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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

Thursday, January 24, 2013

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

JAMIE MARCIANO, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

BOYD HUGHES, SOLICITOR

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

3 MS. EVANS: Roll call, please.

4 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

5 MR. MCGOFF: Here.

6 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

7 MR. ROGAN: Here.

8 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe. Mr.  
9 Joyce. Mrs. Evans.

10 MS. EVANS: Here. Dispense with the  
11 reading of the minutes.

12 MS. KRAKE: 3-A. MINUTES OF THE  
13 COMPOSITE PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD  
14 DECEMBER 12, 2012.

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

17 (Whereupon Mr. Loscombe and Mr.  
18 Joyce take the dais and join the meeting.)

19 MS. KRAKE: 3-B. FIREMEN'S PENSION  
20 COMMISSION MEETING HELD DECEMBER 12, 2012.

21 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?  
22 If not, received and filed.

23 MS. KRAKE: 3-C. CONTROLLER'S REPORT  
24 FOR THE MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012.

25 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?

1 If not, received and filed.

2 MS. KRAKE: 3-D. AGENDA FOR THE CITY  
3 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD  
4 JANUARY 23, 2013.

5 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?  
6 If not, received and filed. Are there any  
7 clerk's notes this evening?

8 MS. KRAKE: No, Mrs. Evans.

9 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Do any  
10 council members have announcements at this  
11 time? Blankets and ground coffee are needed  
12 at the Bethel AME homeless shelter located  
13 at 676 North Washington Avenue in Scranton  
14 across the street from Cooper's Seafood  
15 Restaurant. If you have spare blankets or  
16 extra coffee, ground coffee that is, please  
17 drop them off at the shelter. I thank our  
18 friend Barb O'Malley for bringing this vital  
19 to our attention, and that's it.

20 MS. KRAKE: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'  
21 PARTICIPATION.

22 MS. EVANS: Our first speaker is Ron  
23 Ellman.

24 MR. ELLMAN: Hello.

25 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

1 MR. ELLMAN: For the last couple of  
2 weeks I sat out here quietly and patiently  
3 and listened to Mr. Burke cry and whine and  
4 complain about an apparent bad house deal he  
5 purchased in the Scranton/Dunmore area up  
6 there by the lake. It seems like when you  
7 buy a house, you look around and if you  
8 couldn't see the traffic and the trucks and  
9 everything else that goes down that road you  
10 are either blind or stupid, but I just don't  
11 want to see the City of Scranton dragged  
12 into his battle with DeNaples. We have no  
13 business whatsoever taking any interest in  
14 this, and I don't see why the council was so  
15 interested in the dirt that's being brought  
16 in there. If it was anything illegal, the  
17 newspaper would have gotten ahold of it  
18 months ago.

19 I could see the road is bad, but I  
20 think if you looked at Mr. Doherty's desk  
21 you will find IOUs going back 20 and 30  
22 years that would more than pave that road.  
23 The taxpayers have just been waiting for  
24 these lawsuits and Mr. Kelly said to drop  
25 it. I think it's time to go on and worry

1 about 30 or 40,000 taxpayers in the city and  
2 not worry about getting involved in  
3 Mr. Burke's battle with the DeNaples.

4 We desperately need people like the  
5 DeNaples' enterprises and the Boluses and  
6 the Weinbergs and the Burnes in this city.  
7 That progressive have said it all, Sister  
8 Adrian they don't do nothing about hell of.  
9 They probably do more in one minute of their  
10 day than Mr. Burke would do if he lived to  
11 be 150 years old.

12 I am just asking you to stay out of  
13 this and don't drag us into losing any more  
14 money in lawsuits like we have done the past  
15 ten years. It's just got to be -- you know  
16 what, it's just doesn't seem that council  
17 knows which way the wind is blowing the flag  
18 at times. And believe me, if there is  
19 anybody that wants to see you people  
20 successful it's me, but you have some of the  
21 best people in the city take time to come up  
22 here and talk week after week and make valid  
23 suggestions about problems that one week  
24 just asinine nonsense from PEL speculation  
25 and what's going to happen, it doesn't

1           happen.

2                       I was reading, you know, I don't  
3 understand what's wrong the idea about them  
4 billboards, you know, about it didn't go  
5 over that city trying to collect some money  
6 on that, but when Daron Industries was on  
7 Dickson Street they got fined twice for  
8 polluting the city. They there is so much  
9 dust people tell me they still have dust  
10 coming in their homes from them. They ran  
11 overweight, over length, over width trucks  
12 up and down that residential neighborhood  
13 for years. Nothing was done. When council  
14 had a chance to put an end to it you didn't.  
15 That's why I'm saying don't get us into  
16 another lawsuit with anybody, and I am  
17 talking as a taxpayer not as an employee of  
18 DeNaples. I ran up and down that road 40  
19 years ago with wrecks going in when I drove  
20 a wrecker. I know the area very well.

21                       And I just got one other thing to  
22 talk about, last summer I think it was in  
23 August at the Nay Aug car show I went over  
24 to the swimming pool and looked at that  
25 slide and I know about those slides now from

1           being in the swimming pool business, they  
2           are fiberglass. I know everybody up there  
3           knows what fiberglass is and what it  
4           consists of. If it isn't polished and waxed  
5           continuously it loses it's integrity. Do  
6           you understand what I'm saying? That board  
7           is supposed to be inspected, that slide is  
8           supposed to be inspected I was told and it  
9           cannot pass a legal inspection. There is  
10          loose steps on it, I was there and I was on  
11          it.

12                        MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Ellman.

13                        MR. ELLMAN: And I don't think it's  
14           ever been waxed. My son's got a 72  
15           Corvette, I don't think they have washed it  
16           and waxed it in 20 years, I'm serious. You  
17           run your hand on it you can get little  
18           slivers and cuts, you can imagine what a  
19           small child going down that slide if there  
20           is a cut that family will own the city. You  
21           can ask that handsome young fellow over  
22           there and he will agree.

23                        MS. EVANS: Thank you.

24                        MR. ELLMAN: That slide needs to be  
25           closed permanently until somebody inspects



1           it and puts a legal inspection on there  
2           because it cannot be legal. I know this is  
3           the friend of the mayors and the concession  
4           stand, and I don't care who he is, that  
5           slide cannot legally have been inspected the  
6           last couple of years.

7           MS. EVANS: Thank you. Tony Moses.

8           MR. ELLMAN: I'm not trying to  
9           offend anybody, believe me.

10          MS. EVANS: No, no, but the five  
11          minutes is up.

12          MR. ELLMAN: I don't want to cast --  
13          get you people made at me, but you just  
14          don't seem to be in touch with what people  
15          are saying out there like I am. Thank you.

16          MS. EVANS: Tony Moses? Bob Bolus?  
17          Doug Miller.

18          MR. MILLER: Good evening, Council.  
19          Doug Miller, Scranton.

20          MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

21          MS. EVANS: Good evening.

22          MR. MILLER: I'd just like to start  
23          off this evening I was ask asked by one of  
24          our firemen, Tommy Pattison, to just read  
25          off an announcement of his behalf. Anyone

1 that's interested in purchasing one of the  
2 2013 firemen parade day shirts they are on  
3 sale now. They have been on sale for quite  
4 some time now. \$10 each. And they can be  
5 purchased at headquarters or at TP Sports,  
6 504 Luzerne Street, and the phone number is  
7 570-479-2644 and that's for anyone that's  
8 interested in a parade day shirt.

