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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

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Council Chambers

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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
2 moment of reflection observed.)

3 MS. EVANS: Roll call, please.

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

6 MR. ROGAN: Here.

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

8 MR. LOSCOMBE: Here.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

10 MR. JOYCE: Here.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

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

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

15 SINGLE TAX OFFICE CITY FUNDS DISTRIBUTED
16 COMPARISON FOR 2013-2012.

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

19 MS. KRAKE: 3-B. MINUTES OF THE
20 SCRANTON POLICE PENSION MEETING HELD MARCH
21 27, 2013.

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

24 MS. KRAKE: 3-C. MINUTES OF THE
25 COMPOSITE PENSION MEETING HELD MARCH 26,

1 2013.

2 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?

3 If not, received and filed.

4 MS. KRAKE: 3-D. CONTROLLER'S REPORT
5 FOR THE MONTH ENDING MARCH 31, 2013.

6 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?

7 If not, received and filed.

8 MS. KRAKE: 3-E. CONSTRUCTION
9 SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN RAYMOND & SON AND
10 OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY
11 DEVELOPMENT.

12 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?

13 If not, received and filed.

14 Do we have any clerk's notes
15 tonight?

16 MS. KRAKE: No, Mrs. Evans.

17 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mrs. Krake.

18 Do any council members have announcements at
19 this time?

20 MR. ROGAN: Yes, just one. The
21 Dante Literary Society will be having their
22 spring pasta dinner on Saturday, May 11,
23 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. The menu will
24 include pasta and meatballs, salad, bread
25 and cake, coffee and tea. The cost is \$11

1 for adults and \$7 for children. Takeouts
2 are available.

3 And I do know that this is one of
4 the tastiest pasta dinners in the city and
5 I'm looking forward to attending. Thank
6 you.

7 MS. EVANS: Is there anyone else?

8 MR. MCGOFF: I need to leave for a
9 moment, I left my glasses in the car. I
10 will be back.

11 MS. EVANS: Certainly. The
12 Lackawanna County Astronomical Society will
13 celebrate Astronomy Day on Saturday, May 11,
14 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the Thomas G.
15 Cupillary Observatory. The planets Jupiter
16 and Saturn and its rings as well as star
17 clusters and galaxies will be able to seen
18 through telescopes. The program is free,
19 admission is free, and the public is invited
20 to attend.

21 Before we begin the citizens'
22 participation portion of our meeting, I wish
23 to make it clear that city council did not
24 produce any legislation regarding food
25 trucks and eating and drinking

1 establishments. Rather, all legislation was
2 drafted by the law office and submitted to
3 the Office of City Council by the Doherty
4 administration. At council's request owners
5 of restaurants, food trucks and food carts
6 are meeting with Mrs. Collins of Scranton
7 Tomorrow to develop a consensus and joint
8 recommendation that is fair to all.

9 Prior to the Seventh Order reading
10 and final vote on the ordinances,
11 Mrs. Collins will submit the joint
12 recommendations to city council for it's
13 consideration and possible amendments.

14 Again, the legislation that will be
15 introduced tonight in Fifth Order was
16 written by the administration and it can
17 very well be amended in the forthcoming
18 weeks.

19 Finally, we thank Mr. Charlie
20 Newcomb, Jr., for volunteering to broadcast
21 tonight's meeting. And that's it.

22 MS. KRAKE: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'
23 PARTICIPATION.

24 MS. EVANS: Our first speaker
25 tonight is Les Spindler.

1 MR. SPINDLER: Good evening,
2 Council. Les Spindler, city resident and
3 homeowner and taxpayer.

4 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

5 MR. SPINDLER: I couldn't make it
6 last week, I just want to start out by
7 saying my thoughts and prayers go out to the
8 family of Mark Walsh. I know Mark most of
9 my life. He lived about a half a block away
10 from me, a block and a half away from me
11 growing up. He and his brothers and sister
12 used to come and shop in my family's grocery
13 store and it was a tragic loss. They didn't
14 make them any nicer than Mark Walsh and he
15 is going to be sorely missed. That's all I
16 have to say on that.

17 Last week in the Doherty newsletter
18 another terrible cartoon with John Coal
19 trying to embarrass Mr. Courtright. That's
20 all this guy ever does is embarrass people
21 and try to degrade them. No matter what way
22 Mr. Courtright is running the Tax Office you
23 can't argue the job he is doing. He has
24 done a fantastic job. He has brought money
25 into the city, and none of his predecessors

1 ever did. We've probably seen millions of
2 dollars coming through the city since he
3 took over and we don't even want to talk
4 about the way Ken McDowell ran it, so it's
5 just a joke and why don't they put something
6 in there about Liz Randol, like, "Oops,
7 where is my gun?"

8 And that's another story. The story
9 that ran about that in the newspaper was
10 totally false. She lost her gun. She
11 didn't give it to somebody to get it
12 cleaned, I know this for a fact. I heard it
13 from a very good source, so it's more lies
14 by the Doherty newsletter just to spin it
15 any way they want to for somebody that they
16 support. And Mr. Courtright is doing a heck
17 of a job in the tax office. There is no
18 denying that.

19 Moving on, what's the status on the
20 Lake Scranton road situation? Is there any
21 update on that?

22 MS. EVANS: Last I heard a contract
23 of sorts ws being developed between Civil
24 Crossroads, the fallback engineer, where
25 CECO rejected the project because they felt

1 they had a conflict of interest.

2 MR. SPINDLER: Right.

3 MS. EVANS: And so Civil Crossroads
4 will actually be doing various observations
5 we shall say up there. They outlined it in
6 a letter to council and then they will
7 provide the final recommendations.

8 MR. SPINDLER: In the mean time, the
9 people are still suffering with trucks going
10 back and forth; is that correct?

11 MS. EVANS: It would seem so until
12 we received the results of the engineering
13 study.

14 MR. SPINDLER: Okay. That's too
15 bad. Lastly, the food trucks. I have
16 stated here before I'm totally in favor of
17 the food trucks. I think making a limit of
18 500 feet is way too much. I think it's -- I
19 don't know what it should be, but it should
20 be much less than that.

21 MS. EVANS: I believe, Mr. Spindler,
22 and I'll sorry to interrupt you, the
23 legislation that I was originally given last
24 week did contain I believe a statement with
25 language for 500 feet. It's my

1 understanding now, and we can check it
2 through tonight's legislation that that's
3 been changed to 250 feet? Now, again,
4 that's not set in stone.

5 MR. SPINDLER: I understand that.

6 MS. EVANS: That was, again,
7 presented to us by the administration. In
8 other words, they have changed much of what
9 was in the original legislation, corrections
10 that needed to be made that were brought to
11 the attention by our solicitor and in so
12 doing they downgraded the amount of footage
13 from 500 to 250, so that's what's currently
14 before us, but it does not necessarily mean
15 that that is what will be the final product.

16 MR. SPINDLER: Okay. As I stated
17 before, I don't think there is much
18 competition for the restaurants. As I said,
19 a lot of people have half-hour lunches and
20 they go to these food trucks. They can't
21 sit in a restaurant for an hour or so, I
22 don't think they are hurting the businesses
23 and they are businesses themselves. If we
24 try to chase them out of the city what
25 message does that send to other businesses

1 looking to move into the city. I think it
2 sheds a bad light on what we are trying to
3 do here and I'm totally in favor of them.
4 And that's all I have to say tonight. Thank
5 you.

6 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Spindler.
7 Karin Foster.

8 MS. FOSTER: Good evening, Council.
9 Karin Foster, West Scranton resident and
10 president of the West Scranton Hyde Park
11 Neighborhood Watch. I'm just here this
12 evening to thank you for your continued
13 support in our efforts to obtain an Elm
14 Street designation and as our cooperation
15 agreement is before you we hope for your
16 continued support to pass it. Thank you.

17 MS. EVANS: Absolutely. Our next
18 speaker is Greg Evans.

19 MR. EVANS: Good evening, Council.
20 Greg Evans. Scranton resident and homeowner
21 and business owner. I'm going to be a
22 little more wordy than Ms. Karin Foster
23 because I'm very proud of our group and I
24 have a written statement, please.

25 Today I'm here to address you as a

1 founding board member of the West Scranton
2 Hyde Park Neighborhood Watch and I co-chair
3 the West Scranton Elm Street project. These
4 passionate volunteers, some of who are in
5 the front row right here, of which I'm proud
6 to be part of, is unified and empowered by
7 one common goal, the revitalization of the
8 our neighborhood.

9 Our committed group of volunteers
10 hosts cleanups, bike patrols, community
11 events and fundraisers. We are passionate,
12 we are selfless and we are part of the
13 solution. The efforts of West Scranton Hyde
14 Park Neighborhood Watch are noticeable. In
15 fact, our neighbors in South Side, who are
16 also here today, some, have been doing their
17 own neighborhood watch and we cooperate
18 fully with one another. We are dedicated to
19 the safety and quality of life in our
20 neighborhoods, which brings us to Item 7-C.

21 We are in the preparation phase of
22 the West Scranton Elm Street project. We
23 have witnessed the transition of the South
24 Side through the United Neighborhood Centers
25 Elm Street project there. We wish to, mimic

1 the efforts and success of South Side.
2 Kudos to Michael Hanley, Julie Moran, Kevin
3 Martinez and everybody who has been
4 instrumental in their planning and
5 execution.

6 We have met multiple challenges with
7 the Pennsylvania Department of Economic and
8 Community Development and we have been
9 embraced and they are prepared for us to
10 become another one of their success stories.
11 We have the passion and we have the manpower
12 and we have the best interest of our
13 neighborhood at heart. With the passing of
14 Resolution 18, 2013, you are giving us
15 something we don't have, the ability to
16 financially revitalize West Scranton. You
17 are giving us the opportunity to bring
18 hundreds of thousands of dollars in state
19 grant money to improve Scranton.

20 We look forward to you supporting
21 the West Scranton Hyde Park Neighborhood
22 Watch further and excited to have the
23 financial means to continue our
24 revitalization efforts. Thank you.

25 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Our next

1 speaker is Doug Miller.

2 MR. MILLER: Good evening. Doug
3 Miller, Scranton. I'd like to begin tonight
4 just with a brief follow-up to an issue I
5 raised last week regarding the operation of
6 swimming pools throughout the city this
7 summer, and I had suggested that we send a
8 letter to Mr. Dougher to try to determine
9 which pools will be in operation this summer
10 and I was just wondering at this time if we
11 did receive any response back from
12 Mr. Dougher?

13 MS. EVANS: No, we haven't. I
14 didn't check my mail this evening, but
15 throughout the week that intervened no, we
16 hadn't, but I don't know if you saw the
17 article in the newspaper --

18 MR. MILLER: I did.

19 MS. EVANS: -- regarding the mayor's
20 statements concerning the neighborhood pools
21 this summer. Obviously there is a great
22 hope to open them, the city has applied for
23 grants to do so, but they are not at this
24 time specifically naming which pools they
25 will be outside, of course, the Nay Aug Pool

1 Complex.

2 MR. MILLER: Absolutely, and I, did
3 you know, read that article and I did take a
4 look at the mayor's comments and I'm of the
5 understanding that we did apply for some
6 grants, but, you know, this just goes back
7 to the simplicity of the fact that when
8 council sends a letter to someone, you
9 shouldn't have to read about it in the
10 paper. You know, correspondence should be
11 sent back to you one way or another, this
12 isn't something that should be read in the
13 paper so that's my only issue. And it's not
14 the first time we have had the problem with
15 getting responses from the department heads
16 so going forward I would hope there would be
17 more cooperation and that we are not reading
18 these things in the paper. You are on
19 council and the administration and the
20 department heads have an obligation to
21 respond back to you, not read it in the
22 paper.

23 I guess the main issue tonight is
24 agendas Items D through F dealing with the
25 legislation on the restaurants and food

1 trucks in the downtown. You know, my
2 opinion on this is that I think that we seem
3 to want to make at big issues out of this.
4 I think you are dealing with two totally
5 different venues is my belief. You are
6 dealing with brick and mortar restaurants,
7 and you are dealing with food trucks that
8 both serve totally different purposes.

9 I've, you know, obviously had the
10 opportunity to utilize both our restaurants
11 throughout downtown and I have certainly
12 utilized the food trucks and my belief is
13 that these are only individuals who are just
14 trying to make a living just like anyone
15 else in this community, and I don't think
16 either side should be punished. I don't
17 think we should be looking at legislation
18 that does anything to harm both sides. I do
19 have a lot of respect for Scranton Tomorrow
20 and it's leader, Mrs. Collins, who stepped
21 up to the plate and was willing to sit down
22 with both sides and try to work out an
23 agreement, and as you did allude to earlier,
24 Mrs. Evans, she will be presenting council
25 with some sort of cooperative agreement that

1 hopefully we can resolve this issue.

2 As you did say, I think we do need
3 to make it clear once again that this wasn't
4 council that initiated this legislation or
5 drafted it for that matter, this did come
6 down from the administration. I am kind of
7 puzzled as to why at this time we want to
8 particularly make an issue out of this, but
9 just moving forward it's my hope that
10 resolution will be met cooperatively and
11 that both sides benefit.

12 You know, if both sides are
13 following the regulations that they are, you
14 know, obligated to follow I don't see why at
15 this time we should change anything or try
16 to step on anybody's toes. As I said, they
17 are just individuals trying to, you know,
18 make a living for themselves like each and
19 every one of us do every day, and I do
20 appreciate those that came out tonight and
21 are going to voice their opinions on it. I
22 don't have any issue with either side.

23 Another issue tonight dealing with
24 the tax office, in the paper I believe this
25 morning there was an issue regarding the

1 solicitor and the mayor made it known that
2 he had no plans on funding the solicitor at
3 the tax office at this time as it is looking
4 to fill the vacant position. I understand
5 the city pays half of the salary as well as
6 the Scranton School District. Well, common
7 sense tells you that knowing the city's
8 current fiscal situation if it's in our -- I
9 do believe it's in our interest at this time
10 if we have the ability to save that money
11 then that may be a wise thing to do. Maybe
12 it's not wise to pay two solicitors if we
13 have a city solicitor who can fulfill those
14 obligations at the tax office. I don't
15 think it's, you know, I don't think the
16 additional task of handling the tax office
17 is going to be quite too burdensome on our
18 solicitor.

