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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

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Council Chambers

Scranton City Hall

340 North Washington Avenue

Scranton, Pennsylvania

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

MR. ROBERT MCGOFF, PRESIDENT

MS. JUDY GATELLI, VICE-PRESIDENT

MS. JANET E. EVANS  
(Not present)

MS. SHERRY FANUCCI

MR. WILLIAM COURTRIGHT

MS. KAY GARVEY, CITY CLERK

MR. NEIL COOLICAN, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

MR. AMIL MINORA, SOLICITOR

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

3 MR. MCGOFF: Roll call, please.

4 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans. Mrs.  
5 Gatelli.

6 MS. GATELLI: Here.

7 MR. COOLICAN: Ms. Fanucci.

8 MS. FANUCCI: Here.

9 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright.

10 MR. COURTRIGHT: Here.

11 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McGoff.

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

14 MS. GARVEY: There is no business in  
15 Third Order tonight.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.

17 MS. GATELLI: I just have an  
18 announcement. This Friday, December 4, at  
19 7:00 and Sunday, December 6 at 2:00 p.m.,  
20 there will be a story play at West Scranton  
21 High School entitled "A Snow White  
22 Christmas." It's an adaption of a story  
23 "The Holiday Twist" and it only lasts about  
24 an hour. Tickets can be purchased at the  
25 door \$3 for adults and a \$1 for children.

1 I also would like to mention that  
2 the students from West Scranton won 1st  
3 place in the drama competition for the  
4 Pennsylvania High School Speech League's  
5 Eastern Regional Competition. They are  
6 going to the states now on December 12  
7 competing against two schools from the west,  
8 two from the central region and another  
9 school from the east. I would like to wish  
10 the children a lot of good luck with their  
11 teacher, Agnus Cummings. Thank you.

12 MR. COURTRIGHT: We got a lot of  
13 paperwork, if you could just bear with me  
14 for one second. I want to read off Crisp  
15 Avenue Bridge. This is from Brian Swanson,  
16 the engineer for the City. At the Scranton  
17 City Council meeting we asked about Crisp  
18 Avenue Bridge and what Brain Swanson is  
19 telling us here in the letter is that they  
20 expect the project to begin in the Spring of  
21 2010, I knew we heard it was going begin in  
22 the Spring of 2009, it didn't happen. It  
23 says, "Pursuant to your request, enclosed  
24 please find an updated schedule submitted by  
25 Reiman Peterson for the above-referenced

1 project. The current schedule anticipates a  
2 Spring 2010 construction start. Note that  
3 we respect the schedule the actual  
4 submission of the permit application and the  
5 Pennsylvania Department of Environment  
6 Protection was November 2, 2009."

7 And then also in there I asked if a  
8 temporary bridge could be placed there until  
9 this bridge got in. Basically what they are  
10 telling me is that it would take as much  
11 time and effort to put the temporary bridge  
12 in and get the okay to put it in as it would  
13 be put this permanent bridge in, so maybe we  
14 should have asked earlier for the temporary  
15 bridge. They are telling us the Spring of  
16 2010. I hope they are correct this time and  
17 that's all I have. Thank you.

18 MR. MCGOFF: At this time, there are  
19 a number of amendments that people have  
20 requested to the budget. In order to give  
21 people an opportunity to respond to those we  
22 are going to make the amendments at this  
23 time and then, as I said, people will then  
24 have an opportunity to comment on them the  
25 amendments that may be passed.

1 First, I would like to make a motion  
2 to amend 7-B, city budget, to reflect the  
3 changes as will be read by Attorney Minora.

4 MR. MINORA: The proposed changes  
5 are:

6 Account No. 01.011.00011.4010,  
7 Standard Salary from \$353,768 to zero.

8 Account No. 01.011.00011.4070,  
9 Longevity Salary, \$16,994 to zero.

10 Account No. 01.011.00011.4101,  
11 Uniform Allowance (Auto) from \$7,500 to  
12 zero.

13 Account No. 01.011.00011.4270, Dues  
14 and Subscriptions from \$550 to zero.

15 Account No. 01.011.00011.4290,  
16 Stationary/Office Supplies from \$1,000 to  
17 zero.

18 Account No. 01.011.00011.4390,  
19 Materials/Supplies (Miscellaneous) from  
20 \$1,800 to zero.

21 Account No. 01.011.00011.4420,  
22 Travel and Lodging from \$800 to zero.

23 Account No. 01.011.00011.4470,  
24 Training and Certificate from \$1,000 to  
25 zero.

1 Account No. 01.051.00051.4011,  
2 Standard Salary from \$414,507 to \$666,703,  
3 an increase of \$252,196.

4 Account No. 01.051.00051.4070,  
5 Longevity Salary from \$8,925 to \$25,919, an  
6 increase of \$16,994.

7 Account No. 01.051.00051.4101,  
8 Uniform Allowance (Auto) from \$8,000 to  
9 \$15,500, an increase of \$7,500.

10 Account No. 01.051.00051.4270, Dues  
11 and Subscriptions from \$500 to \$1,050, an  
12 increase of \$550.

13 Account No. 01.051.00051.4290.  
14 Office and Stationary Supplies from \$3,500  
15 to \$4,500, an increase of \$1,000.

16 Account No. 01.051.00051.4390,  
17 Materials/Supplies (Miscellaneous) from zero  
18 to \$1,800, an increase of \$1,800.

19 Account No. 01.051.00051.4420,  
20 Travel and Lodging from zero to \$800, an  
21 increase of \$800.

22 Account No. 01.051.00051.4470,  
23 Training and Certifications from \$3,000 to  
24 \$4,000, an increase of \$1,000.

25 Account No. 01.060.00000.4010,

1 Standard Salary from \$211,251 to \$263,823,  
2 an increase of \$52,572.

3 Account No. 01.040.00040.4117,  
4 Health Insurance- Non Union from \$590,000 to  
5 \$600,000, an increase of \$10,000.

6 Account No. 01.080.00083.4010,  
7 Standard Salary from \$1,194,502 to  
8 \$1,233,502, an increase of \$39,000.

9 That's it.

10 MR. MCGOFF: Once again, I would like  
11 to make a motion to accept changes to 7-B as  
12 read?

13 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

14 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll  
15 entertain a motion that Item 7-B be  
16 introduced into it's proper committee.

17 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

18 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

21 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

22 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

23 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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



1 MS. FANUCCI: I would like to make a  
2 motion to amend 7-B, the budget, for the two  
3 positions I spoke of last week. The first  
4 to increase the amount of funding for the  
5 position of Auditor Business Privilege  
6 Mercantile from 23,000 to 33,000. The chief  
7 clerk position will remain funded at  
8 twenty-two seven five, and also increase the  
9 health care by \$20,000 to cover the two  
10 additional positions in the Single Tax  
11 Office.

12 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

13 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll  
14 entertain a motion that Item 7-B be  
15 introduced into it's proper committee.

16 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

17 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

18 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All  
19 in favor signify by saying 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 MR. COURTRIGHT: I'd like to make a

1 motion that we put back into the budget for  
2 the Single Tax Office the position of  
3 solicitor which would be funded at 11,000 --  
4 the city's portion would be funded at  
5 \$11,650 and that would be pending the  
6 approval of the City of Scranton and  
7 Scranton School District.

8 MS. GATELLI: Second.

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

11 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

12 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

13 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

14 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The  
15 ayes have it and so moved. I would like to  
16 make motion to amend 7-B, city budget, page  
17 48 Department of Licensing, Inspections and  
18 Permits, personnel compliments, to:

19 (A). Add rental registration  
20 coordinator at a salary of \$12,000 with the  
21 footnote that this position is to be a  
22 professional service with the salary at 10  
23 percent of revenue generated by the rental  
24 registration.

25 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

1 MR. MCGOFF: Pardon, there is a Part  
2 B.

3 MR. COURTRIGHT: Sorry.

4 MR. MCGOFF: And (B), transfer of one  
5 housing inspector to new position of rental  
6 registration assistant with salary to remain  
7 the same.

8 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

9 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

10 MR. COURTRIGHT: On the question, I  
11 just think this could be a good revenue  
12 generator and I think will help the  
13 neighborhoods. I think this is really,  
14 really good amendment and I'm glad  
15 Mr. McGoff is making this. Anyone else?  
16 All in favor signify by saying aye.

17 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

18 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

19 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

20 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The  
21 ayes have it and so moved. I should have  
22 said on the question, the salary at 12,000  
23 was determined by the fact that we had put  
24 in 120,000 as revenue. That would -- the  
25 12,000 would then represent 10 percent of

1 that. Obviously, should there be more  
2 revenue generated from that position or from  
3 that department then that salary would  
4 increase appropriately. Anything else?  
5 Fourth order. Citizens' participation. Les  
6 Spindler. Marie Schumacher.

7 MS. SCHUMACHER: Marie Schumacher,  
8 resident and member of the Taxpayers'  
9 Association. I would like to add two more  
10 comments, although, I had a lot more I'm  
11 very disappointed the hours that I put in  
12 analyzing the budget to be given three  
13 minutes after waiting a half an hour for a  
14 quorum I think is disrespectful.

15 MR. MCGOFF: You now have time to  
16 speak on it as well.

17 MS. SCHUMACHER: Back in March the  
18 mayor pledged to spearhead fund raising for  
19 the \$100,000 budget for First Night Scranton  
20 adding \$60,000 to the city's operating  
21 budget for this event is not fundraising.  
22 The taxpayers should not be stuck with this  
23 bill.

24 The implied agreement when the mayor  
25 awarded public access TV to ECTV was that

1 ECTV would get 25 percent of the annual  
2 cable franchise fee, but this is not in the  
3 budget. Will the city no longer support  
4 ECTV financially? That's a question.

5 Now, for the remainder of my time I  
6 know I have heard from you folks that you  
7 can't sell the libraries. Well, I'm reading  
8 from bi-laws of the Board of Trustees of the  
9 Scranton Public Library. Article 12,  
10 dissolution statement. "In the event of a  
11 dissolution of the Scranton Public Library  
12 or the winding up of it's affairs or other  
13 liquidation of it's assets, the Scranton  
14 Public Library's property shall not be  
15 conveyed to any organization created or  
16 operated for profit or to any individual for  
17 less than the fair market value of such  
18 property.

19 All assets remaining after all debts  
20 and expenses of the Scranton Public Library  
21 has been paid or provided for shall be  
22 conveyed or distributed by the Board of the  
23 Directors to one or more organizations  
24 qualifying for the exemption afforded by  
25 Section 501 (c) (3) of the code. Any assets

1 not so distributed shall be disposed of by  
2 Court of Common Pleas of competent  
3 jurisdiction exclusively for such purposes  
4 or to such organization or organizations as  
5 said Court shall determine which are  
6 organized and operated exclusively for such  
7 proposed."

8 I would also like to complain that  
9 the public hearing for the library --  
10 establishing the library authority has been  
11 moved to a morning session when people are  
12 at work. I don't know why it can't be held  
13 at the regular time because, as I said to  
14 finish what I started last week, I see  
15 this -- if this authority goes forward the  
16 funds, the first funds -- the first funds  
17 this disappeared from this year's budget and  
18 from next year's 2010 budget, that \$100,000  
19 per year for seven years to buy that  
20 property in South Side will be paid for out  
21 of the endowment or however you want to pay  
22 it for by this authority.

23 They will also pay for the drawings  
24 for the new library in South Scranton of  
25 which I am against both, and then should

1 another library ever be built because the  
2 county has already stated they will not fund  
3 another library that would mean the  
4 collection that is currently held by the  
5 trustees would be -- go into the new library  
6 leaving a vacant building and, oh, my gosh  
7 what do we do with a vacant building but  
8 sell it or give it to a long-term lease to  
9 somebody not the intent of the donor. I  
10 think what are you doing or contemplating  
11 doing is terrible for the wishes of the  
12 person who bequeathed that beautiful  
13 property to the people of Scranton, not to  
14 the city administrators, but to the people  
15 of Scranton. We deserve to keep it.

16 I would also -- I just have a couple  
17 of other items. What is the status of the  
18 North Scranton Junior High School rehab?  
19 Could somebody find out what's going on over  
20 there other than nothing?

21 And then are we receiving any  
22 payments, I didn't see anything in the  
23 budget, for the -- repayments for the  
24 \$3 million Boscov loan? I'd like to know if  
25 they are making regular payments.

1                   And then I would like to know  
2                   whether the contract with Seagle Company to  
3                   act as the city's health care consultant is  
4                   renewed automatically if it's not cancelled  
5                   and if there is an automatic renewal clause  
6                   what is that date? Thank you. See you next  
7                   week.

