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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 MR. MCGOFF: Roll call, please.

2 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

3 MS. EVANS: Here.

4 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli.

5 MS. GATELLI: Here.

6 MR. COOLICAN: Ms. Fanucci.

7 MS. FANUCCI: Here.

8 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright.

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: Here.

10 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McGoff.

11 MR. MCGOFF: Here. Dispense with
12 the reading of the minutes.

13 MS. GARVEY: THIRD ORDER. No
14 business at this time.

15 MR. MCGOFF: Any announcements? Mrs.
16 Gatelli?

17 MS. GATELLI: Yes. Well, the first
18 thing I would like to announce is tomorrow
19 evening, Wednesday, October 8th, and
20 Thursday, October 9th, is the St. Anthony's
21 Church on Wood Street, their annual
22 spaghetti and meatball dinner.

23 The City of Scranton and the Unico
24 are sponsoring their Tram of Terror again
25 this year. It's on Friday and Saturday,

1 October 10th and 11th, Friday and Saturday,
2 October 17th and 18th, and Friday and
3 Saturday October 24th and 25th. The cost is
4 \$5.00 and children under 12 is free.

5 And the last thing is Neighborhood
6 Housing Services is having a foreclosure
7 counseling kick-off, Thursday, October 9th,
8 at 11:00 in the morning for anyone that can
9 make it. It's at 709 East Market Street,
10 Senator Robert Casey, Junior, will join the
11 board of Neighborhood Housing Services,
12 staff and partners, in a major regional
13 foreclosure mitigation effort. I would
14 suggest that anyone whose mortgage is
15 falling behind or in danger of losing their
16 homes, they are a nonprofit housing
17 counseling and lending service and they will
18 be available to help you with your problems.
19 Neighborhood Housing Services' phone number
20 is 558-2490, and again, they are located at
21 709 East Market Street, and that's all I
22 have. Thank you, Mr. McGoff.

23 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else? Mrs.
24 Evans?

25 MS. EVANS: Geneses Wildlife Center

1 will conduct a Fall Fun Fair at Nay Aug Park
2 in Scranton, Saturday, October 18 in front
3 of the Wildlife Center from 12 to 4 p.m.
4 All money raised will go to the animals.
5 There will be games, hot dogs, coffee, hot
6 chocolate, pony rides, so please bring your
7 children and have a wonderful day at the
8 Wildlife Center.

9 Also, the public is cordially
10 invited to the annual Dunmore Cemetery Tour
11 on Sunday, October 12, from 2 to 4 p.m.
12 Julie Espe of the Lackawanna Historical
13 Society has put together a spectacular show
14 of the famous and not so famous persons
15 buried in the cemetery. Julie has
16 researched and written all 22 scenes.
17 Julie's actors make the deceased come to
18 life to entertain and inform you about how
19 they lived their lives and in the area long
20 ago before most of us were born. What a
21 wonderful way to spend an enjoyable Autumn
22 afternoon. Again, it takes place on Sunday,
23 October 12, at the Dunmore Cemetery at
24 2:00 p.m. The tour starts at the West
25 Warren Street entrance. No admission, but a

1 donation would be appreciated.

2 And, finally, beginning November 1,
3 2008, Comcast will be adjusting our prices
4 once again according to C. Elizabeth
5 Sterner, senior director of government and
6 community affairs for Comcast. Area cable
7 subscribers have endured several rate
8 increases from Comcast as we all know. Many
9 citizens are requesting that the city
10 consider other cable providers in it's
11 forthcoming selection process, and I must
12 say that I strongly support that suggestion.
13 That's it.

14 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else? I would
15 just like to mention this Sunday, this
16 coming Sunday is I believe the 13th running
17 of the Steamtown Marathon. Unfortunately,
18 registration closed last Sunday so that it's
19 too late if you were thinking of running. I
20 know that disappoints a number of people,
21 but just for your information's sake that
22 will mean a number of downtown streets will
23 be closed Sunday. It may make travel
24 through the city a little bit complicated
25 for a short time, but it's a great event.

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1 If you would like to see people who are

2 completely exhausted and ready to pass out,
3 you know, get down to Washington Avenue on
4 Sunday morning, again, it's a great event
5 and brings a lot of people to the City of
6 Scranton and an enjoyable day, and that is
7 all that I have. FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'
8 PARTICIPATION. Ozzie Quinn.

9 MR. QUINN: Ozzie Quinn, Taxpayers'
10 Association. 5-D, you have a resolution
11 authorizing the mayor to enter into a
12 memorandum of agreement between the US
13 Department of Interior and OECD to undertake
14 and manage construction activities at
15 Steamtown Park. What does undertake mean?
16 Does it involve money? What are they going
17 to do there? Does anybody have any idea?

18 MR. MCGOFF: I believe it's part of
19 the park project for Lackawanna Avenue.

20 MR. QUINN: Was that in the
21 redevelopment plan that was an urban -- that
22 was designated as a State Urban
23 Redevelopment, under the State Urban
24 Redevelopment, and I was wondering if that's
25 in the boundaries or also is this something

1 new that you would have to go back and amend

2 the plan? I never saw a plan. Did you see
3 the plan?

4 MS. FANUCCI: I didn't see the whole
5 plan, but I do not believe that this is --

6 MR. QUINN: Well, don't say you don't
7 know unless you saw the plan.

8 MS. FANUCCI: Well, I'm telling you
9 what --

10 MR. QUINN: I'll write the state.
11 I'll write the state then. Thank you.

12 MS. FANUCCI: This is why I didn't
13 want to answer him.

14 MR. QUINN: I don't want no
15 surmises, please, there is too much money
16 involved here. If nobody has saw this plan
17 or nobody knows if there is any money on it
18 how can you introduce it? This is bizarre.

19 MS. FANUCCI: We have to be a conduit
20 for anything that goes on whether it's
21 through the state or the Urban
22 Redevelopment, so even if it's already done
23 we still have to be the conduit.

24 MR. QUINN: Please, we only have a
25 few minutes to talk here --

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1 MS. FANUCCI: Well, then don't ask
2 questions if you don't want your answers.

3 MR. QUINN: Please. We only -- we
4 only have a few minutes to talk here and we
5 have a situation where nobody knows what we
6 are going to approve and it's a resolution,
7 it's read twice. Now, if you don't know
8 what's going on, I mean, what's the use of
9 citizens' participation?

10 MS. GATELLI: Ozzie, it's a piece of
11 the Steamtown National Historic site that
12 they are giving to the project.

13 MR. QUINN: Is OECD undertaking it?
14 Is money involved?

15 MS. GATELLI: No.

16 MR. QUINN: It says that.

17 MS. GATELLI: It's just flowing
18 through OECD because federal money has to
19 flow through the city.

20 MR. QUINN: So OECD is actually
21 administrating the money of the --

22 Ms. GATELLI: -- from the federal
23 government, yes.

24 MR. QUINN: From the federal
25 government.

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1 MS. GATELLI: Yes.

2 MR. QUINN: And it is has nothing to

3 do with the OECD allocation that comes to
4 CDBG?

5 MS. GATELLI: No. No. Absolutely
6 not.

7 MR. QUINN: And it's a part and
8 parcel --

9 MS. GATELLI: You can have this
10 backup.

11 MR. QUINN: -- of the Urban Renewal
12 Plan.

13 MS. GATELLI: Do you want the backup
14 after the meeting, I'll give you a copy.

15 MR. QUINN: Yeah. The Urban Renewal
16 Plan, too; right? You know, the reason I
17 ask that is because, you know, you get
18 federal money, again, our federal money,
19 state money, local money, it's all
20 taxpayers' money. That \$700 million,
21 billion dollar plan, bailout, that's
22 taxpayers' money, and the last time we even
23 had a peek at what we owe, the principal,
24 was a 2006 audit. The 2007 audit was under
25 the Home Rule Charter, which is supposed to

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1 be the law that runs -- the city is governed
2 by was due in May. It's now October and we
3 still haven't seen the 2007 audit. We don't

4 know what we owe, okay? And my guesstimate,
5 again, is about \$150 million in principal,
6 that's without the authorities, so we are
7 talking lots of money here, you know, and
8 I'm little concerned about this thing.
9 Where is this audit? What's holding this
10 audit up?

11 MS. GATELLI: The only thing I'm
12 aware of now is I think we got the parking
13 authority and we got NCC and we just
14 received the Sewer Authority.

15 MS. GARVEY: The parking authority we
16 did get.

17 MS. GATELLI: See, some of these
18 authorities their audits aren't due when
19 ours are due, so, it makes our audit be
20 late. I mean, the Sewer Authority I know
21 theirs isn't due until October, so how can
22 we do our audit if we don't have their audit
23 and theirs isn't due.

24 MR. QUINN: Well, then amend the
25 Home Rule Charter.

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1 MS. GATELLI: We really should
2 because it isn't right. We can't do our
3 audit with all of those other taxing bodies.

4 MR. QUINN: Yeah. One other thing,
5 too, and you know, I don't like to pick on
6 these people they are going to be
7 reappointed to the Housing Authority and the
8 fact is that in February when the HUD said
9 that the former executive director because
10 he was indicted by the federal government
11 cannot receive HUD money, may I finish this
12 for a few seconds? Okay, and I attended the
13 Housing Authority meeting and they said that
14 he had time coming, vacation time, overtime
15 and that he was being paid with the money
16 from the city, okay, that's the taxpayers'
17 money. It's eight months and I think, you
18 know, you should look into this, I don't
19 know how you can be approving people when
20 they are spending the taxpayers' money on
21 somebody that is indicted. Thank you.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Quinn.
23 Les Spindler.

24 MR. SPINDLER: Good evening,
25 Council. Les Spindler, city resident,

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1 homeowner. I didn't make the last two
2 meetings, Mrs. Gatelli, I think it was three
3 weeks ago you were reading that ordinance
4 about the outdoor burning, and I just have a

5 question, I didn't understand some of it,
6 are those outdoor pits are they legal or
7 illegal?

8 MS. GATELLI: They're only legal if
9 they have a screen and a flue, which is like
10 a chimney, and even if they are legitimate
11 if they are causing a problem to a neighbor
12 they are to call the police or the fire
13 inspector.

14 MR. SPINDLER: Okay.

15 MS. GATELLI: And they can be asked
16 to stop burning.

17 MR. SPINDLER: Well, it won't be a
18 problem until next summer now, we're in
19 winter, they don't burn. Okay, thank you.

20 MS. GATELLI: You are welcome.

21 MR. SPINDLER: Is there a reason why
22 the caucus was cancelled tonight with CDTV?

23 MR. MCGOFF: It was cancelled by the
24 people from ECTV.

25 MR. SPINDLER: Oh, I wonder why.

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1 Because I heard Chris Doherty ordered them
2 not to show up, and on that subject I think
3 it was back in July that Chris Doherty said
4 the \$10,000 given to CDTV was to clean up

5 blight in the basement of the church and
6 then in the Doherty newsletter on
7 September 24 it stated that the \$10,000 was
8 used to buy a digital server. To me that's
9 a misuse of federal funds. They used OECD
10 funds to not to clean of blight, they bought
11 a digital server right in this paper on the
12 24th of September. I think there should be
13 an investigation into them.

14 And another thing, there was a
15 question, I think Mrs. Gatelli you said a
16 few weeks ago, why do meetings have to be
17 live? Well, I think there is a number of
18 reasons, one, is I have an announcement to
19 make tonight about a meeting this time which
20 is nobody going to hear until tomorrow
21 night. I'm leaving here right after I speak
22 there is a meeting at the Tripp Park
23 Community Center to organize a crime watch
24 and now nobody is going to know about it, I
25 wasn't here last week to announce it, but we

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1 had one two weeks ago and there was a
2 terrific turnout.