19 That's, you know, the precedent that
20 has been set that the city solicitor is to
21 handle the tax office. I don't see why we
22 need to go away from that, but that leads me
23 to the commingling of the funds, it still
24 seems to be an issue down there and I know
25 there has been some excuses as to, you know,

1 lack of manpower so to speak. But, you
2 know, this is certainly what's caused a lot
3 of problems in the past with, you know,
4 money that's gone missing and it's certainly
5 causing headaches for us here.

6 You know, the appropriate thing at
7 this time would be to set up separate
8 accounts so that we can account for every
9 dime coming into the city so that we can
10 avoid the confusion and the chaos and, you
11 know, I don't think at this time we need
12 excuses, I think we should just do it. We
13 know the current situation we face and now
14 is the time to take action and make sure
15 that the money coming in is going to the
16 right places. I don't think we can just
17 assume that money going into one account we
18 could necessarily say it is going to the
19 appropriate bodies, whether it's the county,
20 the school district or the city, so we need
21 to take action on that once and for all.

22 And back to the pools real quick, if
23 it is an issue with opening them, as I said
24 last week, perhaps we should get the school
25 district involved. You know, they have an

1 obligation as well to make sure the kids in
2 this city have a place to recreate and swim
3 and rather than worrying about, you know,
4 squandering money on building new schools
5 and playing politics, why don't we focus on
6 the kids for a change. Thank you.

7 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Our next
8 speaker is Jo Marie Yamin.

9 MS. YAMIN: Hi, Council. Thank you
10 for giving me a chance to speak. My name is
11 Jo Marie Yamin, I'm a local food vendor from
12 the City of Scranton. I have had a food
13 truck for five and a half years. I see lots
14 of familiar faces actually, and I just
15 wanted to get -- give the chance, you know,
16 to give me point of view that being able to
17 have a food truck in the city to me it made
18 we feel very proud. You know, it's given me
19 an opportunity to have my own business in
20 the city that I follow all regulations for.
21 I have always been in ordinance.

22 I generate -- you know, I buy all
23 local foods so my, you know, I'm spreading
24 my wealth. You know, I go to the farmers
25 market, I buy my food from there. I go to

1 Rosenstein's. I go to -- you know, it's
2 like I'm spreading my wealth in the city and
3 I think if, you know -- if basically if this
4 passes it's really going to be a detriment
5 to all of the vendors because we are really
6 are going to have no place to park in the
7 city.

8 I mean, even if goes to 250 it
9 really limits us a lot and it just seems
10 ashame because, you know, we were given the
11 opportunity and it was something that was
12 offered to us and now for some reason, you
13 know, they want to take it back and, you
14 know, it just -- it doesn't seem fair and,
15 you know, it's just -- I'm so nervous,
16 sorry.

17 MS. EVANS: If you don't mind me
18 asking, did you ever encounter any issues
19 with the previous ordinance, meaning that
20 which set the footage at 100?

21 MS. YAMIN: No.

22 MS. EVANS: That was never a
23 problem?

24 MS. YAMIN: No. Like I said, I have
25 been doing it for almost six years and I

1 have never had a problem. You know, I don't
2 know why, you know -- they are, like, the
3 brick and mortar and vending carts are two
4 different businesses. They are two
5 different businesses and both offer a lot.
6 I mean, a restaurant offers -- we all know
7 what a restaurant offers, but a food truck
8 also offers excitement to the city and it
9 brings life and you don't believe the things
10 I see, like, people enjoy coming. They
11 enjoy it and it's fun and, you know, it's
12 part of the culture of Scranton now.

13 MS. EVANS: Now, how many months per
14 year are you operational?

15 MS. YAMIN: Oh, 24 -- I'm out all
16 year long. Winter, summer --

17 MS. EVANS: So even during the
18 winter months you brave it.

19 MS. YAMIN: I earn my living from
20 this and, you know, I would be out of a job
21 basically if, you know, if -- I will have to
22 be -- you know, find a new place to put it,
23 but I have -- I have worked hard. I started
24 and I had, you know, it was dismal at the
25 beginning, you know, but you work and you

1 build your business and it's just ashamed
2 that they would want to stifle something in
3 the city and you know what I mean?

4 Scranton is a great, great city and
5 it's, you know, it has so much potential and
6 it seems like every time that a step forward
7 there is like ten steps back, you know, and
8 I'd hate to see for that to happen because I
9 think the trucks benefit the city hugely and
10 it's just -- you know, I enjoy my
11 profession. I love it. I love the people I
12 deal with, you know, it's a nice profession.

13 MS. EVANS: Yes.

14 MS. YAMIN: And I just wanted to
15 have a say --

16 MS. EVANS: Have you yet been
17 contacted by Mrs. Collins?

18 MS. YAMIN: No, but I'm going -- I'm
19 going to get in contact with her.

20 MS. EVANS: Because it's very
21 important to council that the food trucks
22 and carts are represented and that the
23 discussion is not held solely with the brick
24 and mortar establishments. You know,
25 basically we want to hear from all. We like

1 all of you to discuss perhaps a compromise
2 and come to a consensus so that you are all
3 working to compliment one another rather
4 than, you know, one side trying to cancel
5 out of the other.

6 MR. ROGAN: I would just add, I
7 received this from one of the other food
8 trucks. It says, "What does 500 feet really
9 look like? "

10 And it has the 100 feet and it
11 shows, you know, where are the areas they
12 would be banned from and then it shows five,
13 and I understand maybe right now it's at
14 250, but even if you took these circles and
15 half of them you would still almost
16 eliminate the downtown, and I think an
17 ordinance like this, as it currently stands,
18 would go against everything that's great
19 about this country in competition and free
20 markets and entrepreneurs going out like
21 yourself and coming up with a good idea and
22 having a good product and bringing it to the
23 market.

24 And I know from over the last week I
25 have had so many calls and e-mails and

1 messages on Facebook and Twitter especially
2 regarding support -- people who are
3 supporting the food trucks and there are
4 absolutely has to be a compromise made that
5 works for everyone, but for myself if the
6 final legislation expands the 100 feet at
7 all I'm voting no. I don't think we can go
8 any further than that. The 100 feet already
9 restricts a lot of the downtown area.

10 MS. YAMIN: Yeah, it would.

11 MR. ROGAN: And, you know, as I
12 think somebody else mentioned it earlier, to
13 me the decision would never be to go to a
14 sit down restaurant and a food truck. It's
15 a completely different experience. You
16 know, if I had an hour and I wanted to
17 discuss something with somebody that's when
18 I go to the sit down restaurant. If I'm
19 just looking to get a quick bite to eat, you
20 know, grab and go, that's, you know, when I
21 would go to a food truck, so I'll address it
22 more under motions, but I just wanted to
23 mention it, and I'll make a copy of this for
24 my colleagues because it really is -- it
25 really shows, you know, what the 500 feet

1 would do.

2 MS. YAMIN: I think I have seen the
3 picture, yeah.

4 MR. ROGAN: It really showed --

5 MS. YAMIN: How it pushes --

6 MR. ROGAN: The food trucks out of
7 downtown.

8 MR. MCGOFF: Mrs. Evans, this is
9 from Leslie Collins from Scranton Tomorrow
10 that there is a meeting for food vendors, as
11 she refers to the mobile food, on Tuesday,
12 the 7th. She does not have a time or a
13 place listed on the e-mail.

14 MS. EVANS: If she needs it she can
15 certainly use council chambers.

16 MR. MCGOFF: I'm not sure where they
17 were looking at it. She was talking about,
18 in fact, talking about the possibility of
19 either Lackawanna College or Tripp House,
20 where the offices of Scranton Tomorrow are,
21 but I will pass that along to her, but I
22 would suggest that you contact Scranton
23 Tomorrow for the exact time and place, but
24 there is -- she does have a meeting set for
25 food vendors only and that's going to be

1 followed on the 9th by a meeting with both
2 the brick and mortar and the food vendors
3 collectively so there are two meetings being
4 setup with Scranton Tomorrow so that this
5 issue can be discussed.

6 MS. YAMIN: Well, thank you.

7 MS. EVANS: You are welcome. And
8 just to, you know, quickly address I think
9 what you touched on initially, again, the
10 legislation was produced by the
11 administration so I can only assume that the
12 administration may have been contacted by
13 brick and mortar establishments who have
14 complaints. But, you know, on the other
15 hand, I think it's also notable that we
16 remember that when the city badly needed
17 commuter tax, the business community opposed
18 it. When the city needs to raise revenue
19 through a parking meter system, again, the
20 business community opposes it and, you know,
21 then really just like yourself out of the
22 blue we get legislation involving the
23 business community and the food vendors, so
24 I certainly don't want to see a case where
25 someone, one side is favored over another to

1 the detriment of the other.

2 MS. YAMIN: Yes.

3 MS. EVANS: And hopefully we can
4 come to a resolution that's going to be
5 satisfactory and productive for everyone
6 because, you know, as I have said before and
7 my colleagues have voiced as well, we
8 welcome all business to the City of
9 Scranton. It is not our purpose to put up
10 obstacles for anyone to would like to come
11 here and do business.

12 MS. YAMIN: Thank you.

13 MS. EVANS: Thank you very much.
14 Our next speaker is Dave Dobrzyn.

15 MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening, Council.
16 Dave Dobrzyn, resident of Scranton and taxes
17 paid. Dog license. Garbage fees paid. I'm
18 all paid. Okay, now in the news there has
19 been a lot of -- and some candidates have
20 mentioned it about Harrisburg straightening
21 out some of our tax problems and I would
22 warn you to be leery of that because I don't
23 really believe in them. I don't believe in
24 our governor, I don't believe in our state
25 legislature at this time, and I think that

1 they just turn around to be dumping on the
2 small guy and have them pay everyone else's
3 bills all the more.

4 And on 5-H, we have a request for a
5 review and I would also press for
6 compensation principals in these
7 organizations. I have spoken to a few
8 people and certain nonprofits are not --
9 they compensate their elites very highly. I
10 have heard of now hundreds of thousands of
11 dollars worth of bonuses and so forth coming
12 out and it's really a profitable nonprofit.

13 A recent drug rehab that was
14 supposed to be a nonprofit not in our town,
15 by the way, \$2.4 million to the executive of
16 the CEO of the company so, I mean, that's a
17 lot of money, \$800,000 a year over three
18 years, and also I would like to mention that
19 it is an IRS requirement no political
20 involvement and I'm very tired of seeing
21 religious nonprofits coming out with their
22 doctrines and trying to push the main
23 political arena. It's wrong. If you
24 believe in something and you abide by it
25 that's fine, but nobody is saying that

1 murder should be legalized so, you know,
2 like, if they are against hormonal
3 contraception or something too bad. That
4 type of involvement has to be stopped. It
5 really has to be stopped. We can't have it.

6 I have a question now, the tax
7 office when we had our \$12 million debacle,
8 and I'm asking the most senior member of
9 council, who was the solicitor?

10 MS. EVANS: The solicitor for the
11 tax office?

12 MR. DOBRZYN: Yes.

13 MS. EVANS: I believe Mr. -- was it
14 -- when it was discovered you mean?

15 MR. DOBRZYN: Before it was
16 discovered when it went on?

17 MS. EVANS: That would have been
18 under Mrs. Vitale.

19 MR. DOBRZYN: Mr. McDowell.

20 MS. EVANS: Well, Mr. McDowell --
21 the incident itself and the missing \$12
22 million occurred during his tenure as tax
23 collector and I believe his solicitor was
24 Attorney Rinaldi. It was not discovered
25 until Mrs. Vitale --

1 MR. DOBRZYN: Right.

2 MS. EVANS: -- took office and her
3 solicitor was --

4 MR. MCGOFF: John McGovern.

5 MS. EVANS: McGovern. I was going
6 to say MacGregor.

7 MR. DOBRZYN: But it was independent
8 of city hall.

9 MS. EVANS: Yes.

10 MR. DOBRZYN: That's what I'm
11 saying. That's all that I'd like to or
12 wanted to bring out. I really think there
13 could be a conflict of the interest there as
14 there was with the Parking Authority and so
15 forth with that's being pushed right now.
16 I'd rather see the tax office have their own
17 solicitor and hopefully somebody competent
18 will be hired.

19 Now, I'd like to, after the primary
20 especially, anybody that's a candidate for
21 office should attend these meetings,
22 especially for council, and try to get up to
23 speed. I do see some people do attend and
24 they should get in here and listen and
25 figure out what they want to do because it's

1 always easy to say you could do a better job
2 down the line, but if you don't know what
3 the job entails then, well, how do you do a
4 better job?

5 And okay, a few weeks ago I
6 mentioned, this is the golden parrot, dual
7 tracking by banks. People request the
8 modification on their loan and a lot of them
9 are military people, they were compensated
10 at \$125,000 if their home was unreasonably
11 foreclosed, and today on the news some of
12 these people are getting \$300, nonmilitary
13 people and what dual tracking is, I don't
14 feel I explained it at that time, it's when
15 you request a modification of your loan and
16 then the bank sidelines and starts
17 proceeding to confiscate your house and
18 foreclose on it, and now these people have
19 considerable amount of money in their house
20 and so forth and they have gotten \$300
21 compensation under Mr. Demarco who has done
22 absolutely nothing in the Housing Authority,
23 HUD, under HUD, to help these people.

24 And once again, our Congress is in
25 the news, I have a suggestion, why don't we

1 put the air traffic controllers only for
2 incoming flights in DC and they can keep
3 their cute little dity boxes in Washington
4 and do their jobs for a change. Thanks a
5 lot and bawk, bawk, bawk.

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

9 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia.
10 Citizen of Scranton. Fellow Scrantonians, I
11 see we are back with the library again under
12 your "B" authorizing the mayor and other
13 appropriate officials to enter to a
14 subguarantee agreement. Who owns the
15 library?

16 MS. EVANS: Well, the title for the
17 deed to the library is in possession of the
18 Library Authority.

19 MR. SBARAGLIA: Why aren't they
20 mentioning any kind of a subguarantee? Why
21 is the people of Scranton listed as a
22 subguarantee instead of the people who
23 actually own the library?

