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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

Thursday, June 27, 2013

LOCATION:

Council Chambers
Scranton City Hall
340 North Washington Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

- JANET EVANS, PRESIDENT
- FRANK JOYCE, VICE-PRESIDENT
- ROBERT MCGOFF
- PAT ROGAN
- JOHN LOSCOMBE
- NANCY KRAKE, CITY CLERK
- KATHY CARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK
- BOYD HUGHES, SOLICITOR
(Not present)

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

3 MS. JOYCE: Roll call, please.

4 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

5 MR. MCGOFF: Here.

6 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

7 MR. ROGAN: Here.

8 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: Here.

10 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

11 MR. JOYCE: Here.

12 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

13 MR. JOYCE: Dispense with the
14 reading of the minutes, please.

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

16 APPLICATIONS ALONG WITH THE DECISIONS
17 RENDERED BY THE ZONING HEARING BOARD MEETING
18 HELD JUNE 12, 2013.

19 MR. JOYCE: Are there any comments?
20 If not, received and filed.

21 MS. KRAKE: 3-B. TAX ASSESSOR'S
22 REPORT RECEIVED JUNE 13, 2013.

23 MR. JOYCE: Are there any comments?
24 If not, received and filed.

25 MS. KRAKE: 3-C. SINGLE TAX OFFICE

1 CITY FUNDS DISTRIBUTED COMPARISON FOR
2 2012-2013.

3 MR. JOYCE: Are there any comments?
4 If not, received and filed.

5 MS. KRAKE: 3-D. AGENDA FOR THE CITY
6 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING HELD JUNE 26,
7 2013.

8 MR. JOYCE: Are there any comments?
9 If not, received and file.

10 MS. KRAKE: 3-E. MINUTES OF THE
11 COMPOSITE PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD MAY 22,
12 2013.

13 MR. JOYCE: Are there any comments?
14 If not, received and filed.

15 MS. KRAKE: 3-F. CONTROLLER'S REPORT
16 FOR THE MONTH ENDING MAY 31, 2013.

17 MR. JOYCE: Are there any comments?
18 If not, received and filed. Are there any
19 clerk's notes, Mrs. Krake?

20 MS. KRAKE: No, Mr. Joyce.

21 MR. JOYCE: Do any council members
22 have announcements at this time?

23 MR. MCGOFF: Just one. This
24 Saturday there will a performance at Nay Aug
25 Park by Jimmy Sture starting at 7:30

1 followed by a fireworks, city fireworks,
2 Fourth of July fireworks presentation or
3 celebration. That's this Saturday at 7:30
4 at Nay Aug Park and it's up near the gazebo
5 near the pool past the pool. That is all.

6 MR. JOYCE: Thank you, Mr. McGoff.
7 Do any other council members have
8 announcements? I just have one.
9 Councilwoman Evans will be attending
10 tonight's meeting, she is running behind,
11 and that's all.

12 If there is no other business, we
13 can move to citizens' participation. And
14 tonight our first speaker is Les Spindler.

15 MR. SPINDLER: Good evening,
16 Council. Les Spindler, city resident,
17 homeowner and taxpayer. First I have a
18 question, that award that's due to the
19 firefighters and police unions is that
20 supposed to be by June 30?

21 MR. JOYCE: Yes. That's the
22 original date.

23 MR. SPINDLER: Does the city have
24 that money?

25 MR. JOYCE: No, the city does not

1 have that money. The city is currently in
2 talks with Janey Montgomery Scott to borrow
3 the money to pay the firefighters and police
4 officers the Supreme Court award.

5 MR. SPINDLER: That's been going on
6 for quite awhile, hasn't it?

7 MR. JOYCE: It has been going on for
8 awhile.

9 MR. SPINDLER: So what's going to
10 happen if by Sunday, which is the 30, they
11 don't get the money?

12 MR. JOYCE: Under the current terms
13 interest will grow on that amount.

14 MR. SPINDLER: I guess that would be
15 good for the firefighters and police, I
16 don't know if would be bad for anybody else.
17 All right, that's all I have to say on that.

18 A couple of weeks ago I was watching
19 the meeting and talking about that zoning
20 board issue and I agree with what Mrs.
21 Chilipko said, I think Cara Seitzinger and
22 Paul Kelly should resign. They had no right
23 getting involved in that even. The Law
24 Department had no right to do that and
25 that's what's been wrong with this

1 administration for 12 years now.

2 Another thing, Mr. Loscombe made a
3 comment that he wasn't with the click a few
4 weeks ago, well, I with you, Mr. Loscombe,
5 I'm not with the click either. I've been
6 trying to get the corner of my property
7 fixed for ten years now. It was fixed once
8 two years ago, but it just came apart again,
9 and if you are part of the click I guess you
10 get things taken care of right away. As
11 Councilman Rogan can attest, I have been
12 coming here for years and years asking about
13 that. Nothing happens.

14 MR. ROGAN: Council has sent I would
15 say probably a dozen requests to the DPW
16 and, unfortunately, it hasn't happened yet.
17 I'm hoping with a new administration next
18 year more things will get done.

19 MR. SPINDLER: Maybe we will have to
20 take until Mayor Courtright takes over
21 because I think that's going to happen.

22 Moving on, recently after the
23 election a few speakers have been coming and
24 criticizing the incoming counsel. How could
25 they criticize somebody that isn't even

1 seated up there yet I have no idea. The
2 speaker said and they made empty promises.
3 Well, if they are not seated up there how
4 could you call them ever empty promises,
5 they haven't even had a chance to do
6 anything yet. I mean, as Councilman Rogan
7 has proven, I think he has done his best to
8 fight for the taxpayers of this city, so if
9 he was included in making those empty
10 promises I think these speakers are wrong
11 and that's all I have to say tonight. Thank
12 you for your time.

13 MR. JOYCE: Thank you. Our next
14 speaker tonight is Ron Ellman.

15 MR. ELLMAN: Hello, Council. I take
16 great exception to Representative Haggerty's
17 letter in today's Times expressing his
18 overwhelming exuberance of having the
19 University within our city limits. You
20 know, I don't know how many of you read his
21 letter today, but it's nothing but praise
22 for an entity that brags about taking in
23 \$400 million and not giving nothing to the
24 city. They sponge off the taxpayers and
25 then a terrible burden they have put on us

1 and if you read the paper that 50 and 25
2 years ago you see this has been going on 50
3 years ago they were -- the same thing we
4 have now. Growing like a big octopus in the
5 middle of the city. It just -- it just got
6 to be stopped and every time they are
7 confronted they are just like a big bully
8 and nobody is supposed to go against them.

9 I was told by an attorney that the
10 owner of a property can't designate or deed
11 designate the historical value when they ask
12 for it, that has to go through a legal
13 process and here they are when you people
14 support the legal process the University has
15 a fit that they weren't given into like you
16 always do. To me, if it doesn't produce any
17 tax money we don't need it and that's how I
18 feel about them. It's too bad that this
19 University isn't in Mr. Blake's backyard,
20 maybe if he had the tax burden we do he
21 might feel a little different about it.

22 Every time I go someplace in this
23 city it just -- it's just deteriorating. I
24 got about 15 feet of sidewalk on the 2500
25 block of North Main that was tore up by the

1 people that demolished the property there.
2 They fixed the street when they tore it up,
3 but they won't fix the sidewalk, you know?
4 This makes the whole neighborhood look bad.
5 I got nothing around me but empty houses
6 that the grass isn't cut. I saw Jack Liptai
7 today after some property, but that doesn't
8 help, that doesn't help me any with my taxes
9 and my -- I'm not getting nothing for my tax
10 dollars, like I stand here every week and
11 say it.

12 I got cars on the sidewalk with all
13 four wheels you can't use it, I got these
14 quads running around one, two, three o'clock
15 in the morning. The boys, you know, they
16 don't have mufflers on half of them, I know
17 they don't go home that way. I got cars
18 going by the house with the radio so loud
19 you can hear them in Harrisburg. You know,
20 my neighborhood the last couple of years is
21 just terrible. I'm very fortunate that the
22 two people on each side of me takes such
23 good care of their homes. I don't know what
24 I would do, I'd probably the worst looking
25 house of the three, but I try. I get my

1 grass cut, but I look across the street I
2 got some kind of business over there with a
3 bunch of the trucks that looks like hell.
4 It's just nasty. Next to it is a house
5 that's empty. I look the other way I got
6 three or four empty houses. Something has
7 got to be done to help the tax base of this
8 city and I don't know what it is, but it's
9 some kind of enforcement we need. Thank
10 you.