3 MS. GATELLI: Do you have a phone
4 number that we can give out?

5 MR. SPINDLER: No, I don't. When we

6 have a meeting again I'll come down here and
7 announce it.

8 MS. GATELLI: Yes. I was in touch
9 with people in Tripp's Park.

10 MR. SPINDLER: We had a great
11 turnout.

12 MS. GATELLI: They asked for bylaws
13 from the South Side Neighborhood.

14 MR. SPINDLER: Lieutenant Numecki
15 came and spoke and asked questions and it
16 was great. That's why if this was live
17 tonight people could have heard it tonight.

18 MS. GATELLI: Find out when the
19 meetings are and we will be sure to announce
20 them.

21 MR. SPINDLER: I will. Who is
22 responsible for enforcing the smoking ban,
23 does anybody know, because I was at
24 Whistle's Sunday watching the football game
25 and on their door it says "Smoking

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1 permitted." I asked the bartender when I
2 went in and she said, "Les than 20 percent
3 of our sales are food."

4 I refuse to believe that. I have
5 been there many times, and I think that more

6 than 20 percent of their sales are food.

7 MS. FANUCCI: Les, is this the first
8 time you and I can honestly say we totally
9 agree on something. There is no way that
10 that is accurate, but the good thing is that
11 after a few months you can track the sales
12 of people's food to find out actually how
13 much they are buying --

14 MR. SPINDLER: I understand that,
15 but who is supposed to do that?

16 MS. FANUCCI: Actually, I believe it
17 would be the police, the police right now,
18 it is enforced by our police.

19 MS. GATELLI: And there is a hotline.
20 I know there's a hotline.

21 MS. FANUCCI: There is a hotline, but
22 eventually I think we are going to have to
23 incorporate that into our other departments,
24 I would think the Seitzinger and those guys
25 would have to be the people that do it, but

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1 that's what we are working on now, but I
2 agree with you.

3 MS. SPINDLER: Okay. Thank you.

4 MS. GATELLI: We'll get you that
5 number for next week. I'm interested myself
6 in that hotline number where you can report

7 people that are violating the Clean Indoor
8 Air Act.

9 MR. SPINDLER: I'm sure everybody
10 either saw it or saw it on the news that the
11 skit on Saturday Night Live about Scranton,
12 they didn't speak to highly of our city, I
13 know it was all for fun, and I think they
14 over did it a little bit, but I think a lot
15 of it was true. Nobody wants to live in
16 this city anymore. Everybody is moving out.
17 I think the only one that wants to come into
18 the city is that black bear that keeps
19 showing up here. We keep finding it in the
20 tree.

21 MS. FANUCCI: Oh, the bear? I
22 thought you said mayor.

23 MR. SPINDLER: They should the bear
24 up in the treehouse, he would have a lot of
25 fun up there. The next thing, my last

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1 thing, somebody asked me to make this
2 announcement, Sunday, at St. Stanislaus
3 Elementary School there is a Polish food
4 festival and it's 530 South Street, it's
5 from 12 to 6 this Sunday, October 12, that's
6 all I have. They just asked me to make that

7 announcement. Thank you.

8 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Spindler.

9 MS. EVANS: Just one thing though I
10 wanted to add to that that maybe
11 Mr. Courtright can help us with, I do know
12 of other city residents who had problems
13 with neighbors burning throughout the summer
14 months in those bowls and similar situations
15 and they had called the police and the
16 police when they arrived had told the
17 individuals there is nothing that they could
18 do about it, there is actually nothing on
19 the books to prevent that, so maybe if you,
20 Mr. Courtright, could pass along the
21 information we were given so that in the
22 future, you know, in the better weather
23 months when this starts to occur again the
24 police will know that it is actually part of
25 an ordinance.

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1 MR. COURTRIGHT: I think what we need
2 to do is see if Captain Graziano can deal
3 with Mark Seitzinger and there is so many
4 ordinances in this city that the police
5 can't know them all, and this is one is
6 relatively new. I think what they can do is
7 if they get called out they can make a

8 notation of it and then have Mr. Seitzinger
9 possibly cite them or maybe the police
10 themselves can cite them. I've got to be
11 perfectly honest for you, I don't think they
12 know exactly what they can do, so I'll speak
13 with Captain Graziano and see if he can't
14 talk to Mark Seitzinger and get something
15 worked out.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Barbara O'Malley.

17 MS. O'MALLEY: Good evening. For
18 most of the past decade the residents of
19 Scranton and Lackawanna County who are
20 Comcast subscribers were able to see a rich
21 offering of local government bodies in
22 action. The meetings of the Planning
23 Commission, Redevelopment Authority, Prison
24 Board, Sewer Authority, Scranton School
25 Board, Recreation Authority, Zoning

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1 Commission, County Commissioners and, of
2 course, the weekly meetings of this body,
3 Scranton City Council, were broadcast. Most
4 of these meetings were shown live with four
5 or five replays at times chosen with the
6 convenience of the citizens in mind. Any
7 citizen who wanted to know what his or her

8 government was doing had the opportunity to
9 watch.

10 Things certainly have changed.
11 Since Scranton Today was replaced by ECTV as
12 the operator of Channel 61, the only
13 governmental meetings shown are Scranton
14 City Council, the meetings of the County
15 Commissioners and an occasional board
16 meeting. No meetings are cable cast live
17 and the replays are few and far between. In
18 fact, city council receives only one airing
19 in prime time.

20 So much for an informed electorate,
21 so much for open government and so much for
22 democracy. ECTV has maintained from the
23 beginning that replays, particularly of
24 council, would be severely limited. In
25 fact, this approach seems to be a matter of

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1 pride with them. Why is this? Do they have
2 so much programming that council can only be
3 squeezed in three times a week? This can't
4 be the reason as any channel surfer will
5 tell you. For the vast majority of the day
6 there is no programming on Channel 61 and
7 sister station Channel 62. Why the lack of
8 replays? Perhaps the management of ECTV

9 believes it is preferable to have nothing on
10 rather than additional airing of council
11 meetings. This, of course, flies in the
12 face of reason. The availability of
13 frequent prime time rebroadcasts allows an
14 additional citizens to see the meeting,
15 citizens who might not otherwise have that
16 opportunity and if a viewer has already
17 viewed the meeting, they have many other
18 program options available to them, no harm
19 done.

20 Perhaps the management of ECTV
21 believes in only lip service to the concept
22 of an informed electorate. Certainly, no
23 sane individual would argue that limiting
24 replays increases a citizen's opportunity to
25 be informed. I think we all know that

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1 limiting replays, in fact, limits citizens'
2 awareness of the workings of their
3 government and the crowning irony, of
4 course, is that this station is now fully
5 funded by taxpayers' dollars, my dollars and
6 yours.

7 So, this is the deal, the new deal,
8 if you are a citizen interested in your

9 government and you are a viewer subscribing
10 to Comcast you will simply have to settle
11 for less, much less, and you will have to
12 pay for the privilege.

13 Now, at a recent council meeting Mr.
14 Courtright quoted a Comcast technician to
15 the effect that live council meetings could
16 be resumed almost immediately using the
17 infrastructure that is still in place.
18 This, of course, would require the
19 cooperation of Scranton Today. Well, I
20 can't speak for the Board of Scranton Today,
21 I can say that as one board member I would
22 be willing to consider such a proposal in
23 order for the citizens of this city to be
24 able to see their government in action
25 that's it. Thank you.

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1 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you,
2 Mrs. O'Malley. Jim Stucker.

3 MR. STUCKER: Hello, Mr. Courtright.

4 MR. COURTRIGHT: How are doing, Jim.

5 MR. STUCKER: We need a policeman up
6 over where I live on Adams Avenue on those
7 four corners. We have people walking across
8 in the daytime, school kids, who have to
9 walk across and it's -- some people go too

10 fast through the light and everything.

11 MR. COURTRIGHT: What do you need,
12 Jim?

13 MR. STUCKER: We need a police
14 officer at the four corners.

15 MR. COURTRIGHT: All right, we'll
16 see what we can do.

17 MR. STUCKER: And I was up and down
18 the streets last week walking and I seen a
19 lot of garbage, couches, beds in front of
20 people's houses.

21 MS. FANUCCI: I did, too.

22 MR. COURTRIGHT: Mrs. Fanucci agrees
23 with you.

24 MS. FANUCCI: Yeah, they were
25 putting out garbage way too early and not on

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1 the days that they were picking up and I
2 noticed it also all over the city and it's
3 something we might need to start enforcing
4 because it is, you know, with the rodent
5 problems and other things this is not
6 something we should be doing. I agree with
7 you.

8 MR. STUCKER: I'm afraid if they
9 putting mattresses out there and I'm afraid

10 something is going to throw a match.

11 MS. FANUCCI: I never thought of
12 that.

13 MR. COURTRIGHT: Right.

14 MR. STUCKER: They should have some
15 guys drop a dumpster in front of a house and
16 throw it all in.

17 MR. COURTRIGHT: Okay, Jim.

18 MR. STUCKER: I'm feeling a little
19 better than I did.

20 MR. COURTRIGHT: That's good. You
21 made out okay at the hospital?

22 MR. STUCKER: Yeah.

23 MR. COURTRIGHT: Good.

24 MR. STUCKER: Yeah. Okay?

25 MR. MCGOFF: Okay, Jim. Thank you

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1 very much. Take care of yourself. Joe
2 Talimini.

3 MR. TALIMINI: Joe Talimini, City of
4 Scranton. Several months ago when I brought
5 this subject up before one of our tenants of
6 Washington West was killed right across the
7 street in a wheelchair and nothing has ever
8 been done about it. I don't know what the
9 police department is doing, no charges were
10 filed or anything else, but she was struck

11 while she was in a crosswalk.

12 Today one of our other residents was
13 also wheelchair bound and met with the mayor
14 and they safety commissioner, he was stuck
15 on two occasions in the ruts getting out on
16 the sidewalks. Now, he was stuck there.
17 The wheel was spinning because he was in a
18 ditch and he couldn't get out of it. Now,
19 this man is totally incapacitated, he can't
20 get out of his wheelchair, so I think it's
21 incumbent upon this council to do something.
22 If it's cornering the mayor and hitting him
23 in the head with a hammer, but these things
24 have got to be repaired because these people
25 are responsible for their own chairs. And,

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1 God forbid, we should lose another tenant
2 and I guarantee you there will be a
3 revolution in this town and that will
4 include you people as well as the mayor
5 because they have had it up to here with
6 this and, I mean, it's a constant thing that
7 these people cannot transit these crosswalks
8 because they are in dire need, all you have
9 to do is walk right across the street and
10 you will see what I mean.

11 I don't know what the state is
12 doing, what the Department of Transportation
13 is doing. I talked to one of our
14 representatives that was on the
15 transportation committee about North
16 Washington Avenue, he was going to get back
17 to me, but I don't think he will be getting
18 back to me for quite awhile, hopefully, he
19 won't get back to me at all, but these
20 streets are in dire need of repairs and this
21 is one of the major factors we have here.

22 Secondly, with regard to ECTV, I am
23 dead set against renewing the contract with
24 Comcast. Now, I lived in an area which was
25 just below Atlanta where we got 110

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1 stations, including HBO and Showtime and our
2 total bill was \$29.50 a month. This was a
3 franchise which was run by the city and I
4 don't know why there is a disparity of about
5 \$50 a month extra for me to live in Scranton
6 watching TV as opposed to living down there
7 which is a much more metropolitan area, so I
8 think we should really investigate the
9 renewal of the franchise with Comcast. I
10 think we can get a much better deal.