24 MS. EVANS: The people of the city
25 are not financially responsible for these

1 repairs. It's a grant that was applied for
2 in order to make very necessary repairs to
3 the Albright and basically the city is just
4 acting as a facilitator, if you will, so
5 there is no financial responsibility placed
6 on the Scranton taxpayers regarding this
7 grant.

8 MR. SBARAGLIA: There is a little
9 notation saying that the Commonwealth could
10 sue us. Now, should we be sued by the
11 Commonwealth even though there is some
12 jargon in there, does the Scranton
13 Authority -- Scranton Library Authority have
14 \$500 million to pay off that should it
15 happen? I don't want to see us in the same
16 deal with the county with their bus terminal
17 that they ended up paying a \$1 1/2 back. In
18 other words, unless we have control over the
19 repairs and make sure they are done
20 according to the stipulations we are liable.
21 Somewhere along the line we could be sued
22 whether we have to pay or not it doesn't
23 really matter because we have to answer a
24 lawsuit and that costs money.

25 You find some of those notations in

1 there. It's not too far in there where it
2 says that. It's not important just so you
3 look into it and get the right jargon even
4 though they say there is some legal
5 stipulations in there, but it said you could
6 be.

7 MS. EVANS: If I may, I can read you
8 a portion of the letter sent to council from
9 Mr. Jack Finnerty, the director of the
10 Scranton Public Library that was received
11 just today. "As you know, the grant was
12 approved and we have will receive the
13 highest award possible \$500,000. Thee funds
14 will assist with exterior masonry repairs
15 estimated to cost \$1.2 million and requiring
16 18 months to complete.

17 While the library has the necessary
18 funds to match the Keystone grant award, I
19 am concerned by the very tight time table
20 for completing the project. All work must
21 be done by the Fall of 2014, and though this
22 seems reasonably distant the work required
23 is significant labor intensive and weather
24 limited so time is of the essence.

25 It is in this vein that I

1 do not own the library. The deed is not
2 with the city. I wish they would return the
3 deed and retire that Authority like you
4 requested because I don't know they say what
5 they say, but you have no way of knowing. I
6 didn't see any of you go down there and say,
7 "Let me see the data on this. Let me see
8 the money that's there."

9 All you are doing is taking what
10 they said, and I don't believe anybody
11 anymore. I seen what the Parking Authority
12 did and you can't be really carefree about
13 anything. Nobody doesn't get the library
14 has to saved. I believe that's one of the
15 of best buildings in the whole city is that
16 library. If we had to pay \$1 million I
17 would say we would raise taxes to do it, but
18 it would be the City of Scranton doing it,
19 not the Authority. I don't trust
20 authorities. I really don't. I have no
21 faith in them and you shouldn't put any
22 faith in them either. You should make sure
23 that everything that is on dotted on the
24 line. If it is perfectly there and even
25 though the state said they couldn't sue us,

1 that they have an insurance to protect the
2 city in case they do sue us. That's how you
3 can ask with these things. And as far as
4 the mayor goes I don't trust anything he
5 does either. And we found out that many,
6 many times over.

7 I mean, that's a crime, selling food
8 to the people in the office buildings that
9 they have to stay away 300 or 500 feet which
10 is over what is that a football and a half.
11 A stadium is over 100 some yards. I mean,
12 however could you trust anything he sends
13 down. I wouldn't? I would check everything
14 and everything he does, everything he ever
15 says or everything he can do. You know I
16 didn't approve that authority in the very
17 beginning. That was passed in the closing
18 days so you couldn't get in there and stop
19 it and we all know who was on the board when
20 that was done. They gave away our library
21 forever, so I can't forgive them anything
22 that comes up and I'm very particular on it
23 because I believe of anything in the city
24 that is it probably one of the best things.
25 It's better than city hall. Actually, I

1 would rather see them city hall down than
2 tear the library down and I think a lot of
3 people in the city feel that way, too.

4 I'm not going to get into a lot of
5 things on it anyway, people are here for
6 their jobs and so forth and all, but just
7 remember during the summer people in them
8 office buildings like to get a hot dog or
9 whatever, sit at the courthouse and listen
10 to the band concert and that's basically
11 where a lot of the activity goes to them
12 food vendors. Thank you.

13 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

14 MR. HUGHES: Madam president, if I
15 could?

16 MS. EVANS: Yes.

17 MR. HUGHES: On the comments on, I
18 don't know what item it is, it's the first
19 time I have seen it tonight, I think it's
20 5-A Mr. Sbaraglia was commenting on, this is
21 a typical subgrant agreement. The City of
22 Scranton gets the funds from the state and
23 then in turn makes that grant available to
24 another recipient either to an Authority or
25 in this case the Scranton Public Library.

1 What it says is that there is
2 indemnification in here, I believe it's in
3 Article 5, that in the event there is an
4 audit and the funds aren't properly spent
5 the state would come back against the city.
6 However, the library indemnifies the city,
7 it's up to the library to defend that action
8 with the state as to how the funds they
9 would say they were properly spent.

10 That's what it is. It's not as
11 though the city is guaranteeing that. The
12 city as the grantee is responsible to see
13 that the funds are properly spent in
14 accordance with the grant agreement which is
15 then put onto the library.

16 However, in looking at this, I think
17 it should be clarified by the law department
18 why they have the Scranton Public Library.
19 There is no other mention of the who it is.
20 Is it a nonprofit corporation? It just says
21 Scranton Public Library. When the Albright
22 Trust -- when the Albrights created the
23 trust for the Scranton Public Library there
24 was I believe it was nine trustees that were
25 appointed by the -- some by the city and I

1 think some by the Court. It's been a long
2 time since I saw that document, it's been
3 years, but I think it should be
4 definitely -- it should definitely be
5 clarified as to who we are entering into of
6 the contract with, not just the Scranton
7 Public Library. I don't know if there is
8 such a thing.

9 There is the Scranton Public Library
10 Authority I believe that owns the building,
11 however, they just own the building and I
12 believe that this grant it's going to go
13 into the building, they should be the
14 guarantor, I mean, at least on the
15 indemnification, and also there is still the
16 board of trustees, I believe, that has
17 fundraisers that gets monies and operates
18 the library independent the ownership of the
19 library.

20 So I believe that -- not I believe,
21 it's my recommendation that council should
22 have the solicitor's department clarify who
23 is going to execute this agreement. I
24 believe it should be both of them. Scranton
25 Public Library Authority, if that's the

1 proper name of it, since they own the
2 building and the improvements are going to
3 go into it and also if it's the Board of
4 Trustees or it's another nonprofit
5 corporation that actually operates the
6 library, I'm not familiar with that, but
7 they should be the ones that should be
8 indemnifying the city.

9 MS. EVANS: Okay.

10 MR. HUGHES: And not just the
11 Scranton Public Library. Ordinarily, it
12 would say a nonprofit corporation, a
13 Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation, and I
14 didn't see who is going to sign this, but --

15 MS. EVANS: And this is why,
16 Solicitor Hughes, you should be writing the
17 legislation.

18 MR. HUGHES: Well, it's just says
19 that the Public Library and John R.
20 Finnerty, library director, but I think
21 that, you know, that should be clarified.

22 MS. EVANS: Okay. And, Mrs. Krake,
23 if you could get that out in the morning,
24 please, to Mayor Doherty and the law office
25 so that we have these corrections made.

1 Thank you, Solicitor Hughes.

2 Is there anyone else who cares to
3 address council?

4 MR. MORGAN: Good evening, Council.

5 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

6 MR. MORGAN: Lee Morgan. In regards
7 to the city pools, awhile back the
8 Scranton/Lackawanna Taxpayers and Citizens'
9 Association wanted to get involved in, you
10 know, bringing the city and the school board
11 together and, of course, the mayor to try
12 and open these pools with some volunteers
13 who might be willing to do the repairs to
14 the pools, but it's my understanding these
15 city pools need liners. I don't know if
16 that's correct. I mean, somebody would have
17 to really research that, but that's my
18 understanding that they leak an awful lot of
19 water, that's what I've been told.

20 The other thing is, you know, there
21 has been some discussion here today about
22 the tax office and in my own opinion, which
23 is probably separate from other people may
24 believe, I think that the city solicitor
25 should do it because I think he should

1 protect the city's revenues and I think he
2 would be the most qualified attorney for
3 that office and I'm not interested in any
4 argument that the tax collector may have
5 because in a community that is distressed as
6 ours is, I mean, maybe it's time to start
7 following the law instead of going off on a
8 tangent and then wondering later on how we
9 are going to contain everything, because if
10 I'm correct awhile back the FBI came in
11 there I think and investigated that office
12 if I'm not you know, and I think they said
13 incompetent wasn't prosecutable, but my
14 point is, you know, once they make mistakes
15 and the revenue is lost or commingled or
16 misplaced what do you say to a city that's
17 starved for revenue that can't wait until a
18 month from now to figure what they are owed
19 and not owed?

20 And I always was under the
21 understand that when you run for an office
22 whether it be the magistrate or the tax
23 collector or anything else that the
24 Commonwealth will educate you on it and give
25 you classes so that you can run those

1 departments and be, you know, knowledgeable.
2 So I'm a little concerned, but the question
3 I have today, well, two of them. I would
4 ask if the city is going to move forward
5 with anything for Mr. Walsh in recognition
6 of the him? I don't know where that stands
7 or if anything is even really been
8 accomplished in regards to that; and the
9 other thing I would like to ask Mr. Joyce,
10 if I could, is where is the city's recovery
11 plan at and what's been realized and what
12 hasn't and do you see a shortfall in revenue
13 this year?

14 MR. JOYCE: Well, right now because
15 of the commuter tax there should be a
16 shortfall, obviously, because we are not
17 going to receive that \$2.5 million in
18 revenue. I have spoke with the
19 administration about the shortfall that's
20 projected and ways that that shortfall could
21 be made up. They have brought up some ideas
22 forth, such as the advanced sale of
23 delinquent real estate taxes to cover the
24 shortfall for this year as a possible option
25 and they are also discussing other options

1 as well.

2 MR. MORGAN: Um-hum. Okay. Well, I
3 don't have a copy of that with me today, but
4 I thought we were relying on other things to
5 happen too because besides that, but, you
6 know, I just would like to say that, you
7 know, we definitely have to find some
8 solutions to our problems and I do hope that
9 the pools open this summer, you know.
10 Appreciate your time.

11 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Is there
12 anyone else?

13 MS. CHILIPKO: Good evening,
14 Council. Mary Chilipko, resident in the
15 City of Scranton.

16 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

17 MS. CHILIPKO: First of all in my
18 remarks I would like to commend the members,
19 all of the members of the crime watches, the
20 neighborhood groups, and all of their
21 efforts and how tirelessly they are all
22 working for the betterment of the city.

23 MS. EVAN: And that includes you as
24 well.

25 MS. CHILIPKO: Well, I have been

1 around awhile and it's the first time, maybe
2 the first time that I haven't seen politics
3 as the first item on the agenda for the
4 neighborhood groups. It seems a lot of
5 groups now have left egos at the door and
6 are truly working for the betterment of this
7 city. I wish I could say that for some of
8 the city officials. It's ashame.

9 Pinebrook will be having -- before I
10 get into that, Pinebook will be having a
11 cleanup this Saturday, May 4. We will meet
12 at 829 Capouse Avenue and any help would be
13 appreciated by anyone.

14 And there again we go back to --

15 MR. LOSCOMBE: What time does that
16 start?

17 MS. CHILIPKO: Oh, 9:00, Jack, I'm
18 sorry. Going back to city officials, we
19 have all been slapped in the face by Mark
20 Seitzinger, I just want you to know that.
21 It was an insult to the neighborhood, it was
22 an insult to city council and a farce by the
23 mayor and Mr. Seitzinger the inspection of
24 the rooming houses in my neighborhood. The
25 neighbors were out there, there was not a

1 health inspector, there was a gentleman who
2 spoke with the neighbors and expressed some
3 of the same concerns we did, and said the
4 smell of cat urine when you went in the
5 building was -- you know, almost drove him
6 out, but that wasn't his -- and it was
7 understandable, you know, it wasn't his area
8 of expertise. I don't know, I think that
9 would be a health inspector, but if any of
10 you are were there or saw what transpired it
11 was disgusting.

12 So I don't know do we pursue it? Do
13 we ask for more complete inspections? There
14 have been, as I know of, there have not been
15 fire inspections, fire inspectors were not
16 at these buildings and you are talking about
17 in the two buildings next to my neighborhood
18 home 40 rooms. 24 in the Melba and 16 in
19 the building behind it, and that's 40 rooms
20 which can allow two tenants per room, that's
21 80 tenants, possibility for 80 tenants. I
22 think it's a disgrace.

23 MS. EVANS: Oh, it is. And since I
24 received a copy of your e-mail I again asked
25 Mr. Seitzinger, I tried to pin him down to

1 health inspector as well.

2 MS. EVANS: Okay.

3 MS. CHILIPKO: I think it was a
4 building or mechanical was there. They used
5 to come in a group now everybody is too busy
6 or doing something else or I don't know
7 where they are.

8 MS. EVANS: Well, let's try to bring
9 them all to table publically and get to the
10 bottom of this.

11 MS. CHILIPKO: As far as the pools,
12 I did read the article, I would like to see
13 Capouse Avenue some day reopened, but it's
14 in such disrepair I don't know if that's
15 possible. Last time I spoke to the mayor a
16 year or so ago he said it would probably be
17 bulldozed and made into a park. There we
18 have it.

19 As far as the food trucks, I think
20 we should just leave them alone. I watch
21 this lady come up here tonight I don't -- I
22 never saw anybody so happy with their job in
23 Scranton. I think I'll be down there
24 tomorrow. I will. Some of it I think is
25 motivated by greed with the brick and mortar

1 sounded like some deals were made somewhere
2 along the line and we are always fighting
3 with the University, but it seems like we
4 are always giving the University breaks. So
5 again, you know, there is a lot of people
6 that are upset over this and I'm just a
7 messenger and I'm just letting you know
8 that.

9 Now, as far as combining the Supreme
10 Court payout with the retirement and
11 healthcare loan payout, is that going to
12 save the taxpayers any money?