9 Moving onto the MBRO's story that we  
10 had in the paper yesterday regarding the  
11 bid, a second bid that was put in, and we  
12 obviously didn't receive any bidders this  
13 time. We are looking to generate over  
14 \$353,000. This was part of the recovery  
15 plan and it's included in our 2013 budget.  
16 The only thing I could say tonight is maybe  
17 we can consider perhaps putting it out for  
18 bid one final time and if at that point we  
19 don't receive anything then I guess we are  
20 left with having to try and go out and find  
21 some sort of marketing firm where we can  
22 make this happen and make this a reality  
23 because we certainly don't want be looking  
24 at later on in the year having to come up  
25 with over \$300,000 and having to do it with,

1 obviously, what we don't like to do taxes.  
2 So perhaps we can consider one final time  
3 with that and if not, look elsewhere.

4 But maybe we can even go as far as  
5 doing some research and see what other --  
6 I'm sure we did this already, but if we can  
7 make it public as to what other communities  
8 throughout the Commonwealth have instituted  
9 such programs and determined whether or not  
10 they were successful and if not what firms  
11 did they deal with and maybe we can get an  
12 idea where we need to go moving forward.

13 In regard to the nonprofits,  
14 certainly we have a lack of commitment at  
15 this point. We never did receive anything  
16 in writing from the University and all of  
17 the other nonprofits and it's my  
18 recommendation at this point in time where  
19 we are looking to generate \$1.3 million this  
20 year and millions more moving forward that  
21 maybe it's time to once again put a  
22 nonprofit tax force together with members of  
23 the council, the administration and business  
24 leaders in the community so that we can get  
25 something moving forward here so that we can

1 expect to get something in return.

2 As I said, we are not looking to  
3 bully the nonprofits. You know, we have  
4 been characterized as picking on the  
5 University. We are not picking on the  
6 University, that's not what this is about.  
7 This is about paying their fair share. This  
8 is about you getting services that we, the  
9 taxpayers, pay for that you don't contribute  
10 to. You know, the \$175 you give us each  
11 year, as I have said before, is a slap in  
12 the face. It's a disrespect and not just  
13 the city but most of all the residents of  
14 this city who certainly struggle enough as  
15 it is and pay enough that they are basically  
16 carrying the load for you as you sit back  
17 and contribute nothing.

18 So maybe it's time to look into  
19 doing that where we can go and sit down and  
20 try to compile something together because  
21 the back and forth and going on and assuming  
22 that this is going to happen is getting  
23 frustrating. You know, we need real answers  
24 here and we need to get down to it.

25 Dealing with the agenda tonight, 5-C

1 with Standard Parking, I'm pleased to see  
2 that we are moving forward with this and  
3 beginning to implement the accountability  
4 and transparency that we wanted to see with  
5 this authority or years now, and my only  
6 request would be as I look -- read the  
7 legislation moments ago, would it be fair to  
8 request a monthly report from Standard  
9 Parking to account for what's going on each  
10 month?

11 MS. EVANS: I'm sure they will  
12 provide that. They have been very  
13 transparent and very accountable up to this  
14 point and they pride themselves, in fact, on  
15 those characteristics, so I'm sure that can  
16 be done.

17 MR. MILLER: Because as we know,  
18 obviously knowing their history that things  
19 have been kept from us and we find things  
20 out at a later date when it's basically toto  
21 late to say that the mess has already  
22 occurred and we have to go and try and find  
23 a solution to fix it, so perhaps, as you  
24 said, they have a history of being  
25 transparent that they will provide counsel

1 with that information each month.

2 And, finally, 7-A on the agenda, the  
3 final order here dealing with the ordinance  
4 on Attorney Hughes, Attorney Kelly and  
5 Casecon, basically for one final time I'll  
6 just reiterate my thoughts on this. You  
7 know, this goes back to, again, the  
8 accountability and the transparency and  
9 people who have gone above and beyond.

10 You know, a prime example, as I just  
11 talked about 5-C on the agenda, we wouldn't  
12 be talking about 5-C on the agenda tonight  
13 had it not been for Attorney Hughes going  
14 above and beyond on behalf of the residents  
15 of this city, bringing in someone that's  
16 accountable and transparent, and not just  
17 Attorney Hughes, but others that have been  
18 involved, the council, the administration,  
19 everybody that came together knowing that we  
20 had to do something to clean up this Parking  
21 Authority.

22 So this is just one example of it,  
23 that it had not been for him doing what we  
24 did, we wouldn't even be talking and voting  
25 to introduce 5-C tonight, so I just thought

1 I would mention that because when you have  
2 people that want to come up and challenge it  
3 I think they need to take a look at the big  
4 scope. It's not a back door raise, it's  
5 compensation to individuals who have gone  
6 above and beyond not just for the council  
7 but for the taxpayers and they should be  
8 commended for it. Thank you.

9 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Is there  
10 anyone else who cares to address council?  
11 Mrs. Krake?

12 MS. KRAKE: FIFTH ORDER. 5-A.  
13 MOTIONS.

14 MS. EVANS: Councilman McGoff, do  
15 you have any comments or motions tonight?

16 MR. MCGOFF: Actually, no. Thank  
17 you.

18 MS. EVANS: Moving along then to  
19 Councilman Rogan.

20 MR. ROGAN: Yes, very quickly.  
21 First, I know Ms. Schumacher will find  
22 this -- will want a copy of this. We did  
23 receive a reply from Linda Aebli regarding  
24 the status of the loans, and I will provide  
25 a copy. It just came in yesterday and I

1           didn't get the chance to fully review it  
2           yet, so I will report on that next week, but  
3           also give you a copy, and Ms. Aebli also  
4           would like one of the members of the council  
5           to meet with her so I am going to contact  
6           her to try and make arrangements for a  
7           meeting to go over them and get a little  
8           more detail.

9                         I just wanted to address, it's not  
10           really a city issue, but it was an article  
11           that was in the newspaper today regarding a  
12           new form of county government. Since the  
13           city and the county many times are  
14           connected, for instance, when myself and  
15           other members of council wanted the tax --  
16           the period for discounted taxes extended,  
17           the county commissioners and the school  
18           district would have been needed to go along,  
19           unfortunately, at that point in time  
20           Commissioner Wansack, and I don't know where  
21           Mr. O'Brien stood, but they didn't want to  
22           go along with it so the city was forced to  
23           keep the discount period as short as it is.

24                         Now, there was an article about  
25           Chuck Volpe pushing for a new form of county



1 government, and this is definitely something  
2 I think that the citizens of Scranton and  
3 the county should explore, and I know that  
4 the commissioners also were talking about  
5 consolidation plans. It's definitely -- the  
6 idea of going to a county council seems to  
7 be popular in a lot of the surrounding  
8 communities. I think it's something that as  
9 a council we should have some input on and,  
10 you know, certainly review it because the  
11 county does effect the city in many aspects,  
12 one of them being a reassessment of taxes  
13 and it hasn't been done in decades in this  
14 county, and maybe if there was a county  
15 council where you have a little more  
16 representation for the city that could  
17 happen. Currently with the current  
18 commissioners we have one that resides in  
19 the City of Scranton and two that reside  
20 outside of Scranton even though we are by  
21 far the biggest municipality within the  
22 county.

23 So it was just an interesting read.  
24 I encourage everyone to check it out and to  
25 do the re search on it. I'm sure petitions

1 will be circulating around on this issue and  
2 maybe others for the upcoming election on  
3 that referendum.

4 Finally, just a couple of citizens'  
5 requests. A woman called the office and  
6 states that she has been trying to call LIPS  
7 for two years about a house that needs to be  
8 looked at. It's on 1346 Sanderson Avenue.  
9 And also a resident contacted me about a  
10 home on 1219 Philo Street, both are in  
11 terrible condition and they are concerned  
12 for the neighborhood.