11 Mr. Courtright, as you well know, the

12 police department is overtaxed. I don't
13 know what the hell is going on, but I listen
14 to that scanner 24 hours a day and when they
15 have more than two or three calls they have
16 to try to break somebody away to go
17 someplace else and, I mean, the situation is
18 ridiculous now. The crime is increasing in
19 this community even though some people would
20 like to sweep it under the rug and say we
21 don't have any crime. We had a man that
22 just died, we had a man who was stabbed down
23 by the Gino Merli Center at 7:30 in the
24 morning. We had a stabbing, I believe it
25 was the same evening, right around the

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1 corner from the United Neighborhood Center.
2 We had shots fired over Midtown apartments.
3 We had a man with a gun at Coopers. We have
4 had all kinds of people roaming the streets
5 up there. We are working with the Housing
6 Authority now to get the security hours
7 changed, hopefully, they will go through
8 with it, but if not they will hearing from
9 us again. But, it's a situation in this
10 town which really needs looking into it.
11 It's beyond the point of just an occasional

12 happening, it's a daily happening.

13 The University of Scranton is
14 another problem. Now, first of all, I know
15 they can't teach a course in common sense
16 101, but having those hot dogs stands up on
17 Mulberry Street and having those kids walk
18 back and forth across the street when they
19 crosswalks there, they walk right out in
20 front of the car especially at night with
21 dark clothing on. We have our police
22 department up there breaking up fights going
23 all over the Hill section and it's all
24 involving parties -- the University of
25 Scranton has their own security force I

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1 believe, I don't know what they do, but they
2 have it. We are still questioning what they
3 do. It's a definite need up there. I mean,
4 far more police action is needed.

5 As for ECTV, I recall Commissioner
6 Munchak coming down here as a private
7 citizen on his own, nobody asked him to come
8 down, he came on his own, and he pointed out
9 very clearly, and this man incidentally is
10 an accountant, that the entire proposal was
11 flawed, that none of the figures matched. I
12 find it hard to believe that astute

13 businessmen would come into this town and
14 live here, that's the funny part, try to get
15 a business started without putting a dime
16 out of their own pocket. They want the city
17 to fund them.

18 Now, this would be very nice. I
19 would love if it I could come in here and
20 say I want to open a business and
21 I need \$10,000 to buy equipment and I need
22 another \$90,000 later on plus another
23 \$125,000 for payroll. I mean, I'm missing
24 out someplace. Maybe OECD is hiding
25 something from me. If there is that kind of

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1 money available for people who can afford to
2 get into the business then I sure as hell
3 would like to have some of it, too, because
4 I can't afford it.

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

6 MR. TALIMINI: Incidentally, one
7 other thing, I would like you to declare
8 either the black bear or the skunk as the
9 national animal for the City of Scranton,
10 because we have an abundance of both.

11 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.

12 MS. HUBBARD: We have more skunks

13 than bears.

14 MR. DOBSON: Good evening, Council.
15 Dave Dobson, resident of Scranton and member
16 of the Taxpayers' Association. I'm glad to
17 see on 5-B and C that we are finally trying
18 to get someone on our Ethics Commission.
19 One of our members have been unable to get a
20 hearing for months now and hopefully that
21 will change before things gets ugly for all
22 parties concerned.

23 On 5-D I have a question, will it be
24 open to all, this park? It will definitely
25 be open to all.

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1 MS. GATELLI: Yes.

2 MR. DOBSON: Like Nay Aug or --

3 MS. GATELLI: Yes.

4 MR. DOBSON: Well, that's wonderful
5 and I know where it is, it's the old
6 computer train track behind the 500 block of
7 Lackawanna Avenue and it is it need of
8 renovations, but hopefully the federal
9 government will help us out there a little
10 bit even though they can't seem to help
11 themselves lately, anything but your money.

12 On 6-A, 6-B and 6-C, can anybody
13 explain to me what that's all about? I

14 thought we didn't sell properties of people
15 that were tax delinquent.

16 MS. GATELLI: Yes, we do.

17 MR. DOBSON: We do?

18 MS. GATELLI: Oh, absolutely we do.
19 We always sell tax delinquent property.
20 It's a quite lengthy process and it takes a
21 long time and some people aren't patient,
22 but, yes, we do sell tax delinquent
23 property.

24 MR. DOBSON: Because we have on here
25 for \$2,000, one for \$8,000 and done for

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1 \$5,000. I hope these people are given an
2 opportunity to make amends on these taxes
3 where if they come up with and it cancels
4 the deal.

5 MS. GATELLI: You mean the original
6 owner?

7 MR. DOBSON: Yes.

8 MS. GATELLI: Well, during the
9 process the original owner is given the
10 option to pay it and nine out of ten times
11 they don't because they owe so much.
12 Sometimes they are 20, 30, 40 years old, so
13 the original owners that's why they are tax

14 delinquent they don't want the property
15 anymore. But, yes, they are given the
16 opportunity in Court.

17 MR. DOBSON: All right. And then
18 7-A, of course, related to the other, the
19 park. And that's about it, other than on
20 7-B, C and D, hopefully once again these
21 people will have a clean situation coming
22 into there -- or staying on there and we
23 won't have anymore alarming situations where
24 records are being hauled out, indictments
25 are being handled out or whatever, we don't

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1 need that anymore.

2 There is one other thing that came
3 to my attention at Nay Aug Park, I see the
4 workers working away and they seem to do
5 their jobs pretty well and they should be
6 commended for that, but the concession stand
7 on Wednesday nights, now, I was up there
8 during the Wednesday night concerts last
9 year and you would stand approximately
10 15 minutes in line just to be waited on, and
11 that's okay. This year they weren't open.
12 I can't imagine why somebody would be handed
13 a concession stand like that when they don't
14 plan to stay open especially when there is

15 money to be made there. You can't tell me
16 if I have to wait 15 minutes in line and
17 spend \$20 because we skipped our dinner and
18 went up to the concert and decided to buy
19 hamburgers and hotdogs and pizza or
20 whatever, why this man can't stay open. So,
21 this year has gone by, but next year I would
22 really love to see the concession stand open
23 on Wednesday nights. It would help keep it
24 more live as far as I'm concerned and people
25 should be able to purchase things and get up

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1 there without or worrying about getting in
2 there and getting dishes thrown away and all
3 of that baloney, you know, to rush up there,
4 because like I said, with everybody standing
5 in line for 15 or 20 minutes, you know, it's
6 kind of hard to tell me they make money.
7 Thank you and have a great night.

8 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Dobson.
9 Other speakers?

10 MS. DOLAN: Good evening, Council.
11 Good evening, citizens of Scranton. Donna
12 Dolan, homeowner, resident of the Plot. I
13 was pleased to see on the repeat of last
14 week's council meeting that progress is

15 being made in addressing our skunk problem.
16 I first of all would like to thank
17 Mrs. Evans for initiating the proposal to
18 send a letter to the mayor. I'd like to
19 thank all of council members for unanimously
20 supporting that and, of course, I thank the
21 mayor for listening to you. It just goes to
22 show what can happen when there is agreement
23 among council members and agreement between
24 council administration. Ever the optimists
25 that I am, I would hope the concerns of

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1 other citizens may have the same positive
2 cooperation and results. Thank you.

3 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you very much.

4 MR. MORGAN: Good evening, Council.
5 The first thing I have here is I think
6 Mrs. Fanucci said something that may have
7 been important today she talked about
8 accountability, and I really think that's
9 something that's seriously lacking here in
10 the city for a very long time. I think the
11 president of the tax group brought up
12 something else that's pretty important and
13 that seems to be the audits, and for the
14 life of me I can't understand how these
15 things could be out of sync. All of the

16 audits should be done at the same time
17 because it would help to let the residents
18 be informed of that actual fiscal situation
19 of the city instead of waiting and waiting
20 and waiting and never really having any
21 answers.

22 I can understand why ECTV didn't
23 come here tonight. How can you defend the
24 service we are receiving and how can you
25 defend the mayor's move to do the things he

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1 has done here? There is no open government
2 in Scranton, there is closed government.
3 There is government that benefits the few at
4 the expense of the many.

5 I took a little time today driving
6 through the city and I have to say that
7 there are some very beautiful homes for sale
8 which people have put a ton of money into.
9 What would ever induce somebody to move out
10 of a city when they have sunk as much money
11 into some of these homes as they obviously
12 have? I mean, there is homes tucked in this
13 city that are just breathtaking when you
14 look at them. All of the money that's been
15 spent and they want to leave and then, of

16 course, there is droves of other homes for
17 sale where there has actually been quite
18 possibly a lack of maintenance possibly
19 because the owner is either economically
20 underemployed or they are just too old to
21 maintain the property.

22 But I think the underlying problem
23 is as Mrs. Fanucci brought up
24 accountability, and that accountability is a
25 total lack of accountability by the elected

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1 officials of this city, and that seems to be
2 in my opinion the reason why ECTV is here.

3 Now, when Mrs. Gatelli was president of
4 council, I remember being locked outside
5 when I was the first person on the speaker's
6 list. I can't understand that? Don't we
7 want the residents to come here and present
8 their arguments to council? Don't the
9 citizens have a right to speak to their
10 government? Haven't the residents of this
11 city spoke to their government for an
12 extremely long time and hasn't the
13 government itself came forward with many
14 promises? We are going to revitalize this
15 city. We are going to create jobs. We
16 haven't revitalized this city. We have

17 taken money and given it to connected people
18 and it's really injured the people that
19 aren't connected.

20 The infrastructure in this city is a
21 complete mess. The decisions that need to
22 be made need to be made by this council and
23 the mayor. How can this chief executive of
24 this city who rammed the ballram through the
25 Scranton Sewer Authority with American

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1 Anglican defend that? How can this mayor
2 possibly defend all of the borrowing he has
3 done? That's my question. Maybe the mayor
4 would care to come here and answer those
5 questions. I remember he stood at this
6 podium once and I questioned him because I
7 came up and spoke before him, he had nothing
8 to say and this is the chief executive
9 officer?

10 So, I think that for once, not for
11 once, on other occasions Mrs. Fanucci has
12 said things that were very relevant, but
13 tonight she probably said the most relevant
14 statement that I have heard in this council
15 chamber for a very long time. It all comes
16 to accountability and my question is when

17 are the people who make the decisions in
18 this city going to be accountable, and I
19 think that it may never happen or it will
20 happen like what's happened here at Wall
21 Street. Because to be honest with you, this
22 city is in worse shape than Wall Street and
23 my question is, is the federal government
24 going to come in here and bail us out or
25 should we just renig on our bonds and force

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1 the government to pay for them because
2 bluntly the residents are sucked dry. So,
3 remember, accountability is important and as
4 a governing body please give it a try.
5 Thank you.

6 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Morgan.

7 MR. JACKOWITZ: Bill Jackowitz, South
8 Scranton resident. Toast Master's
9 International, which is a very
10 well-respected worldwide public speaking
11 organization states that the person at the
12 podium is the speaker and everybody else are
13 the listeners, and I really would hope that
14 that would be applied here at city council.
15 The person at the podium is the speaker,
16 that's why that person has the podium.
17 Everyone else are the listeners. We all

18 have our time to speak. Some people get
19 more than others. Council can speak for as
20 long as they want whenever they want, so,
21 please, try not to interrupt speakers
22 anymore. It would go a long way to make
23 these meetings a lot more sociable and
24 friendly.

25 I am curious, who is at fault?

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1 Christopher A. Doherty, city council,
2 Taxpayers' Association, someone must accept
3 the responsibility for the City of Scranton
4 being distressed for 17 years and the
5 Recovery Plan not being implemented. We
6 know that Mr. Austin Burke placed the blame
7 on speakers that attend city council
8 meetings for businesses not moving into the
9 city. So, maybe the speakers are
10 responsible for the Recovery Plan not being
11 implemented and contracts not being
12 approved. Possibly the Legion of Doom.
13 They should never have spent \$6 for these
14 t-shirts.

