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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

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Council Chambers
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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

MR. ROBERT MCGOFF, PRESIDENT

MS. JUDY GATELLI, VICE-PRESIDENT
(Not present)

MS. JANET E. EVANS

MS. SHERRY FANUCCI

MR. WILLIAM COURTRIGHT
(Not present)

MS. KAY GARVEY, CITY CLERK

MR. NEIL COOLICAN, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

MR. PATRICK SCANLON, SOLICITOR

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

3 MR. MCGOFF: Roll call, please?

4 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

5 MS. EVANS: Here.

6 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli. Ms.

7 Fanucci.

8 MS. FANUCCI: Here.

9 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright. Mr.
10 McGoff.

11 MR. MCGOFF: Here. For the record,
12 Mr. Courtright did inform council that he
13 would not be attending this evening.
14 Announcements? Anything?

15 MS. EVANS: Yes. The Interfaith
16 Friend's Committee will sponsor it's final
17 Friendly's Family Fun Night of 2009 on
18 Thursday, December 10, from 5 to 8 p.m. at
19 Friendly's Restaurant in Dunmore. Proceeds
20 will benefit the Elm Park Men's Association.

21 The Scranton Civic Ballet Company
22 will present it's 23 annual performance of
23 the holiday classic the Nutcracker at the
24 Scranton Cultural Center on Friday,
25 December 11 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday,

1 December 13 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$14
2 and \$17 and if you buy three you get one
3 free. For information and tickets call the
4 Scranton Cultural Center Box Office at
5 570-344-1111. Also, please help make the
6 holidays brighter for those less fortunate
7 by bringing one food item to donate to area
8 food pantries. Civic ballet will distribute
9 all donated goods to food pantries at United
10 Neighborhood Centers, Friends of the Poor
11 and St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen.
12 Collection bins will be in the lobby of the
13 Cultural Center before each performance.
14 Come and enjoy the spectacular holiday
15 classic ballet. Members of the Scranton
16 Civic Ballet family thank you for your
17 support and wish you a very happy, healthy
18 holiday season.

19 And finally, I wish to thank all
20 veterans for their service and sacrifice,
21 especially, those who fought and died at
22 Pearl Harbor 68 years ago yesterday, and
23 that's all.

24 MR. MCGOFF: Anything else? We do
25 need to have two temporary chairs so at this

1 time I would like to make a motion that
2 Mrs. Evans be made temporary chair for
3 finance.

4 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

7 MS. EVANS: Aye.

8 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

9 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The
10 ayes have it and so moved. Also, I would
11 like to make a motion that Mrs. Fanucci be
12 made temporary chair for public safety.

13 MS. EVANS: Second.

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

16 MS. EVANS: Aye.

17 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

18 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The
19 ayes have it and so moved. And there is no
20 Third Order. Citizens' participation. Mike
21 Dudek.

22 MR. DUDEK: Good evening. My name is
23 Mike Dudek, 608 Depot Street, I live down
24 there in the Plot. There are a couple of
25 things I would like to bring up, one that

1 caught my eye and really irritates me is
2 7-R, the legal fees for Mr. Greco. We have
3 had many council meetings in which
4 Mr. Greco's legal fees have raised a lot of
5 questions, a lot of blood pressures, a lot
6 of tempers.

7 Now, looking at the wording of this,
8 he wants to be compensated for legal
9 services including but not limited to, so
10 that's one area, the not limited to, fees
11 helping OECD, urban renewal process
12 procedure, eminent domain and related
13 litigation, disposition of surplus urban
14 renewal land, title searches, deed
15 preparation. There is seven or eight areas
16 in which he would be looking for separate
17 fees.

18 I would like this tabled in order to
19 see if council's attorney would be able to
20 negotiate with Mr. Greco's firm either a
21 one -- a flat retainer fee or a long list of
22 maximum fees that would be paid by the city
23 so that the city wouldn't be nailed with
24 other multi-million dollars legal bills
25 because the way this is worded it is so

1 widely -- the interpretation is such that
2 you could make a fortune on this, an
3 absolutely fortune, and it would be legal
4 fees that the city simply can't afford to
5 pay.

6 It's almost like we are creating a
7 legal authority here. We have another
8 problem with the library authority, now we
9 are creating the legal authority. What is
10 written in there is so wide that it's
11 just incomprehensible how much money he
12 could make on this, and so for the sake of
13 the taxpayers of the city I'm asking city
14 council please table this until somebody to
15 sit down with him and see what we can
16 negotiate on this. That is -- the way
17 that's worded there is plenty of room for
18 negotiation in order to reduce the
19 compensation he should receive for this.

20 I'm here to remind everybody Council
21 President McGoff pointed out last week that
22 the meeting on the library authority will be
23 in this room next Tuesday at 10:00, okay? I
24 would ask everybody to please come here and
25 let everybody know what you think about

1 having a library authority, okay? One thing
2 I would like to see done in the next council
3 year, okay, in the City of Scranton you have
4 businesses as large as same McCarthy Tire,
5 you have businesses like the hospitals, and
6 you have businesses as small as my perfect
7 example would be Rain Tree. That's a lady's
8 dress store on Washington Avenue. She has
9 been there for at least ten years and prior
10 to that she was on Spruce Street next to
11 Congressman Kanjorski's current office, she
12 was there for at least ten years. She has
13 been in this town 25 years.

14 There have got to be other small
15 businesses like that. Since so much has
16 been done to give breaks to businesses
17 coming in, would it be possible in the next
18 year, not for this current budget, but for
19 the upcoming budget for 2011 to give
20 long-term businesses in this city say a 5
21 percent reduction in their mercantile tax
22 just as a way of saying thank you for your
23 long and dedicated service to the City of
24 Scranton by maintaining a business and
25 working here and employing people here?

1 I think that a small 5 percent
2 rebate on the mercantile tax would be
3 appreciated by them and I don't think it
4 would be that much of a hit for the city to
5 take as a way of saying thank you for the
6 people that have been so dedicated to this
7 city. I think it might be worth looking
8 into to see if it could be done and within
9 the course of an entire year doing one year
10 in computers I'm sure we could determine if
11 it would be feasible to do something like
12 that.

13 And as the fourth item that I wish
14 to talk about, unfortunately, the person
15 that I'm thinking of is not here, but for
16 the last week I could not get out of my head
17 that familiar theme from the TV show the Odd
18 Couple and I give my very best wishes to the
19 City of Scranton's latest version of the Odd
20 Couple, Mrs. Gatelli and Mr. Lyman, I do
21 hope that they enjoy themselves. Thank you.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Andy Sbaraglia.

23 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia,
24 citizen of Scranton. Fellow Scrantonians, I
25 too would like to make a comment on this

1 formation of a library authority. If this
2 authority comes into -- comes into formation
3 and they decide to go ahead with this
4 library that the mayor so desires, we ain't
5 talking about 16 million, we are talking
6 about 32 million plus and I don't think we
7 can afford a 32 million more of a -- well,
8 I'll put it this way, a yolk around our
9 heads. We already have enough that we have
10 to pay, \$32 million for a library is really
11 out of hand.

12 Now, 60 million sounds better, but
13 unfortunately it doesn't work that way.
14 Somebody has to pay the interest and
15 everything else that goes with these bonds
16 if they so desire to issue them. You are
17 right, it is scary. Mr. McGoff was right.
18 This is very, very scary. What they can do,
19 an authority can do, is almost unlimited.
20 They can mortgage the library if they so
21 desire to raise money, two of our libraries
22 probably could be sold with no problem at
23 all being they are not being quite used, the
24 one in Greenridge and the Stillman house.
25 All of these things can be done, but the

1 basic if they go ahead with the building of
2 the library, the cost is exorbitant. We
3 can't afford a liability
4 added onto the liability we already have of
5 \$32 million plus. Plus they got to hire
6 lawyers because every authority has to have
7 a lawyer. It just has to be. Maybe
8 Mr. Greco even will that be lawyer, who
9 knows, but somewhere along the line we got
10 to put a stop to it and I know it's not
11 going to be stopped.

12 You are going to have this meeting
13 up at 10:00 in the morning, I guess it's the
14 public hearing that we are referring to, and
15 they are going to take -- what are you going
16 to take? We have been talking about this
17 library for God -- since it came up.
18 Everyone that came to this podium realized
19 the cost is exorbitant. It's not going to
20 be a great -- it just can't be done at this
21 time, that's the problem. A lot of the
22 things the mayor done I wouldn't say they
23 were bad, but they shouldn't have been done
24 the way he did. They should have been
25 spaced out so that the debt wouldn't be do

1 is a bad thing, it's just a bad time. A
2 real bad time. We are in the midst of sort
3 of a depression, a. Lot of people are out
4 of work, the workload in Scranton is I think
5 10 percent is out of work in the City of
6 Scranton. That should fall on you. Like I
7 said before, you should really think about
8 what you are doing and how it affects the
9 average taxpayer. That little notice in the
10 paper that the average wage rate in the city
11 is \$50,000, that's not true. I think the
12 average wage in the city is probably around
13 32, but being that they keep the applicants
14 in and a lot of the richer parts of the area
15 it pushes it up. We don't have that kind of
16 money. We just don't have it. We are
17 almost pushed in the limit of what we can
18 afford and a lot of people are worse off
19 than me. Thank God I was a good union man
20 and they take care of me, but believe me
21 there is lot of people that aren't in my
22 shoes and them are the people I fight for.
23 I thank you.

24 THE COURT: Lynn Bloom.

25 MS. BLOOM: Hi. Good evening. Lynn

1 Bloom, Scranton resident. First I'd like it
2 thank you, Ms. Fanucci, a sincere heartfelt
3 thank you for introducing the motion to have
4 the positions added back at the tax office.

5 MS. FANUCCI: Thank you.

6 MS. BLOOM: I agree with you
7 100 percent that this city definitely needs
8 revenue, my concern is how the city goes
9 about generating revenue. We are taxed to
10 the limit as a city, as a populous, our
11 infrastructure is falling apart. The idea
12 of a new library being built and it will
13 cost more than 16 million because any
14 estimate in any construction project there
15 tends to be overruns.

16 I also can understand why
17 Mrs. Gatelli feels so strongly about having
18 a library in South Side. A lot of people in
19 South Side don't have means to get to other
20 parts of the city, but there is other ways
21 to do it. You don't need a library
22 authority, this is a city full of tradesmen.
23 I know the city has to own property. Why
24 can't an annex be built in South Side or
25 refurbish a city-owned building? It's just

1 you are asking for blood from a stone and it
2 can't go on. I'm very blessed. My family,
3 thank God, we are doing well. I can't say
4 the same about my extended family. I can't
5 say the same about people that live down the
6 street from me. You know, I'm very lucky
7 and I'm very thankful, but I look around
8 every day at my children's school and I see
9 other people that aren't so lucky, and I
10 don't think it's because they didn't plan
11 well. I don't think anyone planned for what
12 happened to this country in the last couple
13 of years.

14 I also have to question the wisdom
15 of extending OECD loans to restaurants
16 during a recession. Don't have the stats in
17 front of me, but small businesses fail at a
18 phenomenal rate, restaurants at an even
19 higher rate. I had the pleasure or
20 displeasure of being a waitress for
21 25 years. It is feast or famine. This is
22 not the time that it would be a feast.
23 People don't have money to make ends meet.
24 The electric rates are going up, the school
25 tax is going up, gasoline goes up, clothing

1 goes up. I don't know where people are
2 going to get the money to benefit from these
3 loans. I'm not saying that these businesses
4 aren't deserving, but during a recession,
5 it's just not a smart move. It's just not,
6 and if we are so overburdened by what we are
7 carrying, I don't understand how we can go
8 about making more loans. If they are
9 defaulted who is responsible?

10 And you can't keep going back to the
11 people. People -- I got a great deal on a
12 house, I have to be totally honest. A
13 beautiful little house in North Scranton.
14 The reason I got it isn't so beautiful. I
15 wanted to move to Clarks Summit, I'll be
16 totally honest with you, I didn't see what
17 the wage tax was here, but my husband, God
18 bless his heart, born and raised in Scranton
19 promised his mom he would come back to
20 Scranton and that's where he decided to buy
21 a home.

22 I don't think this is a bad city. I
23 fell in love with this city. I love the
24 people. There are so many positive things
25 in this city. I do not like the way it's

1 run. I do not like throwing pennies after
2 dollars after dollars on things that just
3 don't work. I mean, the parking authority,
4 I can't even wrap my head around that, and I
5 don't think I'm on the only one. And I
6 don't think anyone up here has bad
7 intentions, I don't think the council
8 members do or the speakers. I think that
9 everyone is just tired of hearing it from
10 everyone else.

11 And I just hope in the new year with
12 the new council I wish everyone a very happy
13 and healthy new year and success to
14 everybody, but please listen to the
15 taxpayers. They feel it first and they will
16 be the one running for the hills when it
17 just isn't happening anymore. Thank you.

18 MR. MCGOFF: Bob Bolus.

19 MR. BOLUS: Good evening, Council.
20 Bob Bolus, Scranton. I would like to take a
21 moment to remember all of those from Pearl
22 Harbor, but more importantly, those who have
23 never come home from World War II. I
24 personally firsthand what that is. I have
25 been on a mission to Iwo Jima to recover the

1 remains of the marine who fell to the flag
2 raising on Mt. Surabachi and if our
3 political officials, elected officials would
4 further cooperate with me in Washington,
5 this mission would have been completed, so
6 there is a disgust in elected officials and
7 things that do get done and sometimes they
8 are done for all of the wrong reasons.

9 One of the reasons I am here tonight
10 is, you know, I spoke out in the past about
11 the golf course money being utilized and, of
12 course, it's fallen on deaf ears. That
13 money was supposed to be earmarked for the
14 future generations. It's not for the likes
15 of people like Carl Greco and all of the
16 squandering that this city does. We haven't
17 cut anywhere, we have just taken away from
18 the piggybank because it was easy to do.