13 Mrs. Krake, I will give these to you  
14 to forward.

15 And also, there is a huge pothole in  
16 front of 927 River Street. The resident  
17 reports they tried calling the DPW six times  
18 and they assured him that it would be done  
19 and it still hasn't been addressed as of  
20 yet. So that is all I have for tonight, and  
21 that's it. Thank you.

22 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Councilman  
23 Loscombe, do you have comments or motions  
24 tonight?

25 MR. LOSCOMBE: No, I don't have

1 neglect this evening. I may just make some  
2 comments when the legislation comes up.

3 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Councilman  
4 Joyce?

5 MR. JOYCE: Yes, briefly, and I  
6 apologize for my raspy voice. As one may  
7 know, there were no bidders for the rebid of  
8 the Market Based Revenue Opportunity Program  
9 for the Years of 2013 through 2015 with a  
10 two-year option. The Market Based Revenue  
11 Opportunity Program was a suggestion of the  
12 PEL in their revised recovery plan that was  
13 sent to the city in early 2012. PEL  
14 projected that an MBRO program will bring in  
15 roughly \$350,000 in year one.

16 To re-educate, market based revenue  
17 opportunities programs or MBRO programs are  
18 initiated by governments to realize new  
19 revenue and to defray existing costs and  
20 improve public services and they do this  
21 through a relationships with private  
22 vendors. Examples of MBROs are advertising,  
23 municipal marketing partnership and  
24 secondary use of public real estate. The  
25 main benefits of a MBRO are MBROs are cost

1 avoidance revenue enhancement and limit  
2 administrative burdens.

3 There are six general categories of  
4 MBROs. These categories are outdoor  
5 advertising, street furniture, vehicle  
6 advertising, indoor advertising, municipal  
7 marketing partnerships and secondary real  
8 estate use.

9 In outdoor advertising programs,  
10 governments exchange advertising rights to  
11 private companies for cash, shares of  
12 advertising revenues or donations.

13 In regard to street furniture,  
14 examples of street furniture include bus  
15 shelters, benches, news stands, trash  
16 receptacles and bicycle racks. Many cities  
17 have instituted street furniture programs  
18 supported by advertising such as Boston,  
19 Hartford, Connecticut, Los Angeles, Oakland,  
20 Philadelphia and San Francisco.

21 Concerning city-owned vehicles, an  
22 increasing number of cities are exchanging  
23 rights on municipal vehicles for revenue  
24 and/or acquisition costs. In Scranton,  
25 there are already a few police vehicles with

1 advertisements.

2 Indoor advertising is conducted in  
3 municipal facilities and buildings with  
4 posters put up in high traffic areas.

5 There are many cities and counties  
6 which have is successful MBRO programs. For  
7 instance, New Haven, Connecticut, receives a  
8 great deal of revenue from MBROs, so does  
9 Philadelphia and other major cities.  
10 Lackawanna County even has a successful MBRO  
11 program as you may see advertisements on  
12 buses traveling traveling throughout the  
13 county. With all of these being said, there  
14 are opportunities out there. Though we have  
15 not had any bidders for an MBRO program,  
16 which is unfortunate.

17 Mrs. Krake, please contact  
18 Mr. McGowan with this in mind and ask him to  
19 contact Lackawanna County as well as the  
20 Cities of Philadelphia and New Haven,  
21 Connecticut, to determine how their MBRO  
22 programs have been implemented and what  
23 Scranton can do to get an MBRO program up  
24 and running. I think the quicker we act on  
25 this the better off we will be. Obviously,

1 we have no bidders, but we are only  
2 advertising in the Scranton Times and there  
3 are marketing firms out there, so hopefully  
4 with some due diligence an MBRO program can  
5 be up and running.

6 In other matters tonight, Scranton  
7 City Council has received correspondence  
8 from Roseann Novembrino, our city  
9 controller, regarding the UDAG repayment of  
10 RE-RE account. Mrs. Novembrino reported  
11 that there have been no payments from the  
12 UDAG repayment account in the month of  
13 December.

14 In addition, we have received a list  
15 of 2012 payment in lieu of tax donations and  
16 I would just like to thank some of the  
17 contributors being the Scranton Housing  
18 Authority, the University of Scranton,  
19 Lutherwood, Harrison House and Covenant  
20 Presbyterian Church. We are enthused that  
21 these entities have taken the time to donate  
22 to the City of Scranton and we are hopeful  
23 that they will continue to donate and will  
24 even consider contributing more in the  
25 future.

1                   And I do have a few citizens'  
2                   requests for tonight. A Scranton resident  
3                   is having a tough time getting a large  
4                   pothole in the center of his home file. The  
5                   pothole is located directly in front of the  
6                   927 River Street.

7                   MS. EVANS: Mr. Rogan already took  
8                   care of that.

9                   MR. JOYCE: Oh, he took care of that  
10                  one? Sorry. Finally, various North  
11                  Scranton residents have voiced their  
12                  concerns about the condition of the patch  
13                  road directly between the 600 block of Mary  
14                  Street and Market Street. Residents report  
15                  large potholes making travel conditions very  
16                  difficult. Residents are voicing their  
17                  concerns about the road because this is now  
18                  a heavily traveled area since the Rockwell  
19                  Street bridge is closed and Mary Street is  
20                  part of the detour around it.

21                  Mrs. Krake, if you could please  
22                  contact Director Dougher and ask him to  
23                  rectify the situation as soon as possible it  
24                  will be much appreciated, and that's all for  
25                  tonight.

1 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Good  
2 evening. On tonight's agenda for  
3 introduction by council is Item 5-C, an  
4 ordinance authorizing the mayor and other  
5 appropriate officials to enter into a  
6 management agreement with Standard Parking  
7 Corporation to administer and manage the  
8 city's on-street parking meter operation.

9 Today the administration sent two  
10 pieces of legislation related to this matter  
11 by emergency declaration to city council's  
12 office. However, council members have not  
13 seen either the final version of the parking  
14 meter agreement or the legislation to amend  
15 a previous ordinance until tonight, while  
16 our council solicitor received the final  
17 versions only today. Therefore, I have held  
18 the second piece of the legislation until  
19 our next council meeting and council will  
20 only vote to introduce the management  
21 agreement this evening.

22 At this time, I call on Solicitor  
23 Hughes to provide the public with an  
24 overview of the management agreement and the  
25 amendments to the prior parking ordinance.



1 MR. HUGHES: Thank you, Madam  
2 President. About a month ago I received the  
3 draft of the management agreement between  
4 the city and Standard Parking for them to  
5 manage the parking meters. At that time it  
6 was 1,095 spaces. I reviewed it on I  
7 believe it was December 18, I sent my  
8 comments to the city solicitor, had about  
9 nine comments regarding it.

10 The first thing, if you have a copy  
11 of it there in your packet, "Number 1,  
12 parking spaces," that was revised because  
13 the original agreement, what that had in it  
14 was it was just downtown Scranton for 1,090  
15 spaces, and they had a map attached just of  
16 the City of Scranton. I mean, downtown of  
17 Scranton I think that was taken from a  
18 parking study.

19 What was my impression at the time  
20 that they are going to manage all of the  
21 parking meters, I thought that the area  
22 should be defined. I defined downtown  
23 Scranton by Mifflin Avenue, Lackawanna  
24 Avenue, I think Pine Street and Jefferson  
25 Avenue, and I recommended that also that it

1           be included -- that the areas around  
2           Community Medical Center and the Moses  
3           Taylor and Mercy also be included. So the  
4           parking spaces this was all redone.

