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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

Thursday, April 26, 2012

LOCATION:

Council Chambers

Scranton City Hall

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Scranton, Pennsylvania

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

JANET EVANS, PRESIDENT

FRANK JOYCE, VICE-PRESIDENT

ROBERT MCGOFF

PAT ROGAN

JOHN LOSCOMBE

NANCY KRAKE, CITY CLERK

KATHY CARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

BOYD HUGHES, SOLICITOR

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

3 MS. EVANS: Roll call, please.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

5 MR. MCGOFF: Here.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

7 MR. ROGAN: Here.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: Here.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

11 MR. JOYCE: Here.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

13 MS. EVANS: Here. Dispense with the
14 reading of the minutes, please.

15 MS. KRAKE: THIRD ORDER. 3-A.

16 MINUTES OF THE COMPOSITE PENSION MEETING
17 HELD MARCH 28, 2012.

18 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?
19 If not, received and filed.

20 MS. KRAKE: 3-B. LACKAWANNA COUNTY
21 PLANNING COMMISSION SUBDIVISION AND LAND
22 DEVELOPMENT EVALUATIONS RETURNED APRIL 12,
23 2012.

24 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?
25 If not, received and filed.

1 MS. KRAKE: 3-C. APPLICATIONS ALONG
2 WITH DECISIONS RENDERED BY THE ZONING
3 HEARING BOARD ON APRIL 11, 2012.

4 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?
5 If not, received and filed.

6 MS. KRAKE: 3-D. TAX ASSESSOR'S
7 REPORT, RESULTS FROM APRIL 4, 2012 APPEAL
8 HEARINGS.

9 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?
10 If not, received and filed.

11 MS. KRAKE: 3-E. AGENDA FOR THE CITY
12 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING HELD APRIL 18,
13 2012.

14 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?
15 If not, received and filed.

16 MS. KRAKE: 3-F. ADDENDUM FOR THE
17 CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING HELD APRIL
18 18, 2012.

19 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?
20 If not, received and filed.

21 MS. KRAKE: 3-G. TAX ASSESSOR'S
22 REPORT FROM HEARING DATE MAY 9, 2012.

23 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?
24 If not, received and filed.

25 MS. KRAKE: 3-H. DEPOSIT MADE BY THE

1 SCRANTON SINGLE TAX OFFICE IN THE AMOUNT OF
2 \$1,014,408.14 TO FIDELITY BANK FOR THE 2012
3 TAN DEBT.

4 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?
5 If not, received and filed. Do we have any
6 clerk's notes, Mrs. Krake?

7 MS. KRAKE: No, Mrs. Evans.

8 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Do any
9 council members have announcements at this
10 time? The Friends of the Scranton Knights
11 will conduct their annual Night at the
12 Races this Saturday, April 28, from 7 to 11
13 p.m. at St. Anthony's Center, 1013 Wood
14 Street in Scranton. Tickets are \$10, are
15 available at the door, and include light
16 fare, beer, soda, water, music and fun. You
17 must be 21 years old to attend. All
18 proceeds benefit the Scranton Knights
19 football team.

20 Astronomy Day is sponsored by the
21 Lackawanna Astronomical Society, will be
22 held on Saturday, May 5, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.
23 at the Thomas G. Cupillary Observatory.
24 Sunday spot, solar prominences, Mars and
25 Saturn's rings can be viewed through

1 observatory telescopes. Admission to the
2 program is free. Don't miss this annual
3 educational and entertaining event. And
4 that's it.

5 MS. KRAKE: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'
6 PARTICIPATION.

7 MS. EVANS: Our first speaker
8 tonight is Ozzie Quinn.

9 MR. QUINN: Ozzie Quinn, Taxpayers'
10 Association. Good evening. This morning I
11 saw in the newspaper about the Rockwell
12 Avenue Bridge falling apart and I got
13 concerned with that because the last couple
14 of readings of the change order was to do
15 with the engineer who did the -- for
16 \$70,000, you know, for Rockwell Avenue, and
17 then I looked on the mayor's -- the city's
18 website and he has taken a -- for the
19 accomplishment of \$1 million infrastructure
20 improvement for the Rockwell Avenue bridge,
21 and I called Mrs. Evans and I got in touch
22 with Mr. Evans today because I thought it
23 seemed a little undeserving, you know, that
24 he is saying that the Rockwell Avenue bridge
25 the infrastructure is already done and it's

1 falling apart and it's in the creek and will
2 you find out the answer for that,
3 Mrs. Evans?

4 MS. EVANS: Yes. You are correct
5 about the legislation, it is Resolution No.
6 16 of 2012 that was finally passed March 22,
7 I believe, and there is a supplemental
8 engineering agreement with Buckhart and Horn
9 in the amount of \$71,004.03 for the Rockwell
10 Avenue bridge project. I have already asked
11 our office to send these concerns to the
12 city engineering, to the mayor, and all
13 appropriate parties for their responses.

14 MR. QUINN: Thank you. It's ironic,
15 you know, when you see this meeting tonight
16 and for anybody who has been looking at
17 what's been going on in the city since the
18 Doherty administration took over in 2003
19 that, you know, we were coined the Legion
20 Doom, anybody that come up here that made
21 any type of complaint or recommendation or
22 what against the Doherty administration and,
23 you know, so now we get to a point now that
24 we are broke and we are talking about
25 bailing him out with \$26 million, you know?

1 I mean, we just can't afford this
2 here. We can't even -- we don't have two
3 nickles to rub together, how can we be
4 talking about \$26 million. Mr. Hughes, it
5 was very good of you to look over that and
6 find that where we are at with that \$26
7 million because, you know, when I see
8 addendums or when I see amendments that
9 scares me. That really scarce me, okay.
10 And, please, do not vote for that \$26
11 million.

12 Mr. Loscombe was right on the money
13 when he brought up about the safety award,
14 what about that, duh, you know? We got to
15 pay for that you know? You are talking
16 about 50 some million dollars. And, you
17 know, Mr. Doherty is going to be gone, you
18 know? Now, we all know that there has been
19 a lot of spending put on while Mr. Doherty
20 has done in the last 10 years. For
21 instance, Mr. Doherty or the city
22 administration to tear down ten blighted
23 properties. Well, that should have read,
24 that's the spin. That should have read
25 Mr. Doherty is going to put ten properties

1 back on the tax rolls by rehabilitation, you
2 know? See, we have been listening to that
3 spin. He has been doing it and every time
4 it's been going on, it's been going down and
5 down and down and down and we got to a point
6 where we kept on refinancing and refinancing
7 and Mrs. Evans called it the Doherty debt
8 and it is the Doherty debt.

9 Now, if somebody wants to cosign
10 leave the publishers of the Times cosign
11 that \$26 million bill. If they feel so
12 pleased with what Mr. Doherty has done in
13 the last ten years and drive us into the
14 ground where even the bridges are falling
15 into the creek, the lampposts are falling
16 down, sidewalks are caving in, houses are
17 abandoned. Market value of the houses are
18 declining, let them cosign, you know? If
19 there they have so forthright, you know,
20 that they could tell us, you know, sign to
21 that get that \$26 million there for
22 Mr. Doherty so we could get going. We all
23 know the guy is a mismanagement incompetent
24 for finances. My gosh, you know, and so,
25 please, forget about the whole thing, will

1 you? Go back to square one and try to find
2 out what we can do to just get out -- even
3 the judge said \$8.9 million, I don't know
4 why you are even talking 12 million, 26
5 million. I don't understand that.

6 But the fact is, you know, we have
7 been here going -- coming up here, Legion of
8 Doom and the ironic thing we were right all
9 the time and the Times was wrong and now
10 they want to support, you know, this here
11 absolutely insane idea. Oh, my God,
12 Mr. Hughes hit it right on the head \$26
13 million he is muttering and moaning, went
14 around when the bottom line was, he said,
15 yeah, it could go to \$26 million and that's
16 the truth, okay?

17 I do want to say one other thing,
18 too, in regards to Mr. Hughes' salary, okay,
19 for overtime, you know, I saw in the past
20 where Mr. Greco, you know, with overtime on
21 his contract, you know, okay, and so what he
22 did is the city says they won't pay it so
23 what he did he took it to Court and the city
24 didn't oppose it so, therefore, he got the
25 award, you know? So, I mean, that's

1 circumventing what, you know,
2 Mrs. Novembrino has said, okay? So does he
3 have to do that? Well, if you do, I hope he
4 does it. Good luck. Thank you very much.

5 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

6 MR. HUGHES: Ozzie, thank you, but I
7 I'm sure they wouldn't give me a default
8 judgment.

9 MS. EVANS: Andy Sbaraglia.

10 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia,
11 citizen of Scranton. Fellow Scrantonians,
12 them 203 bonds that were issued, is that the
13 ones we took the insurance out on? If you
14 remember -- well, you weren't there, you
15 wouldn't even know, but way back when the
16 mayor touted we had a AAA rating on early
17 bonds and I think they are the 203 bonds
18 because we bought our insurance. We had the
19 foresight to buy insurance, and if they
20 want -- if we have an insurance on it why
21 would you want to refinance? I mean, if we
22 can't pay the insurance, the bonding company
23 will take up the payments until we are able
24 to pay, but if you in turn refinance them
25 bonds and then a bonding company sold the

1 money in reserve to pay for those bonds,
2 which they probably are, you are bailing out
3 the bond company and that's not the whole
4 idea. The reason you buy insurance is to
5 provide the insurance. Now, I don't know if
6 the 203 bonds work because, like I say, this
7 is all -- I didn't get to read this as he --
8 as is pointed out, this is all in his head
9 for the time being or draft to you people, I
10 didn't have time, now I could check my
11 records and see what the 203 bonds were and
12 see if you they were the ones that insured.

13 That was way back when. We borrowed
14 72 million for various things, for the DPW
15 site, and the police building there and we
16 also borrowed the money for -- to buy the
17 light fixtures back then. This was the
18 first one the mayor had his cart blanch
19 buying that he had for the council and he
20 borrowed like crazy and now we are in a bind
21 and can't pay for what he borrowed, and the
22 worst part about it you want to borrow more
23 money, I didn't say you, the administration
24 wants to borrow money that we can't afford
25 to pay anyway.

1 So, I mean, if them bonds, the 203
2 bonds, are the ones that are insured I'd let
3 the insurance company take the brunt. We
4 wouldn't let them go for the whole thing,
5 but they would pay the people who bought the
6 bonds until we are able to pay. It's a
7 whole idea of insurance. Why bail out the
8 insurance companies if them are the bonds
9 that are insured. That was way back, as I
10 said before, that's the first bonds he came
11 in when he started really borrowing.
12 Somewhere in my records I might have them,
13 but that's a long time ago, but I didn't
14 forget that we took out an insurance because
15 he touted that we had a AAA bonding rating.
16 Sure we did. We had insurance on that debt,
17 now unfunded debt that we keep seeing rise,
18 and rise and rise, well, the debt on the
19 bonds is unfunded because they had no
20 intention of paying them this year, so it
21 became unfunded.

22 But also there is lot of other
23 unfunded things. His library that he sold
24 and touted I believe he took out some
25 options for a Penn Security, that building

1 there, I remember somewhere along that an
2 option might have been taken off on that
3 building. Penn Security is now building a
4 new bank and that bank now will be, I don't
5 know whether they will keep it open or it
6 will be vacant, but I remember an option for
7 100,000 way back when. So that's another
8 thing that you can check if that became
9 unfunded.

10 Everything that he has contracts out
11 that he get paid verbal or so forth that he
12 is able to do that he didn't pay becomes
13 unfunded, so there is lot of unfunded debt
14 that you may not even know about. So I
15 don't know, like I said before, when you
16 first came in I told you to triple that
17 man's salary, you should have, should have
18 put it right in the budget. I told you that
19 because I knew what was going to happen.
20 You are going to go loggerhead with the
21 mayor and where the mayor is now the city, I
22 told you before, the most liable -- the best
23 thing we can do for the city is file for
24 Chapter 11 really. Not bankruptcy, Chapter
25 11, and setup the funding for anything to

1 get it straightened out because as it is now
2 it's not going to work. You can't keep
3 borrowing to get out of debt somewhere along
4 the line or you are break the back of the
5 taxpayers. I mean, how many of them nooses
6 could you put around their neck?