19 I have been in here listening to
20 council saying we are putting that money
21 away and no one will touch it. You
22 basically lied to everybody in the city.
23 You did take the money and you did squander
24 it, but I believe this council and there has
25 been many councils before and I have been

1 coming here for a long, long time, but
2 having seen what you did and what you could
3 have done and didn't do this is going to
4 down as one of the worse councils that I
5 have ever stood before in the City of
6 Scranton because what you did you took from
7 the people to give to an administration.
8 You did nothing to cut the ties. You just
9 gave it away. And that's to the kids.

10 When we are all gone and not here
11 you want to have authorities, you have the
12 recreation authority that wants to give part
13 of Nay Aug away for 100 years to the local
14 college here. You want to create a library
15 authority and spend millions and millions of
16 dollars, but look around. Look at the
17 blight in this city. You want to tear a
18 church down that we purchased because it was
19 considered blighted and put on the fast
20 track when places sat around blighted for
21 years and years south Side and everywhere
22 else and now we are the laughing stock of
23 the country because Judy Gatelli and Ray
24 Lyman are movie stars. They are making
25 fools out of us and that's what is happening

1 in this chamber. It wasn't administered
2 properly and people came here with justified
3 reasons and they were ignored and they were
4 criticized.

5 Carl Greco gets hundreds of
6 thousands of dollars taking it from the kids
7 and that's what's upsetting me because I'm
8 about Scranton. I'm not about political
9 cronyism, I'm not about games in the city,
10 I'm about where the future of the city is
11 and what leadership means. Everybody forgot
12 what that word is. You weren't leaders, you
13 were followers to an administration that has
14 destroyed this city. We should take the
15 sign down that says Electric City and call
16 it Scranton, the city of comedians because
17 we made fools of ourselves and we allowed it
18 to happen, but you people are the ones that
19 allowed it to happen, Judy Gatelli, Ray
20 Lyman, the administration, not the people
21 that come up here and speak that really have
22 a justified reason here. We are the people
23 who put jobs here, we are the ones that
24 raised families, we are the ones who were
25 born and raised here. Now, we carry the

1 stigma because of what went on in here and
2 the city. It can't settle a contract, it
3 can't move forward, yet we could spend
4 millions of dollars on nothing and that's
5 the fallacy and the legacy this council will
6 go down with.

7 I can only hope the future is going
8 to be a lot brighter than what the past has
9 been because right now, ladies and
10 gentlemen, I'm really ashamed to say I am
11 from Scranton from what I have seen, and we
12 have been a business here for many, many
13 years. My father, my uncles were the
14 pioneers in this city. To see what it's
15 come to now is a disgrace and everybody
16 leaves this chamber tonight or anybody
17 listening here today, open your mouth, come
18 and make a difference because change doesn't
19 happen by itself, it only happens to those
20 who want to make the change and you have to
21 have it in your heart and not be only
22 controlled.

23 As in the past, I have a dinner that
24 will be on Christmas Day. This will be the
25 15th year I'm doing it and it's open to

1 anyone who doesn't want to be home alone on
2 Christmas. They simply have to call my
3 office number, and if I may, Mr. McGoff,
4 give the phone number out?

5 MR. MCGOFF: Please.

6 MR. BOLUS: It's 570-346-7659. The
7 volunteers, the people will be there to take
8 care of the people that want to be there.
9 It's at St. Lucy's Church and it will be on
10 Christmas Day and I just hope all of those
11 know that I came here tonight to personally
12 extend that invitation. Thank you.

13 MR. MCGOFF: It starts at what time,
14 Mr. Bolus?

15 MR. BOLUS: It starts at 12 until 6
16 and it's an all-day buffet. It's not just
17 sit down and get a plate, you come, stay as
18 long as you want, eat as much as you get to
19 eat and you take a take home when you leave.

20 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. Doug Miller.

21 MR. MILLER: Good evening, Council.
22 Doug Miller, Scranton. Last week we had a
23 group of leaders to look into a program to
24 fight crime and blight over in South Side
25 and I was very pleased to hear about this.

1 You know, I walked the entire city and I
2 have spoken with thousands of people who
3 told me that neighborhood investment was
4 important to them and that they were, you
5 know, looking at ways that we can be
6 creative and include our neighborhoods and I
7 just feel that this program is just another
8 example of what we are trying to do to
9 improve the quality of life here in
10 Scranton. I certainly hope that South Side
11 residents will try to become actively
12 involved in this program and I believe that
13 other sections of town should follow South
14 Side's lead and institute a similar program
15 and I would either ask council to possible
16 consider looking into a citywide program
17 because it would be nice to have it all over
18 the city.

19 Last week I had the chance to visit
20 the Nay Aug light show and was approached by
21 several people who were from all over the
22 area as usual that were amazed by the amount
23 of lights that we had and telling me they
24 made special trips each year to see the
25 show, and so I would just like to commend

1 the city and parks and recreation for once
2 again putting on a fantastic display for
3 those to see.

4 Finally, for the reason I did attend
5 tonight, with the year winding down I just
6 wanted to make this time to personally thank
7 Mrs. Gatelli, Mrs. Fanucci and
8 Mr. Courtright for their service on council.
9 I know a few of you have had to put up with
10 a lot of nonsense over the last four years
11 unfortunately, but overall at the end of the
12 day you have to look at the record. You
13 were a part of downtown revitalization when
14 it was on Lackawanna Avenue, the bridge
15 project, the Connell building, the parking
16 garages and so much more. You know, we look
17 at neighborhood investments and the park
18 system improvements that you were a part of
19 and you also made us famous in Hollywood and
20 possibly found a new career, so when you get
21 there don't forget us little guys.

22 You know, I personally had the
23 opportunity to work with you for two years
24 and I'm grateful for that educational
25 opportunity that I had. However, moving

1 forward I can only hope that the decorum at
2 our meetings will improve, although, I
3 believe it's going to be quite different for
4 that to change, changing the attitude around
5 here. You know, we all have the right to
6 our difference of opinion, but it can be
7 done in a respectful manner and I think we
8 got away from that in the last four years.
9 I hope the people got what they wanted, so
10 let's see what they get in turn. It should
11 be quite interesting to watch, and with that
12 said I would like to say I wish everyone a
13 happy holidays. Thank you, and have a good
14 night.

15 MR. MCGOFF: Lee Morgan.

16 MR. MORGAN: Good evening, Council.
17 You know, what I have on my mind is the
18 library authority. Still, I won't have an
19 opportunity to come here next week to
20 express myself and I think this is a very,
21 very important issue. I just, you know, the
22 budget has been passed, a lot of things have
23 happened here and I really hope that the
24 council itself would put in a lot more time
25 in looking at the budget. I did try to get

1 your last four budgets, Mrs. Evans, but the
2 council secretary wouldn't find them and I'm
3 not saying they don't exist, they just
4 couldn't find them and maybe if you have a
5 copy of them I would like to review them if
6 I could, but I agree with what a lot of the
7 speakers have said in regard to the blight
8 in the city, the amount of poverty here, you
9 know, there are a lot of solutions out there
10 and I think what we have done is we have
11 narrowed our focus as this being the only
12 solution available to us and creating
13 another authority that we can't control is
14 not a solution, it's a detriment to the
15 city.

16 I mean, you see the amount of debt
17 we have, it's overwhelming. You know,
18 Mrs. Fanucci, I brought up last week about
19 how people sit at home and they laugh when
20 they watch us, they think it's really a
21 comedy and it's really disgusting. It's
22 really heartbreaking to me because I really
23 believe that this is the place where
24 citizens come to talk to their government to
25 try and find solutions to problems to make

1 the city better, but it really hasn't
2 happened and it only hasn't really happened
3 in this council, it's happened in previous
4 council's, many counsels. This city wants
5 again to become a progressive city, but we
6 have to think progressively and I just find
7 that if we create another authority that's
8 going to borrow money and we can't pay the
9 money we owe now it's just going to push the
10 poor further into poverty.

11 We need to be spending money
12 creating small business incubators. We need
13 to salvage the Scranton Lace Building. We
14 need to use community development money to
15 create a small business incubator to go
16 after two new technology jobs and we aren't
17 even having a discussion on that. Instead,
18 we are talking about building a library in
19 South Scranton. And with all respect to the
20 people who live in South Scranton, that's
21 not going to stop the prostitution and the
22 drug problems in South Scranton. That's not
23 the solution to the blight in South
24 Scranton. The solution of the blight in
25 this city is employment, wages, to lift

1 people out of poverty. We need to redirect
2 what this council is considering, even if we
3 have to wait for the next council to take
4 place we need to open the budget. We need
5 to find new solutions to old problems. We
6 need to work together.

7 Mrs. Evans, with no disrespect to
8 you, I'm against team politics. I think
9 it's lead us to where we are. I think in
10 the next council all five council members
11 should sit as equals and shouldn't be afraid
12 to discuss issues that are going to help the
13 residents of this city and the discussions
14 should be open to everybody and don't be
15 afraid to let somebody look good because in
16 the end only good things will come to the
17 people in this city. We need to bring our
18 population base up, to lower the amount of
19 tax burden that every citizen carries,
20 that's the problem.

21 Now, we have lost employees in the
22 last budget. I think it was wrong -- some
23 of those cuts never have should have been
24 made. The traffic department in my opinion,
25 the signmaker, some of the other cuts, they

1 were unnecessary because all you are doing
2 is you are cutting the employees of the city
3 in my opinion to makeup for imbalances and
4 in the end who do we have left expect the
5 big tax bill?

6 I mean, on the agenda we have
7 parking meters here. We need to find new
8 solutions and creation of more taxes and
9 creating authorities that we can't control
10 is not the answer, so I would like to have
11 all of the residents who can show up here at
12 10:00 next Tuesday to come and hopefully
13 voice their opposition to this library. I
14 think that what should happen is the next
15 time the Scranton School District builds a
16 new building they should create an
17 administration building adjacent to that new
18 building and the Scranton public library
19 should move across the street. It should
20 take over like it did the church and the
21 library and the administration building and
22 it'd be centralized, and then the medical
23 college could use the administration
24 building for a medical library, two floors
25 of that building. I mean, that's where we

1 should be going. We should leave our assets
2 in the center of the city and they should be
3 served by mass transit. That's why we have
4 mass transit and every citizen in this city
5 can reach that library. Thank you.

6 MR. MCGOFF: Sam Patilla.

7 MR. PATILLA: Sam Patilla, Scranton
8 resident. Good evening, Mrs. Evans.

9 MS. EVANS: Hello.

10 MR. PATILLA: In my opinion this
11 entire agenda should be tabled, but I know
12 that it won't, but this is a road map to the
13 problems that the City of Scranton faces,
14 all right? The first page you got five
15 million in TANS that are going to be sold to
16 PNC, you got another nine and a half million
17 that's going to get sold to Fidelity. You
18 are raising the parking meter fees. You've
19 got about 25,000 in the sale of delinquent
20 properties, delinquent in their taxes. You
21 got about 175,000 in loans given out to
22 bars, restaurants. You know, nothing is
23 going to really create jobs for the base
24 that Scranton really needs. We need real
25 jobs. We don't need waiter or waitresses

1 jobs, not that there is anything wrong with
2 those jobs. You got Greco on this agenda
3 who is going to cost this city at least five
4 million easy. Five million in his fees
5 alone. You know, if anything should be bid
6 out, any contract should be bid out in this
7 city it's whatever Greco is handling, it
8 should be bid out. Put out to bid, let's
9 get another attorney in here who is going to
10 charge us a lot less money, you know, and
11 this is the problem here.

12 If you glance through this agenda
13 you'll see the city is struggling to make
14 money. Just like Lee just stated I believe,
15 that they are struggling to gain revenue to
16 cover deficits and bad decisions and this is
17 just another example of more bad decisions.
18 There is nothing here stating that the
19 top-heavy administration is going to be cut,
20 wages for the department heads are going to
21 be cut, unnecessary positions are going to
22 be cut. Those are the decisions that the
23 taxpayers and the residents of this city
24 need, all right?

25 And Lee stated that we need to bring

1 up the populous. Lee stated that we don't
2 need to bring of the populous, we need to
3 bring up the employment populous because you
4 can raise the populous of the city which
5 would be another burden on the welfare
6 system. We need people who are going to be
7 able to pay taxes, who are going to be able
8 to purchase homes, who are going to be able
9 to start businesses. That's what your
10 revenue comes in at. You don't get it by
11 giving \$175,000 to a few select businesses.
12 That money should be taken for two or
13 three blocks, the businesses in the two or
14 three-block radius. That whole block should
15 be taking care of.

16 I will save most of my conversations
17 for the library authority, which I'm totally
18 against for next Tuesday, okay, and it's
19 like Andy stated, all right, on paper 16
20 million. I have been in the construction
21 field, nothing comes in at budget. Nothing.
22 So you can double that 16 easily and be more
23 closer to the actual cost and that library
24 is going to cost the taxpayers more than
25 that 16 million dollars that you put on

1 paper, all right? Numbers don't lie, but
2 they can't be manipulated and for four years
3 I have seen numbers manipulated in this city
4 and enough is enough.

5 You know, it's like I said, and Andy
6 stated it again, the taxpayers have spoken.
7 We didn't like the direction this city had
8 been going in for the last few years and why
9 you would continue along that path makes no
10 sense to me. The people have spoken. We
11 don't want the direction that this city has
12 headed in. If I wanted Wall Street West, if
13 I wanted New York City I would have moved to
14 New York City. I wanted Scranton,
15 Pennsylvania. I wanted my senior citizens.
16 I wanted the churches. I wanted the small
17 neighborhoods. I wanted the small
18 classrooms. That's why I picked Scranton.
19 I didn't want New York. I don't New York.
20 I don't Philadelphia, I don't want no large
21 city. I want what Scranton was when we
22 first moved here, and I think people have to
23 do a lot of soul searching, a lot of soul
24 searching because this is not the answer.
25 Thank you.

1 MR. MCGOFF: Les Spindler.

2 MR. SPINDLER: Good evening, Council.
3 Les Spindler, city homeowner and taxpayer.
4 Mr. McGoff, please enforce rules of council.
5 I don't want to be interrupted tonight when
6 I'm speaking. Mrs. Evans, I hope you had no
7 trouble getting those daggers out of your
8 back that they were thrown your way last
9 week, and what I mean is the reason I had to
10 leave last week is because the meeting was
11 delayed and I had to be at a neighborhood
12 association meeting at 7:00.

