzinger had been out there last
4 year and had told them down there that on
5 dumpsters they do have to have lids on them
6 and if they are concerned about the children
7 crawling inside or whatever that they should
8 put locks on the dumpsters so that children
9 can't crawl inside. So we are trying to
10 help this gentleman out, I know it's not as
11 fast as he would like us to, and maybe, Kay,
12 you could call over there and ask Carrie
13 Yacavazzi if she will meet with a couple of
14 us and we can try to get this straightened

15 out. I think she will cooperate. She is
16 not a hard person to deal with it.

17 MS. GATELLI: She used to be at
18 Skyview, too.

19 MR. COURTRIGHT: Right, they do have
20 police officers there and she gave me the
21 times and the days and the guys, I didn't
22 write it down, but I'm sure she will
23 cooperate and try to get it squared away,
24 and that's all I have. Thank you.

25 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr.

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1 Courtright.

2 MS. FANUCCI: Mr. McGoff, I did get
3 that information for Mrs. Schumacher if I
4 could just tell her quickly.

5 MR. MCGOFF: Go right ahead.

6 MS. FANUCCI: The total project cost
7 for Fratelli's Pizza is \$500,000. That's
8 how much it is for acquisition of the
9 building. They are actually buying the
10 building in which they are in now, so they
11 are only borrowing 120, so that is -- that
12 does qualify for the two for one, and the
13 benefits will be four full-time equivalent
14 positions. That is all. Thank you.

15 MR. MCGOFF: A couple of responses.
16 First, as far as Mr. McDowell appearing and
17 the lawsuit that received, I know we
18 shouldn't talk about this, but I think on
19 behalf of council that all we were looking
20 for was to gather some information. I think
21 maybe the term investigation is misleading
22 to some, this was by no means an attempt on
23 our part to embarrass, to demean
24 Mr. McDowell in any way. People have a
25 right to information about things that took

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1 place while he was tax collector and that is
2 all we wanted to do, and I think it's
3 unfortunate that it was not per received in
4 this way and I think it's unfortunate that
5 people will wait and wait and wait to get
6 what at least I thought was some simple
7 answers to some simple questions.

8 One of the pieces of legislation
9 that we are looking at today is a repeal of
10 the city smoking ban, that was done I think
11 with the agreement of all of us simply
12 because the state smoking ban was due to
13 take effect on, and I think the correct date
14 is August -- or, excuse me, September 13th
15 of 2008 and our -- if our ban were still on

16 the books then there was a question as to
17 whether ours would become effective because
18 of the exemptions that were placed into the
19 state law at Senator Mellow's request and
20 what we didn't want to have happen was again
21 have a conflict between what the city was
22 doing and what the state was doing and
23 resurrect some of the problems that had
24 existed prior and so we are hopefully
25 repealing the citywide ban and then when the

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1 state law becomes effective in August --
2 excuse me, again, in September then the city
3 will then be able to abide by the statewide
4 ban and create an equal, as was used before,
5 an equal playing field throughout the area
6 as far as a smoking ban is concerned.

7 I would, and this might be my first
8 going back, I would like to make a request
9 of the Single Tax Office as well on behalf
10 of council, I would like to send a letter
11 asking, and I'll also phone, I'd like to
12 have balance statements on the account in
13 which the \$12 million was deposited, balance
14 statements from, and you can correct me on
15 the dates if possible, from December 31,

16 2004, which I think is when deposits were
17 first begun, somewhere around there, up
18 until and including June 1st of 2008. I
19 would just like to see the amounts of money
20 that were being deposited into that specific
21 account and the interest and the manner in
22 which it did accumulate over the course of
23 that time.

24 Next, I'm going to disagree with
25 Mrs. Gatelli and Mr. Spindler and possibly

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1 Mrs. Fanucci on the ideas of some people
2 appearing before council. I answered
3 Mr. Spindler by saying, no, I don't perceive
4 some people as being better than others, but
5 I do think that certain elected officials
6 and certain speakers because of their
7 status, and I'll refer to Mr. Munchak when
8 he appeared, because of their status as an
9 elected official it does create a different
10 situation and I think that with some
11 discretion those people should be allowed an
12 opportunity to speak perhaps longer than
13 someone else. And I know that that wasn't,
14 you know, what Mrs. Fanucci is speaking of
15 today on idea of candidates appearing, I do
16 see that as a potential problem and

17 something that we should look into and setup
18 some guidelines for dealing with that. It's
19 never done with the idea of being
20 discriminatory, at least from my part it was
21 never done with the idea of being
22 discriminatory or showing favoritism to one
23 person or another, it was simply a situation
24 that I felt required an exemption sometimes.