8                   MR. MCGOFF: Andy Sbaraglia.

9                   MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia,  
10                  citizen of Scranton. Fellow Scrantonians,  
11                  as you know I talked on the library the last  
12                  time I was here and I'll talk again. Now,  
13                  you got to be kidding forming an authority  
14                  to sell our library, and that's what you are  
15                  doing and you know you are doing it because  
16                  they -- once you give them the deed they  
17                  could actually mortgage it. They could  
18                  mortgage the building, all of the books, and  
19                  get a good down payment for this other  
20                  library that the mayor wants to do.

21                  That building is a gem to the city.  
22                  For you to even do it is beyond me, but I  
23                  expected that from you anyway. But what I  
24                  didn't expect was the new council members  
25                  not setting a Court-order against it to put



1           it off. I'm surprised they didn't do that.  
2           A lame duck session of the legislature is  
3           protected by laws, so you can't do a lot of  
4           things that are controversial, and the new  
5           board I'm surprised either concurs with you  
6           or shows no interest in saving our library,  
7           and that's the sad part.

8                        I lived in the city all my life.  
9           True, I used the library in West Side  
10          because I grew up in West Side, that's gone.  
11          My Providence Library is gone. The Silkman  
12          building that is on the list could actually  
13          probably be sold even though that was  
14          supposed to be a library, but I guess people  
15          are not interested anymore. They are  
16          interested in spending money. Contracts as  
17          usual. More and more contracts.

18                       The city is not in the financial  
19          situation to do anything. Most likely you  
20          are going to end up in the hole when  
21          January turns around. You are not going to  
22          give the money from the Single Tax Office in  
23          time. You are going to have to take money  
24          that was supposed to be set aside for the  
25          upkeep of the parks, but nobody is

1 interested in going back. You heard me  
2 bring up a lot about the South Side Complex,  
3 but I don't think any of you went and  
4 actually ready the transfer of the South  
5 Side Complex and the wording on that, the  
6 transfer, and then you say you trust this  
7 new situation.

8 I know Mr. Munchack spoke for it,  
9 but you know what, probably a lot of people  
10 that sits on that board he appointed as a  
11 commissioner so I don't put much faith in  
12 what he said because his appointees are  
13 there and he is protecting them, but the  
14 library in itself I know it's bad. Judy  
15 pointed out that Lackawanna College has an  
16 option to I guess by the Scranton School  
17 Board Administration Building, but the city  
18 also could use eminent domain to take that  
19 building if they so desire, so their option  
20 really wouldn't mean much, all they really  
21 would have to do maybe is pay a few bucks  
22 whatever that option was.

23 But still, the quirks of the whole  
24 thing is the library itself. If someone  
25 would say this library is being taken over

1 by an authority for the betterment of the  
2 city they would have to show me. We built a  
3 new school for the betterment of the city,  
4 but look at Central, the gem of the city,  
5 someone else has it, they are able to run  
6 kids through, same like we could have, but  
7 you are right, but then we wouldn't have all  
8 of these contracts, and we all know the  
9 parking lot behind Central could have been  
10 expanded if they wanted for the school, but  
11 hat wasn't done either.

12 Actually, the administration with  
13 the school board and the city really don't  
14 work for the betterment of the people, they  
15 work for the betterment of themselves and  
16 that's what it amounts to. There is no way  
17 you can tell me that new school is any  
18 better than Central, it's not. It's a  
19 school like everything else. Okay. Thank  
20 you.

21 MR. MCGOFF: Fay Franus.

22 MS. FRANUS: Fay Franus, Scranton.

23 I see where Ray Hayes' job in the budget is  
24 being eliminated. I find that strange since  
25 Mrs. Evans wanted to get rid of that like

1 for three years and nobody paid attention.  
2 All of a sudden it's in the budget to get  
3 rid of.

4 What I'd like to know is, I  
5 understand that some people are going from  
6 one position to another in the city. What  
7 I'd like to know what cuts did the mayor  
8 make in the budget? How many actual cuts in  
9 city personnel are there going to be? Does  
10 anybody have that number of how much  
11 employees, city employees are going to be  
12 cut in this budget? Anybody? Hello?

13 MR. MCGOFF: I don't have it  
14 offhand.

15 MS. FRANUS: Do you have any idea?  
16 Nobody has an idea? They are going to vote  
17 on the budgets and that and you don't know  
18 who is going to be cut and how many? I find  
19 that amazing. How are you going to vote on  
20 a budget and you don't know how many people  
21 are going to lose their jobs and what  
22 positions they are? So they are going be  
23 shuffled from one department to the other  
24 and lose thirty -- except for the city  
25 clerks, I see you are chopping them, and you

1 want to get rid of the people in the tax  
2 office to help Bill Courtright, so I find it  
3 amazing that you can vote on a budget and  
4 you can't say who the cuts are for. You  
5 should be ashamed of yourself everybody  
6 sitting there except Billy and Sherry with  
7 their heads up. Judy with her head down,  
8 McGoff with his head down.

9 Billy, I think you are foolish if  
10 you apologize because I definitely think  
11 that Marilyn Vitali covered up for Stu  
12 Renda. There is no way in hell do I think  
13 that's the way it went down, that he  
14 contacted her, no way.

15 Mr. McGoff, how come you didn't have  
16 Stu Renda in chambers last week for the  
17 caucus so the people could --

18 MR. MCGOFF: It was in the Clerk's  
19 Office.

20 MS. FRANUS: I know where it was.  
21 How come you didn't have it in here like you  
22 did tonight?

23 MR. MCGOFF: Because we felt it was  
24 okay to have it there.

25 MS. FRANUS: You felt it was. It

1           really wasn't.

2                   MR. MCGOFF: My prerogative.

3                   MS. FRANUS: Pardon me?

4                   MR. MCGOFF: My prerogative.

5                   MS. FRANUS: Yeah, but it wasn't  
6           right. The people couldn't see it.

7                   MR. MCGOFF: There were a number of  
8           people there.

9                   MS. FRANUS: Yeah, but there is more  
10          at home that could have seen it.

11                   Mrs. Gatelli, is it true that you possibly  
12          want to be the president of the library  
13          authority?

14                   MS. GATELLI: No, it's another  
15          website propaganda.

16                   MS. FRANUS: It's not true at all.

17                   MS. GATELLI: I have no interest in  
18          that, honey.

19                   MS. FRANUS: Pardon me?

20                   MS. GATELLI: I have interest in  
21          that.

22                   MS. FRANUS: Okay.

23                   MS. GATELLI: You can take that to  
24          the bank.

25                   MS. FRANUS: Another thing --

1 MS. GATELLI: I am for the library  
2 though.

3 MS. FRANUS: I know that, which  
4 should stay in the hands of the people and  
5 shouldn't go any place else, it should stay  
6 in Scranton in Central City, but the public  
7 hearing is just a formality. It doesn't  
8 matter what the people want.

9 Mrs. Gatelli, I'm going to ask you  
10 one more time because I probably won't have  
11 an opportunity again before you leave. Are  
12 you going to pay back the people of the City  
13 of Scranton for the private lawsuit? You  
14 said in May that you would pay that back.

15 MS. GATELLI: Whatever I owe  
16 Attorney Reihner I will pay him.

17 MS. FRANUS: So it's at \$52,000  
18 already so -- -

19 MS. GATELLI: I don't know. He  
20 hasn't notified me what I owe.

21 MS. FRANUS: Well, it's \$52,000 from  
22 what I understand.

23 MS. GATELLI: Whatever I owe him I  
24 shall pay.

25 MS. FRANUS: When are you going to

1 do this?

2 MS. GATELLI: When the case is over.

3 MS. FRANUS: He was paid in April.

4 MS. GATELLI: When the case is over  
5 I'll square up with him.

6 MS. FRANUS: Well, why is he getting  
7 paid for a private lawsuit --

8 MS. GATELLI: I have no idea. You  
9 will have no ask Attorney Minora that  
10 question. I don't know.

11 MS. FRANUS: I mean, if I had a  
12 lawsuit I would have to pay it for it  
13 myself. I wouldn't have a city insurance  
14 company paying for it, it would my own money  
15 for my own lawyer out of my own pocket. I  
16 wouldn't be going to a city lawyer to ask  
17 him when I should pay.

18 MR. MCGOFF: Mrs. Franus --

19 MS. FRANUS: Mr. McGoff--

20 MR. MCGOFF: -- city business,  
21 please.

22 MS. FRANUS: This is city business.  
23 It's the city taxpayers' money.

24 MR. MCGOFF: No, it's not.

25 MS. FRANUS: Yes, it is, Mr. McGoff.



1 MR. MCGOFF: You asked a question, it  
2 was answered and now you are --

3 MS. FRANUS: No, Mr. McGoff, I beg  
4 to differ that it wasn't answered. I'm  
5 telling you that if I had a private lawsuit  
6 I wouldn't be having the city pay my bills  
7 as Mrs. Gatelli is doing, so I did ask and I  
8 did not get the complete answer and I have a  
9 right to comment.

10 MR. MCGOFF: You did get an answer.

11 MS. FRANUS: Well, I still have a  
12 right to comment on it. I think that the  
13 people in Scranton should get the 30,000  
14 plus money back, the insurance company  
15 should reimburse for Mr. Reihner. I think  
16 personally, my own opinion, that this is  
17 insurance fraud and I think heads are going  
18 to roll here.

19 MS. GATELLI: There is a lot of  
20 people dealing with fraud. There is people  
21 that don't go to work that I know and  
22 nothing is being done.

23 MS. FRANUS: Well, we are not  
24 speaking about that.

25 MS. GATELLI: And they are ripping

1 off the taxpayers, too.

2 MS. FRANUS: I don't even know what  
3 you're talking about. Just like last week

4 --

5 MS. GATELLI: You know exactly what  
6 I'm talking about.

7 MR. MCGOFF: Please.

8 MS. FRANUS: No, I don't. Just like  
9 you said last week you said Les Spindler did  
10 he ever get arrested.

11 MR. MCGOFF: Please get to city  
12 business.

13 MS. FRANUS: Oh, I am.

14 MR. MCGOFF: No, it's become an  
15 argument.

16 MS. FRANUS: Mr. McGoff, since when  
17 do you think you can oversee the  
18 constitution of the United States and you  
19 claim you can tell people they can say -- I  
20 can say whatever I choose to --

21 MR. MCGOFF: No, you can't.

22 MS. FRANUS: -- city business or  
23 not.

24 MR. MCGOFF: No, you can't.

25 MS. FRANUS: Yes, you can.

1 MR. MCGOFF: Apparently you don't  
2 understand the constitution as well.

3 MS. FRANUS: Oh, I do, and I may get  
4 it for you for a Christmas present because  
5 you don't understand it at all.

6 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. Lee Morgan.

7 MR. MORGAN: Good evening, Council.  
8 There are some discussions here tonight  
9 about the Scranton Public Library and just  
10 having these discussions about the formation  
11 of a new authority is really terrible. I  
12 think there is no merit to doing anything  
13 that the Scranton Public Library whatsoever.  
14 Moving the library to South Side isn't going  
15 to change the blight issues, not a chance.  
16 We have a community that's in serious debt  
17 with no real solutions offered.

18 You know, to move the meeting at 10  
19 a.m. when people can't attend, you know, I  
20 didn't attend a council meeting a couple of  
21 weeks ago and I was at a private home, there  
22 were quite a few people there, and they were  
23 viewing the council meeting, but they  
24 thought it was the most comical thing they  
25 had ever seen in their life, and it was such

1 a pathetic thing.

2 MS. FANUCCI: It's the only thing you  
3 and I have agreed on all year.

4 MR. MORGAN: No, no. You know what,  
5 it may be, but it's still the truth, and you  
6 know what, the truth should be told at times  
7 and the people are so disgusted with the  
8 political atmosphere in this town. We are  
9 building parking authorities, we are loaning  
10 money to people with money, but there is no  
11 solutions for the people in the  
12 neighborhoods, we are condemning houses.  
13 Finally there is something on the agenda  
14 that.

15 But I would just like to say that,  
16 you know, the library is fine where it is,  
17 it's served this community for a long time.  
18 We don't need an authority to come up with a  
19 solution that's politically acceptable to  
20 the politically elite in this community.  
21 That's not how this library was created or  
22 why it was created. I use that library  
23 quite often especially when I went to school  
24 at Central and I used to walk across the  
25 street to the library more times than I can

1 count when they had index cards long ago  
2 because I'm fairly old at this point in my  
3 life.

4 But you know something, how long can  
5 we keep building things without money? How  
6 long can we keep doing favors for people  
7 politically? How long can we keep hurting  
8 the tax base.

9 You know, Mr. McGoff, you said it  
10 was your prerogative to hold the meeting on  
11 the budget and caucus in chambers, but the  
12 truth be told it should have been held here  
13 because we are asking the residents of this  
14 city to pay these levies, these taxes. You  
15 are trying to give the people of this city a  
16 reason to stay here and participate in  
17 government, and you know what, they've  
18 stopped. They are laughing at these  
19 meetings at home. Why? Because they have  
20 no faith in their government. The few of us  
21 that come here and try to speak on the  
22 little bit that we know on the agenda is  
23 troubling because the truth is that most  
24 times council doesn't even have backup to  
25 the legislation they are voting for.