13 When I got home I heard two jealous
14 and angry councilwomen just ranting. First
15 was Mrs. Fanucci talking about Mrs. Evans
16 when we wasn't here to defend herself, and
17 that's typical because the week before she
18 spoke about Ozzie Quinn when he wasn't here
19 either. The next one, Mrs. Gatelli, she is
20 not here so I'll save that for next week.

21 I want to speak on the library
22 authority, too. You know, you people were
23 elected to serve everyone in this city, not
24 just the part of the city you live in and we
25 are going to have a council person voting

1 for this library authority just because she
2 lives in South Side and that's a disservice
3 to all of the voters in this city and it's a
4 disservice to all of the other taxpayers and
5 you represent the whole city, not just the
6 part of the city you live in. We can't lose
7 the Albright Library and if this is
8 authority takes over we will loss the
9 Albright Library.

10 Changing channels in-between
11 football games Saturday night I just
12 happened to catch the end of an interview
13 with Jack Finnerty with David DeCosmo on
14 Channel 19 and Mr. Finnerty said, this is a
15 very poignant sentence he said, he said,
16 "The library doesn't belong to this city, it
17 belongs to the people."

18 And that right there should tell
19 this council not to vote for this authority
20 because if you do the people will lose this
21 library and it would be a darn shame.

22 Last week coming out of a
23 supermarket a young Latino gentleman came up
24 to me and he said, "I see you a TV," he
25 said, "You do a great job, keep up the good

1 work," and he said, "But they don't listen."

2 I said, "I know, I have put up with
3 it for eight years, but it will change in
4 January."

5 And he said, "Yes," he says, "I like
6 Mrs. Evans, she is great and those two young
7 gentlemen will be great, also."

8 Which leads me to my next topic.
9 Two weeks ago Mrs. Fanucci said that saying
10 "No" won't be good. Well, she was talking
11 about the new council, which isn't even
12 seated yet so I don't know how they are
13 going to vote, but, Mrs. Fanucci, what did
14 you saying "yes" for the last four years get
15 us?

16 And I have to put my glasses on to
17 make sure I don't miss anything.

18 MS. FANUCCI: The Forbe's article
19 recently --

20 MR. SPINDLER: Mr. McGoff?

21 MR. MCGOFF: You asked her a
22 question.

23 MR. SPINDLER: I'm going to read
24 what I have here, and these are facts since
25 you are so into facts Mrs. Fanucci.

1 MS. FANUCCI: Have at it.

2 MR. SPINDLER: Saying yes got us a
3 record long-term debt, countless empty
4 stores, shrinking population, roads, many
5 roads in disrepair, the highest unemployment
6 rate since 1993, and I got that right out of
7 the Doherty newsletter. So saying "Yes"
8 didn't get us anywhere but further and
9 further in debt and starting in January we
10 won't have people saying "No" we will have a
11 system of checks and balances.

12 I have stuff for Mr. Courtright IU
13 guess that will have to wait until next
14 week, but -- oh, again, the city lost
15 another arbitration decision and again Mayor
16 Doherty is appealing it. To date he has
17 cost us \$1.4 million, he is going to cost us
18 more money, I don't know how the taxpayers
19 can put up with this.

20 I guess that's all I have for this
21 week. Lastly, I just want to wish all of
22 the Jewish people Hanukkah which starts
23 Friday night and we'll see you next week.

24 Oh, one last thing, Mr. McGoff, why
25 is this public meeting at 10:00 next week

1 because you know most of us work during the
2 day and we won't be able to attend?

3 MR. MCGOFF: Do you want an answer
4 because when Mrs. Fanucci --

5 MR. SPINDLER: Yeah. No, okay.

6 MR. MCGOFF: -- answered you got
7 upset.

8 MR. SPINDLER: Well, I'm done now,
9 so --

10 MR. MCGOFF: Because that's when the
11 majority of the council people could attend.

12 MR. SPINDLER: Oh, they won't be here
13 that evening?

14 MR. MCGOFF: Excuse me?

15 MR. SPINDLER: They won't be here
16 that evening?

17 MR. MCGOFF: No.

18 MR. SPINDLER: Okay. Thank you.

19 MR. MCGOFF: Bill Jackowitz.

20 MR. JACKOWITZ: Good evening,
21 Council. Bill Jackowitz, South Scranton
22 resident and members of the Taxpayers'
23 Association. We may be small in numbers but
24 we are big at heart. First the meters and
25 now the garages, again, I say park at

1 Steamtown Mall, Viewmont Mall or Montage
2 Mall. Save your money for your family and
3 yourself.

4 It seems that some people want to
5 bash the Taxpayers' Association. First of
6 all, the association has interviewed the
7 judges who were running for election, city
8 council members who were running for
9 election, Congressman Kanjorski and Mayor
10 Lou Barletta, Mayor Candidate Gary DiBileo.
11 Members have attended all of the authority
12 meetings, school board meetings and county
13 commissioner's meeting.

14 The association has sponsored a food
15 drive for the food pantry, free swimming
16 program for all children 15 and under at Nay
17 Aug Park. Guest speakers come before our
18 body to talk about the homeless situations
19 and homeless shelters in Scranton. We had
20 speakers and appear and talk to the
21 utilities company raising the rates for the
22 utilities, many more things that slip my
23 mind at present, so please don't bash the
24 Taxpayers' Association.

25 Currently, we are sponsoring a

1 fundraiser to raise money for a young
2 mother, 20 years old, who lost her baby due
3 to a stillbirth and does not have the funds
4 to purchase a tombstone or a marker for the
5 baby. If anyone would like to contribute
6 send a check or money order to 1416 South
7 Webster Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania,
8 18505. Make check out to William Jackowitz.
9 It will be deposited and I have a deal going
10 with Presidential monuments to try to get
11 this young lady a monument for her baby who
12 passed away.

13 The Taxpayers' Association films
14 their own meetings and ECTV elects to show
15 the meetings at 2 a.m. or other times that
16 are not convenient for taxpayers to watch.
17 Several members have made trips at their own
18 out-of-pocket expenses to attend important
19 meetings outside of the City of Scranton.

20 The only people who have refused to
21 be interviewed by the Taxpayers' Association
22 have been Mayor and Governor Doherty, Judy
23 Gatelli, Sherry Fanucci and Representative
24 Smith. Representative Murphy has been there
25 several -- has been there several times, so

1 has county commissioners Munchak, past
2 commissioners Cordaro also attended
3 meetings, so please do not say that the
4 Taxpayers' Association has done nothing. We
5 have tried but our elected officials have
6 turned a deaf area to our complaints and
7 recommendations just like city council,
8 Scranton School board and Lackawanna
9 Commissioners that is why the city and
10 county is so screwed up.

11 There are two things that really
12 upset me about the city council meetings,
13 first and foremost the 3 to 2 vote. I have
14 said in the past, nobody is always right
15 including Mayor/Governor Doherty. No one is
16 always wrong including Mayor/Governor
17 Doherty. If the new council have 4 to 1
18 votes all the time that also will upset me.
19 It is time for the council and
20 Mayor/Governor Doherty to start working
21 together and make Scranton a better place to
22 live, work and pay. I will be paying
23 attention.

24 The second thing that upsets is the
25 continued reference to speakers being out of

1 order and being told that they cannot say
2 this or that about, yet council members have
3 been allowed to interrupt at any time and
4 say whatever they want about a speaker
5 including calling them pathetic, liars and
6 so on. Public government meetings should
7 not be conducted in this manner.

8 One last thing that really upset me
9 was when council chambers were closed down
10 and the speakers like me had to go through
11 metal detectors and the seating was limited.
12 Oh, and I almost the three-minute speaking
13 rule was also implemented, so I ask who
14 really has been harassed in the past four
15 years? My answer, the speakers like myself
16 who have no agenda except to make Scranton
17 government fair, honest and open.

18 The Legion of Doom was nothing but a
19 joke but, you know something people still
20 talk about and where the shirts outside of
21 council chambers. I see many at work and
22 outside of the City of Scranton. Judy, I
23 think you should go on Comedy Central, it
24 will show the entire country just how
25 Scranton city government has been conducted

1 for the last four years. I feel it is
2 nothing to be proud about. Maybe
3 embarrassed is a better word.

4 Joyce, Rogan, Evans and McGoff and
5 the new person I will be watching and paying
6 attention. As far Ray Hayes, the only
7 reason is he leaving is because he wants to
8 leave, otherwise, he would still be there.
9 He applied for the job at the University of
10 Scranton and did not get the job, now he is
11 taking a job at Keystone College I believe.
12 Otherwise, he would still be there. And as
13 far as the budget, I think the budget
14 stinks.

15 But, again as far as the fundraiser
16 goes for this young mother who lost her baby
17 due to a stillborn, like I said, you can
18 send a check to 416 South Webster Avenue,
19 make it out to William Jackowitz and it will
20 be deposited and be all used to purchase a
21 monument for this young lady and also if
22 anybody wants to donate cash we will also
23 accept cash. Thank you.

24 MR. MCGOFF: Nancy Krake.

25 MS. KRAKE: Good evening, Council.

1 I'd like to talk about two items that are on
2 the agenda this evening. The first is the
3 City of Scranton condemned property policy
4 and pretty much this is what folks in that
5 office require to be done now. It's simply
6 putting it in writing and so they have
7 something firm that they can go back on, and
8 I don't have a problem with that, but when
9 you take a look at what Mr. Greco is going
10 to be doing I think you need to add two
11 parts from the condemned property policy
12 onto Mr. Greco's contract, that would be a
13 copy of a tax certificate issued by the
14 Lackawanna County Tax Claim Bureau
15 evidencing the Scranton School District and
16 Lackawanna County taxes are paid in full,
17 and a copy of the tax certificate from the
18 city treasurer evidencing that City of
19 Scranton real estate taxes and refuse fees
20 are paid in full.

21 What we require of the basic citizen
22 is something that this mayor never requires
23 of his consultants and firms that he hires
24 to make sure that they are fully paid in all
25 of their taxes, and I would like to go a

1 step further and say that they are also paid
2 in any business or mercantile taxes that
3 they may owe and any wage taxes that they
4 are required to pay for their employees and
5 if this passes without that I would
6 recommend that the new council before they
7 issue payment to this gentleman in any way,
8 shape or form ask for evidence of all of his
9 taxes being paid in full.

10 If you have been a lawyer under
11 Mr. Doherty's term, you have been part of
12 the biggest growth industry in Scranton as
13 my friend and colleague Mr. Gervasi likes to
14 say. Between lawyers and consultants we are
15 doing real well. This is in direct contrast
16 to the 6,000 alleged jobs Mr. Doherty says
17 he created. This is but a small group of
18 elite people to have made millions and
19 millions of dollars in his eight years.
20 Until there is a change in the balance of
21 power here this will continue to go on.

22 There has been over \$1 million paid
23 to laborer lawyers that this mayor has
24 fought so hard against his workers, that's
25 been against the police, fire, clerical and

1 single tax office employees and police and
2 fire will soon be celebrating nine years
3 without a contract. That's shameful,
4 shameful behavior. Mr. Greco seems to get
5 one every year.

6 And by the way, his evaluation
7 criteria, all proposals must include a list
8 of all municipal corporations, etcetera,
9 that he has performed to these entities in
10 the past ten years. Well, it's a very short
11 list for Mr. Greco. We had the OECD office,
12 the Redevelopment Authority, the City of
13 Scranton, Old Forge Bank, and
14 Sanolfi-Pasture as requested by a client.
15 So he has been making his livelihood
16 apparently just by working for us. Either
17 that or he has not completed this correctly.
18 If he hasn't, then he has violated this
19 contract.

20 I would note vote on this, I would
21 seriously take a look and table is and find
22 out exactly what he is saying. He is saying
23 that's are all of the people he is
24 represented in nine years? Five. Maybe he
25 can't read.

1 And I have one final request and,
2 Mrs. Evans, if you know, Mr. Minora is not
3 here this evening if he has made any
4 progress on the Right-to-Knows that you have
5 requested months and months ago?

6 MS. EVANS: Yes. Actually, I did
7 receive that information thanks to Attorney
8 Minora who spoke with the city's legal
9 department and I understand thereafter
10 Mr. Renda complied very speedily.

11 MS. KRAKE: I see.

12 MS. EVANS: Like I said, I did
13 receive that I believe two weeks ago.

14 MS. KRAKE: Thank you very much.

15 MR. MCGOFF: David Dobrzyn.

16 MR. DOBRZYN: David Dobrzyn, member
17 of the taxpayers, resident of Scranton.
18 First, I'd like to and I before mentioned on
19 street lamps, today I was on Spruce Street
20 turning right and the traffic lamp was so
21 fast that the person who cut me off was
22 probably on a cell phone almost ran into the
23 walk sign that turns on very quickly after
24 the red lamp comes on, the no right-hand
25 turn and he almost turned into a lady with a

1 baby carriage and I feel that this is
2 constantly we really need an evaluation of
3 the street lamps and the way they operate
4 around the city and there should be no
5 right-hand-turn while the walk lamp is lit.
6 It's just pathetic how often you have to
7 just run for your life when they are
8 downtown.

9 And moving on, there is a lot of
10 disagreement I have here with restaurants,
11 okay, well, I also disagree with people that
12 think their sidewalks and so forth are in
13 front of their house, once again, industrial
14 parks. Please, let's start. I read two
15 articles in the last six months and I'm
16 pretty sure the first one was in the Times
17 about a solar cell manufacturer looking to
18 move here. Where is Austin Burke? Who
19 those knows? About two weeks ago I read an
20 article where a windmill manufacturer wants
21 to move here. Where is Austin Burke? I
22 didn't hear nothing. Austin Burke, where
23 are you?