15 ECTV, where are on Mr. Darcy, Mr.
16 Migliore and Mayor Doherty? It seems that
17 no one shows up when they are invited or

18 subpoenaed before Scranton City Council. I
19 guess council members know how Rodney
20 Dangerfield felt. Don't you just love it
21 when a plan comes together?

22 The majority three did not let me
23 down. They didn't let the community down by
24 voting three to two bail out mayor countries
25 Doherty out again. We were he told that the

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1 city has to be saved, just like the country
2 has to be saved by the bailout. Also, we
3 were informed that in order not to raise
4 Scranton taxes, the borrowing/refinancing
5 had to be approved. Now that this
6 borrowing/refinancing has been approved I
7 hope that the streets will plowed this
8 winter, contracts are signed, fire stations
9 are not closed, firefighters are not
10 terminated, beat officers are on the streets
11 year round, new police cruisers are on the
12 street, distressed status is removed,
13 unemployment reduced from 6.7 percent, new
14 jobs that pay more than minimum wage are
15 created. Scranton's wage tax is reduced
16 from 3.4, the third highest in the state.
17 If council members would not interrupt
18 speakers it would surely cut down on

19 unemployment rates.

20 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you,
21 Mr. Jackowitz. Anyone else?

22 MS. HUBBARD: Good evening, Council.
23 Liz Hubbard, Scranton resident, taxpayer. A
24 couple of few months back Jean Suetta came
25 to council and asked for "Children at Play"

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1 signs on Gardner Avenue. They were there in
2 a week. Well, we really need some on the
3 100 and 200 block of Marian and where Ross
4 Avenue comes in because when they redid the
5 road for the flood project, the Ross Avenue
6 turns into a blind curve. One of my
7 neighbor's dogs got run over and killed and
8 a car almost hit a kid. They fly around
9 there. They don't stop for the stop signs
10 and there is a four-way stop sign and Marian
11 and Gardner and they just ignore it, and
12 they have a "No Outlet" sign on the 1400
13 block of Gardner Avenue because they have
14 the end blocked off for the levy project.

15 And I sit on my porch and I count
16 cars, how many idiots either can't read or
17 can't see because the cars go down to the
18 end of Gardner where the barricades are and

19 they turn around and come back. They can't
20 see the sign or maybe we need a bigger sign
21 or maybe we need two signs, but it's insane.
22 So, Bill, if you could do something about
23 those "Children at Play" signs.

24 MR. COURTRIGHT: 100 and 200 block
25 of Marian, right?

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1 MS. HUBBARD: Yeah, and on the blind
2 curve that Ross Avenue turns into Marian
3 there.

4 MR. COURTRIGHT: Okay, I'll see what
5 I can do.

6 MS. HUBBARD: Big ones, not little
7 ones.

8 MR. COURTRIGHT: What's that?

9 MS. HUBBARD: Big signs.

10 MR. COURTRIGHT: Now you are going to
11 be picky and tell me what signs?

12 MR. HUBBARD: Yes. There is always
13 -- the people can't see the signs this big.

14 MR. COURTRIGHT: I'm only kidding
15 you. I'll do the best I could.

16 MS. HUBBARD: Okay. Another thing I
17 just want to say, for 14 months I hammered
18 on council about skunks, pretty much weekly,
19 I'm glad it took only 14 months before you

20 did something about it, okay? Maybe -- I
21 guess I wasn't strong enough in my
22 persecution of the little darlings, but,
23 anyway, I appreciate what you did, but let's
24 get out there and get them before they go
25 into their little nests for the winter and

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1 make babies to born in the spring. Anyway,
2 have a good evening.

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

4 MS. SCHUMACHER: Marie Schumacher,
5 city resident and member of the Taxpayers'
6 Association. In the concluding moments of
7 the July 29 meeting, the last meeting prior
8 to your five-week summer recess you,
9 Mr. President, said, "I have asked council
10 members if they would resubmit the
11 appointments that they made to the oversight
12 committee for ECTV and we will have that on
13 the agenda in September so that that
14 committee can be formalized and the members
15 or the members appointed formerly to that
16 committee should then become active in
17 September."

18 I have checked all September agendas
19 without finding this item. Perhaps you

20 could update us during motions this evening,
21 Mr. McGoff.

22 That same evening Mrs. Evans made a
23 second request for the guidelines that are
24 given to homeowners by LIPS inspectors.
25 Have these guidelines been received as yet?

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1 With the onset of cold weather, I'm
2 concerned we may a repeat of what happened
3 to Mr. Meile last February in that he
4 reported a LIPS representative had the power
5 to his home cut off causing the home's
6 waterpipes to freeze and burst causing
7 considerably more damage. I don't believe
8 anyone wants that. The policy should be if
9 you cut one utility you cut them all.

10 Mrs. Fanucci, on July 22 you responded
11 to my costmatch question requirement of the
12 type of loan being granted to Fratelli's as
13 follows: The total project cost for
14 Fratelli's Pizza is \$500,000. That's how
15 much it is for the acquisition of the
16 building. They are actually buying the
17 building in which they are now so they are
18 only borrowing \$120,000, so that does
19 qualify for the two for one and the benefits
20 will be four full-time equivalent positions.

21 Now I have been reading the Court notes
22 and have been checking the county's database
23 and there is no record of that property
24 having been conveyed. Mrs. Fanucci, could
25 you please provide the anticipated sale date

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1 during motions?

2 MS. FANUCCI: No, I don't have it.

3 MS. SCHUMACHER: And, Mrs. Gatelli --

4 MS. GATELLI: This is like school.

5 We are all getting an assignment. Lucky to
6 be retired so you can do all this research.

7 MS. SCHUMACHER: The first meeting
8 following council five-week summer break you
9 stated the Scranton Parking Authority audit
10 report would be ready in two weeks. Four
11 weeks have passed and as of yesterday the
12 Parking Authority's 2007 audit had not been
13 received in the Clerk's Office. Mrs.
14 Gatelli, would you please update us on the
15 Parking Authority audit during motions?

16 Also, back on July 22, Mrs. Gatelli,
17 you provided the months the independent
18 audit has been received. The earliest was
19 August and the latest was February of the
20 year following the year it was due. The

21 poorest performance was for last year for
22 which an audit is available for 2006.
23 Perhaps I'm taking a simplistic approach,
24 but it seems clearly logical that if you
25 want the out put on time and in accordance

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1 with the Home Rule Charter the required
2 inputs to an independent auditor must be
3 scheduled to be available in February
4 following the year to be audited. So my
5 question to you, Mrs. Gatelli, is what steps
6 have you taken or will you take to ensure
7 that all required documentation will be
8 available to the auditor in February 2009
9 for this calendar year?

10 Also, I would like any council
11 member who knows the answer to the question
12 of how the televised ads featuring the mayor
13 are being funded.

14 And I would also like to point out
15 there is graffiti on a wall coming into the
16 city when you walk from South Side across
17 the Spruce Street bridge on the wall along
18 the Roaring Brook and that needs to be
19 cleaned up.

20 And I would also like to note that
21 ECTV doesn't doesn't seem to return phone

22 calls nor are they able to provide citizen's
23 guidance on producing programs as PEG
24 channels are supposed to do. I called back
25 in I believe it was July and was told they

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1 would be able to do that in mid to late
2 September and now I can't even get anybody
3 to talk to.

4 And then I would like to know if
5 there is any feedback yet on the cause of
6 the Feinstermacher fire and if not how will
7 that information be shared with the public
8 when it is available? Thank you.

9 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mrs.
10 Schumacher.

11 MS. GATELLI: I'd just like to make
12 one comment about the graffiti, I don't know
13 if any of you have watched the District
14 Attorney's Office, they had a special on
15 about graffiti. They are very proactive,
16 they are working with the state to get it
17 off the highways and underneath the bridges
18 and if anyone sees any graffiti please call
19 963-6717 and report it to the District
20 Attorney. They are working with the city
21 and PennDOT to remove all graffiti as soon

22 as possible. That's very important that it
23 be removed as soon as possible. Did you get
24 that number, Mrs. Schumacher, 963-6717.

25 MR. MCGOFF: Any other speakers?

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1 Mr. Ancherani, just in time.

2 MR. ANCHERANI: I'm not prepared, but
3 I do have some things to say. Two weeks ago
4 when we are here, Mrs. Gatelli, you were
5 mentioning about everyone going to -- or
6 coming to this council meeting and the
7 council meetings and why don't we go to the
8 county meetings, why don't we go to the
9 school board. Well --

10 MS. GATELLI: Excuse me, everyone is
11 saying that I said that, it was Mrs. Fanucci
12 that said that.

13 MS. FANUCCI: I was the one that
14 said that.

15 MR. ANCHERANI: Didn't you also say
16 it?

17 MS. GATELLI: No. I work in the
18 school district so I tried to abstain from
19 making any comments to that.

20 MR. ANCHERANI: Why don't we attend
21 these meetings, the other meetings, didn't
22 you say that at one time?

23 MS. GATELLI: Maybe I did, but --

24 MR. ANCHERANI: Right, that's where
25 I'm going.

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1 MS. GATELLI: I didn't specify.

2 MR. ANCHERANI: The other meetings,
3 all of these meetings, why don't we ever
4 attend them, but anyway, in our population
5 in the City of Scranton in 2006 it was
6 76,000; 2007 it's down to 72 estimated, our
7 budget for this year is \$87 million. The
8 county has a population of over 200,000.
9 Their budget is something like \$105 million.
10 So, yeah, we do have the -- we might have
11 the lowest taxes, but our population also is
12 lower than the county, but yet their budget
13 isn't that much more than ours.

14 We have taken in with budgets, with
15 loans, 600 million this year, up to this
16 year from 2002. I know you voted on passing
17 that 5.5 million last week because if you
18 didn't we'd default. How could we default
19 when we take in \$600 million on a
20 \$5.5 million loan? I can't understand that,
21 5.5 that was supposed to be paid by
22 December 17 of this year. I guess I can't

23 comprehend why 600 million couldn't take
24 care of that.

25 We have 12.2 million plus in that

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1 account with the tax office and we are going
2 to default. You know, I don't know maybe
3 you should all work together and come up
4 with a budget that's not going to be a
5 record budget this year, you know, something
6 like 85 for last year. I mean, the three of
7 you voted on you it, the three of you gave
8 us a 25 percent tax increase, maybe you
9 could work on something. Help us all out
10 here, you know, and especially with this
11 crisis that we are having now with the
12 federal government, mortgages, everything,
13 please give us a break this time. Thank
14 you.

15 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you,
16 Mr. Ancherani. Anyone else? If not,
17 Mrs. Evans.

18 MS. EVANS: Good evening. First, in
19 response to one speaker's question regarding
20 the trash commercials, I guess throwing away
21 your trash is fun commercials. I believe
22 that would have been funded through refunds
23 received for the purchase of recycling bins

24 that the city made in 2007, at least that's
25 what I understand the funding to come from.

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1 Now, do I believe that that is the most
2 beneficial use of those monies? No, I
3 don't, but that is as much as I can tell you
4 about the source of it.