5                        As you know notice that what they  
6           have is that in various sections of the City  
7           of Scranton and then they have a map, on  
8           Exhibit A which is the map for just the  
9           downtown Scranton area, but the primary  
10          boundaries are Mifflin area, Arthur Avenue,  
11          of course, Nay Aug Park, East Gibson Street,  
12          which is the outer area of the former Mercy  
13          Hospital and River Street, which would bring  
14          in I believe -- I always refer it as the  
15          Chamberlin plant, and this is a total of  
16          1,400 spaces.

17                       If you go back there is a new  
18          whereas clause that was put in. I discussed  
19          this with the solicitor's office, I  
20          recommended that when we adopt this they  
21          will also have to amend Ordinance 100 of  
22          2009, which is the parking for the hours,  
23          rates, and for various locations.

24                       One area that is -- there is going  
25          to new parking meters installed is up at the

1 Audubon School up on Colfax and Mulberry  
2 Street. I noticed in driving through there  
3 that one time that was all a "No Parking"  
4 zone because of the school, but now that the  
5 school is closed people are parking there  
6 free. I believe there is about anywhere  
7 from 14 to 16 cars parking there all day all  
8 times of the day. There is no meters. So  
9 meters are going to be installed there.  
10 That ordinance will be amended to include  
11 that area to put in parking meters there.  
12 There are parking meters on the southerly  
13 side of Mulberry Street going up.

14 The other changes was that if you  
15 look at 3-G that was originally drafted that  
16 Standard Parking would submit their budget  
17 to the city and it would be deemed approved.  
18 The city had 30 days to approve the budget,  
19 that if they didn't act in 30 days it would  
20 be deemed approved. I recommended that it  
21 be at least 45 days because if it weren't 45  
22 days there is no way it could be reviewed  
23 and legislation adopted, come to council and  
24 go to the mayor for signature, so that was  
25 changed to 45 days.

1 I'll go over what's here as  
2 operating expenses, and I do have a budget  
3 of this. Basically what their -- what they  
4 will receive is a commission on the total  
5 amount of revenues from the parking meters  
6 and also from the citations. This sets  
7 forth what the expenses are in there, I'll  
8 go over that in a little while, and then  
9 that sets forth the operating expenses.

10 Paragraph five, that were no changes  
11 to that, that's the gross receipts on net  
12 profit. I did put in there, there was one  
13 change and that was citation revenue showing  
14 all cash, including paper money, credit card  
15 payments and tokens collected. This sets up  
16 is they take the gross revenue, less the  
17 operating expenses equals the net profit.

18 They will receive a management fee  
19 of \$10,000 a month. That will be \$120,000  
20 per year in addition to there percentage of  
21 the net revenue.

22 Under Article 8-B they will have an  
23 office to pay for -- they will have an  
24 office here in city hall of Scranton, the  
25 Treasurer's Office, where fines can be paid

1 for the parking citations. At one time that  
2 used to be at the Scranton Parking  
3 Authority. Now that will be in city hall.  
4 I believe this is where it always used to be  
5 paid down in the Treasurer's Office, so they  
6 will have an office there.

7 Article 9 is their insurance  
8 coverages for Workers' Compensation a \$1  
9 million general liability, employer  
10 liability insurance of a million, commercial  
11 general liability of \$2 million, automobile  
12 liability of \$2 million, an umbrella  
13 liability of \$100 million.

14 And they will report to the city on  
15 a monthly basis of all of the revenue, 15  
16 days by the end of each month.

17 Most of the rest of this is fairly  
18 normal as to the owner's obligations, that  
19 being the city.

20 14 is cross-indemnifications.

21 15 is the owner's insurance.

22 One item that was stricken, that I  
23 recommended be stricken is, of course, is  
24 out of this agreement here, that Item No. 27  
25 is the assignment. They wanted to have the

1 right to assign this, I recommended that  
2 they not have the right to assign it without  
3 the prior written consent of the city. That  
4 wasn't in there before, they could just  
5 assign the contract. There was various  
6 language that was deleted from that and this  
7 is the language that I recommended so that  
8 the only way that they can assign this  
9 contract is with the prior consent of the  
10 city and the standard language which consent  
11 shall not be unreasonably withheld. I also  
12 recommended that they put in the city  
13 solicitor's office for any notices of the  
14 solicitor had notice of it instead of just  
15 the business administrator.

16 One item that was in here previously  
17 was No. 32, and that was stricken on my  
18 recommendation, that was in the event that  
19 litigation is instituted that the loser  
20 would pay attorney's fees. That's what's  
21 called the English system. In England,  
22 anyone who files a lawsuit and loses the  
23 lawsuit all costs of the litigation can be  
24 assessed against them. Of course, in the  
25 American system everybody pays their own

1 attorneys and their own legal fees.

2 The comparison of this is when you  
3 look at when the Parking Authority was doing  
4 this and, of course, we terminated the  
5 cooperation agreement, under the cooperation  
6 agreement the Parking Authority in the  
7 previous year they received from the City of  
8 Scranton and the budget in 2012 \$562,000 to  
9 pay for their employees and to pay for other  
10 expenses, and that was never broken down as  
11 to what it is. It was just a blanket amount  
12 that went from the city to the Parking  
13 Authority subsidize the Parking Authority  
14 for the collection of the meters and for we  
15 don't know what else the surplus of the  
16 money went for. Of course, that's done in  
17 this year's budget. That was the cost of  
18 that.

19 They also received 10 percent  
20 commission on all of the revenues that were  
21 collected. That would be between \$800,000  
22 and \$1 million, it varied year-to-year, so  
23 in the best year when they collected a  
24 million dollars the city would get \$900,000,  
25 but then \$562,000 went back to them so when

1           you look at it the city made about \$350,000  
2           on the parking meters after taking into  
3           account the 10 percent commission and the  
4           \$562,000 subsidy.

5                     The citation revenue that the city  
6           received at that time was about \$700,000  
7           last year. What Standard Parking estimates  
8           this year is that it would be a total  
9           revenue of the meters would be a \$1,268,000,  
10          which would be an increase of over last  
11          year's estimate by almost \$300,000.

12                    The meter rate will be going up by  
13          50 cents an hour, it will now be 25 cents  
14          for every ten minutes instead of 25 cents  
15          for every 15 minutes, that will be another  
16          \$338,000. They have another what they call  
17          standard operating practices, I don't know  
18          what that is it, but that's another  
19          \$145,000.

20                    They estimate the citation revenue  
21          by enhancement of the meter people and, of  
22          course, with the conversion of the meters  
23          will increase from \$700,000 to \$1.8 million  
24          and they have a technology upgrade here of  
25          \$145,000 for total revenue of \$3,826,000.



1           They estimate that their operating expenses  
2           will be \$978,000 for total operating income  
3           before incentive fees of \$2,847,000. When  
4           you compare that, that's almost an increase  
5           of almost 280 percent. If you look at it  
6           based on my figures from last year, the city  
7           probably netted a little bit more than a  
8           million dollars on citation and meter  
9           revenue with the Parking Authority doing it.

10                        So if they achieve what they  
11           anticipate with the meter increases, with  
12           better utilization and management of the  
13           meter reader people issuing of the  
14           citations, being vigilant with the meter  
15           enhancement program, it would appear that  
16           when you put it all together, of course, it  
17           wasn't together in any previous budgets, but  
18           the net revenue with the Parking Authority  
19           doing it of approximately \$1 million a year  
20           to an increase this year to about \$2.8  
21           million.