24 Now, moving on this city will never,
25 ever turn into anything until people can

1 have jobs. That windmill plant being the
2 jobs will start out at 35,000 and run
3 through \$100,000 a year. There is an
4 industry moved into Philadelphia and they
5 are building solar cells and solar panels
6 and they are look for anybody from a GED to
7 a PhD to employ them. So, you know, it
8 would be nice.

9 When I look at a homeless person, I
10 see people that I used to supervise on a
11 assembly line 30 years ago and they had a
12 roof over their head, they are the same type
13 of people, not the same person. They had a
14 roof over their head, they had medical
15 insurance and so forth and then we had to
16 send all of our industries overseas and sign
17 off on trade packs to people that basically
18 are dishonest at what they are doing. They
19 are working people for nothing and, you
20 know, you can't even answer the phone
21 anymore, I got a call today about a
22 disability insurance that I couldn't
23 possibly collect on, well, the last time I
24 got slammed on it so on my credit card. So,
25 you know, like they probably get taken out

1 and shot or something if they don't talk you
2 into it, I don't know.

3 But now going on to the library
4 authority, please, limit, if you are going
5 to vote for it limit their power. Don't let
6 the legacy of the people going out, I'm
7 talking about especially don't let that
8 legacy become the same legacy as what has
9 happened with the baseball field and the
10 golf course and so forth, if you don't want
11 people thinking, let people feel guilty that
12 they didn't vote for you for a change, you
13 know, get something straightened out and if
14 we are going to build a library in South
15 Side I would suggest another location. That
16 one is a plain outright a dump. It's a
17 dump. It's behind Cedar Avenue, the worst
18 part of our town or one of the worst part of
19 town, it's a dump, and I don't know who owes
20 the land or what they plan to do.

21 And, furthermore, if we are going to
22 initiate a library authority let's talk to
23 some of these colleges about providing study
24 space on their own. I attended a technical
25 school years ago and they promised tools and

1 they promised this and they promised that we
2 when you get there, there is nothing there
3 and so every day I took a tool box in to a
4 mechanical course and had to fight with
5 everybody to get my tools back at the end of
6 the day, and it was promised that every
7 student would be handed a tool, but why
8 can't they hand a computer terminal and
9 computer to everybody he student that goes
10 to LJC. They are probably still paying 20
11 grand total.

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

13 MR. DOBRZYN: Thank you. Have a good
14 night.

15 MR. MCGOFF: Other speakers.

16 MR. TALIMINI: Good evening, Council.
17 Joe Talimini, Scranton. You know, it's
18 paradoxical, but three or four years I have
19 been coming to these meetings, I have heard
20 every week we need to raise revenues and we
21 need to do this and we need to do that, but
22 the one thing that I have never heard
23 anybody on this council say is, "We don't
24 have it, we can't spend it."

25 Now, I would like to know if any

1 member of this council or any member of the
2 audience can go to Gerrity's and shop and
3 tell them, "We don't have the money, but
4 we'll pay you, "or your mortgage payment or
5 your rent payment comes down, "We don't have
6 the money, but we'll pay you."

7 Go to the gas station and fill your
8 tank up, "I'm sorry, I don't have the money,
9 but I will pay you."

10 Where did you people ever get the
11 idea that you could spend money you don't
12 have and what in the world prompts anybody
13 to think that moving this library project
14 along is so vital that you know the world is
15 going to cease to exist if it's not done
16 right now. Come on, people, everybody knows
17 it's a political ploy, it's a payback, so
18 let's get real. The city can't afford this
19 nonsense and I don't care what Steve Forbes
20 says, because I know Steve Forbes and I know
21 Forbe's magazine, and believe me, Scranton
22 is not the top 11. So I don't know where
23 you are getting your information, but
24 obviously it's very, very wrong and you need
25 to get out of Scranton once in awhile and

1 see what's happening around you.

2 Let's insitute that policy, if we
3 don't have it we can't spend it and you
4 certainly cannot afford it and now you are
5 going to be hit with this utility tax, the
6 school tax, etcetera. I mean, I don't know
7 what you people are smoking, but I'd sure
8 like some of it. Thank you.

9 MS. HUMPHRIES: Hello, City of
10 Scranton and city council members. Our
11 mayor that's been in out there, Corporal
12 Iannunzio, I might get it right Iannunzio,
13 Richard, I hope you are watching. I want to
14 thank the police department for endeavoring
15 to help in what is going to be happening in
16 the next month to clear up the corruption in
17 the City of Scranton, harassment, abuse,
18 abuse of the elderly.

19 But there is one person with the
20 fire department that wasn't announced in the
21 paper, Paul Irzonica. Him and Mrs. Roseanna
22 from city council was working on a memorial
23 and in this process I was supposed to be
24 executive to his will, we became very good
25 friends, but it didn't pan out the way I

1 thought. He was a Benedictine, Benedictines
2 do not get cremated and he was cremated.
3 When I tried to get the help possibly I
4 could there was no intervention at the
5 office or with the lawyer, Attorney Warring.
6 In this process he was from the Benedictine
7 in the Denver area, so I have some of his
8 documents or things that he had given me,
9 not documents. Catherine Baker-Knoll was a
10 very personal friend of his and Joanne and
11 the love of his life and my daughter and
12 Mame and good St. Ann.

13 The things that were pillaged and
14 thrown away with was really supposed to go
15 and be separated and given to certain
16 people. In this process the shock and
17 everything that's happened I asked everybody
18 if they make sure that they have a will,
19 decide the proper way to be buried in their
20 faith and make sure that they get it
21 documented. We got to do some kind of
22 legislation with this because of the sadness
23 of the way it happened, but I know the glory
24 of Jesus because what I retrieved was tapes
25 and one of the tapes had the bells ringing

1 for the fire department and it had good St.
2 Ann pray for us which our police department
3 and our fire department and the City of
4 Scranton are very devoted to the Mother of
5 God and Mary and the Immaculate Conception
6 and the Virgin Mother.

7 That part for the glory of God I ask
8 publically that the district attorney open
9 up an investigation to this case because
10 what I have and what they have and with his
11 words were between two or three people it's
12 imperative that the things come about the
13 way they are supposed to because our fire
14 and our police department they really work
15 hard. I know I slam, bam, thank you, ma'am,
16 then but I have a reason of what was
17 transpiring. I couldn't say what was
18 transpired.

19 I love everybody. I want the best
20 for everybody and the persecution that I
21 have that's okay because I know the Lord
22 Jesus Christ and I know the liberty and
23 freedom and justice for all will reign
24 throughout the City of Scranton and
25 throughout the world to bring the endeavor

1 or peace, love and carrying for each other.

2 That's all I have to say and thank
3 you and that's about it and I just want to
4 close with one thing. I just received the
5 fire department thing today and I have
6 the emblem from him, from the fire
7 department so you know. Thank you everybody
8 and God Bless ya's and I don't know if I see
9 you or when I'll see you again, but I got
10 the whole world in my hand, I got the whole
11 world in my hand. God bless yous,
12 everybody.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Next speaker, please?

14 MR. MCCLOE: Good evening. My name
15 is Brett McCloe, Scranton homeowner and
16 taxpayer. I want to talk about a little bit
17 of what everybody else was taking about
18 earlier with the Albright Library, about the
19 library and it's a beautiful building, and
20 it has stood the test of time. A building
21 with character, but also with contents that
22 build character within the people of this
23 city. The library is much more than a
24 collection of books and much more than a
25 network of computers. This building is and

1 always has been a place that unifies and
2 adds structure to our society. It draws
3 people to a central location for a central
4 purpose. I know there are those who say
5 that space is a problem. I believe this is
6 where cooperation and vision come into play.
7 I'm quite sure many have proposed that the
8 Albright -- I mean, the library expand into
9 the administration building across the
10 street. I believe there is enough room for
11 all the new books and plenty of space for
12 hundreds of computer stations.

13 Why not have the school board and
14 the city make an offer to the Diocese for
15 the old Bishop Hannon and move the Scranton
16 school district into the Hannon building
17 which would be quite big enough and a lot of
18 things in there that would do well for the
19 Scranton school board and plus it's still
20 centrally located.

21 I'm not against the building of a
22 new library, I am against the turning of the
23 public library into what we will probably be
24 a library that just happens to be open to
25 the public. There is a difference in the

1 meaning and feeling of both. The content
2 and character of the library should not be
3 left to chance.

4 I think also there has been a lot of
5 negative talk about people using their own
6 life experiences and projecting them into
7 how they feel that they should run this
8 city. That's what humans do. We use our
9 own individual life experiences to help us
10 make decisions and plot courses for a better
11 future. It seems that some are assuming
12 that speakers do not know and haven't
13 experienced anything and that they are
14 perceived to have never been outside of the
15 borders of Scranton, Pennsylvania. We can't
16 possibly know what we are talking about,
17 therefore, can't know what's good for them
18 or the City of Scranton. I see this is an
19 insult to the people of Scranton.

20 It's sad and it's unfortunate, you
21 know, but it all comes back around, you
22 know, because we elect people based on their
23 experience in life, not just the jobs they
24 had, what you have seen, what you have felt,
25 what you have experienced, what's in your

1 heart, we elect people based on those
2 things.

3 And the last thing I want to say is
4 to those who wouldn't be caught dead coming
5 to these meetings, why would you?
6 Apparently, you have a private ear, someone
7 to think, speak and legislate for you. The
8 majority of this council spoke the words you
9 wanted to hear and the majority of the
10 citizens of the city heard those words and
11 they voted accordingly. I hope for better
12 decorum. I know there is going to be better
13 decorum. I don't believe this next council
14 will be a bunch of no men because you have
15 to know what you are saying yes to. I don't
16 think a lot of things were conveyed properly
17 over the past couple of years for people or
18 are the council members to say yes to it.

19
20 I believe that's all I have, but I wish Mrs.
21 Fanucci and Mrs. Gatelli, she is not here, a
22 good future. I'm sure you will.

23 MR. BECK: Good evening, Council.
24 Wayne Beck, city resident and taxpayer. I
25 was hoping that Councilwoman Gatelli would

1 have been here this evening because I would
2 have asked her a question before the meeting
3 and that question would have been is she
4 seriously going to go to California to
5 attend a Comedy Central taping. If she said
6 "No" I wouldn't be speaking, but I don't
7 have an answer, so I just want to give my
8 comments.

9 For years we have heard Mrs. Gatelli
10 comment on how disgusting these meetings
11 were and how the city was viewed as a circus
12 by home viewers because of the disgusting,
13 degrading and unprofessional antics of
14 speakers at the podium. We have even
15 experienced a period of time when attendees
16 had to enter through an alley entrance and
17 being screened before being allowed into the
18 safety concerns. Now, all of a sudden, it's
19 appropriate to, as Councilwoman Gatelli
20 state, have some fun with it. I don't
21 understand that. What changed?

22 Here is the problem I have with the
23 whole concept. First, this council had
24 sometime ago moved to enforce rules of
25 order. I believe as most is common Robert's

1 Rules of order.

2 Second, although speakers at the
3 podium do get out of line and sometimes say
4 things that may be inappropriate until they
5 are gaveled out of order, they continue to
6 have the floor until they are gaveled out of
7 order. Any response or interruption of any
8 kind, including responses, comments,
9 laughter or even snickering is a violation
10 of the those rules of order. Go back and
11 review the tapes or minutes of the past
12 council meetings and you will find that the
13 biggest violators of those rules are certain
14 council persons themselves. Most tirades
15 actually began due to responses or
16 interruptions from the dais.

17 Third, we are often told that the
18 lake of decorum and circus-like atmosphere
19 created by speakers at the podium are what
20 created the embarrassment to the city and
21 this in turn hampers it's city in an effort
22 to attract new businesses to Scranton. I
23 don't know about you, but I would expect to
24 find the city of 74,000 people in that city
25 individuals that would be frustrated with

1 issues and possibly acting unprofessionally
2 in the presentations. Although I certainly
3 don't condone all of the actions and
4 statements that emanate from this podium,
5 the speakers are taxpayers exercising their
6 right to speak. I am more concerned with
7 inappropriate and unprofessional conduct by
8 elected officials since they have the
9 responsibilities of representing this city
10 in an official capacity.

11 According to the Abington Journal,
12 Councilwoman Gatelli said that Comedy
13 Central is offering to pay her way to
14 California and she is interested in taping
15 the show. She even refers to this whole
16 idea as being quote: Rather exciting.

17 Ray Lyman, on the other hand, said
18 he would love to go on the Comedy Central
19 but not if they are going to make fun of
20 him. Mr. Lyman evidently realizes that they
21 would be making fun of him. What
22 Councilwoman Gatelli doesn't realize is that
23 the laughing wouldn't be at Ray's expense
24 alone. It would be at Mrs. Gatelli's
25 expense and more importantly the City of

1 Scranton's expense as well.

2 Finally, I can't understand how one
3 person can be shown a newspaper attacking
4 blight one neighborhood at a time while
5 helping slap the entire city in the face
6 with one quick swipe of Comedy Central's
7 hand. If Mrs. Gatelli is planning on
8 participating in Comedy Central's
9 production, I hope she reconsiders her
10 position. Have a good evening and have a
11 happy holiday.

12 MS. SCHUMACHER: Marie Schumacher,
13 city resident and member of the Taxpayers'
14 Association. First, I remain very concerned
15 about and opposed to the formation of the
16 library authority. I believe it is unfair
17 to have the public hearing on this issue
18 during the primary work hours. Please
19 explain why the 12:15 meeting isn't in the
20 evening and how much time will be allotted
21 to each speaker at next Tuesday's public
22 hearing during motions.

23 Next, until Mrs. Gatelli mentioned
24 Comedy Central I had never heard of this
25 show, but I have done some research during

1 the past week and have come to the
2 conclusion that as with beauty comedy must
3 also be in the eye of the beholder.

4 Several of you have railed against
5 those of us who wear the Legion of Doom
6 t-shirts and if I recall correctly have even
7 suggested we council speakers exercising our
8 First Amendment Rights are chasing potential
9 residents and businesses away. Now, that
10 there is a free trip to California and
11 Mrs. Gatelli may in her words be able to
12 make some money, episodes that have taken
13 place in these chambers are no longer
14 embarrassing, now they are hilarious.