11 (While Mr. Ellman was speaking Mrs.
12 Evans takes the dais and joins the meeting.)

13 MR. JOYCE: Thank you. Our next
14 speaker is Doug Miller.

15 MR. MILLER: Good evening, Council.
16 Doug Miller, Scranton. I'm going to spend
17 my time tonight addressing the University of
18 the Scranton project. I know we have had an
19 awful lot discussion on that in recent weeks
20 I thought we put it to sleep two weeks ago,
21 but it seems as if it keeps reappearing
22 again, so I figured it was important for me
23 to address this issue tonight and basically
24 summarize by opinion on this once and for
25 all and put it to bed.

1 center, the Albright Library or the
2 Radisson," and they go on and on and they
3 conclude the editorial by saying, "The Times
4 says call for a new vote, council must take
5 action once again."

6 Well, you are right, indeed, the
7 building is old and they go onto compare it
8 to the Cultural Center and the Albright
9 Library and the Radisson, but the fact of
10 the matter is history still remains there
11 whether you want to compare it to the
12 Radisson or the Masonic Temple or any other
13 historical structure in the city the bottom
14 line is it's a historical structure and it
15 should not be torn down.

16 I strongly encourage council to stay
17 the course. There is no reason to go back
18 to another vote. What you simply did was
19 you looked out for the little guy as you
20 have done, the three of you, Mrs. Evans,
21 Mr. Joyce and Mr. Loscombe have done for
22 three and a half years. You weren't going
23 to be bullied. You showed leadership and
24 you showed courage and you stood up to the
25 bully.

1 You know, last week I was very
2 troubled by this article right here, "Rogan
3 backs University of Scranton plan."

4 You know, and it took me back to
5 last summer, and I think we all know what
6 took place last summer, the city was on the
7 verge of bankruptcy, we were ready to throw
8 the towel in. We faced pay less paydays.
9 We had city employees making \$7.25 an hour.
10 We faced serious financial challenges. We
11 can all remember we were embarrassed all
12 over the country and this council faced many
13 obstacles, you had many tough decisions to
14 make and there were three people who I
15 remember worked tirelessly on this council
16 on behalf of the residents of this city and
17 craft that recovery plan. It was
18 Mrs. Evans, Mr. Joyce and it was
19 Mr. Loscombe and this took me back to get
20 again more grandstanding and theatrics to
21 the TV camera by Mr. Rogan. Now, we want to
22 be a lapdog for the University of the
23 Scranton.

24 You know, Mr. McGoff I can expect it
25 from, he has been no secret he has about a

1 cheerleader for the University since he has
2 been on council so I wasn't surprised by
3 that, but it really infuriates me as a
4 resident of this city to see this here.
5 This isn't leadership, this is giving into a
6 bully. This is showing a lack of leadership
7 and a lack of courage. There is no
8 explanation for it. Yeah, it's nice to talk
9 about permits and fees, it's nice to talk
10 about jobs, they are all one-time sources.
11 You know, we hear a lot about numbers and
12 how I was mocked for calling it a joke a few
13 weeks ago, but we hear an awful lot about
14 all these big numbers, these astronomical
15 numbers, millions of dollars in permits and
16 fees, well, today I filed a Right-to-Know
17 request and I'm going to get the truth. I'm
18 going to get an answer in black and white
19 and we're going to talk fact, we are not
20 going to talk hypotheticals, we are going to
21 get real numbers.

22 I requested a list of all of the
23 permits and licenses that the University has
24 taken out in the last 12 years covering the
25 whole entire Doherty administration and

1 let's see where it really is. Mr. McGoff
2 likes to cite five million, ten million, I
3 don't know where he gets his numbers from,
4 but perhaps tonight he can tell me what the
5 University of the plans to take out for this
6 particular project and you seem to be very
7 good with numbers I would think as an
8 educational institution they should be able
9 to supply these numbers, you know --

10 MR. ROGAN: It's 445,000.

11 MR. MCGOFF: Okay, economic impact
12 close to a million dollars.

13 MR. MILLER: Where did you get that?
14 Is that in writing? Is that factual
15 information?

16 MR. MCGOFF: It's as a factual as
17 you're going to find.

18 MR. MILLER: Do you have that in
19 writing? Is it in black and white or is
20 that just hypothetical?

21 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Miller, I gave you
22 --

23 MR. MILLER: Is it a hypothetical or
24 do you have that in black and white is what
25 I'm asking. You know, it's easy to sit

1 behind a podium --

2 MR. MCGOFF: -- (inaudible) is black
3 and white.

4 MR. MILLER: -- and discuss numbers
5 and pull numbers out of the sky, I'm asking
6 for factual information. We have talked an
7 awful lot about pie in the sky figures I'm
8 looking for black and white on paper. I'm
9 not interested in what we think and we
10 suppose \$1 million in economic development I
11 want facts, and perhaps Mr. Rogan and
12 Mr. McGoff can go knock on the University's
13 door and maybe get that information since
14 they seem to be in bed with them right now.

15 You know, I just think it's a real
16 troubling thing. It goes yet again back to
17 the grandstanding and playing to the camera
18 and perhaps some of us have missed our true
19 calling. Maybe it isn't city government,
20 maybe out true calling is out in New York
21 City on Broadway because we do sure a heck
22 of a good job playing to that TV camera
23 every week but this city needs leadership.
24 We've seen what actors and theatrics have
25 done for this city, that's why we're in the

1 situation we are in today, and a comment was
2 made earlier tonight about the future of the
3 council, the future of the council is very
4 bleak, believe it or not, and we need
5 leadership this had city and I commend you
6 three, Mrs. Evans, Mr. Joyce and Mr.
7 Loscombe for standing up to the bullies, I
8 wish we could say the same for Mr. McGoff
9 and Mr. Rogan, but they choose to be
10 University lapdogs and that's an unfortunate
11 thing.

12 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Miller.
13 Our next speaker is Bob Bolus.

14 MR. BOLUS: Good evening, Council.
15 Bob Bolus, Scranton.

16 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

17 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

18 MR. BOLUS: When do they plan on
19 opening the pools? In is there a date or a
20 time frame when they -- it's on the agenda
21 here when they intend to open the pools?

22 MS. EVANS: I believe I announced at
23 the last council meeting that Nay Aug pools
24 were opening that weekend and I believe they
25 did and that two additional neighborhood

1 pools were scheduled for opening on June 29
2 followed by the remaining two pools as soon
3 as possible thereafter, and that is being
4 held up by the ability to secure lifeguards.

5 MR. BOLUS: Okay. It was just a
6 curiosity question. You know, I have been
7 away from here for awhile and I've been
8 following what's going on and one of the
9 things that I find very, very upsetting, I
10 have been coming here 12, 14 years whatever,
11 and numerous other people have come here,
12 yet I haven't seen one idea that's ever been
13 approached from this podium to the past
14 councils and all that's ever been taken
15 serious, and one of them is, and I found it
16 really amusing, I was reading in the paper
17 last week and saw about the University,
18 well, the University is going to spend so
19 many millions to tear a building down and
20 put up a new building. We saw the medical
21 college get a donated church from the
22 DeNaple's over by Coopers there. A great
23 part of the history of this city is a black
24 parking lot. Is there any history in that?
25 Absolutely nothing.

1 The mighty University they made a
2 comment, well, if we can't do the "Y" we
3 have other plans. Well, what are your other
4 plans? Tell us about them. You are going
5 to get permits as I just heard here, there
6 is no factual amount of a million dollars or
7 it's \$850,000 in permits, nobody knows how
8 much they are because knows what the heck is
9 going on, but we are good at throwing
10 numbers around.

11 Let's throw numbers around. How
12 many millions of dollars should the
13 University have paid in the last 30 years as
14 a nonprofit and they sure are far from what
15 you would call a nonprofit when you spend
16 \$40 million for this, buy lots that houses
17 that somebody wanted a minimum amount and
18 paid hundreds of thousands more than anybody
19 else, build another big building that went
20 up, 70, 80 million dollars. It's a heck of
21 a lot more than being a nonprofit.