22                        If during the week after you review  
23           this you have any questions just call me,  
24           I'll go over it with you, but that's pretty  
25           much what the agreement is. The changes,

1           there is only one change in there that was  
2           not made that I at least thought should be  
3           discussed, and that was the five-year  
4           contract and there is a clause in there for  
5           the management fee to increase. I thought  
6           that that should be negotiated, but that was  
7           left the same, but I don't have any problem  
8           with it. It's an inflationary rate of  
9           whatever that will be, there is a formula,  
10          and it would be, you know, I believe it's  
11          the lesser of.

12                        So based on everything virtually  
13           after I reviewed the agreement all of the  
14           changes were made and I think it's an  
15           agreement that you had be approved by the  
16           city.

17                        MS. EVANS: Thank you very much,  
18           Solicitor Hughes, for all of your work and  
19           for that detailed explanation. I think it  
20           is certainly a significant step in the right  
21           direction to learn that whereas in the last  
22           fiscal year the city realized only \$1  
23           million in revenue and we can now look  
24           forward to in 2013 two point -- well, over  
25           \$2.8 million in revenue.

1                   And so, again, I thank Solicitor  
2                   Hughes for all of his efforts concerning the  
3                   Parking Authority and to all of those who  
4                   were involved with us.

5                   I have only a few brief updates to  
6                   present tonight, and I'll begin with MBRO  
7                   since many of my colleagues have discussed  
8                   it. The program proposed and included in  
9                   the revised recovery plan by the  
10                  administration again received no bids.

11                  Consequently, the administration is  
12                  now able to contact and negotiate directly  
13                  with marketing firms, and the administration  
14                  has already identified quite a number of  
15                  eligible firms. It's important to note that  
16                  the city advertised for and continues  
17                  seeking a program manager, not advertisers.  
18                  Rather, it's the program manager that will  
19                  solicit advertisements to be placed on the  
20                  city properties and vehicles.

21                  Though some appear to hope for the  
22                  failure of all revenue generators, I fully  
23                  support any and all efforts to provide new  
24                  revenue for this city. These issues require  
25                  unfettered work by the administration and

1 the support of all involved in city  
2 government because new revenue generators  
3 such as the MBRO program will lower the  
4 burden on our taxpayers. Doing nothing  
5 isn't an option. Feckless criticism devoid  
6 of feasible alternate solutions isn't an  
7 option.

8 Next, in regard to Lake Scranton  
9 Road, city council sent a letter on January  
10 18, 2013, to Civil Crossroads Consulting,  
11 LLC, the City of Scranton's alternate  
12 engineering firm requesting that it conduct  
13 an engineering study of Lake Scranton Road  
14 and the related effects of steady truck  
15 traffic. I await their response, which I  
16 will report publically.

17 Also, in response to my request  
18 during last week's council meeting for tree  
19 trimming next to 1372 Penn Avenue,  
20 Mr. Santoli responded promptly that he is  
21 currently seeking bids for the work required  
22 to trim one tree and remove two trees in the  
23 1300 block of Penn Avenue. As soon as the  
24 bid work is completed, the tree trimming and  
25 removal will begin immediately. Once again,

1 I thank Mr. Santoli, our city forester, for  
2 his timely response.

3 And finally, I just have one or two  
4 citizens' requests, for the past few months,  
5 residents have noted an accumulation of six  
6 to ten cars at a property in East Mountain.  
7 These cars are being repaired in a  
8 residential neighborhood. Provide the  
9 address to LIPS and ask them to assign a  
10 city inspector to visit the location.

11 North Scranton residents demand to  
12 know when the North Scranton Junior project  
13 will begin. Please contact the appropriate  
14 parties to learn the start update.

15 And finally, homeowners report that  
16 Christmas trees have not been picked up in  
17 the 600 block of Harrison Avenue in three  
18 weeks. Please address pick up as soon as  
19 possible. And that's it.

20 MS. KRAKE: 5-B. ESTABLISHING A "NO  
21 PARKING" ZONE ALONG THE EASTERLY SIDE OF  
22 WEST MARKET STREET (S.R. 6011) FROM BRICK  
23 AVENUE TO ROCKWELL AVENUE TO ALLOW FOR SAFE  
24 SIGHT DISTANCE FOR A PROPOSED DRIVEWAY BY  
25 NOONES MARKET FOR A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 416

1 WEST MARKET STREET.

2 MS. EVANS: At this time I'll  
3 entertain a motion that Item 5-B 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: 5-C. AUTHORIZING THE  
17 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TO  
18 ENTER INTO A MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH  
19 STANDARD PARKING CORPORATION TO ADMINISTER  
20 AND MANAGE THE CITY'S ON-STREET PARKING  
21 METER OPERATION; PROCURE ON-STREET PARKING  
22 METER EQUIPMENT; ENFORCE VIOLATIONS OF CITY  
23 ON-STREET PARKING METER ORDINANCE; EMPLOY  
24 PERSONNEL TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE THE  
25 CITY'S ON-STREET METERED PARKING OPERATION;

1 PREPARE AND DELIVER TO THE CITY A BUDGET  
2 EVERY YEAR FOR CITY APPROVAL; DEPOSIT  
3 GROSS RECEIPTS FROM MONIES COLLECTED AND  
4 EARNED BY STANDARD INTO A FEDERALLY INSURED  
5 BANK ACCOUNT IN EXCHANGE FOR THE SUM OF TEN  
6 THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) PER MONTH FOR  
7 A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS BEGINNING JANUARY  
8 1, 2013 AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2017.

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

12 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

13 MR. JOYCE: Second.

14 MS. EVANS: On the question?

15 MR. MCGOFF: Yes, I was wondering if  
16 it would be possible or if anyone else would  
17 wish to seek a caucus with someone from  
18 Standard Parking to maybe explain how it  
19 will operate, you know, and some of the  
20 changes that will take place and I do thank  
21 Attorney Hughes. I know he explained the  
22 management agreement, but --

23 MS. EVANS: We had discussed this  
24 actually at our last meeting with  
25 representatives from Standard and it was, in

1 fact, their suggestion that there would be  
2 a, oh, let's say a public relations effort,  
3 if you will, in order that they could  
4 explain fully to the public the changes that  
5 are forthcoming. They also asked that they  
6 be able to make a presentation on ECTV, a  
7 separate program, where they could explain  
8 all of the new measures that are being  
9 instituted, why it's being done, how the  
10 program is going to operate, you know,  
11 basically I think to educate the public and  
12 to get everyone on board with Standard  
13 Parking and it's changes, so if that  
14 would --

15 MR. MCGOFF: That would satisfy my  
16 request.

17 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Is there  
18 anyone else on the question?

19 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I think that will  
20 be great to have someone on ECTV, but is  
21 someone from Standard Parking going to come  
22 into council so council members and the  
23 public could ask questions?

24 MS. EVANS: We can certainly -- we  
25 can ask for that. The representatives,



1                   however, come from -- I know one is from  
2                   Miami, Florida, the other --

3                   MR. MCGOFF:   Maybe we can go there.

4                   MS. EVANS:    The other one is from  
5                   quite a distance.

6                   MR. LOSCOMBE:  Make that motion.

7                   MS. EVANS:    I believe they had been  
8                   in town was it either just this week or last  
9                   week to probably -- I didn't attend the  
10                  meetings at that time, but I imagine they  
11                  would have had discussions with the  
12                  administration and probably with Mr. Washo,  
13                  so I don't know that we are actually going  
14                  to be able to have these gentlemen fly in in  
15                  the amount of time needed to get this  
16                  passed.