7 I'm getting calls about people with
8 your legislation on the apartments. I don't
9 know how it effects them, I don't have any,
10 but they were quite upset about them. I
11 didn't get it from the parking yet, but I'm
12 sure they will be telling me about the
13 parking. I didn't hear about having people
14 who work out of town come in and pay the
15 money to the city, too. So you have -- I'm
16 going to quit because there is no such
17 getting into it because I could go for hours
18 and hours on this debt. Thank you.

19 MR. JOYCE: Thank you.

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

21 MR. JOYCE: Our next speaker is Les
22 Spindler.

23 MR. SPINDLER: Good evening,
24 Council. Les Spindler, city resident and
25 homeowner and taxpayer. I was happy to read

1 in the Doherty newsletter this morning that
2 the handicap accessible are finally fixed.
3 I have been coming to these meeting for
4 almost 11 years and I think for a majority
5 of those years those doors haven't been
6 fixed. I can't believe how long it's been
7 taking to repair those. It's totally
8 unacceptable how long it took. We can't
9 even get handicap people in and out of this
10 building. It's ridiculous. Its just
11 continues to show the incompetence of this
12 whole administration.

13 On that note, I got a letter in the
14 mail last week from Department of Public
15 Safety, I have an old garage, it's in
16 disrepair and it said if I didn't get new
17 hinges on the doors that I'm going to be
18 cited in 30 days. We have handicap doors
19 that aren't accessible for eight, ten years
20 and I'm getting threatened? They should
21 take care of their own house before they
22 harass taxpayers. Let's get the things
23 working in here. They said it's a public
24 safety hazard, my garage. It's not a public
25 safety hazard, not letting the handicap

1 people in and out of this building is a
2 safety hazard.

3 Okay, I want to also talk about this
4 \$26 million. I don't understand how we can
5 even talk about \$26 million when all the
6 Court authorized the mayor to borrow is
7 \$9.85 million so why are we even considering
8 \$26 million? It's ridiculous. What does he
9 plan on doing with the rest of this money,
10 put it in his pocket like he has done for
11 years? I wouldn't give this man a penny
12 extra because nobody knows what he is going
13 to do with it. He could say what he is
14 going to do with it, but he has been lying
15 for years. I wouldn't trust the man as far
16 as I could throw him. I wouldn't give him
17 any more than the 8.5 million that the Court
18 authorized.

19 Moving on, last Sunday the big
20 headline in the paper, "What went wrong?"
21 Talking about this city. I'll tell you what
22 went wrong, the city has been electing the
23 wrong mayor for almost 11 years now. We
24 have a man that knows nothing about running
25 a city, we have been mismanaged for almost

1 11 years. He has done nothing but put us
2 deeper and deeper in debt for almost 11
3 years now and that's what's wrong. I hopes
4 the Times-Tribune prints that in the paper
5 and God help us if he is reelected again
6 next year. I just hope we get somebody
7 better to run next year or we are going to
8 be in the same boat.

9 And another thing, PEL, they have to
10 go and Mrs. Evans isn't here, I don't know
11 if anybody knows the answer to this, but
12 didn't Mrs. Evans ask for a letter to be
13 sent to the governor about trying to get rid
14 of PEL?

15 MR. JOYCE: Yes, that is correct.

16 MR. SPINDLER: Did we get any
17 response about that letter?

18 MR. JOYCE: Mrs. Krake, did we ever
19 get a response to that letter?

20 MS. KRAKE: Not that I'm aware of.
21 I could verify that. It's been awhile.

22 MR. SPINDLER: Because I said for
23 years and years they have been in charge of
24 this city for 20 years now, we are worse off
25 now than we were 20 years ago. PEL hasn't

1 done a darn thing but line their pockets and
2 collected millions of dollars from this city
3 and they are put part of the problem, so one
4 of the best -- two of the best things we can
5 do is get rid of PEL and get rid of this
6 mayor. That's all I have tonight. Thank
7 you for your time.

8 MR. JOYCE: Thank you. Our next
9 speaker is Doug Miller.

10 MR. MILLER: Good evening, Council,
11 Doug Miller, Scranton.

12 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

13 MR. MILLER: I'd just like to begin
14 on a positive note as Mr. Spindler just
15 alluded to moments ago, we took a big step
16 forward in this city for once. I walked in
17 here this evening and saw for the first time
18 in years or since I have been coming here we
19 finally have handicap accessible doors, so
20 we can do something right in the city and
21 I'm glad to see we finally got it down, it's
22 something that should have been done a long
23 time ago, but it's done and we have proven
24 that we can get something accomplished for a
25 change.

1 But I do want to begin on a serious
2 note here, you know, I sat here tonight at
3 the caucus and I listened to the discussion
4 on the administration's proposed plan to
5 seek \$26 million. We don't exactly know
6 what the figure is 18, 20, 26, there is all
7 kinds of numbers floating around, but the
8 bottom line is it's not good. Many thoughts
9 did go through my head throughout that
10 caucus, none of them were positive.

11 I listened to the presentation, we
12 had documentation, draft ordinances that
13 really frustrated me to listen to some of
14 the things that were said and how this draft
15 was proposed. Councilman Loscombe brought
16 up a good point the fact that they still
17 have Leonard Kreshefski listed as the
18 business administrator just tells me how
19 much time and effort they have been putting
20 into this, and other council members listed
21 as president and other things, other issues
22 that, you know, just baffles me, but I have
23 been coming here for the last ten years and
24 I have listened to all of the business
25 administrators and all of the bond advisors

1 come forward and spew all of their rhetoric
2 and their plans as to what they feel we
3 should borrow and how they feel we should
4 run our city, and each year we have had the
5 mayor come forward looking for councils to
6 bail them out and, yet again, he is doing it
7 with this plan that he has here.

8 We had past councils go ahead
9 without any hesitation and approve millions
10 of dollars in borrowing and they did it
11 without any sympathy whatsoever and they are
12 the ones that we could also point the finger
13 at because they have an awful lot to do with
14 the situation we are in as well. This isn't
15 just the mayor. This is also his minions,
16 as we like to say, who were a part of this.

17 And, of course, due if all of this
18 we find yourselves in a situation where, you
19 know, it's painful to say at this point
20 after all of these of coming here that,
21 quite frankly, we are on the verge of
22 bankruptcy and I do hate to say that, but we
23 need to start telling the truth. You know,
24 I truly can't begin to express how disgusted
25 I am with this administration and the way

1 they have handled our finances and to think
2 how they destroyed, single handedly
3 destroyed the future of my generation as
4 well as the future generation after mine.

5 As I said, it's truly amazing what
6 one man can do in ten years and how he can
7 cause such a mess and now we are in a
8 situation we now we have to find solutions
9 to solve these problems and it's not easy,
10 and I have said many times from this podium
11 I'm truly sorry that this council has to
12 deal with this, that you have been left with
13 the situation that, quite frankly, I just
14 don't even know where you begin and
15 borrowing is not the solution, you have seen
16 where that's taken us.

17 I truthfully believe that giving the
18 mayor whether it's 26 million or 18 million,
19 whatever it is, it's like giving an
20 arsonists a box of matches and a gallon of
21 gasoline. Nothing good is going to come out
22 of that. We are \$313 million in long-term
23 debt. What does this man not understand
24 about that? Now, he wants to add an
25 additional \$26 million on top of that. When

1 is it going to stop? When is he going to
2 finally realize that borrowing is not the
3 solution to getting out of our financial
4 situation? You know, I truly don't
5 understand what goes through this man's
6 mind.

7 But I do encourage council to
8 continue standing up for the little guy as
9 you have done for the last two and a half to
10 three years and send a message loud and
11 clear to this mayor that you will not allow
12 the borrowing and spending to continue, that
13 those days are over and we are not going
14 continue that trend. Send a message to this
15 mayor that you are not going to continue to
16 allow him to increase our debt and we can no
17 longer afford to add financial burdens on
18 the residents of this city and the future
19 generations.

20 Moving on, I would like to briefly
21 discuss the Rockwell Avenue bridge.
22 Unfortunately, we were all informed that due
23 to safety issues that the bridge had to be
24 shut down, obviously, this has been a
25 concern for years now. Residents have

1 brought issues forward as to concerns of the
2 safety and they have sought out relief. You
3 know, we had past elected officials make
4 tons of promises that they were going to go
5 in and restructure the bridge and do
6 renovations and other things to improve it,
7 that was never done. Those promises were
8 never fulfilled. To think of all of the
9 millions of dollars that we have squandered
10 over the last ten years on projects, you
11 know, the parks and everything else this
12 mayor has squandered money on, maybe if we
13 invested in our roads and our bridges we
14 wouldn't be in this situation where we have
15 to now inconvenience residents in that
16 section of town and limit their access to
17 that bridge. Now it will be a detour, just
18 another headache for the residents in this
19 section of town that they have to deal with.

20 And finally tonight, just a quick
21 question, last week I had requested that we
22 send a letter to Mark Dougher regarding the
23 operation of swimming pools this summer and
24 I'm just asking if we received any response
25 at this point?

1 MS. EVANS: No, we didn't. The
2 letter was sent through.

3 MR. ROGAN: I'll be addressing that
4 in Fifth Order. I actually have additional
5 concerns regarding the pools.

6 MR. MILLER: I appreciate that.
7 Once again, this is an issue we have had
8 many times with getting responses and quite
9 frankly it's appalling, it should not take
10 seven days to answer a simple question. The
11 question was what pools will be open this
12 summer. We have had months to discuss this.
13 The summer months are approaching very
14 quickly. It's not like all of a sudden we
15 are realizing that pools are opening up,
16 it's inexcusable and, you know, again, just
17 add to the frustration in this town that we
18 can't even get answers to simple questions
19 as to what pools will be in operation this
20 summer. It's just disgusting. Thank you.

21 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Ron Ellman.

22 MR. ELLMAN: Hello, Council.

23 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

24 MR. ELLMAN: It looks like 20 years
25 of PEL is just a complete miserable failure

1 to people. I don't know. You know, the
2 people want cuts. You go out here and talk
3 to them they just want cuts for God sake.
4 They want some relief. Everybody you talk
5 to they got abandoned houses and foreclosed
6 houses all around them and empty apartments
7 they can't rent. The way we are going, you
8 know, people -- you keep talking about
9 building new apartments, we got 3,000 less
10 people paying taxes in 10 years. We don't
11 need no more apartments. You know, these
12 developers are just using all this tax money
13 and these loopholes and everything and they
14 are taking us for a ride.

15 And the neighborhoods, any
16 neighborhood you go down you can see it's
17 declining. You know, I have been
18 complaining, I don't have sewers or
19 sidewalks, I got hundred year old sidewalks
20 to walk around on, no curbs. The cars park
21 on the sidewalks so you can't use them,
22 nothing -- you know, nothing is being
23 accomplished around here. The money that
24 should have been going for our streets and
25 sidewalks in North Scranton Doherty tore

1 down that three-story apartment building
2 next to the Taurus Club in the city parking
3 lot, and what do we have? We got a little
4 empty lot and we got a great big dumpster
5 sitting on the city parking lot for two car
6 places. Some of accomplishment there. I
7 don't know how much taxes that thing paid,
8 but it was a three-story apartment building.
9 It had to do more than an empty lot, and
10 they are not even using the empty lot for
11 nothing. It's not paved. You can't put a
12 car there. They don't even put the dumpster
13 there.

14 That's the kind of plan, you know,
15 that Doherty has done for the city. I think
16 he is getting delusional talking about
17 downtown is so good. I was at the mall over
18 the weekend, it's empty. Honestly, I don't
19 want to see everybody-- it's full of empty
20 stores, you walk around downtown there is
21 empty stores, there is parking places. This
22 city never had you could pull up someplace
23 and park, it was never like that. I used to
24 go around the block over and over looking
25 for parking places. They have killed

1 downtown. I don't know, you know, what you
2 can do about it.

3 What happened about the parking plan
4 with those -- that the company was going to
5 put the temporary deal in? You had that in
6 your budget, didn't you?