5 I wish tonight to focus on one
6 important issue, ECTV. Despite the need for
7 a public meeting with ECTV board president,
8 John Darcy, station manager, Mark Migliore,
9 and Mayor Doherty, the meeting once again
10 was cancelled by Mark Migliore. Council
11 members can call him in place of a public
12 meeting. This is unacceptable and insulting
13 to the public who demand accountability and
14 better services of this public access TV
15 operator. Rather than comply with the
16 request of the governing body, Scranton City
17 Council, who provided ECTV with \$90,000 in
18 funding, ECTV chooses to ignore
19 accountability and transparency by refusing
20 to answer questions publically and prefers
21 to follow the example set by others, such as
22 former tax collector Ken McDowell, former
23 DPW director, George Parker, and, of course,

24 the mayor himself.

25 I am sharing a list of questions for

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1 ECTV that I had expected to ask their
2 representatives publically tonight with my
3 colleagues, and I am just going to read a
4 few of them for you. Again, I'm not going
5 to read all 15, but maybe four or five.

6 "Provide copies of updated financials to
7 include a revised budget sheet and equity.

8 Include a complete accounting of how
9 the \$10,000 grant was spent, how you intend
10 to spend the \$90,000 and the name of the
11 individual who serve as a financial or
12 business manager of ECTV.

13 Why didn't ECTV explore the costs of
14 a live feed from Comcast before selecting
15 the Prescott Avenue studio location?

16 Have the renovations to your studio
17 location at 933 Prescott Avenue been
18 completed? Have all renovation costs been
19 paid?

20 Provide a complete list of the
21 renovations, costs and licensed contractors
22 or individuals who have been paid.

23 If there remain outstanding bills,
24 list the renovation work, the cost and the

25 contractors or individuals to whom payments

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1 are owed.

2 If renovations are not complete what
3 is your plan to complete the work and pay
4 for these services?

5 How does ECTV pay it's employees
6 since none of the \$90,000 can be used for
7 salaries?

8 Has the hard wire work between
9 Scranton City Hall and the ECTV studio been
10 completed by Comcast? If not, what is the
11 date of completion of this work?"

12 Now, in order to receive written
13 responses to these questions, which I will
14 reword to the public, I move to send these
15 questions to John Darcy and require a
16 written response to each question on or
17 before October 14, 2008.

18 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

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

21 MS. EVANS: Aye.

22 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

23 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

24 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

1 ayes have it and so moved.

2 MS. EVANS: Thank you. It is also
3 essential that since council awarded \$90,000
4 in funding to ECTV and since ECTV has failed
5 to provide promised services since July 1,
6 2008, council should set a deadline for
7 delivery of programming services promised in
8 the ECTV proposal. Therefore, I move that
9 ECTV must provide live coverage of all of
10 local government meetings and all program
11 circuses listed in their original proposal
12 which was awarded PEG channel management in
13 February 2008 on or before October 23, 2008.
14 That is one month from the disbursement date
15 of funding. If ECTV fails to meet this
16 deadline, new proposals for a PEG channel
17 management will be sought.

18 MR. COURTRIGHT: I'll second that.

19 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

20 MR. COURTRIGHT: On the question, I'm
21 going to make a motion myself when it's my
22 turn to speak that's probably going to be a
23 little bit more harsh to some people than
24 what Mrs. Evans said, but I think it's time
25 that we do something about what's going on

1 here and stop going back and forth.

2 MS. FANUCCI: On the question, we can
3 motion all we want, we can say anything that
4 we want, we can send anything want, but in
5 the long run it has nothing to do with us,
6 so we are sitting here spinning other
7 wheels. You can put 24 motions down like
8 this and it's not our call, so I think it's
9 voting on something that in the long run
10 it's just falling on deaf ears because it
11 doesn't matter what we have to say in this
12 situation.

13 MS. EVANS: And I agree with you and
14 I'm troubled by that. As the speaker
15 mentioned earlier tonight, it does seem
16 council doesn't get any respect. It does
17 seem council has no power. Council can
18 issue subpoenas which can be ignored and
19 toyed with in Court month after month after
20 month. Council, however, has the ability to
21 supply the needed monies to everyone
22 requesting it through the mayor. He could
23 not simply hand over \$90,000 to ECTV without
24 a vote of this council approving it.

25 And those cameras, before and

1 currently, they sit here in council chambers
2 and I do believe council has a
3 responsibility here and if the mayor for
4 whatever his reasons wants to shirk his
5 responsibility so be it. I think council
6 needs to step up to the plate and do so with
7 that extraordinary majority power we possess
8 and right a wrong in this situation.

9 MS. FANUCCI: The majority power has
10 nothing to do with it. We did vote to give
11 the money, but in this situation we all know
12 what the rules were before we got here.
13 This is not something we weren't aware of
14 what our powers were as a council. So, as
15 far as your motion is concerned, I'm just
16 saying I won't be voting for it because it
17 means nothing. It is a nonissue as far as
18 council is concerned. We do not have the
19 power to do that. We never did have the
20 power to do that or we wouldn't have had any
21 of this discussion in the first place;
22 correct?

23 We have the power and the money,
24 yes, I passed it and I'm standing behind
25 that powers, but I certainly have no power

1 to decide who is going to have this station
2 and who is not going to have this station
3 and to sit here and go back and forth over
4 something in the long run that we have no
5 control over is just pretty much, you know,
6 getting the public all riled up for
7 something that, you know, in the long run
8 has nothing to do with any of us.

9 MS. EVANS: I agree, but I don't
10 think I'm getting the public riled up, they
11 are riled up because they have been waiting
12 for services now for months and months and
13 months and nothing has been happened and
14 I'm --

15 MS. FANUCCI: I agree. I agree with
16 that.

17 MS. EVANS: I'm going to give them a
18 month's leeway time now that they have their
19 \$100,000 to get everything up and moving the
20 way they promised.

21 MS. FANUCCI: You can give them six
22 months, you can give them 12 months, you can
23 give them an hour, what I'm saying in the
24 long run it doesn't matter, so I'll be
25 voting, no, because to me it's a waste of a

1 vote. That's all.

2 MR. MCGOFF: I'd just like to
3 comment, also. I'm going to vote, no, on
4 the motion only because I don't think that
5 we can require live broadcasts within that
6 time.

7 MS. FANUCCI: We can't require
8 anything.

9 MR. MCGOFF: I don't think that we
10 can require them to have live broadcasts.
11 I, too, am becoming -- I have been a
12 defender of ECTV and in the process and the
13 way, you know, the events of not being at
14 our caucus this evening is perplexing and
15 it's starting to erode my support and I,
16 too, want to get some answers, and I think
17 sending the letter with the questions is
18 good. I would go a step further and I would
19 invite Mr. Darcy and whoever from ECTV to a
20 caucus next week and if at that time they
21 don't appear then I think it would be in our
22 interest and I know, Mrs. Fanucci, you
23 saying that we don't have any control, but I
24 think it's -- I think that we have to do
25 something. If they are going to refuse to

1 respond to council after we have gone out of
2 our way to aid ECTV, I think that if they
3 don't respond by coming to a caucus next
4 week then I think we do have to take
5 measures to somehow work toward two things,
6 rescinding the funding --

7 MS. FANUCCI: That would be --

8 MR. MCGOFF: -- and also rescinding
9 the, I'll say contract for want of a better
10 word.

11 MS. FANUCCI: Right.

12 MS. EVANS: There is none.

13 MR. MCGOFF: But, I think your motion
14 just the fact that you want to require --
15 the motion wants to require them to provide
16 live broadcasting, I don't know that that is
17 technically possible within that month, I
18 don't know, so without knowing that I'm
19 going to vote, no, on the motion, but not
20 without the qualification that I think we in
21 the future do need to do something to
22 rectify the situation.

23 MS. EVANS: The only other thing I
24 want to add to that though, and I can
25 appreciate your sentiments, but I have run

1 out of patience and I do not feel inclined
2 to offer them yet the third invitation.
3 It's not a baseball game, three strikes you
4 are out, they have already had two
5 invitations that they declined and I do
6 believe it's possible for them to provide a
7 live feed. I think Mr. Courtright spoke
8 about that, it was a matter of the money.
9 It may be a matter of some permission from
10 the board of Scranton Today, but I'm sure
11 the board members would meet within that
12 time frame and decide whether that's
13 agreeable or not to them, and I am asking
14 for live programming because that is exactly
15 what was promised in their proposal, the
16 proposal that was to the committee far
17 superior to any other.

18 So, I'm just asking them now that
19 they have everything and more that they
20 requested, that they keep there and now by
21 delivering what was promised in proposals.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else on the
23 motion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

24 MS. EVANS: Aye.

25 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

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MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

MR. MCGOFF: Opposed?

MS. FANUCCI: No.

MR. MCGOFF: No. The ayes have it and so moved.

MS. EVANS: In addition, I believe an emergency meeting of the oversight committee should be conducted as soon as possible and I hope to see the legislation appointing the committee members on next week's agenda. This committee will serve not only as advisor to city council, but also as a watch dog of any and all public access channel management.

Because of the questionable circumstances surrounding ECTV, public funding and failure to provide services well beyond the promised 120 day startup contained in the ECTV proposal, the public deserves such oversight and accountability, sooner rather than later.

The people of the Channel 61 viewing area have been more than patient, as I have already said, and the lack of transparency and accountability that has been amassed by

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this and many other administrative

2 transactions has to stop.

3 On a different topic, I think it
4 might have been mentioned earlier as well,
5 city council received the independent audit
6 of the Scranton Sewer Authority on Monday,
7 October 6, but I do recall that in prior
8 years during my service on council audits
9 have been presented to us in September
10 regardless of the dates, the scheduled dates
11 for the audits of the municipal authorities,
12 and last year, of course, we ran into a time
13 delay because council was trying to obtain
14 the most cost effective contract with an
15 independent auditor and that pushed back
16 excessively the time line, but we had no
17 such excuse this year and it is my hope that
18 before we are presented with the mayor's
19 proposed budget on November 15 we are going
20 to have an independent audit of the City of
21 Scranton for the Year 2007.

22 I also have some requests for the
23 week: 217-219-221 North Garfield, please
24 send an inspector to speak with the property
25 owner. Neighbors report that nothing has

1 been done sinks the first request yet the

2 garbage cans now sit near a gasoline can.
3 Please provide an update to council, and
4 again, second request.

5 Potholes on the top and bottom of
6 the 500 block of 12th Avenue were reported
7 to the DPW. We asked that they be filled as
8 son as possible.

9 1023 Bunker Hill Street, there was a
10 fire at this address in February of 2007.
11 The house has been vacant for a long time
12 period. There are bags of garbage and old
13 lumber in front of the house since June
14 because a door and window are open kids have
15 often gained entrance to this house. Please
16 provide an update to council on or before
17 October 21, 2008. And that's it.

18 MR. MCGOFF: May I just say one
19 thing --

20 MS. EVANS: Certainly.

21 MR. MCGOFF: -- Mrs. Gatelli?

22 MS. GATELLI: Sure.

23 MR. MCGOFF: I will go to the law
24 department tomorrow and make sure that the
25 committee proposal is on for next week.

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1 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

2 MR. MCGOFF: That was all.

3 MS. EVANS: Okay. Mr. McGoff is
4 going to take care of that legislation and
5 we are insured that we will be voting on
6 that next week and I might ask, too, that if
7 possible we can under emergency
8 circumstances move that into it's second
9 reading? I'm sure it's only a resolution
10 and not an ordinance.

11 MS. GARVEY: The only way we could do
12 that in the same evening would be an
13 emergency certificate would have to be
14 attached from the mayor and from the
15 controller as far as I know. I have never
16 had that happen since I have been here, but
17 that's the only way you can move legislation
18 on the same night that it has been
19 introduced.

20 MS. EVANS: Well, then if you would
21 contact please the office of the controller
22 and the mayor and make that request. Thank
23 you, Kay.