13 MR. JOYCE: Well, there was money
14 saved, the original Supreme Court payout was
15 to be --

16 MR. JACKOWITZ: Well, you know, with
17 the firefighters, right, but I'm just saying
18 combining them now would that save the
19 taxpayers money or would it still be \$22.5e
20 million that we have to borrow, that's my
21 question?

22 MR. JOYCE: It would still be \$22.5
23 million.

24 MR. JACKOWITZ: Now, there will
25 probably be another tax increase this year

1 and the five members of council right now
2 will probably have to be approving that, I
3 hope it's a small one and I hope it's the
4 last one.

5 When is Scranton elected officials
6 proposed renegotiation of city contracts?
7 Because, like I said last week, we are
8 paying over a million dollars biweekly in
9 payroll and we can't afford that. It's not
10 sustainable, it's not affordable so are we
11 going to do anything about this? I mean,
12 there is eight more months left in this year
13 before we have a new mayor and we have a new
14 Scranton City Council president, so are we
15 going to do something about this? We can't
16 afford it.

17 MS. EVANS: City council does not
18 have the authority to engage in
19 negotiations.

20 MR. JACKOWITZ: I didn't say --

21 MS. EVANS: That's has to --

22 MR. JACKOWITZ: I hope my time is
23 not being used.

24 MS. EVANS: That has to come from
25 the mayor.

1 MR. JACKOWITZ: Okay, I hope my time
2 is not being used. I understand that,
3 Mrs. Evans, I understand that very clearly,
4 but I also understand that you are an
5 elected official. City council are elected
6 officials and I understand you have an open
7 door policy with the mayor, so we should be
8 in negotiations on a daily basis if need be
9 working on these problems because the city
10 is in dire financial straights. Do we agree
11 on that or do we disagree?

12 MS. EVANS: I agree, but I believe
13 that your message needs to be sent to the
14 mayor.

15 MR. JACKOWITZ: It has been over and
16 over and over again, okay, but also, council
17 are elected officials. I understand you're
18 a legislative body, but you are elected
19 officials and we were told that if the
20 supermajority was elected things were going
21 to change. Things haven't changed for the
22 better, things have changed for the worse.
23 That's all I'm trying to say.

24 MS. EVANS: Well, actually, if you
25 didn't have this supermajority sitting here

1 right now you would have had 124 percent tax
2 increase instead of 22 percent, so believe
3 me, it's a very good thing that the
4 supermajority sat here.

5 MR. JACKOWITZ: Well, that's your
6 opinion, but there is a lot of -- there is a
7 lot of citizens and residents that don't
8 agree with that.

9 MS. EVANS: Well, that's probably
10 because --

11 MR. JACKOWITZ: You know, I don't
12 come here to argue with you, Mrs. Evans. I
13 hope you are not using my time. Go right
14 ahead.

15 MS. EVANS: No, no, I'm not using
16 your time. You have always been given more
17 than ample time.

18 MR. JACKOWITZ: Go ahead. Take all
19 the time you need then.

20 MS. EVANS: No, but I think the
21 point is that most people misunderstand
22 completely what's going on here that -- and
23 you should know because you have been here
24 as well as I have been here, you know where
25 all of the trouble came from, just like I

1 know.

2 MR. JACKOWITZ: I understand it came
3 from McGoff --

4 MS. EVANS: It's not a matter of --

5 MR. JACKOWITZ: -- Gatelli and
6 Fanucci, that's where it came from.

7 MS. EVANS: No, I'm not going to
8 point fingers, I'm just going to say that
9 the administration borrowed and borrowed and
10 borrowed more money than has ever been done
11 in the history of the City of Scranton and
12 that was prior to 2012 and despite my best
13 efforts it did not stop. It never stopped
14 until these people came on board.

15 Now, the newspaper and even people
16 running for office like to attribute all of
17 these problems to a lack of communication or
18 animosity between council and the mayor and
19 nothing, believe me, nothing is further from
20 the truth. Oh, that it were that simplistic
21 then we could believe new people are going
22 to come in and save the day. That's not the
23 problem, and I think anyone running for
24 office needs to look at the history of the
25 Doherty administration, see what's really

1 happening, see what happened when there was
2 communication and, you know, working
3 together when a city was about to fall over
4 the fiscal cliff into bankruptcy. Everyone
5 worked together, everyone found a middle
6 ground.

7 So, you know, I think it's -- I
8 think, you know, everyone has a right to his
9 own opinion, certainly you do, I do,
10 everyone here does, but no one has a right
11 to their own version of the truth. The
12 truth is what it is.

13 MR. JACKOWITZ: Yeah, but the truth
14 of the matter is that the recovery plan was
15 a failure and did not work because nothing
16 there -- it was all vision and nothing was
17 set in stone there, it was all visions and
18 some commuter tax and so on and so forth.
19 The majority of the people realized that
20 that wasn't going to work, but it was
21 approved anyway. But the point that most
22 people are asking and what I'm asking is
23 when is this going to be resolved?

24 You know, like I said, eventually we
25 are going to have a new city council next

1 year, we are going to have a new mayor next
2 year. You know, nobody wants to hear the
3 word bankruptcy, but right now if we don't
4 solve our problems, if we don't get the loan
5 and we don't get the money that we need
6 there are no other options available. All
7 the other options have been averted and
8 people are worried, okay?

9 People are losing their jobs.
10 People are -- their paychecks are getting
11 smaller, but yet taxes continue to go up,
12 and it's not only the city government that's
13 raising taxes, it's the state government,
14 it's the federal government and it's
15 everybody else. Now, the water company is
16 getting ready to hit us with another raise.
17 The people cannot afford this. They are
18 looking for solutions, they are looking for
19 resolutions to our problems.

20 Words are nothing but words. They
21 are nothing but thoughts. They don't mean
22 anything until they are placed into action
23 and so far the action has not resolved
24 Scranton city problems. Now, my opinion is
25 the problem we have is our payroll is too

1 high. That's all I'm asking, are we going
2 to do something about our payroll? I
3 understand there is union contracts and
4 negotiations would have to be made, I'm
5 saying we need to start those negotiations
6 now. Not waiting eight months from now when
7 we have a new mayor and we have a new city
8 council. We need to start working on these
9 problems now because the debt is going
10 higher and higher and higher.

11 Now, as far as I know, we still
12 haven't gotten a commitment for this loan,
13 okay? I'm not privy to all of the
14 information, but I am being told that we
15 still don't have the money coming to us. We
16 might not get this money, what's going to
17 happen then if that does happen? Come 30
18 June, come 30 October, if we don't have the
19 money what happens? How do we get out of
20 this problem? How do we get out of this
21 mess? We rely -- we have seven elected
22 officials in this city, we rely upon those
23 seven elected officials. They campaigned,
24 they took our campaign contributions and
25 they asked us to vote for them and they said

1 fixes here. It's been very difficult and
2 everyone has been working to do the best
3 thing for the people of this city and that
4 means protecting you from the massive,
5 massive tax increases, doing everything we
6 can to make sure that you receive your
7 services and that you are not choked by tax
8 increases.

9 And on that note, I'll ask to hear
10 anymore speakers.

11 MR. JOYCE: Just a comment a little
12 bit further on that, PEL made it quite clear
13 to me the last time I spoke to them, Gerry
14 Cross, executive director for PEL said the
15 City of Scranton could get out of distressed
16 status right now if it wants to, just
17 increase taxes by 150 percent. We are
18 trying to offset that with alternative
19 revenue sources such as a commuter tax, such
20 as looking for increased payments in lieu of
21 taxes from our nonprofits, such as pushing
22 for legislation through the state that would
23 help us be able to go after some of the
24 nonprofits institutions for some form of the
25 payment.

1 What we really need and what this
2 city really needs is state assistance. The
3 Local Tax Enabling Act that was put together
4 in I believe it was 1960 or '64, I'm sure
5 what year, basically dictates what we can do
6 and what we can't do. I believe that the
7 residents of Scranton are overtaxed and
8 that's a large problem because the outlying
9 areas are taxed at a far less rate than the
10 residents in the City of Scranton are.

11 Now, and it's not like Scranton is
12 in a major hub like New York City or
13 Philadelphia where it provides a great
14 convenience if you work in the city to live
15 in the city. Most people that live in
16 Taylor and Dunmore, Dickson City, Old Forge
17 or Throop can commute to the city within ten
18 minutes to 15 minutes, but the problem lies
19 within the way that city government is set
20 up and the way the state government is
21 functioning. We need their help. We need
22 their assistance. We need our state
23 senators and state reps to fight for us in
24 Harrisburg and I believe that bringing them
25 in was one of the first steps towards that

1 fight, but without their help and without
2 changes to state laws it will be very
3 limited as far as what the City of Scranton
4 will be able to do outside of the property
5 tax increases.

6 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Joyce,
7 and if I might just quickly add, besides the
8 more than one public caucus we had with our
9 state elected officials, I had many meetings
10 with them in council's office and they are
11 well aware of our problems, they agree we
12 have many problems, but no one is willing to
13 step up to the plate and help. No one has
14 done anything and no one has committed to
15 doing anything and the only reason I am
16 saying this is because people that are going
17 to be leading the city into the future they
18 have to be aware this. This is all their
19 responsibility. They have to make choices
20 and decision because I frankly don't see the
21 State of the Pennsylvania riding to the
22 rescue of Scranton any time soon.

23 So the responsibility, the good, the
24 bad and the ugly of it falls on those who
25 want to lead the city.

1 Is there anyone else?

2 MR. FINNERTY: How are you, Council?

3 My name is Pat Finnerty, I'm a Scrantonian,
4 believe it or not.

5 MS. EVANS: From Scranton High
6 School?

7 MS. FINNERTY: Indeed. I remember
8 you, Mrs. Evans.

9 MS. EVANS: And I remember you.

10 MR. FINNERTY: I'm still tall.

11 MS. EVANS: Yes, you are. Were you
12 in Chloe's class?

13 MR. FINNERTY: I was. And how is
14 she doing by the way?

15 MS. EVANS: I haven't seen you in a
16 long time.

17 MR. FINNERTY: It's been a long
18 time. This is my first time in the
19 chambers.

20 MS. EVANS: Welcome.

21 MR. FINNERTY: Yeah. I have been a
22 long time follower of the program, as I call
23 it watching. I mean no disrespect to you
24 guys. You have a tough gig and I'm going to
25 follow up with what was just said with

1 something a little lighter, but I was moved
2 to come here tonight and by moved I mean not
3 moved.

4 About six months ago I bought a
5 stopwatch at Dick's Sporting Goods for like
6 \$17 bucks and I bought it to time the
7 streetlights of Scranton because I was
8 amazed at how long they were. And as you
9 just said, you were referring to Scranton
10 not being a hub such as New York or
11 Philadelphia, and me being a borderline
12 young adult as I am, borderline young adult
13 and choosing to live here as I do, and I'm
14 involved in the arts which isn't very easy,
15 we are not Nashville, we're not Austin,
16 we're not New York, but we are trying.

17 It is a struggle for me to see when
18 I'm on the corner of Wyoming and Greenridge
19 I'm waiting 58 seconds, so I timed that and
20 I started it as a kind of a joke, but then I
21 realized that is it something I kind of want
22 to get into. 58 seconds for Wyoming and
23 Greenridge. You guys with me on that one?
24 58 seconds, which doesn't seem like that
25 long, but it actually is.

1 So then I did this as joke and my
2 friends were laughing at me and everything
3 like that and then the week after I bought
4 this stopwatch the article came in that the
5 new lights were coming in and they were
6 getting synced so I was like -- I was a
7 little upset by that because I was finally
8 going to do something and just have a little
9 bit of a joke I guess, but even though
10 something I believe in, and now that the new
11 lights are here they are longer and they
12 don't run from green into green into green.

13 I timed the light that's at Adams
14 and Linden and it's a minute and 40 seconds
15 when you're on Adams. That's a long time a
16 minute and 40.

17 So here's my solution, I don't know
18 what you guys are going to do about
19 everything you were just talking about, you
20 guys will figure it out, and you going to
21 hear about it, you guys are just going to
22 keeping talking about it, you're going to
23 hear about it, but you'll figure it out, but
24 what I'm here to say is that maybe what we
25 do here have it not the attraction that New

1 York City and Philadelphia, even Baltimore
2 has perhaps if we were sync these lights and
3 make this town easy to get around we can
4 have like a saying that's like "Come to
5 Scranton, you can get around. It's easy to
6 move around. We'll get you there. You can
7 actually, you know, move around instead of
8 waiting a minute a 40."

9 It's laughable almost, and I'm
10 saying this in a somewhat joking manner, but
11 I also believe it in my heart that is hard
12 sometimes to know that you are just going
13 from Greenridge to South Side, how many
14 times have you gone from Greenridge to South
15 Side, so you're going from Greenridge --
16 making it easier to go from Greenridge to
17 South Side, you know, they are new lights,
18 they have the sensors. So is there -- do
19 you guys have anything -- can I say this, so
20 are you guys going to do something about
21 that?

22 MR. LOSCOMBE: I believe it was a
23 meeting or two ago where we had discussed
24 this with PennDOT and they are still not
25 completed with their setup, so they are

1 supposed to try and have them synchronized
2 by the end of the April, but I believe it
3 was pushed back to the end of May, if I'm
4 not mistaken. I have the same problem.

5 MR. FINNERTY: We are out there, we
6 are all driving.

7 MR. LOSCOMBE: From I live I can get
8 to Geisinger Wyoming Valley quicker than I
9 can get to Geisinger Scranton so it's crazy.
10 But it is they are not synced yet so
11 hopefully that will relieve it a little bit.

12 MR. FINNERTY: Right, because I --

13 MR. LOSCOMBE: And if they are still
14 as a bad I'll complain.

15 MR. FINNERTY: Right.

16 MR. LOSCOMBE: But I know I have sat
17 at a few myself.

18 MR. FINNERTY: Yeah, and when
19 they're running you're running red into red.
20 I have got other things going in my life, I
21 have got other things happening in my life,
22 I do, but this is something this a daily.
23 And what made me come here it was the one
24 light that I timed for a minute and 40
25 seconds I just have to come.