17                  MR. ROGAN:    I would just say I'm  
18                  glad that it's not going to be passed in one  
19                  reading.  I think a piece of legislation  
20                  this important should go through in three  
21                  readings.  I know before -- I'm going to  
22                  vote "yes" this week so I have more time to  
23                  read and it go over everything, but I do  
24                  have -- I did have a few phone calls from  
25                  residents and from employees of -- former

1 employees of the Parking Authority, I guess  
2 that would now be employees of Central  
3 Parking that wanted to discuss it, and I  
4 apologize, I didn't get back to them yet,  
5 but I do think it should go through three  
6 readings so we have more time and hopefully  
7 maybe a representative from -- if we have  
8 conference call, something of that nature  
9 where I know the public will have a lot of  
10 questions and after everyone reads it over  
11 and over again there will be more questions  
12 that come up. But, like I said, I will vote  
13 "yes" this week and give it little more time  
14 to review this.

15 MS. EVANS: Anyone else?

16 MR. LOSCOMBE: Just briefly, I've  
17 been out of the loop for a little while, I  
18 apologize, so this is all pretty new to me,  
19 this is the first time I've seen the  
20 agreement and I do and I may have some  
21 questions that I can refer to Mr. Hughes,  
22 also, but I do like the fact that they will  
23 make a presentation.

24 And, you know, from the beginning  
25 our whole thing was the transparency and the

1 proper operation and that's what we want to  
2 ensure and I will have some questions to  
3 make sure that our votes that we had placed  
4 last year assure that transparency and, you  
5 know, we are getting the best bang for the  
6 buck on that. So that's all I have.

7 MS. EVANS: And if I can respond to  
8 that, that both gentlemen who represent what  
9 is now Standard Parking, previously it had  
10 been Central Parking that we were working  
11 with, but Central has merged officially with  
12 Standard Parking, the largest parking  
13 company in the United States and so now  
14 their merger has, of course, created indeed,  
15 once again, the largest and most successful  
16 agency nationwide.

17 And both representatives, as I said,  
18 during meetings that were conducted offered  
19 sincerely and voluntarily to provide monthly  
20 reports to the city. They have been, as I  
21 said earlier, nothing but accountable and  
22 transparent, and I would suggest that  
23 between now and our next meeting if any  
24 council member has any questions about the  
25 agreement please contact our attorney,

1                   Solicitor Hughes, I'm sure he will be very  
2                   happy to answer any questions that you have.

3                   If he doesn't know the answer, I  
4                   believe we would be able to get in contact  
5                   with one of the two or perhaps both of the  
6                   representatives who travel to Scranton. I'd  
7                   say they have probably been here once a  
8                   month for the last several months, so please  
9                   don't hesitate to make those contacts this  
10                  week if you have questions or concerns.

11                 MR. LOSCOMBE: If I just may, not to  
12                 belabor it, but a question just from a legal  
13                 standpoint or whoever it was, when we had  
14                 the meters we placed out a bid to have  
15                 someone, you know, bid on updating the  
16                 meters and stuff like that. Now, we are  
17                 supposed to have a test period with the  
18                 meters, I don't believe that ever happened.

19                 The other thing now is you know,  
20                 there is a certain company named in here,  
21                 but if we okayed this contract shouldn't  
22                 they bid it out for the best bang for the  
23                 buck again for all of us? I mean, I'm just  
24                 worried that, you know, seeing some of the  
25                 other technology out there now that, you

1 know, we may be able to get a much better  
2 deal and it may improve our city coffers,  
3 but I don't want to lose that, you know,  
4 that -- that's part of what we had not had  
5 with the Parking Authority and I don't want  
6 to see us lose that.

7 MS. EVANS: Well, I think the  
8 situation that was discussed during the  
9 meetings was that the city had put it out to  
10 bid twice and the company that's listed in  
11 the backup was chosen by the administration.  
12 Standard Parking has been in touch with them  
13 numerous times throughout all of these talks  
14 and I think what they were hoping for is to  
15 get this up and moving ASAP so that the \$2.8  
16 million will be realized this year.

17 MR. LOSCOMBE: I understand that,  
18 but I still have questions on that aspect  
19 because, you know, now it's under a  
20 different management. There were other  
21 companies that were afraid to bid because  
22 they bid three times with the city and got  
23 no where. I mean, it was a joke. So, I  
24 mean, that's why I'm a little concerned.

25 MS. EVANS: If you would talk --

1 MR. LOSCOMBE: It's with a different  
2 company now. It was Central Parking and  
3 Standard, now they are a different company,  
4 so --

5 MS. EVANS: But I think --

6 MR. LOSCOMBE: There is objections  
7 out there to benefit us a little bit.

8 MS. EVANS: But I think Attorney  
9 Hughes mentioned in his presentation though  
10 that if the company assigns any contracts it  
11 is with the approval of the City of  
12 Scranton; is that correct, Solicitor Hughes?

13 MR. HUGHES: Yes, but that would is  
14 that Standard Parking cannot assign this to  
15 another parking company without the consent  
16 of the city, so they are locked into the  
17 management of this with the city for a  
18 five-year period.

19 MS. EVANS: Okay.

20 MR. HUGHES: What is in here, and I  
21 didn't explain, is the fact that the meter  
22 enhancements that are going to be developed  
23 such as, you know, the credit card, being  
24 able to use a credit card or that, and other  
25 technology for the enhancement, that is all

1           being financed by Standard Parking. I mean,  
2           they are charging us for that even though we  
3           are going to own it. They can probably get  
4           a much cheaper due to the fact that they  
5           have \$100 million policy for the -- you  
6           know, as I stated with their insurances that  
7           they can get a much better rate than the  
8           financing of the city could get. That's  
9           going to be financed over a period of five  
10          years. After that, the city would own the  
11          meters.

12                         One of the things that was discussed  
13           at the meeting when I met with them was  
14           whether that little device that would be put  
15           in that would turn the meter back to zero,  
16           due to the expense right now and to the  
17           enhancement program that was not utilized.  
18           I think that was StreetSmart technology that  
19           Jack might have been talking about, I  
20           remember when they came in that was one of  
21           the things that they had. I mean, that's an  
22           option that they could look at and come back  
23           to the city. I mean, these are professional  
24           managers. It's not like the former Scranton  
25           Parking Authority that, you know, they just

1 really had no managerial ability in  
2 maintaining the parking meters, so I think  
3 there is other options in here that jack is  
4 talking about is that to enhance, you know,  
5 the revenue option, obviously, that's what  
6 they are going to be interested in for  
7 themselves and also for the city, that there  
8 is other areas that they could come back and  
9 recommend to the city. These are the  
10 professional managers. The largest -- you  
11 know, they even manage the parking in New  
12 York City and most major cities, so that we  
13 are not foreclosing that, and I certainly  
14 that that if any council person ever comes  
15 up with any idea, you know, give it to them  
16 and I think they are probably, you know,  
17 would probably look at implementing it.

18 MS. EVANS: Yes. In fact, they said  
19 this was just our starting point and  
20 throughout the life of the contract they are  
21 going to be looking to make more and more  
22 upgrades that can increase revenue and help  
23 businesses downtown and certainly, you know,  
24 as our solicitor said, they are very open to  
25 new technology, advances that can be made



1           that will increase the financial line.

2                       I know, I thought we had also  
3           discussed at this point that there is -- it  
4           seems anyway, that as more time goes by the  
5           less costly all of the equipment and  
6           measures that have to be taken will become.  
7           But in addition to that, I believe they were  
8           to mention that there is -- or they had  
9           heard that there are companies now that  
10          won't even require the puck in ground that  
11          it can be done even now without that, so the  
12          technology is improving constantly and they  
13          want to keep abreast of that.