24 MR. MCGOFF: Mrs. Gatelli?

25 MS. GATELLI: Yes. I asked last

1 week, and I don't turn it on very often, but
2 I asked that the change of the polling

3 places be put on Channel 61. Are they on
4 there?

5 MS. GARVEY: I haven't seen them, but
6 I did give it to them last week and they
7 said they would put them on, but I haven't
8 noticed.

9 MS. GATELLI: Will you please double
10 check for me because -- does anyone here
11 know if they are on that watch the channel?

12 MR. COURTRIGHT: I haven't seen them.
13 I've watched them, but, I haven't seen them.

14 MS. GATELLI: I think it's important
15 you know, with the polling places having
16 been changed, people will go there and they
17 won't be able to get in and they will just
18 go home and I think the election for the
19 president of the United States is too
20 important at this time for that not to be on
21 there, so please call again. And also see
22 if we can get the hotline number for the
23 smoking ban put on there for people that are
24 disgruntled about smoking in a restaurant,
25 we can put the hotline to the state on

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1 there, too. I think we should be using the
2 channel for those kinds of purposes.

3 One thing I would like to talk

4 about, and I'm not too sure about it, but I
5 have noticed that there are numerous boats
6 parked on streets. They are parked on
7 Pittston Avenue, I got a complaint on Alder
8 Street, they moved the boat then to Crown
9 Avenue, I believe that it's legal because
10 they are on a trailer and the trailer has a
11 license on it, but I would like maybe Amil
12 to investigate the Motor Vehicle Code for us
13 to see if there is anything we can do about
14 parking large boats on city streets.

15 MR. MINORA: I'll look into it.

16 MS. GATELLI: It seems to be quite a
17 problem. I talked to one of my friends last
18 night that has a boat and he said that it
19 cost too much for him to store it. He used
20 to store his bath, you know, right at the
21 lake, but the rent went up and now he has
22 got it on a trailer sitting on his street.

23 MR. MINORA: On public streets.

24 MS. GATELLI: Yeah, they are right
25 on the city streets.

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1 MR. MINORA: I'll look into it.

2 MS. GATELLI: They take up a lot of
3 parking spaces and they are very large and

4 you really can't see around them and to me
5 it's a safety hazard, but from what I
6 understand it's legal, but if you could find
7 that out for me.

8 MR. MINORA: I will look into it.

9 MS. GATELLI: Or maybe through
10 zoning we can do something about it, I'm not
11 sure, but I have gotten quite a few
12 complaints about it.

13 We wrote a letter to the Single Tax
14 Office and they faxed a letter today saying
15 that the auditors are beginning the
16 preparation of the report and the audit is
17 expected within 60 days, and that was from
18 Mr. McGovern.

19 The next thing I have is that I
20 would like to send a letter to Mr. Wallace.
21 I spoke with Dan Penetar today, the
22 solicitor for the zoning board, and the
23 Oasis Bar on the corner of Pittston and West
24 Locust was denied a variance at last month's
25 meeting and they are continuing to operate

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1 at that location, so I would like you to
2 send a letter to Mr. Wallace to please go
3 over there and stop them from operating
4 until they have their hearing.

5 Mr. Talimini brought up something
6 about the roads and I wish he would make a
7 list for me. There is an organization
8 called the Center for Independent Living,
9 Keith Williams is the chairman of the board
10 that meets monthly in city hall for people
11 that are physically challenged, and they
12 have a lot of say about curb cuts and things
13 like that and whenever I reported any to him
14 they were taken care of immediately, so if
15 you could either make a list for me or tell
16 me what the exact problem is I'll call Keith
17 and have him work on that immediately.

18 A little update on the skunks, I
19 have been working, as you know, with Ken
20 Smith, the state representative in my area,
21 and there is -- there are problems with the
22 skunks, with the game commission and I
23 mentioned that at a previous meeting and
24 that was part of the problem that the city
25 was having, however, I am working with

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1 Mr. Smith, they have one in Dunmore and once
2 we get all of the details worked out then
3 I'm going to give it all to the mayor and
4 have him put a request for proposals out for

5 the skunks issue.

6 Let's see, what else. Audits. I
7 need to again ask Attorney Minora if he
8 would help me with that and see why we can't
9 get these audits all at an earlier time if
10 we notify the authorities, you know, that we
11 have a Home Rule Charter that we have to
12 follow and they need to maybe change their
13 audits to coincide with ours because it
14 seems to be quite a problem that they don't
15 have the same time line as we do, and if we
16 can't get them on different time line.

17 MR. MINORA: I don't know that we can
18 compel them to do that. They are
19 independent authorities, they are creatures
20 of the state and not the city, but certainly
21 in the spirit of cooperation it could be
22 asked and I don't know why they wouldn't
23 comply with that.

24 MS. GATELLI: Maybe we can get
25 together and send them a letter.

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1 MR. MINORA: That would be fine.

2 MS. GATELLI: And maybe they could
3 take that into consideration next year.

4 MR. MINORA: I don't know why they
5 wouldn't want to help the city out.

6 MS. GATELLI: I don't know
7 understand why we are not on the same fiscal
8 year when it's, you know, for our benefit.

9 One other thing that I had and, you
10 know, I brought this up before and I didn't
11 seem to get too far with it expect that I
12 requested that every month we get a list
13 from the Tax Assessor's Office in the county
14 of people that are having re assessments on
15 their property. It seems that there are
16 approximately 60 or 70 of these a month.
17 Any of you can take look at this later, and
18 I'll leave it with Neil, maybe the
19 Taxpayers' Association would be interested
20 in this, but twice a month they have
21 hearings and at least 30 to 35 people are
22 having their taxes altered in some way.
23 When you read them, out of the 35 or 36 at
24 least 30 are getting them reduced.

25 We are in a reassessment right now

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1 of all of the county and I don't understand
2 why they are still doing this in light of a
3 reassessment. Why aren't all of these
4 people waiting for the reassessment to get
5 their property reassessed? It seems like

6 they are getting them lowered so that when
7 the reassessment happens maybe they will be
8 taken back up to normal or they will have an
9 edge over the rest of us that aren't having
10 them reduced, but it really troubles me that
11 people are getting their taxes reduced on
12 their property and I would like to, I don't
13 know what we can do about it, except send a
14 letter, if the rest of council agrees with
15 me, that they need to take a look at this
16 and ask themselves why are they doing this
17 every month, Seventy properties a month for
18 years, for all of the years that I'm sitting
19 here, that's a lot of properties. So, you
20 know, I would like to send a letter to the
21 tax assessor.

22 MS. FANUCCI: Fine.

23 MS. GATELLI: If everyone agrees and
24 find out why we are doing this in light of
25 doing a total reassessment of everyone.

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1 MR. MINORA: Can I give you an
2 explanation of what usually occurs with
3 this?

4 MS. GATELLI: Yes.

5 MR. MINORA: For a long period of
6 time in our private office we did a lot of

7 real estate work, for a number of reasons we
8 don't do that much anymore, but what
9 occurred and the usual basis, so I can't
10 talk about an individual matter, but on a
11 usual basis was after sale from one party to
12 another the Assessor's Office would issue a
13 reassessment of a higher amount and often
14 times there would be in the neighborhood
15 other homes with lower assessments and that
16 would trigger somebody saying, "Why am I
17 being treated differently simply because I
18 bought my house this year and somebody
19 bought their house ten years ago?"

20 And so how you would actually do
21 this as a lawyer is you would get
22 comparables in the neighborhood of other
23 homes similarly situated, similar price
24 range and have it reduced, and it was really
25 on the basis of fairness, not unfairness to

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1 be honest with you.

2 What's going on at this moment I'm
3 not prepared to tell you, but I can tell you
4 that that's how it usually went and we often
5 found people coming back to us and saying I
6 want to appeal my assessment, you know, six

7 months, nine months after they purchased it
8 because they just got their reassessment or
9 they just got their first bill which is
10 double the bill that they were told the fee
11 was in their HUD statement at the time of
12 purchase. So, that was generally the reason
13 just as an explanation.

14 MS. GATELLI: Well, I do agree with
15 that. I know that that does happen when you
16 buy a house they jack up the assessment, but
17 the ones that I read on here and the people
18 that I recognize have been in those homes
19 for years, so what I'm seeing from my end is
20 people that didn't just buy the house so
21 maybe we will have to find out how many of
22 these are new homes, you know, and how many
23 are people that have lived there that, you
24 know, that will tell us the tale, because I
25 don't think there is 70 houses a month being

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1 sold, you know, I find that hard to believe,
2 but, anyway, I would like to investigate
3 that a little bit.

4 And the only other thing I have is
5 in response to Mr. Ancherani about the
6 county and the city. I don't like to knock
7 another governmental body because Mike Washo

8 happens to be a good friend of mine, but
9 when you say that the city budget is higher
10 than the county, I can't think of a thing
11 that the county does for me as a homeowner
12 in the City of Scranton. I pay a library
13 fee to go to the library, so I pay that
14 extra, they don't clean my roads, they don't
15 fill my potholes, they don't pick up my
16 garbage, they don't come and inspect my
17 house or my neighbor's house if I have a
18 complaint about it, so I know it's sounds
19 like a lot of money, but the city doesn't
20 provide the bulk of the services to me as a
21 resident of the City of Scranton.

22 I do hope the budget is in line and
23 I do hope and pray that it includes
24 contracts for the firemen and the police
25 officers and in my opinion you can't put any

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1 price on that public safety and I hope that
2 it's in the budget.

3 I know that the negotiations from
4 what I hear are going well and every chance
5 I get to talk to the mayor I encourage him
6 and tell him that this council is very
7 concerned about that and we all agree up

8 here, I'm speaking for all of us, because we
9 all agree, this is one thing we all agree on
10 that we want to see contracts and we want to
11 see this issue settled. So, I do hope
12 that's in our budget. I hope that it's
13 settled by then and I will be very, very
14 happy to vote on that and that's all I have.
15 Thank you.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Mrs. Fanucci?

17 MS. FANUCCI: I really don't have
18 anything, I just want to tell Mrs.
19 Schumacher that I will find out when that
20 sale date is closing, I don't know that
21 offhand, but I will find that information
22 out for you, and that is all I have. Thank
23 you.

24 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.

25 Mr. Courtright?

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1 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes. Let me say
2 this first before I go any further, I do not
3 know Mr. Darcy, I don't believe I ever laid
4 eyes on the guy. Mark Migliore has never
5 been anything but kind to me, I like him as
6 a person, so what I'm going to say, I hope
7 everybody understands, it's not personal. I
8 too have run out of patience. Somebody had

9 pointed out an editorial to me for the Times
10 that said, I believe, there needs to be a
11 timeline, and I agree with that, but it's my
12 opinion that they can't live up to the
13 proposal that they made, I do not believe
14 that they are going to be able to live up to
15 the proposal they made for quite sometime.
16 I read Mrs. Evans' questions and many of the
17 questions that -- all of the questions
18 basically that I would ask are in hers and
19 so I agree with sending that to them.

20 And I understand what Mrs. Fanucci
21 says that we are powerless, but my hope is
22 I'm going to make a motion that maybe some
23 people are going to think is harsh, all
24 right, and the mayor doesn't have to listen
25 to it, but if the motion passes and the

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1 mayor doesn't listen to us then it's on him,
2 not on us, we did what we could do.
3 Unfortunately, Mrs. Gatelli has stepped out.
4 What I'm going to do is I'm going to move
5 onto a different subject and I will come
6 back to a motion that I'm going to make.

7 Someone spoke about the crime up in the
8 Hill Section and the University of Scranton,

9 I believe that in the past the University of
10 Scranton did have two of their public safety
11 officers that are Act 120 certified and I
12 believe they have arrest powers. I don't
13 know if they still have to or if they had
14 more. It's a college, you know, and when
15 you have a college you have certain problems
16 that come with it. This council had voted
17 to put the cops back on the street, and I'm
18 happy to say that more and more of guys and
19 girls, or officers I should say, are signing
20 up to work the overtime shifts, so that the
21 manning is becoming more than was
22 originally.