22 Pay huge salaries, do whatever they
23 want to. We did Mulberry Street. Drive
24 down there, there is parking on Mulberry
25 Street. There shouldn't be any parking on

1 it at all, but lo and behold the University
2 gets parking and you come down and kids are
3 walking across the street. There shouldn't
4 be any parking on Mulberry Street at all,
5 University or not where they park by the
6 school, but yet they get away with it. But
7 sit down here and let your meter run by for
8 a couple of minutes and you got a 20, 30
9 dollar ticket, but the University gets away
10 with it.

11 My pet peeve is the "Y" should stay
12 where it is. It's our history, not the
13 University's history it's our history. I
14 don't know care what councilman here think
15 that it should do this and do that, I'm not
16 patronized by the University, I don't owe
17 the University anything. They owe us. They
18 owe every taxpayer in this city of Scranton
19 more than token dollars that amount to no
20 more than a wage for somebody.

21 I have asked that a fee, a public
22 service fee, be put on everybody in this
23 city across the board that you will be
24 paying 13 to 14 million, maybe even more on
25 their gross, or where you would be paying on

1 your gross wages for the Single Tax Office.
2 And you will get snickers and say, "Oh, they
3 shouldn't pay that," the heck they
4 shouldn't. They are a bully with money,
5 they politicalize the whole area and they
6 have taken advantage of everybody and
7 council after council after council and
8 administrative people just sat back and let
9 it happen.

10 You know, stop worrying about what
11 the University is and how many jobs, they
12 are going to build a building. After the
13 building is done what happens to the people
14 that work there? There is no more jobs
15 there, they are gone. Whether from this
16 area or wherever they come from, take the
17 bridge. We all listened about the nonsense
18 down on Moosic Street bridge that involved
19 one of our vehicles. Well, they tore it
20 down because the bridge was falling down,
21 but why aren't tearing all the other bridges
22 down on Moosic Street, on the Spruce Street
23 complex? They are ripping them all out,
24 too. The truck had nothing to do with them.
25 Why? Because they were falling down.

1 Look what happened on Harrison
2 Avenue, yet for seven months vehicles went
3 underneath that bridge and they didn't even
4 bother to put netting up to protect the
5 people underneath, who is really risking a
6 catastrophe yet they want to go playing
7 games. We need to make the people in this
8 community, the University and the rest of
9 them head accountable, the leachate line,
10 the things you need to bring in the millions
11 of dollars that are available out there and
12 put patronizing people to the side and the
13 big dollar people that bully the city long
14 enough with their lawsuits and their threats
15 and have them pay.

16 Look at all of the parking garages
17 that the big shots have not paid a dime on
18 and then tell the University has created a
19 lot more for this city.

20 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Bolus.

21 MR. BOLUS: You are welcome.

22 MS. EVANS: Our next speaker is Rick
23 Schroeder.

24 MR. SCHROEDER: Good evening,
25 Council.

1 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

2 MR. SCHROEDER: Thank four the
3 opportunity to speak here before you, I'm
4 Rick Schroeder, business manager of the
5 Electrician Local 81 and we're located at
6 431 Wyoming Avenue. I'm here tonight to
7 talk to the council and to tell them some of
8 my concerns that I have with the University
9 of Scranton project.

10 I disagree with the people that
11 spoke before me, I think that the University
12 of Scranton is not trying to bully anyone, I
13 think that the University of Scranton is
14 trying to provide a quality education for
15 the people that do go there and I think
16 everyone up there realizes that one out of
17 ten people in the City of Scranton were
18 either alumni, students or employees at the
19 University of Scranton. I think they
20 contribute a lot and I did speak about that
21 in prior times about some of the economic
22 impact they have in this city. I think
23 everybody understands that, everyone sees
24 what happens in downtown Scranton. Lo and
25 behold, if we didn't have the University

1 there I don't know what some of the
2 merchants and downtown Scranton would be. I
3 think we would be have a lot less people in
4 downtown Scranton.

5 I can tell you as a business manager
6 of a local union that I see our members also
7 suffer. Our local union has approximately
8 200 members that live in the City of
9 Scranton. They pay city taxes, they pay
10 real estate taxes, they pay the wage taxes,
11 they pay the garbage fees, definitely part
12 of this community. They believe in this
13 community and they support it as much as
14 they possibly can. I see also us having one
15 of the largest unemployment rates in the
16 State of Pennsylvania that there is some
17 jobs that are sorely needed. I see every
18 day people come into my office, grown men
19 come in not knowing where they are going to
20 turn because they are losing health care for
21 themselves and their families, their
22 children, it's a big burden, and I know that
23 that's their problem, but you know what, I
24 see this as a situation that we could have a
25 win-win. I think that, you know, people

1 want to try and get an exact number, we
2 never have an exact number when something is
3 going up, but I think that is a fair
4 projection of what we will be put forward.

5 If there is a million dollars that
6 would come into this City of Scranton that
7 would take that much money off of the
8 taxpayers' backs I think that that's a
9 positive, a win-win. If it can create jobs
10 for the people that live within this area
11 and within the City of Scranton I think that
12 that's a big positive step for us. I also
13 think that we need to take a look at the
14 area around us and what does happen if we
15 don't move forward. The HARB approved the
16 demolition of the building at Leahy Hall and
17 what we would ask is that you would
18 reconsider tonight the process of taking
19 that demolition down, and we know that the
20 zoning board disapproved that, I'm sure that
21 the University will work with what they have
22 to do to correct that situation.

23 I do think that it's important that
24 you know that our members, you know, we have
25 an apprenticeship program that we have 47

1 college credits towards for a bachelor's
2 degree or 30 towards an associate's degree.
3 We train all of our people, all of that is
4 not one penny cost to the taxpayers.

5 We believe in this city and
6 certainly want to do the best that we can
7 and we think that we can work together and
8 have some jobs created, get some financial
9 help for the City of Scranton, and have a
10 project that I think would be a beautiful
11 building that would be coming into the
12 downtown area that would make another
13 statement about Scranton being progressive
14 and moving forward, so I would ask you for
15 your reconsideration tonight and I thank you
16 for your time.

17 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Drew
18 Simpson.

19 MR. SIMPSON: Good evening, Council.

20 MR. JOYCE: Good evening.

21 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

22 MR. SIMPSON: Again, my name is Drew
23 Simpson, I represent the carpenter's Local
24 Union 645 in Scranton, and to answer Mr.
25 Newcomb's editorial from Sunday, yes, I am a

1 resident of the City of Scranton.

2 I am speaking here tonight to
3 express my members sincere displeasure and
4 bewilderment pertaining to the council's
5 actions over the past three meetings
6 concerning the University of Scranton's
7 rehabilitation project. The actions taken
8 by council have directly impacted the
9 well-being of the members whom I represent,
10 members who when working pay to the City of
11 Scranton in wage taxes \$2000 a year. If you
12 multiply that by the number of carpenters
13 that will be required to complete this
14 building over the next two years, you are
15 looking at much needed revenue for the City
16 of Scranton that will not be paid if they
17 are not working.

18 The members who I represent are
19 losing their homes and their health
20 insurance due to the economic downturn
21 currently gripping the nation and the
22 region. Our health insurance is based on
23 hours worked and is not paid by the
24 taxpayers' monies, so if they do not work
25 then they lose their health insurance.

1 Senate Bill 1310 was passed by the
2 state recently and makes it difficult for
3 members of the building trades to collect
4 unemployment when they are not working, and
5 this also categorizes them in with migrant
6 farm workers.

7 This project would bring a huge
8 relief for the members of Local 645 at a
9 time when it is needed. I visit job sites
10 daily and see the out-of-state license
11 plates working on projects with no real
12 direct benefit to the city and here we have
13 a project that will directly impact the city
14 and its residents and the city waiting for
15 approval by one government entity, the City
16 of Scranton and its elected members -- I'm
17 sorry, city council and its elected members.

18 The United Brotherhood of Carpenters
19 of Joinders of America offers a four-year
20 apprenticeship program to interested people
21 that is free of charge to the apprentice.
22 We take students who have graduated from the
23 Career Technology Center or Johnson College
24 and give them an opportunity. These
25 apprentices work in the field while

1 attending training one week a quarter so
2 they are earning a wage while being trained.

3 Upon the completion of their four
4 years of training they graduate with 32
5 credit hours toward an associate's degree.
6 We currently have a backlog of approved
7 applicants that's totals 36 young people
8 looking for a future in our area where they
9 can earn a family sustaining wage, have
10 health benefits and receive a dignified
11 retirement when they are of age, so the
12 current actions of the city council are not
13 only effecting the current residents of the
14 city, but also the future of our young
15 people who may have to move out of the city
16 to find work.