7 MS. EVANS: The previous year
8 budget.

9 MR. ELLMAN: Well, that's ashame. I
10 don't want to see anything fall through. I
11 wasn't too much in favor of it. You know,
12 when you mess with people's money it makes
13 you most irritable and this administration
14 is just -- they just don't know what they
15 are doing. Last week when I complained
16 about -- I just use this for an example, the
17 intervention center which gets seven, eight,
18 nine-hundred thousand dollars of tax money
19 using tax money to buy houses that they go
20 take off the tax rolls and then they got to
21 improve the property with tax money. It
22 just a never ending deal. Whoever heard of
23 something like that?

24 Anthony Rinaldi couldn't get rid of
25 that property because of the turndown for

1 what he had in it, so he gets his dream of a
2 deal with the intervention center. Now, why
3 would they need four particular pieces of
4 property that he has? If this isn't a
5 crooked deal I don't know what is and
6 somebody ought to be investigating it. It's
7 as bad as our school board.

8 You know, I got a little thing I saw
9 in the paper yesterday, Philadelphia -- I
10 don't know if anyone saw it, Philadelphia
11 closed 40 schools. It's right there in
12 yesterday's paper under the state, Tuesday's
13 paper. They closed 40 schools and they are
14 laying off hundreds of staff members. What
15 are we doing, building schools? You know,
16 that's our school board, hiring people and
17 taking bribes, I forgot about that. They
18 are good at that. Thank you.

19 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Lee Morgan.

20 MR. MORGAN: Good evening, Council.

21 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

22 MR. JOYCE: Good evening.

23 MR. MORGAN: I have a copy of the
24 2010 audit that was in your office and I'm
25 having an auditor look at that for myself,

1 well, more than one auditor, but from
2 outside of the city that have audited banks
3 and fortune 500 companies and I'm trying to
4 just get an understanding of that document a
5 lot better than I have the ability myself,
6 but what I'd like to know does council have
7 a copy of the Parking Authority and the
8 Scranton Sewer Authority's audits in your
9 office? Do have you have copy of those?

10 MS. EVANS: Mrs. Krake, do we have
11 those in our office?

12 MS. KRAKE: We may. I would have to
13 verify that.

14 MR. MORGAN: Maybe I'll call
15 tomorrow but -- or I will call tomorrow.

16 Mr. Sbaraglia talked a little bit
17 about the new ordinance for establishing a
18 registration program and I see that all five
19 council members voted for this, and I would
20 like to ask, I don't see anything in this
21 document as far as an appeals board in the
22 city, so does this go in front of the
23 building appeals board?

24 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes, it does.

25 MR. MORGAN: Could that be included

1 in this legislation so that -- and could it
2 also be -- could council modify this so that
3 whenever you act on a property this person
4 knows to immediately take an appeal to the
5 building appeals board because the window to
6 appeal is so sort that -- I have had an
7 opportunity to have a lot of conversations
8 with people in the city who have had their
9 properties condemned or have had actions
10 taken against them by the city, I've seen
11 documents signed by the city solicitor,
12 okay, that has given them back their
13 properties and their right to rent because
14 as long as they don't speak to the newspaper
15 or the television, because evidently their
16 rights were violated, and I have read these
17 documents myself because people have called
18 my cell phone and there is lot of people
19 that are very angry over this legislation.

20 And I just can't understand really,
21 I mean, when you read this document and you
22 talk about BOCA and the city code and all
23 these things, you know, I really have to say
24 that I think we are chasing the wrong people
25 here. I think that the reason these

1 properties and this city is in the shape
2 it's in isn't the property owner's fault, it
3 may seem that way because they own the
4 property, but what do you say to somebody
5 who takes a tenant to the magistrate and has
6 \$5,000 worth of the damage and can't recoup
7 ten cents? Where is the legislation to give
8 the mechanism to collect?

9 And how about the people who have
10 rental properties in the city who are
11 forced, as you say, to pay unpaid sewer
12 bills on their property because council
13 passed that legislation long ago holding the
14 property owners responsible for unpaid sewer
15 bills? And where is the legislation in this
16 document that's going to give these people
17 the ability to recoup those costs when
18 tenants refuse to pay the sewer bill and
19 they abandon the property?

20 I have to be really honest and tell
21 you that I think in this city for a very
22 long time and, like I said, I'm not singling
23 out this council, this city has been very
24 seriously mismanaged and there has been
25 flight out of this city for an extremely

1 long period of time. There is blight in
2 every single part of this city, and I just
3 think you have singled out one group of
4 people who have come here to make an
5 investment who have been very seriously
6 abused for an extremely long period of time.
7 I mean, have any of the people on council
8 here ever read the condemnation book before
9 you made this legislation to figure out why
10 properties were being condemned?

11 And who is to determine, okay, I
12 mean, we have so many people making a
13 determination on what a violation is, okay,
14 but did anybody on council look at the
15 grandfathering of properties at the time the
16 work was done? Has anybody done that? I
17 mean, you have created a document here
18 that's created a law, but my point is the
19 five members of council who signed this, did
20 you research any of this yourself? Did you
21 look at the sewer bill situation and the
22 inability to collect? Did you look at the
23 inability of landlords to recoup damages on
24 their property? I mean, how much real
25 research went into this document because,

1 you know, a lot of people who have bought
2 these rental units that was their
3 investment, okay, and they are stuck here.

4 Like Ozzie Quinn said when he was
5 here, realtors don't want to come here and
6 show properties. It is the fault of the
7 owners that this has taken place or is it
8 the fault of the system and you have created
9 a document and all five of you have signed
10 it and it's very flawed. Thank you.

11 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Gerard
12 Hetman.

13 MR. HETMAN: Good evening, council.
14 Gerard Hetman from the Lackawanna County
15 Department of Community Relations.

16 MS. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

17 MR. HETMAN: I'm here tonight to
18 talk about certainly the hot button issue in
19 the county which is baseball. Very briefly,
20 when I made my last appearance at our last
21 meeting of council I said that we were still
22 waiting for a date for the public hearing
23 for the proposed sale of the local baseball
24 franchise. As it turns out, the meeting and
25 the sale were to be completed before this

1 evening's meeting, so there was nothing we
2 could do in terms of meeting here with
3 council to offer anything to add the
4 Scranton City Council meeting as things
5 proceeded.

6 But to give you a brief overview,
7 last evening the public meeting was held at
8 the Scranton Cultural Center involving
9 members of the Lackawanna County
10 Multi-Purpose Stadium Authority as well as
11 alternate members of the Lackawanna County
12 Board of Commissioners, the architects and
13 construction managers that were involved in
14 the stadium reconstruction project as well
15 as attorneys and members of the negotiating
16 team were involved in negotiations.

17 The hearing lasted approximately
18 three hours. We had approximately 100 local
19 residents in attendance at the meeting we
20 had approximately 20 speakers come forward
21 to express their concerns, opinions,
22 questions to everyone present to answer
23 them.

24 A wide variety of questions and
25 concerns and topics were discussed at the

1 meeting, so I won't go into elaborate detail
2 here, but just to give you and all of our
3 residents in attendance who are watching TV
4 a very brief overview. I have a document on
5 Triple-A baseball for an economic engine for
6 Northeastern Pennsylvania prepared by
7 Mr. Dan Lispe, president of TRL Consulting
8 and Development, and I will just give you a
9 few very brief key points just to keep you
10 updated as to a couple of the particulars
11 and a couple of what we believe are very
12 positive aspects to the baseball sale that
13 went on today, actually this morning, at the
14 Lackawanna County Multi-Purpose Stadium
15 Authority, a vote approved by a four to one
16 vote the ability to -- the right to sell the
17 team to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankees, LLC.

18 So to give you a very brief
19 overview, the present Triple-A baseball
20 infuses \$6.6 into the regional economy. It
21 has an estimated economic impact of \$32.8
22 million. After completion of the stadium
23 project, Triple-A baseball will infuse \$9.4
24 million into the regional economy and have
25 an estimated annual economic impact of \$47

1 million on the local economy.

2 That figure of \$47 million is
3 obtained from what's called a multiplier
4 effect, where as one dollar spent from the
5 consumer to the provider that's serves as a
6 dollar to that provider to then use to spend
7 as a consumer with another provider in some
8 other capacity.

9 Typically the multipliers are used
10 by a formula of five where there is a chain
11 of five purchases or five transactions for
12 every dollar that originates as part of that
13 process. So again, we are looking an
14 estimated annual impact of 47 million
15 annually as a result from this sale.

16 I'll very briefly go through a
17 couple of parts of this. Construction job
18 creation facts: This project, the stadium
19 renovation that will come from this sale,
20 will support 350 construction jobs in our
21 community that will pay approximately \$17.5
22 million in salary and benefits for the local
23 construction employees.

24 The construction economic impact on
25 the whole community for suppliers, all of

1 the supplies that can be obtained locally
2 will be obtained through local suppliers,
3 that will total \$6 million spent with local
4 construction supplier.

5 Ten more permanent jobs with the
6 local franchise will be created, that will
7 bring the permanent wages paid total to over
8 \$2,750,000.

9 Annual spending on goods and
10 services by the team will total \$4,458,00
11 estimated.

12 Taxes, fees and other revenues to
13 the various branches of government will come
14 to \$1,789,000.

15 Ancillary revenue, for example,
16 revenue spent in restaurants, hotels, a
17 number of which are sometimes in the City of
18 Scranton for visitors, visiting teams,
19 officials, etcetera, etcetera, is estimated
20 at \$405,000. These are all annual
21 estimates, but the big thing that we believe
22 with Lackawanna County and the Lackawanna
23 County Commissioners believe make this deal
24 much different than the way the franchise
25 operated in the past or the stadium operated

1 in the past and much different than other
2 previous tentative deals that were looked at
3 over the years to secure the situation is
4 that there is a financial commitment on the
5 part of Scranton Yankees, LLC to be vested
6 in the stadium in a very positive way.

7 To explain that, the receipt of \$22
8 million in state assistance and Scranton
9 Wilkes-Barre Yankees, LLC's commitment to
10 fund all construction project overruns,
11 local taxpayers were spared construction
12 expenses associated with the stadium
13 project.

14 In addition, Scranton Wilkes-Barre
15 Yankees, LLC has invested at least \$30
16 million into the stadium project over the
17 next 30 years. Furthermore, SWB Yankees,
18 LLC is also paying all future capital
19 maintenance expense over \$15 million.
20 Project architects on the whole have
21 estimated future capital expenses to come to
22 \$30 million over the next 30 years.

23 If I could just finish up very
24 briefly? By limiting it's exposure to
25 future capital expenses of \$15 million,

1 local government has mitigated it's
2 long-term capital expenditure risk.

3 In addition, the decision by the
4 local government to cover the \$15 million in
5 future expenses and or the bond issuance
6 paid through existing funds has eliminated
7 the need for new local tax dollars to
8 support Triple-A baseball.

9 Sorry, if I ran out of time. There
10 are just a few key points here. The Yankees
11 are responsible for cost overruns that will
12 come -- if they come in the construction
13 process all cost overruns, after that \$15
14 million from county funds it's estimated
15 that the Yankees, LLC will be responsible
16 for all costs in the remaining 30 years over
17 the cost over those 30 years. So they have a
18 vested interest in the deal and I think that
19 makes this different from previous deals.

20 If any member of council or anyone
21 here tonight has any questions I will be
22 here and will try to answer them. If I
23 don't have an answer immediately, we will
24 get an answer for council or for the
25 audience and will be happy to make sure all

1 questions are answered.

2 MR. ROGAN: Mrs. Evans, may I just
3 ask --

4 MS. EVANS: Certainly.

5 MR. ROGAN: -- for clarification
6 purposes, there is nothing in that agreement
7 that guarantees that Mandalay will keep the
8 franchise in Scranton, is there?

9 MR. HETMAN: There are provisions,
10 we believe. Again --

11 MR. MCGOFF: You believe. They are
12 economic ones, but there is no guarantee.

13 MR. HETMAN: If I can get back to
14 you, Mr. McGoff, we will get the exact
15 legislation in there and I will contact you
16 to clarify that for you.

17 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.

18 MR. HETMAN: No problem.

19 MS. EVANS: I just had one or two
20 quick questions that perhaps you can look
21 into?

22 MR. HETMAN: Sure.

23 MS. EVANS: If the renovations
24 include a project labor agreement, and will
25 local labor union tradesmen be used on that

1 project.