1 MS. EVANS: Mr. Finnerty, I would
2 suggest that you continue to time the
3 lights, particularly after PennDOT appears
4 to have concluded it's enormous project, and
5 if these lights are still as problematic as
6 they currently are, or let's say the
7 problems that have been alleviated only
8 slightly, then I would like you to come back
9 and let us know. But in addition to that, I
10 think, you know, the people of Scranton,
11 even the people traveling Scranton need to
12 flood PennDOT with complaints until they do
13 the job probably. Because again, we are
14 chasing more people out of the city.

15 So it seems to me in all of the
16 years that I have served as an elected
17 official the squeaky wheel against the
18 grease. The complaints, you know, people
19 when they join together for a united purpose
20 and they want change they can effect that
21 change through being vocal in numbers. So,
22 like I'm saying, let us know, we'll go after
23 them, but we also need your help to bombard
24 them with complaints so that we have our
25 lights properly set.

1 MR. FINNERTY: Well, I'm going to
2 need you guys to go ahead and make this a
3 priority, so let's forget about everything
4 else that was said. Don't worry about these
5 problems, let's go down the list and let's
6 go ahead and make this a priority.

7 Like I said, I've been watching for
8 years, I was -- I remember the deed for the
9 pool, Nay Aug, that was a great one. I know
10 you guys hear a lot and, you know, so I
11 don't mean to come down at all.

12 MR. ROGAN: I would just like to add
13 it's funny I had the same conversation with
14 a few residents in the South Side over the
15 weekend, when you go to a big city, as
16 mentioned we are not a huge city, but it
17 seems like they understand how to make
18 traffic move efficiently.

19 MR. FINNERTY: Yeah, it's
20 unbelievable.

21 MR. ROGAN: All the streets will
22 have the green at the same time --

23 MR. FINNERTY: Broad Street in
24 Philly, it's doing it.

25 MS. EVANS: And going down the

1 avenues they will have greens, and I travel
2 from West Scranton to South Scranton all the
3 time and for work --

4 MR. FINNERTY: Sure you do, you live
5 here.

6 MR. ROGAN: -- and I always seem to
7 be running into problems now with the
8 expressway.

9 MR. FINNERTY: The old expressway.

10 MR. ROGAN: The expressway issue
11 with the bridge being out and trust me --

12 MR. FINNERTY: Oh, the bridge is
13 out?

14 MR. ROGAN: -- it's certainly
15 frustrating and we just need to use common
16 sense, and another issue that wasn't brought
17 up cars waste a lot of gas sitting at lights
18 I know --

19 MR. FINNERTY: They do.

20 MR. ROGAN: -- you get zero miles to
21 the gallon when you are sitting at a light.

22 MR. FINNERTY: That would be a good
23 point me for to make, another thing, too,
24 you think gas is free? That was me doing my
25 stick.

1 MR. ROGAN: But a lot of European
2 countries actually it's illegal to idle, you
3 have to shut your car off.

4 MR. FINNERTY: Really.

5 MR. ROGAN: I'm not saying we have
6 to do that here, but it does waste a lot of
7 gas and if we get traffic to move more
8 efficiently not only will be people be
9 happier because it won't take as long to get
10 from place to place, but you will also have
11 a little more gas in your tank at the end of
12 the week.

13 MR. FINNERTY: Happier Scrantonians,
14 which is all we want to be. I won't eat up
15 any more of your time. I want to tell you
16 that you got to check out what's happening
17 on Mifflin and Linden. Linden Street bridge
18 and Mifflin, nobody is crossing that bridge
19 but you are waiting on that one for a good
20 minute and a half.

21 And the last thing I'll say is
22 recently I took Meade Street for the first
23 time off of the Dunmore exit and if you take
24 Meade when you get off the Dunmore exit,
25 Meade does unbelievable things. Meade, I

1 don't know if anyone has ever gone down
2 Meade, but it's take you by the highway and
3 then it turns into an alley and it dumps you
4 out close to the tank in Dunmore. That has
5 nothing to do with the whole thing, I just
6 said it. I thought I would share that with
7 Scranton and the viewers, so thank you very
8 much.

9 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

10 MS. SCHUMACHER: Oh, good evening,
11 Council. Marie Schumacher, city resident
12 and taxpayer.

13 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

14 MS. SCHUMACHER: To start off with
15 5-B and C, I hope that you will be able to
16 stay on whoever is required to make the
17 changes that are required, if there are any
18 required, so that that can be expedited.
19 This has been a great year for the library.
20 Just a few short weeks on April 12 they
21 dedicated the elevator that goes up to the
22 second floor and the reference department
23 and that's the first time now that disabled
24 persons could use it and that was big, and
25 this getting the outside fixed which is in

1 dire straights is really required and
2 whatever we can do to help.

3 And I did circulate a number of
4 petitions with other people in this room to
5 keep the library here and I'll tell you now
6 I am glad that it's in the hands of the
7 Scranton Public Library Authority because if
8 anything happens to this city as far as
9 being -- going into bankruptcy if should
10 happen that's an asset that's at the
11 Authority and we hopefully would not be
12 forced to sell it or do something dire.
13 Hopefully it's protected. So that's it on
14 5-B and C, I hope that it's passed finally
15 next week.

16 On 5-D does that include -- is that
17 restricted to food or does it include things
18 such as the flower tents that pop up around
19 flower giving holidays that obviously would
20 compete with brick and mortar florists.

21 MR. ROGAN: That's a good point.

22 MS. SCHUMACHER: Pardon? I don't
23 see a whole lot of difference and nobody has
24 a problem with them, so I don't have a
25 problem with the food trucks, so I would

1 like to know that though. I did go down
2 today, but the backup wasn't ready so I'll
3 try to check that out before next week
4 myself.

5 Next is 6-A. I still have a serious
6 problem with taking the money away from the
7 Vacant Property Review Committee and from
8 the demolition of hazardous structures.
9 Blight is with us big time and I don't think
10 we can afford to give up any money for the--
11 or any funding that we could use for the
12 demolition.

13 And as far as the Vacant Property
14 Review Committee, I don't think we have used
15 -- there have been a number of enabling, not
16 nearly far enough yet, but enabling pieces
17 of legislation over the last five years and
18 I don't think this city has taken advantage
19 of any of them and they all involve going to
20 Court, so it's expensive and we need -- we
21 need to keep that money in the Vacant
22 Property Review Committee, so they can have
23 the legal aid that they need to start moving
24 some of these properties.

25 We have not -- to the best of my

1 knowledge we have not gone after any
2 conservatorships and Act 90 of 2010 allowed
3 us to go after absentee landlords and
4 extradite them here and take personal
5 property that's going beyond the property
6 that they own here to recover what we have
7 put into it or what needs to be done and we
8 haven't used any of those. That's three
9 years, five years, we need to start acting
10 on those things.

11 5-H, I'm a little confused as to why
12 that's on here tonight. It seems to me that
13 this was done a couple of weeks ago or maybe
14 even a couple of months ago and it was
15 returned by the county because I believe the
16 municipality is supposed to do the five
17 point check and I know Greg Evans has talked
18 about using some of the University people or
19 the nonprofits to help us with services in
20 lieu of payments, not just payments in lieu
21 of services and I don't know why. I mean,
22 somebody could learn Guidestar really fast
23 and look up most of these things, go out on
24 their own, and I think it would have been a
25 great project for an intern to do and then

1 just turn that -- whatever the municipality
2 finds over to the Country Assessor's Office
3 and let them go from there. So I really
4 think we should we reach out to the
5 nonprofits and ask if anybody is willing to
6 help do that review.

7 And then empty lots, the ones that
8 can't be maintained and they are already
9 starting to grow and could we take some
10 money maybe out of the contingency fund and
11 use herbicides on some of these lots so that
12 at least we keep the vegetation down where
13 they can be maintained. I'll have the rest
14 next week. Thank you.

15 MR. JOYCE: Thank you very much. Is
16 there anyone else who wishes to address
17 council?

18 MR. HUGHES: Excuse me, I was going
19 to say madam president, I just realized she
20 is not there. In reviewing the ordinance of
21 the food trucks, there is the two
22 definitions of food truck and a food cart,
23 the old definition of pedlar, in my opinion,
24 does not cover the flower tents, so I think
25 that that would be up to council or you

1 could request the solicitor's office to take
2 a look at this and draft language if it's
3 council's desire to cover the tents where
4 they sell the flowers. They are not
5 peddlers. A peddler is someone who goes
6 door to door and, of course, they are in
7 spot, so, I mean, that's not covered in in
8 this ordinance. It might be covered
9 somewhere else, but it's not covered in this
10 ordinance.

11 MR. JOYCE: Thank you, Mr. Hughes.
12 Does anyone else wish to address council?

13 MS. KRAKE: 5-A. MOTIONS.

14 MR. JOYCE: Mr. McGoff, do you have
15 any comments or motions?

16 MR. MCGOFF: Yes, thank you. First
17 of all, regarding the food trucks a little
18 bit of clarification I think is needed as
19 far as council and the food trucks and that
20 whole thing is concerned. Number one,
21 nobody on council ever advocated for the
22 removal of food trucks from the downtown.
23 As a matter of fact, last week questions
24 were asked of each of us, I believe, as to
25 whether or not we believed that we should be

1 removed from the downtown and ever one of
2 the members that was here said no, that they
3 should remain. I think we are all in favor.
4 You know, council as a whole is in favor of
5 the competition that is provided and the
6 services that is provided by those vendors.

7 As a matter of fact, council has
8 advocated, as Mrs. Evans mentioned last
9 week, for dialogue between the brick and
10 mortar restaurants and the mobile vendors
11 and through Scranton Tomorrow I believe that
12 we have created a conduit for that dialogue.
13 What I didn't want to see happen with this
14 was to turn this into a media event where
15 this argument was being played out through
16 the newspapers, the radio stations and
17 wherever else. This is something, I'll
18 speak for myself, I know nothing about the
19 restaurant business other than the fact that
20 I go there and eat once in awhile. I don't
21 know how it effects -- how they effect one
22 another and I'm not sure that any anybody on
23 council has, you know, that experience. It
24 would be best that this situation be
25 resolved by the interested parties and that

1 is what Scranton Tomorrow is trying to do by
2 setting up these discussions.

3 We, as a council, can amend the
4 legislation to meet the collective desires
5 of all of those that are involved and I
6 think that we would all like to do that if
7 the vendors and the merchants can decide on
8 something that's workable for all of
9 concerned I think we would be more than
10 happy to amend the legislation and to make
11 that happen. The media is not going to
12 solve this situation or resolve this
13 situation, only the interested parties are
14 and I encourage them, all of them to use the
15 mechanism that's been provided by council
16 and through Scranton Tomorrow to get this
17 resolved so that it's not a problem any
18 further and that we can all enjoy the
19 services provided by all of the vendors that
20 exist in downtown Scranton.

21 Second thing, although it passed
22 last week there had been discussion about
23 the parking around I'll say General
24 Dynamics, I'm not sure if that's the correct
25 name anymore either, but in talking with

1 people after we started to talk about the
2 idea of permits parking with the number of
3 the layoffs that they have had there they
4 don't need off-street parking anymore. All
5 of their employees can park comfortably
6 within the confines of the grounds and to
7 pursue -- I think to pursue permit parking
8 in this case would really just be not as
9 bad, but close to as bad as putting parking
10 meters there. There is no reason to do it.

11 I have kind of come to the same
12 conclusion that Mr. Rogan did and stated
13 that the best thing at this point in time I
14 believe is to simply take down the "No
15 Parking" signs and just, you know, it's open
16 parking and in an emergency if that
17 emergency should occur that we voted on
18 should that occur then we can create some
19 type of an emergency signage, you know, at
20 that time, but as of now I don't think it's,
21 you know, in our best interest to pursue
22 permit parking there and probably it's in
23 the best interest just to go with open
24 parking as it was many years ago.

25 As far as the traffic signals, I

1 have had a number of people contact me about
2 all kinds of issues with the traffic signals
3 and driving through the downtown the other
4 day I agree it's a disaster trying to get
5 from one end of the city to the other.
6 Bridges closed, you know, the traffic
7 signals with construction with -- it's a
8 nightmare trying to move around the city.
9 There is hopefully within the next month or
10 so PennDOT or whoever is doing the traffic
11 signalization will listen to what we have to
12 say about, you know, various, you know, the
13 flow of traffic, but the biggest complaint I
14 have is about, as the gentleman said, the
15 length of some of the signals is incredible.
16 All kinds of complaints about sitting at
17 traffic lights forever and that's something
18 that they should be able to adjust quickly,
19 easily. It's within their power to do that.

20 And the last thing as it comes up,
21 the Linden Street bridge, I look at that as
22 a priority item. I use the analogy of, you
23 know, was it West Linden Street or West,
24 whatever it was -- Lackawanna, I'm sorry,
25 too many bridges to worry about. I use the

1 analogy in my on home, you know, I need a
2 new porch, I need sidewalks, I need a new
3 roof, I have got to make a decisions as to
4 which one is at this point in time the most
5 important with the limited resources that I
6 have and we are looking at it I think in the
7 same way in the city, what is the priority?
8 What is our greatest priority and at this
9 point in time as I look at where this money
10 is coming from are those other -- are those
11 other sources of revenue important to the
12 city? Yes. But I think that, again, going
13 with the movement of traffic and the
14 mobility through the city we need to get
15 some of these streets and bridges, whatever,
16 repaired as quickly as possible so that as
17 was written in the newspaper that Scranton
18 doesn't become an island and, you know, you
19 can't move at all.

20 So I am in favor, you know, of the
21 transfer of the funds as it exists. I think
22 that the bridge is the bigger priority.

23 And that's all for this evening.

24 Thank you.

25 MS. EVANS: Councilman Rogan, do you

1 have comments or motions?

2 MR. ROGAN: Yes, thank you. One
3 announcement that I forgot to mention,
4 tomorrow from 5 to 7 at Whisky Dick's in
5 downtown Scranton there will be a fundraiser
6 for police in the city and all proceeds will
7 go for community events, and that's tomorrow
8 night from 5 to 7.

9 I guess I'll start off also with the
10 food trucks since that seems to be the hot
11 issue of the night and of the week and I'm
12 going to just start off by giving you a
13 little of my philosophy of these type of
14 issues. I believe in free markets. I
15 believe in competition, I believe in
16 capitalism, and that's what I like about
17 this country, our city and our state where
18 somebody can buy a truck and come up with
19 great food and go downtown and pay the city
20 a fee and be very successful and make a good
21 living doing it and provide a good product
22 to residents of the city and the workers of
23 the downtown.

