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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Scranton, Pennsylvania

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

JANET EVANS, PRESIDENT

PAT ROGAN, VICE-PRESIDENT

ROBERT MCGOFF

FRANK JOYCE  
(NOT PRESENT)

JOHN LOSCOMBE

NANCY KRAKE, CITY CLERK

CATHY CARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

BOYD HUGHES, SOLICITOR

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

3 MS. EVANS: Roll call, please.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff. Mr.  
5 Rogan.

6 MR. ROGAN: Here.

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

8 MR. LOSCOMBE: Here.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce. Mrs.  
10 Evans.

11 MS. EVANS: Here. Dispense with the  
12 reading of the minutes, please.

13 MS. KRAKE: THIRD ORDER. Go right  
14 to clerk's notes if that's your pleasure,  
15 Mrs. Evans?

16 MS. EVANS: Yes, please.

17 MS. KRAKE: Under clerk's notes  
18 tonight council has asked me to speak a  
19 little bit about the Pittsburgh Plan. We  
20 have eight properties on the agenda that  
21 their total bid price is \$49,000, the total  
22 acreage is 9.23 acres, and they are all  
23 being purchased by Robert Kolankoski of  
24 Dupont, Pennsylvania.

25 The Pittsburgh Plan itself is a very

1 fair way that the city can use for someone  
2 to buy the property that has gone through a  
3 city tax sale. We have highlighted some of  
4 the parts of that. The first part is an  
5 individual needs to go to the Assessor's  
6 Office to obtain the map number of the  
7 property that they are interested in  
8 purchasing. After that, they need to go to  
9 the City Treasurer's Office to determine if  
10 the property is tax delinquent. The third  
11 step is to go to the Clerk of Judicial  
12 Records in the Lackawanna County Courthouse  
13 to confirm that the property was taken in at  
14 the tax sale, the date of the tax sale, and  
15 if it is available for purchase.

16 After they gather this information  
17 they take it all through the law department  
18 here in city hall. There they will obtain a  
19 bid proposal offer. They then contact  
20 Nasser Realty and they assume the appraisal  
21 cost of \$175 for the land, \$220 for property  
22 of the structure. They determine the  
23 completed bid proposal offer which now  
24 contains the appraisal to the law  
25 department. There they must bring forth

1           \$100 deposit to the law department. This is  
2           not refundable. The bid proposal must then  
3           be approved and accepted by the city  
4           treasurer, city solicitor, city planner, and  
5           the city engineer. The city reserves the  
6           right to reject any bid and if a bid is  
7           rejected the deposit will be refunded. The  
8           proposal then gets presented to city council  
9           where it is now in the form of an ordinance.

10                    If the ordinance passes favorably  
11           and is approved by council and the mayor,  
12           the purchaser will be instructed to retain  
13           the services of a lawyer in order to search  
14           the title to the property and make  
15           preparations for Court approval of the sale  
16           and validation of tax title. The next step  
17           is the petition for tax sale -- excuse me,  
18           for tax title. Those steps are outlined in  
19           the form, but truly this is where a lawyer  
20           is needed and there is no substitute for  
21           sound legal advice as it's stated right on  
22           the form.

23                    After all of these steps have been  
24           completed, then if all creditors are either  
25           compromised or paid, they get the deed from

1 through the city free and clear which is  
2 then filed at the courthouse and they send a  
3 copy of the filed deed to the law department  
4 so it can then close it's file.

5 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

6 MS. KRAKE: You are welcome. We do  
7 have some responses tonight, Council. Our  
8 first is from Tom Welby from ECTV. He has  
9 answered five questions that were brought  
10 forth by a resident of Scranton. He has  
11 answered them in their entirety. I don't  
12 know if you needed them to be read, Mrs.  
13 Evans?

14 MS. EVANS: Yes, I think it's an  
15 important enough issue for the viewership of  
16 ECTV.

17 MS. KRAKE: Okay. First answer --  
18 the first question actually is, "Why doesn't  
19 ECTV broadcast the Scranton Redevelopment  
20 Authority meetings?"

21 Their answer is: "It seems that the  
22 Redevelopment Authority meetings are often  
23 reschedule or held at a time that makes it  
24 difficult to tape. I am told that an effort  
25 is being made to record and playback those

1 meetings. It would helpful if council could  
2 encourage them to hold their meetings in  
3 chambers. While they air city council,  
4 commissioner, school board, zoning meeting,  
5 ECTV also airs an extensive mix of locally  
6 produced programs including many that were  
7 previously produced by Scranton Today."

8 Their next question is: "How much  
9 are the people paid?"

10 Their response is, "One of the  
11 persons does work at ECTV. John Darcy does  
12 not take a salary, and the other employees'  
13 salaries are confidential at this time."

14 The next question is about who owns  
15 114 Wyoming Avenue. "The space is occupied  
16 through the Mall at Steamtown. The terms  
17 were not available. The space is available  
18 for public use, although at this time the  
19 staff is it not have available time to  
20 conduct tours. ECTV is producing local  
21 programs for local residents and groups and  
22 organizations. Interested parties can  
23 contact ECTV with their program outlines."

24 The fourth question: "Did the money  
25 they spent on the church renovations get

1           paid back or did Mansour and Darcy keep  
2           these dollars?"

3                         "The renovations were done as a  
4           reciprocal agreement for rent. The actual  
5           rent payments would have been more than the  
6           value of the renovations. It is unfortunate  
7           that the challenging made to the zoning  
8           board forced the wasting of that investment,  
9           particularly when a church and business were  
10          allowed there previously."

11                        Four -- or, excuse me, Five, "Please  
12          find out why there is no ECTV website. They  
13          promised video so we can see this on the  
14          website two years ago."

15                        The response is: "The grant funding  
16          that would have provided for the equipment  
17          was challenged and delayed. The cost of the  
18          piece of equipment needed to stream video is  
19          forthcoming."

20                        MS. EVANS: Thank you.

21                        MS. KRAKE: We also received a  
22          response from Bill Courtright from the  
23          Single Tax Office. Our first question to  
24          him was whether we could include our rental  
25          notices to landlords along with real estate



1 bills. He tells us that he is not sure if--  
2 their solicitor isn't sure if it's legal to  
3 put anything in with the tax bills since the  
4 outside company does this for them, so he  
5 suggests that perhaps in the future our  
6 solicitors could discuss this issue.

7 Next, they are answering the  
8 question about a breakdown of the property  
9 taxes paid on the noneducational facilities,  
10 the University, Marywood, Lackawanna  
11 College, Johnsons College and the  
12 Commonwealth Medical College. He tells that  
13 he truly needs that information from the  
14 Assessor's Office, so we did send a letter  
15 to John Foley, and he called our office. He  
16 is the head of the Assessor's Office for  
17 Lackawanna County. Currently, they are in  
18 the process of compiling this list of  
19 properties that are assessed to these five  
20 different nonprofits and as soon as they get  
21 them we will then forward it to  
22 Mr. Courtright and continue this process.

23 We next have a response from Brian  
24 Swanson, the city engineer, concerning 1541  
25 Bulwer Street. Per our request, he has

1 investigated the drainage complaint related  
2 to water entering the sidewalks via  
3 handicapped curb cuts on the south side of  
4 Bulwer and Northern Rebecca. He tells us as  
5 there are two existing drains on Bulwer and  
6 the opposite side of Rebecca, and a drain on  
7 North Rebecca just before the intersection,  
8 it appears a low bituminous curb with short  
9 ramps to transition to sidewalk grade would  
10 be sufficient to address the problem.

11 MS. EVANS: I'm not quite certain  
12 that I fully understand that response. If  
13 he is recommending any remedy or if he is  
14 basically saying as it exists there should  
15 be no problem when, in fact, there is a  
16 great problem. The property is flooding  
17 during every rain event.

18 MS. KRAKE: I believe he is saying  
19 if this low bituminous curb with short ramps  
20 were added then that would address the  
21 problem, if I'm reading it correctly.

22 MS. EVANS: Okay, then I would think  
23 that we should a letter to the DPW  
24 requesting that this work be done. I know  
25 that they often times install curbing for

1 residents in various sections of the city  
2 and if for any reason their response should  
3 indicate that they aren't able to remedy the  
4 situation, then I would like to know the  
5 name of the company that made the curb cuts  
6 and the current curbing if, indeed, there is  
7 any to speak of. I'd like to know who did  
8 that work because I believe that, you know,  
9 any company working within the city is  
10 responsible to return property to it's  
11 original condition following completion of  
12 the work.

13 MS. KRAKE: Thank you.

14 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

15 MS. KRAKE: We received a response  
16 from the Sewer Authority concerning the same  
17 property and they indicated that it was not  
18 their responsibility. They felt it may be  
19 the responsibility of the homeowner and  
20 that's a little different than what we  
21 received from our city engineer.

22 We have several responses from Chief  
23 Elliott. This is concerning speeding on  
24 Cedar Avenue: He has contacted the patrol  
25 division and they plan to conduct speed

1 enforcement details at this location in the  
2 near future.

3 The next from the chief is  
4 concerning the used tires that block the  
5 sidewalk on the 400 block of Willow Street.  
6 He said he will have officers look in this  
7 situation and also advise Mr. Seitzinger to  
8 have inspectors look at any violations in  
9 this block, also.

10 The next from the chief are answers  
11 to several requests regarding traffic in the  
12 area of East Mountain. We have officers  
13 monitor the area, requested and enforce  
14 violations when noticed.

15 He has forwarded the complaint of  
16 drug activity to the special investigation  
17 unit to look into 207-209 Fifth Avenue.

18 The area of West Elm and the 25 mile  
19 per hour speed limit is difficult to enforce  
20 due to the area that it's in, however, he  
21 has instructed officers to monitor and do  
22 what whatever is necessary.

23 Four: The area of 16th and Division  
24 Street has been a long-standing complaint.  
25 He says, "We have monitored the area for

1 years after receiving these complaints," and  
2 they will continue to do so.

3 We also received a rather lengthy  
4 response from the Pennsylvania Department of  
5 Transportation from Mr. Tom Picarelli. If  
6 it's council's pleasure I will read it, it  
7 is concerning the signalized intersections  
8 to improve the safety for pedestrians,  
9 particularly the disabled and the elderly.

10 MS. EVANS: Yes.

11 MS. KRAKE: Based on a cursory  
12 inspection, several items are in need of  
13 repair and maintenance to ensure the traffic  
14 signals operate according to the permitted  
15 plan. We would like to remind the city that  
16 repairs and maintenance of the traffic  
17 signals is the responsibility of the city.  
18 If the city would like a department to do  
19 the detailed inspection listing these items,  
20 please let us know and we will write a  
21 detailed report. Please note that current  
22 ADA standards would require some  
23 modifications to these intersections.

24 He makes the following suggestions:  
25 Repaint the slightly worn pavement markings.

1 Provide handicapped push buttons and  
2 countdown pedestrians signals to replace the  
3 existing equipment. Reprogram the  
4 controller with a leading three seconds to  
5 the pedestrian phase. This will give the  
6 pedestrians a few seconds lead time to step  
7 off the curb into the intersection so that  
8 parallel traffic can better visually see the  
9 pedestrians thus the vehicles are more  
10 likely to yield. Police enforcement will  
11 help encourage vehicles to yield to  
12 pedestrians in the cross walk.

13 Currently, audible pedestrians  
14 signals are being used at the Lackawanna and  
15 Wyoming. However, some of the audible  
16 indications are missing. As with the other  
17 intersections, the visually impaired  
18 pedestrians are using them, Lackawanna and  
19 Penn and Lackawanna and Washington, audible  
20 pedestrians signals should be permitted and  
21 installed since they currently do not exist.

22 If the city would like to proceed  
23 with these improvements other than  
24 maintaining the signals according to the  
25 current permit, please provide the

1 department with the original resolution and  
2 application to modify the existing signal  
3 permit and provide the department with a  
4 letter of financial commitment.

5 MS. EVANS: Mrs. Krake, I think  
6 copies of that should be sent to the DPW, to  
7 Chief Elliott, to the business  
8 administrator. I know that the  
9 administration was purported to hire a  
10 private company who would now be addressing  
11 all of the traffic lights throughout the  
12 city. That work and the painting of  
13 crosswalks had previously been performed by  
14 the traffic maintenance department of the  
15 City of Scranton which no longer exists by  
16 means of the mayor's latest budget, so I  
17 think this report also should be forwarded  
18 to whatever firm the administration has  
19 chosen to perform those services at this  
20 time.

21 And we would like an answer back  
22 from each department as soon as possible  
23 because I believe the council is very  
24 interested in pursuing this, in making the  
25 proper alterations at each one of these

1 intersections to provide for the disabled  
2 population of the community.

3 MS. KRAKE: Yes.

4 MS. EVANS: And so if we can ask for  
5 a response on or before May 20 or 21 and if  
6 we can also ascertain if PennDOT will charge  
7 the city to perform that assessment or if  
8 it's a free service if there is a charge  
9 what is the dollar amount of the charge so  
10 that that can also be provided to the  
11 business administrator.

12 MS. KRAKE: Thank you.

13 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

14 MS. KRAKE: And we have some that we  
15 have not received responses to. The first  
16 is from Mr. Barrett, which is unusual, they  
17 normally answer on time, concerning the  
18 debris and the drains on Essex Drive.