1                   Now, I mean, when you go further  
2                   into this agenda for tonight, all right, 6-L  
3                   and 6-0, didn't we just get rid of the  
4                   Department of Public Safety, but it's here  
5                   on the agenda. I just think that really by  
6                   are introducing stuff that shouldn't be  
7                   introduced. We are talking about issues  
8                   that aren't issues. We should be talking  
9                   about -- Mrs. Gatelli talked about raising  
10                  funds in lieu of taxes, some \$118,000, but  
11                  yet still the University of Scranton and  
12                  other nonprofits keep eating our  
13                  neighborhoods alive. We are not talking  
14                  about that. We are talking about real  
15                  estate taxes remaining constant yet we've  
16                  condemned properties and ripped them down so  
17                  I don't see how we could possibly be  
18                  receiving the same revenue. We are selling  
19                  the city's debts to corporations and the  
20                  people, you know, there is a gentleman here  
21                  to comes and talks about the homeless, there  
22                  is an awful lot of them. Instead of  
23                  creating a small business incubator and  
24                  doing good things for the community we are  
25                  holding budget caucus in holes in the office

1 next door because we are hiding from the  
2 public, and that's what's going on here.

3 MR. MCGOFF: There was nothing  
4 hidden.

5 MR. MORGAN: Everything is hidden  
6 here. Everything is hidden here. If it  
7 wasn't hidden it would have been said in  
8 public, and the truth is I asked --

9 MS. FANUCCI: It was said in public.

10 MR. MCGOFF: It was said in public.

11 MR. MORGAN: Was it?

12 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

14 MR. MORGAN: How many people here  
15 actually know everything about this budget?  
16 Very few. You might read line items, but  
17 the general rank and file of this city have  
18 no understanding of this budget and that was  
19 your job that they should understand it  
20 because you represent them. That's what's  
21 going on here. You don't represent yourself  
22 or a chosen few, and the truth of the matter  
23 is people have been leaving this city.  
24 Isn't the decline 5.5 percent?

25 MR. MCGOFF: Bill Jackowitz.

1 MR. JACKOWITZ: I understand the  
2 constitution and I made a career of  
3 defending the constitution. Bill Jackowitz,  
4 South Scranton resident and member of the  
5 Taxpayers' Association. Anything that I say  
6 tonight is not personal and should not be  
7 taken that way, and please do not interrupt  
8 me.

9 Last week Councilwoman Gatelli  
10 stated that the election is over and that  
11 Mayor/Governor Doherty had won reelection.  
12 My question is why is he still campaigning  
13 and not staying in the City of Scranton that  
14 he loves so much? We still have many  
15 problems that need to be fixed in Scranton  
16 like having a balanced budget, contracts  
17 signed and implemented with the police and  
18 fire departments. Neighborhoods need to be  
19 upgraded, not building a \$16 million library  
20 in South Scranton.

21 I felt like a little kid being  
22 chastised by Councilwoman Gatelli and  
23 Fanucci. Gatelli contradicted herself in  
24 her talk about no one going to the school  
25 board meeting and her taxes being raised.



1 First, she is critical about the school  
2 board raising taxes. She doesn't isn't like  
3 her taxes raised, but she raised the city  
4 resident taxes. Then she was critical about  
5 the health costs. I guess hers included  
6 from the district, but raising taxes by the  
7 school district helped lower her cost, did  
8 it not, and raised her salary?

9 Yes, Councilwoman Gatelli and  
10 Fanucci are right. The Legion of Doom and  
11 the others got their agenda pushed through.  
12 I would like for council members to tell me  
13 what my agenda is during motions. During  
14 motions, of course. I have a good job,  
15 nobody in my family works for the city, and  
16 I have never asked anyone in the city  
17 government for a favor and I have been  
18 receiving a military retirement check for  
19 the past 22 years.

20 Also, I would like to know what  
21 being arrested is all about. When Jimmy  
22 Connors' son was appointed to a position it  
23 did not matter that he had been arrested,  
24 but furthermore, he lied on his application  
25 which is immediate grounds for termination

1 and removal from the position. Carl  
2 Graziano, should he lose his job? Probably  
3 not.

4 The voters of Scranton have spoken.  
5 They paid attention to the city council  
6 meetings and did what was right for the  
7 city. Just take a look at the vote counts.  
8 The two incumbents were soundly defeated,  
9 plus I have never seen any of his supporters  
10 attend council meetings with the exception  
11 of Joanne Williams. Also, apparently their  
12 supporters do not go to the polls either.

13 Councilman Courtright, research and  
14 think before you insert your foot in your  
15 mouth. We all know that the cuts were  
16 political. Now, we must count on the new  
17 council to do the right thing for the  
18 citizens of the Scranton. Like I said last  
19 week, I will be paying close attention. I  
20 really am going to miss the sermons and the  
21 speeches that really made little or no sense  
22 at all, but sometimes change is good. I  
23 will miss the circus atmosphere that has  
24 abounded in the city council the last four  
25 years. Again, nothing personal just my

1 observation and opinions.

2 Why were the UGI gas rates in  
3 Scranton the highest in the state, now they  
4 are the third highest? Does anybody care?  
5 Thank you.

6 MR. MCGOFF: Joan Hook and Ben  
7 Sheetz.

8 MS. HOOK: We are representing  
9 Mulberry Towers.

10 MR. MCGOFF: Just state your names,  
11 please?

12 MS. HOOK: Joan Hook and Ben Sheetz.

13 MR. SHEETZ: We are here to defend  
14 ourselves in the last couple of meetings,  
15 feedback has come out that the people of  
16 Mulberry Towers and the management has been  
17 condemned. We are not management, but we  
18 are residents. The apartments in our  
19 opinion is clean.

20 MS. HOOK: Very clean.

21 MR. SHEETZ: And the repairs are  
22 prompt when we have requested repairs be  
23 done promptly.

24 MS. HOOK: And the building is  
25 clean, too.

1 MR. SHEETZ: And most of the tenants  
2 are nice. You always have personalities  
3 everywhere you go, and the staff is  
4 efficient and we do have two social workers  
5 that try to solve problems, we mentioned  
6 that and we just wanted to say our part that  
7 we feel --

8 MS. HOOK: We've been humiliated,  
9 our building. Thank you.

10 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you very much.  
11 Ron Ellman.

12 MR. ELLMAN: Hello, Council.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Ellman.

14 MR. ELLMAN: You like my peepers?

15 MS. FANUCCI: You're looking good.

16 MR. ELLMAN: I got these about --  
17 close to 50 years ago from Harold Lloyd. I  
18 know nobody knows who he is, but he was an  
19 old silent screen actor. About the library  
20 real quick, why couldn't they move the  
21 children's library and use that space  
22 because people have to bring children to  
23 that library, they could bring children  
24 anywhere. You know, the city is full of  
25 buildings. It looks like after Christmas

1           the mall will be empty, you know. I was  
2           down there talking and people tell me that  
3           the business just isn't good at the mall.  
4           It's ashame, you know.

5                       Somebody asked me why I -- I'm so  
6           critical, I'm a critic. Critics criticize.  
7           I don't know what else to say about it. I  
8           don't want to see the mall go out of  
9           business, you know, and it doesn't help me  
10          one bit. But, you know, it's just -- I'm  
11          just a realist. There is no people down at  
12          the mall. I don't know where in the world  
13          they go, you know. I was at the other place  
14          I think Sunday night, I was at the other  
15          mall you couldn't find a parking place, it  
16          was just so crowded, you know, business is  
17          terrific out there. I guess it's 'cause  
18          because of the free parking and all.  
19          Sherry, my love.

20                      MS. FANUCCI: Yes, dear.

21                      MR. ELLMAN: This isn't premeditated  
22          it just popped into my mind.

23                      MS. FANUCCI: You going to propose?

24                      MS. GATELLI: I hope Miss Rosie  
25          isn't watching. You'll be in big trouble

1                   when you get home.

2                   MR. ELLMAN: I'm still on probation  
3                   anyway. Let me ask you something about --  
4                   just between you and me.

5                   MS. FANUCCI: Okay.

6                   MR. ELLMAN: Nobody else.

7                   MS. FANUCCI: All right.

8                   MR. ELLMAN: You sit there and look  
9                   me in the eye and tell me that you honestly  
10                  believe that the illegal plant Daron  
11                  Industries on Dickson Street is allowed to  
12                  operate year after year after year out of  
13                  the goodness of the mayor's heart or could  
14                  there just possibly be some underlying other  
15                  reason? Now, they don't contribute one  
16                  thing to the city. Tell me something you  
17                  think is positive about that place? They  
18                  have haven't hired any people, they don't  
19                  pay taxes, they are two KOZ's. I went down  
20                  the street the other day just before the  
21                  rain. There is dirt, dust, the street is  
22                  tore up, there is noisy trucks. You know,  
23                  it's just ashame what keeps going on and you  
24                  multiply that KOZ by three or four hundred  
25                  and that's what's wrong with the city. We

1 are not collecting money.

2 Then we have the mayor waiving  
3 building permit money as bad as we need  
4 money. It's just a senseless act. I have  
5 written a letter because I have asked you  
6 people for two weeks in a row to try to see  
7 if this was an illegal action or not and  
8 nobody would tell me. I have written a  
9 letter to the Attorney General's Office and  
10 I'm going see if I can get him involved. I  
11 want to get the money from these people back  
12 to the city. You can't -- it's not right to  
13 waive -- you know, today's paper, I noticed  
14 Mr. Munchak is trying to explain away some  
15 of his behavior, the newspaper said it was a  
16 crime against good judgment. Well, maybe  
17 Mr. Doherty's using this money instead of  
18 where it's supposed to be waiving our  
19 building permit money is a crime against  
20 good judgment, but it's a shame. It's just  
21 ashamed when somebody wants to remodel a  
22 kitchen or something and pay 60, 80 dollars  
23 and a million dollars deal over here that  
24 Austin Burke said is \$33 million pays \$19  
25 for a building permit. Why do you do that?

1           You took my thought away and everything.  
2           You just do that on purpose to irritate me.  
3           I'm not going to vote for you if you ever  
4           come up. I want to hear an answer on that.

5                     MR. MCGOFF: During motions. Joe  
6           Dwyer.

7                     MR. DWYER: Good evening, members of  
8           council and citizens of Scranton. I'd like  
9           to bring your attention to an article that  
10          was in last night's newspaper, Scranton  
11          Times. I want to thank Jeremy Burton, the  
12          reporter from the Scranton Times for writing  
13          the article about the condition and the  
14          blight of the homeless. I hope you all have  
15          had an opportunity to see it and read it.

16                    It tells about, you know, what we  
17          have been talk being about for the last year  
18          and how difficult people's lives are  
19          economically today and how hard it is for  
20          the working poor who are struggling just to  
21          make ends meet where the dollar doesn't go  
22          as far as it once went and how more and more  
23          people are ending up on the streets.  
24          According to one person that's cited from  
25          the Catholic Social Services, I believe,



1           they said two years ago there were only 200  
2           people living on the street homeless. Today  
3           a couple of thousand. The situation is  
4           getting much worse and it becomes more  
5           apparent because more people are seeing the  
6           people who are displaced from their homes  
7           and we need to do something about it because  
8           it is only going to get worse.

9                         We haven't seen the real downturn of  
10           our economy. It's still going down and  
11           we're as the economists are saying we are in  
12           for the greatest depression, probably worse  
13           than the 29 crash, and so I want to thank  
14           the Times for finally revealing this and  
15           getting the word out and hopefully that more  
16           people see this.

17                        As I talked with some of my friends  
18           who are also healthy people across the  
19           country and seeing similar situations, they  
20           made me aware of a little statute in the law  
21           for home foreclosure. There's a lawyer in  
22           Florida who is doing pro bono work who would  
23           be more than happy to put a seminar on up  
24           here on telling people how they can save  
25           their houses from foreclosure because in

1 order to do a complete foreclosure on a  
2 person's house you have to have an original  
3 title and mortgage papers. Today because of  
4 the way mortgages have been bundled it's  
5 almost difficult and it's almost impossible  
6 to find the original mortgage. So if  
7 anybody is interested they can e-mail me at  
8 JDHungryPilgram@gmail.com. and I will be  
9 more than happy to furnish them with the  
10 information, and if there is any attorneys  
11 in town who are serious about foreclosure  
12 issue and they want to help their client  
13 save their homes like Mark Walsh, who is an  
14 awesome gentleman and John Minora is another  
15 awesome attorney in town who are willing to  
16 go to bat for people and I will strongly  
17 recommend them as attorneys to take on the  
18 fight. And thank you very much for your  
19 time. God bless and wish you well.