24 There is also other benefits of
25 having the food trucks in the downtown as

1 well, and this is just one story that
2 somebody mentioned to me and it was actually
3 someone outside of the city, somebody
4 mentioned to me over the week that they are
5 a big fan of one of the food trucks and, you
6 know, they travel maybe once or twice a week
7 to wherever they are to get dinner or lunch
8 so they happened at at the Viewmont Mall
9 that day. So they went up, got his food,
10 you know, they ate it quick in the car and
11 they said, "Well, let's go to the mall."

12 They went up to the mall and spent
13 \$100 in the shops in the mall. And these
14 food trucks are being patronized not only by
15 Scranton residents but by residents out of
16 town as well, and if we can bring more foot
17 traffic into the downtown it could help
18 brick and mortar businesses as well in the
19 downtown.

20 I also have some other questions
21 about these ordinances, a big one I have is
22 who will enforce them? Will this be another
23 burden put on our Licensing and Inspections
24 Department? You know, if there is a call
25 put in that, you know, a food truck is

1 within, you know, whatever the footage is
2 whether it's 100 or 500 or 250 if they get
3 that call are they supposed to go down there
4 with that rolling tape measure and measure
5 it out? I think our inspectors have a lot
6 more important work to be doing, so that's a
7 big issue as well.

8 And finally, the one issue I do
9 think that does need to be addressed right
10 now with the food trucks is regarding the
11 fees. I think that the fees or taxes that
12 the food trucks are paying should be
13 comparable to brick and mortar businesses.
14 I know it's little bit more difficult to
15 decide on what those rates should be
16 because, you know, property taxes are based
17 on a square footage, mercantile tax on the
18 sales. These trucks aren't always in the
19 city. And from talking to some of the
20 owners of the trucks they have agreed that
21 the fees are too low right now and they
22 agreed that, you know, paying an additional
23 fee isn't a problem for them in fairness to
24 be on an equal playing field with the brick
25 and mortar businesses, and for me that's

1 what I'm hoping to will come out of all of
2 this.

3 As I stated before, I won't vote for
4 any legislation that will ban these type of
5 food trucks from the downtown area where
6 they do most of their business. I do
7 support making the playing field fair where
8 brick and mortar businesses and food trucks
9 will have the same playing field and whoever
10 has the best product will then be the best,
11 you know, the most successful business and
12 that's how free market should work and I'm
13 very hopeful that the talks between the
14 brick and mortar business owners and the
15 food truck owners will reach a settlement
16 that can pass this council by 5-0, be signed
17 by the mayor and everyone is happy. That's
18 my hope. I hope that that agreement can be
19 made.

20 As I said, I oppose some of what's
21 in this legislation but there are some
22 issues that need to be addressed so I will
23 move to introduce the legislation to see
24 what comes out of those talks. I have
25 spoken to a few of the food truck owners, I

1 haven't had any calls yet from the brick and
2 mortar businesses, I'm sure they will be
3 calling, I'm willing to listen to both sides
4 and I'm very hopeful that an agreement will
5 be reached in the short future that can work
6 for everyone and everyone can carry on with
7 their business.

8 Next, the West Lackawanna bridge, I
9 did have an e-mail conversation with Linda
10 Aebli, and I provided everyone with a copy,
11 I think the best course of action, and we'll
12 see if everyone agrees, how does everyone
13 else on the board feel about having Ms.
14 Aebli in for a caucus to discuss if these
15 are the best programs or the only programs
16 where these funds can be taken from?

17 MS. EVANS: I have no problem.

18 MR. JOYCE: I would agree to that as
19 well.

20 MR. ROGAN: Mr. McGoff?

21 MR. MCGOFF: That's fine.

22 MR. ROGAN: Okay. Mrs. Krake, could
23 we please set that up with Ms. Aebli? she
24 already agreed, but I did want to bring that
25 up to my colleagues as well and hopefully we

1 can have that and see if there are any other
2 options. As I said last week, I also have
3 concerns about where the funding is coming
4 from. Specifically for the condemnation of
5 the hazardous structures and some of the
6 neighborhood groups, the Falcons, they do
7 great work and I hate to have to take those
8 funds away if they can be used by those
9 organization.

10 And actually on the way to the
11 council meeting tonight I did see two police
12 officers looking at the area of the sidewalk
13 in question.

14 MS. FOSTER: Can I address?

15 MR. ROGAN: Sure.

16 MS. FOSTER: Karin Foster. This
17 afternoon approximately 3:30 we were
18 returning from downtown and noticed that
19 there was a four-foot span of the concrete
20 pylon right before the fencing at the crest
21 of the hill that had not been teetered over
22 to the side and only held by the rebar, so I
23 called that in and that's why they were
24 there.

25 MR. ROGAN: Thank you, and I know

1 going to fall out. It's held on basically
2 by wire in there.

3 MS. EVANS: Yes, you did.

4 MR. LOSCOMBE: And that's it. And
5 every day it's going farther and farther so
6 I don't know if it totally collapsed yet or
7 what?

8 MR. ROGAN: And just driving by the
9 in the car, and I didn't stop, I was on my
10 way here, just driving you could see it dip
11 down and it's already been --

12 MR. LOSCOMBE: The area underneath
13 it is ready to go, too.

14 MR. ROGAN: So hopefully we will
15 have Ms. Aebli in here next week and we can
16 discuss that, and also a concern I do have
17 with the construction will there be any -- I
18 know PennDOT told Mr. Loscombe the road is
19 in fine condition for traffic, but I'm
20 worried that when the sidewalk repairs begin
21 that the road may be closed, and if that
22 were to happen at the same time as the
23 Linden Street bridge that would be a
24 disaster for West Side.

25 MR. LOSCOMBE: Hopefully they will

1 do one lane at a time.

2 MR. ROGAN: That's definitely
3 something that needs to be looked at, also.
4 So hopefully Ms. Aebli will come in and we
5 can discuss these issues before final vote
6 or tabling it possibly and making
7 amendments.

8 Next, two letters, and I'm sure
9 Mr. Loscombe will be addressing these since
10 he is the chair for public safety, one just
11 because it was brought up tonight about the
12 traffic signals, this was from Mr. Judge,
13 the president of the IAFF, to Chief Davis
14 regarding traffic signals that would give
15 when a fire truck is driving through and
16 giving them basically -- and I know
17 Mr. Loscombe can explain it a lot better
18 than I can, and it was through Chief Davis,
19 it was just requesting that the city, you
20 know, move on this to get this taken care of
21 to protect not only the firefighters but to
22 protect the motorists as well because it
23 says there is so many accidents that occur
24 at intersections, and this was addressed to
25 Chief Davis and we were copied on it.

1 Mrs. Krake, could we please send a
2 letter to Chief Davis asking that council is
3 informed of what steps have been taken on
4 this matter so far?

5 And next, also from the fire
6 department, and this -- I spoke to Mr. Judge
7 earlier today, and this was very frustrating
8 for me, a few -- and I'll just read this
9 summary, approximately three years ago the
10 local fire community was able to get a
11 business to donate four or five automatic
12 external defibrillators, AEDs to the city.
13 These are basically the shock pads for when
14 someone goes into cardiac arrest that are
15 used to bring them back and the letter goes
16 onto say that these costs about \$1,000 per
17 unit and they were donated to the city and
18 as far as the city's use they have been
19 sitting in Chief Davis' office for three
20 years. They have never been used.

21 And I don't understand why these
22 aren't out on our fire trucks. They could
23 be used to save somebody's life and the
24 letter goes onto say that if the city isn't
25 going to use them that they could be donated

1 to little leagues or different organizations
2 throughout the city that would use them, so
3 could we also ask Chief Davis where this
4 issue stands as well because I think that
5 the people of the city are going to want an
6 answer. I'm sure Mr. Loscombe will
7 elaborate on this since this is his
8 committee.

9 And finally, I have a couple of
10 citizens' requests. One, there is a huge
11 pothole on the corner Jackson Street and
12 Filmore. The resident has called the
13 mayor's office and the DPW and nothing has
14 been done.

15 Also, a few second requests: At the
16 end of North Washington Avenue in front of
17 D&S Auto, when you make the turn and you go
18 up I believe it's Cherry Street there is a
19 small section of roadway that is in
20 disrepair. It's a mess. The rest of the
21 road is fine it's just right around the
22 railroad tracks it's a mess. So can we
23 please send a letter to the DPW asking that
24 that is repaired as well?

25 And I know we have probably sent at

1 least five or six letters regarding Pike
2 Street. The residents up there are very
3 upset and all I'm asking for is an answer
4 from Mr. Dougher. The street isn't being
5 repaired, he is not telling us if it's going
6 to be put on the paving list or not, and
7 it's not a busy street but the residents up
8 there pay taxes and there are nice homes on
9 that street so I'm sure they are paying a
10 very heavy tax bill and they deserve at the
11 very least to be able to ride on a road
12 that's not going to throw their car out of
13 alignment and for a couple of the residents
14 up there that ride motorcycles it really is
15 a dangerous issue, so could we also ask if
16 Pike Street is going to be paved and if not
17 it could be at least repaired in the
18 meantime.

19 And that is it all I have for
20 tonight. Thank you.

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

24 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you, just a
25 couple. As usual, Mr. Rogan stole my notes

1 again.

2 MS. EVANS: You've got to get to the
3 mail faster.

4 MR. LOSCOMBE: We are all on the
5 same page here definitely. I mean, what was
6 spoken previously needed is pretty much I
7 feel the same way and just to go over some
8 of these notes.

9 First of all, I would like to
10 commend our neighborhood watches and our
11 neighborhood associations for the work that
12 they do tirelessly and, you know, out of the
13 goodness of their heart and the love or
14 their city and I really mean that. I hope
15 you continue to keep the fire and I would
16 like to see a lot more citizens join you in
17 and helping you because as usual a lot of
18 these groups, a lot of organizations end up
19 with a handful of the people who end up
20 doing of 99 percent of the work, and I would
21 just hope that more individuals would get
22 involved and help you out.

23 I was able to attend most of the
24 meetings previously, but our meeting is the
25 same nights now, but, you know, I help with

1 the fence when you took that down, but I do
2 want to get more involved now that my work
3 schedule is little more finalized. But I do
4 commend all of the neighborhood associations
5 and the crime watch organizations. You are
6 definitely making a difference in the city
7 and I believe we all feel the same way, so I
8 just wanted to applaud you for that.

9 And to go back to the parking
10 meters, as Mr. McGoff explained at
11 Chamberlain, I have always believed that
12 they never should have been put there in the
13 first place. We have to get either, you
14 know, repeal the ordinance to put them there
15 or whatever the legitimate way is to get
16 them to pull those signs out of there and
17 the posts, and that is sad. I think we are
18 all in the consensus that it's time, the
19 time is overdue.

20 A couple of meetings ago Mr.
21 Neverosky appeared here regarding the meters
22 or the parking spaces on Mulberry Street.
23 Now, from what I remember when they did this
24 street they took all of the meters out of
25 these blocks. Now I see meter poles there

1 but there is no meter heads. However, when
2 we just approved a parking lot in the
3 downtown one of the reasons we had to remove
4 the meters was because of the site
5 clearance. PennDOT required that. I'll
6 tell you what, I don't know if anyone has
7 traveled Mulberry Street heading west at
8 nighttime, but there is going to be a
9 fatality there. It's just crazy. I mean,
10 it's worse than Snake Road at night. You
11 are driving along, all of sudden there is a
12 -- you are in this lane and there's a
13 parking lane right in front of you, you are
14 zigging over here, then it zigs back here.

15 I don't know how they are able to do
16 that or who did it, that's a city street so
17 obviously it had to be the city. I don't
18 believe PennDot --

19 MR. MCGOFF: It's the state.

20 MS. EVANS: It's the state.

21 MR. LOSCOMBE: I thought the state
22 road cut off at Jefferson?

23 MR. MCGOFF: No.

24 MR. LOSCOMBE: It doesn't? Because
25 when we were asking how the width reduction

1 was approved they said PennDOT didn't have
2 to approve it, it was the city street, it
3 cut off there at Route 11. I'm pretty
4 certain. I checked on that. If it's a
5 state road they gave me the wrong
6 information there.

7 MR. WALLIS: Are you talking about
8 the Merrill sign?

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: Pardon?

10 MR. WALLIS: The Merrill sign right
11 before it becomes the Abraham or Robbins
12 Road?

13 MR. LOSCOMBE: No, no, I'm talking
14 about Mulberry Street.

15 MR. WALLIS: That is Mulberry.

16 MR. LOSCOMBE: I'm sorry, up by the
17 University.

18 MR. WALLIS: Oh, the top end.

19 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes, the top end from
20 Jefferson Avenue I was told was a city road.
21 Now, there may be an agreement for the state
22 to pave it or whatever or maintain it, but I
23 was told -- they showed me the maps there.
24 Route 11 comes over and goes over the
25 expressway because --

1 MS. EVANS: Mrs. Krake?

2 MS. KRAKE: When we asked about this
3 a long time ago the information we got was
4 it was 307 or what brings 307 --

5 MR. LOSCOMBE: Or 3-7.

6 MS. KRAKE: Right back up to --
7 anyway, that's what I was told and that we
8 actually had a friend of ours that was an
9 engineer take a look at several aspects of
10 it and apparently all of the aspects meet
11 the minimum requirement, not that this is to
12 say that the best, but the minimum
13 requirements are met throughout. I still do
14 agree with Councilman Loscombe though, that
15 it's very dangerous, and it's a road I
16 travel all the time and it's very, very
17 dangerous.