19 The next is we have not received an  
20 answer to those five questions that were  
21 also posed to Mr. Darcy, board president of  
22 ECTV.

23 We have not received a response from  
24 the mayor, but his letter was also the same  
25 when the one we sent to PennDOT that we did



1 receive a response from.

2 MS. EVANS: Okay.

3 MS. KRAKE: We have not received a  
4 response from Mr. Renda, business  
5 administrator, about the information council  
6 regarding the annual cash contributions from  
7 the city to the Lackawanna County Heritage  
8 Valley Authority.

9 We haven't received an answer in  
10 writing from Mr. Dougher, Director of the  
11 Parks concerning when the movies are  
12 scheduled to be shown. He did call our  
13 office to tell us that is on the website,  
14 but that was all that he would say.

15 We did not receive a response from  
16 Mrs. Moran, Director of Human Resources,  
17 concerning our question, "Is there a system  
18 in place to store health care claims by  
19 active and nonactive employees?"

20 And we have seven letters that have  
21 no response from Mark Seitzinger, Director  
22 of License and Inspections, and the nine  
23 letters to the director letters to the  
24 director of DPW, Jeff Brazil, they have gone  
25 unanswered.

1 MS. EVANS: As for the DPW, I think  
2 we'll ask Mr. McGoff if he can continue to  
3 oversee that situation, perhaps he could if  
4 he is available meet weekly or biweekly with  
5 Mr. Brazil to discuss these issues and then  
6 report back to council as to Mr. Brazil's  
7 response and the resolution of each of the  
8 problems of the people of the city.

9 MS. KRAKE: Thank you. That's all.

10 MS. EVANS: As for the others, we  
11 will submit them one more time, but again,  
12 I'm asking that we maintain all of this  
13 paperwork within department files so that  
14 council can better keep track of what work  
15 is being performed by department heads and  
16 within each department and what they are  
17 failing to address.

18 MS. KRAKE: That's all we have.

19 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mrs. Krake.  
20 Do any council members have any  
21 announcements at this time?

22 MR. ROGAN: Yes. West Scranton  
23 Legion Baseball Team will hold a fundraiser  
24 this Friday, May 14, at Shaunassy's Tavern  
25 in West Scranton. The fundraiser will be

1 held from 7 to 9 p.m., and a \$10 donation  
2 can be made at the door. Beer, pizza and  
3 soda will be served.

4 And I would also like to remind  
5 everything that next Tuesday is Election Day  
6 and the polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8  
7 p.m., and that is all.

8 MS. EVANS: Mr. Loscombe?

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: None this evening.  
10 Thank you, Mrs. Evans.

11 MS. EVANS: The weekly schedule for  
12 street cleaning is as follows: May 10 to 14  
13 East Mountain Drive to Cherry Street; and  
14 May 17 to May 21 Oakwood Development,  
15 Fernwood Development and Glinko Street to  
16 Division Street.

17 Friendly's Family Fun Night will be  
18 held tomorrow evening, May 12, from 5 to 8  
19 p.m. at Friendly's Restaurant in Dunmore.  
20 Enjoy a wonderful meal and at the same time  
21 help to feed the hungry of our community.  
22 Portions of the receipts will donated to St.  
23 Francis of Assisi Food Kitchen.

24 The annual Armed Forces Day parade  
25 will be conducted this Saturday, May 15, in

1 downtown Scranton beginning at 11 a.m.

2 Please make every effort to attend to honor  
3 our servicemen and woman who have sacrificed  
4 so greatly for each of us.

5 The Scranton Public Library proudly  
6 presents Updikes Pennsylvania with  
7 journalist Frank Fitzpatrick on Thursday,  
8 May 20, in the periodicals room at 6:30 p.m.  
9 Mr. Fitzpatrick has contributed stories on  
10 Updike in the Philadelphia Inquirer and  
11 National public radio, has authored three  
12 books and was a 2001 Pulitzer Prize  
13 finalist. Tickets to this events are  
14 available at the circulation desk of the  
15 Scranton Public Library, 500 Vine Street,  
16 Scranton.

17 The Little Sisters of the Poor will  
18 present the Glenn Mohr Chorals production of  
19 the Hidden Heart. A musical presentation  
20 based on the life of St. Jeanne Jugan,  
21 foundress of the Little Sisters of the Poor  
22 on Saturday, May 22, at 7 p.m. at St.  
23 Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming Avenue,  
24 Scranton, Pennsylvania. A reception will  
25 follow immediately at the former Bishop

1 Hannon High School auditorium on Wyoming  
2 Avenue. Tickets are \$25 and may be obtained  
3 by calling Holy Family residence at  
4 570-343-4065. Again, 570-343-4065. A  
5 volunteer will deliver tickets to your home  
6 or place of business. This fundraiser  
7 supports the essential services and efforts  
8 of the Little Sisters of the Poor as they  
9 daily care for the elderly poor of our  
10 community. It is a very worthy cause. I  
11 have already purchased my tickets, and I  
12 hope you will do so, too.

13 Park Place River Association will  
14 conduct a fishing derby at the Lackawanna  
15 river near the DPW complex on Popular Street  
16 for children age three to 15 on Saturday,  
17 May 22. Registration is at 8 a.m. For more  
18 information call 570-903 8199. Again,  
19 903-8199.

20 The McNamera family of North  
21 Scranton is conducting a fundraiser,  
22 Blessings for Bob Stott, Sr., on Saturday,  
23 May 22, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Holy Rosary  
24 Center, West Market Street in Scranton.  
25 Food and music will be provided and tickets

1           are \$15. Donations may be mailed to Joyce  
2           McNamara, 915 West Market Street, Scranton,  
3           PA., 18508. Please include your name and  
4           return address and reference the fundraiser.  
5           Proceeds will help to offset the financial  
6           burden of Bob Stott's medical procedures.

7                     I also wish to thank Bev DeBarros  
8           for the lovely flowers in our council office  
9           and for her support for the work of this new  
10          council, city clerk, our council solicitor,  
11          and wonderful office staff, including Cathy  
12          Carrera.

13                    I also want that thank every city  
14          resident who attended the March Court  
15          hearings in support of city council,  
16          particularly a very dear sweet lady, Agnus,  
17          from East Mountain. This lovely senior  
18          citizen attended each day, spoke to me so  
19          kindly, and inspired me to keep fighting for  
20          the people. And I promise you, Agnus, I  
21          won't let you down.

22                    In addition, I would like to say a  
23          very happy birthday to Kristen, my former  
24          student. And finally, Mr. Joyce is absent  
25          from this evening's meeting due to illness.

1 Mr. McGoff will be attending the meeting,  
2 but will be becoming in late, and that's it.

3 MS. KRAKE: FOURTH ORDER, CITIZENS'  
4 PARTICIPATION.

5 MS. EVANS: Our first speaker is  
6 Andy Sbaraglia.

7 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia,  
8 citizen of Scranton. Fellow Scrantonians,  
9 7-A for consideration by the Committee of  
10 Finance for the adoption of Resolution No.  
11 15. Wasn't an energy audit done when we  
12 changed our heating system in all the  
13 buildings? We went from steam heat when  
14 they went bankrupt to gas heat? They must  
15 have did an audit then?

16 MS. EVANS: I would assume some type  
17 of review would have occurred.

18 MR. SBARAGLIA: You better believe  
19 because I remember even Honeywell got the  
20 contract for the controls for all of these  
21 things, but the thing is, is this a company  
22 that's going to say buy the gas from this  
23 person or this place or the electricity from  
24 this or that or is this somebody that's  
25 going to say you need this or you need that?

1           What kind of a -- what kind of a performance  
2           are they going to perform in this energy  
3           audit?

4                   MS. EVANS: Well, from what I  
5           understand they will do the analysis and  
6           make recommendations, but they are not  
7           involved in any manner in the selection of  
8           any companies to be hired thereafter. I  
9           believe that this company that is conducting  
10          the analysis will be paid through a grant  
11          and much of the work that would be performed  
12          thereafter will also be funded through a  
13          grant.

14                   MR. SBARAGLIA: Okay. So it's  
15          mainly to get information that we probably  
16          have tons and tons on, but it's redundant.

17                   Okay. The University of Scranton,  
18          they have many some grandiose plans on that  
19          road from Mulberry Street. How many ramps  
20          are they planning to build to go across  
21          Mulberry Street? I didn't see a ramp at all  
22          in their design. And you can't put that  
23          many -- I don't know if you really familiar  
24          with what happens down there when the  
25          University kids get out and they go down



1           there even when they got cross down on where  
2           the old, I guess the old -- you know, it's a  
3           Woman's center that they had down there and  
4           the other building they built and then the  
5           other building, it's a mess. Unless you put  
6           ramps across we are going to make a heck of  
7           a problem with the students crossing there  
8           and not only that, we all know what happened  
9           on Linden Street, that's gone. We can't  
10          afford to lose Mulberry because that's a  
11          direct link to the hospitals and the  
12          outlying for that matter, so I don't know  
13          when it's going to come up, but it will come  
14          up before you and we are just wondering how  
15          many ramps they plan to build there to take  
16          care of the kids and get them cross safely  
17          above the traffic.

18                        Okay, now, on your lots, how do you  
19          -- several. How did you interpret several,  
20          the word several. How do you interpret  
21          that?

22                        MS. EVANS: Several?

23                        MR. SBARAGLIA: Yes, there is a  
24          broad meaning. How do you interpret it  
25          because you are --

1 MS. EVANS: Well, it's --

2 MR. SBARAGLIA: -- under the  
3 Pittsburgh Plan it requires several. And  
4 several, you know, could be almost anything.

5 MS. EVANS: Well, I would say  
6 several has to be three or more, but I would  
7 say that it's certainly not a countless  
8 number. In other words, I think if you are  
9 getting up to let's say 15, 20 from that  
10 point on you are listing it, so several I  
11 think, yes, it's nebulous, but I think it's  
12 leaning towards smaller numbers.

13 MR. SBARAGLIA: The main thing is  
14 when these lots come up you require several  
15 readings, I just wondered how many readings  
16 you plan to have.

17 MS. EVANS: Three.

18 MR. SBARAGLIA: So you are just  
19 doing like it was an original. Now, I  
20 looked at your thing, the insurance company  
21 doesn't give an appraisal, they just tell  
22 you what lots are adjacent to it or around  
23 it. Well, and since they are all the same,  
24 I mean, they list them as 20,000 to 30,000,  
25 the lots around them, we know this is 1-A.

1 Now, I don't know where he got it, but  
2 that's the buildings around there, the  
3 surrounding lots, are going from 20 to  
4 30,000. And we got bidding for eight, six  
5 and so on and so forth and so on. Did  
6 somebody actually go up and check them lots  
7 out? I hope you would before you vote on  
8 it.

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: You mean us or the  
10 appraiser?

11 MR. SBARAGLIA: No, you.

12 MR. LOSCOMBE: Oh, okay.

13 MR. SBARAGLIA: When they were going  
14 away Short Avenue we went up and checked.

15 MS. EVANS: Yes, I remember.

16 MR. SBARAGLIA: We walked that whole  
17 area there and I think before you vote on  
18 this you should actually go up and see what  
19 you are voting on. Now, like I say, I'm not  
20 against selling lots, it would be stupid to  
21 be against selling lots, I'm just saying  
22 let's try to get the most we can for the  
23 lots we are selling. That's all. That's  
24 all I would ask and that's probably a  
25 reasonable request that we look at the lots

1 and see actually, like I said, the appraisal  
2 calls for Nasser said 20 to 30,000 for lots  
3 around them. I don't know, I didn't walk up  
4 there. I don't know how close they are no  
5 Lake Scranton up in that area or to Mountain  
6 Lake or whatever there is up there because I  
7 don't live there, and I haven't -- the  
8 closest I ever went up there was above the  
9 park. That's the closest I ever got up on  
10 that mountain. Oh, no, I shouldn't say  
11 that. I used to go up to the lake up at the  
12 top when they used to have ice skating, but  
13 that was long ago and far away, but anyway,  
14 I wish you would designate somebody to go up  
15 there and actually check.

16 MS. EVANS: Okay.

17 MR. SBARAGLIA: Physically check so  
18 we know and if it's a good deal, so be it.  
19 If it's not a good deal let's know about it.

20 MS. EVANS: Thank you,  
21 Mr. Sbaraglia. Ozzie Quinn.

22 MR. QUINN: Ozzie Quinn, Taxpayers'  
23 Association. Good evening.

24 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

25 MR. QUINN: I was going to speak

1           tonight on ECTV. We had a forum with the  
2           state legislators from District 112  
3           approximately two weeks ago and it hasn't  
4           been shown, however, after much wrangling,  
5           and I mean wrangling, which Dave Dobrzyn,  
6           our camera operator, will explain later on  
7           it was finally broadcast today. Now, this  
8           is pathetic, you know. I get e-mails and  
9           here's one I got: "How can I find when ECTV  
10          shows your meetings. I have had this  
11          problem in the past and it continues.  
12          Please help as an I cannot come to the  
13          meetings. Thanks so much."

14                        This is getting ridiculous. Now, we  
15          have a illusionary public access TV. It is  
16          obviously set in place by Mayor Doherty  
17          because of his large debt and the Taxpayers'  
18          Association along with Mrs. Evans  
19          continually for the last year or two years  
20          arguing about how he is just spending and  
21          spending and spending and spending without  
22          any kind of conscience for those people who  
23          cannot afford their properties, you know,  
24          and as I see right now he wants float  
25          throughout bonds on his platform to try to

1 be state senator, the same as he is doing --  
2 what he did for the City of Scranton. When  
3 he came into office we were \$30 million in  
4 debt and now we are \$182 million in debt  
5 principal only. If the people like that,  
6 vote him in. I can't see it.