15 Mrs. Gatelli in her jolly mode last
16 Tuesday stated, and this is a quote,
17 "Mr. Lyman who, by the way, was always
18 prompted and scripted as to what to say when
19 he came here by people who are very small,
20 indeed, to take advantage of a person such
21 as Ray and allow him to come here and do the
22 things that he did, but needless to say,"
23 and I'll stop there for now quoting her.

24 Since Mrs. Gatelli is so sure Ray
25 was always scripted and prompted when he

1 came to the podium, I would like for her to
2 name the person or persons who prompted and
3 scripted Ray during motions next week, and
4 if there are such people and they in
5 Mrs. Gatelli's definition are small what
6 does that make her for exploiting these
7 episodes on national television?

8 Mrs. Gatelli told us she is a
9 registered nurse and I hope this
10 exploitation of a person such as Ray is not
11 indicative of the nursing profession. I
12 certainly hope the City of Scranton's image
13 will not be harmed when Mrs. Gatelli shares
14 her hilarious time being up there on
15 national television.

16 Now, I'll move to some budget
17 questions left over after the none to
18 generous three minutes allocated at the
19 public hearing on the budget because even
20 though it's adopted I still would like
21 answers to these questions. Why the
22 74 percent decrease in interest earnings? I
23 seem to recall one justification of the
24 large \$14.5 million TANS was the interest
25 earned. What has happened to change that?

1 Also, I see \$200,000 for
2 reimbursement of demolition costs for OECD,
3 but I don't see an account for demolition
4 costs reimbursed by the property owner. Are
5 we doing all demolitions for free?

6 The expenses for road salt are down
7 by almost 1/3 from the current year. Has
8 the price of salt dropped or are we buying
9 less than we use this year? This doesn't
10 comport with the winter weather forecast for
11 early 2010.

12 Why are landfill garbage fees going
13 up \$20 when the expenses are not forecast to
14 change.

15 And once again, there is no line
16 item in the controller's budget for a Single
17 Tax Office audit. Why isn't this funded --
18 or wasn't it funded?

19 Again, the Treasurer's Office has
20 spending the equivalent of another employee
21 on professional services. What professional
22 services does the Treasurer's Office
23 require?

24 The OECD rent is not shown. Why is
25 that and how much is it?

1 And I will quit there for now and I
2 will look forward to finding out more about
3 next Tuesday's morning public meeting and I
4 assume then you are meeting immediately
5 after and how much time we will be allocated
6 when we speak. Thank you very much.

7 MR. ANCHERANI: Good evening. Nelson
8 Ancherani, First Amendment Rights. Just
9 some tidbits to finish up this year since
10 the meeting next week will be in the
11 daytime, some of us won't be able to attend.
12 Last week the budget was passed through
13 council. It contains an almost \$200,000
14 decrease to the Scranton Parking Authority
15 for their citation issuers. This comes and
16 the heels of the authority getting a 35
17 million loan in 2007 plus another 1 million
18 more to build new garages and repair others
19 and they almost defaulted on their bond
20 payments. The parking meters fees will be
21 double, so there will be a lot of free
22 meters around the city, so I won't have to
23 drive around the 400 block of Adams Avenue
24 as many as five times looking for a parking
25 spot when I'm trying to get to our juvenile

1 office located in the Adams high-rise of the
2 Scranton Housing Authority.

3 You should remember a number of
4 years ago that I was saying the new police
5 building wasn't built large enough to
6 contain the juvenile unit or the training
7 division. Last may 22, the juvenile unit
8 was moved from other over the firehouse on
9 Mulberry Street to the Adams high-rise and
10 the fire inspectors were moved from the
11 third floor of the firehouse to the office
12 vacated by the juvenile unit. This move was
13 rushed. The reason for the moves were that
14 the third floor of the firehouse was going
15 to be renovated. They must have run out of
16 money to do the renovations since there are
17 no renovations going on. This third floor
18 renovation must be going in the same
19 direction of the stopped work at the Connell
20 building.

21 As everyone can see, the weather has
22 gotten colder and the nighttime temperatures
23 are beginning to go below the freezing mark.
24 Just what the Connell building needs for the
25 elements that damage to the building since

1 there are numerous open windows with the
2 building at the mercy of the elements.

3 I almost forget about the unfinished
4 parking lot of the new police building. How
5 many years is that now that the paving is
6 not finished, three or four years? What
7 about the two million lost in accounting
8 errors at the Single Tax Office during the
9 previous administration? We are forgetting
10 about that along with the 12 million that
11 was discovered there.

12 There are only -- these are only
13 part of what the speakers that come to
14 council ask about. Are they lies? Last
15 week the council speakers got tongue
16 lashings from Mrs. Gatelli and Ms. Fanucci.
17 Council members are elected officials and,
18 therefore, are held to a higher standard.
19 They have to have thick skin. When people
20 come here and get frustrated they sometimes
21 show their frustration and lash out and,
22 yes, council members also get frustrated
23 because they think everyone is against them,
24 but belittling council speakers by elected
25 officials is embarrassing when we think that

1 people from all over watch Scranton council
2 meetings and say it is disgusting the way
3 some council members berate the people that
4 are concerned about their city and love
5 their city. People watching are amazed when
6 someone admits they are a rubber stamper.
7 This has been called a Jerry Springer show,
8 but the audience out there knows who the
9 actors are.

10 Just remember, Council, council
11 speakers have been called at least 30 names,
12 some of which are malcontents, inane,
13 doomers, felons, low-lives, crazies, clowns,
14 terrorists, halloweeners, and the famous
15 Legion of Doom. These were called by
16 politicians, elected officials, professional
17 people and the slimes. This is disgusting.
18 Just remember, people are listening and
19 watching. Arguing with speakers is a no-no.
20 People, including myself, love this city
21 that's why I still come to council and will
22 as long as I'm able. Thank you.

23 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else?

24 MR. STUCKER: How are you doing
25 Mr. -- yeah. How are you doing?

1 MR. MCGOFF: Good, Jim.

2 MR. STUCKER: Okay, we have the
3 skateboards out yet. We got the skateboards
4 all over. They're out last night I know.
5 Every night I see them and every day I see
6 them out with the skateboards on Mulberry
7 cutting across on Mulberry, I see them a
8 lot. And our garbage on Diamond Avenue I
9 was over there last week with the bike, and
10 they have the garbage never been picked up
11 on Diamond Avenue here -- -on Diamond
12 Avenue, not Diamond -- Harrison -- It think
13 it's Diamond -- Hamm Court. Hamm Court.
14 They have been throwing garbage all over the
15 yard and they are afraid to put it in the
16 garbage cans. It's going to have rats I
17 think or rats or skunks and over there on
18 that street.

19 MR. MCGOFF: We'll have DPW look into
20 it.

21 MR. STUCKER: And they never fixed
22 the hole on that street. They never fixed a
23 drain or. Nothing it's still the same as
24 before.

25 MR. MCGOFF: We'll try to look into

1 those situations.

2 MR. STUCKER: Yeah, I just want to
3 know did they rip that house down on Moosic
4 Street across from McGinty's?

5 MR. MCGOFF: Across from where?

6 MR. STUCKER: McGinty's. That red
7 house.

8 MR. MCGOFF: I'm not sure which house
9 you mean.

10 MR. STUCKER: On Greenridge.

11 MR. MCGOFF: Oh, on Greenridge?

12 MR. STUCKER: Yeah.

13 MR. MCGOFF: I don't know what the
14 status is, Jim.

15 MR. STUCKER: Okay. Our garbage has
16 been picked up a lot and we are having
17 trouble with parking there down by the Globe
18 Store and Oppenheim's. The buses can't park
19 by the Oppenheim and the Globe Store, the
20 old Globe Store. We had problems parking
21 down there with buses.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Well, I'm sure that they
23 will be looking into that.

24 MR. STUCKER: Okay.

25 MR. MCGOFF: Okay?

1 MR. STUCKER: Everything has been
2 quiet in Scranton.

3 MR. MCGOFF: Okay.

4 MR. STUCKER: Yeah. All right.
5 Okay.

6 MR. MCGOFF: Thanks, Jim.

7 MR. STUCKER: Have a good Christmas
8 both of you.

9 MR. MCGOFF: You, too, Jim.

10 MR. STUCKER: And I talked to Mayor
11 Doherty at Farley's restaurant and he
12 mentioned your name on the cell phone so he
13 told me to tell you hello.

14 MR. MCGOFF: Okay, Jim. You have a
15 nice holiday.

16 MR. STUCKER: You, too. See you.

17 MR. SLEDZENSKI: Sorry, Bob. Well,
18 guys, you firemen, good job downstairs.
19 Thank you.

20 MR. MCGOFF: Mrs. Evans.

21 MS. EVANS: Good evening. As you
22 know, Mr. Courtright will leave Scranton
23 city council in January to take the position
24 of Scranton tax collector. In order to fill
25 this vacancy, an advertisement seeking

1 applicants will be placed into the Scranton
2 Times and the Scranton edition of the Times
3 Leader beginning this weekend. The Office
4 of City Council will accept applicants
5 resumes and cover letters for a period of
6 ten days. Interviews will be scheduled in
7 January and all applicants will be notified
8 whether or not they will receive an
9 interview.

10 As any employment application and
11 interview process, if the number of
12 applicants is high we will be unable to
13 interview everyone. In that event, the
14 strongest applicants will be selected for
15 interviews based on a review of resumes and
16 cover letters. If necessary, second
17 interviews may be conducted.

18 It is my intention to ensure that a
19 fair process is followed and that the best
20 individual will be chosen to fill
21 Mr. Courtright's unexpired council term and
22 to serve all of the people of Scranton.

23 Recently, I read an article in the
24 newspaper regarding the Scranton Parking
25 Authority. According to Mr. DuPugh, staff

1 writer, the authority had to borrow \$568,000
2 to close this year's deficit. In December
3 of 2008, the Scranton Parking Authority
4 obtained \$1 million to close it's 2008
5 deficit and the remainder of the money was
6 carried into 2009. Both 2008 and 2009
7 borrowing by the Parking Authority occurred
8 without the knowledge and consent of city
9 council.

10 Further, the Scranton Parking
11 Authority has increased it's monthly rate to
12 \$100 and \$125 for reserved monthly slots,
13 the fourth parking fee increase in a little
14 over two years. The inability of the
15 parking authority to balance it's annual
16 budgets without borrowing and the habitual
17 fee increases are the reasons I voted
18 against it's \$35 loan in 2007.

19 The parking spaces in the Medallion
20 garage given to the Hilton Hotel and those
21 in the newest garage given to the Connell
22 building coupled with ever spiraling parking
23 fee increases and backdoor deals with
24 parking authority tenants, appear to be a
25 recipe for annual budgetary deficits and

1 financial failure. Over two years into this
2 financial fiasco, the parking authority
3 finally needs to come up with a game plan to
4 fiscally responsible. The plan should have
5 been firmly in place before borrowing
6 \$35 million for which the taxpayers of
7 Scranton are ultimately responsible.
8 Maintenance and repairs are unquestionably
9 necessary, however, when some existing
10 garages harbor empty parking spaces,
11 construction of a new garage becomes more
12 than questionable. Someone's appetite
13 bigger than it's stomach.

14 Undoubtedly, everyone is aware of
15 the PPL electric rate hike of 30 percent
16 which will affect both residential and
17 commercial business customers of PPL. In an
18 attempt to save money, customers are
19 encouraged to shop for a better deal at
20 competitor electric generation suppliers
21 using your price to compare which can be
22 obtained from PPL electric utilities
23 cooperation. Since the city is looking to
24 cut costs in 2010, I would like to know if
25 the administration has researched electric

1 generation suppliers.

2 Kay, please send a memo to the
3 appropriate department head requesting a
4 written response on or about December 14,
5 2009. I request the city's current price to
6 compare as prepared by PPL electric
7 utilities corporations and the prices of
8 licensed competitors. I would hope the
9 administration is making every effort to
10 responsibly cut costs.

11 Finally, council received a letter
12 of complaint from the residents of the 600
13 block of East Gibson Street. Kay, I would
14 like a copy of this letter sent to
15 Mr. Seitzinger, Police Chief Elliott and the
16 Office of the District Attorney this week
17 requesting that appropriate action is taken
18 as soon as possible. Although the Hill
19 Section does not have an assigned inspector,
20 I ask that Mr. Seitzinger assign an
21 inspector to review conditions outlined in
22 the attached letter of complaint.

23 Also, I received photos of houses in
24 Hyde Park which appear to be blighted.
25 Please forward the photos to the Office

1 Licensing and Inspections. Council would
2 like a written update on these properties on
3 or before January 8, 2010.

4 And finally, a very blessed and
5 Happy Hanukkah to all members of our Jewish
6 Community, and that's it.

7 MS. FANUCCI: I want to answer some
8 of the questions that were brought up
9 tonight from some of the speakers. First I
10 want to speak about the library board and my
11 feelings on that. I spoke last week on how
12 I feel about the Albright itself. I
13 certainly never want to see it be anything
14 but a public library at the Albright. The
15 building is a jewel for the city, but the
16 issues are not just forming a board. The
17 issues of how much state funding has been
18 cut for the program itself is number one,
19 and I know we are all talking about building
20 a library, to me that is not really an issue
21 at this point.

22 As you see when you watch 44 and
23 your PBS, when this government funding is
24 cut the only way for places like your
25 library, like PBS, like anything is to be

1 able to fundraise and at a very quick rate
2 because they have one year to make their
3 budget and half of it is being taken away.
4 That is a huge issue. Public private
5 partnership seems to be the only way of
6 these businesses, these funding programs,
7 these -- anything to be able to make it
8 anymore. Nothing could be solely funded, so
9 that is an issue. It's a major issue.

10 To me, it's not about building a new
11 library it's about keeping the one we have
12 and being able to function and how is that
13 going to happen. All around us we have
14 boards. Everyone else has a library board,
15 it doesn't seem to be a problem there.
16 Knowing that they can't just take money or
17 receive money because there isn't a bank
18 that's just going to give people money
19 without any collateral and their collateral
20 is nonexistent because it is the people's
21 building. It still is going to be the
22 people's building and we found out that, at
23 least one of the buildings. The other one
24 we are still researching I believe. That to
25 me is the problem. It's how we are going to

1 be able to keep our library going right now.
2 So that is why I tend to think that forming
3 a board might be our best route.