17 I strongly ask you tonight to
18 support our members and the working families
19 of this great city and reintroduce the
20 recommendation of the Historical
21 Architectural Review Board to approve the
22 demolition of the building in question and
23 approve the certificate of appropriateness
24 to get this project started. Thank you.

25 MS. EVANS: Thank you. And David

1 Dobrzyn.

2 MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening, Council.

3 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

4 MR. DOBRZYN: First, I made a tape
5 of last the zoning board meeting and
6 especially on it is that questionable -- for
7 a developer of apartments in the Hill
8 Section. Also, well, there is two, you
9 probably read them already, but I'll get to
10 that in a second, but I also have a letter
11 here that I have written to you, and it's
12 kind of muddy because of my roller on my
13 printer, but it involves Steamtown and I'll
14 read it off.

15 "Please consider a letter to
16 appropriate congressional reps and senators
17 regarding Steamtown National Historic Site
18 and Museum. In 1994, there were
19 appropriation was \$5.2 million and it hasn't
20 been given a dime more since and in 2011 it
21 was reduced 10 percent, also 10 percent in
22 the 2012 fiscal year.

23 In addition, the sequester has
24 resulted in a further reductions creating
25 severe reductions in the ability to maintain

1 and operate antique steam operated engine
2 excursions and the result has been
3 diminished enthusiasm for visits and tours.
4 Many regional hotels, restaurants, they
5 suffer also as vacationer's stay may
6 decrease.

7 In addition to their financial
8 health, it may effect local tax revenues as
9 they are tax exempt from property and
10 employee layoffs result in less wage tax
11 collection. Volunteers become discouraged,
12 there is lot of volunteers down there, from
13 lack of essentially supplies and eventually
14 discontinue participation."

15 If needed, I can provide additional
16 info and my phone number here and my name
17 here, so I'll give these to Jamie. It's up
18 to you people from there if you want to deal
19 with it.

20 Also, I have some questions on that
21 developer that was -- it was a stop work
22 order on one building on Monroe Avenue was
23 that the bottom line on that? First of all,
24 how do you prevent people from circumventing
25 the zoning board in the future, and can a

1 developer sue because he was given
2 permission, could he sue licensing and
3 inspections. Is this property taxable and
4 if that be the case despite the fact that
5 they didn't go through proper channels I'd
6 consider maybe it would be nice to see some
7 taxes for a change on this, and I also have
8 a message in watching that, I watched the
9 whole thing, the South Side Watch, they
10 opposed the rehab and I'm kind of tired of
11 seeing all of my county taxes going into
12 keeping the county jail open and it's about
13 time we start treating drugs and alcohol
14 like a sickness instead of a criminal
15 enterprise.

16 And, okay, also on the candidates,
17 the only thing I said was be careful what
18 you promise because you have a long road
19 ahead and the city is in serious financial
20 difficulty, there is more exposed today and
21 if anybody thinks that there they are just
22 going to get elected and it's going to be
23 one big party they are seriously mistaken,
24 it's -- but I wasn't indicting anybody
25 because they were worthless or -- because

1 basically I have to support them if they get
2 elected.

3 And, okay, I have a couple of
4 newspaper clippings here on Afghanistan --
5 or Syria, which we are going to support and
6 all, I'll give you a letter next week asking
7 you to approach the proper legislative
8 people, but it's a little offbeat, but after
9 I got home from the meeting two weeks ago I
10 found that a teenager was executed for
11 blasphemy by the so-called Freedom Fighters
12 in Syria, so if I could approach?

13 MS. EVANS: Certainly.

14 MR. DOBRZYN: There is a few things
15 on taxes there, also, that may be of
16 interest, too. Seems like some people get
17 away with not paying their taxes for years.

18 But at any rate, you can keep this
19 tape and if anybody hasn't seen it, and
20 especially maybe Mr. Hughes would like to
21 have somebody go over because --

22 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

23 MR. DOBRZYN: -- I would think that
24 if they are going to pay taxes on those
25 properties it's a help as opposed to having

1 them go off the tax rolls.

2 And I'll make it quick, but on this
3 with the University I don't know how to feel
4 on that because it's already tax exempt and
5 if you do decide to change your minds on it
6 make it contingent upon the building being
7 authorized by the zoning board, but
8 certainly I don't know if it's worth
9 fighting heavily about and the building
10 isn't that really that beautiful, it's not a
11 palace or anything. That's what I support
12 is that they stay within their zone and try
13 and work with this that way as opposed to
14 sprawling out all over the city and taking
15 even more money off tax rolls. That's my
16 idea on it and thank you and have a good
17 night.

18 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

19 MR. DOBRZYN: Don't forget the
20 golden parrot, bawk, bawk, bawk.

21 MS. EVANS: That concludes our
22 sign-in sheet, is there anyone else who care
23 to address council?

24 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia.
25 Citizen of Scranton. Fellow Scrantonians,

1 I'm only going to speak on agenda items,
2 your "H" under motions has to do with
3 leasing the senior center from Cabrini,
4 could anybody explain the rational for that?
5 That's a three-story building.

6 MS. EVANS: I believe it is a lease
7 agreement between UNC, United Neighborhood
8 Centers known as Cabrini Center and Bellevue
9 Center with the city for I believe a dollar
10 a year for a ten-year period with three
11 successive ten-year renewal terms at the
12 tenant's option. I know that originally the
13 legislation that was submitted to council
14 was the same as the what had been used
15 decades ago, our solicitor reviewed that and
16 got into touch with the solicitor for UNC
17 and new legislation was written that
18 correctly represents the agreement between
19 the city, the potential agreement between
20 the city and UNC.

21 MR. SBARAGLIA: But what's the
22 rationality? We can't afford to take care
23 of everything we already own without taking
24 on more liability?

25 MS. EVANS: Well, I believe UNC

1 would be providing it's own insurance and I
2 know that Solicitor Hughes had spoken to me
3 about, for example, the roof improvements
4 that are needed at one of the centers, that
5 will be provided by UNC not the City of
6 Scranton.

7 MR. SBARAGLIA: I don't know, all I
8 know is we can't afford to pay our own bills
9 anywhere, we cannot take on any kind of
10 liability at all, anything that may cost us.
11 We got an elevator in that building,
12 actually, well, one is in Cabrini, but one i
13 in that section, that means you have to have
14 an elevator contract to take care of that
15 elevator.

16 I mean, you got to look at exactly
17 what the heck this man is doing, he is
18 getting ready to leave, you know that, and
19 he is going to leave us in so much debt we
20 are going to sink into the mines.

21 Let's go with over there "J". Now,
22 why do we need an emergency certificate for
23 a man to supervise six people? It wouldn't
24 be bad is there is like a huge amount of
25 people, there is other only six citation --

1 we need an emergency certificate? First of
2 all, we didn't need him in the first place.
3 I'm sure there was somebody in Scranton
4 already in the administration that had
5 enough brains to take care of the citation
6 issuers. I mean, we get more and more
7 ridiculous. We got a treasury that can't
8 collect debts, we got a tax collector that
9 can't collect taxes, delinquencies are
10 everywhere, what are we paying the city
11 workers for in them departments if they
12 can't do their jobs? Either we should
13 expand them or get rid of them.

14 Okay, let's go down to the 7-A
15 because that's final reading. This has to
16 do with the handicapped. You realize that a
17 lot of people have a handicap sign there for
18 pick up because they can't afford to walk
19 too far and to charge them \$10 a year to
20 renew it is ridiculous. Why don't you apply
21 for a grant from the lottery who does give
22 out them signs. If you ever went up to
23 Gerrity's you would have seen the signs the
24 handicap that's under them say, "Given by
25 the lottery."

1 Let the city apply for a grant to
2 the local lottery to handle the handicap
3 instead of figuring ways to nickle and dime
4 the poor people that are in wheelchairs,
5 that can't walk, probably on fixed incomes,
6 and you let everything else go. You got
7 hundreds of people, why don't you at least
8 pass it, if you are so looking for money so
9 bad, pass a citizen tax. After 30 days or
10 40 days if you become a citizen of Scranton
11 you have to pay the tax and then all them
12 kids at the "U" would have to pay that was
13 staying at the center.