25 And the last thing, dealing with Nay

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1 Aug park I do agree with Mr. Quinn, I think
2 it would be a sad situation if I felt people
3 were being denied access to Nay Aug pool in
4 some discriminatory way, however, I don't
5 believe that it is any type of racial
6 motivation. Mr. Dobson made the point that
7 it was more of an economic issue than it was
8 a racial issue and I believe that and I
9 think people who are trying to equate
10 socioeconomic status and race are the ones
11 that are being prejudicial and
12 discriminatory. Again, as Mrs. Gatelli
13 said. Many communities charge for all
14 public swimming. The fact that we had
15 charged for public swimming at one of our
16 pools I don't think is an attempt to

17 discriminate against any particular race or
18 creed or anything else. I think it's just a
19 status of the nature of Nay Aug pool as
20 being different than the other community
21 pools and hopefully it's not, and I don't
22 believe it is, again, we have said I don't
23 think it's any attempt to be or there is no
24 racial motivation of any kind in charging a
25 fee at Nay Aug, and that is all I have.

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1 Thank you. Mrs. Garvey.

2 MS. GARVEY: FIFTH ORDER. 5-B. FOR
3 INTRODUCTION - AN ORDINANCE - REPEALING FILE
4 OF COUNCIL NO. 64, 2006, (AS AMENDED), AN
5 ORDINANCE, ENTITLED "ORDINANCE OF THE CITY
6 OF SCRANTON, LACKAWANNA COUNTY,
7 PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING THE CLEAN INDOOR
8 AIR WORKER PROTECTION LAW WITHIN THE CITY,
9 PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF
10 SUCH SMOKING RESTRICTIONS AND ESTABLISHING
11 AN EFFECTIVE DATE" DUE TO THE PASSAGE OF ACT
12 27 OF 2008 BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
13 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

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

17 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

18 MS. FANUCCI: Second.
19 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
20 those in favor signify by saying aye.
21 MS. EVANS: Aye.
22 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.
23 MS. GATELLI: Aye.
24 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.
25 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The

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1 ayes have it and so moved.
2 MS. GARVEY: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -
3 A RESOLUTION - ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION
4 OF THE HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD
5 ("HARB") AND APPROVING THE CERTIFICATE OF
6 APPROPRIATENESS FOR HEMMLER + CAMAYD, 409
7 LACKAWANNA AVENUE, SCRANTON FOR ADDITION OF
8 ADA RAMP TO THE SIDE PORCH AND INSTALLATION
9 OF LOUVER SCREENING AT THE REAR OF THE
10 ESTATE BUILDING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
11 SCRANTON, MONROE AVENUE AND RIDGE ROW,
12 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA.
13 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll
14 entertain a motion that Item 5-C be
15 introduced into it's proper committee.
16 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.
17 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

20 MS. EVANS: Aye.

21 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

22 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

23 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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

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1 MS. GARVEY: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A.
2 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 34,
3 2008 - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF
4 COUNCIL 131 OF 2007 ENTITLED "SALE OF TAX
5 DELINQUENT PROPERTY AT GRAND AVENUE/BATLUCK
6 STREET, ALSO DESCRIBED AS LOT NO. 134,
7 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TO KEVIN AND
8 FRANCINE FITZGERALD, 309 BATLUCK STREET,
9 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18505, FOR THE SUM
10 OF \$1,357.00" TO CORRECTLY IDENTIFY PROPERTY
11 INFORMATION AS LOT NO. 152, MAP NO.
12 15719-030-047.

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

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

17 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

18 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All

19 those in favor signify by saying aye.

20 MS. EVANS: Aye.

21 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

22 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

23 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

24 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The

25 ayes have it and so moved.

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1 MS. GARVEY: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR
2 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY
3 DEVELOPMENT - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL
4 NO. 31, 2008 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
5 OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND
6 ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
7 SCRANTON AND LACKAWANNA HERITAGE VALLEY
8 AUTHORITY FOR A PRIVILEGE AND EASEMENT FOR
9 THE CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN OF THE
10 LACKAWANNA RIVER HERITAGE TRAIL TO BE
11 LOCATED ON THE TRAIL AREA.