2 MR. HETMAN: I believe the answer to
3 both of those is, yes, but again, we will
4 look up the exact legislation in the
5 agreement and get the answers to all three
6 of those questions for you very briefly.
7 Not tonight, but over the course of tomorrow
8 and this week, but I believe the answer to
9 both of your questions is yes. Several
10 representatives from local labor unions and
11 local labor were present last night and
12 expressed their support for the project, so
13 we will get back to you ASAP on those
14 questions.

15 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

16 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

17 MS. EVANS: Dave Dobrzyn.

18 MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening, Council.
19 Dave Dobrzyn. I don't know what all of this
20 talk about money is about, I pay my trash
21 collection fee and bought a dog license
22 today you should have all of the money you
23 need. Anyway, I paid it for a year, by the
24 way, so I don't forget and wind up with a
25 late fee, which I did in the past.

1 Okay, on this arbitration award I
2 would suggest that we ask for a bottom line.
3 It's way past time from the administration
4 and if not maybe the unions would come to a
5 caucus and answer that for them because we
6 hear 20 million, 30 million, I mean, are we
7 going to start billing the kitchen sink, you
8 know, along with the labor settlement or
9 what, you know? There is always lots of
10 fudge area when some of these estimates that
11 we get out of the administration along with
12 what we heard tonight. I didn't hear
13 everything tonight so I'm going to watch and
14 form an opinion next week.

15 And it came to my attention from
16 listening to the national news reports,
17 profitable nonprofits. Charter schools
18 where the administrators are driving to
19 school in Mercedes and Cadillac Escalades
20 and so forth and they are nonprofit, they
21 are listed as a nonprofit. The kids don't
22 have books, but they are a nonprofit, and
23 these people are making a hellacious amount
24 of salary drawing salaries from nonprofits,
25 so it might be an interesting avenue to

1 pursue and find out who is making money on
2 the nonprofits and are they very profitable
3 nonprofit then they shouldn't be a nonprofit
4 because they are too profitable.

5 Graffiti, my house was hit with
6 graffiti down on the wall and I would just
7 like to warn some kids out there and some
8 parents and this isn't anything that I would
9 even think of, but we do have a stand your
10 ground law in Pennsylvania and it's only a
11 matter of time until some nut case goes down
12 there and maybe goes after a kid with a gun
13 or something over some graffiti. Now, I'm
14 going to clean it up, but it hasn't been
15 easy. I have had two attempts already.
16 It's soaked into concrete wall, but they are
17 lucky that my wife has rose bushes because I
18 was thinking of a couple of 300 pound
19 boulders that could accidently become
20 dislodged.

21 And last, I think it was yesterday,
22 Jack, do you remember our friend Jerry from
23 Orchard Street, he was out there cleaning up
24 somebody's garbage again and it's entirely
25 ridiculous the pile there, so I'll get in

1 touch with you in the future here and I fell
2 asleep before the meeting so there is a lot
3 of things I didn't get done I had planned.
4 I had an early doctor's appointment, almost
5 missed the meeting. But, I mean, there must
6 have been nine bags there. No recycling
7 being done. Nothing, you know. A person
8 approached me at the supermarket, they were
9 very nice about and they said, "Well, gee,
10 some of these people can't get their
11 recycling done because they are too old, but
12 the one place I drove by they always put it
13 at the back fence and the back fence is
14 approximately 400 percent longer of a walk
15 to the back fence to throw their recycling
16 away as trash than it would be to put it out
17 on the front, you know. So, I mean, there's
18 excuses and there's excuses and it's just
19 ashamed.

20 Don't forget out in TV land tun into
21 105.7 WFTE and get to hear the other side of
22 the story. Fox news is the -- they already
23 had a ruling where the truth isn't
24 necessarily the news so. Okay, on the
25 golden parrot we have ALEC, they are also a

1 non profit, by the way, a lobbyist
2 nonprofit, I mean, give me a break, that's
3 what I mean about profitable nonprofits, and
4 apparently people have been turning in tax
5 deductions for their donations to this
6 company, American Legislative Exchange
7 Counsel, they are responsible for our photo
8 IDs and everything I have been hearing on
9 the phone, I'm doing some work for --
10 political work for people and I'm hearing
11 about old ladies that it takes 30, 40 hours
12 to get them into an ID and stuff and they
13 taxed it a little become bit, but it's still
14 not cutting it.

15 So anyway, Jack Abramoff had a
16 center for American Policy Research and he
17 wound up in prison because he was double
18 dealing his -- he outlawed or helped outlaw
19 gambling in Texas at the behest of a
20 Louisiana tribe and he is taking millions of
21 dollars from the Texas tribe to relegalize
22 gambling, so he gets four years instead of
23 40 and now ALEC decided to drop this because
24 they lost 13 funders already and guess who
25 is taking up the photo ID? The Center for

1 American Policy Research, Jack Ambramosi
2 organizations, so that's what I mean.
3 Profitable nonprofits, bawk, bawk, bawk.
4 Have a good night.

5 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Jerry
6 Ferrario.

7 MR. FERRARIO: Council, good
8 evening. Jerry Ferrario, Dunmore resident
9 and Scranton employee, worker, property
10 owner.

11 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

12 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

13 MR. FERRARIO: I'm trying to get
14 some clarification on your proposed
15 ordinance for the imposition of the 15
16 percent parking tax. I have been trying for
17 a couple of weeks and I'm looking for
18 somebody to tell me who it's going to
19 effect. For example, does it effect
20 somebody that parks in the lot that is a
21 tenant in the building?

22 MR. ROGAN: If only effects if you
23 own a lot or you have a lot where you're
24 charging a fee.

25 MR. FERRARIO: I'm sorry?

1 MR. ROGAN: It would only effect you
2 if you are charging a fee.

3 MR. FERRARIO: I have a tenant who
4 it's a tenant of my building who parks in my
5 parking lot, they pay rent, do I -- is there
6 anywhere that I have got to pay 15 percent
7 for this parking fee?

8 MR. ROGAN: Attorney Hughes, do you
9 know if that would be covered?

10 MR. HUGHES: I believe the way the
11 ordinance is structured, the way it came
12 down from the solicitor's office and the way
13 we reviewed it, it would have to be a charge
14 by the landlord on that specific lot. If
15 you had -- if they're a tenant in your
16 office building and you say -- you have a
17 parking lot and you charge them say \$100 a
18 month to park extra in addition to the rent
19 that would then be taxable.

20 MR. FERRARIO: So if I just charge
21 them the rent then they are not taxable?

22 MR. HUGHES: That's going to be up
23 to the solicitor's office, but the thing
24 that -- what this was aimed at is that --
25 this was aimed at is that where there is a

1 charge for that parking spot by the owner of
2 the parking lot and it's being charged and
3 there is being an amount paid.

4 MR. FERRARIO: So if I charge \$5 an
5 hour I'm responsible for a 15 percent tax
6 which would be 75 cents, I understand.

7 MR. HUGHES: Or if you say --

8 MR. FERRARIO: If I charge \$100 a
9 month for a monthly spot then I would be
10 responsible for --

11 MR. HUGHES: \$15.

12 MR. FERRARIO: \$15, okay.

13 MR. HUGHES: But you would have to
14 charge for it.

15 MR. FERRARIO: I would have to
16 charge, right. I would have to charge for
17 it.

18 MR. HUGHES: And somebody that had
19 an apartment building and just -- or, you
20 know, an office building, and my office
21 isn't in Scranton, but, you know, like my
22 office building there is parking spaces all
23 over, so everybody pays, you know, free.
24 When I was in downtown Scranton where I had
25 my office they charge us for the parking, so

1 we had to provide our secretaries, and
2 ourself, would have to lease a eight parking
3 spots, so now that wasn't included in our
4 rent.

5 MR. FERRARIO: So if I include it in
6 the rent --

7 MR. HUGHES: Well, I don't know.

8 MR. FERRARIO: Okay, just it's
9 Mr. Kelly that's going to be the -- who
10 makes that determination. That's what I'm
11 trying to understand.

12 MR. HUGHES: It would be I believe
13 up in LIPS, Licensing, Inspections and
14 Permits. They are the ones that enforcing
15 the ordinance.

16 MR. FERRARIO: Who wrote the
17 ordinance though, is it --

18 MR. HUGHES: It came down from the
19 solicitor's office.

20 MR. FERRARIO: From Mr. Kelly.

21 MR. HUGHES: From Mr. Kelly;
22 correct. What this was aimed to do is to
23 get where somebody is leasing that space,
24 and it's not like you have -- they could
25 have an apartment building and say, okay,

1 here, that's not included in your rent so
2 now you have to pay extra.

3 MR. FERRARIO: And that I
4 understand. What I'm trying to --

5 MR. HUGHES: I can't tell you
6 whether -- what you charge if you provide
7 free parking it's included in there and
8 that's included in your office and you are
9 saying, "Here, the office is \$10 a square
10 foot per year and it includes two parking
11 spaces."

12 I mean, to me that's the parking
13 spaces because you have them, they are going
14 with the office but you are not charging
15 individually for those parking spaces. If
16 you say, "Here, I also have a parking lot
17 and if you want parking spaces -- "

18 MR. FERRARIO: 100 a month.

19 MR. HUGHES: "-- then it's extra."
20 I can't -- that's about it.

21 MR. FERRARIO: Well, then you not
22 the one that -- this was written from the
23 city's --

24 MR. HUGHES: Correct.

25 MR. FERRARIO: Okay. Because the --

1 what the city told me was that every time
2 this proposed ordinance comes back to them
3 it's changed, so he couldn't give me an
4 interpretation of -- I'm just as confused as
5 you are, he couldn't give me an
6 interpretation of who has to -- you know,
7 who is paying for it. Is somebody that's a
8 tenant in a building responsible for their
9 spot and if so how you can separate that
10 amount?

11 The ordinance, I mean, the ordinance
12 itself I could not get it from the city. I
13 called your office and Mrs. Krake said I
14 could come down and read it, is its normal
15 procedure that I can't get a copy of a
16 proposed ordinance or is it just --

17 MS. EVANS: We can provide you with
18 that.

19 MR. FERRARIO: No, well, I had to go
20 down and read it and write it and retype it,
21 that's what I did, but I'm just trying to
22 understand the normal procedures. I know
23 tonight is the third reading, will it
24 actually be voted on tonight?

25 MS. EVANS: Yes.

1 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I'm going to
2 recommend that we table it actually because
3 another thing I just thought of was and,
4 Attorney Hughes, maybe you can answer this,
5 I didn't think of it, one area we are trying
6 to get with this tax is the University of
7 the Scranton and other institutions that
8 charge a fee to the students to park, can't
9 they just now if it, you know, as we are
10 speaking part of the rent include that the
11 rent of the dorm and get around the tax? I
12 didn't even think of that.

13 MR. HUGHES: I have no idea what the
14 University of the Scranton does. It's my
15 understanding, and you even said it that
16 when you went there they had parking lot and
17 they charge you to park per month. I have
18 no idea what they do, that there is supposed
19 to be a policy there where only seniors can
20 have cars. Now, that's what I understand.
21 I don't know how true that is.

22 MR. ROGAN: Well, I was looking into
23 it today --

24 MR. HUGHES: But everybody has cars
25 from freshman on up. They park on the

1 streets and, you know, or where the
2 University of Scranton has parking garages
3 and lots and they lease those spaces that
4 would be applicable. We are not charging a
5 tax on the land itself, but it's on the
6 revenue that's being produced on the
7 parking.

8 MR. ROGAN: The current -- the way
9 the system is currently setup at the
10 University of Scranton when I went there it
11 would apply. You pay for the permit, but if
12 they looped it in with rent for those who
13 are getting a dormitory would it then not
14 apply?

15 MR. FERRARIO: The imbalance is that
16 at the University I believe it's \$100 or
17 \$150 a semester or even a year so at \$100
18 they are paying \$15 for the semester if it's
19 a semester. The employees downtown that pay
20 me \$85 a month are going to have to pay \$12
21 additional tax to park downtown, so these
22 are the people that are working downtown,
23 they are paying taxes downtown and now I
24 have to pay an additional \$12, okay? The
25 person that sits next to them in their

1 office who may park at the Parking Authority
2 for \$112.50, \$25 more a month, now doesn't
3 have to pay that \$12 because the Parking
4 Authority is exempt from this ordinance.