14 This is so many ways you can get
15 around with you are doing instead of pushing
16 and more and more debt upon the city. I
17 mean, that joke in the paper about they
18 couldn't even add up more than we found \$4
19 million or whatever we owe that is
20 ludicrous, but the city is ludicrous. I
21 mean, when a cop takes a nap and gets
22 \$175,000 that is ludicrous, and the city is
23 becoming ludicrous and most of the people
24 that are running this city people are
25 looking at them as ludicrous.

1 You got to get more down to brass
2 tacks, you really do. You can't go like you
3 are going. You got to look for off the wall
4 things. I don't care how crazy they sound,
5 off the wall that can get more money coming
6 for people that can better afford to pay,
7 and I still say you should sell electricity
8 and take that over for the city and sell the
9 electricity and make what you can on that to
10 cut down the taxes. Thank you.

11 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

12 MR. JONES: Hi. Long time no see.
13 I'm Bob Jones, Scranton resident.

14 MR. JOYCE: Good evening.

15 MR. JONES: I guess everything about
16 the University project is pretty much out in
17 the open, I'm not going to say much more. I
18 think personally it's a good negotiating
19 tool, you know, come time to collect PILOTS
20 off of them and, well, that's all I'll say
21 about that.

22 So I'm going to help Ron out about
23 the traffic on main avenue, especially
24 through North Scranton. It's become a super
25 freeway now that the weather has gotten

1 warmer -- and, well, of course I have been
2 on the phone yelling to Marty Flynn's Office
3 about it, "Call the cops, call the cops,"
4 his secretary actually asked if I was
5 standing outside if I could go inside
6 because she couldn't hear me I said, "I am
7 inside with the windows down."

8 That's how loud it is almost 24/7 so
9 what I'll keep doing is just keep
10 complaining to the cops, they say they
11 pretty much can't do anything because the
12 motorcycles are built that way and as long
13 they are inspected, as long as they are
14 legal and I can't really stretch out the
15 cops, you know, there is only so many cops
16 there and I can't keep calling them every
17 five minutes. That's just not right to do
18 either, so I'll keep bugging PennDOT about
19 them. Marty Flynn, of course, he responded
20 by handing me another census survey, so
21 thanks, Marty, that's what I needed, another
22 census survey.

23 Also, what I wanted to help out with
24 I saw -- I went to the store on the corner
25 of Main Market, if anybody knows where that

1 is and I got my stuff and two, I'm going to
2 call them young ladies, they were older, but
3 I'm going to call them nice young ladies,
4 they kindly asked me how to get back on the
5 expressway. What they did is they jumped
6 off 81 up by Shift's to try and get some gas
7 and they saw the exit was closed to get back
8 up on there and they were lost. They were
9 probably two miles down the road and they
10 said, "Follow the detour signs," and I
11 realized there is no detour signs by there.
12 I haven't seen any myself. And I said,
13 "Well, you better go up this way --" well,
14 wait a minute, that bridge is out, and they
15 wouldn't know the way this way, and I'm
16 trying to draw the pictures and they didn't
17 know the layout of the town whatsoever, so I
18 said, "Follow me up," so I got them on the
19 Expressway, and just so that you guys know
20 I'm just going to give a friendly call to
21 PennDOT and say, "Where are the detour signs
22 out by Shift's there because it says follow
23 detour and that's the last sign you see."

24 So hopefully that will be taken care
25 of. Like I said, whatever Ronnie says is

1 right, trucks do go through there about 90
2 miles an hour. People do drag race and they
3 see how loud they can get their muffler at
4 the red light and this happens quite often,
5 so if any police want to sit in my driveway
6 it's a nice little cubby hole, they won't
7 see you until you are right up on them and
8 then you can catch them and not make a liar
9 out of me.

10 But, anyway, that's it. Everybody
11 is doing a great job, and thanks.

12 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

13 MR. DEVERS: Good evening.

14 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

15 MR. DEVERS: My name is Jim Devers,
16 I'm the Associate Vice President for
17 Facilities Operations at the University of
18 Scranton. I would like it take this
19 opportunity to clarify some concerns about
20 the University's request for a certificate
21 of appropriateness to demolish Leahy Hall
22 for a new rehabilitation center project.

23 Prior to seeking the city's
24 permission to demolish Leahy Hall, the
25 University seriously evaluated the potential

1 for renovating the existing building. We
2 hired a national consultant with extensive
3 experience within the design of the science
4 buildings to undertake a comprehensive
5 evaluation and feasibility study of the two
6 interconnected buildings that makeup Leahy
7 Hall.

8 Because of the need for adjacency
9 and to connect to related programs in
10 McGurkin Hall, the adjacent building, one of
11 the key factors that eliminated renovating
12 the existing building was accommodating the
13 three different floor levels that make up
14 Leahy Hall. A building of this type and use
15 must be a model for accessibility given the
16 programs that would be contained in it and
17 the clients that it serves.

18 In not accepting HARB's
19 recommendation, council members mentioned
20 that unresolved zoning issues could leave
21 the city with an empty lot at a prominent
22 corner. I assure you, the University has no
23 intention of keeping an empty lot there.
24 The center is essential to the continued
25 success and accreditation of the

1 occupational therapy, physical therapy and
2 exercise science programs. We are committed
3 to this project.

4 This evening I would ask council to
5 reconsider it's decision to approve the
6 recommendation of the HARB. If demolition
7 is approved now, then the University has
8 time to address zoning requirements which
9 were related only to site line variances as
10 this use that we propose is permitted within
11 the current zone.

12 I'd like to thank you for your
13 consideration and I'd be happy to answer any
14 questions that you may have regarding this
15 project. Thank you.

16 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

17 MR. FIGURED: Good evening, Council.
18 My name is Jack Figured. I'm a 57-year
19 resident of the City of Scranton. Again,
20 I'd like to ask you to tonight does anybody
21 know anything about the Rockwell Avenue
22 bridge or have any update on it, when it's
23 going to be raised and completed?

24 MR. LOSCOMBE: I believe there is
25 actually legislation tonight for a parcel on

1 the Rockwell Avenue bridge that they have to
2 acquire to finish it. But apparently I
3 believe our engineer stated it was supposed
4 to start October? Yes.

5 MR. FIGURED: Good. You know, over
6 the weekend I read an article by one of the
7 zoning committees spouse's, Charles Newcomb,
8 and while I was reading it I asked myself
9 maybe the building trades in the City of
10 Scranton aren't really getting the message
11 out there on what we actually do. He said
12 because we came here and spoke on the
13 University's behalf that it was pretty much
14 self-serving. I would just like to address
15 a few things that we are done as a group
16 with the bricklayers and craft workers, who
17 I represent, and the building trades.

18 The projects we have done with no
19 fanfare, no publicity, no help from
20 Mr. Newcomb have been we have built and
21 maintained the Cancer Memorial Park at
22 McDade over there in West Scranton. Through
23 the years some of our contractors Sean
24 Bruntz marbled and tiled and Matchbox
25 construction has helped us.

1 When Lackawanna Little League needed
2 dugout and a storage shed we were there and
3 constructed it for them. When the Marvin
4 Dutch cap was in danger of losing their
5 insurance because of unsafe conditions on
6 their sidewalks and concrete works, myself
7 and one of the Steven's boys went over there
8 and poured that concrete at no cost to them.

9 When the city needed a concrete pad
10 for the children's park at Nay Aug not only
11 did we put 70 yards of concrete in there and
12 with the help of the DPW we also got the
13 concrete pumper to come in and give the city
14 a great price to help us pour the project.

15 When Scranton Tomorrow decided that
16 the park should have new fireplaces for our
17 city residents to enjoy, myself and Mike
18 Costello and with the help of Scranton
19 Building Block donated the materials put
20 those fireplaces down in the lower section
21 where the waterfalls now stands.

22 I'm not sure, but I could be wrong,
23 I may have seen Charles when we did the
24 children's park at Nay Aug, but it was
25 raining so hard when we were carrying the

1 materials around and we had a great response
2 from the community there, they pretty much
3 couldn't see five feet in front of yourself,
4 but we were there doing that.

5 Mr. Schroeder, who was here tonight,
6 his IBEW local, they installed the temporary
7 lighting at the Italian Festival with their
8 apprentices. They used to all of the
9 temporary lighting at St. Joe's picnic when
10 they had it. They run fundraisers for
11 Friendship House and if you were at Marley's
12 Mission last night you would have seen 20 of
13 their people there installing underground
14 services and conduits.