18 MR. LOSCOMBE: I have seen skid
19 marks coming by those parked vehicles. I
20 say we have to get rid of those. For the
21 nine or ten parking spots that they have
22 made out this zigging and zagging for I
23 think it's ridiculous. We remove what, five
24 downtown just on a corner just for a parking
25 lot. You know, again, and I argued about

1 that, I'm not for removing any, but this is
2 a situation where --

3 MR. WALLIS: Mr. Loscombe --

4 MR. LOSCOMBE: -- that produces a
5 danger.

6 MR. WALLIS: -- you are talking
7 about where Jefferson ends?

8 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

9 MR. WALLIS: -- and the other side?

10 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

11 MR. WALLIS: Jefferson actually has
12 the state road signage turn to go into
13 Moosic 307. It's right there.

14 MR. LOSCOMBE: Right.

15 MR. WALLIS: It shouldn't go to the
16 other side of that roadway.

17 MR. LOSCOMBE: That's what I was
18 told by the PennDOT.

19 MR. WALLIS: According to the map if
20 you look at the roadway it comes through the
21 intersection of Jefferson, you turn right to
22 go to the Moosic exchange at the end of
23 Jefferson which is closed right now, of
24 course, but that would be the map for the
25 state road.

1 MR. LOSCOMBE: And that's exactly
2 what I was told when I met with them on the
3 reduction by six feet of the upper part of
4 Mulberry Street.

5 MR. WALLIS: They have given us more
6 disinformation than anything else. At Cedar
7 at the light, one minute they say they can't
8 do it, the next minute they can do it, and
9 that was straight from the representative.

10 MR. LOSCOMBE: Well, I'll follow-up
11 for my information on this, but I know --

12 MR. WALLIS: If you look at it, the
13 map for the city, it's actually on their
14 map, on the city map.

15 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

16 MR. LOSCOMBE: And, I mean, just we
17 have to do something about those meters on
18 Mulberry Street before something really
19 happens. I actually pull out of the court
20 there next to Granteed's and you had no
21 visibility whatsoever. Now, they have a
22 parking lot there for the one or two spots
23 that Granteed's may lose, you know, I feel
24 sorry for them but they do have a parking
25 lot. The rest of the spots are being parked

1 free right now because there are no meters,
2 but I think it's a dangerous situation
3 that's waiting to happen.

4 The West Lackawanna Avenue bridge, I
5 agree with Mr. Rogan on that. I still have
6 a couple of question. This past week I
7 didn't have the ability due to my work
8 schedule to get to any meetings, but I will
9 be in touch with Mr. Rogan, too, because I
10 have a couple of things that we can discuss
11 together and perhaps work on something on
12 this.

13 And Mr. Rogan mentioned the fire
14 department letters regarding the traffic
15 signal, you know, a lot of people see the
16 cameras on the traffic signals that's
17 supposedly part of the process for the
18 timing to keep the traffic flowing.

19 There is another thing on there,
20 it's a little bit taller, it looks like a
21 reflector on that. That's put there for
22 emergency vehicles but they have to have the
23 proper equipment in the vehicle to allow
24 them as they are proceeding to have a green
25 light for the extent of the way so it would

1 eliminate a lot of accidents and, you know,
2 I mean, they have those around our area, we
3 are probably one of the last to get that.
4 So I will be setting up a meeting with the
5 chief on that to find out what the status of
6 that is.

7 And the other thing Mr. Rogan
8 mentioned was the AEDs, the automatic
9 external defibrillators, and they were
10 donated to us by Sanofi Pasteur a couple of
11 years ago because we had to approve them
12 there and we thought it was a great idea.
13 They were intended to go on all of the fire
14 trucks and the first response in their
15 neighborhoods if someone was having a heart
16 attack. Obviously, to my dismay and to all
17 our dismay that hasn't happened.

18 What Mr. Judge's letter explains is
19 that they have been sitting in the chief's
20 office and are not available for use. It
21 will take several hundreds of dollars to
22 purchase batteries and pads for these
23 opinions. I'm sure that we could scratch up
24 a couple of hundred dollars to activate
25 these, but obviously I don't believe that's

1 breaks my heart, "In good conscience I
2 believe the city should donate these machines
3 to the little league organizations across
4 the city instead of having them collect dust
5 in the city office. We always strive for
6 using what equipment we have in the city to
7 its fullest, I believe this to be a waste of
8 life-saving technology that could better
9 serve the residents of this city elsewhere
10 at this point. Council accepted this
11 donation for the business of the city and
12 with the understanding that they would be
13 used appropriately.

14 If you or any other council member
15 need any further clarification or
16 explanation of this matter, I would be more
17 than happy to provide what information I
18 can. I would defer the majority of the
19 questions regarding why they haven't been
20 placed in service to Chief Davis or Ryan
21 McGowan."

22 And I will be reaching out to them
23 and trying to get these activated. Again,
24 it's a good idea to donate them, but we have
25 emergency vehicles in place in all

1 neighborhoods of the city and that's where
2 they're best utilized, and if it's a sake of
3 a couple of batteries and some pads make no
4 mistake about it I don't think any of us
5 would turn something down. You know, they
6 have given thousands and thousands away for
7 different things, you know, parks and stuff
8 like that, we are talking about saving a
9 life here and it's ashame.

10 But I know a awhile ago I had
11 checked on them, it was probably over a year
12 ago, and I was told at that time they were
13 waiting for a couple of guys to get their
14 certifications, but it's well beyond that
15 time and I believe now with the manpower and
16 the way it is and the shifting there is
17 someone capable of using utilizing this
18 equipment on every piece of equipment on
19 every shift.

20 And with that, I say we have to do
21 it and hopefully sooner than later. And I
22 appreciate you for bringing it to my
23 attention. Thank you very much.

24 MS. EVANS: And thank you,
25 Councilman Loscombe. Councilman Joyce, do

1 you have any comments or motions tonight?

2 MR. JOYCE: Yes. I do. First I'd
3 like to comment on the whole food truck
4 issue and state my position. The food
5 trucks are a vital part of the downtown
6 business sector in my opinion. They provide
7 a service to people on the go. They are
8 being utilized by a pretty good amount of
9 patrons. They pay permit fees, they pay a
10 parking fee, and they pay mercantile taxes
11 as well.

12 I will vote to introduce legislation
13 tonight to give the brick and mortar
14 restaurants as well as the food truck
15 vendors a chance to sit down and come to a
16 compromise, but if no compromise happens and
17 legislation stays in -- the legislation
18 stays the same way it is, I will be voting
19 "no" in the following weeks.

20 Secondly, we have received some
21 information from the Single Tax office
22 regarding the city funds distributed in
23 comparison from this year to last year. As
24 you know, the Single Tax office collects
25 real estate taxes, prior year delinquent

1 real estate tax, the local service tax and
2 the business privilege and mercantile taxes.

3 So far this year we have collected
4 \$11,800,804.62 in real estate tax revenue
5 through the first four months of the year.
6 During the same period last year we
7 collected \$9,291,001.87. This is an overall
8 increase of \$2, 590,802.75 which is a 27
9 percent tax increase -- or a 27 percent
10 increase in revenue collection.

11 However, we must remember that there
12 was a tax increase as well so we would
13 expect to see an increase in revenue, but so
14 far we are \$2 1/2 million ahead of where we
15 were last year.

16 As far as delinquent real estate
17 taxes from the prior year, this year so far
18 we have collected \$390,308.69. During the
19 prior year we have collected -- during the
20 same period the prior year we collected
21 \$288,491.29 for an increase of \$20,817.40 or
22 7.22 percent increase.

23 The local services tax, this year so
24 far the city as collected \$390,984.70.
25 During the same period last year the city

1 collected \$391,380.11. This is an increase
2 of -- or a decrease of \$395.41 for a .1
3 percent decrease, so the LST collections are
4 basically comparable from this year to last
5 year.

6 And business privilege and
7 mercantile taxes, the summation of the two,
8 so far this year we have collected
9 \$1,427,448.62. During the same period last
10 year we collected \$287,912.02, and that's an
11 increase of 395.79 percent or 1.139 million
12 dollars.

13 Mrs. Krake, if we could please send
14 a letter to Tax Collector Bill Courtright
15 and ask him why there was such a slight
16 collection from this year to last year
17 because obviously we didn't increase the
18 business privilege or mercantile by 400
19 percent, so I'm very curious to see why
20 there is a spike in those revenues -- in
21 that revenue category.

22 In order of business tonight, we
23 have received a report from Northeast
24 Revenue regarding delinquent property tax
25 for all of the years prior to the previous

1 year of 2012 and so far for the period of
2 April 1 to April 30 Northeast Revenue
3 collected \$62,185.95 in delinquent real
4 estate taxes, and also \$5,905 in tax search
5 fees, which is a something new that was
6 approved by council this year, and that's a
7 total of \$68,090.95.

8 Also, they were given a distribution
9 of delinquent refuse payments for the period
10 of April 1 to April 30, and so far the city
11 of Scranton has collected \$66,899.18 in
12 delinquent refuse payments for the period
13 from April 1 to April 30.

14 In other matters tonight, a woman, I
15 forget her name, but she came to Scranton
16 City Council few weeks ago and she lives on
17 Saginaw Street and voiced her concerns about
18 the trash debris that was blowing from the
19 Hilltop Manor property owned by the Scranton
20 Housing Authority to neighboring residents
21 of Saginaw Street.

22 And we did receive a response from
23 Mr. Gary Peliccaci, the executive director
24 of the Scranton Housing Authority and he
25 states: "I'm in receipt of your April 19,

1 2013, letter regarding trash complaints at
2 Hilltop manner. This issue was addressed in
3 2010 and it is continued to be addressed to
4 the present time. The problem is not
5 ongoing and, in fact, this is the first
6 complaint since 2010.

7 The Scranton Housing Authority
8 continues to have its trash picked up twice
9 weekly and maintained and maintenance
10 continues to walk the site daily to pick up
11 all debris.

12 Maintenance has continued to pick up
13 all trash on both sides of Saginaw Street.
14 One additional step that that has been taken
15 since this issue arose in 2010, was the
16 distribution of trash cans to families that
17 reside in the buildings that are in close
18 proximity to Saginaw Street."

19 And he further alludes to the fact
20 that has visited Hilltop Manor and does not
21 see a problem and also the manager checks
22 the development on a daily basis.

23 So if the resident who came here
24 will contact us that mentioned her issue
25 about trash on Saginaw Street blowing over

1 from Hilltop Manor doesn't find this
2 response satisfactory because, obviously,
3 Mr. Peliccaci is stating that he sees no
4 problem, I would urge her to contact
5 Scranton City Council again and hopefully we
6 could address this issue if the case is not
7 being taken care of as Mr. Peliccaci states
8 that it is.

9 And finally, I did have one
10 citizens' request about the section of the
11 road by D & S Auto. However, Mr. Rogan also
12 stated that the resident must have told both
13 of us, but that's all I have for tonight.

14 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Good
15 evening. I'd like to begin with a few
16 updates. First, the city will realize an
17 additional unanticipated revenue from realty
18 transfer taxes that will be paid for the
19 purchase of Sno Mountain.

20 Second, the city and independent
21 auditors hope to produce the 2012 audit by
22 June 2013. The sole potential obstacle to
23 this timeline is obtainment of an audit of
24 the Scranton Parking Authority. It appears
25 that the receiver for the parking garages

1 has refused to fund this audit.

2 Consequently, the city will need to
3 initiate and fund an audit as soon as
4 possible if it hopes to produce a completed
5 a 2012 city audit in the near future.

6 Third, a city treasurer's sale has
7 been scheduled for June 3, 2013. I'll
8 provide additional information regarding
9 this matter during next week's council
10 meeting.

11 Fourth, the tentative date for
12 implementation of the city's parking meter
13 program is June 15, 2013. On a related
14 note, and with my colleagues' agreement, I
15 ask Mrs. Krake to send a letter to Standard
16 parking requesting the following
17 information:

18 A breakdown of any and all revenue
19 received for parking garages and parking
20 meters for the month of March and April
21 2013. If excess revenue is realized, are
22 those funds forwarded to the city for
23 payment of SPA bonds? What is the total
24 number of employees, both full-time and
25 part-time, Standard has hired for the

1 parking meter program?

2 Is that agreeable to my colleagues?

3 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

4 (Other council members nod yes.)

5 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Next,
6 included in tonight's agenda for
7 introduction is Item 5-H, a resolution
8 requesting the Lackawanna County
9 Commissioners to establish a policy for the
10 Assessor's Office to immediately commence
11 renewing the status of all properties
12 qualifying for exemptions or property
13 taxation under the institutions of Purely
14 Public Charity Act. This legislation was
15 drafted by Solicitor Hughes and it
16 represents council's response to the
17 commissioners refusal to review tax exempt
18 city properties to determine whether they
19 qualify for exemptions for a property
20 taxation.

21 According to the resolution, it is
22 the County of Lackawanna and not the City of
23 Scranton that is solely responsible to
24 determine whether a property qualifies for
25 an exemption from property taxation under

1 the afore named act.

2 In addition, the county is
3 responsible for establishing the assessed
4 value of all real estate within the county
5 in accordance with the Third Class county
6 Assessment Law.

7 Further, this legislation cites the
8 total assessed valuation of all real estate
9 within the City of Scranton as \$594,242,686
10 of which \$198,821,797 or 33.6 percent is tax
11 exempt. There are, in fact, 1,298 tax
12 exempt properties in our city, and one of
13 those, the University of Scranton, owns 56
14 parcels for a total of \$1 million -- 98
15 million -- no, no, I'm sorry, that's the
16 grand total, for a total of \$37,418,166 that
17 has been removed from the tax rolls.

18 We hope the county commissioners
19 would uphold their responsibilities, stop
20 passing the buck to the city, and help the
21 citizens who may have sworn to serve and
22 represent. This legislation marks the
23 fourth occasion that the governing body of
24 the City of Scranton has asked the
25 Lackawanna County Commissioners to engage in

1 intergovernmental cooperation for the
2 benefit of the people. Three times in less
3 than a year the city been rebuffed.

4 In an effort to again avoid this
5 crucial issue, the county may state that
6 this cannot fund this procedure. To that I
7 say, the county can't afford not to do it.
8 33.6 percent of city property is tax exempt
9 and growing. A review of the nonprofits as
10 provided by the law can significantly
11 benefit the county, city and school district
12 by producing increased tax revenue for each
13 and a alleviating the weighty tax burden of
14 homeowners and businesses.

15 The commissioners should follow the
16 example set by Allegheny County in March
17 2013, and implement this resolution
18 immediately particularly since it has failed
19 to conduct a tax reassessment since 1967.
20 It will represent a strong and long overdue
21 step on the road to fairness in taxation.