14                   MR. LOSCOMBE: That's my only  
15          question if we are locked in for five years  
16          through one company at this point, you know,  
17          without them looking at other opportunities  
18          out there, they are just taking the company  
19          that the city said, "This is it," and that's  
20          -- you know.

21                   MS. EVANS: Well, I think in the  
22          agreement we would be locked in with  
23          Standard. I don't know that it means we  
24          are --

25                   MR. LOSCOMBE: I'm not talking

1 about -- I'm talking about the providers for  
2 the meter systems.

3 MS. EVANS: Right. I know what you  
4 are saying.

5 MR. LOSCOMBE: Not just the  
6 management company, there is probably 20  
7 companies out there that could do the meter  
8 system.

9 MS. EVANS: Right. So that I'm  
10 saying is that I don't know that the  
11 contract locks us into that aspect so maybe  
12 that's something you would like to discuss  
13 with Solicitor Hughes through the week and  
14 check that out and see what that can be  
15 changed, rebid, etcetera.

16 MR. LOSCOMBE: And again, basically  
17 from day one that was our ultimate goal  
18 transparency and to generate as much revenue  
19 as possible, you know, and I think there is,  
20 again, it's a changing field month to month  
21 so there is more technology out there and I  
22 don't think we are locked into one  
23 particular bidder at this point because that  
24 was null and void and it should be null and  
25 void.

1 MR. HUGHES: If I could, and I think  
2 that things are going getting too mixed up  
3 here, the proverbial apples with oranges.  
4 What this management agreement is, is that  
5 they are going to manage all of the parking  
6 meters for the city for a period of five  
7 years. That it's up to them to enhance the  
8 revenue and determine from other suppliers  
9 who make parking meters whether they should  
10 be installed. That stuff costs money and to  
11 do this enhancement right now it's going to  
12 cost almost, I think it's -- I forget what  
13 the exact figure is, but with interest and  
14 everything else it's like \$6,500 a month,  
15 you know, so that would come to, you know  
16 what, like, about \$78,000, rounded off to  
17 \$80,000 so it's going to be over \$400,000  
18 over the term of this five-year agreement.

19 Now, if somebody else comes in with  
20 new meter technology, I mean, these are the  
21 people that are all over the country. In  
22 fact, they are worldwide in parking meter  
23 programs. You know, they know what's going  
24 on. It's up to them or us, they can come to  
25 the city and say, "Look, we can do this,

1           it's going to cost \$1 million. Do you want  
2           to do it? It's the best technology in the  
3           world and this is what it will do, write a  
4           ticket out automatically."

5                     You know, somebody might come up  
6           with that, you know, with the camera on the  
7           pole when it goes out it just snaps a  
8           picture of the license plate and  
9           automatically sends them a ticket. I mean,  
10          I don't know, that's up to them. It's not  
11          up to council or the city to say -- to  
12          interfere with their management of it, but  
13          this is a management contract. They have  
14          determined right now with the city based on  
15          the city's bids that this is what should be  
16          done and this is managerial decision I  
17          believe of the mayor and with, you know,  
18          Standard and Central Parking. To say that  
19          this is what was bid, this is what we can  
20          implement, and this is going to be the cost.

21                     So now if other technology comes  
22          along I'm sure they are going to come to the  
23          city and say, "There is 15 other companies  
24          out there that are producing --" or I don't  
25          know how many there are producing parking

1 meters, "They have come up with this  
2 technology, we believe this would be better  
3 for you to implement here and raise this  
4 much revenue."

5 It's going to raise \$50,000 more  
6 revenue a year, but the implement is going  
7 to cost \$100,000, why would you do it? I  
8 mean, that's what it comes down. That's  
9 what these people do. You know, they are  
10 there to optimize, you know, the revenue and  
11 the profit for the city from those parking  
12 meters.

13 MS. EVANS: Thank you. I think that  
14 clears it up and we can leave those  
15 decisions in their hands.

16 All those in favor of introduction  
17 signify by saying aye.

18 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

19 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

21 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

24 MS. KRAKE: 5-D. ACCEPTING THE  
25 RECOMMENDATION OF THE HISTORICAL

1 ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD ("HARB") AND  
2 APPROVING THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS  
3 FOR POCONO SIGN & GRAPHIC, 1147 THE HIDEOUT,  
4 LAKE ARIEL, PENNSYLVANIA FOR REMOVAL OF  
5 EXISTING SIGNAGE LOCATED ON LEFT-SIDE  
6 FAÇADE; REPLACE WITH NEW SIGNAGE OF THE SAME  
7 DIMENSIONS/COLOR SCHEME AND CHANGE BUSINESS  
8 NAME ON EXISTING AWNING TO MATCH DIMENSION  
9 OF 10"H X7' W AT 414 SPRUCE STREET,  
10 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

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

14 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

15 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

19 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

20 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

21 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

22 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

23 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
24 have it and so moved.

25 MS. KRAKE: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A.

1 READING BY TITLE – FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 3,  
2 2013 – AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF  
3 COUNCIL NO. 56, 2011, AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED  
4 "GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET 2012" BY  
5 TRANSFERRING \$692.22 FROM ACCOUNT NO.  
6 01.051.00051.4201 (LICENSING, PERMITS &  
7 INSPECTIONS - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES) TO  
8 ACCOUNT NO. 01.051.00051.4101 (LICENSING,  
9 PERMITS & INSPECTIONS - MILEAGE /UNIFORM  
10 ALLOWANCE) TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR MILEAGE  
11 REIMBURSEMENT TO INSPECTORS.

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

14 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-A  
15 pass reading by title.

16 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

19 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

20 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

21 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

22 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

23 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
24 have it and so moved.

25 MS. KRAKE: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A.

1 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON  
2 FINANCE  
3 FOR ADOPTION-FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 2, 2013 -  
4 ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON,  
5 LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA APPOINTING  
6 W. BOYD HUGHES, ESQUIRE AND PAUL A. KELLY,  
7 JR., ESQUIRE AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE CITY  
8 OF SCRANTON AND CASECON CAPITAL, INC. AS  
9 FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO THE CITY OF SCRANTON ON  
10 THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND PLACEMENT OF ANY  
11 BONDS AND/OR NOTES FOR THE FINANCING OF THE  
12 CITY OF SCRANTON'S UNFUNDED DEBT, ANY  
13 TRANSACTION INVOLVING THE SALE LEASEBACK OF  
14 CITY ASSETS, ANY TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING THE  
15 SALE OR LEASE OF ANY AUTHORITY ASSETS WHICH  
16 REDUCES THE CITY OF SCRANTON'S BOND  
17 INDEBTEDNESS UNDER THE UNIT DEBT ACT OR  
18 RESULTS IN THE PAYMENT OR LOAN OF MONEY BY  
19 ANY AUTHORITY TO THE CITY OF SCRANTON, THE  
20 REFINANCING OR REFUNDING OF ANY OF THE  
21 CITY'S OUTSTANDING BOND ISSUES AND ANY 2013  
22 TAX ANTICIPATING NOTES OTHER THAN THE 2013  
23 TAN NOTE A AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
24 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE  
25 A CONTRACT WITH CASECON CAPITAL, INC.