4 I believe that the only way to make
5 sure that this program and the library is
6 essential. It's absolutely essential. It's
7 lots of money. It's not just, you know,
8 \$10. We are talking about a heck of a lot
9 of money that the state has cut from their
10 budget and unless they -- I don't know, turn
11 the lights off, I'm not sure how they were
12 function so that to me is the number one
13 issue is fundraising and making sure that it
14 stays -- it's able to stay open throughout
15 just this year. Let's start there and not
16 worry about millions and millions of dollars
17 later because they still have to make
18 millions and raise millions of dollars. It
19 would still have to come from somewhere not
20 this -- we don't have it, obviously, so it
21 still has to come from somewhere before
22 that's a reality, so that would be the
23 biggest issue I would think, but that's just
24 obviously my feeling on it.

25 I also want to talk, last week

1 somebody brought up about Daron and I want
2 to say without actually saying about Daron
3 Northeast because I really don't know how
4 many employees they have right now, I have
5 no idea what actually is going on there. I
6 know that they were planning on moving, they
7 talked about moving, and they didn't fully
8 move yet, but realizing that we have talked
9 so much about KOZ and KOEZ in the past --
10 well, as long as I remember, since they
11 started and have been complaining about them
12 the good thing is that it's -- in 2010 we
13 start getting the money. We benefit from
14 all of these businesses that have started,
15 2010 and 2012 would be the KOEZ that money
16 comes in, so that is a good thing. We
17 suffered through it.

18 I don't believe that everybody is
19 going to leave. I don't believe they are
20 all going to pick up and all of those homes
21 are just going to leave and they are going
22 to leave their friends and their family and
23 pick up and not pay their taxes. Once that
24 money comes in I believe it's going to be
25 very productive for the city. We are going

1 to see why we suffered through that. Why we
2 went through all of the KOZ programs, that
3 is just something else I wanted to discuss
4 because I believe that it is the only way to
5 look back and say, you know, we don't know
6 if these programs work, but once the money
7 comes in we look back and say, yes they did
8 or they didn't, but I do believe you are
9 going to see a very big increase and our
10 wish our tax guy was here tonight because I
11 would like to -- make sure he keeps us
12 posted on how much more comes in.

13 Somebody said tonight about -- as
14 always I believe it was my buddy Les,
15 speaking about what we did and what we
16 didn't do here as a city and what I did or
17 didn't do as a councilman. Well, I know
18 that Forbes we found out tonight is not
19 correct. Forbes doesn't know what we are
20 talking about. Recovery doesn't work. I
21 look around this city and I see a lot that I
22 haven't seen in the past eight years. I
23 look around and I see things that were not
24 there before. Cranes in our city are a good
25 thing. They are wonderful thing. Why?

1 Nobody else can do it. They can't afford to
2 have them right now. They are keeping
3 people working, people employed, building
4 buildings, that is all a good thing. People
5 say, "I don't see the job creation," Look at
6 one project downtown, look at one project in
7 the neighborhoods, there is your job
8 creation.

9 I said this before, it's the guy
10 building the building, planning the
11 building, putting the windows in, putting
12 the computers in, the rugs, start to finish,
13 the electrical, that's your job creation.
14 So at the end of it you still get a business
15 there, which is nice. You still get a
16 business who employees people.

17 We heard talk about OECD and their
18 loan and giving away the money. I love that
19 statement. You don't give away the money.
20 They take out a loan. They have to pay it
21 back. In return what do we get out of it?
22 Job creation. Is it an unbelievable job?
23 It depends on the company. We can't say
24 these are federal programs, they are not our
25 programs, we don't give the money. It's

1 federal, so if we don't give it in our area
2 someone else is going to. So, as I said
3 before, bring it in. I want it all in
4 Scranton. I'll talk it all because I would
5 rather see jobs being created in our city.
6 If it's four, it's four jobs that we didn't
7 have before. If it's ten, it's ten jobs we
8 didn't have before, so with that, Kay, I
9 would like for next week a list of the last
10 four years with all of the OECD loans we
11 gave out what is the total of the job
12 creation that was created. I think that
13 might be something at least we can look back
14 and say that the programs did create work
15 and jobs.

16 Recovery. Speaking of the Forbe's
17 article, speaking on recovery, this is
18 something that has been the number one
19 reason why these meetings have been
20 contentious. Number one from day one. Why?
21 Because you have employees of the city and
22 the administration and there has to be a
23 line that's drawn that says you can have it
24 or you can't have it. Number one reason why
25 we have been here fighting for four years,

1 at least four years since I have been here.
2 I said day one this is how it's going to
3 have to be. You cannot end up at the end of
4 all of this with the contracts and the
5 negotiation. We cannot just say, okay,
6 well, I'm going to stop or the union is not
7 going to say, well, I'm going to stop, we
8 are good now. It's not going to happen. It
9 has to go through it's process.
10 Unfortunately, that means court.

11 Do I believe that we need a
12 contract? Absolutely. I have said it from
13 day one. If we could have written a
14 contract and they would have accepted it we
15 would have been thrilled. It doesn't happen
16 that way. It is the number one thing that
17 will stop these meetings from being the way
18 they are. Once those contracts are signed
19 you will not see this go on anymore. You
20 will not see the chaos and the battle and
21 the administration against us and us against
22 the administration. When you work for the
23 city and the mayor is in charge and you are
24 not getting what you need that's where the
25 issues are going to come into play and I

1 think that's pretty basic.

2 I also want to speak on being a
3 rubber stamper for the last four years.
4 That term has been amazing to me because
5 what people don't realize is that I do sit
6 down with the administration, I speak to
7 them. If I don't like it, if I don't agree
8 with it we change it until we make it
9 something that we can live with, that we are
10 happy with. We have been working together.
11 It's not, hey, here is the deal, do you like
12 it, vote for it, you are in charge. I'm in
13 charge you vote for it. That's not how it
14 is. It's sitting down making a way. Not
15 any different than Mrs. Evans is going have
16 to do in the next few years herself. This
17 is what it is.

18 If you want progress you have to sit
19 down. You have to sit at one table, like it
20 or not, personalities, you could hate each
21 other all you want, but at the end of the
22 day you need to sit down in the city the way
23 we want to move forward.

24 I know I'm jumping around, but this
25 might be my last, you know, shot at my

1 big -- all of my statements before the next
2 meeting. I loved serving on this council.
3 I loved what I for this city. I loved the
4 fact that I can look around and see things
5 that were not here before. Whether or not
6 you agree or disagree we are doing better.
7 I know it's not easy to say or people don't
8 like to say it out loud because then it
9 makes one person look good and in this forum
10 we are not allowed to make the mayor look
11 good, even though you do realize he still
12 won. He won for a reason.

13 Having your new council is a
14 wonderful thing. I look forward to seeing
15 what happens there, I really do. It's my
16 belief you are going to see some people step
17 up and do some wonderful, wonderful new
18 projects and new creative ways of stopping
19 old projects, so I look forward to seeing
20 all of that.

21 But on why someone does what they do
22 or what they don't do what they do, today
23 is -- well, this weekend will be my
24 daughter's birthday. The reason I ran for
25 this job in the first place I wanted her to

1 five unless, you know -- unless there is
2 some other decision, and we are good.

3 MS. FANUCCI: I feel bad for Kay
4 right now.

5 MS. GARVEY: Read it all over again.

6 MR. MCGOFF: You know what, prior to
7 doing that, I am sorry, I did forget one
8 thing. Last week -- the most important
9 thing. Last week when we made amendments to
10 the budget we elected to add -- or we
11 neglected to account for health care costs
12 for the one job and, therefore, the budget
13 actually was unbalanced. In order to
14 rectify that I would like to make a motion
15 to reduce account number 01.401.13090.4299,
16 contingency, by \$8,750.

17 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

20 MS. EVANS: Aye.

21 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The
23 ayes have it and so moved. Thank you, I'm
24 sorry.

25 MS. GARVEY: FIFTH ORDER. NO

1 BUSINESS AT THIS TIME.

2 SIXTH ORDER. 6-A. READING BY TITLE
3 - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 114, 2009 - AN
4 ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND
5 SALE OF A FIVE MILLION (\$5,000,000.00)
6 DOLLAR PRINCIPAL AMOUNT, TAX
7 AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE OF THE CITY OF
8 SCRANTON KNOWN AS TAN SERIES A, AWARDED TO
9 PNC BANK; DETERMINING THE FORM AND TERM OF
10 SAID NOTE; AWARDING SAID NOTE; AUTHORIZING
11 AND DIRECTING THE FILING OF CERTAIN
12 DOCUMENTS; AND DIRECTING THE PROPER
13 OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO TAKE
14 ANY AND ALL OTHER ACTIONS AS MAY BE REQUIRED
15 IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF SAID
16 NOTE.

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

19 MS. FANUCCI: I move that Item 6-A
20 pass reading by title.

21 MS. EVANS: Second.

22 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

23 MS. EVANS: Yes. Just for the
24 public's information, the tax anticipation
25 notes Series A is for a term of six months

1 and the note shall bear interest at a rate
2 of 3.25 percent.

3 MR. MCGOFF: All in favor signify by
4 saying aye.

5 MS. EVANS: Aye.

6 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

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

9 MS. GARVEY: 6-B. READING BY TITLE-
10 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 115, 2009 - AN
11 ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND
12 SALE OF A NINE AND ONE HALF MILLION
13 (\$9,500,000.00) DOLLAR PRINCIPAL AMOUNT, TAX
14 AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE OF THE CITY OF
15 SCRANTON KNOWN AS TAN SERIES B, AWARDED TO
16 THE FIDELITY DEPOSIT AND DISCOUNT BANK;
17 DETERMINING THE FORM AND TERM OF SAID NOTE;
18 AWARDED SAID NOTE; AUTHORIZING AND
19 DIRECTING THE FILING OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS;
20 AND DIRECTING THE PROPER OFFICIALS OF THE
21 CITY OF SCRANTON TO TAKE ANY AND ALL OTHER
22 ACTIONS AS MAY BE REQUIRED IN CONNECTION
23 WITH THE ISSUANCE OF SAID NOTE.

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

1 MS. FANUCCI: I move that Item 6-B
2 pass reading by title.

3 MS. EVANS: Second.

4 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

5 MS. EVANS: TAN Series B shall be
6 dated the date of delivery, shall mature on
7 December 31, 2010, and shall bear interest
8 at a rate of 4 percent.

9 MR. MCGOFF: All those in favor
10 signify by saying aye.

11 MS. EVANS: Aye.

12 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The
14 ayes have it and so moved.

15 MS. GARVEY: 6-C. READING BY TITLE -
16 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 116, 2009 - AN
17 ORDINANCE- ESTABLISHING A CONDEMNED PROPERTY
18 POLICY TO BE FOLLOWED WHEN REHABILITATING
19 CONDEMNED PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE CITY OF
20 SCRANTON.

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

23 MS. FANUCCI: Mr. Chairman, I move
24 that Item 6-C pass reading by title.

25 MS. EVANS: Second.

1 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

2 MS. EVANS: Yes. I understand I
3 believe from what I heard earlier that the
4 city -- this is fairly what the city had
5 been following but there had been no
6 previous policy; is that correct?

7 MR. MCGOFF: I believe so.

8 MS. EVANS: And I do agree the city
9 should have a policy, should have had a
10 policy after all of these years if, indeed,
11 that is the case, but as I read through the
12 actual provisions of the ordinance I believe
13 that it is a very strong and a very good
14 policy in most cases. What disturbs me a
15 bit is that there are no exceptions for
16 people such as the elderly or those who have
17 become unexpectedly ill or even those who
18 would have lost their jobs in this economy,
19 and it would be a severe hardship for people
20 in those situations to meet all of the specs
21 in this legislation so that they would be
22 able to keep their homes.

23 And as I further considered that I
24 realized that over the last eight years a
25 number of let us say wealthy business owners

1 have had structures demolished by the city
2 without any cost to them and in some cases
3 not at all, but some cases, liens were not
4 placed against those properties and the city
5 incurred those costs and I know that because
6 I had discussed this with the mayor he feels
7 that that is offering a good partnership
8 between the city and between business and
9 because the city is unable to help a
10 business financially per se the least it can
11 do is demolish a structure for the business
12 owner and absorb that cost.

13 So, you know, my concern is if we
14 are doing that for certain business people
15 then how can we justify in the event that
16 something like this should occur with let's
17 say one who is 90 years old or someone who
18 has contracted cancer and is incapable of
19 working at this point in time, I mean, where
20 will they find the resources to -- well, I
21 mean it's too lengthy to read. But, you
22 know, they need licensed contractors, lists
23 of contractors, it seems almost like an
24 estimate of work. They had to have paid all
25 of their taxes in full before they can even

1 be considered for rehabilitation of their
2 property and then they have to secure
3 performance bond or cashier's check to cover
4 demolition costs.

5 And, you know, as I said initially,
6 I think in many cases, probably in most
7 cases, this is appropriate and this is
8 required, it should be required, but as I
9 said, I do have concerns that the
10 legislation contains no language to cover
11 those extraordinary situations and in other
12 words to perhaps waive some of this in the
13 event of an extraordinary situation and I
14 think it's something the city should
15 consider particularly in light of the fact
16 that it's performed such great favors for
17 some individuals in the business community.

18 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else? I would
19 just like to say I think that we do need to
20 establish a policy and there are concerns
21 perhaps these concerns can be addressed in
22 January and a revision of the policy
23 certainly can be taken care of at that time.
24 All in favor signify by saying aye.

25 MS. EVANS: Aye.

1 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

2 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The
3 ayes have it and so moved. At this time I
4 would like to make a motion to move Item
5 6-A, 6-B and 6-C into Seventh Order.