7 What I want to do, okay, I would  
8 like council, and I'm requesting you to try  
9 to open up these bids for a new public  
10 access TV bids, okay? The Scranton  
11 Taxpayers' Association is interested in  
12 putting in a bid and we will put a bid in  
13 and we will actually -- we would cover  
14 mostly what we could throughout the county,  
15 okay? This is -- this is what they want to  
16 do or when they want to do it and the only  
17 people if you stay up, if you're in a  
18 hospital or you're an if insomniac you'll  
19 get to watch our meetings. That's the only  
20 time you will get to watch them, all right?

21 So it's gotten beyond control and  
22 the problem lies because of the fact that  
23 Mr. Doherty is against the Taxpayers'  
24 Association because we are without a doubt  
25 against what he has done to this city. He

1 has ruined the city financially, and he has  
2 ruined the neighborhoods physically and I  
3 hope that you can open these bids because I  
4 don't know if this is going to go on forever  
5 and ever just on his say-so. Thank you very  
6 much.

7 MS. EVANS: Just to piggy back on  
8 the comments made by Mr. Quinn, council did  
9 receive in our mail today contact  
10 information from ECTV for public input. The  
11 telephone number is 570-558-3322. Their  
12 e-mail address is Electric City Television@  
13 gmail.com. Their website is Electric City  
14 TV.org, And their address is Electric City  
15 Television, 114 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton,  
16 Pennsylvania, 18503.

17 MR. QUINN: That's a lot of  
18 gobbledygook. I have e-mailed them for two  
19 years, I have left as of two days ago I left  
20 messages on the phone that you just said and  
21 no return phone calls, so they are just  
22 faking us out, there is no doubt about it,  
23 and they are going to do that. And these  
24 people walk around and they just stick their  
25 nose up, their five fingers up in their nose

1 to us and they are doing it to you, Council.  
2 There is no doubt about it. People are  
3 saying I can't even hear those council  
4 meetings that the -- it's so low the sound,  
5 you know. And I don't know if you want to  
6 put up with it, but it's not public access  
7 TV, obviously it isn't. It's Doherty and he  
8 is just controlling it and he is going to  
9 control it and control it until either he  
10 gets elected to state senator or is voted or  
11 leaves this town. I hope he leaves the  
12 town. Period.

13 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Quinn.  
14 Jean Suetta.

15 MS. SUETTA: What? Good evening.  
16 Jean Suetta, Scranton.

17 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

18 MS. SUETTA: How are you? How was  
19 your mother's day, Janet?

20 MS. EVANS: Oh, it was very nice.  
21 Thank you, Jean.

22 MS. SUETTA: Did your mother have a  
23 good one, too?

24 MS. EVANS: Yes, she did. Thank  
25 you.



1 MS. SUETTA: Now let's get down to  
2 business. You know the corridor there is  
3 putting in new sidewalks in by the river  
4 down on Albright Avenue. They are putting  
5 new ones in and they with putting them  
6 around the Lace Works at the end of Albright  
7 avenue, beautiful sidewalks, and then you  
8 turn on the sidewalk and you look and we got  
9 a jungle coming again, the Lace Works. So  
10 the people are going to be walking down  
11 there with their children and the rats are  
12 going to be coming out of the fields.

13 And then we go up North Scranton  
14 Junior High. They haven't cut the grass all  
15 year. We got a big holiday coming, they  
16 will have memorial services up there and  
17 there is a hay field. Gerry Langan will  
18 love me for saying this, you know?

19 The other day there was traffic on  
20 Greenridge Street so I made a detour up Von  
21 Storch Avenue and I come down and they paved  
22 the 400 block of Marion Street. You know  
23 how bad are streets are in this city and  
24 they paved the 400 block of Marion Street?  
25 Has anybody drove up Greenbush Street

1                   lately?

2                   MS. EVANS: No, but I know what you  
3                   are saying.

4                   MS. SUETTA: And coming down Reese  
5                   Street, by friend lives up there she has a  
6                   paraplegic and she can't get in and out with  
7                   the poor boy and they are not doing nothing  
8                   about it. And I --

9                   MS. EVANS: What street was that?

10                  MS. SUETTA: Greenbush and Reese.

11                  MS. EVANS: Reese, R-E-E-S-E?

12                  MS. SUETTA: Yeah. And I want  
13                  everybody to get out and come down and  
14                  support our troops because you know I am.

15                  MS. EVANS: I do every year.

16                  MS. SUETTA: I mean, I hope all the  
17                  -- well, they will all be there now, the  
18                  politicians, and really up on the 400 block  
19                  of Marion Street there is Doherty signs up  
20                  and down both sides, but why just that  
21                  street when all of the other streets --  
22                  there was nothing wrong with the street, but  
23                  he paved that one. And Greenbush and Reese,  
24                  oh, my God, they are terrible.

25                  MS. EVANS: Okay.

1 MS. SUETTA: And let's get after  
2 Cordora for the Lace Works for that jungle  
3 there. And, Janet, how come they didn't do  
4 nothing about that hole across the street  
5 from the Cathedral?

6 MS. EVANS: Well, your guess is as  
7 good as mine.

8 MS. SUETTA: Because now the forest  
9 is getting bigger.

10 MS. EVANS: They were told about  
11 that.

12 MS. SUETTA: They didn't do nothing.  
13 That was ashamed that he wouldn't do nothing  
14 for the ordination.

15 MS. EVANS: It is ashamed. It's a  
16 disgrace in downtown Scranton.

17 MS. SUETTA: Yes, it is. And just  
18 get out and support our troops on Saturday.  
19 See you down there, Jack.

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

21 MS. SUETTA: Have a good day.

22 MS. EVANS: You, too. Mark  
23 Phillips.

24 MR. PHILLIPS: Could I give you  
25 these, Janet, about the problem I was

1 talking to you about a year ago.

2 (Mr. Phillips approaches the dais.)

3 MR. PHILLIPS: Now, this problem is  
4 going back 16 years I had this problem, and  
5 the city put all kinds of problems on me.  
6 There's the laws right here, how come they  
7 are not enforced? I'm a citizen. You pray  
8 to that flag. My father died in World War  
9 II in Korea. What kind of laws do we have?  
10 I go to school, I read the same books.  
11 Here, read this. No wonder we have  
12 Oklahoma, Waco.

13 The Scranton cops saw that and I  
14 call them 16 times I got out of my cell  
15 phone. I got 50 pictures on this camera.  
16 Now, they give me excuses. Ignorance of the  
17 law is no excuse if you ask me. You make  
18 the laws and we pay \$60,000 for a chief of  
19 police, and ask Janet she was there when I  
20 had this problem several years ago. No  
21 action was taken. What kind of city do we  
22 live in? I got a handicap, I never used it.  
23 Now, I'm using it. If I had to get an  
24 injunction there was no parking in that  
25 alley. I will pay the \$1,000.

1 MS. EVANS: Now, can you provide us  
2 though, we have the pictures, but can you  
3 put the address on these?

4 MR. PHILLIPS: 331 Preston Place in  
5 back of my house.

6 MR. ROGAN: It's right off the  
7 corner of Luzerne Street, I spoke to him on  
8 the phone the other day and I drove by to  
9 check it out as well.

10 MS. EVANS: Okay.

11 MR. PHILLIPS: Now, he called the  
12 cops -- he called the city for 16 years on  
13 me. I had a car taken and a boat taken.  
14 Now, the last one on there is my citation.  
15 If you get called too many times you get  
16 citations for overgrown grass, abandoned  
17 vehicles, so I don't call. At the bottom of  
18 the page there is a telephone number that  
19 says Scranton cops. They lied to me. It  
20 says "Private Property". Anybody who owns a  
21 house knows there's no property on the  
22 roadside. How stupid.

23 And there was a nursing home right  
24 by there. There was an accident there last  
25 week. You talk about safety every week, the

1 health and welfare of the people. I live in  
2 that school zone by there, there is the  
3 middle school and West Side High School.  
4 There was three accidents almost last year.

5 It look me 16 years to get that  
6 piece of paper. What kind of city we live  
7 in? Common sense tells me something. I'm  
8 not stupid.

9 MS. EVANS: No, you have a copy of  
10 the Scranton code here.

11 MR. PHILLIPS: How come it's not  
12 enforced? I called 16 times in the past  
13 three weeks. You want to see my cell phone?

14 MS. EVANS: Oh, I believe you. I  
15 think if we have Mr. Loscombe --

16 MR. PHILLIPS: How about the DPW  
17 won't even come down. Are you going to do  
18 anything about these city employees? I went  
19 down there to get a "No Parking" sign and  
20 them cheered me when I said that and they  
21 sent me down to get the sign put up. They  
22 come for 16 years, oh, you need a sign  
23 there. I paid \$110,000 for a driveway, that  
24 guy got a free driveway. Why should he have  
25 a free driveway?

1 I was out there shoveling snow with  
2 that big snow storm, he was throwing right  
3 where I shoved. Eight hours. And on the  
4 last three my citations they had a meeting,  
5 I got citations. The sidewalks on that 331  
6 17th Avenue you can't even walk on them and  
7 they gave me citations for safety. What a  
8 city. There is a person right there. You  
9 want to walk up and down the sidewalks and I  
10 called that safety after he got there.

11 MS. EVANS: Now the 16 calls that  
12 you made were to all of the same individual  
13 or to various departments?

14 MR. PHILLIPS: 911. 911. You had  
15 to call for patrol car 911 or he else you  
16 don't get one. Ask that cop here.

17 MS. EVANS: Well, actually, we don't  
18 have a police officer in council any longer.

19 MR. PHILLIPS: There is one right  
20 here, ain't he?

21 MS. EVANS: Well, he is an off-duty  
22 police officers who attends meetings as a  
23 private citizen.

24 MR. PHILLIPS: I think that, you  
25 know, for overgrown weeds that's a serious

1           thing with a vehicle, motor vehicle. I  
2           think the motor vehicle overrides everything  
3           else.

4                   MS. EVANS: Were you --

5                   MR. PHILLIPS: This is going 16  
6           years now.

7                   MS. EVANS: Were you warned before  
8           you received --

9                   MR. PHILLIPS: No.

10                  MS. EVANS: No?

11                  MR. PHILLIPS: No. That's after I  
12           took pictures.

13                  MS. EVANS: Okay. Well, we are  
14           going to look into this, Mr. Phillips. Do  
15           you need these back now?

16                  MR. PHILLIPS: Yes. And the  
17           pictures if you want copies.

18                  MS. EVANS: That would be helpful.  
19           Because I know --

20                   (Mr. Phillips approaches the dais  
21           and some of the conversation was inaudible.)

22                  MR. PHILLIPS: This is the cars I  
23           have here. That's the house inspectors.  
24           The new one for the one -- the other two of  
25           them they inspected and the sidewalks that



1           are on here -- I'm going to make copies.  
2           You owe me \$5.

3                   MS. EVANS: I think I can handle  
4           that.

5                   MR. PHILLIPS: Here you can have  
6           that.

7                   MS. EVANS: Oh, thank you.

8                   MR. PHILLIPS: Thank you for your  
9           attention.

10                  MS. EVANS: Thank you.

11                   (During the time Mr. Phillips was  
12           speaking, Mr. McGoff enters council  
13           chambers.)

14                  MS. EVANS: Les Spindler.

15                  MR. SPINDLER: Good evening,  
16           Council. Les Spindler, city resident and  
17           homeowner and taxpayer. I want to start off  
18           with the story last week about the  
19           University of Scranton putting \$33 million  
20           into a project on Mulberry Street. If they  
21           can spend \$33 million on a project and all  
22           they give our city is \$100,000 a year, to me  
23           that's a darn shame. They buy up property  
24           after property, don't pay taxes on it, and  
25           here they are putting \$33 million bucks into

1           one project and they only give us \$100,000.  
2           I think council should make an ordinance,  
3           any time a nonprofit buys a property now  
4           they have to keep paying taxes on it whether  
5           they build something on it or not or else we  
6           are going-- the city is really going to fall  
7           apart, but we won't be known as Scranton,  
8           Pennsylvania, we will be known as the  
9           University of Scranton, Pennsylvania.

10                   Last week there was an article in  
11           the Doherty newsletter about Detective Pat  
12           Tobin having charges dropped against him.  
13           Chris Doherty said that he fired Detective  
14           Tobin. That's one of many lies of Chris  
15           Doherty. Detective Tobin retired, he was  
16           not fired, but that's the shoddy reporting  
17           in the Times-Tribune.

18                   I want to read a quote from the  
19           Doherty newsletter from last week about  
20           having to do with your Court hearing, "Chris  
21           Doherty said that it distracted the  
22           administration from doing our daily tasks."

23                   Well, what does traveling the state  
24           campaigning for state senator do? That  
25           doesn't distract him from doing his daily

1           tasks? I think if you looked up the word  
2           hypocrite in the dictionary Chris Doherty's  
3           picture is there.