22 Finally, council will table Item 7-E
23 on tonight's agenda. Since the legislation
24 was submitted to city council, the police
25 chief has been reviewing it for possible

1 changes. Because he requires additional
2 time, the legislation will be tabled until
3 council receives his recommendations. And
4 that's it.

5 MS. KRAKE: 5-B. AUTHORIZING THE
6 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TO
7 ENTER INTO A SUB-GRANTEE AND COOPERATION
8 AGREEMENT WITH THE SCRANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
9 FOR KEYSTONE RECREATION, PARK AND
10 CONSERVATION FUND GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
11 \$500,000.00 FOR REPAIRS TO THE HISTORIC
12 ALBRIGHT MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

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

16 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

17 MR. JOYCE: Second.

18 MS. EVANS: On the question?

19 MR. LOSCOMBE: I believe we have to
20 ask him those questions that were presented
21 by our solicitor.

22 MS. EVANS: Yes, that will be done
23 and then the changes -- council can amend
24 the legislation to include the proper
25 verbiage.

1 MR. LOSCOMBE: I will vote to
2 introduce it.

3 MS. EVANS: Anyone else on the
4 question? All those in favor signify by
5 saying aye.

6 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

7 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

8 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

9 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

12 MS. KRAKE: 5-C. CREATING AND
13 ESTABLISHING SPECIAL CITY ACCOUNT NO.
14 02.229605 ENTITLED "KEYSTONE RECREATION,
15 PARK AND CONSERVATION FUND GRANT" FOR THE
16 RECEIPT AND DISBURSEMENT OF GRANT FROM THE
17 KEYSTONE RECREATION, PARK AND CONSERVATION
18 GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000.00 FOR
19 REPAIRS TO THE HISTORIC ALBRIGHT MEMORIAL
20 LIBRARY.

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

24 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

25 MR. JOYCE: 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: 5-D. AMENDING SECTION
10 340-1, 340-8, 340-9 AND 340-13(A) OF THE
11 CODE OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON GOVERNING
12 PEDDLING AND SOLICITING WITHIN THE CITY OF
13 SCRANTON.

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

17 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

18 MR. JOYCE: Second.

19 MS. EVANS: On the question?

20 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. Last week I think
21 you mentioned a deadline for people to make
22 recommendations, would you -- I'm sorry, but
23 I forget what the date was and the I don't
24 know that the --

25 MS. EVANS: I believe we should

1 receive it in council's office the Friday
2 before the May 16 meeting, so that would be
3 what, May 10?

4 MR. MCGOFF: Okay. So that would be
5 after they --

6 MS. EVANS: I want them all to
7 meet--

8 MR. MCGOFF: The 7th and the 9th
9 they meet.

10 MS. EVANS: Right, so council has
11 time to review everything and then speak to
12 our solicitor to make the proper amendments.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. Thank you.

14 MS. EVANS: Anyone else? All those
15 in favor signify by saying aye.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

17 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

18 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

19 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

22 MS. KRAKE: 5-E. REPEALING FILE OF
23 THE COUNCIL NO. 112 OF 2009, AS AMENDED,
24 ENTITLED "ESTABLISHING THE DUTIES,
25 RESPONSIBILITIES AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE

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

11 MS. EVANS: At this time I'll
12 entertain a motion that Item 5-E 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 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-F. ESTABLISHING THE
25 DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND QUALIFICATIONS

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

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

15 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

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: 5-G. AMENDING FILE OF

1 COUNCIL NO. 22, 2006, ENTITLED "AUTHORIZING
2 AND APPROVING THE DESIGNATION OF PARKING
3 SPACES FOR CERTAIN CITY OF SCRANTON
4 PERSONNEL IN AND ALONG DIX COURT, THE
5 PARKING AREA IN THE REAR OF THE CITY OF
6 SCRANTON MUNICIPAL BUILDING, AND A PARKING
7 LOT ALONG MULBERRY STREET ADJACENT TO THE
8 SCRANTON FIRE HEADQUARTERS, AND AUTHORIZING
9 THE CITY OF SCRANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO
10 ENFORCE THE PARKING DESIGNATION AS REFLECTED
11 IN THE ATTACHED SCHEMATIC".

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

15 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

16 MR. JOYCE: Second.

17 MS. EVANS: On the question?

18 MR. MCGOFF: Just one, do we know
19 who the genesis of this is, who brought it
20 up?

21 MR. LOSCOMBE: I could address that.
22 Basically, it's a combination of things.
23 There is some positions that have parking
24 spaces that are no longer there like the
25 Director of Public Safety and that the

1 change of shifts with the fire department
2 require a few more spots, and so what they
3 did is rearrange some of the parking.

4 MR. MCGOFF: Well, when it says
5 enforce, I guess the reason I ask I park
6 back there during the day and I guess I'm
7 not -- when I'm doing business in city hall.

8 MR. HUGHES: There aren't any on
9 there for council members.

10 MR. LOSCOMBE: Mr. McGoff, there is
11 a map in there.

12 MR. MCGOFF: There is no spot for
13 council and I don't like getting parking
14 tickets and so I was just wondering what the
15 reason was, so thank you.

16 MS. EVANS: Anyone else? All those
17 in favor 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-H. REQUESTING THE
25 COMMISSIONERS OF LACKAWANNA COUNTY TO

1 ESTABLISH A POLICY FOR THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
2 OF LACKAWANNA COUNTY TO IMMEDIATELY COMMENCE
3 REVIEWING THE STATUS OF ALL PROPERTIES
4 QUALIFYING FOR EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY
5 TAXATION UNDER THE INSTITUTIONS OF PURELY
6 PUBLIC CHARITY ACT.

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

10 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

11 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

14 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

15 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

16 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

17 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

18 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
19 have it and so moved.

20 MS. KRAKE: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A.
21 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 20,
22 2013 - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF
23 COUNCIL NO. 41, 2008, FILE OF COUNCIL NO.
24 40, 2010, FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 53, 2011
25 ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE

1 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE
2 CITY OF SCRANTON TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY
3 ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE CONSOLIDATED
4 SUBMISSION FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND
5 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS TO BE FUNDED UNDER THE
6 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
7 PROGRAM, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME)
8 PROGRAM AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG)
9 PROGRAM", BY TRANSFERRING \$287,000.00 FROM
10 PROJECTS 09-05.8 WEST SIDE FALCONS; 12-05.8
11 WEST SIDE FALCONS (ROOF); 12- 05.8 WEST SIDE
12 FALCONS (PAVING); 12-05.22 NORTH SCRANTON
13 LITTLE LEAGUE; 12-235.A SRA/VACANT PROPERTY
14 REVIEW COMMITTEE; 11-99 DEMOLITION OF
15 HAZARDOUS STRUCTURES TO PROJECT 12-01 WEST
16 LACKAWANNA AVENUE BRIDGE PROJECT.

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

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

21 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

24 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

25 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

1 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

2 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

3 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
4 have it and so moved.

5 MR. MCGOFF: Mrs. Evans, I don't
6 know if it's appropriate at this time, but
7 should we move to table this until such time
8 as Mrs. Aebli is able to appear at caucus to
9 discuss the transfer of funds?

10 MS. EVANS: We can. My only concern
11 is I'm hoping that she would do so next week
12 because I don't want to hold up the project.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Nor do I, but I don't
14 want to vote on it --

15 MS. EVANS: As is.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Yeah, and it's, you
17 know, the final vote until she does, you
18 know, until we do have an opportunity to
19 speak.

20 MS. EVANS: We can table it then.
21 Would you like to make the motion?

22 MR. MCGOFF: I won't make the motion
23 if others don't feel it's appropriate.

24 MR. ROGAN: I would agree.

25 MR. MCGOFF: I'd like to make a

1 motion to table Item 6-A, is it --

2 MS. EVANS: Yes.

3 MR. ROGAN: Second.

4 MR. MCGOFF: -- until a caucus with
5 director of OECD is held.

6 MR. ROGAN: Second.

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

9 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

10 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

11 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

12 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

13 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
14 have it and so moved and Item 6-A is hereby
15 tabled.

16 MR. ROGAN: Hopefully that caucus
17 will be next week.

18 MS. EVANS: Yeah.

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

20 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON
21 FINANCE- FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO.
22 18, 2013 - TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM FUND 01
23 CITY OF SCRANTON PENN SECURITY TAN A AND
24 FIDELITY BANK 2012 TAN ACCOUNTS WHICH
25 PROJECTS ARE COMPLETED AND NO LONGER NEEDED

1 FOR THE CONDUCT OF CITY BUSINESS, AND
2 ABOLISHING AND CLOSING SAID ACCOUNTS AND
3 TRANSFERRING THE FUNDS REMAINING IN SAID
4 ACCOUNTS TO THE PNC GENERAL FUNDING CHECKING
5 ACCOUNT LISTED BELOW.

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

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

12 MR. ROGAN: Second.

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

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

17 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

18 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

19 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

21 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

22 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

23 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

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

1 MS. KRAKE: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION
2 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY- FOR
3 ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 19, 2013
4 - ESTABLISHING A "NO PARKING ZONE" ALONG THE
5 WESTERLY SIDE OF THE 1700 BLOCK OF NORTH
6 WASHINGTON AVENUE BEGINNING FROM THE END
7 LINE OF PIN 13518-030-019 NORTHWARD TO THE
8 CORNER OF THE 1100 BLOCK OF ELECTRIC STREET
9 WESTWARD AND SOUTHWARD ENDING AT THE END
10 LINE OF PIN 13518-030-017 ON THE 1800 BLOCK
11 OF WYOMING AVENUE.

12 MS. EVANS: What is the
13 recommendation of the Chair for the
14 Committee on Public Safety?

15 MR. LOSCOMBE: As Chairperson for
16 the Committee on Public Safety, I recommend
17 final passage of Item 7-B.

18 MR. ROGAN: Second.

19 MS. EVANS: On the question? Roll
20 call, please?

21 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

23 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

24 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

25 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

1 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

2 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

3 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

5 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare
6 Item 7-B legally and lawfully adopted.

7 MS. KRAKE: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION
8 BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -
9 FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 18, 2013
10 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
11 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND
12 ENTER INTO A COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
13 THE CITY OF SCRANTON ("MUNICIPALITY") AND
14 THE WEST SCRANTON HYDE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD
15 WATCH (WSHPNW) ("ORGANIZATION") IN ORDER TO
16 FILE AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
17 WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,
18 DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY
19 DEVELOPMENT ("DCED") FOR A KEYSTONE
20 COMMUNITIES "ELM STREET" DESIGNATION.

21 MS. EVANS: What is the
22 recommendation of the Chair for the
23 Committee on Community Development?

24 MR. ROGAN: As Chair for the
25 Committee on Community Development, I

1 strongly recommend final passage of Item
2 7-C.

3 MR. JOYCE: Second.

4 MS. EVANS: On the question?

5 MR. ROGAN: I'd just like to
6 reiterate that the Fosters are doing a great
7 job along with Mr. Borthwick and Mr. Evans,
8 the entire group there are doing a great
9 job, as Mr. Loscombe mentioned you know we
10 were both attendees at the meetings until
11 council meeting dates changed and,
12 unfortunately, we are on the same night now,
13 but I live in Hyde Park, I just bought a
14 house in the neighborhood and definitely
15 appreciate all of the good work you are
16 doing.

17 MS. EVANS: And I thank everyone who
18 lives in the city will benefit from this
19 long overdue renovation and beautification
20 in West Scranton. Anyone else? Roll call,
21 please?

22 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

23 MR. MCGOFF: I guess it would have
24 to be a strong yes.

25 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

1 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

2 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: Also a strong yes.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

5 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

7 MS. EVANS: A Herculean yes. I
8 hereby declare Item 7-C legally and lawfully
9 adopted.

10 MS. KRAKE: 7-D. FOR CONSIDERATION
11 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - FOR
12 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 19, 2013 -
13 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO MAKE
14 APPLICATION TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF
15 PENNSYLVANIA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
16 FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL APPROVAL FOR THE
17 TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION
18 OF CEDAR AVENUE (S.R. 3023), SCRANTON
19 EXPRESSWAY RAMPS (S.R. 8025) AND ORCHARD
20 STREET TO REMAIN AS A PERMANENT TRAFFIC
21 SIGNAL.

22 MS. EVANS: What is the
23 recommendation of the Chair for the
24 Committee on Public Safety?

25 MR. LOSCOMBE: As Chairperson for

1 the Committee on Public Safety, I recommend
2 final passage of Item 7-D.

3 MR. ROGAN: Second.

4 MS. EVANS: On the question?

5 MR. MCGOFF: Yes, very quickly, it
6 took a disaster to finally get a traffic
7 signal at that corner and I'm hopeful the
8 state will approve the application for the
9 permanent signal.

10 MR. ROGAN: Absolutely. That
11 intersection is very, very difficult to
12 navigate.

13 MS. EVANS: Anyone else? Roll call,
14 please?

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

17 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

18 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

19 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

21 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

22 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

23 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

24 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare
25 Item 7-D legally and lawfully adopted.

1 MS. KRAKE: 7-E. FOR CONSIDERATION
2 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - FOR
3 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 20, 2013 -
4 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
5 CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A
6 LEASE AGREEMENT WITH HORSEPOWER HARLEY
7 DAVIDSON, INC. TO LEASE FIVE (5) POLICE
8 PACKAGE MOTORCYCLES.

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: I would like to make
10 a motion to table Item 7-E.

11 MR. MCGOFF: Second.

12 MS. EVANS: There's a motion of the
13 floor and a second to table Item 7-E. Anyone
14 on the question?

15 MR. LOSCOMBE: Just I think
16 Mrs. Evans explained, I understand that the
17 chief is still looking at some paperwork and
18 that's the reason it's being tabled at this
19 time.

20 MS. EVANS: Shall we take a roll
21 call on the tabling? No? Then all those in
22 favor signify by saying aye.

23 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

24 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

25 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

1 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

2 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
3 have it and so moved and the legislation is
4 tabled. If there is no further business,
5 I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

6 MR. JOYCE: Motion to adjourned.

7 MS. EVANS: This meeting is
8 adjourned.

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