5 MR. HUGHES: That's a decision out
6 of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

7 MR. FERRARIO: And, Mr. Hughes, I
8 understand that, but the --

9 MR. HUGHES: We tried to have -- we
10 originally when we received the ordinance I
11 reviewed it, I sent it back, and I thought
12 that the Parking Authority should be taxed,
13 also. However, I then did some research and
14 I found the cases and where it came out of
15 the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania that the
16 City of Pittsburgh taxed the parking
17 Authorities and it was held they couldn't
18 tax them on the revenue and on the 15
19 percent tax.

20 MR. FERRARIO: And I understand
21 that, and I understand that, you know, I
22 mean, you could either drive the top line
23 and get more money or you can cut the bottom
24 line and spend less money and you have to do
25 one of them, and I understand that, I just

1 don't think it's fair to be isolated in that
2 the people that are parking in the Parking
3 Authority -- I mean, I have to compete with
4 the Parking Authority. I have to pay taxes,
5 they don't have to pay taxes. If I now have
6 to pay another 15 percent, if I have a lot
7 with 200 spots they are -- those spots are
8 now part of the city.

9 MR. HUGHES: I totally agree with
10 you with that, unfortunately, that's a
11 Supreme Court of Pennsylvania case.

12 MR. FERRARIO: And that I
13 understand. I understand that, but let me
14 just -- what Mr. Rogan is saying I think is
15 the best solution and that is to table it.
16 Part of the definition of the operator here
17 is a governmental body and governmental
18 subdivision, a municipal cooperation and
19 then I understand it says that the Scranton
20 Parking Authority is exempt, but technically
21 a governmental body would be the federal
22 government; correct? Okay. The federal
23 courthouse is owned by us, but it's operated
24 by the GSA, by General Services. GSA then
25 takes a portion of that and takes the

1 expenses for a portion of that for the
2 federal judges and for the FBI and each of
3 those people in essence pay rent to the GSA.
4 So technically if there is a FBI agent
5 parking in a parking garage beneath the
6 federal courthouse that's a parking spot, so
7 5 percent of some number has to be
8 apportioned to that. It just -- I think if
9 you can table it and if you can do a little
10 bit more research and it and maybe go back
11 to the city it would be or -- go back to the
12 city and rewrite it, it would be a better
13 ordinance and a better law and I understand
14 taxes have to be paid, I understand I'm
15 going have pay more taxes, but if you look
16 at the lots, the parking lots downtown, the
17 people with ten cars or four cars or six
18 cars that charge people are not going to be
19 subject to this because it's going to be too
20 hard to enforce it and other people are
21 going to pay the brunt of it.

22 So I would ask that you consider
23 tabling it and maybe doing a little bit more
24 research before you make any decisions.
25 Appreciate your time.

1 MR. ROGAN: Thank you.

2 MS. EVANS: Is there anyone else?

3 MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening.

4 Marie Schumacher, citizen and taxpayer.

5 Just a couple of quick things, on 3-D is
6 anybody keeping a running log on the impact
7 on the city's property taxes of the appeal
8 hearing results? No?

9 MS. EVANS: I don't believe so.

10 MS. SCHUMACHER: I think that might
11 be advisable. For Mr. Rogan, there was a
12 line in the paper again on Rejuvenessence
13 and I know a couple of years back they
14 borrowed a quarter of a million dollars so I
15 would like to know whether or not -- what
16 their current balance is on that loan and if
17 they are current on their payments and if
18 not how long they have been delinquent.

19 MR. ROGAN: Sure thing.

20 MS. SCHUMACHER: As a matter of
21 fact, I would like to see that for all OECD
22 loans that have not been paid off.

23 Three, again, following up its now
24 been about five weeks since the police chief
25 said he thought it would takes two weeks for

1 the investigation of the police officer, do
2 we have a conclusion to that, Mr. Loscombe?

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: He has not responded
4 back to me since I spoke to him. He was
5 supposed to update me when he made his
6 decision.

7 MS. SCHUMACHER: Would you follow-up
8 with him?

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: Sure.

10 MS. SCHUMACHER: He estimated two
11 weeks and it's been five now, so that's a
12 little bad. And then again, I'm sorry,
13 Mr. Rogan, also on that EPA award did you
14 ever get --

15 MR. ROGAN: We didn't receive
16 anything in return.

17 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay.

18 MR. ROGAN: And I apologize, I
19 should have asked Mr. McGowan when he was
20 here, but, you know, we were on another
21 subject.

22 MS. SCHUMACHER: And 5-C tonight,
23 where is the location of that building, is
24 it in the backup?

25 MS. EVANS: Yes. I believe it's at

1 the corner of Keyser Avenue and Oakwood
2 Drive.

3 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

4 MS. SCHUMACHER: And again, will
5 this be a nonprofit? So this will be
6 another nonprofit --

7 MS. EVANS: Yes, I'm going to
8 address it under motions.

9 MS. SCHUMACHER: And that's it for
10 tonight. Next week I will hopefully speak
11 on -- well, I guess, maybe I do have another
12 question, how close are we on the Revised
13 Recovery plan?

14 MS. EVANS: Well, the mayor is
15 hoping to make or to present recommendations
16 to PEL on Monday, but I have been reading
17 through provisions of the Act 47 and it
18 appears that there can be or there should be
19 a lengthy process involved, in other words,
20 the plan. And I forgive me, I don't have
21 the act with me, but just based on recall
22 here that PEL has to publicize, you know,
23 that it has a plan and has to be available
24 for public review and comment, written --
25 there has to be a designated time period for

1 written comments to be submitted and in
2 addition PEL has to conduct a public hearing
3 on the plan and all of that I believe may
4 have to occur before council would even
5 entertain the legislation.

6 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, has council
7 inputted their recommended changes to what
8 I'll call the baseline budget, PEL's
9 baseline budget?

10 MS. EVANS: Some have, and that's
11 something else I'll address under motions.

12 MS. SCHUMACHER: Then that did
13 remind me of another thing, too, I know
14 someone earlier spoke about it, but we are
15 only dealing with 10 years worth of
16 employees, I don't know that the turnover
17 has been that great and I don't know why we
18 don't have any exact figure save for the
19 interest payments on the effect of the
20 Supreme Court awards to the fire and police.
21 What is the hold up? It seems all you have
22 to do is take every employee and apply the
23 percentages; right? I mean, what am I
24 missing here? That was last October, ten
25 years worth of employment, what am I

1 missing?

2 MS. EVANS: Well, I think it
3 involves more than salary. There is health
4 care, there is longevity, there is retirees
5 involved and --

6 MS. SCHUMACHER: But again, we are
7 talking ten years. How many people have
8 retired in ten years?

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: Quite a bit. Quite a
10 few.

11 MS. SCHUMACHER: Yeah, but how many
12 months has it been? It's been six months.

13 MR. LOSCOMBE: There is deaths,
14 there is retirements, there is a whole ball
15 of whacks there.

16 MS. EVANS: Even those who have left
17 the city's service that were employed during
18 those years they would be entitled to --

19 MR. LOSCOMBE: That's correct.

20 MS. SCHUMACHER: I'm sorry, who
21 would be entitled?

22 MS. EVANS: Even those employees who
23 may have left the city service since but
24 were an employee of the city during these
25 years that are covered by the Supreme Court

1 award they are entitled to --

2 MS. SCHUMACHER: I understand that.
3 But again, how many? I would think you got
4 payroll records and you know who the money
5 was going out to I just -- I just don't
6 understand the lag here and I presume again
7 that we are paying interest, that the
8 interest is applying every day on these
9 awards since last October? Is that true or
10 false?

11 MR. LOSCOMBE: I'm not sure.

12 MS. SCHUMACHER: Maybe your
13 solicitor would know.

14 MR. HUGHES: I have no idea.

15 MS. SCHUMACHER: I can't ask him.

16 MR. HUGHES: I have no idea, I've
17 never seen the awards, I think these are
18 questions that have to be addressed to the
19 mayor, to the administration. I mean,
20 council is not involved in this from the
21 standpoint of making that determination.
22 This is purely an administrative function.
23 This is the mayor -- these are the questions
24 that have to be addressed to him. We can
25 only act on legislation that comes down.

1 Council has no power to do this. They could
2 ask questions and see if there is answers,
3 but this is not an issue of the council. I
4 mean, right now it's not. I think your
5 questions are -- council doesn't make these
6 determinations. This is up to the mayor and
7 the administration.

8 MS. SCHUMACHER: I would think they
9 would be beating the door down particularly
10 if interest applies, you know, expeditious
11 -- hire somebody to do is, something. It's
12 got to be -- we got to know.

13 MR. HUGHES: Council can't do that.
14 Council has no power to do that.

15 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, they are
16 citizens. They can knock on the mayor's
17 door the same as I can; right? But, okay, I
18 take your point.

19 MR. HUGHES: Sure we can knock on
20 the door, that doesn't mean it's going to be
21 opened.

22 MS. SCHUMACHER: They can't make it
23 better, okay. And that's it for tonight.
24 Thank you.

25 MS. EVANS: Is there anyone else?

1 MR. MARTIN: Bob Martin, 420 Adams
2 Avenue. Since I made a shout out to the
3 police and firemen, I want to make a shout
4 out to the DPW workers, my cousin worked for
5 them for 35 years and I thought I would give
6 a shout out to them because I know they
7 early sometimes. Sometimes there are
8 criticisms that they leave early and
9 everything like that, but there is -- I just
10 wanted to give a shout out to them because
11 it's not an easy job, you know what I mean?
12 When you go through the garbage bag you
13 never know when you are going to hit a
14 needle or something like that.

15 But, Mr. Rogan, I want to ask you a
16 question, I don't know how to ask it. Some
17 people -- I know you have criticism against
18 the DPW sometimes or some people, I talked
19 to somebody and the person, I'm not going to
20 mention their names, it's like they are
21 criticizing you because it seems like they
22 don't like you. I don't know why, you know
23 what I mean? But as far as I know I have
24 seen you talk, you know, about the way
25 things are going with the firing people that

1 they shouldn't have hired back or --

2 MR. ROGAN: You know, I try to
3 watch, and I think we all do, try to watch
4 every dollar that's spent in the city and
5 whether it's the DPW or another department
6 no matter what department it is if they are
7 wasting money I'm going to call them out on
8 it. It's not just the DPW, it's mainly the
9 refuse division that I have criticized, not
10 the highway's division or the other
11 divisions, but if, you know, I see something
12 I think is wrong I'm going to mention it.

13 MR. MARTIN: I know this person I
14 talked to, I'm not even going to mention his
15 name, he used to work for DPW and it just
16 seems likes he's mentioned bad about you.

17 MR. ROGAN: I'm sure I'm not the
18 most popular person in the DPW.

19 MR. MARTIN: No, I know, but I think
20 the -- I don't know, I have nothing against
21 anybody up there and trying to save the
22 people money and stuff and, you know, and
23 there is another question about where I
24 live, you know, people out there were the
25 city has a chance to recycling and where I

1 live at 420 Adams I asked them, "Are you
2 recycling?"

3 And they said, "No."

4 And I said, "Why?"

5 Because they tried it and it ain't
6 working. Well, they are not trying hard
7 enough as far as I'm concerned. All they
8 got to do is put a recyclable can downstairs
9 and let them drop it in. I mean, basically
10 a lot of people or older there, but I love
11 recycling.

12 Another thing I want to close on,
13 I'm critical of ECTV. Part of the reason
14 why I'm critical is because they do not put
15 the schedule on the TV, like, along the
16 screen. I don't see nothing there. They
17 always advertise about the web. I look on
18 the web and they see --Scranton Today always
19 had it on, okay? They always had it on.
20 And then you say like put this message on
21 ECTV, there ain't no messages on there. I
22 mean, I don't see. They see in the top of
23 the screen it says ECTV and that's it.
24 There is nothing there. They don't show it.
25 They have nothing on the screen, you know.

1 They show the weather and stuff. But, I
2 mean, I don't understand why can't they put
3 the schedule on for each day, not for a
4 whole week, but for each day, you know what
5 I mean? I mean, you know, it's on the web,
6 but, I mean, on the computer, but I think
7 they should put it on the TV.