20 MR. MCGOFF: David Dobrzyn.

21 MR. DOBRZYN: David Dobrzyn once  
22 again, second time tonight, a member of the  
23 Taxpayers', resident of Scranton. Once  
24 again I would like to raise concerns about  
25 6-A and 6-B. They could be

1 counterproductive to our merchants which  
2 have been given wonderful loans and  
3 buildings and so forth and people hanging on  
4 year after year in our less than austere  
5 town.

6 Also, 6-J through M. It's okay to  
7 raise fees every now and then, but hopefully  
8 they are not exorbitant and which brings me  
9 to the library. I share most of the views  
10 with the other speakers. I'm very concerned  
11 about it, it doesn't belong to the hands of  
12 somebody that we have no legal recourse  
13 against once they decide what to do with  
14 this library and nothing has been done to  
15 look into a possible renovating space  
16 nearby, and it's like I aforementioned last  
17 week, if you walk out to the corner of Adams  
18 and Mulberry facing towards Scranton  
19 University, turn to your left, look up, and  
20 there's oodles and oodles of space empty and  
21 I don't know who owns it, maybe the Parking  
22 Authority, I don't know who built that  
23 garage, but the South Side Library may be  
24 warranted, but it's an awful big price to  
25 pay and we are already getting yourselves

1 very, very far into debt.

2 So it's really to me it seems like a  
3 win-win if we start to look at alternatives  
4 and decide whether it's really, really  
5 feasible to have this library and is it fair  
6 to people across town. I'm from South Side,  
7 it does a great thing for South Side, but  
8 you know Andy said, a library from West Side  
9 is gone years ago. And also on the Silkman  
10 House, people that are in there have done  
11 some pretty nice things for Scranton and I  
12 think they should be given some  
13 consideration, possibly if they are willing  
14 to run a reference library for a few hours a  
15 week or something like that, to say that  
16 they at least earn their keep. I mean,  
17 other people might disagree with me, but the  
18 LRCA has done quite a few wonderful things  
19 and they also they don't work for money,  
20 they clean up a lot of areas and problems in  
21 the city and they have worked for years to  
22 clean up the Lackawanna River and so forth.  
23 So, I mean, they certainly should be given  
24 some kind of consideration there. They  
25 shouldn't be treated like desk posts or a

1 freeloader or something.

2 And finally on 7-D, once again, as a  
3 Comcast subscriber I am given no voice in  
4 whatever is going to happen with Comcast.  
5 They are basically being priced out of  
6 business already because they require --  
7 they require all of the cable connections  
8 and infrastructure and so forth and  
9 consistently they have been treated like a  
10 cash cow as compared to other phone  
11 companies and I meant to say wireless  
12 service last week, Direct TV. I mean,  
13 nothing is done to bring them in.

14 And one final note, a few weeks ago,  
15 and it doesn't help you out any, but there  
16 is a bill in Congress right now in the state  
17 senate I read it, I'll turn it over to  
18 whoever maybe who next week, but it concerns  
19 large nonprofits such as colleges and so  
20 forth paying a city maintenance fee, you  
21 know, so --

22 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Dobrzyn.

23 MR. DOBRZYN: You put up with it for  
24 a long time and they haven't done nothing,  
25 Sherry, but hopefully some day it will be

1 hope and the new council will get on the  
2 backs of their congressmen to bring that to  
3 fruition.

4 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.

5 MR. DOBRZYN: They do cost money.

6 MR. MCGOFF: Any other speakers?

7 MS. KRAKE: Good evening, Council.

8 My name is Nancy Krake. There are other  
9 speakers cuing up behind me. Okay. An  
10 earlier person, I believe it was Mr. Morgan,  
11 said that some people watch council live and  
12 they find that it's amusing. I really hope  
13 that that's not true that people laugh at  
14 this.

15 Something does strike me as funny  
16 though, for the past eight years we have  
17 been talking about eliminating the Director  
18 of Public Safety and now when that gentleman  
19 is moving on we are eliminating his job. I  
20 think that's not only funny, it's ironic and  
21 very sad. The same Pennsylvania Economy  
22 League that forced cuts in my union, 30  
23 jobs, allowed this job to be reinstated for  
24 one man until he was finished. He should be  
25 ashamed of himself as should everyone that

1 voted to keep his job in.

2 I would also like during motions  
3 perhaps if council could tell us exactly  
4 what jobs were eliminated, if you can figure  
5 that out by then, and what jobs have been  
6 added. If you can't by motions perhaps by  
7 the end of the meeting.

8 And I have some questions that I  
9 would respectfully ask to be answered now.  
10 The registration, I'm not exactly sure what  
11 that is, the registration professional  
12 services will that be then to do housing  
13 registration? Could someone explain that  
14 kindly?

15 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. My motion was to  
16 hire someone on a professional services  
17 contract to coordinate the rental  
18 registration program at a contingency of 10  
19 percent of revenues generated.

20 MS. KRAKE: And how did you  
21 determine that 10 percent?

22 MR. MCGOFF: Of the revenue generated  
23 from the rental registration.

24 MS. KRAKE: What prompted you to use  
25 10 percent?

1 MR. MCGOFF: It seemed like a  
2 reasonable number.

3 MS. KRAKE: Just seemed like a  
4 reasonable number.

5 MR. MCGOFF: And other members of  
6 council agreed.

7 MS. KRAKE: You didn't use a prior  
8 city's experience, you just decided 10  
9 percent was --

10 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

11 MS. KRAKE: Okay. And that will be  
12 going out for bid then?

13 MR. MCGOFF: The next motion at some  
14 point in time I would like, yes, that we  
15 will make a motion to have an RFP drafted  
16 and out to bid or --

17 MS. KRAKE: Have you used a model,  
18 that was the word I was looking for before  
19 to determine what that RFP will look like  
20 that?

21 MR. MCGOFF: Haven't looked at  
22 anything yet, but I was going to try and get  
23 in touch with some people that had been  
24 involved with rental registration and talk  
25 to them.



1 MS. KRAKE: What I'm trying to say  
2 usually when this happens you take a look at  
3 similar cities --

4 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

5 MS. KRAKE: -- and go by what they  
6 have done, but that hasn't happened in this  
7 case.

8 MR. MCGOFF: Not yet.

9 MS. KRAKE: And I have one more  
10 thing, I would just respectfully ask that  
11 Mrs. Fanucci does not vote or abstains from  
12 voting when Mr. Greco's contract comes up.  
13 He was a campaign contributor of hers, I  
14 believe \$500. She is not forced to do so,  
15 obviously, but I would respectfully ask  
16 that, and that's also another one of those  
17 items that have gone in the mayor's budget  
18 since the beginning, so maybe next time  
19 Mr. Greco's won't be. Thank you.

20 MS. HUMPHRIES: It's hard being me.  
21 I have a police department book here with  
22 all of the codes in it. The same ten  
23 commandments. What I have to say what's  
24 happened here -- my name is Phyllis  
25 Bernadette Fatima Yasmin. I'm a Third Order

1 Carmelite. I'm an honorary deputy sheriff  
2 of the police department sworn in a few  
3 months ago.

4 There has been an undercover  
5 investigation. I am inviting certain  
6 people, Mrs. Gatelli, I would like you to  
7 come, Mr. Courtright, Mrs. Fanucci and you,  
8 I forget you. There have been conspiracies  
9 to bring me down because of what I know and  
10 me speaking. I was going to be in the  
11 parade, but people damaged stuff on the  
12 process coming up sitting in Mulberry Tower  
13 I was trying to get everything together that  
14 was damaged. In the process, a person came  
15 outside and says, "Could you do that?"

16 I don't know understand they were  
17 saying. I have five ruptured disks. I  
18 don't have any need pads. I walked a little  
19 ways and I stopped, you are nervous, you  
20 know, you are a Pro-Lifer, Mrs. Gatelli. We  
21 got the good the bad and the ugly here. In  
22 the process a person came outside and  
23 knocked -- they did more damage to me  
24 documents and everything. They says, "Could  
25 you do that? Could you do that? Could you

1 do that:

2 I said, "Do what?" Right? What  
3 they were saying was my sign book inside was  
4 "Could you do that." I'll tell you what  
5 could you do that was is the purple heart,  
6 the fire and the police department I'm a  
7 supporter of. There was a letter, a  
8 signature of Reagan. There was a Bible of a  
9 fire department woman that's from St.  
10 Patrick's, she died at 22 of cancer. There  
11 was a lot of political things.

12 A month before that I put documents  
13 on my wall that was even with my apartment.  
14 I was told by Linda, Brenda and Lori to  
15 remove them from my apartment while that was  
16 even with my rental. I was told if I did  
17 not remove them I would be arrested and I  
18 would be evicted, which I am evicted at this  
19 point. In the process of it she said by  
20 3:00 and they were threatening me. I said,  
21 3:00 is the divine mercy, I'm an American  
22 citizen, right?

23 So Monday comes and somebody is  
24 passing back and forth, back and forth, and  
25 all my stuff was removed, destroyed. Some

1 of the items were political government  
2 American, I'm a loyal American. Some was  
3 religious that I go to the United Nation,  
4 but the place cards were at the Dollar Store  
5 and one was the American flags, the  
6 ministers of Canada, Lincoln, numerous  
7 miraculous documents and because of our  
8 freedom of the speech and our freedom of  
9 religion and what's conspiring in the United  
10 States of America that we can't say Silent  
11 Night, take go ahead out of here and take  
12 God out of there.

13 The two persons that spoke up, I  
14 can't say nothing for the man person, the  
15 other person lives next to me. There was a  
16 woman that was blind, I tried to help her.  
17 I was told not to see her, but there was  
18 something behind that she asked me to help  
19 her with the FBI and the church has  
20 documents at this point. In the process of  
21 that, there was a grease fire which, you  
22 know, I'm the one with the fire department  
23 to try and help them out. So I asked her,  
24 she was in a stairwell, so she asked me to  
25 take her downstairs. I gently asked someone

1 to help me. We got her downstairs, she  
2 wanted to go in the front room so I helped  
3 her there.

4 Now, this person comes out because  
5 she had actually ran past the person and  
6 left her there and so I'm trying to help as  
7 a human being that nothing happens to this  
8 blind person that also asked me to help her  
9 to get her home back and all, because a lot  
10 of people they have been swindled out of  
11 their homes and all in. In the process the  
12 person comes -- I would say the person comes  
13 in and she asks us to help. I said, "You  
14 don't have to help me."

15 The next day when I came outside it  
16 was --

17 MR. MCGOFF: You need to finish.

18 MS. HUMPHRIES: The bottom line is,  
19 is -- let me get the paper here, Corporal  
20 Adonizio --

21 MR. MCGOFF: No, you need to finish  
22 now.

23 MS. HUMPHRIES: Okay, this is it.  
24 Corporal Adonizio -- do you know him? He is  
25 involved in the investigation. We are going

1 to not have slum lords, we are not to have  
2 molesters. We're not going to have rapists.  
3 We're not going to have people --

4 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.

5 MS. HUMPHRIES: We are going to do  
6 the right thing for our country --

7 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Phyllis.

8 MS. HUMPHRIES: And you are under  
9 arrest at this point --

10 MR. MCGOFF: Please, Phyllis.

11 MS. HUMPHRIES: No, I'm to read her  
12 the rights.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Phyllis.

14 MS. HUMPHRIES: He will read their  
15 rights.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Phyllis.

17 MS. HUMPHRIES: Get their names.

18 MR. MCGOFF: We have other speakers  
19 that are here.

20 MS. HUMPHRIES: God bless you,  
21 everybody.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.

23 MS. GATELLI: God bless you.

24 MS. HUMPHRIES: And this is what they  
25 damaged.

1 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.

2 MS. HUMPHRIES: They ripped up the  
3 flag. What does that tell you.

4 MR. MCGOFF: Okay.

5 MS. FOWLER: That's a tough act to  
6 follow, it really is. I just a have a  
7 couple of quick questions during motions  
8 could you explain 5-F, 5-I. 5-I I just want  
9 to know where it is and if there is going to  
10 hire any new people, 5-I and what 5-K is and  
11 if that's going to hire any new people and  
12 where 5-L is located.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Okay.

14 MS. FOWLER: And that's all. Thank  
15 you.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else?

17 MR. UNGVARSKY: Good evening,  
18 Council. I'd like to talk on 5-F. I really  
19 don't understand why this is even on the  
20 agenda tonight. It is the SAPA Act and it  
21 is rather long and involved and it is  
22 nothing that really has to be discussed with  
23 all of the other stuff on the agenda why  
24 it's brought up now except maybe to run it  
25 through before the end of the year.