4                        I don't know if council saw the  
5           story also week about the political signs  
6           being picked up by DPW and Jeff Brazil went  
7           onto say that they were being taken from the  
8           right-of-way and they are not supposed to be  
9           there. Well, that's not totally true.  
10          People made posts on the Doherty Newsletter  
11          website saying their signs are stolen from  
12          the front yard. Sounds familiar, doesn't  
13          it, like the DiBileo signs being stolen?  
14          And Jeff Brazil went onto say, "Show me  
15          pictures and I'll fire them."

16                       I don't think they with ever to  
17          that, because there is two city workers on  
18          videotape stealing DiBileo signs and they  
19          are still employed to this day, so this  
20          administration they are not going to fire  
21          any of their employees no matter what they  
22          do. They just get away with everything they  
23          want.

24                       Let's see. Okay. I have spoken  
25          before about the Linden Street and

1 Washington Avenue, the garage down there,  
2 and it's still in terrible shape. The job  
3 they did is terrible. It looks like they  
4 are almost done. Was anything ever sent to  
5 Director Scopelliti?

6 MS. EVANS: I don't know.

7 MS. KRAKE: I can check into that.

8 MR. SPINDLER: Okay, if not could we  
9 get --

10 MS. EVANS: Absolutely.

11 MR. SPINDLER: Because if you look  
12 at it from Linden Street and it looks like  
13 something of the bricks are buckled, they  
14 are not even, and still they're different  
15 colors, different color concrete in-between  
16 there.

17 MS. EVANS: Well, they are not  
18 really bricks.

19 MR. SPINDLER: Well, whatever, it  
20 needs to be --

21 MS. EVANS: It's like a facade  
22 that's applied to the building.

23 MR. SPINDLER: Next thing, a  
24 neighbor of Daron Northeast approached me  
25 today and said this happened today, there

1 was a steam shovel at Daron Northeast, they  
2 put the shovel -- the operator put the  
3 shovel on the ground and just rubbed it back  
4 and forth making a loud annoying noise just  
5 to bother the neighbors there, they said  
6 this went on for four, four and a half  
7 hours, and I asked if they called the  
8 police, they didn't. I would have done that  
9 right away. But to me this is harassment.  
10 I think it might be a violation of our noise  
11 ordinance and this is just it's uncalled  
12 for. The operator is doing nothing, nothing  
13 constructive, just rubbing the shovel back  
14 and forth on the street across from these  
15 people's house and they said when they leave  
16 their house they stop doing it.

17 So it's just meant to harass these  
18 people and I think something has to be done.  
19 These people have gone through heck for  
20 years now and they can't keep putting up  
21 with this. To me this is definitely  
22 harassment and these people have to be cited  
23 and, I mean, fined really heavily I think.  
24 I think that's all I have. Thank you for  
25 your time.

1 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Mrs. Krake,  
2 I had actually spoken with the neighbors who  
3 were directly effected by the shovel action  
4 today. If we could please send another  
5 letter to Daron and to Mr. Seitzinger and  
6 attach that -- or attach the noise ordinance  
7 to that again, you know, we have been  
8 through this at council before. It's not  
9 simply a matter of excessive noise is  
10 prohibited prior to 7 a.m. and after 10  
11 p.m., it's also prohibited during daytime  
12 hours if it's effecting any resident. If  
13 anyone, let's say, is within 40 feet or of  
14 hearing distance of this. So if we can  
15 please send that along to both Daron and to  
16 Mr. Seitzinger so that this matter can be  
17 addressed and that we don't have this type  
18 of situation occurring every day throughout  
19 the summer until the month of the August  
20 which the newspaper reports to be the date  
21 of their final vacation of the property.  
22 Lee Morgan.

23 MR. MORGAN: I'm sorry, Mr. Morgan.  
24 I'm sorry. I jumped ahead. My apologies.  
25 It's actually Ron Ellman's turn.

1 MR. ELLMAN: Hello, Council. Ronnie  
2 Ellman. I have an announcement. When  
3 somebody sees me at the Chines buffet eating  
4 please leave me be. I had a man last week  
5 on Wednesday night I went to the that new  
6 Royal, which was excellent by the way, and  
7 he wouldn't leave me alone and he was mad  
8 that I talked about Brenda Williams. He  
9 said, "What does Brenda Williams have to do  
10 with the council?"

11 It's people and Brenda Williams as  
12 far as I know was a member of the community  
13 and good standing, you know, I wasn't taking  
14 sides on the issue, but I just don't know  
15 how people get such bad attitudes about  
16 everything. I shouldn't say that, should I?

17 Next, it's about this greedy,  
18 shameless bunch at the University. When I  
19 read they are going to have 400 apartments  
20 up there, they are going rent them out and  
21 we are supposed to subsidize them. When is  
22 something going to be done about this? You  
23 know, gee-whiz, that's a rental unit. Let  
24 them pay taxes like the rest of us, you  
25 know, these priests from that administration

1           they have never talked to someone that lost  
2           their house like I have on those 200 houses  
3           in the paper last Friday. I bet they have  
4           never sat across the street at Mulberry  
5           Towers like I have talking to a widow that's  
6           lost her house.

7                     All they want to do is take, you  
8           know, it's not right. They don't pay taxes,  
9           so they don't know what it's like for  
10          someone that lays bricks or pumps gas, they  
11          just don't -- they just don't associate with  
12          it. They are just -- I have talked to one  
13          of them. One of them give me the dickens  
14          about me getting up here talking which  
15          didn't shut me up, you know, but there is a  
16          solution to this. And if you listen to me  
17          for a minute North Little Rock there is a  
18          little river runs through it between --  
19          through Little Rock like the Susquehanna,  
20          just a little tiny river. About 25 or 30  
21          years ago North Little Rock put up a  
22          hydroelectric dam, and I guarantee you they  
23          didn't have no money, they must have got it  
24          from the government, and that brought the  
25          electric prices down so cheap all they did



1           was advertise all electric trailers and  
2           houses over there and then sell the  
3           electricity. Now is the time to investigate  
4           this with all of the energy crisis and all  
5           of the money that's going to be available  
6           for things like that. You got dams all  
7           around you here that could be used. And I'm  
8           sure that this could be investigated and  
9           found out that a city can do it where an  
10          individual can't. The only reason I know a  
11          little bit about the one down there is I  
12          knew a welder on it that I used to talk to  
13          that he was over the project. And I just  
14          don't see why it wouldn't be feasible for  
15          this city.

16                 You know, the administration I think  
17                 they gave them like 700 million for wind,  
18                 they are made in China. They don't even  
19                 make them over here. I saw it on the news  
20                 program. All that money that Obama got for  
21                 those windmills we are not getting it, but  
22                 they make hydroelectric equipment in this  
23                 country and the people and the engineers and  
24                 everybody wants to put people to work and  
25                 put people to work in this country and not

1 worry about China, but I don't know.

2 You people, I think the honeymoon is  
3 off with me and the council. You've just  
4 got to do something about this  
5 administration. You know, every time I go  
6 out I talk to people and it's just reached a  
7 point they just -- there is not -- tax wise  
8 there is just no more money left with the  
9 way things are around here. I saw in the  
10 paper they said the median is 41,000, it's  
11 not 41,000 in this town, it's probably --  
12 everybody I talked to makes, you know, they  
13 tell me they make 15, 20,000. You know,  
14 there is no -- I've never talked to people  
15 that -- working people that are making big  
16 sums of money. That's why there is 200  
17 foreclosures in the paper last week and that  
18 didn't even make a dent in it when you get  
19 that big sheet from the sheriff's office,  
20 you know.

21 Well, I wish council would -- there  
22 is good laws on the books. It looks like  
23 there is something could be done about these  
24 three universities. They are killing the  
25 city, they are killing the tax base. After

1           the meeting you and me can go to the Diamond  
2           Club and we'll talk about this. We'll take  
3           Boyd with us. He looks like he is  
4           interesting. Thank you.

5                   MR. LOSCOMBE: Ron, don't lose faith  
6           in us. You see we are fighting  
7           continuously, but there is a lot of things  
8           that are being done that takes some time. I  
9           mean, from the beginning we have actively  
10          looked into, you know, our nonprofit status  
11          and stuff like that, it's not something we  
12          can just pass an ordinance, there is state  
13          laws, but we are not alone in this. The  
14          nice thing is there is other areas in the  
15          state, other cities that are fighting the  
16          same fight which gives us the little bit  
17          more clout, so you will be seeing something  
18          coming down the road.

19                   MR. ELLMAN: What if 1/4 of Chicago  
20          was nonprofit? They couldn't operate 1/4 of  
21          anything. It's a impossible ratio, you  
22          know, and there is a bunch of phonies out  
23          there getting nonprofit status. Look  
24          at Friendship House. They had 241,000 to  
25          give the mayor to pave streets, people that

1           donated their money take it off their income  
2           tax to Friendship House and not to give to  
3           the city to pave streets. That was nothing  
4           about a crooked deal. There is no other way  
5           to explain it, it wasn't a straight deal.  
6           That goes on with this administration every  
7           time you investigate. Nobody will tell you  
8           nothing. You are trying to get Mr. Renda  
9           under that Sunshine Act to tell you  
10          something he refuses. Maybe the FBI can  
11          squeeze it out of him because I can't.  
12          Thank you.

13                   MS. EVANS: Thank you. Lee Morgan.

14                   MR. MORGAN: Good evening, Council.

15                   MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

16                   MR. MORGAN: 7-A, Andy spoke about  
17           it I believe before, about these energy  
18           audits and I agree with Andy, I have seen  
19           this on the agenda before and my position is  
20           maybe we should just table it. I mean, if  
21           we don't -- if the grant is going to be  
22           spent in a productive manner why spend it  
23           because then all we are doing is wasting  
24           money. Let's take a look at what all of the  
25           other audits said and let's see what we have

1 done as far as they city is concerned to  
2 comply with those audits because if people  
3 are going to send us grant money and we are  
4 just to keep wasting it and then we are  
5 going to complain about our taxes and about  
6 mismanagement of government maybe it's time  
7 to make a change in direction and just end  
8 it.

9 The other thing is ECTV. Now, Ozzie  
10 got up and spoke about ECTV. Now, I believe  
11 under the contract we are allowed to have  
12 more than one public access channel. I  
13 think we are allowed to have two. I don't  
14 know what the new contract is going to say,  
15 but I think it's important for the council  
16 to understand that there was another slot  
17 and I really do believe that the Scranton  
18 Lackawanna County Taxpayers' and Citizens'  
19 Association should really be given an  
20 opportunity to take the other channel like  
21 we asked for when we -- we did ask for  
22 access to that channel and I'm not saying  
23 that ECTV isn't doing a good job because,  
24 you know, I'm not going to come here and  
25 just try to just pound on people. It's just

1           they are -- I don't think the city has given  
2           them any money this year, I'm not absolutely  
3           positive on that, I think they are operating  
4           on a shoestring. I think that that's why  
5           it's so vital that we take the franchise fee  
6           like I suggested and break it into three so  
7           it goes to the public access channel, now,  
8           if there is two public access channels,  
9           maybe we should divide the money. But, you  
10          know, we ought to do something, like I said  
11          once before with youth programs or remedial  
12          education and the senior citizens' centers  
13          in this city, but I think there is  
14          definitely a need for two public access  
15          channels without a doubt and it would be a  
16          great benefit to the citizens of this city.

17                   I know that the Citizens'  
18          Association could get the job done. I think  
19          there is awful lot of people that have an  
20          interest to come forward and help and I just  
21          think it would be a win-win situation and I  
22          think that we should -- the tax group should  
23          be given that opportunity because that's  
24          what we function as a Citizens' Association.  
25          We are non biased, we are open-minded on all

1 issues and I just think that really that's  
2 the way to go.

3 And the other thing I have is, you  
4 know, we have two real problems in this  
5 city. One, in my opinion, and there is  
6 many, but just two that I'd like to bring up  
7 tonight is that we need to do something in  
8 regards to youth programs in the city and we  
9 also need to do something with the budget so  
10 that hopefully my contention here is that  
11 maybe we can, if the council agrees, form an  
12 advisory group to council that it's only  
13 function would be to help with the budget or  
14 to help to create youth programs in the city  
15 because I don't think that council can do  
16 everything and I don't think that we should  
17 necessarily say that council is guilty for  
18 all of the problems we have, but I think it  
19 would be productive to reach out to the  
20 residents of the city and ask them to form a  
21 committee under the control of council so  
22 that they could advise council on what their  
23 opinions are and then let council make it's  
24 decisions on what they find because I think  
25 the budget is a vast document with a lot of

1 information inside of it and I think that we  
2 if could get some accountants and people  
3 knowledgeable in those areas and bring them  
4 forward they could give a lot of good  
5 knowledge and information to council and the  
6 same thing with youth programs.

7 Maybe there is, you know, there was  
8 a lady to that came to council and asked me  
9 to be appointed to the seat you now hold,  
10 Mr. Loscombe, and she volunteered all her  
11 life, she asked what would a council person  
12 do. Janet, Mrs. Evans, you answered her  
13 question, but here is somebody who has  
14 volunteered over and over and over and over  
15 and again and there is lot of people in this  
16 city that are willing to do that, but I  
17 think we should -- I think council should  
18 offer to let them come forward and help them  
19 with our problems. That's all I have.  
20 Thank you.

21 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Joseph  
22 Kokowicz.

23 MR. KOKOWICZ: Could I give you a  
24 copy of these?

25 MS. EVANS: If it's -- is that your



1 information?