15 Mr. Simpson, who is also here
16 tonight, they renovated the gazebos at the
17 Nay Aug Park for the community to attend
18 functions and have that up there. I don't
19 know if the city charges or not for that,
20 but they were there. They install disabled
21 handicap ramps also for their Lackawanna
22 County residents -- some of the Lackawanna
23 County residents.

24 Their contractors and members also
25 donate time, money and materials for Habitat

1 for Humanity. This doesn't even touch and
2 the projects that other building trade
3 groups do, there is 13 more, and don't touch
4 on the individual efforts our members do
5 such as coaches at sporting events for
6 Little League, softball, soccer.

7 So as you can see, Charlie, we live
8 here, we play here, we donate our time and
9 money here why shouldn't we support those
10 businesses that put our people to work? We
11 don't only support the University of
12 Scranton, we support the hospital projects,
13 we support private projects that people
14 build. Right now with this economy there is
15 not much private stuff going on. I could
16 sit here and tell you the same thing that
17 Rick Schroeder and Drew Simpson told you
18 about the hardships that are members are
19 going through. They are losing their homes,
20 they are losing their health insurance, and
21 in some cases they are losing their
22 families. Is this worth it? Is this
23 something that we want to look and go
24 forward with as a council and as members of
25 this community? I think not.

1 they are all manicured, you don't see that
2 stuff going in.

3 Mr. Bolus does great things for the
4 city, he has a wonderful project at
5 Christmas time, some of my members actually
6 go up there and donate their time. He said,
7 yeah, he said there is no history in the
8 parking lot, but there is no jobs and there
9 is nothing else there either, there is only
10 parked cars.

11 So I would ask you, please,
12 reconsider your actions of the past and move
13 this city forward and let's go on with
14 things so my members and the people in this
15 community don't suffer. Thank you.

16 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Is there
17 anyone else? Mrs. Krake?

18 MS. KRAKE: 5-A. MOTIONS.

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

21 MR. MCGOFF: Yes, thank you. First,
22 just to address some things that were said
23 if you are looking for black and white
24 numbers for, you know, what the impact of
25 the University of Scranton has had, the

1 economic impact, they publish the economic
2 impact study every year with the amount of
3 money that they have paid in permits fees
4 and taxes to the City of Scranton and it's
5 from there that I have received the
6 information that I have. The figures are
7 accurate and they coincide with what is, you
8 know, received in the city and those numbers
9 are -- if you were to take -- let me go
10 back. If you were to take the properties
11 that they have bought and look at the amount
12 of taxes that were being paid on those
13 properties, it's estimated that it would
14 take somewhere around 100 years of 100
15 percent taxes on those properties to makeup
16 for what the University of Scranton has paid
17 in permits and fees in building -- in the
18 construction that they have done on those
19 properties.

20 And also if you are looking for
21 black and white numbers for the current
22 project, based on precedence and talking
23 with members of the administration as for
24 the University of the Scranton an estimate
25 on the \$34 million construction would

1 produce close to \$1 million in revenue or
2 monies to the City of Scranton. Those are
3 black and white numbers. That's what has
4 taken place over the time.

5 Am I a cheerleader for the
6 University of Scranton? Yes. I'm a
7 cheerleader for economic development in the
8 City of Scranton and right now the primary
9 developer in the City of Scranton is the
10 University of Scranton. The impact that
11 they have had on that section of the city is
12 enormous, not only economically, but
13 socially, culturally, esthetically. If you
14 were to go there, if you go back 30 years
15 and take a look at what that Hill Section
16 looked like, look at what Mulberry Street
17 was like the changes that have taken place
18 there are enormous and it's all because of
19 the what the University of Scranton has done
20 in being an impetus for development in that
21 area.

22 The educational impact the
23 University of Scranton has had is nationally
24 renowned. It is one of the finest schools
25 that you can find in the northeast, maybe in

1 the country, and as part of the City of
2 Scranton I am proud to be, if you want to
3 call it, a cheerleader for the University of
4 Scranton. I think that they have had an
5 enormous positive impact on the City of
6 Scranton. I'm proud to have a degree from
7 the University of Scranton. I'm proud to
8 say that I was employed by the University of
9 Scranton and I'm proud to say to anybody
10 coming in I'm proud to take anyone who comes
11 into this city and take them to the
12 University of Scranton and show them what we
13 have. It's impressive and I think it's
14 something that we should all support.

15 It is, and the project that's before
16 us or that was before us I think was
17 something that we should have supported.
18 There was no loss to the city whatsoever.
19 There was nothing -- there was no loss in
20 taxes. I don't know what you could say that
21 was -- the only thing that was going to
22 happen was a square brick building was going
23 to be taken down. Just because it was old
24 doesn't make it historic, and HARB pretty
25 much agreed that, yes, take the building

1 down. What's going to be there afterwards
2 is going to be much better and much better
3 for the city. I hope that we do reintroduce
4 this and I hope that we do reconsider so
5 that this, that project can move forward.

6 And as far as the name calling is
7 concerned, we really don't need to do that.
8 This is a business meeting and when we start
9 to make things personal it's really
10 unnecessary.

11 Another note, I did attend the
12 meeting with representatives from what is
13 it, Janey Montgomery Scott, this past week,
14 all I can say is that there is progress and
15 in talks and deliberations as far as paying
16 the -- or borrowing for the payment of the
17 Court award or the arbitration the backpay
18 and also the pension MMO.

19 One of the problems that was
20 encountered is that as of yet there is not a
21 set figure for what the backpay would be.
22 It's pretty tough to pay a bill when you
23 don't know how much the bill is and until
24 there is from the audit conducted by I
25 believe by the unions until that's finalized

1 I don't think that we can really move
2 forward in addressing that.

3 Also, at the PEL -- there was a
4 meeting with PEL, same ideas were discussed,
5 and again, I didn't have a chance to talk
6 with Mr. Joyce, but as of now the cash flow
7 for the City of Scranton is still relatively
8 good. I believe that the cash on hand, and
9 I I'm sorry that I didn't get this to you
10 before, was it somewhere around 10.9
11 million?

12 MS. KRAKE: Yes.

13 MR. MCGOFF: And accounts payable
14 were at zero, so as of now the status of the
15 city was looking pretty good moving forward.

16 And last, a couple of things, there
17 was a letter, we received a letter of
18 commendation for a couple of DPW workers who
19 went to a residence that had been -- a place
20 that had been demolished and the neighbors
21 were thankful that and wish to thank DPW for
22 coming and cleaning up after the demolition.
23 And again, you know, just a thank you to the
24 members of the DPW for doing that work.

25 And also there was a letter from

1 Chief Graziano addressing a couple of issues
2 that were brought up, I don't know if
3 Mr. Loscombe is going to mention those,
4 but -- would you rather --

5 MS. EVANS: Actually I was, but you
6 can.

7 MR. MCGOFF: Just some questions,
8 one was the paving or the lines on Meadow
9 Avenue and River Street in front of the
10 Clairon and all, and what was said was that
11 there is an intent to pave those blocks of
12 Meadow Avenue and they didn't want to paint
13 lines prior to it being repaved and then
14 have to go back and redo it, so hopefully
15 that area will be paved shortly and that the
16 appropriate lines, traffic lines, will be
17 then painted.

18 As far as the lot at the bottom of
19 East Mountain Road I guess top of River
20 Street across from Salvation Army, it was
21 found that that's private property and that
22 as far as anyone parking there or people
23 driving ATV's in there, there is nothing
24 that could be done unless the owners of the
25 property were to file a complaint, and I do

1 know that there are number -- there are some
2 people that use that as a meeting place for
3 carpooling and that they do park there. I
4 don't know if that has been a problem for
5 anyone, but that is private property.

6 And the last one the traffic signs
7 on the -- or the "No Trucks" sign on Seymour
8 Avenue or I guess it's actually on Duncan --
9 or Snook Street, I'm sorry, Snook Street
10 that I think Mrs. Schumacher talked about
11 that there is only one side, apparently
12 Scranton Police and others were unable to
13 find why that sign was there in the first --
14 you know, it was there, but they never
15 really enforced it because there is no other
16 sign. There is no sign on any other side of
17 the mountain or up the street, so
18 it's difficult to determine why there --
19 they said it's difficult to determine why
20 that sign was placed there and that they
21 were going to research the matter. And
22 that's all.