23 My understanding is that the
24 Scranton Police Department is now on extra
25 duty working out of Valley View and Hilltop

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1 again, which I don't believe they have for
2 sometime now, so that is going to spread us
3 a little thin, so I'm hoping to get as many
4 guys back on the job as we could so that we
5 have enough people to cover the overtime
6 shifts, we have enough people to cover the
7 extra duty shifts.

8 That's really all I have, but I
9 really don't care to make my motion without

10 Mrs. Gatelli being here, I don't want to
11 exclude her. Is it possible that we can go
12 to you, Mr. McGoff, and then you can come
13 back to me or you don't have much?

14 MR. MCGOFF: I wasn't --

15 MR. COURTRIGHT: You don't have much.

16 MR. MCGOFF: I had very -- no, I have
17 nothing. The only thing I was go to do is
18 respond to Mrs. Schumacher about the ECTV,
19 but I have already done that about the
20 committee.

21 MS. EVANS: Well, I have a time
22 filler, if each one of you would consider a
23 dollar threshold with regard to UDAG funding
24 that would have to come before council for
25 it's vote before it could be dispersed to

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1 anyone. I know that Attorney Minora has
2 been waiting to draft that legislation for
3 us. I had asked for that quite awhile back
4 and if you can decide on what each of you
5 feels is appropriate, in other words, what
6 allocation should be brought before council
7 for a vote before it can be given to any
8 organization or individual.

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: I have one thing I

10 could ask Mr. Minora, am I correct in that
11 ECTV doesn't have a contract, but what we
12 are calling it is an agreement, is that
13 correct, they have an agreement with the
14 city, is that the term we are using?

15 MR. MINORA: It really would be more
16 in the way of appointment. You know, we
17 solicitors are accustomed to being appointed
18 and we serve at the pleasure of who it is
19 that appoints us, so I serve at the pleasure
20 of this council. You can get rid of me
21 tomorrow if you wanted to, so do I have an
22 agreement, no, I have an appointment. And I
23 think without a firm definition of anything
24 more than that it appears to be an
25 appointment process more than an agreement.

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1 No provider of video services has a right
2 to, that I can see, I mean, there is no --
3 theoretically they could be in a contract,
4 but there isn't one. It's traditionally
5 been done as an appointment and it appears
6 to me that the way it's been done without a
7 contract is similar to what a solicitor has,
8 and that is merely an appointment.

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: So I think what I
10 will do to be on the safe side I'll use the

11 term agreement and appointment so maybe that
12 will cover me. Mrs. Gatelli, I just didn't
13 want to exclude you from this. I'm going to
14 make a motion that deals with ECTV and I
15 said that I understand what Mrs. Fanucci
16 says that basically we are powerless as far
17 as who operates the channel, but my thought
18 is this, if the motion passes and the mayor
19 chooses not to go along with it then the
20 onus would be on him and not on us and we
21 would have done due diligence to the
22 citizens of the City of Scranton.

23 I just believe it was disrespectful
24 for them two weeks in a row not to come here
25 to this council, but I believe it was more

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1 disrespectful to the citizens of this city
2 that are paying for their station to just
3 simply not come here, and I'm being told
4 certain reasons why they come here, I have
5 not been told personally on that, so I'm not
6 going to say why I heard they didn't come
7 here, but to me the first reason was that
8 possibly Mr. Darcy the first was sick, and I
9 can understand that. The second reason,
10 which I won't say which I heard is only

11 hearsay, I don't agree with, but with all
12 that said I make a motion that Scranton City
13 Council send a letter to Mayor Doherty
14 asking him to terminate the agreement or the
15 appointment with ECTV immediately and to
16 turn over the operation of Channel 61 and 62
17 to Scranton Today until what time that ECTV
18 could live up to all the claims and
19 programming that they made in their proposal
20 in order to receive this agreement or
21 appointment, and I make that in the form of
22 a motion.

23 MS. EVANS: Second.

24 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

25 MS. EVANS: I think your motion is

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1 basically the same motion I made maybe two
2 weeks ago. Yes? And then I withdrew my
3 motion because you suggested we have a
4 meeting and then that meeting didn't occur,
5 and then we waited for the rescheduled
6 meeting which didn't occur, but if I am
7 hearing you correctly I think that's pretty
8 much what you are saying that you would like
9 Scranton Today to step in until such time as
10 ECTV --

11 MR. COURTRIGHT: Right, I'm not

12 saying they are out of the mix because the
13 mayor had the right to appoint a board and
14 the board picked them and I understand that,
15 that's what we have to live with, but I
16 think it's painfully clear they cannot
17 operate this channel and they are not going
18 to be able to for quite sometime. If the
19 time comes they had are able to live up to
20 the proposal they made then absolutely give
21 it back to them, but in the mean time if we
22 are all saying we're in favor of open and
23 fair government and we are not trying to
24 hide anything, well, then let's let them
25 take over until they can do it. If it's a

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1 month from now then, fine, let them take
2 over, but I don't see that happening. I
3 think there is costs that they have that we
4 are not even aware of and I think one of the
5 costs is, and I'm sorry to take up so much
6 time, but one of the main concerns I had
7 that I read in the questions that you had
8 was have the renovations for the building
9 been paid for, and I believe for the parking
10 lot have they been paid for and if they
11 haven't where is that money going to come

12 from? I just think -- I think they got in
13 over their head, I really do, and Mr. Balton
14 made all of these proposals and he skated
15 and now these two gentlemen are left holding
16 the bag. I just don't see it working out
17 for quite sometime. Maybe it's a harsh
18 move, maybe some people are going to say
19 it's unfair, but I think it's time to be
20 fair to the people, the people that are
21 paying the bills, the people that are
22 wanting to see this.

23 I was the one that suggested that
24 they try to show Scranton City Council on
25 one of each shifts that people would be

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1 working and evidently that's not working
2 out, many people are telling me that they
3 are missing the meeting. And I think, and
4 for whatever reason watch city council, some
5 people say it's for the entertainment value,
6 which I don't know doubt. Some people say
7 it's to be informed, which I don't doubt,
8 but whatever the case may be I know the
9 reason that I watch, I can't remember that
10 gentleman's name with the beard and the gray
11 hair --

12 MR. GATELLI: Puglesi.

13 MR. COURTRIGHT: Right. The only
14 reason I ever saw him or I ever started
15 watching him, I like him, I like listening
16 to him was because I was watching Scranton
17 City Council and I'm clicking waiting for
18 council to come on and I saw him, the same
19 with the other shows. I used to like
20 watching Tom Munley when he was on there,
21 but I would have never turned into any of
22 those shows if I wasn't first looking for
23 city council. This mand I hate to call this
24 a show, but this popular for whatever the
25 reason is, whether it's for the

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1 entertainment value or the informational
2 value this is popular, and I think it's
3 hurting the channel that we are not on
4 enough.

5 So again, nothing personal against
6 either one of those gentleman, but I truly
7 believe this needs to be done.

8 MR. MCGOFF: I --

9 MS. EVANS: Do you want to say and
10 then I'll --

11 MR. MCGOFF: On the question, I agree
12 somewhat with what you are saying, perhaps I

13 am showing too much patience, I would prefer
14 to again offer the opportunity for ECTV to
15 be here for a caucus and an opportunity to
16 answer the questions that are being posed in
17 the letter that Mrs. Evans has drawn up and
18 if those two things don't occur next week,
19 if we do not have answers to those
20 questions, if we do not see them at caucus I
21 would be more than happy to vote in favor of
22 the motion, but I think at this time I
23 personally would like to see one last
24 opportunity for ECTV to answer our
25 questions.

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1 MS. EVANS: I just wanted to add that
2 I have an additional concern involving the
3 cable franchise fee and that is that ECTV
4 had requested 25 percent of that fee
5 annually for their funding and I know that
6 almost a year ago when council spoke to
7 representatives of Scranton Today in our
8 office, they were visiting us regarding the
9 \$13,000 that they were requesting at the
10 time. I had mentioned then that I thought
11 it was a very sagacious idea to fund public
12 access channels through the cable franchise
13 fees rather than through the City of

14 Scranton, the county, the school board,
15 etcetera, because it would provide a greater
16 or let's say an unquestionable level of
17 objectivity and independence.

18 However, we're approaching a
19 contract renewal perhaps with Comcast and I
20 think matters with the manager of the PEG
21 channel has to be satisfied unequivocally
22 before that type of percentage would be
23 allocated to any channel. I don't think we
24 should be up in the air or, you know, and as
25 I said before, I'm out of chances now. I

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1 have no further interest in that.

2 I have submitted my questions and I
3 would like the them answered in writing. My
4 intent was not to provide them well in
5 advance so that answers can be prepared by
6 others. We have already had too many
7 confusing answers, for example, regarding
8 the \$10,000.

9 MS. FANUCCI: Are we on the question
10 still?

11 MS. EVANS: Yes. One entity says it
12 was to buy a digital server. Another entity
13 says it was to eliminate blight, and still a

14 third entity says it was for job creation
15 and which of the three is the truth? So, I
16 prefer they just send along those answers.

17 And, you know, I'm giving them the time
18 to get up and running because they've got
19 the cash now and if they don't then I don't
20 see any alternative to their out and the
21 money is rescinded.

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

24 MS. GATELLI: Yes, I would just like
25 to say I agree with Mrs. Evans and I think

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1 that that motion was sufficient. I'm not
2 quite ready to go with Mr. Courtright's at
3 this time, so, I'll be voting, no, on this
4 motion, but I obviously voted, yes, for Mrs.
5 Evans' motion. I would like to give them
6 that little bit of time that her motion
7 suggests and then I also would be ready to
8 seek new proposals or encourage the mayor to
9 do so, apparently we don't have the ability
10 to do that.

11 MS. EVANS: Yes, and I think if we
12 are sending both of these to the mayor even
13 the mayor is going to get confused by this.

14 MS. GATELLI: Well, he'll know, he'll

15 get the message.

16 MR. MCGOFF: All in favor signify by
17 saying aye.

18 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

19 MR. MCGOFF: Opposed? No.

20 MS. EVANS: No.

21 MS. GATELLI: No.

22 MS. FANUCCI: No.

23 MR. MCGOFF: Motion defeated.

24 Anything else, Mr. Courtright?

25 MR. COURTRIGHT: That's it.

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1 MR. MCGOFF: And I have nothing else.
2 Mrs. Garvey?

3 MS. GARVEY: FIFTH ORDER. 5-B. FOR
4 INTRODUCTION - A RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF
5 ELMER J. NALEVANKO, 1000 RICHMONT STREET,
6 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18509, AS A MEMBER
7 OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION, EFFECTIVE JULY 13,
8 2007. MR. NALEVANKO WILL BE REPLACING
9 LORAYNE TALLO WHOSE TERM EXPIRED ON JULY 12,
10 2007. MR. NALEVANKO'S TERM WILL EXPIRE ON
11 JULY 12, 2012.