1                   Last week several comments were made  
2                   about the taxpayers not going to a school  
3                   board meeting. I can assure city council  
4                   that we attend lot more meetings than they  
5                   do. We have been to Harrisburg in support  
6                   of legislation and we did it at our own  
7                   expense. We have gone to PPL meetings about  
8                   their high voltage lines many of them were  
9                   held out of town. We have gone to 1275  
10                   meetings which were held down in Luzerne  
11                   County, and really in all of these meetings  
12                   I don't recall anyone council person being  
13                   there.

14                   We have attended SRA meetings,  
15                   county commissioner meetings and many, many  
16                   other meetings. The taxpayers' hold a  
17                   meeting every other week. I couldn't  
18                   remember seeing the council people there.  
19                   In fact, we had a meeting where we  
20                   interviewed all candidates running for city  
21                   council. Five showed up, two didn't.

22                   MS. FANUCCI: I'm proud to say I'm  
23                   one that didn't.

24                   MR. UNGVARSKY: I don't think you can  
25                   squawk about the taxpayers not showing up



1 for meetings.

2 MS. FANUCCI: Think it was about the  
3 fact that you didn't care about the tax  
4 increase --

5 MR. UNGVARSKY: I think that we will  
6 be there -- please, don't interrupt me.

7 MR. MCGOFF: Mrs. Fanucci, let him  
8 finish.

9 MS. FANUCCI: I think it was a  
10 misunderstanding about -- -

11 MR. UNGVARSKY: Please dont'  
12 interrupt.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Just let him finish.

14 MS. FANUCCI: Okay, let him go, but  
15 squawking.

16 MR. UNGVARSKY: It is what you said.  
17 It is what you said.

18 MS. FANUCCI: Yes, because of the tax  
19 increase. You must have misunderstood. We  
20 are not criticizing you for not attending  
21 meetings all over the country.

22 MR. UNGVARSKY: That was not --

23 MS. FANUCCI: We are very proud of  
24 you. What we are saying is there a major  
25 tax increase at the school board -- -

1 MR. UNGVARSKY: May I have the floor,  
2 please, Mr. McGoff?

3 MR. MCGOFF: Mrs. Fanucci, let him  
4 finish.

5 MR. UNGVARSKY: It was not the final  
6 meeting on the budget for the school board  
7 and, in fact, it was a taxpayers' meeting  
8 that happened on that same night, so what  
9 were we to do? We had a miss one. We had  
10 to miss one and we choose to go to our  
11 taxpayers' meeting.

12 I don't think this city council has  
13 a right to condemn any speaker that comes up  
14 here. I'm proud that people have stuck with  
15 it and perhaps that is why we saw the change  
16 in this last election.

17 MR. MCGOFF: Other speakers?

18 MR. ANCHERANI: Good evening.  
19 Nelson Ancherani, First Amendment Rights.  
20 First off, I want to thank everyone for  
21 their kind support and prayers for my son  
22 during these times. The prayers and support  
23 is overwhelming and thank you, everyone.

24 The Connell building, it is now  
25 December and there is no sign of any kind of

1 reconstruction going on. Only what was  
2 done. The 23 million for that project and  
3 it appears stalled. How much money was  
4 spent so far of that 23 million? How much  
5 of the city's money is being spent on that  
6 project? Did the developers run out of  
7 money? Again, 23 million and more money is  
8 being sought to complete that project. 23  
9 million was spent gutting the building and  
10 it doesn't appear that the gutting is  
11 complete, will we need another 23 million to  
12 complete the project?

13 It just started getting colder and  
14 there are missing windows in that  
15 unprotected from the element's building, and  
16 we are lucky that the elements haven't been  
17 playing havoc since it's been warm. Anyway,  
18 the money that was spent already, will that  
19 spent money go the way of the 267,000 that  
20 was spent on the old Casey Parkway  
21 renovation then the building being declared  
22 unsafe and then torn down wasting \$267,000.

23 Another question, the new parking  
24 garage on Washington Avenue, wasn't that  
25 supposed to be constructed also behind the

1 Connell building? The building is not being  
2 constructed behind there as I believe was in  
3 the original plans. How much money of the  
4 35 million was spent on that garage? How  
5 much is left unspent?

6 Again, 20 million extending to 25  
7 million for raises and new hires in this  
8 2010 budget. I will deduct the Director of  
9 Public Safety Office wages if that office is  
10 eliminated, but until then it stays in, but  
11 I can think of 65,000 reasons why that  
12 office should be eliminated, phased out.  
13 Ray will know what I mean anyway.

14 Why is that when cuts are made in  
15 the budget it's always the lowest paid  
16 employees that take the biggest cuts and  
17 eliminations. Is it because there was so  
18 much opposition to the record budgets that  
19 decreasing expenditures was the easiest way  
20 to go? Make it look good, put on a good  
21 show, but the budget is still 20 million  
22 more than Connors' budget when he left  
23 office and he left a three million surplus.  
24 Thank you.

25 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else? Mrs.

1 Gatelli?

2 MS. GATELLI: I only have a few  
3 items this evening. This Thursday, I forgot  
4 to mention is our community justice meeting  
5 over in the South Scranton. It will be held  
6 at the United Neighborhood Centers from 3:00  
7 to 5:00. The district attorney will be  
8 present, and city inspector and hopefully  
9 the beat officer. I don't know if he is  
10 back to work yet, but if he is he certainly  
11 will also be there.

12 It's hard to answer all of the  
13 speakers that come here. I just have a few  
14 observations that I have made. It seems  
15 that when you get criticized you don't like  
16 it, but yet you come here week after week  
17 you get personal, oh, yes, you do, and you  
18 have for the last four years and that's  
19 okay, but when people say something to you  
20 like that you didn't attend a meeting for  
21 the school board where the taxes are being  
22 raised to the maximum, but you come here  
23 every week all yearlong and talk about how  
24 much money is spent in the city.

25 Yes, it's very offensive that you

1 claim to represent the taxpayers, but you  
2 don't go to the taxing body that raises the  
3 taxes every year which leads me to believe  
4 what I stated last week you are only here to  
5 harass Sherry and I have, and you did a good  
6 job you got us to defeated with all of your  
7 lies that you told at that podium for the  
8 last four years, and you did tell a lot of  
9 them, I have to say that.

10 And why don't our friends come here?  
11 They wouldn't be caught dead here, frankly.  
12 They call you at home and say, "How could  
13 you possibly go there week after week and  
14 listen to the same thing from the same  
15 people?"

16 The same people, I might add, that I  
17 have never seen bend over and pick up a  
18 cigarette butt off the street, never come to  
19 anything where there's a cleanup or  
20 something in your neighborhood that you are  
21 doing for the people. Never saw any of them  
22 there, but yet they come here week after  
23 week criticize, talk about your lawsuit.  
24 That wasn't my lawsuit, I was sued by a  
25 website creator that doesn't pay his taxes

1 and yet everybody kisses them and hugs them  
2 and worships them. It's disgusting, and  
3 I'll stand by that.

4 Let's see what every one of you that  
5 sit here what have you done for the City of  
6 Scranton for the last 28 years? I fought  
7 for my town. Never got a nickle for it.  
8 What did you all do? Did you take tires out  
9 of a building? Did you fight a plastic  
10 factory and a low income housing project at  
11 Sequoit? Did you pick up couches and chairs  
12 that were strewn about Stafford Avenue? No,  
13 you didn't do any of that. You only come  
14 here to criticize.

15 I suggest that you start to  
16 volunteer for your community and you can  
17 start by coming and helping me in South Side  
18 if you have nothing else to do because  
19 that's where I intend to be until my last  
20 breath that I can't do anymore.

21 Shame on all of you. Shame on you  
22 for trying to discredit people and talk  
23 about their families with a name on an  
24 Internet. You might think people forgot  
25 what you did, but they didn't forget what

1           you did. Smashing windshields, slashing  
2           tires, you don't talk about that, do you?  
3           You don't talk about those things that were  
4           done.

5                         And I wish the new council a lot of  
6           luck because when those two boys don't march  
7           much to the tune they'll be on the Internet,  
8           too, and then you will hear about their  
9           police activity and what they are done as  
10          far as police reports. Then it will be at  
11          this podium being talked about, so I wish  
12          those two boys all the luck in the world  
13          because they are certainly going to need it  
14          or else they have to march to the drummer.  
15          You don't march, you don't play. It's pay  
16          to play only it's somebody else paying to  
17          play. That's all it is. It's a new cast of  
18          rubber stampers, so I hope you are all  
19          happy. I'm happy that I'm not going to be  
20          here. God did me a big favor and my family.  
21          That's all I have.

22                         MR. MCGOFF: Mrs. Fanucci.

23                         MS. FANUCCI: I just want to answer  
24          some of the questions about 5-I and job  
25          creation. There is two full-time positions



1           being created, two chefs being created, ten  
2           part-time positions being created, ten  
3           servers being created, three bartenders and  
4           one manager. Okay? That's all on 5-I and  
5           5-K. Six account managers, six system  
6           engineers, and also sale's positions will be  
7           created. I will do a full report on all of  
8           that next week after the introduction.

9                       Also, I want to talk about the  
10           library or the Albright Library and how this  
11           is -- I don't know what else to say about  
12           this. None of us want to see this library  
13           gone, none of us want to see this building  
14           taken away. That is the not the intent, but  
15           it doesn't really matter what the intent is  
16           because if you say it over and over again at  
17           that podium for some reason it becomes  
18           reality. It's not reality. The library is  
19           entirely too small, that's the reality.  
20           Anybody who has attended there, which I  
21           would love for someone to come here who has  
22           been there, realizes that there is not  
23           enough computers, there is not enough  
24           children's space, the library is entirely  
25           too small.

1                   Easy for people who have computers  
2                   at home and don't worry about being on the  
3                   Internet because they can do that from their  
4                   home. There are many people who cannot. We  
5                   need to do something. Now, whether or not  
6                   this board is going to be able to pull that  
7                   off, I'm not sure either, but I also know  
8                   that funding has been cut by the state in  
9                   droves. There is not going to be funding  
10                  for libraries anymore. It's going to come  
11                  to the point where you need to do something  
12                  and fundraising will be the only way to keep  
13                  these doors open. That's important.

14                  I know that conspiracy theories are  
15                  always better and they are a bigger sell,  
16                  but sometimes it's just not a fact. I  
17                  understand why conspiracy theories are so  
18                  big here and it took me awhile to figure  
19                  out, four years, four years. People in this  
20                  audience believe that the rest of the world  
21                  functions as they have functioned. Some  
22                  people here, you know, have cheated their  
23                  way into being, you know, head policemen,  
24                  head detectives. Some people have relied on  
25                  their friends to keep their jobs. Head of

1 union officials, you know, if it weren't for  
2 someone they wouldn't have got their  
3 position. If they don't fight every week  
4 here and get what they need out of these  
5 council meetings at the end of it they are a  
6 failure because that's their job. Their job  
7 is to get more.

8 We have people who have labor  
9 leaders supposedly helping their unions who  
10 throw all of the caution against the wind  
11 and think I'm just going to go against the  
12 mayor on not worry about my people. That's  
13 what's been done. It's been done here for  
14 four years when I have been sitting here.  
15 Bad advice to the point of where the union  
16 leaders, actually the hire-ups have given to  
17 the mayor's campaign because they have been  
18 so insulted of what's happened. I could go  
19 on with every name, but I believe everyone  
20 who is a regular watcher can figure out who  
21 I am talking about so far.

22 This is the issue. You want to know  
23 what anybody is going to get out of these  
24 meetings, Mr. Jackowitz, and I'm not talking  
25 about you because I don't believe you are

1 one of them, wait around for six months.  
2 You will see exactly why people have put all  
3 of this into this in four years. You will  
4 see it. You will see who gets what and why  
5 they are requesting to get it. This had  
6 nothing to do with the taxpayers out there.  
7 That's the sad reality.

8 My speeches might sound sad or might  
9 be, you know, falling on deaf ears, but if I  
10 was out there listening I can honestly say  
11 take this down because the next year you are  
12 going to see exactly what happened. You are  
13 going to see who is going to gain control  
14 and why. This had nothing to do with Chris  
15 Doherty not being a good mayor or us being a  
16 bad council, it had to do with making one  
17 person stronger because without the anti and  
18 against each other nothing will be  
19 accomplished. Without one the other doesn't  
20 exist. If have you a good mayor and not  
21 someone against him, take him away and where  
22 is this person go and where? They have  
23 nothing to complain about. It's about the  
24 complaining. It's about the daily  
25 complaining. Why? So at the end of it all

1           somebody gets the pay off.

2                       So who is going to get the payoff?  
3           I don't know, we'll have to see, but I can  
4           guarantee you it will happen and I can  
5           guarantee you when it does I will make sure  
6           that I could come back to say I told you so.