2 MR. KOKOWICZ: Yes.

3 MS. EVANS: Okay.

4 (Mr. Kokowicz approaches the dais.)

5 MS. EVANS: Thank you, sir.

6 MR. KOKOWICZ: On the first page  
7 that you look you see they have about the  
8 taxes. Seven, ten, and it's on both sides.  
9 It's added into the sale price of a house.  
10 They were never paid out-of-pocket in  
11 advance, so then you go to the second page  
12 on the left-hand column, county taxes were  
13 paid for three months and the city and  
14 school taxes were paid for three months.  
15 Then you go down to the bottom right-hand  
16 corner, and you will see taxes were paid for  
17 the whole year \$999.00, \$283.00 and \$170.00.  
18 That's all in one property in one year. I  
19 gave you the second page which showed the  
20 taxes were paid on April 17 where this was  
21 sold on April 13. I paid taxes on one  
22 property two and three-quarter times, and  
23 I'd like to know where my money is, if you  
24 could ask Mr. Courtright to look into it?

25 MS. EVANS: Yes. I can keep these

1           then?

2                   MR. KOKOWICZ: Yes.

3                   MS. EVANS: Yes, I'll certainly take  
4 this to him.

5                   MR. KOKOWICZ: And the agreement was  
6 that I was only supposed to pay a quarter of  
7 the taxes, so that means there is two and a  
8 half times the amount of the taxes and money  
9 missing, and then if you still look on the  
10 second page you will see for a transfer of  
11 the mortgage \$1,696. If you go back to the  
12 first page it says the mortgage was paid off  
13 \$48,000 so how can I transfer a mortgage  
14 when there is no mortgage to transfer and  
15 they charged me \$1, 696. Where did that  
16 money go to? So that brings a grand total  
17 of \$4,800 and some dollars missing.

18                   I can't get no answers. I went to  
19 everybody. I went to the realtors, I went  
20 to the lawyers, I went to the DA's Office, I  
21 went to the Attorney General's Office, I  
22 can't get a answer. That's all I can get  
23 down at the tax office is a copy of the  
24 taxes were paid and no back taxes due on it.  
25 It was the taxes were paid on April 17.

1 MS. EVANS: Yes.

2 MR. KOKOWICZ: The house was sold on  
3 April 13. April 19 I go down the deed's  
4 office I find a deed in my name for \$68,000  
5 plus interest, three notes on it, plus  
6 collateral is taken out on April 19. I  
7 can't find out who put that in my name and I  
8 put the house that I sold on April 13 up for  
9 collateral. Without my permission someone  
10 did this. I have the paperwork on me.

11 MS. EVANS: Can you also leave your  
12 number with Ms. Carrera and maybe she can  
13 even make copies of the other information.

14 MR. KOKOWICZ: Oh, I have a ton of  
15 it. More than that. That's all I have.  
16 Thank you.

17 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

18 MS. EVANS: Thank you very much and  
19 we'll be in touch with you.

20 MR. KOKOWICZ: All right. Thank  
21 you.

22 MS. EVANS: Is there anyone else who  
23 would like to address council tonight?

24 MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening. Dave  
25 Dobrzyn, resident of Scranton, member of the

1 Taxpayers'. I may need a little extra time  
2 here because I have an accounting of the  
3 issues with ECTV and they're somewhat  
4 lengthy. I would just like to read them off  
5 and finish it. Hopefully we will have time  
6 for my golden parrot, but okay.

7 On 4-29-10 we had a meeting on a  
8 Thursday, John Keeler, Kevin Haggerty, Ken  
9 Smith, and Bob Lesh did not respond to  
10 registered mail. The time was about one  
11 hour and 42 minutes and some seconds. On  
12 that date I purchased a VHS tape. My camera  
13 uses mini-DVC which is at best the best  
14 compatible medium for ECTV and it's been  
15 spoiling the tapes a little bit so I just  
16 have to -- I had a cleaner bought and it  
17 didn't work and so forth. Okay.

18 Well, late that evening I recorded  
19 it the DVD to the VHS. I make both a tape  
20 and the DVD. The VHS was submitted at 2:30  
21 p.m. 4-30-10. I did include a note on  
22 Friday with the phone number asking me to be  
23 notified of any problems. I didn't have any  
24 expectations of hearing on that day, you  
25 know, it was pretty late already and I

1 expected Monday.

2 About 4:30 on 5-3-10, Monday, Mark  
3 called and said the sound levels were too  
4 low, suggested replacement. That evening I  
5 recorded a DVD to VHS using a graphic  
6 equalizer in-between on seven to boost it  
7 and on 5-4-10 at 5:45 a.m. in the interest  
8 of getting it down there I dropped it off in  
9 the slot and asked for proper notification  
10 of suitability.

11 On 5-5-10 I guess it was then, I  
12 asked Anthony what was up and he said that  
13 Mark wished to speak to me after the council  
14 meeting. Well, I did go down, but Mark  
15 wasn't there and I went home and left a  
16 message or whatever to call, a verbal  
17 message, and on 5-6-10 approximately 4 p.m.  
18 Mark finally called to notify me the second  
19 recording was also insufficient on sound and  
20 asked for a DVD, which was submitted that  
21 evening in a case for protection, and I  
22 visited there about 5:00 p.m. and no one was  
23 there and I knocked and dropped the DVD off.

24 On 5-7 I called at 1:30 p.m., that  
25 was I guess last Friday, and reached John.

1 He said Mark would be there -- be back at  
2 about 2:30 p.m., so I rode the bus to town,  
3 I don't have a car during the day, arrived  
4 about 2:30, stopped at the Wyoming studio,  
5 knocked and no answer, returned at 3:30  
6 knocked, still no answer. I went home. I  
7 just gave up.

8 Over the weekend 5-9-10 I was called  
9 by Ozzie Quinn, Kevin Haggerty, and I told  
10 them only what I knew that I could not  
11 answer suitably especially to Mr. Haggerty  
12 on when it would be broadcast.

13 On 5-10-10 approximately 3:30 p.m.  
14 Mark called and asked for the master DVD,  
15 so, okay, I went down to the studio at 4:30  
16 p.m. and was told the DVD was incompatible.  
17 Mark did show me on the computer screen,  
18 however, I'm not a trained videographer and,  
19 you know, whether it was something I didn't  
20 know or he didn't know or whatever, the  
21 software program was incompatible possibly,  
22 whatever. But at that time I was offered  
23 to -- I offered to resubmit another VHS with  
24 maximum volume on the EQ which I did about  
25 9:15.

1 I felt that Mark was defensive at an  
2 earlier meeting and somewhat condescending.  
3 He also stated that VHS in his opinion had  
4 deficiencies any further it would not be  
5 used, the broadcast would not be used. I  
6 did not accuse or argue, I went home and  
7 recorded a new tape. I also was told at  
8 that time that tape number two was  
9 incomplete, which was inaccurate. I  
10 reviewed all submissions at least briefly  
11 using fast forward and at 9:15 on that date,  
12 yesterday.

13 I resubmitted the third tape with a  
14 somewhat firm note without any foul language  
15 or any accusations of my feelings and my  
16 time approximately already I had 10 to 15  
17 hours on producing the taxpayers and the  
18 10:30 p.m. Mark called back to my house  
19 yelling about the note and asked if I was  
20 kidding about the note and the content of  
21 the note and proceeded to say I can take my  
22 crappy tape and at that time I shut him down  
23 and said, "This is the end of the  
24 conversation," and hung up the phone.

25 I didn't care at this point. I

1 really didn't care. My only sense of  
2 loyalty is the taxpayers. I promised them I  
3 would do it and I did it. The phone rang  
4 again and awoke my wife so I pulled the cord  
5 out. At 5-11 at 11 p.m. I turned onto  
6 Channel 19 and the taxpayers was on recorded  
7 on 4-27-10.

8 Finally, I received comments and  
9 content of other meetings like my God were  
10 mad on bad content and bad activities and so  
11 forth. I reviewed the contents and  
12 established that I was busy at the camera.  
13 I was blamed that I didn't rush over to  
14 defend the situation. That's when I feel  
15 the relationship started to decay, but I had  
16 no control over what Mike Osborne's opinion  
17 was and I did review that because I keep the  
18 back issues and I watched what I was doing  
19 and I had just refocused the camera, so I  
20 was busy, you know, and I bought that camera  
21 because I just couldn't catch onto a piece  
22 of equipment that I was using every three  
23 weeks. It wasn't practical.

24 I viewed several ECTV products over  
25 the last night to this morning with the



1 various sound levels from very low to okay,  
2 i.e., Scranton "U", no mics in the audience  
3 for questions and Dave Decosmo, who I do  
4 like, I really like David Decosmo, I like  
5 his broadcasts and I do watch them, he had a  
6 low sound level. It was lower than what I  
7 had.

8 MS. EVANS: Mr. Dobrzyn, I'd  
9 appreciate it if you could commit this log  
10 and these problems to writing in and give  
11 it --

12 MR. DOBRZYN: Yeah, I have them in  
13 writing right here.

14 MS. EVANS: And give it to Scranton  
15 City Council.

16 MR. DOBRZYN: Okay, I'll meet you  
17 after the meeting.

18 MS. EVANS: Yes, it's an issue I  
19 think that we do want to look into. It's  
20 one of the numerous issues on the plate --

21 MR. DOBRZYN: I want to point out to  
22 you, also, when we taped you people for the  
23 election you were played twice at 3:00 in  
24 the morning.

25 MS. EVANS: Yes.

1 MR. DOBRZYN: Now, the thing that  
2 makes me sick, the most sick about  
3 television, regular television, is when I  
4 got a candidate that has 50,000 ads on I  
5 know it's costing millions of dollars that's  
6 the guy I vote against. I follow the money.  
7 They get the golden parrot award of the week  
8 when I see too many ads on making the other  
9 guy look like, you know, sinister and  
10 whatever.

11 But, you know, I've had mishaps, I  
12 have a little bit more here. And  
13 interjecting commentary, with the one time a  
14 plug popped out and we lost audio and we had  
15 crackling audio, I was very embarrassed by  
16 it, but I took it on myself and hooked up a  
17 microphone into the system and rerecorded it  
18 and, you know, so it wasn't on ECTV's --  
19 wasn't getting blamed for it and I'm an  
20 amateur, you know? I don't know much about  
21 this. I started filming the taxpayers two  
22 years ago and also I have recorded Steamtown  
23 events except -- and expect for Christmas  
24 train, which was there, I was told they  
25 weren't interested. I have six hours of

1 tapes, cost several hundred dollars to go on  
2 those trips, and I have to take Miss Riley  
3 with me, of course, but it's not about me.  
4 Those tapes -- I don't even care on those  
5 tapes.

6 MS. EVANS: No, I understand. You  
7 volunteer, you have given very generously of  
8 yourself and --

9 MR. DOBRZYN: Yes.

10 MS. EVAN: And time and your own  
11 financial efforts and, as I said, if you can  
12 just give us all of this in writing.

13 MR. DOBRZYN: Certainly. Certainly.

14 MS. EVANS: This is something we  
15 want to document and we want to take a look  
16 at and --

17 MR. DOBRZYN: I did also view that  
18 twice. I'd appreciate if they would spread  
19 it out a little more and you have to turn  
20 the television up, sorry that I'm an  
21 amateur, but that's the way it goes, you  
22 know?

23 MS. EVANS: Well, you know, the  
24 ideal solution here in my opinion would be  
25 that ECTV would be filming these government

1 programs whether it's something, you know,  
2 involving government itself like the  
3 Redevelopment Authority, the Recreation  
4 Authority, etcetera.

5 MR. DOBRZYN: Yes.

6 MS. EVANS: And that they broadcast  
7 all government meetings in terms of the  
8 elected officials who conduct meetings, but  
9 these authority meetings are just as  
10 important, many times more so, and the  
11 Lackawanna County Taxpayers' Association is  
12 certainly another meeting that is worthy,  
13 and particularly at election time it is very  
14 important that the voters are able to see at  
15 regular programming hours the results of  
16 public forums and debates, etcetera, so that  
17 they can make an educated vote.

18 And so we are going to take all of  
19 this into consideration and we need that  
20 documentation, and if you can provide that  
21 that would be great, and I'm going to ask  
22 though that you would hold your parrot award  
23 and perhaps do a double parrot next time.

24 MR. DOBRZYN: Okay.

25 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Dobrzyn.

1 MR. DOBRZYN: Well, at any rate I'm  
2 going to cheat a little, it's for  
3 (unintelligible) I mean, Blair Petroleum, I  
4 mean, British Petroleum for their callous  
5 disregard for life and limb and the  
6 environment. Thank you. Have a good night.

7 MS. EVANS: Is there anyone else who  
8 would like to address council?

9 MR. TALIMINI: Joe Talimini,  
10 Scranton I haven't been here in the last  
11 three or four weeks, but I haven't been  
12 neglecting you people. I have been doing a  
13 lot of time with some of the black  
14 community, some of the elderly community and  
15 an awful lot of the young community and it  
16 appears that the election of Mr. Rogan and  
17 Mr. Joyce has had a great impact on the  
18 young community because they very, very  
19 interested in learning more about the city  
20 and that's remarkable.

21 MR. ROGAN: That's good to hear, Mr.  
22 Talimini.

23 MR. TALIMINI: And one of my  
24 favorite subjects, of course, is that temple  
25 up on the hill, the University of Scranton.