23 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Councilman
24 McGoff. And, Councilman Rogan, do you have
25 any comments or motions tonight?

1 MR. ROGAN: Yes, thank you. I guess
2 I'll first start off with the issue
3 regarding Leahy Hall. As I think most
4 everyone knows, I fully support this project
5 and my support is for a few reasons and I
6 would like to reiterate some of these
7 reasons, the first one being, and this is
8 where some of the criticism of the
9 University comes, this already takes -- this
10 project will take place on a property that
11 is already tax exempt. The University of
12 Scranton is not taking any additional
13 property off the tax rolls by moving forward
14 with this project. If this had been a plan
15 where the University was purchasing many
16 properties, tearing them down and taking
17 them off the tax rolls, I would have to give
18 it a much harder look, but that isn't the
19 case. This property is already owned by the
20 University of Scranton, and it's already
21 used. This is part of their facilities.

22 Secondly, this will bring in
23 hundreds of thousands of dollars of revenue
24 directly into the city. Now, I know many
25 others and Mr. McGoff talked about the

1 multiplying effect of money in the city and
2 that's all very real, but at a bear minimum
3 this will be bring in \$445,000 in building
4 permits, then on top of that you add
5 mercantile tax that comes in on this
6 project. On top of that you add wage tax
7 paid to the local unionized workers that are
8 doing this project. And for me when you add
9 all of those things together it really
10 becomes something very good for the City of
11 Scranton.

12 So that being said, I would like to
13 make a motion to reconsider accepting the
14 certificate of the appropriateness from HARB
15 regarding Leahy Hall and placing it back on
16 the agenda.

17 MR. MCGOFF: Second.

18 MR. ROGAN: And the question two
19 reasons why I would like to bring this back
20 up, first one is that I support it, I
21 wasn't-- unfortunately, two members weren't
22 here the day of this final vote, and I think
23 taking this from day one, put it back on the
24 agenda in Fifth Order, let it play through
25 for three votes where we can get input not

1 only from the University of Scranton, from
2 neighbors, folks in the construction
3 industry, from everyone and make an informed
4 decision.

5 MR. JOYCE: I'll speak a little bit
6 about this since I wasn't here. In no way,
7 shape or form am I a fan of the University
8 of Scranton or a cheerleader for the
9 University of Scranton. I think they have
10 made a lot of changes in the city, I think
11 that they have improved the city, but I
12 think the main benefit was to improve the
13 University of Scranton, not to improve the
14 City of Scranton, to make the college more
15 attractive. I think they can be
16 contributing more in PILOTS.

17 However, I think in this instance,
18 one, the building in question is already tax
19 exempt. Two, the city is struggling for
20 money, and we do need that revenue. Any
21 revenue that we could generate would be
22 helpful, and at this point I would
23 reconsider voting on the issues since I was
24 not here to vote the first time. I don't --
25 I see a lot of opportunities for the jobs it

1 will creat, the electricians' union, the
2 carpenters' union for the bricklayers and
3 the ironworkers. We have had their
4 representatives come up and speak to us and
5 they have concerns. They have members
6 living in the city working here contributing
7 and paying taxes, people that need jobs,
8 people that are struggling, and this project
9 would bring some of those jobs to them
10 hopefully. So for that reason alone I will
11 vote to reintroduce it if we could, if this
12 is something that is even legal.

13 MR. MCGOFF: It is.

14 MR. LOSCOMBE: If I could, and I
15 just have a few comments, I was going to
16 wait until motions, but since we are on the
17 question regarding this. No one has been
18 accused more of being pro-union on this
19 board more than myself, and I take favor in
20 this because I am. I think every working
21 man should be protected and it's brought us
22 to where we are today, but the problem is
23 this is not about the unions. Don't turn
24 this issue around, and it's not about the
25 University at this point, it's about the

1 rules and regulations. We are not asked to
2 approve a building, we are asked to tear
3 down a building. That's our approval.
4 That's not going to benefit the bricklayers
5 at this point. It's up to the zoning board
6 to give their approval for that. It may
7 benefit a landfill where all of the bricks
8 go and stuff like that for the building,
9 unfortunately, that's the only thing we have
10 the ability to vote on right now.

11 So to come to us and say we are
12 going to have all of this economic
13 development because you are going to vote to
14 tear down a building doesn't necessarily
15 provide that. I would love to see everybody
16 working in this city. I love the
17 University. I said, I have family members
18 that graduated from there, but the problem
19 is, yes, they have given us a positive
20 impact, but not on our tax base. You know,
21 a lot of properties have been gobbled up.
22 We have to look at our tax base, the people
23 we represent, our taxpayers, too, that's not
24 an issue here. What is at issue here is
25 what I have seen over the last couple of

1 weeks has been -- I don't know, and I'm not
2 accusing the University of this, but I'm
3 saying there is a culture of circumventing
4 rules over the past several years here that
5 are slowly coming to light with the zoning
6 office, we have a videotape now, but if
7 anybody saw that we know what happened
8 there. They have given certificates of
9 nonconformity. There is people, you know,
10 there is people that are insiders that know
11 how to do it, and there is people on the
12 outside.

13 The University has done first class
14 buildings, and like Mr. Joyce said, it's to
15 their benefit. I mean, I agree, I think
16 personally I don't think that building that
17 they have there is feasible for them and I
18 think a new building is the most feasible,
19 but I have to go by what was put in front of
20 me by the boards that we have.

21 First of all, the zoning board
22 rejected their plans. The HARB board,
23 although everybody is saying they approved
24 it, I am hearing a lot of different issues
25 and that's where I'm getting this culture of

1 the circumventing rules because I don't
2 believe they had a full panel when they
3 voted, I received an e-mail, I also have
4 been in some conversations, and I'll read
5 this e-mail but, I'm not going to mention
6 the person's name.

7 "Good evening. As a member of the
8 Scranton Historical Architectural Review
9 Board I wanted to alert you to the
10 University of Scranton's proposed demolition
11 of the YWCA building located on the corner
12 of Jefferson Avenue and Linden Street. This
13 building is considered a landmark structure
14 and is supposed to be protected by the HARB.

15 We had the opportunity to review
16 this project at our most recent meeting, May
17 13, with only partial board attendance. As
18 it stands now, a vote in favor of the
19 demolition contingent on mitigation with
20 historic elements was narrowly approved.
21 Most members do not support the demolition
22 of this structure. I felt compelled to
23 e-mail you in advance of legislation
24 regarding this matter.

25 Our architectural heritage is our

1 community's strongest asset and demolition
2 should be given very careful consideration.
3 I urge you to table your vote on this matter
4 pending HARB's review of the university's
5 mitigation plan. By doing so, HARB will
6 have the opportunity to revote on this
7 important legislation in the presence of all
8 of its members in favor of preservation and
9 against demolition. Thank you for your
10 time."

11 So, you know, we are in the middle
12 here. We have to represent all sides and
13 it's tough because nobody wants to see guys
14 out there working and new construction in
15 this town more than me, but again, we have
16 to follow what's in black and white and the
17 culture that I have seen that has been
18 opened to my eyes scares me. We could be up
19 for litigation and that's something I don't
20 want.

21 Do I want to see a new building
22 there? Personally I do. Do I feel I have
23 the right to -- well, we don't have the
24 right to vote on a new building, all we have
25 the right to vote on is to tear one down.

1 Based on what I have heard from the certain
2 members of HARB it seems like the majority
3 is against it, but they setup a meeting just
4 like Mr. Rogan is asking tonight to vote
5 again. I'd be in favor of bringing it up,
6 that doesn't mean it won't be voted down or
7 it will be voted down, but I am definitely
8 -- if they want to bring it up that's fine.
9 It will be voted on again by us, but our
10 vote is only on the demolition of that
11 building.

12 So you should go to HARB, you should
13 go to the zoning board and pursue them with
14 your issues. The only issue we have in
15 front of us is the ability to give them the
16 right to tear this bidding down, and again,
17 I feel there is a certain urgency for some
18 reason, I don't know why, because they still
19 have to appeal the zoning decision and that
20 may take some time, so I don't know, is the
21 urgency because not enough people voted on
22 it? I don't know. Same urgency we have
23 tonight here to vote on it. So --

24 MS. EVANS: With regard to that
25 letter, and I had received several as well,

1 it also appeared that those who attended
2 that particular meeting that was mentioned
3 by Councilman Loscombe were some members who
4 had not attended meetings HARB meetings in a
5 very, very long time and made one appearance
6 to cast this vote while others who are
7 regular members in good standing were not
8 present. That concerns me.