7                       Also, I would like to talk about,  
8           you know, the lawsuits. Fay Franus gets up  
9           here every week badgering Mrs. Gatelli about  
10          her lawsuit. I'm going to put Fay in  
11          charge. Get the money back from Pilchesky.  
12          All of the money he has cost this city in  
13          frivolous lawsuits. The taxpayers have been  
14          funding it for years and years. Get that  
15          money back. Let's do it. Plug the hole in  
16          the budget. Get it back from him. It's  
17          time. If you are going to fight for one  
18          side, fight for the other. You are fighting  
19          for everyone, so if you want the taxpayers  
20          to get their money back then go for it. Get  
21          it back for everyone from him. I'm  
22          thrilled. Thrilled. Also try to get some  
23          taxes, I don't know, just as a bonus.

24                      This is what happens here on a  
25          weekly basis and it's been a fun ride. It

1 really has. I actually I have enjoyed it.  
2 I have enjoyed it immensely because it made  
3 everyone realize that it's just not about  
4 the City of Scranton and the taxpayers. We  
5 finally can look at you and say it was about  
6 you. Have you gotten what you deserved. I  
7 can't wait to sit and watch. It's  
8 definitely going to be a fun time for  
9 everyone except for the taxpayers who are  
10 footing all of your mistakes and your  
11 bitterness and paying for on a daily basis  
12 as they give up all of what has transpired  
13 in the last few years so that somebody can  
14 look like a hero.

15 At the end of the day they still  
16 have to put out and do something wonderful  
17 so I can't say wait to see what that is  
18 because I'm not sure what will happen  
19 without the people writing the budget for  
20 her and people doing everything on her  
21 behalf because at some point someone is  
22 going turn against her, also. Why? Because  
23 you can't be the hero forever. It's about  
24 being the hero, it's not about the taxpayer  
25 and that's what we learned here in this

1 council chambers the last four years.

2 On a good note, I feel like we  
3 accomplished many things, many things, and  
4 I'm proud to say that this city is better in  
5 four years than it was four years ago. I'm  
6 proud of my smoking ban. It look a lot and  
7 I'm proud that that happened that we all  
8 worked together and got something that made  
9 the state actually change their mind and  
10 step up. I'm proud to say I live here. I'm  
11 proud to say I have served on this council  
12 regardless of the chaos and the Legion of  
13 Doom shirts, which still I will find funny  
14 for the next 25 years, but I am proud and I  
15 want to say thank you for letting me serve  
16 because that's the important part. The  
17 important part is trying to be part of the  
18 process and I want to thank the taxpayers  
19 for that. And that's all I have.

20 MR. COURTRIGHT: Kay, if you could  
21 ask someone to take a look at the -- the  
22 woman was here again that was across the  
23 street from that Daron Northeast, I thought  
24 they were moving out, evidently they are  
25 not. She said that dust has gotten to be

1           horrendous. If somebody could go down there  
2           and take a look at that and see if we can't  
3           help them out. I truly believe they were  
4           moving, evidently they are still there.

5                     One thing that Mrs. Evans and I  
6           disagreed on since I have been here was the  
7           Director of Public Safety. I never thought  
8           they should have taken it away from  
9           Mr. Connors, I was always in favor of that  
10          and her and I over the years have disagreed  
11          on that. I was not in favor of giving him a  
12          deputy director, I didn't think he needed  
13          that, so for years she has wanted to take it  
14          out and I thought it should be left in  
15          there, so it's going out now and I hope in  
16          going out that it doesn't hurt the police  
17          and fire department. I hope they are able  
18          to function as well if not better, but I  
19          just wanted to put that out there. I have  
20          always been in favor of that, you know, the  
21          six years that I have been there I thought  
22          it was wrong they took it away from Mayor  
23          Connors. I also thought it was wrong to  
24          give it back to Mr. Doherty. If Mr. Connors  
25          shouldn't have had it he shouldn't have had



1           it, but I just always thought it was a  
2           necessary position.

3                   I didn't know if I should say  
4           anything, and maybe I shouldn't, but I'm  
5           going to. Last week I spoke on the tax  
6           office and the cuts and everything, so I  
7           came here Wednesday morning and I don't  
8           think this was there in the article, I guess  
9           they said we didn't contact you or whatever.  
10          I came here Wednesday morning, and I believe  
11          it was 10 or 10:30 and I asked one of the  
12          staff members in council here to fax over to  
13          Mrs. Vitali my question, so they faxed it  
14          over and on her suggestion, which I'm happy  
15          she suggested that she call over and make  
16          sure that they received it, and so I stood  
17          there while she called over and they told  
18          her Mrs. Vitali wasn't in the office, so I  
19          asked if our office, council office, would  
20          notify me if I had gotten a response by the  
21          end of the day.

22                   No one called me to say that we got  
23          a response from our office and until I got a  
24          call from the Times and the Times, she chose  
25          to respond to the Times as opposed to

1           responding to me, I guess, and she wrote  
2           them an editorial, the Times was good enough  
3           to read it to me so I called back to our  
4           office and said, "Did I get an answer?"

5                         And they said, "No."

6                         And a couple of days later I guess  
7           it was in the paper, a letter to the editor  
8           that she wrote, and one of the things in  
9           there she said it was ironic that this  
10          council didn't contact her, especially me.  
11          Well, I think we need to take a look at is  
12          we had asked the tax collector to come here,  
13          and I don't think she wanted to and it took  
14          us awhile and we got her here, and I could  
15          recall vividly that day because I got yelled  
16          at, you know, Mrs. Evans when she started  
17          asking the questions directly the tax  
18          collector got a little perturbed I think and  
19          that I thought I asked her, which was a  
20          solid question was, you know, what the  
21          interest rate was and I was told it was none  
22          of my business, so why would I ask again to  
23          be told it was none of my business again?  
24          That's my reason why I didn't call over  
25          there. I'm not speaking for anybody else on

1           this council. So the editorial is out  
2           there, hopefully it will be the last time I  
3           speak on this and that's all I have, Mr.  
4           McGoff. Thank you.

5                     MR. MCGOFF: Two very brief things.  
6           Number one, questions about last week's  
7           caucus, the purpose of any caucus of council  
8           is for council to gather information and to  
9           discuss agenda items. That was accomplished  
10          last week. I believe that the caucus went  
11          well. Council had an opportunity to discuss  
12          a number of budget items with Mr. Renda and  
13          the purpose of the caucus was achieved.

14                    There was no attempt to hide  
15          anything from anyone. Anyone who wished to  
16          be in -- to be there was allowed according  
17          to go the Sunshine Law we fulfilled the  
18          requirements of the Sunshine Law by making  
19          it open to the public.

20                    The second thing is on the library,  
21          and again, we listened to -- we are  
22          listening to scare tactics based on  
23          supposition and not fact. Yes, there may be  
24          opposition to building a new library, but to  
25          state that the library is going to be

1 closed, it's going to be moved or any other  
2 suggestion of that kind is mere supposition.  
3 There is an absolutely nothing being stated  
4 that would indicate that the Albright  
5 Library is going to be closed.

6 All that's been done is the  
7 possibility of a new library, an additional  
8 library, which I find incredulous that  
9 people would want to argue about building of  
10 a new library. Most communities would  
11 welcome the opportunity to have a new  
12 library. And, yes, if a new library is a  
13 built there may be services divided because  
14 at this point in time the Albright Library  
15 is not able to take care of the services  
16 that are being demanded by the public. As  
17 Mrs. Fanucci said, it's too small. The  
18 circulation it's very difficult to do  
19 research. It's very difficult to find  
20 materials because it is so overcrowded the  
21 addition of a new library would spread that  
22 out and make many things more accessible to  
23 the public and that would be my reason for  
24 advocating and supporting the authority and  
25 also into the future hopefully the creation

1 of an additional library in the City of  
2 Scranton, and I hope people recognize that  
3 and as what this agenda item or this  
4 legislation intended, and that is all I  
5 have. Thank you.

6 MS. GATELLI: Can I just have the  
7 floor for more moment --

8 MR. MCGOFF: Yes, you may.

9 MS. GATELLI: -- because I forgot the  
10 most important thing of the evening because  
11 I got into a serious mode. I'd like to get  
12 back into a more jolly mode. I heard people  
13 talk tonight the circus-like atmosphere of  
14 the chambers and, you know, I can't deny  
15 that, yes, it has been a rather hilarious  
16 time being up here at certain times of  
17 speakers, in particular one that got us on  
18 YouTube, Mr. Lyman who, by the way, was  
19 always prompted and scripted as to what to  
20 say when he came here by people who are very  
21 small indeed to take advantage of a person  
22 such as Ray and allow him to come here and  
23 do the things that he did, but needless to  
24 say, Mrs. Franus might enjoy this because I  
25 might be able to make some money. I always

1 thought, gee, I wonder why the Office -- the  
2 show the Office doesn't pick up on the  
3 council meetings and they haven't seen all  
4 of the clips on YouTube which has gotten  
5 probably a million hits by now with Attorney  
6 Minora and myself with Ray Lyman, but today  
7 I got an e-mail and at first I thought it  
8 was somebody just playing a practical joke  
9 on me because you do get a lot of e-mails  
10 with, you know, unknown addresses, but this  
11 one came from Comedy Central.

12 And it says, "Hello, my name is Eddy  
13 Gossling and I'm a writer for a show on  
14 Comedy Central. We get most of our content  
15 from Internet videos. We have been watching  
16 videos of you and Ray Lyman and would love  
17 to have you on our show. Can you please let  
18 me to you have any interest in coming to our  
19 show. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Call  
20 me or e-mail me back."

21 So I did talk to Mr. Gossling. He  
22 really is legit. He wants me to be on  
23 Comedy Central. Well, it's in California,  
24 so they would pay my way and, you know,  
25 we'll see what happens. I think it's rather

1           exciting. You know, I knew I was going to  
2           be famous. I said someday sitting up here  
3           taking all of this is there is going to be a  
4           reward to it, so we might be on Comedy  
5           Central, Scranton, PA. I just thought you  
6           would enjoy that. I thought it was rather  
7           funny. That's all. Thank you.

8                     MR. MCGOFF: Mrs. Garvey.

9                     MS. GARVEY: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
10            AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND  
11            SALE OF A FIVE MILLION (\$5,000,000.00)  
12            DOLLAR PRINCIPAL AMOUNT, TAX AND REVENUE  
13            ANTICIPATION NOTE OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON  
14            KNOWN AS TAN SERIES A, AWARDED TO PNC BANK;  
15            DETERMINING THE FORM AND TERM OF SAID NOTE;  
16            AWARDING SAID NOTE; AUTHORIZING AND  
17            DIRECTING THE FILING OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS;  
18            AND DIRECTING THE PROPER OFFICIALS OF THE  
19            CITY OF SCRANTON TO TAKE ANY AND ALL OTHER  
20            ACTIONS AS MAY BE REQUIRED IN CONNECTION  
21            WITH THE ISSUANCE OF SAID NOTE.

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

25                     MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

1 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

4 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

5 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

6 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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

9 MS. GARVEY: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
10 AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND  
11 SALE OF A NINE AND ONE HALF MILLION  
12 (\$9,500,000.00) DOLLAR PRINCIPAL AMOUNT, TAX  
13 AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE OF THE CITY OF  
14 SCRANTON KNOWN AS TAN SERIES B, AWARDED TO  
15 THE FIDELITY DEPOSIT AND DISCOUNT BANK;  
16 DETERMINING THE FORM AND TERM OF SAID NOTE;  
17 AWARDED SAID NOTE; AUTHORIZING AND  
18 DIRECTING THE FILING OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS;  
19 AND DIRECTING THE PROPER OFFICIALS OF THE  
20 CITY OF SCRANTON TO TAKE ANY AND ALL  
21 OTHER ACTIONS AS MAY BE REQUIRED IN  
22 CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF SAID NOTE.

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



1 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

2 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

3 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All  
4 in favor signify by saying 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 MR. COURTRIGHT: Kay, before you  
11 read 5-D, if I could, I'm going to abstain  
12 from voting on this. This is a parking  
13 problem I guess you would call. It's very  
14 close to my karate school and it's been an  
15 issue on and off for the last 25, 30 years  
16 and I know the parties on the five to six  
17 different sides that are on this issue so  
18 I'm going to be abstain from this particular  
19 vote.

20 MS. GARVEY: FOR INTRODUCTION – AN  
21 ORDINANCE – ESTABLISHING THIRTY (30) MINUTE  
22 PARKING ALONG THE NORTHERLY AND SOUTHERLY  
23 SIDES OF THE 1000 BLOCK OF SCRANTON STREET,  
24 BETWEEN SOUTH MAIN AVENUE AND SOUTH EDWARDS  
25 COURT.