1 MS. EVANS: What is the  
2 recommendation of the Chair for the  
3 Committee on Finance?

4 MR. JOYCE: As Chairperson for the  
5 Committee on Finance, I recommend final  
6 passage of Item 7-A.

7 MR. ROGAN: Second.

8 MS. EVANS: On the question? Roll  
9 call, please?

10 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

11 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

12 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

13 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

14 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

15 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

16 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

17 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

18 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

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

21 MR. ROGAN: I make a motion to take  
22 Resolutions No. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of 2013  
23 from the table and place them into Seventh  
24 Order for final consideration.

25 MR. MCGOFF: Second.

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

3 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

4 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

5 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

6 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

9 MS. KRAKE: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION  
10 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES FOR  
11 ADOPTION-RESOLUTION NO. 2, 2013 (PREVIOUSLY  
12 TABLED)- APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH DEANTONA,  
13 1331 CORNELL STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA  
14 18504 AS A MEMBER OF THE SCRANTON LACKAWANNA  
15 HEALTH AND WELFARE AUTHORITY FOR AN  
16 ADDITIONAL FIVE (5) YEAR TERM. MR.  
17 DEANTONA'S CURRENT TERM EXPIRED ON  
18 DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND HIS NEW TERM WILL  
19 EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2017.

20 MS. EVANS: As Chairperson for the  
21 Committee on Rules, I recommend final  
22 passage of Item 7-B.

23 MR. ROGAN: Second.

24 MS. EVANS: On the question?

25 MR. ROGAN: Yes, on the question, I

1 don't believe we received resumes from any  
2 of these individuals, have we?

3 MS. EVANS: No.

4 MR. JOYCE: No.

5 MR. ROGAN: As we have in the past,  
6 I will and voting "no" on all five of these  
7 items. Again, it's not a knock on the  
8 people who are applying, I know most of them  
9 and I'm friends with some of them, but we  
10 have to keep the rules the same for everyone  
11 else.

12 Regarding Item 7-F, I do want to  
13 note that Mr. Renda's appointment, that vote  
14 I'm going to vote "no" on that one as well  
15 but that is based on merit not just because  
16 he didn't send in a resume.

17 MR. JOYCE: And I'd like to echo  
18 some of Mr. Rogan's comments, I will be  
19 voting  
20 "no" on all of the appointments as well  
21 being that they did not provide at least a  
22 letter of interest saying that they were  
23 interested in the positions or a resume or  
24 some form of letter.

25 MR. LOSCOMBE: I would have to agree

1 with my colleagues, and like Mr. Rogan said,  
2 I mean, many of these are personal friends  
3 of ours. You know, we made it known at  
4 meeting after meeting there is letters sent  
5 out to them, and I'm sorry they didn't take  
6 the time to at least send you us a letter of  
7 interest, but, you know, we have to stick to  
8 our rules and I, too, will be voting "no."

9 MS. EVANS: Roll call, please?

10 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

11 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

12 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

13 MR. ROGAN: No.

14 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

15 MR. LOSCOMBE: No.

16 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

17 MR. JOYCE: No.

18 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

19 MS. EVANS: No. I hereby declare  
20 Item 7-B defeated.

21 MS. KRAKE: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION  
22 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES FOR ADOPTION-  
23 RESOLUTION NO. 3, 2013 (PREVIOUSLY  
24 TABLED)- APPOINTMENT OF JOHN GRANAHAN, 1504  
25 PRICE STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18504

1 AS A MEMBER OF THE SCRANTON LACKAWANNA  
2 HEALTH AND WELFARE AUTHORITY FOR AN  
3 ADDITIONAL FIVE (5) YEAR TERM. MR.  
4 GRANAHAN'S CURRENT TERM EXPIRED ON DECEMBER  
5 31, 2012 AND HIS NEW TERM WILL EXPIRE ON  
6 DECEMBER 31, 2017.

7 MS. EVANS: As Chair for the  
8 Committee on Rules, I recommend final  
9 passage of Item 7-C.

10 MR. ROGAN: Second.

11 MS. EVANS: On the question? Roll  
12 call, please.

13 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

14 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

15 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

16 MR. ROGAN: No.

17 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

18 MR. LOSCOMBE: No.

19 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

20 MR. JOYCE: No.

21 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

22 MS. EVANS: No. I hereby declare  
23 Item 7-C defeated.

24 MS. KRAKE: 7-D. FOR CONSIDERATION  
25 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES FOR ADOPTION-

1 RESOLUTION NO. 4, 2013 (PREVIOUSLY  
2 TABLED)- APPOINTMENT OF JACK DELEO, 125  
3 WHITETAIL DRIVE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA  
4 18504 AS A MEMBER OF THE SCRANTON MUNICIPAL  
5 RECREATION AUTHORITY FOR AN ADDITIONAL FIVE  
6 (5) YEAR TERM. MR. DELEO'S CURRENT TERM  
7 EXPIRED ON DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND HIS NEW  
8 TERM WILL EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2017.

9 MS. EVANS: As Chair for the  
10 Committee on Rules, I recommend final  
11 passage of Item 7-D.

12 MR. ROGAN: Second.

13 MS. EVANS: On the question? Roll  
14 call, please.

15 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

17 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

18 MR. ROGAN: No.

19 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: No.

21 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

22 MR. JOYCE: No.

23 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

24 MS. EVANS: No. I hereby declare  
25 Item 7-D defeated.

1 MS. KRAKE: 7-E. FOR CONSIDERATION  
2 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES FOR ADOPTION-  
3 RESOLUTION NO. 5, 2013 (PREVIOUSLY  
4 TABLED)- APPOINTMENT OF COLLEEN GLEASON,  
5 2104 CAPOUSE AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA  
6 18509 AS A MEMBER OF THE SCRANTON MUNICIPAL  
7 RECREATION AUTHORITY FOR AN ADDITIONAL FIVE  
8 (5) YEAR TERM. MRS. GLEASON'S CURRENT TERM  
9 EXPIRED ON DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND HER  
10 NEW TERM WILL EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2017.

11 MS. EVANS: As Chair for the  
12 Committee on Rules, I recommend final  
13 passage of Item 7-E.

14 MR. ROGAN: Second.

15 MS. EVANS: On the question? Roll  
16 call, please.

17 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

18 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

19 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

20 MR. ROGAN: No.

21 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

22 MR. LOSCOMBE: No.

23 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

24 MR. JOYCE: No.

25 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

1 MS. EVANS: No. I hereby declare  
2 Item 7-E defeated.

3 MS. KRAKE: 7-F. FOR CONSIDERATION  
4 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES FOR ADOPTION-  
5 RESOLUTION NO. 6, 2013 (PREVIOUSLY  
6 TABLED)- APPOINTMENT OF STUART RENDA, 1112  
7 WOODLAWN STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA  
8 18509 AS A MEMBER OF THE SCRANTON SEWER  
9 AUTHORITY BOARD FOR AN ADDITIONAL FIVE (5)  
10 YEAR TERM. MR. RENDA'S CURRENT TERM EXPIRED  
11 ON DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND HIS NEW TERM WILL  
12 EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2017.

13 MS. EVANS: As Chair for the  
14 Committee on Rules, I recommend final  
15 passage of Item 7-F.

16 MR. ROGAN: Second.

17 MS. EVANS: On the question? Roll  
18 call, please.

19 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

20 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

21 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

22 MR. ROGAN: No.

23 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

24 MR. LOSCOMBE: No.

25 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.



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MR. JOYCE: No.

MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

MS. EVANS: No. I hereby declare  
Item 7-F defeated.

If there is no further business,  
I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

MR. JOYCE: Motion to adjourn.

MS. EVANS: This meeting is  
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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