12 MR. MCGOFF: What is the
13 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
14 Committee on Community Development?

15 MS. FANUCCI: As Chairperson for the
16 Committee on Community Development, I
17 recommend final passage of Item 7-A.

18 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

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

21 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

22 MS. EVANS: Yes.

23 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli.

24 MS. GATELLI. Yes.

25 MR. COOLICAN: Ms. Fanucci.

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1 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

2 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright.

3 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

4 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McGoff.

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

7 MS. EVANS: President McGoff, before
8 the next item is he read I move to amend
9 Item 7-B to strike "Public Access Channel 61
10 and 62" and to add in place of this phrase,
11 "Any and all peg channels."

12 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second?

13 MR. MCGOFF: On the question.

14 MS. EVANS: The reason for this
15 amendment is that it is unlikely that the
16 peg channels will remain as specifically
17 Channels 61 and 62 through Comcast. In
18 other words, those channel numbers can be
19 changed once, perhaps many times, and so in

20 order to provide for those future
21 alterations we are amending the motion.

22 MR. MCGOFF: All those in favor
23 signify by saying aye.

24 MS. EVANS: Aye.

25 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

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1 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

2 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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

5 MS. GARVEY: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION
6 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -
7 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 32, 2008 - CREATING AN
8 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO ACT IN AN ADVISORY
9 CAPACITY ONLY TO OVERSEE THE MANAGEMENT OF
10 PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNELS BY ELECTRIC CITY
11 TELEVISION ("ECTV") THROUGH THE COMCAST
12 CABLE SYSTEM.

13 MS. GATELLI: Say to include all peg
14 channels.

15 MS. GARVEY: To include all peg
16 channels.

17 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Roll
18 call, please.

19 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

20 MS. EVANS: Yes.
21 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli.
22 MS. GATELLI. Yes.
23 MR. COOLICAN: Ms. Fanucci.
24 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.
25 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright.

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1 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.
2 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McGoff.
3 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare
4 Item 7-B legally and lawfully adopted.
5 MS. GARVEY: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION
6 BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION -
7 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 33, 2008 - AMENDING FILE
8 OF COUNCIL NO. 140, 2007, AN ORDINANCE
9 "ENTITLED GENERAL CITY OPERATING BUDGET
10 2008" BY TRANSFERRING \$50,000.00 FROM
11 ACCOUNT NO. 01.080.0081.4010 (STANDARD
12 SALARY-DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS-BUREAU OF
13 ENGINEERING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PAYMENTS
14 TO PENNONI ASSOCIATES.
15 MR. MCGOFF: What is the
16 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
17 Committee on Finance?
18 MS. GATELLI: As Chair for Finance,
19 I recommend final passage of 7-C.
20 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

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

23 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

24 MS. EVANS: Yes.

25 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli.

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1 MS. GATELLI. Yes.

2 MR. COOLICAN: Ms. Fanucci.

3 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

4 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright.

5 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

6 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McGoff.

7 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare
8 Item 7-C legally and lawfully adopted.

9 MS. GARVEY: 7-D. FOR CONSIDERATION
10 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -
11 RESOLUTION NO. 44, 2008 - AUTHORIZING THE
12 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
13 TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH
14 KNOWLES ASSOCIATES, L.L.C., FOR INSURANCE
15 WITH HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT INSURANCE
16 EXCHANGE (HARIE), INDIAN HARBOR,
17 PHILADELPHIA INDEMNITY INSURANCE COMPANY AND
18 ARCH INSURANCE COMPANY FOR CITY INSURANCE
19 COVERAGES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2008,
20 THROUGH JANUARY 1, 2009, AND TO RATIFY ANY

21 AND ALL ACTIONS AND SERVICES PERFORMED SINCE
22 THE EXPIRATION OF THE PRIOR INSURANCE
23 CONTRACT.

24 MR. MCGOFF: As Chairperson for the
25 Committee on Rules, I recommend final

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1 passage of Item 7-D.

2 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

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

5 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

6 MS. EVANS: Yes.

7 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli.

8 MS. GATELLI: Yes.

9 MR. COOLICAN: Ms. Fanucci.

10 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

11 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright.

12 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

13 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McGoff.