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

4 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

5 MR. MCGOFF: Is there a second?

6 MS. GATELLI: No second.

7 MR. MCGOFF: No second to the motion,  
8 therefore, it is defeated.

9 MS. GARVEY: 5-E. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
10 AN ORDINANCE - ESTABLISHING A CONDEMNED  
11 PROPERTY POLICY TO BE FOLLOWED WHEN  
12 REHABILITATING CONDEMNED PROPERTIES LOCATED  
13 IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON.

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

17 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

18 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

21 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

22 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

23 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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

1 5-F maybe there should be an explanation for  
2 5-D, we did discuss 5-D in caucus and  
3 determined that perhaps more problems would  
4 be caused by enacting this legislation. It  
5 seems to be a contention between some of the  
6 parties in that area and there may be better  
7 ways to resolve it than through what's being  
8 perused and hopefully that will be done.  
9 I'm sorry.

10 MS. GARVEY: 5-F. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
11 A RESOLUTION - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY  
12 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, LACKAWANNA  
13 COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING THE  
14 SCRANTON-ABINGTONS PLANNING ASSOCIATION  
15 (SAPA) COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

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

19 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

20 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

21 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

22 MR. COURTRIGHT: On the question.

23 Mr. McGoff, I know we are under time  
24 constraints, this is a resolution that needs  
25 one more reading, something somewhere tells

1 me that when I was reading through this in  
2 the past this could result in some kind of a  
3 cost to the City of Scranton. You know,  
4 I'll vote to move it ahead this week, but  
5 I'll try to do a little research for next  
6 week and if not table it. Somewhere  
7 something is telling me there was a cost, a  
8 large cost to this, monetary cost and I  
9 don't know -- do you know, Kay?

10 MS. GARVEY: We received a lengthy  
11 e-mail today from Denise Prowell and in  
12 conjunction with Don King, the city planner,  
13 explaining just that, what the costs were  
14 because that question was asked of me this  
15 week and that was their reply. It's  
16 probably in your box. You may not have seen  
17 it yet and did have a cost that it may have  
18 been approximately \$34,000 this year, but  
19 then it was offset so it was less than that  
20 and that there is state finding involved.  
21 There will be a \$200 per year charge to each  
22 municipality, and it's very lengthy and goes  
23 on from there, but it does explain it.

24 MR. COURTRIGHT: All right. I  
25 haven't seen it yet, so okay.

1 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else on the  
2 question? All in favor signify by saying  
3 aye.

4 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

5 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

6 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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

9 MS. GARVEY: 5-G. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
10 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
11 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE  
12 AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL  
13 SERVICES WITH THE LAW FIRM OF CARL J. GRECO,  
14 P.C. FOR LEGAL SERVICES INCLUDING BUT NOT  
15 LIMITED TO GENERAL COUNSEL TO THE OFFICE OF  
16 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ("OECD"),  
17 URBAN RENEWAL PROCESS AND PROCEDURE, EMINENT  
18 DOMAIN AND RELATED LITIGATION, DISPOSITION  
19 OF SURPLUS URBAN RENEWAL LANDS, TITLE  
20 SEARCHES AND DEED PREPARATION.

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

24 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

25 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

3 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

4 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

5 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

6 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The  
7 ayes have it and so moved.

8 MS. GARVEY: 5-H. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
9 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
10 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE  
11 AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH KNOWLES  
12 ASSOCIATES, L.L.C., FOR INSURANCE WITH  
13 HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT INSURANCE EXCHANGE  
14 (HARIE), INDIAN HARBOR INSURANCE EXCHANGE,  
15 PHILADELPHIA INDEMNITY INSURANCE COMPANY AND  
16 ARCH INSURANCE COMPANY FOR CITY INSURANCE  
17 COVERAGES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2010  
18 THROUGH JANUARY 1, 2011.

19 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll  
20 entertain a motion that Item 5-H be  
21 introduced into it's proper committee.

22 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

23 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

24 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All  
25 in favor signify by saying aye.

1 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

2 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

3 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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

6 MS. GARVEY: 5-I. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
7 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
8 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS FOR THE  
9 CITY OF SCRANTON TO ENTER INTO A LOAN  
10 AGREEMENT AND MAKE A LOAN FROM THE COMMUNITY  
11 DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT RECOVERY PROGRAM,  
12 PROJECT NO. 150.29-R IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO  
13 EXCEED \$48,000.00 TO MICHAEL SUCHY D/B/A  
14 MICHAEL ANGELO'S RESTAURANT AT THE SCRANTON  
15 CLUB TO ASSIST AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT.

16 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll  
17 entertain a motion that Item 5-I be  
18 introduced into it's proper committee.

19 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

20 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

23 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

24 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

25 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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

3 MS. GARVEY: 5-J. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
4 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
5 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS FOR THE  
6 CITY OF SCRANTON TO ENTER INTO A LOAN  
7 AGREEMENT AND MAKE A LOAN FROM THE COMMUNITY  
8 DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT RECOVERY PROGRAM,  
9 PROJECT NO. 150.27-R IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO  
10 EXCEED \$57,000.00 TO CARL VON LUGER, LLC TO  
11 ASSIST AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT.

12 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll  
13 entertain a motion that Item 5-J be  
14 introduced into 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. 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: 5-K. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
25 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND



1 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS FOR THE  
2 CITY OF SCRANTON TO ENTER INTO A LOAN  
3 AGREEMENT AND MAKE A LOAN FROM THE COMMUNITY  
4 DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, PROJECT NO.  
5 150.26 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00  
6 TO DIVERSIFIED DISASTER RECOVERY SERVICES,  
7 INC. TO ASSIST AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT.

8 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll  
9 entertain a motion that Item 5-K be  
10 introduced into it's proper committee.

11 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

12 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

13 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

14 MR. COURTRIGHT: On the question,  
15 Mr. McGoff, I know that Mrs. Fanucci spoke  
16 on this, but this particular one here I know  
17 that if these people weren't to get the  
18 money there's a cost incurred for them  
19 staying here. The only other place that  
20 they would be able to function would be  
21 either Philadelphia or I believe New York  
22 City, so I think it's a necessary cost for  
23 them to stay here and we certainly want them  
24 to stay here, so I will be voting in favor of  
25 this.

1 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else? All in  
2 favor signify by saying aye.

3 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

4 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

5 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

6 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The  
7 ayes have it and so moved.

8 MS. GARVEY: 5-L. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
9 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
10 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS FOR THE  
11 CITY OF SCRANTON TO ENTER INTO A LOAN  
12 AGREEMENT AND MAKE A LOAN FROM THE COMMUNITY  
13 DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT RECOVERY PROGRAM,  
14 PROJECT NO. 150.28-R IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO  
15 EXCEED \$25,000.00 TO THE CASTLE DELI OUTLET,  
16 LLC TO ASSIST IN ELIGIBLE PROJECT.

17 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll  
18 entertain a motion that Item 5-L be  
19 introduced into it's proper committee.

20 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

21 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

24 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

25 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

1 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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

4 MS. GARVEY: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A.  
5 READING BY TITLE – FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 98,  
6 2009 – AN ORDINANCE – AMENDING FILE OF THE  
7 COUNCIL NO. 242, 2003, ENTITLED “AN  
8 ORDINANCE AMENDING FILE OF COUNCIL NO.  
9 155, 1999 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE  
10 LICENSING AND REGULATING OF CONTRACTORS  
11 DOING BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON  
12 INCLUDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
13 GRANTING OF PERMITS AND FEES FOR SAME;  
14 PROVIDING PENALTIES AND RIGHTS OF APPEAL BY  
15 INCREASING THE COST OF PERMIT FEES IN THE  
16 CITY OF SCRANTON”.

17 MR. MCGOFF: You have heard reading  
18 by title of Item 6-A, what is your pleasure?

19 MR. COURTRIGHT: I move that Item 6-A  
20 pass reading by title.

21 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

24 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

25 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

1 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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

4 MS. GARVEY: 6-B. READING BY TITLE -  
5 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 99, 2009 - AN ORDINANCE  
6 - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 112,  
7 2003, ENTITLED "ESTABLISHING A UNIFORM RATE  
8 FOR PARKING METERS IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON  
9 AND THEREBY AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.  
10 78, 1994 TO ESTABLISH THE UNIFORM RATE OF  
11 \$.50 AN HOUR AT ALL METERS" TO ESTABLISH THE  
12 UNIFORM RATE OF \$1.00 AN HOUR AT ALL PARKING  
13 METERS.

14 MR. MCGOFF: You have heard reading  
15 by title of Item 6-B, what is your pleasure?

16 MR. COURTRIGHT: I move that Item 6-B  
17 pass reading by title.

18 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

21 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

22 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

23 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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

1 MS. GARVEY: 6-C. READING BY TITLE -  
2 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 100, 2009 - AN  
3 ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.  
4 91, 2002 "AN ORDINANCE AS AMENDED PROVIDING  
5 FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PARKING METER ZONES  
6 WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON; ESTABLISHING  
7 HOURS OF OPERATION; PROVIDING FOR THE  
8 INSTALLATION OF METERS AND PARKING METER  
9 RATES; AUTHORIZING THE ENFORCEMENT OF  
10 PARKING ORDINANCES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES  
11 FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF" BY AMENDING SECTIONS  
12 3 (A), SECTION 13 AND SECTION 14 (B).

13 MR. MCGOFF: You have heard reading  
14 by title of Item 6-C, what is your pleasure?

15 MR. COURTRIGHT: I move that Item 6-C  
16 pass reading by title.

17 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

18 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All  
19 in favor signify by saying 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: 6-D. READING BY TITLE-

1 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 101, 2009 - AN  
2 ORDINANCE - SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY  
3 MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1338 EAST ELM STREET,  
4 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TAX MAP NO.  
5 16801-010-004 TO WILLIAM J. AND MARLENE  
6 GRAHAM, HIS WIFE, 1336 EAST ELM STREET,  
7 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18505, FOR THE  
8 CONSIDERATION OF \$5,000.00.

9 MR. MCGOFF: You have heard reading  
10 by title of Item 6-D, what is your pleasure?

11 MR. COURTRIGHT: I move that Item 6-D  
12 pass reading by title.

13 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

14 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All  
15 in favor signify by saying aye.

16 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

17 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

18 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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

21 MS. GARVEY: 6-E. READING BY TITLE -  
22 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 102, 2009 - AN  
23 ORDINANCE - SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY  
24 MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS COLFAX AVENUE,  
25 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TAX MAP NO.

1 15706-080-045.01 TO MICHAEL BROZZETTI, 407  
2 PALM STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18505,  
3 FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF \$2,900.00.

4 MR. MCGOFF: You have heard reading  
5 by title of Item 6-E, what is your pleasure?

6 MR. COURTRIGHT: I move that Item 6-E  
7 pass reading by title.

8 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

9 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All  
10 in favor -- I'm sorry.

11 MS. GATELLI: I would just like to  
12 say on the question that we did discuss  
13 these last week. There are many properties  
14 that didn't have an address and we did  
15 receive all of the information so we know  
16 where the properties are all located just  
17 for the record.

18 MR. MCGOFF: All those in favor  
19 signify by saying 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: 6-F. READING BY TITLE-

1 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 103, 2009 - AN  
2 ORDINANCE - SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY  
3 MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 924 MYRTLE STREET,  
4 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, MAP NO.  
5 14670-030-014 TO JOHN AND WENDY L. SAGGESE,  
6 HIS WIFE, 920 MYRTLE STREET NO. 3, SCRANTON,  
7 PENNSYLVANIA, 18510 FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF  
8 \$2,700.00.

9 MR. MCGOFF: You have heard reading  
10 by title of Item 6-F, what is your pleasure?

11 MR. COURTRIGHT: I move that Item 6-F  
12 pass reading by title.

13 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

14 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All  
15 in favor signify by saying aye.

16 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

17 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

18 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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

21 MS. GARVEY: 6-G. READING BY TITLE -  
22 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 104, 2009 - AN  
23 ORDINANCE - SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY  
24 MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 921-923 EYNON STREET,  
25 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TAX MAP NO.



1 15609-080-037 TO LUTHER AND KRISTINA  
2 GRIFFITHS, HIS WIFE, 1001 EYNON STREET,  
3 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18504, FOR THE  
4 CONSIDERATION OF \$3,600.00.

5 MR. MCGOFF: You have heard reading  
6 by title of Item 6-G, what is your pleasure?

7 MR. COURTRIGHT: I move that Item 6-G  
8 pass reading by title.

9 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

12 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

13 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

14 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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

17 MS. GARVEY: 6-H. READING BY TITLE-  
18 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 105, 2009 - AN ORDINANCE  
19 - SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY MORE  
20 COMMONLY KNOWN AS PALM STREET (REAR FROUDE  
21 AVENUE), TAX MAP NO. 16704-030-058,  
22 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TO MICHAEL AND  
23 JOANNE CASTANZO, HIS WIFE, 1525 FROUDE  
24 AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18505, FOR  
25 THE CONSIDERATION OF \$6,000.00.