1 We have given away Linden Street. I know  
2 this is not going to be very popular, but  
3 I'm not about to give away Mulberry Street.  
4 I'm sorry. I mean, you people can do what  
5 you want, but I'm going to fight this tooth  
6 and nail and I hope I can get a lot of other  
7 people behind me to fight this tooth and  
8 nail. As I mentioned a few weeks ago, this  
9 University takes in over \$184 million a  
10 year. That's just in tuition. They also  
11 take in a considerable amount of grant  
12 money, gifts, donations and everything.  
13 They would like to take credit for the  
14 DeNaple's Center, which they did build, but  
15 with whose money? You know, I mean, enough  
16 is enough.

17 Now, they want to take in that kind  
18 of business, which is understandable, they  
19 are going to take over another whole block  
20 directly across from the street from the  
21 DeNaple's Center. Now, I don't know if the  
22 people in this town are aware of the fact  
23 but Mulberry Street is main thoroughfare.  
24 There are ambulances and fire trucks and  
25 police cars running up and down there all of

1 the time. The police cars mostly at night  
2 because of the University of Scranton. I  
3 mean, I think they teach stupidity 101 to  
4 this kids and they are passing with flying  
5 kids because they don't cross at  
6 intersections, they cross in the middle of  
7 the street wearing dark clothing, usually  
8 half-loaded after they walk out of the bar  
9 and/ARPB I said in a newsletter just  
10 recently, you know, if it wasn't illegal I  
11 would like to make claim on road kill and  
12 I'm not the only one who feels that way.  
13 There are an awful lot of people who are  
14 disgusted.

15 Now, I hope you will recognize the  
16 impact that this is going to have on  
17 Mulberry Street. You are going to put up a  
18 high-rise building there. You are going to  
19 have 400 additional students. It's bad  
20 enough in the daytime when you can see these  
21 kids. At night, they will run back and  
22 forth across the street.

23 They have a security force up there  
24 and I think that security force does an  
25 admirable job. I have driven by there on

1           many occasions and seen two or three of them  
2           standing on the corner talking to the girls  
3           while a fight is taking place a half a block  
4           away, but you call the Scranton Police  
5           Department because that's what they are for.  
6           Now, I don't know how much they pay these  
7           guys, but if they are paying them over a  
8           dollar and a quarter an hour they are being  
9           robbed because that security force up there  
10          is useless. And the Scranton Police  
11          Department is providing protection for them.  
12          The Scranton Fire Department is providing  
13          protection for them.

14                   And our mayor has the nerve to tell  
15          us that they gave us \$100,000 last year. My  
16          math isn't that good, but \$100,000 on \$184  
17          million that they took in just from tuitions  
18          doesn't seem like a very reasonable donation  
19          to me, but I'll tell you what if I could get  
20          that kind of money I would like to buy  
21          Mulberry Street, I would like to buy  
22          Lackawanna Avenue and maybe you can even  
23          sell me Washington Avenue. For a 100 grand  
24          I think that's a pretty damn good investment  
25          and I hope this council has the backbone to



1 stand up to these people and fight them  
2 tooth and nail because if you don't I will  
3 be fighting you tooth and nail. Thank you  
4 very much.

5 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Talimini.

6 MR. JONES: Okay, I'll say hi. Good  
7 evening, Council. My name is Bob Jones,  
8 Scranton resident and member of the  
9 Taxpayers'.

10 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

11 MR. JONES: I'd like to start off  
12 with a little bit of humor. Last Sunday a  
13 good friend wished me a Happy Mother's Day.  
14 I won't get into why.

15 I wrote down for ECTV again, why  
16 aren't the Taxpayers' meetings even shown  
17 live? Why do we -- Ozzie Quinn works all  
18 month to organize these and to get people  
19 together to come to them and, well, like he  
20 said, he is just being snubbed and I see  
21 everything on there from Betty Boop cartoons  
22 to Doherty's home movies and, well, ECTV  
23 should just give up the ghost. Give it back  
24 to Scranton Today, that's my opinion.

25 And I'd like to thank Mr. Loscombe

1 for bringing up the noise ordinance and they  
2 really are enforcing it, so on Parker and  
3 Main, here's a warning for you, if you want  
4 to shake, rattle and roll, nobody is going  
5 to get in your car because there is nothing  
6 but old people that live there, so nobody is  
7 going to jump in your car and think you are  
8 cool over it. So thanks, Mr. Loscombe, and  
9 just a warning there, if you want to shake,  
10 rattle and roll all night you will find a  
11 cop there and thanks for cops, too. Sit in  
12 my driveway if you want.

13 Also, yeah, I was hearing a story  
14 about Daron Northeast. I'm not going to say  
15 any fancy words, you were told to get out of  
16 town two years ago, move it. You shouldn't  
17 even be there and you are harassing that  
18 lady and, well, without fancy words get out  
19 of town before the whole city gets involved  
20 and you don't want these guys on you,  
21 either.

22 And again, ECTV's number in case you  
23 want to call it, all it is is an answering  
24 machine, almost guaranteed nobody will  
25 answer it, but if you want to fill it up

1           their number again is 558-3322. If you want  
2           to call them again the number is 558-3322.  
3           Fill up the answering machine for them, will  
4           you? Ozzie Quinn will thank you for it.  
5           All right, thanks. That's all I got to say.

6                     MR. ROGAN: Thank you.

7                     MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening,  
8           Council, Marie Schumacher. First, I'd like  
9           to ask Mr. Loscombe if you ever got the  
10          statistics on the number of individuals who  
11          have been arrested in the city for buying  
12          drugs?

13                    MR. LOSCOMBE: No, I haven't  
14          received that yet. I still have a couple of  
15          things I have to get together, too, but I'll  
16          check on that again.

17                    MS. SCHUMACHER: I certainly would  
18          appreciate it, because if it's illegal to  
19          sell, it's also illegal to buy and I know  
20          they have to -- the police have to witness a  
21          number of trades before they move in and  
22          arrest somebody, so they obviously know who  
23          the buyers are, and I think it's patently  
24          unfair. If we didn't have buyers the seller  
25          would go elsewhere, so I think it's time

1           that we start enforcing both sides of that  
2           illegal transaction.

3                   MR. LOSCOMBE:  If I could see you  
4           after the meeting.  I just want to get some  
5           more information from you.

6                   MS. SCHUMACHER:  Sure.  Thank you.  
7           And quick on ECTV, I don't know why it is  
8           that the county is able to have streaming  
9           video, I can go on there and review any of  
10          the tapes of any of the county meetings, why  
11          that is not possible for the city.  Now, I  
12          believe that ECTV gets \$1,000 a month from  
13          the county, but it was this city that gave  
14          them the \$100,000 to buy all of the  
15          equipment and it would seem to me that you  
16          shouldn't have to be a Comcast customer to  
17          be able to view them, you should be able to  
18          sit down at your computer and view the  
19          meetings.

20                   Also, their proposal, they were  
21          supposed to have workshops so you could  
22          borrow this equipment and use it to make  
23          productions after you attended these  
24          workshops so they could help you, and again,  
25          you can't even get them to answer a phone

1 let alone the workshop so I would like to  
2 show what the status of these workshops are  
3 and if they are ever going to comply with  
4 what they promised in their proposal which I  
5 understand was accepted as written.

6 And now I'd like to move to what I  
7 really -- what really is on my heart today.  
8 I still think, and I don't know some of you  
9 weren't here back a couple of years ago, it  
10 was February when a man by the name of I  
11 believe it was Paul Mealy, I may have that  
12 wrong, but came to this podium and spoke and  
13 it was really quite tragic because his house  
14 had been done condemned, he lived on Dickson  
15 Avenue. His house had been condemned for I  
16 believe it was something like fleas on his  
17 animals or something like that that had  
18 gotten into the house and his house was  
19 condemned. And when the house was condemned  
20 according to the BOCA Code the entire house  
21 has to be brought up to spec and the city  
22 had one of the utilities cut off and they  
23 left the water on so there was no heat in  
24 his home, that was an extremely cold  
25 February, the pipes burst, his basement got

1 flooded causing him a whole lot more damage  
2 than he originally needed and then he had  
3 all of these other things, of course, to  
4 bring the house up to code. He couldn't  
5 afford to do it apparently at that point in  
6 time and then there was a fire at his home  
7 and I don't know if it's even happen  
8 habitable now.

9 But I just tell you that because  
10 that was a tragic set of circumstances, but  
11 I understand that the BOCA Code is amendable  
12 be by the municipalities and I would like to  
13 ask that you take a look at that and have  
14 the solicitor see, now, I know there are  
15 some things that are absolutely safety  
16 related. I can see if you go in and if  
17 something is a matter with your house and  
18 it's condemned for one reason, it may be  
19 something outside and then they come in and  
20 they look through your house and then you  
21 have to come up to the current code, you  
22 have to have all of your outlets in a  
23 certain place. If your wiring is right and  
24 you if have been living there and you're  
25 happy with it, I mean, I could sell a house

1 to somebody and they could move -- buy the  
2 house, move in and the house may not be  
3 totally up to code, but one infraction that  
4 results in a condemnation what it's actually  
5 doing I think is why we have a lot of  
6 abandoned structures in this city.

7 People are not allowed to live if  
8 their house is condemned for something they  
9 have this huge expense in bringing  
10 everything in the house up to current code,  
11 you all voted recently to probably increase  
12 the cost even more with the current code and  
13 so what happens? People can't afford to do  
14 it, they abandon the home and I think you  
15 really need to look at it, I think only, and  
16 I'll just take one more second here, is  
17 change that section of the code so that an  
18 area like Scranton where most of the houses  
19 were built a long time ago, safety items,  
20 yes, but not everything up to every single  
21 code. All you are doing are forcing people  
22 out of their homes, so I would appreciate if  
23 you would like into that. Thank you.

24 MR. ROGAN: We will. Thank you.

25 MR. ANCHERANI: Good evening,

1 Council, Nelson Ancherani, First Amendment  
2 Rights. Last week, Council, you suffered  
3 the loss of your battle to save the  
4 taxpayers \$700,000. You didn't get a chance  
5 to cut the budgetary fat from the budget,  
6 you know, like the mayor is going to do when  
7 he goes to work for the state. Your loss  
8 was disappointing, but it wasn't a surprise.  
9 It would have been a surprise if you won it.  
10 It wasn't in vein. You showed us, we, the  
11 people, the taxpayers, that money could be  
12 saved. We know who is looking out for the  
13 taxpayers and who isn't.

14 Also, for your critics, the ones  
15 saying amending the budgets, saving the  
16 taxpayers \$700,000 and then getting sued by  
17 the mayor of the city, stopping the  
18 taxpayers \$700,000 savings cost the city  
19 legal fees. This is what we have a law  
20 department for to fight the city's battles  
21 and not pay \$600 an hour for outside of  
22 attorneys to fight the city's battles like  
23 the ones who will be getting paid for the  
24 new violation by the city of the SIT clerk  
25 agreement with the city police union.



1                   Last week, Council, you also won one  
2                   for transparency. Four out of five of you  
3                   voted to conduct your meetings with PEL in  
4                   public forum. This is great. I hate to be  
5                   the one to tell you, but they will never  
6                   meet in public. They don't want the public  
7                   to know what they are doing since in my  
8                   opinion they don't do anything. They don't  
9                   do anything but collect paychecks. This is  
10                  the 19th year the city has been in  
11                  distressed status. Ten years of the  
12                  Connors' administration and nine years of  
13                  the Doherty administration. For 19 years  
14                  PEL has been the coordinator of the Recovery  
15                  Plan. What have they done to get the city  
16                  out of distressed status? Funny, but I  
17                  can't think of anything of merit, but tons  
18                  of money they made over the years. Don't  
19                  forget, if the city still wasn't distressed  
20                  they would be out of a job.

21                  In my opinion they have done nothing  
22                  while the mayor violated a Recovery Plan PEL  
23                  implemented. They did nothing to reign the  
24                  mayor in from his 25 million in raises and  
25                  new hires since 2002. They did nothing

1 while the mayor borrowed and spent us into a  
2 360 million long-term debt that our  
3 grandchildren will be paying for the next 35  
4 years. Our children and grand kids don't  
5 deserve this.

6 Of course, Mr. McGoff voted yes and  
7 no for public meetings. What does that  
8 mean? Yes, and no.

9 Now, onto the budgetary fat. 360  
10 million to 400 million in long-term debt.  
11 35 million Scranton Parking Authority loan,  
12 when that's paid back 59 million will be  
13 paid back in interest. 267,000 wasted on  
14 repairs to the Casey Parkway that was torn  
15 down because it was declared unsafe. 25  
16 million in raises, okay. 5.5 million that  
17 was an American Anglican arbitration loss.  
18 Third highest wage tax in the state. \$4,200  
19 a month rent for OECD office in the Life  
20 building. That's \$50,400 a year and for  
21 seven years translates into \$352,000.  
22 300,000 for Christmas lights. 72 million  
23 bond secured in July of 2003. A million  
24 paid for AAA rating. 50,000 a year to  
25 Genesis Wildlife. 48,000 a year for hand

1           scanners, that translates into at least  
2           300,000 for the last six years. 7.5 million  
3           bonds for PPL lights. Millions for outside  
4           attorneys. Forced Channel 61 out of city  
5           hall in favor of higher priced ECTV. Forced  
6           out a hundred employees, white or  
7           gray-haired employees in 2002, paying them  
8           full benefits and hiring 100 new employees  
9           to replace them paying full benefits.