8 I loved Scranton Today, I always
9 did, and I think they did a better job, but,
10 I mean, I'm pleading out to ECTV right now
11 to try and put the schedule on for each day
12 to let the people know what's going on so
13 they can just see for that day and also
14 start putting messages on. Scranton Today
15 used to say, "Well, if you had a video or
16 something you want to put on, you know what
17 I mean, we will have it on, put it on."

18 I mean, there is certain times and
19 certain things they cannot put on if it's
20 controversial, but I'm pleading to ECTV
21 please put the schedule on and put messages
22 on, like, you know, public service
23 announcements, and that's all.

24 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Mrs. Krake,
25 maybe we could send a letter to Mr. Migliori

1 and also the board of the directors of ECTV
2 requesting that programming, daily
3 programming is run on the station, a
4 programming schedule. Thank you. Is there
5 anyone else?

6 MR. ANCHERANI: Good evening.

7 MS. EVANS: Good evening. Nelson
8 Ancherani, resident and taxpayer, recording
9 secretary of the FOP, exercising by belief
10 and opinion by exercising my First Amendment
11 rights. On November 7, 2011, I was placed
12 on administrative leave, discharged,
13 terminated, fired from my job with the city
14 because of my age. Whatever word is used,
15 administrative leave, terminated, fired,
16 discharged, I was forced out of my job
17 because of my age.

18 It is my belief and my opinion that
19 age was used as an excuse by the city to
20 retaliate against me for coming to council
21 and voicing my opinion for the last ten
22 years, by exercising my First Amendment
23 Rights. The result of me being forced out
24 of my job has forced me into retirement
25 under protest. I just want you to know that

1 I will continue to come to council and
2 continue to voice my opinion. For the last
3 ten years I have spoken about frivolous
4 spending, 300 million long-term debt, dirt
5 at Nay Aug along with a green and black fish
6 pond. These are just a few of the issues
7 that I have spoken on. Record budget,
8 rubber stamp councils and names have been
9 called to persons who come to council and
10 speak because they love this city.

11 We will not be intimidated. Joe
12 Clifford, Jack is Back, and his last name
13 escapes me, Dick Lasky, along with MaryAnn
14 Wardell, Les Spindler, Chris Lugick, Doug
15 Miller, Lee Morgan, the Hubbards, Marie
16 Schumacher, Ozzie Quinn, Andy Sbaraglia,
17 Dave Dobrzyn, Ron Ellman and many, many
18 others. We're not intimidated and will not
19 be intimidated. We love this city and will
20 continue to come here and fight for it and
21 there will be more issues to follow in the
22 future. Thank you.

23 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

24 MR. LOSCOMBE: I believe it was
25 Jack Fossett.

1 MR. ANCHERANI: That's it.

2 MS. EVANS: And, Mr. Ancherani, I am
3 ashamed of the city's actions toward you and
4 what was done to you.

5 MR. ANCHERANI: I forgot to add, I
6 must love the job because it's been 41 years
7 since I became a reserve. Thank you.

8 MS. EVANS: Thank you very much.

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: And you were
10 dedicated, too.

11 MS. EVANS: Yes.

12 MR. SLEDENZSKI: The last one.
13 Jackie.

14 MR. LOSCOMBE: Chrissy.

15 MR. SLEDENZSKI: Jack, back here or
16 up a little more? A little bit up.

17 MS. EVANS: Talk right in.

18 MR. SLEDENZSKI: I am. Hey, Vince,
19 happy birthday 76-year-old man. Happy
20 birthday.

21 MS. EVANS: Is there anyone else who
22 cares to address council?

23 MS. KRAKE: 5-A. MOTIONS.

24 MS. EVANS: Councilman McGoff, do
25 you have any comments or motions?

1 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. Thank you.
2 First, I almost forgot, thank you for
3 mentioning happy birthday, I was not
4 thinking of it, today is my father's 91st
5 birthday.

6 MS. EVANS: Congratulations and
7 happy.

8 MR. MCGOFF: Happy birthday to dad,
9 he watches regularly, although, he does
10 complain that he can't hear some of it, but
11 that's probably a good thing.

12 Just a couple of items that have
13 been discussed tonight and I guess I will
14 comment on them. Obviously, the major
15 question of the night has dealing with the
16 progress of the unfunded debt. Mrs. Evans
17 did mention that, you know, this is
18 something that is part of the 2001 budget,
19 the unfunded debt, the refinancing is
20 something that we can't walk away from this.
21 We decided on this back in December that
22 this is what we are going to do, and while
23 we may not like the plan that's being
24 presented we need to act on something or
25 else the budget is going to be just a

1 disaster. There will be no financing
2 because if we don't get the unfunded debt,
3 if we don't look through the refinancing
4 then we are likely to lose our line of
5 credit, we are likely to not meet payrolls,
6 we are likely to go through all types of
7 economic distress so --

8 MS. EVANS: We won't make bond
9 payments.

10 MR. MCGOFF: We won't make bond
11 payments, this is something that we need to
12 act upon. I know, again, people may not
13 like the plan, but if there is a better plan
14 I am sure that we would all be more than
15 welcome to listen. So far this is the best,
16 at least from what I can see, this is the
17 best opportunity that we have had to secure
18 this unfunded debt, to secure the
19 refinancing, yes, you know, maybe it needs
20 to be refined, and I thank Attorney Hughes
21 for working on that to help refine the
22 ordinance that was sent to us, but I think
23 that we do need to move on this and move
24 quickly so that we can hopefully, you know,
25 get back to some financial stability. I'm

1 not saying it's recovery, but at least
2 stability for the 2012 year.

3 And I wasn't present when the -- I
4 missed the meeting when the question of the
5 money to Attorney Hughes came about since I
6 did mention the work that he has done, I
7 would just like to comment on that issue.
8 In the past there have been other instances
9 where legislation or whatever has come to us
10 for additional funding for solicitors for
11 authorities, for -- you know, whatever and I
12 always held to three criteria for, you know,
13 judging it. Number one, was the work
14 necessary? Number two, was the work
15 requested by the supervising body? And
16 number three, was the work completed? If
17 those three things held then I always said
18 that the person deserved to be paid.

19 In this case I think all those three
20 criteria have been met by Attorney Hughes
21 and, you know, I think that something should
22 be done to see that, you know, the
23 compensation is taken care of.

24 The recovery plan, I hope that we'll
25 speak of it somewhat tonight, you know, it

1 was a little bit of an update, I know that I
2 have not, you know, sent anything to you as
3 far as recommendations or all, I have
4 attended, you know, PEL meetings now for,
5 you know, any number of months and have at
6 least offered some I don't want to say
7 suggestions, but at least commented on what
8 I thought was appropriate about what they
9 submitted to us and what I thought was
10 acceptable and unacceptable.

11 Again, maybe we are under the gun,
12 maybe we are being forced again, tonight it
13 came up, you know, somebody something for us
14 to adopt a Recovery Plan or a revised
15 Recovery Plan I'm hoping that we can
16 accomplish this again in the near future.
17 This is something that I think a lot of what
18 we are dealing with is contingent upon this
19 Recovery Plan being adopted. I know right
20 now we are probably not going to meet the
21 April 30 deadline that was set forth by the
22 consortium that provided the TAN, that could
23 put us in default, although, I believe that
24 the balance on the payment for the TAN -- or
25 the balance is relatively low and may even

1 be paid off by the --

2 MS. EVANS: Middle of May.

3 MR. MCGOFF: Well, there was some
4 hope that it might even be by April 30 and
5 thus make that whole idea of default
6 irrelevant. But I think that we need to
7 move -- again, we need to move on the TAN --
8 or not on the TAN, on the Recovery Plan. I
9 think we need to speak with PEL. I know
10 they have been requesting to come to
11 council, I think we need to bring them in
12 and I think that we need to speak to them
13 directly about the Recovery Plan and about
14 when we propose and what's acceptable and
15 what's unacceptable about the revisions that
16 they have made. And again, hopefully we can
17 do that in the near future.

18 And then just one last thing, I know
19 it's not city business, but it was brought
20 up about the baseball agreement and the
21 nature of that whole situation is something
22 that has upset me for a number of years. I
23 was -- I bought a ticket, a season ticket,
24 before there was a team, before there was a
25 stadium. When John McGee first put those

1 out for sale I bought one and held onto it,
2 actually went up to four. We had four
3 season tickets at one time. The group that
4 has purchased the franchise or purchased the
5 team forced me to leave the stadium. I
6 think they have mismanaged it and I, along
7 with many other people, feel that they have
8 mismanaged it with the intent of making it
9 so financially irresponsible that they would
10 move the franchise, and that's one of the
11 conditions on which the league would allow
12 them to move the franchise.

13 And the question I asked I knew the
14 answer to, while they may have made a
15 financial commitment, there is nothing in
16 the agreement that says that the Triple-A
17 franchise will stay in Lackawanna County and
18 that's something that upsets me. I believe,
19 you know, back 20 whatever years ago that
20 this was a great situation for the City of
21 Scranton, for Lackawanna County, to have a
22 major league -- a minor league -- Triple-A
23 minor league team here, and I really fear
24 that we are going to -- that it may be lost
25 and I'm sorry that I confronted you with

1 that, but just again, it's not city business
2 it's just vent a little bit at the end this
3 evening, and thank you.

4 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Councilman
5 Rogan, do you have any comments or motions?

6 MR. ROGAN: Yes. Thank you. Just I
7 guess I'll speak about the caucus a little
8 bit more. I'm glad we had it, it's cleared
9 up much of, you know, the misconceptions
10 that many of us had the previous week that
11 additional money was being borrowed on top
12 of the unfunded debt and the refinancing.
13 The reason why I questioned about the
14 refinancing was when the budget -- I always
15 assume the refinancing would be done the
16 traditional way, going to a banking
17 institution, getting a loan at a fixed rate.
18 That's why I brought that up and it seemed
19 strange to refinance with a bond instead of
20 going to a bank and, obviously, Mr. McGowan
21 made it very clear that no banks will lend
22 to us which is why it's being done this way.

23 And I think it's a decision that --
24 the borrowing is going to be a decision we
25 all have to think about long and hard. I

1 am -- I don't like the idea of not knowing
2 the exact amount when I vote on it, that
3 really bothers me, but it is something that
4 I think we'll all be considering and talking
5 about.

6 Mr. McGoff mentioned having PEL into
7 council, this is something that I think is a
8 great idea if we had a caucus with them,
9 maybe we can schedule it for 4:00 or 3:00 or
10 on a weekend judging by how long the
11 caucuses have been running, you know, we all
12 have a whole lot to say, but --

13 MR. MCGOFF: Just could we -- is it
14 possible, and I know, you know, I don't want
15 to overburden anyone, is it possible to have
16 a caucus, just a caucus, you know, so that
17 we have the time to discuss with PEL all --
18 and there is not the, you know, then the
19 burden of having a meeting afterward.

20 MS. EVANS: I think we can do that
21 but since all five members would be in
22 attendance then the caucus has to be
23 advertised according to the Sunshine Law.

24 MR. ROGAN: Maybe we can do that on
25 say a Tuesday. We used to meet on Tuesdays

1 every week, one week and even if we have to
2 do it on a Saturday you, know, if we all got
3 together and had a nice long discussion with
4 PEL in person I think that would be
5 beneficial.

6 MR. MCGOFF: I'm sorry.

7 MR. ROGAN: It's okay. No, I think
8 that would be a great idea and I submitted
9 my recommendations. There was
10 recommendations or -- you know, some talks
11 that came from the meeting and nothing is
12 firm yet, so there is no reason to discuss,
13 you know, proposals until we actually have
14 them, you know, to discuss and I think we
15 have all put our ideas out there and what we
16 think would be good and wouldn't be good for
17 a Revised Recovery Plan.