1 MR. MCGOFF: You have heard reading  
2 by title of Item 6-H, what is your pleasure?

3 MR. COURTRIGHT: I move that Item 6-H  
4 pass reading by title.

5 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

8 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

9 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

10 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

11 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The  
12 ayes have it and so moved. Prior to reading  
13 6-I I'd like to make a motion that Item 6-I  
14 be amended to read: 2106-2110 Myrtle Street  
15 rather than 2112 Myrtle Street to correctly  
16 reflect the purchaser, Mr. Labudi's address.

17 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

18 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All  
19 in favor signify by saying 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: 6-I. READING BY TITLE -

1 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 106, 2009 - AN  
2 ORDINANCE - SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY  
3 MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS MYRTLE STREET,  
4 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TAX MAP NO.  
5 15711-020-012 TO ROBERT P. LABUDI, JR.,  
6 2112 MYRTLE STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA,  
7 18510 FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF \$6,200.00.

8 MR. MCGOFF: You have heard reading  
9 by title of Item 6-I, what is your pleasure?

10 MR. COURTRIGHT: I move that Item 6-I  
11 pass reading by title.

12 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

13 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All  
14 in favor signify by saying 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: 6-J. READING BY TITLE-  
21 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 107, 2009 - AN  
22 ORDINANCE- REPEALING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.  
23 24, 1963, ENTITLED "PROVIDING FOR THE  
24 PAYMENT OF AN ANNUAL LICENSE FEE FOR  
25 PURPOSES OF INSPECTION UPON ALL PERSONS

1 CONDUCTING OR OPERATING PUBLIC EATING AND  
2 DRINKING PLACES WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON,  
3 IMPOSING CERTAIN DUTIES UPON THE DIRECTOR OF  
4 PUBLIC HEALTH OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON AND  
5 HIS AGENTS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE  
6 VIOLATION THEREOF, AND PROVIDING FOR THE  
7 EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF”.

8 MR. MCGOFF: You have heard reading  
9 by title of Item 6-J, what is your pleasure?

10 MR. COURTRIGHT: I move that Item 6-J  
11 pass reading by title.

12 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

13 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? I  
14 would like it say that this evening during  
15 caucus Attorney Patterson, the city  
16 solicitor, and also Kim Kandell were in  
17 caucus to explain the parking legislation  
18 that we just passed and also to explain the  
19 legislation dealing with the health  
20 inspections. Anyone else? All those in  
21 favor signify by saying aye.

22 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

23 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

24 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

25 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The

1 ayes have it and so moved.

2 MS. GARVEY: 5-K. READING BY TITLE -  
3 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 108, 2009 - AN ORDINANCE  
4 - REPEALING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 14,  
5 1971, ENTITLED "AMENDING AN ORDINANCE  
6 'PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF AN ANNUAL  
7 LICENSE FEE FOR PURPOSES OF INSPECTION UPON  
8 ALL PERSONS CONDUCTING OR OPERATING PUBLIC  
9 EATING AND DRINKING PLACES WITHIN THE CITY  
10 OF SCRANTON, IMPOSING CERTAIN DUTIES UPON  
11 THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH OF THE CITY OF  
12 SCRANTON AND HIS AGENTS, PROVIDING PENALTIES  
13 FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF, AND PROVIDING FOR  
14 THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF' TO PROVIDE  
15 FOR AN INCREASE IN FEES CHARGEABLE FOR  
16 PERMITS".

17 MR. MCGOFF: You have heard reading  
18 by title of Item 6-K, what is your pleasure?

19 MR. COURTRIGHT: I move that Item 6-K  
20 pass reading by title.

21 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

24 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

25 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

1 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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

4 MS. GARVEY: 5-L. READING BY TITLE-  
5 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 109, 2009 - AN ORDINANCE  
6 - REPEALING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 108,  
7 1992, ENTITLED "PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF  
8 AN ANNUAL LICENSE FEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
9 INSPECTION UPON ALL PERSONS CONDUCTING OR  
10 OPERATING PUBLIC EATING AND DRINKING PLACES  
11 WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON, IMPOSING  
12 CERTAIN DUTIES UPON THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC  
13 SAFETY OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON AND HIS  
14 AGENTS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE  
15 VIOLATION THEREOF, AND PROVIDING FOR THE  
16 EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF."

17 MR. MCGOFF: You have heard reading  
18 by title of Item 5-L, what is your pleasure?

19 MR. COURTRIGHT: I move that Item 5-L  
20 pass reading by title.

21 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

24 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

25 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

1 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

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

4 MS. GARVEY:6-M. READING BY TITLE -  
5 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 110, 2009 - AN  
6 ORDINANCE - REPEALING FILE OF THE COUNCIL  
7 NO. 179, 1994, ENTITLED "AMENDING FILE OF  
8 THE COUNCIL NO. 24, 1963, ENTITLED 'AN  
9 ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) PROVIDING FOR THE  
10 PAYMENT OF AN ANNUAL LICENSE FEE FOR  
11 PURPOSES OF INSPECTION UPON ALL PERSONS  
12 CONDUCTING OR OPERATING PUBLIC EATING AND  
13 DRINKING PLACES WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON,  
14 IMPOSING CERTAIN DUTIES UPON THE DIRECTOR OF  
15 PUBLIC HEALTH OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON AND  
16 HIS AGENTS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE  
17 VIOLATION THEREOF, AND PROVIDING FOR THE  
18 EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF' AS AMENDED BY FILE  
19 OF THE COUNCIL NO. 14, 1971 SECTION  
20 1-PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE LICENSE FEE."

21 MR. MCGOFF: You have heard reading  
22 by title of Item 6-M, what is your pleasure?

23 MR. COURTRIGHT: I move that Item 6-M  
24 pass reading by title.

25 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

3 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

4 MS. GATELLI: Aye.

5 MR. COURTRIGHT: Aye.

6 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The  
7 ayes have it and so moved.

8 MS. GARVEY: 6-N. READING BY TITLE-  
9 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 111, 2009 - AN ORDINANCE  
10 - REPEALING CHAPTER 256 OF THE CODE OF THE  
11 CITY OF SCRANTON.

12 MR. MCGOFF: You have heard reading  
13 by title of Item 6-N, what is your pleasure?

14 MR. COURTRIGHT: I move that Item 6-N  
15 pass reading by title.

16 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

17 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All  
18 in favor signify by saying 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: 6-0. READING BY TITLE -  
25 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 112, 2009 - AN ORDINANCE



1 - ESTABLISHING THE DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES  
2 AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE CITY HEALTH  
3 INSPECTOR, PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF AN  
4 ANNUAL LICENSE FEE FOR PUBLIC EATING OR  
5 DRINKING ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE CITY  
6 OF SCRANTON, ESTABLISHING ANNUAL APPLICATION  
7 AND RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS, IMPOSING CERTAIN  
8 DUTIES UPON THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC  
9 SAFETY AND THE CITY HEALTH INSPECTOR,  
10 PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR REVOCATION AND  
11 REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSES, AND PROVIDING FOR  
12 IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES.

13 MR. MCGOFF: You have heard reading  
14 by title of Item 6-0, what is your pleasure?

15 MR. COURTRIGHT: I move that Item 6-0  
16 pass reading by title.

17 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

18 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All  
19 in favor signify by saying 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: 6-P. READING BY TITLE-

1 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 113 2009 – AN ORDINANCE  
2 – ADOPTING TITLE 7, CHAPTER 46 OF THE  
3 PENNSYLVANIA CODE, KNOWN AS THE PENNSYLVANIA  
4 FOOD CODE, AND TITLE 7, CHAPTER 76 OF THE  
5 PENNSYLVANIA CODE, TITLED “FOOD EMPLOYEE  
6 CERTIFICATION”.

7 MR. MCGOFF: You have heard reading  
8 by title of Item 6-P, what is your pleasure?

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: I move that Item 6-P  
10 pass reading by title.

11 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

12 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All  
13 in favor signify by saying 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: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR  
20 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE –  
21 FOR ADOPTION – FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 96, 2009  
22 - SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY MORE  
23 COMMONLY KNOWN AS BROOK STREET, TAX MAP NO.  
24 16803-010-031, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TO  
25 THOMAS O’CONNOR, 1420 BROOK STREET,

1 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18505, FOR THE  
2 CONSIDERATION OF \$3,500.00.

3 MR. MCGOFF: What is the  
4 recommendation of the Chair for the  
5 Committee on Finance?

6 MS. FANUCCI: As Chair for the  
7 Committee on Finance, I recommend final  
8 passage of Item 7-A.

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

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

12 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans. Mrs.  
13 Gatelli.

14 MS. GATELLI. Yes.

15 MR. COOLICAN: Ms. Fanucci.

16 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

17 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright.

18 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

19 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McGoff.

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

22 MS. GARVEY: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION  
23 BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE – FOR ADOPTION –  
24 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 97, 2009 – APPROPRIATING  
25 FUNDS FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE CITY

1 GOVERNMENT FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE  
2 FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2010 TO AND INCLUDING  
3 DECEMBER 31, 2010 BY THE ADOPTION OF THE  
4 GENERAL CITY OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE YEAR  
5 2010.

6 MR. MCGOFF: What is the  
7 recommendation of the Chair for the  
8 Committee on Finance?

9 MS. FANUCCI: As Chair for the  
10 Committee on Finance, I recommend final  
11 approval of Item 7-B.

12 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

13 MR. MCGOFF: On the question, Mr.  
14 McGoff. Kay, if you could, I don't know  
15 that I will be here tomorrow, Sergeant  
16 Martin was here this evening and he raised a  
17 question about in the budget there was a  
18 position for corporal training that he  
19 thought possibly the title was incorrect, he  
20 thought it should have been sergeant in  
21 training and also the salary was incorrect.  
22 I don't know if that was an error or not, so  
23 if you can maybe speak with Director Hayes  
24 or Dave Elliott and see if that was a  
25 mistake.

1                   The other thing is that I will be  
2                   voting "yes, for the budget and I have given  
3                   my reasons why. There is some things that I  
4                   think need to be added in, some things that  
5                   I wish had been taken out, but you just  
6                   don't get everything that you hope for. I  
7                   do want to thank the rest of council here  
8                   for putting back in some of the positions  
9                   that in the office, I greatly appreciate it.  
10                  Some of the things I would have liked to  
11                  see, the grant writer I think needed to be  
12                  reinstated. A couple of other positions I  
13                  would like to see be reinstated, but that  
14                  just didn't happen and I hope in the future  
15                  it could happen and it's something that I  
16                  would like to see taken out, but there is no  
17                  tax increase, which I'm very happy for.  
18                  There is more borrowing so I think since  
19                  I've been here this is one of the few times  
20                  if not the only time that there wasn't  
21                  either a tax increase or borrowing, so I'm  
22                  happy for that and I'll be voting "yes" for  
23                  this budget.

24                         MR. MCGOFF: Roll call, please.

25                         MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans. Mrs.

1                   Gatelli.

2                   MS. GATELLI. Yes.

3                   MR. COOLICAN: Ms. Fanucci.

4                   MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

5                   MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright.

6                   MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

7                   MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McGoff.

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

10                   MS. GARVEY: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION  
11 BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -  
12 FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 188, 2009 -  
13 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE  
14 CITY OFFICIALS FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO  
15 EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO  
16 PERFORM HOUSING INSPECTIONS FOR THE  
17 HOMEBUYER'S PROGRAM WITH THOMAS J. KANE AND  
18 ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED.

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

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

25                   MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

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

3 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans. Mrs.  
4 Gatelli.

5 MS. GATELLI. Yes.

6 MR. COOLICAN: Ms. Fanucci.

7 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

8 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright.

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

10 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McGoff.

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

13 MS. GARVEY: 7-D. FOR CONSIDERATION  
14 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES – FOR ADOPTION –  
15 RESOLUTION NO. 189, 2009 – AUTHORIZING THE  
16 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE  
17 CITY OF SCRANTON TO ENTER INTO A  
18 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE  
19 COHEN LAW GROUP FOR LEGAL SERVICES –  
20 COMMUNICATIONS/CABLE FRANCHISING  
21 COUNSEL/CONSULTANT FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON.

22 MR. MCGOFF: As Chair for the  
23 Committee on Rules, I recommend final  
24 passage of Item 7-D.

25 MR. COURTRIGHT: Second.

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

3 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans. Mrs.  
4 Gatelli.

5 MS. GATELLI. Yes.

6 MR. COOLICAN: Ms. Fanucci.

7 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

8 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright.

9 MR. COURTRIGHT: Yes.

10 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McGoff.

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

13 MS. GATELLI: Motion to adjourn.

14 MR. COURTRIGHT: So moved.

15 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you for your  
16 participation.

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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.

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