14 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare
15 Item 7-D legally and lawfully adopted.

16 MS. GARVEY: 5-E. FOR CONSIDERATION
17 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -
18 RESOLUTION NO. 45, 2008 - AUTHORIZING THE
19 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
20 TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH
21 KNOWLES ASSOCIATES, L.L.C. FOR INSURANCE

22 WITH NAUTILUS INSURANCE COMPANY FOR CITY
23 INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 12,
24 2008 THROUGH JUNE 12, 2009.

25 MR. MCGOFF: As Chairperson for the

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1 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
2 passage of Item 7-E.

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-E legally and lawfully adopted.

17 MS. GARVEY: 7-F. FOR CONSIDERATION
18 BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -
19 FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 46, 2008 -
20 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
21 CITY OFFICIALS FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO

22 ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT AND MAKE A LOAN
23 FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION
24 LOAN PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 008.500.3 IN AN
25 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000.00 TO

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1 FRATELLI'S PIZZA & PASTA HOUSE, INC. TO
2 ASSIST AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT.

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

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

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

10 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Roll
11 call, please.

12 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

13 MS. EVANS: Yes.

14 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli.

15 MS. GATELLI. Yes.

16 MR. COOLICAN: Ms. Fanucci.

17 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

18 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright.

19 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

20 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McGoff.

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

23 MS. GARVEY: 7-G. FOR CONSIDERATION
24 BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -
25 FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 47, 2008 -

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1 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
2 CITY OFFICIALS FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO
3 ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT AND MAKE A LOAN
4 FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
5 PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 08-150.18 IN AN AMOUNT
6 NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000.00 TO CARTEGNA FAMILY
7 WINES LLC TO ASSIST AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT.

8 MR. MCGOFF: What is the
9 recommendation of the Chairperson for
10 Committee on Community Development?

11 MS. FANUCCI: As Chairperson for the
12 Committee on Community Development, I
13 recommend final passage of Item 7-G.

14 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

15 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Roll
16 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-G legally and lawfully adopted.

3 MS. GARVEY: 7-H. FOR CONSIDERATION
4 BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -
5 FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 48, 2008 -
6 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
7 CITY OFFICIALS FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO
8 ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT AND MAKE A LOAN
9 FROM THE COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL REVOLVING
10 LOAN PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 08-150.17 IN AN
11 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000.00 TO IT'S
12 OUTRAGEOUS, LLC TO ASSIST AN ELIGIBLE
13 PROJECT.

14 MR. MCGOFF: What is the
15 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
16 Committee on Community Development?

17 MS. FANUCCI: As Chairperson for the
18 Committee on Community Development, I
19 recommend final passage of Item 7-H.

20 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

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

23 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

24 MS. EVANS: Yes.

25 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli.

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1 MS. GATELLI. Yes.

2 MR. COOLICAN: Ms. Fanucci.

3 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

4 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright.

5 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

6 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McGoff.

7 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare

8 Item 7-H legally and lawfully adopted.

9 MS. GARVEY: 7-I FOR CONSIDERATION BY
10 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -
11 RESOLUTION NO. 49 2008 - AUTHORIZING THE
12 ZONING HEARING BOARD OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON
13 TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL
14 SERVICES WITH DANIEL L. PENETAR, JR.,
15 ESQUIRE TO ACT AS ITS SOLICITOR FOR A PERIOD
16 OF TWO (2) YEARS FROM JULY 1, 2008 THROUGH
17 JULY 1, 2010.

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

21 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

22 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Roll
23 call, please.

24 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

25 MS. EVANS: Yes.

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1 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli.

2 MS. GATELLI: Yes.

3 MR. COOLICAN: Ms. Fanucci.

4 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

5 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright.

6 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

7 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McGoff.

8 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare

9 Item 7-I legally and lawfully adopted.

10 MS. GATELLI: Before we adjourn I'd
11 just like to say one thing, that I hope
12 everyone noticed that we all voted five to
13 nothing on every ordinance that passed
14 before us today. And I also would like to
15 welcome the new reporter from the Scranton
16 Times, Jeremy Burton, he has replaced Stacy
17 Brown and we would like to welcome Jeremy
18 and congratulate Stacy on his new
19 appointment to the Lifestyles editor at the
20 Scranton Times. I just forgot before. A
21 motion to adjourn.

22 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

23 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you for your
24 participation.

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