6 MS. EVANS: Second.

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

9 MS. EVANS: Aye.

10 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

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

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

14 MR. MCGOFF: Might I just say that
15 prior to the reading of those if anyone
16 wishes to speak on those three in particular
17 time would be granted. I'm sorry.

18 MS. GARVEY: 7-A. FOR CONSIDERATION
19 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES – FOR ADOPTION –
20 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 98, 2009 – AMENDING FILE
21 OF THE COUNCIL NO. 242, 2003, ENTITLED “AN
22 ORDINANCE AMENDING FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 155,
23 1999 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE
24 LICENSING AND REGULATING OF CONTRACTORS
25 DOING BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON

1 INCLUDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GRANTING OF
2 PERMITS AND FEES FOR SAME; PROVIDING
3 PENALTIES AND RIGHTS OF APPEAL BY INCREASING
4 THE COST OF PERMIT FEES IN THE CITY OF
5 SCRANTON”.

6 MR. MCGOFF: As Chair for the
7 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
8 passage of Item 7-A.

9 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

12 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

13 MS. EVANS: Yes.

14 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli. Ms.
15 Fanucci.

16 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

17 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright. Mr.
18 McGoff.

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

21 MS. GARVEY: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION
22 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY – FOR
23 ADOPTION – FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 99, 2009 –
24 AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 112, 2003,
25 ENTITLED “ESTABLISHING A UNIFORM RATE FOR

1 PARKING METERS IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON AND
2 THEREBY AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.
3 78, 1994 TO ESTABLISH THE UNIFORM RATE OF
4 \$.50 AN HOUR AT ALL METERS" TO ESTABLISH THE
5 UNIFORM RATE OF \$1.00 AN HOUR AT ALL PARKING
6 METERS.

7 MR. MCGOFF: What is the
8 recommendation of the Temporary Chair for
9 the Committee on Public Safety?

10 MS. FANUCCI: As Chairperson for the
11 Committee on Public Safety, I recommend
12 final passage of Item 7-B.

13 MS. EVANS: Second.

14 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Roll
15 call, please?

16 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

17 MS. EVANS: Yes.

18 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli. Ms.
19 Fanucci.

20 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

21 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright. Mr.
22 McGoff.

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

25 MS. GARVEY: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION

1 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY – FOR
2 ADOPTION – FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 100, 2009 –
3 AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 91, 2002
4 “AN ORDINANCE AS AMENDED PROVIDING FOR THE
5 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: What is the
14 recommendation of the Temporary Chair for
15 the Committee on Public Safety?

16 MS. FANUCCI: As Chairperson for the
17 Committee on Public Safety, I recommend
18 final passage of Item 7-C.

19 MS. EVANS: Second.

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

22 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

23 MS. EVANS: Yes.

24 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli. Ms.
25 Fanucci.

1 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

2 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright. Mr.
3 McGoff.

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

6 MS. GARVEY: 7-D.FOR CONSIDERATION BY
7 THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION -
8 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 101, 2009 - SALE OF TAX
9 DELINQUENT PROPERTY MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS
10 1338 EAST ELM STREET, SCRANTON,
11 PENNSYLVANIA, TAX MAP NO. 16801-010-004 TO
12 WILLIAM J. AND MARLENE GRAHAM, HIS WIFE,
13 1336 EAST ELM STREET, SCRANTON,
14 PENNSYLVANIA, 18505, FOR THE CONSIDERATION
15 OF \$5,000.00.

16 MR. MCGOFF: What is the
17 recommendation of the Temporary Chair for
18 the Committee on Finance?

19 MS. EVANS: As Chair for the
20 Committee on Finance, I recommend final
21 passage of Item 7-D.

22 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

25 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

1 MS. EVANS: Yes.

2 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli. Ms.

3 Fanucci.

4 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

5 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright. Mr.

6 McGoff.

7 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare

8 Item 7-D legally and lawfully adopted.

9 MS. GARVEY: 7-E. FOR CONSIDERATION
10 BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION -
11 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 102, 2009 - SALE OF TAX
12 DELINQUENT PROPERTY MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS
13 COLFAX AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TAX
14 MAP NO. 15706-080-045.01 TO MICHAEL
15 BROZZETTI, 407 PALM STREET, SCRANTON,
16 PENNSYLVANIA, 18505, FOR THE CONSIDERATION
17 OF \$2,900.00.

18 MR. MCGOFF: What is the
19 recommendation of the Temporary Chair for
20 the Committee on Finance?

21 MS. EVANS: As Chair for the
22 Committee on Finance, I recommend final
23 passage of Item 7-E.

24 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

25 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Roll

1 call, please?

2 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

3 MS. EVANS: Yes.

4 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli. Ms.
5 Fanucci.

6 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

7 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright. Mr.
8 McGoff.

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

11 MS. GARVEY: 7-F. FOR CONSIDERATION
12 BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION -
13 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 103, 2009 - SALE OF TAX
14 DELINQUENT PROPERTY MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS
15 924 MYRTLE STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA,
16 MAP NO. 14670-030-014 TO JOHN AND WENDY L.
17 SAGGESE, HIS WIFE, 920 MYRTLE STREET NO. 3,
18 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18510 FOR THE
19 CONSIDERATION OF \$2,700.00.

20 MR. MCGOFF: What is the
21 recommendation of the Temporary Chair for
22 the Committee on Finance?

23 MS. EVANS: As Temporary Chair for
24 the Committee on Finance, I recommend final
25 passage of Item 7-F.

1 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

4 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

5 MS. EVANS: Yes.

6 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli. Ms.
7 Fanucci.

8 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

9 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright. Mr.
10 McGoff.

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

13 MS. GARVEY: 7-G. FOR CONSIDERATION
14 BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION -
15 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 104, 2009 - SALE OF TAX
16 DELINQUENT PROPERTY MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS
17 921-923 EYNON STREET, SCRANTON,
18 PENNSYLVANIA, TAX MAP NO. 15609-080-037 TO
19 LUTHER AND KRISTINA GRIFFITHS, HIS WIFE,
20 1001 EYNON STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA,
21 18504, FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF \$3,600.00.

22 MR. MCGOFF: What is the
23 recommendation of the Temporary Chair for
24 the Committee on Finance?

25 MS. EVANS: As Temporary Chair for

1 the Committee on Finance, I recommend final
2 passage of Item 7-G.

3 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

6 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

7 MS. EVANS: Yes.

8 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli. Ms.
9 Fanucci.

10 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

11 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright. Mr.
12 McGoff.

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

15 MS. GARVEY: 7-H. FOR CONSIDERATION
16 BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION -
17 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 105, 2009 - SALE OF TAX
18 DELINQUENT PROPERTY MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS
19 PALM STREET (REAR FROUDE AVENUE), TAX MAP
20 NO. 16704-030-058, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA,
21 TO MICHAEL AND JOANNE CASTANZO, HIS WIFE,
22 1525 FROUDE AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA,
23 18505, FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF \$6,000.00.

24 MR. MCGOFF: What is the
25 recommendation of the Temporary Chair for

1 the Committee on Finance?

2 MS. EVANS: As Temporary Chair for
3 the Committee on Finance, I recommend final
4 passage of Item 7-H.

5 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

6 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Roll
7 call, please?

8 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

9 MS. EVANS: Yes.

10 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli. Ms.
11 Fanucci.

12 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

13 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright. Mr.
14 McGoff.

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

17 MS. GARVEY: 7-I. FOR CONSIDERATION
18 BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION -
19 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 106, 2009 - (AS AMENDED)
20 SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY MORE
21 COMMONLY KNOWN AS MYRTLE STREET, SCRANTON,
22 PENNSYLVANIA, TAX MAP NO. 15711- 020-012 TO
23 ROBERT P. LABUDI, JR., 2106-2110 MYRTLE
24 STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18510 FOR
25 THE CONSIDERATION OF \$6,200.00.

1 MR. MCGOFF: What is the
2 recommendation of the Temporary Chair for
3 the Committee on Finance?

4 MS. EVANS: As Temporary Chair for
5 the Committee on Finance, I recommend final
6 passage of Item 7-I.

7 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

10 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

11 MS. EVANS: Yes.

12 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli. Ms.
13 Fanucci.

14 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

15 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright. Mr.
16 McGoff.

17 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare
18 Item 7-I legally and lawfully adopted.

19 MS. GARVEY: 7-J. FOR CONSIDERATION
20 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES – FOR ADOPTION –
21 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 107, 2009 – REPEALING
22 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 24, 1963, ENTITLED
23 “PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF AN ANNUAL
24 LICENSE FEE FOR PURPOSES OF INSPECTION UPON
25 ALL PERSONS CONDUCTING OR OPERATING

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

8 MR. MCGOFF: As Chair for the
9 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
10 passage of Item 7-J.

11 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

12 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Roll
13 call, please?

14 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

15 MS. EVANS: Yes.

16 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli. Ms.
17 Fanucci.

18 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

19 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright. Mr.
20 McGoff.

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

23 MS. GARVEY: 7-K. FOR CONSIDERATION
24 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES – FOR ADOPTION –
25 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 108, 2009 – REPEALING

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

13 MR. MCGOFF: As Chair for the
14 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
15 passage of Item 7-K.

16 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

19 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

20 MS. EVANS: Yes.

21 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli. Ms.
22 Fanucci.

23 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

24 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright. Mr.
25 McGoff.

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

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

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

19 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

22 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

23 MS. EVANS: Yes.

24 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli. Ms.
25 Fanucci.

1 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

2 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright. Mr.
3 McGoff.

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

6 MS. GARVEY: 7-M. FOR CONSIDERATION
7 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES – FOR ADOPTION –
8 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 110, 2009 – REPEALING
9 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 179, 1994, ENTITLED
10 “AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 24, 1963,
11 ENTITLED ‘AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED)
12 PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF AN ANNUAL
13 LICENSE FEE FOR PURPOSES OF INSPECTION UPON
14 ALL PERSONS CONDUCTING OR OPERATING PUBLIC
15 EATING AND DRINKING PLACES WITHIN THE CITY
16 OF SCRANTON, IMPOSING CERTAIN DUTIES UPON
17 THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH OF THE CITY OF
18 SCRANTON AND HIS AGENTS, PROVIDING PENALTIES
19 FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF, AND PROVIDING FOR
20 THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF’ AS AMENDED BY
21 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 14, 1971 SECTION
22 1-PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE LICENSE FEE.”.

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

1 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

4 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

5 MS. EVANS: Yes.

6 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli. Ms.
7 Fanucci.

8 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

9 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright. Mr.
10 McGoff.

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

13 MS. GARVEY: 7-N. FOR CONSIDERATION
14 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES – FOR ADOPTION –
15 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 111, 2009 – REPEALING
16 CHAPTER 256 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF
17 SCRANTON.

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

21 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

24 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

25 MS. EVANS: Yes.

1 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli. Ms.
2 Fanucci.

3 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

4 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright. Mr.
5 McGoff.

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

8 MS. GARVEY: 7-0. FOR CONSIDERATION
9 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES – FOR ADOPTION –
10 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 112, 2009 – ESTABLISHING
11 THE DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND
12 QUALIFICATIONS OF THE CITY HEALTH INSPECTOR,
13 PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF AN ANNUAL
14 LICENSE FEE FOR PUBLIC EATING OR DRINKING
15 ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON,
16 ESTABLISHING ANNUAL APPLICATION AND RENEWAL
17 REQUIREMENTS, IMPOSING CERTAIN DUTIES UPON
18 THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE
19 CITY HEALTH INSPECTOR, PROVIDING GUIDELINES
20 FOR REVOCATION AND REINSTATEMENT OF
21 LICENSES, AND PROVIDING FOR IMPOSITION OF
22 PENALTIES.

23 MR. MCGOFF: As Chair for the
24 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
25 passage of Item 7-0.

1 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

2 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

3 MS. EVANS: Yes. The language of
4 this legislation is incorrect in that the
5 position of Deputy Director of Public Safety
6 has been eliminated in the 2010 budget,
7 therefore, I believe this legislation should
8 be tabled, corrected by the legal department
9 and placed on the agenda for the December 15
10 council meeting, so I'd like to make a
11 motion to table.

12 MR. MCGOFF: As you said -- I'll
13 second that. I didn't notice that it
14 mentioned the Director of Public Safety or
15 Deputy Director since we will not have one.
16 Anyone else on the question? Motion to
17 table item 7-0. All in favor signify by
18 saying aye.

19 MS. EVANS: Aye.

20 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

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

23 MS. GARVEY: 7-P. FOR CONSIDERATION
24 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -
25 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 113, 2009 - ADOPTING

1 TITLE 7, CHAPTER 46 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
2 CODE, KNOWN AS THE PENNSYLVANIA FOOD CODE,
3 AND TITLE 7, CHAPTER 76 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
4 CODE, TITLED "FOOD EMPLOYEE CERTIFICATION".

5 MR. MCGOFF: As Chair for the
6 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
7 passage of Item 7-P.

8 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

11 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

12 MS. EVANS: Yes.

13 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli. Ms.
14 Fanucci.

15 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

16 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright. Mr.
17 McGoff.

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

20 MS. GARVEY: 7-Q. FOR CONSIDERATION
21 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -
22 RESOLUTION NO. 190, 2009 - A RESOLUTION OF
23 THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON,
24 LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING
25 THE SCRANTON ABINGTONS PLANNING ASSOCIATION

1 (SAPA) COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

2 MR. MCGOFF: As Chair for the
3 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
4 passage of Item 7-Q.

5 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

6 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

7 MS. EVANS: According to an
8 October 19, 2009, e-mail from at Denise
9 Prowell, coordinator/secretary of SAPA the
10 planning phase costs for local shares were
11 as follows: Dunmore, \$14,800. Clarks
12 Summit \$9,484. Clarks Green, \$7,819 and
13 Scranton \$34,464. The SAPA dues for 2010
14 will be \$200 per community. The 2010
15 initial cost for implementation of the
16 project or plan is possibly \$5,000 to
17 \$7,000. CDBG covered some costs for the
18 planning phase, but HUD and CDBG may not
19 cover the costs of a paid secretary
20 coordinator which is also planned for 2010.