18 Next, regarding Item 7-A, I walked
19 in here tonight planning on voting "yes" and
20 not even thinking about what would happen in
21 the situation what was brought up to us
22 tonight. It seems that we don't know the
23 answer. If that is a legal loophole and I
24 think the situation that was brought up to
25 us doesn't seem -- Mr. Ferrario wasn't

1 trying to get around the law, but some of
2 the others will try to get around the rule.
3 I don't believe for a second that if a
4 landlord is renting to a business and
5 everything is in one bundle that they should
6 have to pay for a spot on top of that. I
7 think it's part of what happens when you
8 sign the lease. If there is a parking lot
9 there and you get use of the lot, I don't
10 think you should have to pay the additional
11 tax if it's bundled, but I worry with that
12 being brought up that an institution like
13 the University of Scranton or Lackawanna
14 College or another institution that charges
15 for parking would use this loophole to get
16 around the tax.

17 For instance, instead of charging
18 the 100 or 200 dollars per semester fee to
19 park they could make the parking lot open to
20 students who have a students ID and tack it
21 onto the tuition, which am I right, Attorney
22 Hughes, would that be -- would they be
23 getting around the law doing that?

24 MR. HUGHES: Well, I think they
25 could, but then how about all of the kids

1 that don't have cars that are paying for
2 parking? You know, then they would be
3 paying because it would be put on -- it
4 would have to be charged. I can't see how
5 they could do that.

6 MR. ROGAN: They could just --

7 MR. HUGHES: Charge every student,
8 you know, for a parking fee and put it in
9 tuition and then kids that don't have cars
10 are going to be paying for parking spots in
11 their tuition and they don't have them, and
12 I believe that tuition is just based it's so
13 much per credit.

14 MR. ROGAN: Yes and no.

15 MR. HUGHES: Well, I have no idea,
16 it's been a long time since I have been in
17 college.

18 MR. ROGAN: Yes and no. If you take
19 more than I believe 12 credits per semester
20 it's a lump sum rate, and there are other
21 fees that are added on, an activities' fee
22 and I could see them coming up with a
23 maintenance fee, which would cover
24 everything, and only students could go into
25 that parking lot but it's free for students,

1 which is how they get around the law.

2 To me, and I'm not an attorney, but
3 I definitely think before voting we should
4 know exactly what would happen in the
5 situation that was brought up to us tonight
6 when a landlord rents to a tenant who part
7 of the deal is the parking spots and --

8 MS. EVANS: I think they can
9 probably -- I believe the payments are going
10 to be made to the City Treasurer and they
11 can probably handle individual cases like
12 that just as in, you know, the refuse fee
13 collection when you have an empty apartment
14 and, you know, providing proof of that so --

15 MR. ROGAN: Before voting I think we
16 should know exactly what the ramifications
17 of the vote are. I don't think anyone up
18 here can say for certain what would happen
19 in that situation, and I didn't think of it
20 until 15 minutes ago when the speaker
21 brought it up at the podium.

22 That being said, I would like to
23 make a motion to table Item 7-A.

24 MS. EVANS: We have a motion on the
25 floor, do we have a second?

1 (No council member responds.)

2 MR. ROGAN: I guess it fails then.
3 Again, I just I'm a little concerned about
4 not knowing exactly how the law would effect
5 everyone.

6 Moving on to the pools, I know
7 Mr. Miller brought it up again this week and
8 the Department of Justice and the ADA,
9 American Disabilities Act, there is a new
10 requirement for public pools this year.
11 They are required to a have a handicap lift.
12 None of our pools in Scranton have it that
13 I'm aware of. Without these lifts, we can't
14 legally open our pools. I don't know if the
15 city has -- I mean, any arrangement to try
16 to make them handicap accessible. I don't
17 believe so, but the date was extended a few
18 months, it was I think May, I think they
19 extended it to June. I'm going to look into
20 this a little bit further, but if the city
21 opens our pools the way they are now we
22 would be in violation of the federal law.

23 So, Mrs. Krake, could we please send
24 a letter to the law department as well as
25 the DPW asking if any arrangements have been

1 made to make our pools ADA compliant? And I
2 will send that to you, I'll send you an
3 e-mail with the backup information regarding
4 the law.

5 And finally, just because it was
6 brought up tonight and a few people have
7 actually brought it up to me over the last
8 week, is the baseball stadium. I think we
9 all fully support having a minor league
10 baseball team in the area. I would love to
11 see it in downtown Scranton or somewhere in
12 the actual City of Scranton because, as was
13 mentioned, the money that comes and having
14 it is great. If you look at the Montage
15 Mountain area and go back to when we had the
16 Red Barons when they first started up there
17 you had a baseball stadium and skiing. I
18 think that was it. Now when you go up there
19 we have Cinemark and we have the Shoppes at
20 Montage, we have ice cream stores, and the
21 economic development in that area has been
22 great. I think it's in large part because
23 of the minor league baseball bringing people
24 up there.

25 We'll see what happens. I hope

1 things work out and we do continue to have a
2 minor league team in the area. I would
3 leave to see them in the City of Scranton,
4 but that is all for tonight. Thank you.

5 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Councilman
6 Loscombe, do you have any comments or
7 motions?

8 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes. Thank you.
9 Just briefly, I didn't plan on saying
10 anything this evening, but after a couple of
11 speakers brought up some issues I decided to
12 touch on this. Mr. Morgan discussed the
13 rental ordinance and Mr. Ferrario, I believe
14 it was, on the parking, and Mr. Rogan also
15 mentioned that.

16 Everyone saw we had a caucus earlier
17 here today about borrowing millions of
18 dollars. This council had to look at
19 different ways to generate revenue in the
20 city or we could have passed a 30 percent
21 tax increase across everybody. Some of the
22 ideas that we have put forward are starting
23 to come into place and although they are not
24 perfect ordinances we have the ability to
25 amend them as we find problems down the

1 road.

2 The renter's ordinance, as I stated
3 earlier, wasn't meant to be government
4 intrusive, and I know all of my colleagues,
5 we have gone around the neighborhoods on
6 different issues, potholes and stuff like
7 that, one of the biggest complaints that we
8 found were multi-family rental units, and a
9 majority of them are out-of-town landlords,
10 but to be fair we can't discriminate between
11 local landlords or out-of-town landlords.

12 We saw the neighborhoods declining
13 because of a lot of these problems with
14 multi-family rental units, so that taxes the
15 police department, the fire department, our
16 License and Inspection Departments
17 continually responding to these areas.
18 There are some protections in there for the
19 landlord.

20 Mr. Morgan was asking about the
21 destruction of a property by a tenant, well,
22 that's what the magisterial system is for,
23 with a strong contract that should be in the
24 landlord's contract. I know there is lot
25 of -- it is tough, a lot of good landowners,

1 landlords, take care of their properties and
2 they do run into problem tenants, but that's
3 what the legal system is for. Our ordinance
4 is to protect those that live in those
5 properties and to make sure that they are up
6 to code.

7 And Mr. Morgan mentioned
8 grandfathering, I don't believe that the
9 inspection's department should go into a
10 place that's been okay and updated over the
11 years and make them update it to today's
12 code as long as it was -- you know, it was
13 current when they were in there. We are
14 looking at life safety issues, that should
15 be the key. Egress and access. Fire
16 escapes, fire alarms. You know, safe window
17 screens, issues like that. Kept up
18 properties where you don't have roof
19 shingles falling on the neighbors or porches
20 falling apart. Those are obvious.

21 You know, the only ones that should
22 worry about this rental ordinance are those
23 that don't care about their properties.
24 Those that keep them up have no problems
25 whatsoever. I think it's a good start to

1 bring back our neighborhoods, and again,
2 it's not perfect, but we can make amendments
3 as it goes to bring things up-to-date.

4 And the same goes with the parking
5 issue, I think we could pass it and if we
6 find a little chink in the armor there we
7 can -- you know, we can make an amendment.

8 I believe if you own a building and
9 you have ten parking spots and maybe have a
10 four-unit building your tenants are included
11 in that building, the four tenants, but if
12 one of those spots is rented to someone else
13 those spots are taxable. Again, this has to
14 be laid out. But the same thing with the
15 University, they go out and they ticket the
16 vehicles in their parking, so as long as
17 there is enforcement there they are showing
18 that there is payment there, too, so that's
19 another issue that we could look at to make
20 sure it's enforced and they won't be able
21 to.

22 MR. ROGAN: I agree with what you
23 are saying, and as I stated before, I agree
24 completely that if somebody is renting a
25 building and there happens to be a parking

1 lot attached they shouldn't have to pay the
2 fee.

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: Right.

4 MR. ROGAN: But the question is do
5 they have to pay the fee, and I'm not
6 comfortable. That's why I have --

7 MR. LOSCOMBE: I believe it was laid
8 out at this point to delineate a payment.
9 In other words, if you had to pay to park in
10 that spot specifically if it wasn't included
11 -- if you had to pay to park in that spot if
12 your rent is \$200 a month for the apartment
13 and you had to pay another \$50 for that
14 parking spot then that's --

15 MR. ROGAN: Up until, you know, a
16 half hour ago I was under that assumption as
17 well, but when we had a business owner come
18 in who said that he tried contacting the law
19 department, he couldn't get an answer, I
20 don't like to vote for not knowing. If it
21 is the way I thought it was and we all
22 thought it was over the last two weeks when
23 I voted yes both times I wouldn't have a
24 problem with it, but if that person is going
25 to be charged a tax I don't think that's

1 right, number one, and not knowing the
2 answer I don't feel comfortable voting for
3 it.

4 And we have tabled countless pieces
5 of legislation, many of them I objected to
6 tabling to check and make sure everything
7 was done right. That's why I made the
8 motion to table and it didn't carry and --

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: I understand that and
10 I think it's just that my minor issue that
11 we could update or whatever, but again, you
12 know, he we starved for cash in this city
13 and the sooner we start to doing things that
14 are going to generate revenue, we should are
15 done this years ago. It's taken us two
16 years now to get this two and a half years
17 to start getting some of this stuff into the
18 budget. We shouldn't be here, you know,
19 having caucuses over multi-millions to be
20 borrowed, this stuff should have been looked
21 at years ago that were revenue items that
22 were presented and keep getting pushed by
23 the wayside and we just keep getting deeper
24 and deeper and, you know, we have to start
25 somewhere.

1 But this is not a tax on everyone,
2 so I think that's a benefit, too, and there
3 is some other things that will come up down
4 the road.

5 And Mrs. Schumacher before had a
6 discussion with Mr. Hughes about requests
7 and stuff like that and I -- you know, two
8 and a half years I'm here, I know some of
9 you have been here many more, but I'm
10 frustrated at the responses that we don't
11 get, and we send repeat letters and we don't
12 receive answers. We send Right-To-Know
13 letters, we don't receive answers. It's
14 embarrassing here as a councilman when I'm
15 out on the street and people ask me the same
16 questions and I cannot get an answer for
17 them.

18 I don't know what the answer is. Do
19 we bring the department heads in here again
20 that are responsible or, you know, I mean, I
21 have heard subpoena before, but, you know
22 Right-To-Knows aren't working, letters
23 aren't working, paperwork is piling up and
24 we get the same questions over and over and
25 that's what caused frustration years ago. I

1 used to see people come to these meetings
2 and it was frustrating because they are
3 asking the same thing that should be simple
4 answers and they are not getting the
5 response, and what's more embarrassing is we
6 are not getting a response and we are
7 getting it out on the street.

8 You know, and I just hope we can
9 come up with a solution to at least have
10 this body get some responses. If anyone has
11 some discussions I would be happy, but
12 that's all I have. Thank you.

13 MS. EVANS: Thank you. And,
14 Councilman Joyce?

15 MR. JOYCE: Yes. I have a few
16 comments tonight. First, I want to discuss
17 the 2012 TAN a little bit. To reports, as
18 was specified in 3-H earlier our tax
19 collector on April 23, our tax collector,
20 Bill Courtright, has submitted a deposit
21 into the 2012 TAN lockbox which is being
22 held at Fidelity Bank. The deposit was made
23 in the amount of \$1,014,408.14.

24 Just to remind everyone with the
25 TAN, as one may or may not know, this year

1 there is a special agreement with the tax
2 anticipation note, commonly referred to as
3 the TAN. As part of the special agreement,
4 all real estate tax revenue is required by
5 our TAN lender to be placed in the lockbox
6 for final repayment by June 30 or until all
7 of the balance is paid, whichever comes
8 first.

9 Now, I do want to add that there is
10 a stipulation with the Recovery Plan in
11 there but hopefully the TAN payment will be
12 paid sooner rather than later. At this
13 point there is approximately \$1.3 million
14 left to pay on the TAN after the last
15 deposit.