10                   They cut the SIT clerk grants writer  
11           out of the budget violating the SIT  
12           agreement in the police contract only to add  
13           20,000 more to the police department budget  
14           in the professional services. They forced  
15           the police union to go to arbitration  
16           because the police contract was violated.

17                   And a question I have is I bet you  
18           can answer without counting your fingers or  
19           your toes how many times did the city file  
20           grievances against the police or fire  
21           unions, and remember you can't use your  
22           fingers or toes. Eliminated the traffic  
23           division and they give out the work for a  
24           private contractor. I believe there is more  
25           lights out now than I have ever seen.

1                   And that's only a small amount of  
2                   the budgetary fat. There is more, but no  
3                   time to give them. Thank you.

4                   MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Is there  
5                   anyone else who would like to address  
6                   council? Fifth order. Mr. McGoff, do you  
7                   have any motions or comments?

8                   MR. MCGOFF: Please. Last week I  
9                   was asked if I would contact Mr. Brazil at  
10                  the Department of Public Works with requests  
11                  that had been made to him and which had not  
12                  -- to which he had not responded. I did  
13                  that. I received the list of requests and I  
14                  met with Mr. Brazil. Just to briefly say he  
15                  said that any of the -- all requests would  
16                  be looked at, we went through them one by  
17                  one. Things went on and he put them onto a  
18                  list and that all of the requests would be  
19                  addressed in some way.

20                  He also mentioned that it's not  
21                  necessary to call council with citizens'  
22                  requests. If a citizen has a request for  
23                  something that DPW can do please call DPW.  
24                  All calls will be answered, all requests  
25                  will be considered and looked at. There is

1 no need for letters from council in order to  
2 get these requests listened to.

3 And just to again briefly, some of  
4 the more specific ones that we talked about  
5 and I'm kind of doing these in the order  
6 that -- by date that they were on here. One  
7 of the requests that we talked about was:  
8 "No Parking" driveway signs. There were a  
9 couple of requests that people wanted for  
10 those. Mr. Brazil's response was that they  
11 receive numerous requests for their signs,  
12 for those types of signs, and that the signs  
13 are expensive to make and to install and  
14 that they cannot install a sign at every  
15 private driveway in the city. It would just  
16 be far too costly, so their policy is that  
17 they are not putting any new "No parking"  
18 driveway signs. If there is a problem, the  
19 proper thing to do would be to call the  
20 police and whoever is blocking the driveway  
21 would be cited.

22 The second thing that had been  
23 brought up was the collection of garbage and  
24 recyclables at commercial establishments in  
25 the city. Garbage is not collected at

1 commercial establishments, however, the DPW  
2 does collect recyclables and the reason they  
3 do that is that this goes towards credits  
4 with the state that grants for public works  
5 are some are based on the weight of  
6 recyclables collected, and so it's  
7 beneficial to the city to actually collect  
8 recyclables from commercial establishments  
9 that, in fact, do recycle.

10 As far as the paving list,  
11 Mr. Brazil said that that is being  
12 addressed, they are trying to put together a  
13 list. He is somewhat reluctant, I don't  
14 want to say -- I shouldn't say reluctant.  
15 As far as putting a list together and saying  
16 that certain streets will be paved at a  
17 certain time, he doesn't really feel that he  
18 wants to do that because people would  
19 then -- if, in fact, something happened that  
20 they didn't get to the paving at that  
21 particular time then people would become  
22 more irate.

23 MS. EVANS: Could he at least  
24 provide a list of the streets to be paved?

25 MR. MCGOFF: Yes, and he said that

1           they are in the process of doing that and  
2           they would try and as streets are paved that  
3           he will try and get a specific list of, you  
4           know, streets for the next segment of paving  
5           with the dates and/or probably dates for  
6           completion.

7                         Also, the other thing that they have  
8           to be aware of is the funds that are being  
9           expended with the paving and so they can't  
10          project too far into the future.

11                        As far as there was a something  
12          about 500 block of Rebecca Avenue, a two-way  
13          street when the other lots of Rebecca are  
14          one-way only, he said he does not know what  
15          council would need to do or what people --  
16          what someone would need to do would be to  
17          check the ordinance as to why that exists.  
18          It must have been -- it must have been done  
19          by ordinance and when and why he is unaware.

20                        Speed bumps. Speed bumps, the DPW  
21          will not put speed bumps on city streets.  
22          He said the basic reason is that it's a  
23          liability to the city. Any damage that they  
24          might inflict upon a car while they may --  
25          while it may be a safety procedure, any

1 damage that may be inflicted on a car going  
2 over a speed bump would -- the city would  
3 then be liable and it's -- even though it  
4 might be posted and, you know, whatever,  
5 that it's just -- it's not a practical thing  
6 to do because of the liability.

7 And anything with the -- there was  
8 one on traffic lights at Lackawanna Avenue  
9 and Penn and Wyoming and North Washington,  
10 and he said that all of these are part of  
11 the overall signalization program which we  
12 have dealt with before, that seems to be in  
13 limbo. I don't -- I don't know where the  
14 overall program is at. That might be  
15 something to -- what, in fact, is going to  
16 be -- maybe a more pervasive answer -- or  
17 question not only dealing with these streets  
18 but the entire program and what, you know,  
19 is there a -- is there something that -- is  
20 there some plan that is in place and, you  
21 know, that we can have a timetable for all  
22 of these, so that might be a better thing to  
23 look into and I can ask him about that. I  
24 didn't think to do that at the time that we  
25 are going through these.



1                   Let me see. Oh, two or three more.  
2                   The handicap curb at Duffy Park and the  
3                   corners of the Harrison and Crown and paving  
4                   the Unit block of Crown Avenue, they are  
5                   weighting on this because the design for the  
6                   Harrison Avenue bridge has not been done and  
7                   there is thought that the depending on what  
8                   design they come back with, where they put  
9                   the bridge and where it starts and ends and  
10                  how it's going to be done would effect all  
11                  of the -- it would effect part -- it would  
12                  effect the 100 block of Crown Avenue and I  
13                  guess what they're basically saying is that  
14                  until they get something from people doing  
15                  the bridge, the design for it, they would  
16                  like to wait on doing anything, especially  
17                  the paving of the unit block of Crown  
18                  Avenue. They said there may be some real  
19                  substantial changes because of what they  
20                  want to do with that bridge.

21                  Moosic Street "No Parking" signs on  
22                  Moosic Street. Again, Mr. Brazil is unaware  
23                  of any ordinance and in order to put up  
24                  signs he would need the ordinance for "No  
25                  Parking" in order to place the signs. The

1 other -- and also this was responded to back  
2 in October when we -- a response was sent  
3 to -- this same response was sent to the  
4 Clerk's Office in October and --

5 MS. EVANS: But the signs originally  
6 were there and DPW removed those signs and  
7 so we are just asking for them to put the  
8 signs back up there.

9 MR. MCGOFF: Well, like I said, that  
10 part I'm not unaware of. He said that he  
11 would like -- if he sees the ordinance, you  
12 know, if he is provided with the ordinance  
13 then, you know, they will look into doing  
14 that.

15 The other issue there, and whether  
16 it's real or not, but very many residents  
17 along Moosic Street park on the street.  
18 Again, many of the them park on the sidewalk  
19 in that area, so I don't -- I'm not saying  
20 that we shouldn't look into this and they  
21 shouldn't be there, but I know many of the  
22 residents would be extremely inconvenienced  
23 by "No Parking" signs up and down Moosic  
24 Street.

25 MS. EVANS: I don't think they meant

1 the length, the entire length of Moosic  
2 Street.

3 MR. MCGOFF: Well, it was from  
4 Prospect to Meadow which is pretty much  
5 the-- it only leaves out the 100 block,  
6 that's from the 100 to the ten hundred  
7 block, so that would be pretty extensive.

8 And the last one dealt with the 200  
9 block of North Cameron Avenue and the  
10 flooding problems. Mr. Brazil said that  
11 they are not working at all in 200 block of  
12 North Cameron, that that was a separate  
13 project that was being done by someone else,  
14 that the work they were doing was in the 500  
15 block of North Cameron that they were doing  
16 something with the flooding problems.

17 MS. EVANS: So the DPW was  
18 addressing the flooding problems in one  
19 block of North Cameron, but not another,  
20 someone else is addressing it?

21 MR. MCGOFF: Well, as far as he knew  
22 that there was some other -- whoever was  
23 doing some work in the 200 block of North  
24 Cameron. Again --

25 MS. EVANS: We'll have to try to

1 determine who that is.

2 MR. MCGOFF: Right. And anyway, I  
3 guess we can do that. I'm just relaying the  
4 response.

5 MS. EVANS: Yes.

6 MR. MCGOFF: And that was all. And  
7 again, just to reiterate that if people have  
8 requests for DPW please call during the  
9 hours that they are there and he said that  
10 all calls will be received and all calls  
11 would be -- all requests would be  
12 considered. Anything on that before we move  
13 on?

14 MS. EVANS: No. Only that earlier  
15 on under clerk's notes when Mrs. Krake had  
16 mentioned that there were additional  
17 problems that Mr. Brazil had not responded  
18 to, I had suggested that in your absence,  
19 this is a suggestion, that if you were able  
20 to talk to Mr. Brazil even biweekly to let  
21 him know about the problems of the residents  
22 of the city that have come to us and in that  
23 way just receive his responses directly and  
24 then you can report them back to the people.  
25 We appreciate that very much so since it

1           doesn't seem to work well otherwise, so  
2           thank you.

3                     MR. MCGOFF:   Okay.

4                     MR. ROGAN:   And while we are  
5           speaking about this, I received a call from  
6           Mr. Brazil a few weeks ago, we have been  
7           playing phone tag back and forth, we have  
8           been having a hard time getting in touch  
9           with each other, he gave me his cell phone  
10          number so I will be meeting with him in the  
11          next week as well about some other issues.

12                    MR. MCGOFF:   Okay. All right. The  
13          second thing just to respond about, last  
14          week we didn't take a vote on meeting with  
15          PEL. I believe it was our feelings towards  
16          the meetings, and I never did vote against  
17          meeting in council chambers. I believe my  
18          response was that I thought we could meet  
19          both with PEL at their office and here. I  
20          know we become somewhat incensed when people  
21          refuse to meet with us. I thought it was  
22          appropriate that since an invitation was  
23          extended to meet with them at their office  
24          that in the nature of gaining information  
25          that we could meet with them there and they

1           could meet with us here, so I never did say  
2           I didn't want to meet with PEL to discuss  
3           it, I just thought that it would, again, in  
4           gaining information that we could do both,  
5           and that's all.

6                       MS. EVANS: Thank you. Councilman  
7           Rogan, any motions or comments?

8                       MR. ROGAN: Yes. Thank you. A lot  
9           of residents brought up a problems with ECTV  
10          today and the last few months I don't know,  
11          I'm sure everybody else in here has received  
12          complaints from residents about the volume,  
13          about the infrequency of the council  
14          meetings being run and, you know, I remember  
15          when I first ran for council we had the  
16          debate, we had candidates interviews for the  
17          Taxpayers' Association as well as the League  
18          of Women Voters and they were running almost  
19          on an hourly basis, and I thought that was  
20          great to get, you know, to give each  
21          candidate their time, to have their platform  
22          out on TV and people could listen to them  
23          and I would hope that ECTV over the next  
24          week would run these interviews and debates  
25          as frequently as they can because, you know,

1 forming the electorate is one of the most  
2 important aspects of having a public access  
3 channel.

4 Having the other programs, you know,  
5 they are nice, but the most important thing  
6 is for people to be informed. City council  
7 meetings, school board, Taxpayers'  
8 Association, the Lackawanna County  
9 Commissioner's meetings, different things  
10 with candidates, that's why we have this  
11 channel and that's why it's a great service  
12 to our community.

13 So I would hope that they would run  
14 these interviews extensively over the next  
15 week to inform everyone about who the  
16 candidates are for all of the elections for  
17 state senator and state representative.

18 I also have some citizens' requests  
19 for the week. I have received multiple  
20 calls from residents about the Crisp Avenue  
21 bridge and a few weeks ago we finally got  
22 approval from the DEP about it for the  
23 project and now residents are asking when  
24 would the project be put out to bid. So,  
25 Mrs. Krake, could we please send a letter to

1 Linda Aebli as well as Stu Renda regarding  
2 that?

3 And this is probably about a month  
4 or two ago, this would be a second request  
5 to Mr. Renda, asking for figures on how much  
6 money the city has spent each year for the  
7 last 15 years on paving not including  
8 federal dollars.

9 I have received a request that a  
10 resident wants a "No Parking" sign from here  
11 to the corner restored, it was a few months  
12 ago. The sign fell down and they said had  
13 they made several calls to the DPW and the  
14 mayor's office and it still hasn't been put  
15 up. That is on the corner of the Maple  
16 Street and Slocum Avenue.

17 A resident reports a branch falling  
18 down in the 600 block of Fig Street and it  
19 was stated that children are playing near  
20 and around the garage and it may be a  
21 dangerous situation. Can we please send a  
22 letter to Chief Elliott as well as  
23 Mr. Seitzinger regarding that?