21 Further, the aforementioned figures
22 would only be a portion of what
23 implementation will cost. It is merely a
24 starting point. Mrs. Prowell goes onto
25 state that the costs will be nailed down

1 later in 2010 and then a clearer estimate
2 can be formed for 2011 and 2012. However,
3 Cindy Campbell of DCED states that, and I
4 quote, it is impossible at this point time
5 to guess at a cost. We don't know how many
6 municipalities will end up moving to
7 implementation or how it will be carried
8 out.

9 While city government faces cuts to
10 expenditures in an effort to avoid borrowing
11 and tax increases in a weak economy it can
12 ill afford extras, particularly when
13 Scranton has no firm costs for SAPA plan
14 implementation in 2010, 2011 and 2012. Even
15 the most recent state budget has
16 significantly cut funding in the DCED budget
17 for such regional plan implementation. No
18 one can guarantee if or when state funding
19 may be restored, thus, all costs may
20 possibly be occurred by other
21 municipalities.

22 It is a very worthy endeavor, but
23 one that, unfortunately, Scranton can't
24 afford at a time when it's mired in debt,
25 therefore, I will be voting "no."

1 MR. MCGOFF: I was going to suggest
2 that this be tabled until January when new
3 council can possibly hear from members of
4 SAPA and perhaps a better understanding of
5 the finances and how it might be funded and
6 whether we can fund it.

7 MS. EVANS: That's agreeable to me.

8 MR. MCGOFF: Second that?

9 MS. EVANS: Yes.

10 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Motion
11 is to table Item 7-Q. All in favor signify
12 by saying aye.

13 MS. EVANS: Aye.

14 MS. FANUCCI: Aye.

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

17 MS. GARVEY: 7-R. FOR CONSIDERATION
18 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -
19 RESOLUTION NO. 191, 2009 - AUTHORIZING THE
20 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
21 TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR
22 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH THE LAW FIRM OF
23 CARL J. GRECO, P.C. FOR LEGAL SERVICES
24 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO GENERAL
25 COUNSEL TO THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND

1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ("OECD"), URBAN
2 RENEWAL PROCESS AND PROCEDURE, EMINENT
3 DOMAIN AND RELATED LITIGATION, DISPOSITION
4 OF SURPLUS URBAN RENEWAL LANDS, TITLE
5 SEARCHES AND DEED PREPARATION.

6 MR. MCGOFF: As Chair for the
7 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
8 passage of Item 7-R.

9 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

10 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

11 MS. EVANS: The mayor has the right
12 and privilege to select a city solicitor as
13 well as all department heads. Council has
14 the right and privilege to select a council
15 solicitor and a city clerk. These rights
16 are stated in the Home Rule Charter,
17 however, the solicitor for OECD is paid
18 through HUD funding, therefore, the
19 requirements for the position should be
20 designed fairly and seemingly without
21 selectively or discrimination and the
22 position should be advertised widely
23 throughout the area. Because these
24 conditions have not been fully met,
25 attorneys fail to submit proposals, perhaps

1 assuming it's a futile exercise.

2 Further, Attorney Greco seems able
3 to dictate annual payments, particularly
4 since competition appears to be discouraged
5 all of these years, therefore, I will be
6 voting "no."

7 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else on the
8 question? Roll call, please?

9 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

10 MS. EVANS: No.

11 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli. Ms.
12 Fanucci.

13 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

14 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright. Mr.
15 McGoff.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare
17 Item 7-R legally and lawfully adopted.

18 MS. GARVEY: 7-S. FOR CONSIDERATION
19 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES – FOR ADOPTION –
20 RESOLUTION NO. 192, 2009 – AUTHORIZING THE
21 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
22 TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH
23 KNOWLES ASSOCIATES, L.L.C., FOR INSURANCE
24 WITH HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT INSURANCE
25 EXCHANGE (HARIE), INDIAN HARBOR INSURANCE

1 EXCHANGE, PHILADELPHIA INDEMNITY INSURANCE
2 COMPANY AND ARCH INSURANCE COMPANY FOR
3 CITY INSURANCE COVERAGES FOR THE PERIOD
4 JANUARY 1, 2010 THROUGH JANUARY 1, 2011.

5 MR. MCGOFF: As Chair for the
6 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
7 passage of Item 7-S.

8 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

11 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

12 MS. EVANS: Yes.

13 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli. Ms.
14 Fanucci.

15 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

16 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright. Mr.
17 McGoff.

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

20 MS. GARVEY: 7-T. FOR CONSIDERATION
21 BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -
22 FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 193, 2009 -
23 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
24 CITY OFFICIALS FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO
25 ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT AND MAKE A LOAN

1 FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
2 RECOVERY PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 150.29-R IN AN
3 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$48,000.00 TO MICHAEL
4 SUCHY D/B/A MICHAEL ANGELO'S RESTAURANT AT
5 THE SCRANTON CLUB TO ASSIST AN ELIGIBLE
6 PROJECT.

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

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

13 MS. EVANS: Second.

14 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

15 MS. EVANS: Yes. Council received
16 just today information from Robert Rossi &
17 Company, the independent auditors of city
18 council, regarding the 2008 audit that had
19 been performed and as I was able to peruse
20 it this evening. I noticed that quite a
21 number of issues, important issues were
22 raised some of which concerned the Office of
23 Economic and Community Development. For
24 example, on loans receivable, the Office of
25 Economic and Community Development does not

1 send monthly statements on any loans to
2 businesses and individuals through various
3 loan programs and that they make
4 recommendations in terms of corrective
5 measures.

6 It further states, for example,
7 payments received on two loans receivable
8 from the revolving loan program are
9 deposited in the Scranton Redevelopment
10 Authority cash account. These funds are
11 considered program income of the Community
12 Development Block Grant and should be repaid
13 by the Scranton Redevelopment Authority to
14 the OECD revolving loan fund. The OECD has
15 not requested current financial statements
16 as required in the loan documents we
17 reviewed.

18 As a result, I am going to make a
19 motion that all of the loans on tonight's
20 agenda are tabled until 2010 and we have the
21 opportunity to speak to representatives of
22 OECD and we learn what their plan is going
23 to be for corrective measures to all of
24 the -- all of the conditions that have been
25 pointed out through the 2008 audit, so I'll

1 make that motion to table Items 7-T, 7-U,
2 7-V and 7-W.

3 MR. MCGOFF: I believe -- I'm not
4 going to second because I think these are
5 legitimate loans and, you know, we'll add to
6 the economic development of the city and I
7 will vote for them.

8 MS. FANUCCI: I'm certainly not going
9 to second.

10 MR. MCGOFF: Lack of a second on the
11 motion.

12 MS. EVANS: Well, unfortunately, then
13 I'm not going to be able to approve these
14 loans which I otherwise would have approved
15 until I received this information today from
16 our auditors and it contains some
17 eye-opening information about various
18 departments of the city and it's no
19 reflection on the businesses or individuals
20 who are seeking loans with the city, but I
21 think the city needs to address these
22 matters before it makes any additional loans
23 to anyone for the benefit not only of the
24 city, but more importantly, the benefit of
25 the loan applicant or loan recipient.

1 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else on the
2 question? Roll call, please?

3 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

4 MS. EVANS: No.

5 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli. Ms.
6 Fanucci.

7 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

8 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright. Mr.
9 McGoff.

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

12 MS. GARVEY: 7-U. FOR CONSIDERATION
13 BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -
14 FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 194, 2009 -
15 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
16 CITY OFFICIALS FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO
17 ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT AND MAKE A LOAN
18 FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
19 RECOVERY PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 150.27-R IN AN
20 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$57,000.00 TO CARL
21 VON LUGER, LLC TO ASSIST AN ELIGIBLE
22 PROJECT.

23 MR. MCGOFF: What is the
24 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
25 Committee on Community Development?

1 MS. FANUCCI: As Chairperson for the
2 Committee on Community Development, I
3 recommend final passage of Item 7-U..

4 MR. MCGOFF: I'll second. On the
5 question? Roll call, please?

6 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

7 MS. EVANS: No.

8 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli. Ms.
9 Fanucci.

10 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

11 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright. Mr.
12 McGoff.

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

15 MS. GARVEY: 7-V. FOR CONSIDERATION
16 BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -
17 FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 195, 2009 -
18 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
19 CITY OFFICIALS FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO
20 ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT AND MAKE A LOAN
21 FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
22 PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 150.26 IN AN AMOUNT NOT
23 TO EXCEED \$50,000.00 TO DIVERSIFIED
24 DISASTER RECOVERY SERVICES, INC. TO ASSIST
25 AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT.

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

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

7 MR. MCGOFF: I'll second. On the
8 question? Roll call, please?

9 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

10 MS. EVANS: No.

11 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli. Ms.
12 Fanucci.

13 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

14 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright. Mr.
15 McGoff.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare
17 Item 7-V legally and lawfully adopted.

18 MS. GARVEY: 7- W. FOR CONSIDERATION
19 BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -
20 FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 196, 2009 -
21 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
22 CITY OFFICIALS FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO
23 ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT AND MAKE A LOAN
24 FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
25 RECOVERY PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 150.28-R IN AN

1 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.00 TO THE
2 CASTLE DELI OUTLET, LLC TO ASSIST AN
3 ELIGIBLE PROJECT.

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

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

10 MR. MCGOFF: I'll second. On the
11 question? Roll call, please?

12 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

13 MS. EVANS: No.

14 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli. Ms.
15 Fanucci.

16 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

17 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright. Mr.
18 McGoff.

19 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare
20 Item 7-W legally and lawfully adopted. We
21 are now at 7-X, 7-Y and 7-Z, those are the
22 three that were moved from Sixth Order. Is
23 there anyone who wishes to speak on those?
24 There are no speakers. Continue, Mrs.
25 Garvey.

1 MS. GARVEY: 7-X (WHICH WAS FORMERLY
2 6-A) FOR CONSIDERATION - BY THE COMMITTEE ON
3 FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO.
4 114, 2009 - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND
5 SALE OF A FIVE MILLION (\$5,000,000.00)
6 DOLLAR PRINCIPAL AMOUNT, TAX AND REVENUE
7 ANTICIPATION NOTE OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON
8 KNOWN AS TAN SERIES A, AWARDED TO PNC BANK;
9 DETERMINING THE FORM AND TERM OF SAID NOTE;
10 AWARDING SAID NOTE; AUTHORIZING AND
11 DIRECTING THE FILING OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS;
12 AND DIRECTING THE PROPER OFFICIALS OF THE
13 CITY OF SCRANTON TO TAKE ANY AND ALL OTHER
14 ACTIONS AS MAY BE REQUIRED IN CONNECTION
15 WITH THE ISSUANCE OF SAID NOTE.

16 MR. MCGOFF: What is the
17 recommendation of the Temporary Chair for
18 the Committee on Finance?

19 MS. EVANS: As Temporary Chair for
20 the Committee on Finance, I recommend final
21 passage of Item 7-X.

22 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

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

25 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

1 MS. EVANS: Yes.

2 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli. Ms.
3 Fanucci.

4 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

5 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright. Mr.
6 McGoff.

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

9 MS. GARVEY: 7-Y (WHICH WAS FORMERLY
10 6-B) FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON
11 FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION FILE OF COUNCIL NO.
12 115, 2009 - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND
13 SALE OF A NINE AND ONE HALF MILLION
14 (\$9,500,000.00) DOLLAR PRINCIPAL AMOUNT, TAX
15 AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE OF THE CITY OF
16 SCRANTON KNOWN AS TAN SERIES B, AWARDED TO
17 THE FIDELITY DEPOSIT AND DISCOUNT BANK;
18 DETERMINING THE FORM AND TERM OF SAID NOTE;
19 AWARDED SAID NOTE; AUTHORIZING AND
20 DIRECTING THE FILING OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS;
21 AND DIRECTING THE PROPER OFFICIALS OF THE
22 CITY OF SCRANTON TO TAKE ANY AND ALL OTHER
23 ACTIONS AS MAY BE REQUIRED IN CONNECTION
24 WITH THE ISSUANCE OF SAID NOTE.

25 MR. MCGOFF: What is the

1 recommendation of the Temporary Chair for
2 the Committee on Finance?

3 MS. FANUCCI: As Temporary Chair for
4 the Committee on Finance, I recommend final
5 passage of Item 7-Y.

6 MR. MCGOFF: I'll second. On the
7 question? Roll call, please?

8 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

9 MS. EVANS: Yes.

10 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli. Ms.
11 Fanucci.

12 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

13 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright. Mr.
14 McGoff.

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

17 MS. GARVEY: 7-Z (WHICH WAS FORMERLY
18 6-C) FOR CONSIDERATION - BY THE COMMITTEE ON
19 RULES - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO.
20 116, 2009 - ESTABLISHING A CONDEMNED
21 PROPERTY POLICY TO BE FOLLOWED WHEN
22 REHABILITATING CONDEMNED PROPERTIES LOCATED
23 IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON.

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

1 passage of Item 7-Z.

2 MS. FANUCCI: Second.

3 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

4 MS. EVANS: Yes, just to make myself
5 clear from the early discussion, I do have
6 that problem with no provision for
7 extraordinary circumstances, but as
8 Mr. McGoff said, I believe that this is a
9 matter that can be addressed after the new
10 council is sworn in and because I would like
11 the ability to be able to amend this
12 particular piece of legislation I will vote
13 in favor of it tonight.

14 MR. MCGOFF: Roll call, please?

15 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

16 MS. EVANS: Yes.

17 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli. Ms.
18 Fanucci.

19 MS. FANUCCI: Yes.

20 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. Courtright. Mr.
21 McGoff.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare
23 Item 7-Z legally and lawfully adopted. A
24 reminder that on December 15, that's next
25 Tuesday, there be will a public hearing at

1 10 a.m. on the library authority and meeting
2 to follow, a council meeting to follow.
3 There will be no meeting next Tuesday
4 evening.

5 MS. FANUCCI: I'll make a motion to
6 adjourn.

7 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. So moved.
8 Thank you for your 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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