16 Secondly, Scranton City Council had
17 received a report on the usage of overtime
18 through February of 2010 -- or not 2010,
19 sorry, 2012. To report, as of this time
20 period a total of \$171,457.49 had been spent
21 on overtime. The total for the period of
22 February was \$59,090.41. The bulk of the
23 overtime expenditures came from the largest
24 parts of the budget, being police, fire and
25 DPW.

1 To report, overtime usage in the
2 fire department this year so far is very
3 low, it's only \$4,455.47 that was spent
4 after February, and overtime in the DPW was
5 also lower this year due to the warm winter.

6 I do have a few citizen's requests,
7 and this is a recurring request and I'm not
8 sure if we received an answer, however,
9 residents in North Scranton have informed me
10 that the condition of both Greenbush and
11 Reese Streets are subpar. There are many
12 cracks in the road and various potholes.
13 Mrs. Krake, with this in mind, can you
14 please inform Director Dougher of the
15 situation and ask him to handle it
16 accordingly. Residents in this area have
17 informed me that both streets have not been
18 paved in roughly 25 years and they would
19 like to see these streets paved if possible.

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: That's another
21 request for the 100th time; right?

22 MR. JOYCE: Also, the 500 and 600
23 blocks of Crossing Court if you could add
24 that to the list to contact Director Dougher
25 about residents have reported that they are

1 in rough shape. Also, the 300 block of
2 South Fourth Street and the 300 block of
3 Emmett Street are also in rough shape as
4 various residents have reported to me.

5 Also, various residents have
6 informed me that there is a large pothole on
7 Main Avenue where Main Avenue and Oram
8 Street intersect and this is making
9 traveling conditions very difficult in this
10 area of Main Avenue.

11 So, Mrs. Krake, since this section
12 of Main Avenue is a state route can we
13 please contact PennDOT and ask them to have
14 this hole repaired as soon as possible as
15 many travelers are getting quite frustrated,
16 and that is all for tonight.

17 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Good
18 evening. During last week's council meeting
19 I stated that the Revised Recovery Plan
20 submitted by the Pennsylvania Economy League
21 failed to include the complete Supreme Court
22 award to Scranton police and fire employees
23 and provision for the payment. As a result,
24 I could not support a plan that would lead
25 our city back into the Court system.

1 I spoke with Mayor Doherty regarding
2 this issue early this week noting that Act
3 47 language requires the inclusion of all
4 awards in the Recovery Plan. He responded
5 that he would speak with Pennsylvania
6 Economy League and encourage them to include
7 the full award as well as provisions for
8 it's payments.

9 In addition, I submitted information
10 related to the Revised Recovery Plan to
11 council members on April 19 and I would ask
12 that all recommendations, additions,
13 deletions are forwarded to Councilman Joyce
14 or to me by e-mail tomorrow since Mayor
15 Doherty intends to submit recommendations to
16 PEL on Monday, April 30.

17 Included in tonight's agenda for
18 introduction is legislation to approve a
19 Pennsylvania Gaming Act grant in the amount
20 of \$350,000 for the Community Life Support
21 new building project located at the corner
22 of Oakwood Drive and Keyser Avenue. The new
23 building will consist of 5,000 square foot
24 of office space and an attached garage that
25 will house up to 14 ambulance and emergency

1 services vehicles. Community Life Support
2 or CLS is a nonprofit whereby a 501-C-3
3 designation is pending. It was established
4 in 2005 by a group of volunteers and former
5 staff of Community Medical Center ambulance
6 service. This is a worthy project, however,
7 as a nonprofit CLS is removing taxable
8 property interest the tax rolls.

9 Further, the Recovery Plan calls for
10 increased payments in lieu of taxes to
11 assist the city in meeting its current and
12 future financial obligations. Therefore, I
13 would like to ask Solicitor Hughes for his
14 advice as to how city council might proceed
15 to seek a PILOT from nonprofits engaging in
16 new projects within the City of Scranton as
17 we go forward amid trouble financial
18 straights?

19 MR. HUGHES: I certainly think after
20 the legislation is adopted you could
21 probably request it. I don't think we can
22 ask before legislation and link it to the
23 legislation. I do not know how big this
24 parcel is, I generally know where it is over
25 on Keyser Avenue, and I don't know who owns

1 project, and again, something should be done
2 where they could certainly request for them
3 to make a substantial payment to the city.

4 MS. EVANS: So I think what you are
5 saying to us is if we chose to approve the
6 project thereafter we would send a letter
7 perhaps to CLS requesting an annual PILOT
8 for the City of Scranton?

9 MR. HUGHES: Yes. I think under the
10 Recovery Plan though I think that's the
11 mayor's responsibility. He is the one that
12 is supposed to be going out and bending the
13 arms of the nonprofits and raising the money
14 and it seems like council is doing it to try
15 to get the money in and I don't think that
16 there is that much money that the mayor is
17 really getting from the nonprofits.

18 But, you know, we can't really link
19 it, you know, the two of them together, but
20 I certainly think that with this and with
21 what the city is doing for administering the
22 grant and putting in the grant application
23 and obtaining the money that that they
24 certainly should make a payment, you know,
25 to the city every year in lieu of taxes.

1 And maybe the thing would be is that
2 find out exactly where this parcel is and
3 what the real estate taxes are, you know,
4 and tell them, "Here, you are taking it off
5 the tax rolls, you are getting a \$350,000
6 grant through the city, we appreciate a
7 payment in lieu of taxes."

8 MS. EVANS: Yes.

9 MR. HUGHES: I'll try to find that
10 out at the Assessor's Office by the next
11 meeting as to where the parcel is and what
12 the taxes are. Obviously I don't think it
13 has to be subdivided, so I think it's an
14 independent parcel.

15 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

16 MR. ROGAN: I'll speak to Ms. Abeli
17 as well and, Mr. Loscombe, if there is a
18 public safety aspect, you know, it was
19 mentioned that ambulances would be housed
20 there, we'll check on that as well.

21 MR. LOSCOMBE: Definitely.

22 MS. EVANS: And that's it.

23 MR. HUGHES: I do believe from
24 reading the legislation that they do charge
25 but they provide I think it was 25 percent

1 of their services are voluntarily given.

2 MS. EVANS: Yes, if you cannot pay
3 you won't be turned away.

4 MR. HUGHES: Right.

5 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

6 MR. KRAKE: 5-B. APPOINTMENT OF LEE
7 BORTHWICK, PE, 616 DEPOT STREET, SCRANTON,
8 PENNSYLVANIA, 18509, AS A MEMBER OF THE
9 HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD TO
10 SERVE THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF DAVID G. SMITH,
11 PE PLS THROUGH OCTOBER 11, 2015.

12 MS. EVANS: At this time I'll
13 entertain a motion that Item 5-B be
14 introduced into its proper committee.

15 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

16 MR. JOYCE: Second.

17 MS. EVANS: On the question?

18 MR. ROGAN: I would like to thank
19 Mr. Borthwick for sending in his resume
20 before even being asked.

21 MS. EVANS: Indeed.

22 MR. JOYCE: Likewise.

23 MS. EVANS: Anyone else? All those
24 in favor of introduction signify by saying
25 aye.

1 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

2 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

4 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

7 MS. KRAKE: 5-C. RATIFYING AND
8 APPROVING OF THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF
9 THE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF
10 SCRANTON, ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY LIFE
11 SUPPORT (CLS), TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF
12 PENNSYLVANIA ACTING THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH
13 FINANCING AUTHORITY FOR A LOCAL SHARE
14 ACCOUNT GRANT, PURSUANT TO THE PA RACE
15 HORSE DEVELOPMENT AND GAMING ACT, FOR THE
16 PROJECT TO BE KNOWN AS COMMUNITY LIFE
17 SUPPORT NEW BUILDING PROJECT LOCATED IN
18 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA AND AUTHORIZING THE
19 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
20 OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO EXECUTE AND
21 ENTER INTO A LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT
22 CONTRACT AND COMMITMENT LETTER WITH THE
23 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA TO ACCEPT AND
24 UTILIZE THE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
25 \$350,000.00 AWARDED BY THE COMMONWEALTH

1 OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR SUCH PROJECT.

2 MS. EVANS: At this time I'll
3 entertain a motion that Item 5-C be
4 introduced into its proper committee.

5 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

6 MR. JOYCE: Second.

7 MS. EVANS: On the question? All
8 those in favor of introduction signify by
9 saying aye.

10 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

11 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

12 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

13 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

14 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
15 have it and so moved.

16 MS. KRAKE: SIXTH ORDER. NO
17 BUSINESS AT THIS TIME.

18 SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR
19 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
20 FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 30, 2012
21 - AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A TAX FOR GENERAL
22 REVENUE PURPOSES ON OPERATORS OF PARKING
23 SPACES AT THE RATE OF FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%)
24 UPON EACH PARKING TRANSACTION AND
25 ESTABLISHING ANNUAL LICENSE PROCEDURES AND

1 FEES AND PROMULGATING THE RECORD KEEPING AND
2 REPORTING RULES AND REGULATIONS ON
3 PARKING TRANSACTIONS PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL
4 TAX ENABLING ACT 53 PA. C.S.A. 6901 ET SEQ.

5 MS. EVANS: What is the
6 recommendation of the Chair for the
7 Committee on Finance?

8 MR. JOYCE: As Chairperson for the
9 Committee on Finance, I recommend final
10 passage of Item 7-A.

11 MR. ROGAN: Second.

12 MS. EVANS: On the question?

13 MR. ROGAN: Yes, I would just make
14 my objections clear one last time, I didn't
15 have a problem with the ordinance the way I
16 thought it would take effect. We have a
17 business owner come, we couldn't answer his
18 questions. I don't want to pass it to find
19 out what's in it. I think it was about a
20 month ago Ms. Schumacher brought up some
21 concerns about a piece of legislation in
22 Seventh Order. We made a motion to table
23 it, we tabled it. The next week we had a
24 caucus and all of the questions were
25 answered and it passed unanimously.

1 I don't see what the rush is on one
2 more week to find out exactly how it's going
3 to impact every resident and every business
4 owner, so because of that I will be voting
5 "no".

6 MR. MCGOFF: I know we did -- what
7 you are suggesting we do with the rental
8 registration ordinance.

9 MR. ROGAN: And the South Side
10 project as well.

11 MR. MCGOFF: And we kept pushing it
12 and trying to perfect it and I don't think
13 that it will -- it ever reached a point
14 where it was going to be perfect. I know I
15 requested it at that time and council went
16 along. I don't know that we can ever
17 perfect this parking ordinance to the point
18 where everyone is going to be satisfied. I
19 think that at this point in time
20 implementing it and allowing it to work
21 through for eight months of this year and
22 see what problems there are and revise it as
23 it goes along --

24 MR. ROGAN: I would just say I'm not
25 asking for a change, I'm just asking how it

1 will effect that situation.

2 MR. MCGOFF: And I don't know that
3 we can ever get that answer.

4 MR. ROGAN: Well, I think the law
5 department should have it.

6 MR. MCGOFF: Well, I think what you
7 brought up are hypotheticals. Are there
8 going to be --

9 MR. ROGAN: Not the resident that
10 was here. That wasn't a hypothetical. He
11 is a business owner in the city who came to
12 us with a question.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Right.

14 MR. ROGAN: We didn't answer his
15 question, so how can we vote on this
16 legislation without knowing the answer to a
17 resident's question -- or a business owner's
18 question? That's what I'm --

19 MS. EVANS: Well, I think we can
20 still vote on the legislation, obtain the
21 answer and if problems arise, as I think
22 Councilman Loscombe indicated, whether it is
23 this piece of legislation, the rental
24 registration legislation, we have the
25 ability to amend it in the future if

1 necessary.

2 MR. ROGAN: I understand that, but I
3 would like to have all of the information
4 before voting. That's all.

5 MS. EVANS: Roll call, please.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

7 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

9 MR. ROGAN: No.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

11 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

13 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

15 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare
16 Item 7-A legally and lawfully adopted. If
17 there is no further business, I'll entertain
18 a motion to adjourn.

19 MR. JOYCE: Motion to adjourn.

20 MS. EVANS: This meeting is
21 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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