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

15 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.
16 MS. FANUCCI: Second.
17 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
18 in favor signify by saying aye.
19 MS. EVANS: Aye.
20 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.
21 MS. GATELLI: Aye.
22 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.
23 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The
24 ayes have it and so moved.
25 MS. GARVEY: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -

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1 A RESOLUTION - RE-APPOINTMENT OF KEVIN A.
2 ICKER, 108 ABBY WAY, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA,
3 18504, AS A MEMBER OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION.
4 MR. ICKER'S TERM EXPIRED ON JULY 12, 2006.
5 MR. ICKER'S NEW TERM WILL EXPIRE ON JULY 12,
6 2011.
7 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll
8 entertain a motion that Item 5-C be
9 introduced into it's proper committee.
10 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.
11 MS. FANUCCI: Second.
12 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?
13 MS. EVANS: These are apparently
14 five-year terms, and I voted for
15 Mr. Nalevanko because it's my assumption

16 here that he is a new appointee. Mr. Icker
17 is receiving a term renewal and it would
18 seem than often times with regard to these
19 commissions and boards and committees,
20 members continue to serve beyond the
21 expiration date of their terms and then
22 sometimes the mayor chooses to renew their
23 participation and other times he does not,
24 but I am concerned about an issue involving,
25 once again, ECTV where one of the entities

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1 who had applied for operation of that
2 channel had submitted a complaint to the
3 Ethic's Committee and that complaint was
4 also submitted to Scranton City Council by
5 certified mail, I have a copy of that.

6 MS. FANUCCI: Was that Mr. Quinn's,
7 that one?

8 MS. EVANS: I don't whose it was.

9 MS. FANUCCI: I think it was Ozzie
10 and Lee Morgan's, they were the ones who
11 sent this in?

12 MS. EVANS: NEPA --

13 MS. FANUCCI: Is that yours?

14 MS. EVANS: -- a public access --

15 MS. FANUCCI: Yeah, I believe that

16 was theirs; yeah, right.

17 MS. EVANS: But the point is, there
18 was no response ever by the Ethic's
19 Commission. No hearing ever conducted, and
20 so I cannot vote to reappoint someone to the
21 Ethic's Commission who has ignored issues
22 that have come to them.

23 MS. FANUCCI: Did you speak to them
24 on this? Did you call the Ethics people and
25 find out what happened with the filing and

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1 why nothing had been done?

2 MS. EVANS: No, do you know?

3 MS. FANUCCI: Actually, I do. We can
4 talk about that in caucus next week. Yeah,
5 we'll talk about it next week. I do know
6 there is a procedural problem from what I
7 was told.

8 MS. EVANS: A procedural problem?

9 MS. FANUCCI: The way it was filed,
10 that's all I heard in the beginning. That's
11 true. That's exactly what it is. It was
12 not filed properly for the investigation
13 to--

14 MS. EVANS: But, why did then they
15 never even inform the complainant?

16 MS. FANUCCI: I have no idea.

17 MS. EVANS: Nothing. In fact, the
18 answer he received was they felt they never
19 received the complaint.

20 MS. FANUCCI: Well, maybe that was
21 the procedural -- I think that was the
22 procedural problem, and that's what's --

23 MS. EVANS: But that's difficult
24 because they were both delivered to the
25 Treasurer's Office and there is a receipt

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1 for those, so --

2 MS. FANUCCI: We should talk to
3 Mr. Quinn when he comes in next week and see
4 what exactly he did --

5 MR. DOBSON: And I have problem with
6 that --

7 MR. MCGOFF: Please, Mr. Dobson.

8 MR. DOBSON: Somebody took --

9 MR. MCGOFF: Please.

10 MR. COURTRIGHT: On the question if I
11 could real briefly, and if I can recall --

12 MS. GATELLI: The presidential
13 debate is on at 9:00.

14 MR. COURTRIGHT: When Mr. Connors was
15 mayor I believe that at times if he didn't
16 appoint people within a 30-day period --

17 MS. GATELLI: We can appoint them.

18 MR. COURTRIGHT: -- we can appoint
19 them as a council, council could appoint
20 them, so maybe if we keep our eyes on it.

21 MS. GATELLI: We missed the boat
22 there.

23 MR. COURTRIGHT: Exactly. Shame on
24 us.

25 MS. GATELLI: We missed the boat.

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1 That was two years ago.

2 MR. MCGOFF: All in favor of
3 introduction signify by saying aye. Aye.

4 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

5 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

6 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

7 MR. MCGOFF: Opposed?

8 MS. EVANS: No.

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

11 MS. GARVEY: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION -
12 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
13 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE
14 AND ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
15 BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE
16 INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND THE CITY
17 OF SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA OFFICE OF ECONOMIC

18 AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF
19 AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO UNDERTAKE AND MANAGE
20 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES AT THE STEAMTOWN
21 NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE (THE "PARK") THAT IS
22 INCLUDED IN THE 500 BLOCK OF LACKAWANNA
23 AVENUE PROJECT ENTITLED "PARK, PLAZA AND
24 PEDESTRIAN COURT".

25 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll

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

3 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

4 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

5 MR. MCGOFF: On the question.

6 MS. EVANS: Again, I love the idea of
7 this project, I'm sure it's going to be
8 fabulous, but it's included in the 500 block
9 of Lackawanna Avenue project which fails to
10 include the two anchor city businesses,
11 Coney Island and Buono Pizza, so I am going
12 to be voting, no.

13 MR. MCGOFF: All those in favor
14 signify by saying aye. Aye.

15 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

16 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

17 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

18 MR. MCGOFF: Opposed?

19 MS. EVANS: No.

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

22 MS. GARVEY: 5-E. FOR INTRODUCTION
23 - A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
24 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE
25 AND ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER

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1 EQUIPMENT LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT LEASE NO.
2 6293000 BETWEEN THE CITY OF SCRANTON AND
3 FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY FOR THE
4 LEASE-PURCHASE OF SEVEN (7) NEW 2008 POLICE
5 VEHICLES.

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

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

10 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

13 MS. EVANS: Aye.

14 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

15 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

16 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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

19 MS. GARVEY: 5-F. FOR INTRODUCTION -
20 A RESOLUTION - A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
21 HOUSE BILL 1768.

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

25 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

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1 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

4 MS. EVANS: Aye.

5 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

6 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

7 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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

10 MS. GARVEY: SIXTH ORDER. READING BY
11 TITLE - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 42, 2008 - AN
12 ORDINANCE SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY
13 MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 902-908 NORTH
14 WASHINGTON AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA,
15 TO ALFRED D. PANTUSO, SR., RD #2, BOX 2165,
16 MOSCOW, PENNSYLVANIA, 18444, FOR THE
17 CONSIDERATION OF \$8,000.00.

18 MR. MCGOFF: You have heard Reading

19 by Title of Item 6-A, what is your pleasure.

20 MR. COURTRIGHT: I move that Item
21 6-A pass Reading by Title.

22 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

23 MR. MCGOFF: On the question.

24 MS. EVANS: I believe this would be
25 the property, Lyman's Deli, and everyone who

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1 has passed that knows that's been not only
2 an eyesore, but a safety hazard for quite
3 awhile and it's my understanding that
4 Mr. Pantuso is going to tear that down, it's
5 long overdue and I'll be thrilled to see
6 that happen.

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

9 MS. EVANS: Aye.

10 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

11 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

12 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The
14 ayes have it and so moved. Prior to reading
15 6-B there was an inaccurate zip code placed
16 in the original reading. At this time I
17 would like to make a motion to change the
18 zip code from 18444 to 18509.

19 MS. EVANS: Second.

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

22 MS. EVANS: Aye.

23 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

24 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

25 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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

3 MS. GARVEY: 6-B. READING BY TITLE -
4 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 43, 2008 - AN ORDINANCE-
5 SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY MORE
6 COMMONLY KNOWN AS 2110 CAPOUSE AVENUE,
7 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TO MARK F. AND
8 CHRISTINE L. FRYER, 902 WOODLAWN STREET,
9 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18444, FOR THE
10 CONSIDERATION OF \$2,000.00.

11 MR. MCGOFF: You have Reading by
12 Title of Item 6-B what is your pleasure.

13 MR. COURTRIGHT: I move that Item 6-B
14 pass Reading by Title.

15 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

18 MS. EVANS: Aye.

19 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

20 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

21 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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

24 MS. GARVEY: 6-C. READING BY TITLE -
25 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 44, 2008 - AN ORDINANCE-

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1 SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY MORE
2 COMMONLY KNOWN AS 902-904 MADISON AVENUE,
3 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TO STEVEN ANDERS AND
4 WILIM NG, RR 2, BOX 2051, STROUDSBURG,
5 PENNSYLVANIA, 18360, FOR THE CONSIDERATION
6 OF \$5,000.00.

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

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: I move that Item
10 6-C pass Reading by Title.

11 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

14 MS. EVANS: Aye.

15 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

16 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

17 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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

20 MS. GARVEY: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A.

21 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON
22 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - FOR ADOPTION -
23 RESOLUTION NO. 67, 2008 AUTHORIZING THE
24 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
25 TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A RIGHT OF

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1 ENTRY-GENERAL RELEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE
2 PENNSYLVANIA NORTHEAST REGIONAL RAILROAD
3 AUTHORITY DELAWARE-LACKAWANNA RAILROAD
4 COMPANY, INC. ("PNRRA/DL") CONCERNING THE
5 500 BLOCK OF LACKAWANNA AVENUE PROJECT
6 ENTITLED "PARK, PLAZA AND PEDESTRIAN COURT".

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

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

13 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

14 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

15 MS. EVANS: Again, because this 500
16 block of Lackawanna Avenue project does not
17 include two anchor city businesses, I'll be
18 voting, no.

19 MR. MCGOFF: Roll call, please.

20 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

21 MS. EVANS: No.
22 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli.
23 MS. GATELLI. Yes.
24 MR. COOLICAN: Ms. Fanucci.
25 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

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1 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright.
2 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.
3 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McGoff.
4 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare
5 Item 7-A legally and lawfully adopted.
6 MS. GARVEY: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION-
7 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -
8 RESOLUTION NO. 68 , 2008 RE-APPOINTMENT OF
9 WILLIAM J. EGAN, JR., 901 ELECTRIC STREET,
10 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18509, AS A MEMBER
11 OF THE BOARD OF THE SCRANTON HOUSING
12 AUTHORITY FOR A TERM OF FIVE (5) YEARS. MR.
13 EGAN'S NEW TERM WILL EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 27,
14 2011.
15 MR. MCGOFF: As Chairperson for the
16 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
17 passage of Item 7-B.
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-B legally and lawfully adopted.

7 MS. GARVEY: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION-
8 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -
9 RESOLUTION NO. 69, 2008 RE-APPOINTMENT OF
10 JANE MCCARTHY, 537 NORTH WASHINGTON AVENUE
11 APARTMENT 303, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA,
12 18503, AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE
13 SCRANTON HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR A TERM OF
14 FIVE (5) YEARS. MS. MCCARTHY'S CURRENT TERM
15 EXPIRED ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2008, AND HER NEW
16 TERM WILL EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2013.

17 MR. MCGOFF: As Chairperson for the
18 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
19 passage of Item 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. 70, 2008 RE-APPOINTMENT OF

12 TERRENCE V. GALLAGHER, ESQUIRE 1320 ORAM

13 STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18504, AS A

14 MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE SCRANTON HOUSING

15 AUTHORITY FOR A TERM OF FIVE (5) YEARS. MR.

16 GALLAGHER'S CURRENT TERM EXPIRED ON

17 SEPTEMBER 27, 2008 AND HIS NEW TERM WILL

18 EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2013.

19 MR. MCGOFF: As Chairperson for the

20 Committee on Rules, I recommend final

21 passage of Item 7-D.

22 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

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

25 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

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1 MS. EVANS: Yes.

2 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli.

3 MS. GATELLI: Yes.

4 MR. COOLICAN: Ms. Fanucci.

5 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

6 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright.

7 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

8 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McGoff.

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

11 Motion to adjourn?

12 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

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

CATHENE S. NARDOZZI, RPR
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

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