24 And finally, I received another one  
25 about a blighted property on Moltke Avenue





1 before but we never pursued it, maybe  
2 Mrs. Krake can add this to the requests for  
3 information on the streetlights and stuff  
4 like that, the four and 500 block of  
5 Lackawanna Avenue since it was redone I  
6 think there is going to be some road rage  
7 problems especially coming from the four to  
8 500 block. If you are in one lane there is  
9 a faded arrow for a right turn here but  
10 people are going straight. I don't know if  
11 they require overhead markings and I have  
12 also heard some complaints from tuck and bus  
13 drivers that are coming into the city that  
14 there is a sign that sticking out that they  
15 are clipping their mirrors on or something.  
16 I haven't had a chance to look at that, but  
17 if they can look at the traffic patterns  
18 there because it's a -- I don't know, it's a  
19 nightmare to me.

20 But, let's see, to go on. I did  
21 have a situation on Friday, I was able to  
22 get ahold of Mark Seitzinger so I wanted to  
23 thank him for his quick response. It was  
24 something that needed to be done right away  
25 and he did respond and did get back to me

1 and told me he had taken care of it, so I  
2 did want to thank Mark for that.

3 Also, our city forester, Tony  
4 Santolli, who I believe volunteers his time,  
5 he has answered several of our issues and  
6 has responded even in letter form to us and  
7 looks like Tony is still using the old  
8 typewriter, too. We'll have to get him a  
9 computer, Tony, but I did want to thank him  
10 for that because he has taken a lot of his  
11 time to help out with the tree problems and  
12 stuff.

13 Last night I attended a meeting over  
14 in Weston Field. It was more of an  
15 impromptu meeting for the people who are  
16 affected by the flooding in the East Parker  
17 Street, Boulevard, Olyphant Avenue areas.  
18 They are in the process of having their  
19 properties bought out because they are below  
20 the floodplain there because of the levy on  
21 the other side. There was a lot of valid  
22 concerns and I think probably what prompted  
23 the main concerns was a letter that was sent  
24 out stating if they didn't accept the offer  
25 they were going to go through the process

1 of--

2 MS. EVANS: Eminent domain.

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: Eminent domain. It  
4 slipped my mind. Thank you. And just the  
5 way, I think that's what upset a lot of  
6 people and the meeting I think was pretty  
7 productive, Mr. O'Hora was there and Steve,  
8 I forget ---

9 MS. EVANS: Garbarino.

10 MR. LOSCOMBE: Steve Garbarino,  
11 also, and I think that between the two of  
12 them they did answer a lot of questions.  
13 The meeting lasted about an hour and a half.  
14 There was a lot of good questions, maybe  
15 everyone wasn't satisfied with the answers,  
16 but I did want them to know that we were  
17 there to help them with any questions and  
18 anything we can do to help move it along,  
19 but it's in the early process for them right  
20 now so they have a few stages to go through  
21 yet and they were told what to do and  
22 hopefully they started doing their homework  
23 today and it will pursue along, but I told  
24 them we were available if they have  
25 questions or any help.

1                   And also for those of who e-mailed  
2                   me or called me and I didn't get back to you  
3                   in the last couple of days I apologize. I  
4                   got a little bit behind. Usually I'm a  
5                   little bit quicker.

6                   And the last thing, don't forget  
7                   next Tuesday is election day. Get out, get  
8                   out your vote, and I would like wish all of  
9                   the candidates good luck. Thank you.

10                   MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Loscombe.  
11                   Good evening. The May 18 meeting of  
12                   Scranton City Council is cancelled due to  
13                   primary election day. In addition, city  
14                   hall will be closed on May 18. Regularly  
15                   scheduled council meetings will resume on  
16                   Tuesday, May 25 at 6:30 p.m.

17                   Also, regarding issues of  
18                   Mr. Phillips that were expressed earlier  
19                   tonight, I do ask Mr. Loscombe to address  
20                   the appropriate police issue involved in  
21                   that complaint and, Mr. Rogan, I'd ask you  
22                   to take a look at the citation charges of  
23                   blight, particularly the fact that the  
24                   individual indicated that he had received no  
25                   prior warning from the city and I know that

1           that is their policy, that's what they do in  
2           every other case. And, you know, if you  
3           could look into that for Mr. Phillips and  
4           then, you know, make a public report on what  
5           you have learned from Mr. Seitzinger,  
6           please, that would be very helpful for this  
7           individual.

8                     MR. ROGAN: Sure.

9                     MS. EVANS: I have several citizens'  
10           requests this evening. Residents of East  
11           Mountain report that the catch basins  
12           located on East Mountain Road are still  
13           covered by debris and this is a second  
14           request to address this problem.

15                    The old Atlas Glass property at 895  
16           Providence Road is again overgrown with  
17           grass and weeds. Because of the  
18           intervention of the city inspector in 2009,  
19           however, this property was cleared during  
20           warm weather months. Please address this  
21           problem and property as soon as possible and  
22           continue to monitor this issue throughout  
23           the summer months.

24                    Residents requests the installation  
25           of an additional stop sign at the corner of

1 Price Street and North Cameron Avenue. A  
2 stop sign was recently placed at another  
3 corner within the intersection, but  
4 residents report the need for a fourth sign  
5 for drivers heading north, particularly  
6 since another accident occurred at this  
7 intersection quite recently.

8 Council would like the overgrown  
9 grass and weeds cut at the old Lace Works  
10 property and at North Scranton Junior High  
11 School property, and that's it.

12 MS. KRAKE: 5-B. NO BUSINESS AT  
13 THIS TIME. SIXTH ORDER. 6-A. READING BY  
14 TITLE- FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 18, 2010 - AN  
15 ORDINANCE- SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY  
16 MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS FROUDE AVENUE,  
17 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TAX MAP NO.  
18 16809-040-009 TO ROBERT KOLANKOSKI, 254 MAIN  
19 STREET, DUPONT, PENNSYLVANIA, 18641, FOR THE  
20 CONSIDERATION OF \$8,000.00.

21 MS. EVANS: You've heard reading by  
22 title of Item 6-A, what is your pleasure?

23 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-A  
24 pass reading by title.

25 MR. MCGOFF: Second.

1 MS. EVANS: On the question? All  
2 those in favor signify by saying aye.

3 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

4 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

5 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

6 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
7 have it and so moved.

8 MS. KRAKE: 6-B. READING BY TITLE -  
9 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 19, 2010 - AN ORDINANCE-  
10 SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY MORE  
11 COMMONLY KNOWN AS SIEBECKER AVENUE,  
12 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TAX MAP  
13 NO.16809-040-011 TO ROBERT KOLANKOSKI, 254  
14 MAIN STREET, DUPONT, PENNSYLVANIA, 18641,  
15 FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF \$6,500.00.

16 MS. EVANS: You've heard reading by  
17 title of Item 6-B, what is your pleasure?

18 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-B  
19 pass reading by title.

20 MR. MCGOFF: Second.

21 MS. EVANS: On the question? All  
22 those in favor signify by saying aye.

23 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

24 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

25 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.



1 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
2 have it and so moved.

3 MS. KRAKE: 6-C. READING BY TITLE -  
4 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 20, 2010 - AN ORDINANCE -  
5 SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY MORE  
6 COMMONLY KNOWN AS SIEBECKER AVENUE,  
7 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TAX MAP  
8 NO.16809-050-005 TO ROBERT KOLANKOSKI, 254  
9 MAIN STREET, DUPONT, PENNSYLVANIA, 18641,  
10 FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF \$6,500.00.

11 MS. EVANS: You've heard reading by  
12 title of Item 6-C, what is your pleasure?

13 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-C  
14 pass reading by title.

15 MR. MCGOFF: Second.

16 MS. EVANS: On the question? All  
17 those in favor signify by saying aye.

18 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

19 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

21 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
22 have it and so moved.

23 MS. KRAKE: 6-D. READING BY TITLE -  
24 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 21, 2010 - AN ORDINANCE -  
25 SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY MORE

1 COMMONLY KNOWN AS ROLLIN AVENUE, SCRANTON,  
2 PENNSYLVANIA, TAX MAP NO. 16809-050-007 TO  
3 ROBERT KOLANKOSKI, 254 MAIN STREET, DUPONT,  
4 PENNSYLVANIA, 18641, FOR THE CONSIDERATION  
5 OF \$5,000.00.

6 MS. EVANS: You've heard reading by  
7 title of Item 6-D, what is your pleasure?

8 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-D  
9 pass reading by title.

10 MR. MCGOFF: Second.

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

13 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

14 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

15 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

16 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
17 have it and so moved.

18 MS. KRAKE: 6-E. READING BY TITLE -  
19 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 22, 2010 - AN ORDINANCE-  
20 SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY MORE  
21 COMMONLY KNOWN AS MILLER AVENUE, SCRANTON,  
22 PENNSYLVANIA, TAX MAP NO. 16810-010-024 TO  
23 ROBERT KOLANKOSKI, 254 MAIN STREET, DUPONT,  
24 PENNSYLVANIA, 18641, FOR THE CONSIDERATION  
25 OF \$6,000.00.

1 MS. EVANS: You've heard reading by  
2 title of Item 6-E, what is your pleasure?

3 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-E  
4 pass reading by title.

5 MR. MCGOFF: Second.

6 MS. EVANS: On the question? All  
7 those in favor signify by saying aye.

8 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

9 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

10 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

11 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
12 have it and so moved.

13 MS. KRAKE: 6-F. READING BY TITLE -  
14 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 23, 2010 - AN ORDINANCE  
15 - SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY MORE  
16 COMMONLY KNOWN AS KERR STREET, SCRANTON,  
17 PENNSYLVANIA, TAX MAP NO. 16810-010-025 TO  
18 ROBERT KOLANKOSKI, 254 MAIN STREET, DUPONT,  
19 PENNSYLVANIA, 18641, FOR THE CONSIDERATION  
20 OF \$7,000.00.

21 MS. EVANS: You've heard reading by  
22 title of Item 6-F, what is your pleasure?

23 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-F  
24 pass reading by title.

25 MR. MCGOFF: Second.

1 MS. EVANS: On the question? All  
2 those in favor signify by saying aye.

3 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

4 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

5 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

6 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
7 have it and so moved.

8 MS. KRAKE: 6-G. READING BY TITLE -  
9 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 24, 2010 - AN ORDINANCE  
10 - SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY MORE  
11 COMMONLY KNOWN AS KERR STREET, SCRANTON,  
12 PENNSYLVANIA, TAX MAP NO. 16810-010-026 TO  
13 ROBERT KOLANKOSKI, 254 MAIN STREET, DUPONT,  
14 PENNSYLVANIA, 18641, FOR THE CONSIDERATION  
15 OF \$7,000.00.

16 MS. EVANS: You've heard reading by  
17 title of Item 6-G, what is your pleasure?

18 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-G  
19 pass reading by title.

20 MR. MCGOFF: Second.

21 MS. EVANS: On the question? All  
22 those in favor signify by saying aye.

23 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

24 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

25 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

1 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
2 have it and so moved.

3 MS. KRAKE: 6-H. READING BY TITLE -  
4 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 25, 2010 - AN ORDINANCE  
5 - SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY MORE  
6 COMMONLY KNOWN AS ROLLIN AVENUE, SCRANTON,  
7 PENNSYLVANIA, TAX MAP NO. 16810-010-027 TO  
8 ROBERT KOLANKOSKI, 254 MAIN STREET, DUPONT,  
9 PENNSYLVANIA, 18641, FOR THE CONSIDERATION  
10 OF \$3,000.00.

11 MS. EVANS: You've heard reading by  
12 title of Item 6-H, what is your pleasure?

13 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-H  
14 pass reading by title.

15 MR. MCGOFF: Second.

16 MS. EVANS: On the question? All  
17 those in favor signify by saying aye.

18 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

19 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

21 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
22 have it and so moved.

23 MS. KRAKE: 7-A. FOR CONSIDERATION  
24 BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION-  
25 RESOLUTION NO. 15, 2010 - AUTHORIZING THE

1 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS  
2 OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO EXECUTE AND ENTER  
3 INTO AN INVESTMENT GRADE ENERGY AUDIT  
4 AGREEMENT WITH COMMONWEALTH CONSULTING  
5 SERVICES, LLC FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF ENERGY  
6 AUDITS ON CITY BUILDINGS.

7 MS. EVANS: What is the  
8 recommendation of the Chair for the  
9 Committee on Finance? Well, we have tonight  
10 the finance chair absent and so at this time  
11 if we might entertain a motion from one of  
12 the council members to appoint a temporary  
13 chair and a second.

14 MR. LOSCOMBE: I'd like to make a  
15 motion to appoint Mr. Rogan as temporary  
16 chair.

17 MR. MCGOFF: Second.

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

20 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

21 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

22 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

23 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
24 have it and so moved. What is the  
25 recommendation of the Chair for the

1 Committee on Finance?

2 MR. ROGAN: As Chair for the  
3 Committee on Finance, I recommend final  
4 passage of the Item 7-A.

5 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

6 MS. EVANS: On the question? Roll  
7 call, please.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

9 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

11 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

13 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

15 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare  
16 Item 7-A legally and lawfully adopted.

17 At this time I'll entertain a motion  
18 to adjourn.

19 MR. MCGOFF: So moved.

20 MS. EVANS: Meeting adjourned.  
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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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