9 And I do agree with the comments
10 made by my colleague, Councilman Loscombe,
11 but what also is a bit curious to me is the
12 fact that it's come to my attention that
13 United Neighborhood Centers of Northeastern
14 Pennsylvania is using a construction company
15 or contractor that doesn't pay all of its
16 employees area standards wages, including
17 either providing or making payments for
18 health care and pension benefits, yet, I
19 have not heard from any of the labor leaders
20 about their great opposition to a project
21 located at 629 Cedar Avenue.

22 MR. ROGAN: Mrs. Evans, how is this
23 relevant to the motion?

24 MS. EVANS: I'm speaking.

25 MR. ROGAN: We are still on the

1 question.

2 MS. EVANS: Your objection is noted,
3 I am speaking. Now, I don't know that there
4 is anything city council can do about that,
5 but if there is we would certainly like to
6 know, but there hasn't been one word
7 mentioned by any of the labor leaders. I
8 remember as well, I was not here for the
9 vote because my mother was dying at the
10 time, but this council approved I believe a
11 LERTA agreement for a building on Dickson
12 Avenue. Had I been here I would not have
13 approved it, because I'm not in agreement
14 with KOZ, KOEZ's and the LERTA program.

15 However, what I learned afterwards
16 was that some of the people brought in for
17 that project were not local workers, despite
18 the best efforts of the Scranton School
19 Board and I believe the intentions of
20 Scranton City Council, but again, I didn't
21 see labor leaders coming before Scranton
22 City Council on that issue.

23 I certainly, too, am a union
24 supporter. I have been a member of the
25 American Federation of Teachers for 25 plus

1 years, so I am a strong union person and
2 like Mr. Loscombe I do not see this issue as
3 a union issue, I see this as an issue
4 between the zoning board and the University
5 of Scranton. I would assume the University
6 would file an appeal in Court and if
7 successful then council can reconsider this
8 particular piece of legislation. I
9 certainly would not be opposed to that, but
10 as it stands right now there is a great push
11 to put the cart before the horse and to ask
12 Scranton City Council to bypass or ignore
13 the importance of the Scranton Zoning Board
14 and it's decisions.

15 And just as I would not expect the
16 zoning board to create a conflict for
17 Scranton City Council, I don't believe that
18 Scranton City Council should be creating one
19 for the zoning board. I think it needs to
20 take it's proper course of action which is
21 an appeal in the courts.

22 MR. ROGAN: Well, just a few points
23 on that. I look at this issue and the
24 zoning issues two completely separate
25 issues. The zoning issue is for a site

1 variance, which is a lot more -- I would say
2 is a lot more common than a use variance and
3 a lot more easier to obtain, but again, I
4 agree we shouldn't step on their toes and
5 they shouldn't step on ours. I respect the
6 zoning board's decision. I may not agree
7 with it, but I respect it. But by not
8 allowing the demolition of the building to
9 begin then the University of Scranton can't
10 change their plans to either conform to the
11 current zoning or appeal. I'm sure plans
12 could be changed to conform and to get this
13 project up and, you know, up and moving and
14 for me it is an issue of jobs. That's what
15 it is. The economy is terrible in the last
16 four or five years and, you know, hearing
17 the stories from union representatives, and
18 not only union representatives, but just
19 average Scrantonians who are out of work,
20 who don't have health care, and I think this
21 is an opportunity where city council could
22 do something to get the ball rolling on this
23 project, to create some jobs, bring revenue
24 into the city and not take taxpayer
25 properties off the tax rolls.

1 There is no secret the University of
2 Scranton wants to expand and that's
3 certainly a debate that we need to have, but
4 if the University of Scranton wants to
5 expand upwards on their own property that's
6 something I will always support. When it
7 comes to purchasing new property off the tax
8 rolls, that's where I think we need to
9 negotiate other terms.

10 But as far as in project goes
11 hopefully we can reconsider it and there is
12 no rush. You know, we can start it and I
13 believe we will start it back at Fifth Order
14 as new legislation so it would have three
15 readings. Members of HARB would have the
16 chance to come to the podium and speak to
17 us, folks from the University of Scranton
18 would have a chance to speak to us, folks
19 from the unions would have a chance to speak
20 to us and just average Scrantonians, so I
21 think bringing it up for another vote is
22 certainly the right way to go and hopefully
23 it will garner three votes. Thank you.

24 MR. LOSCOMBE: Mr. Rogan, could I
25 just ask you a question, do I understand you

1 said that they can't go for a variance until
2 the building is down, is that what you are
3 saying?

4 MR. ROGAN: No. If we don't, not
5 us, if the University of Scranton can't do
6 the demolition they cannot proceed with
7 contingency plans to conform to the zoning.
8 They can build there currently. It would
9 just have to conform with the site variance.

10 MR. LOSCOMBE: That's a paper plan.
11 All they have to do is show them on the
12 paper what their plan is. That gets
13 approved. They don't need a building down
14 to get the approval for the plan with the
15 site distance.

16 MR. ROGAN: Well, I'm sure there is
17 a large cost associated with the changing of
18 those plans, I don't think -- I'm not
19 speaking for the University, but I wouldn't
20 see them making that change until they knew
21 the project can go further.

22 MR. LOSCOMBE: It doesn't make
23 sense, the building -- the building can
24 stand as it and the plans can be developed
25 to address the zoning issue and continue

1 with this place at this point.

2 MR. ROGAN: It certainly can, but
3 that would solve --

4 MR. LOSCOMBE: All we are giving
5 them approval for is to tear a building
6 down, nothing with the zoning.

7 MR. ROGAN: That's exactly right.
8 The zoning has nothing to do with it.

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: The tearing of the
10 building down right now I don't believe is
11 going to hold up anything, the non-tearing
12 of the building down because, like you said,
13 they can't tear it down until they get
14 approval for another building if there are
15 students there, so it just seems to me that
16 there is a certain amount of urgency for no
17 reason to do that, and I don't know what it
18 is.

19 MR. ROGAN: Like I said, for -- go
20 ahead, Mr. McGoff.

21 MR. MCGOFF: I think it's obvious
22 what it is, they would like to begin
23 construction on a new building.

24 MR. LOSCOMBE: What if the zoning
25 takes six months? That's my point. We

1 could approve this in two meetings, two
2 weeks. It's as simple as that.

3 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

4 MR. LOSCOMBE: What's the urgency?
5 It's still not going to give these guys a
6 job until they get the approval to build a
7 building. That's my point. What's the
8 urgency? Can anyone answer that for me?

9 MR. MCGOFF: You have to take step
10 one before you take step two.

11 MR. LOSCOMBE: Mr. Devers, what is
12 the urgency that this building has to be
13 torn down immediately and you don't have an
14 approved plan from zoning?

15 MR. DEVERS: We have a construction
16 schedule and by tearing this building down
17 at this time, it's going to take about two
18 or three months to tear this building down,
19 we then have to get in and do the shoring
20 and site preparation work. We want to avoid
21 pouring concrete in the winter months. By
22 doing so and now we'll have to delay it. We
23 may even have to delay, I don't know. We
24 have talk to our construction manager, but
25 we may have to delay this project until the

1 string time. That's going to put us back
2 almost a year for this project to be
3 complete.

4 Now, we have other issues sort of,
5 as I stated before, we are looking to occupy
6 this building for the fall semester of 2015
7 and right now we are tight on that schedule.
8 Our construction manager has developed a
9 schedule which incorporates the demolition
10 of Leahy Hall as well as the new
11 construction site preparation and so forth.

12 We then have to furnish the building
13 and test the building out, so we need to
14 have this building ready for the fall
15 semester of 2015. A one-year delay is going
16 to be critical to us. There may be
17 accreditation issues with the occupational
18 therapy program, the physical therapy
19 program will come into play. We have
20 notified those boards that we are moving
21 forward with a plan to building the new
22 building for those program. So that's the
23 urgency, okay?

24 We are not going to -- we can
25 address the zoning issues. The zoning

1 issues are very simple to address, we need
2 the certificate of appropriateness for the
3 demolition of Leahy Hall so that we can get
4 started on this project. Every day to us is
5 critical --

6 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Devers.

7 MR DEVERS: -- in this building
8 project.

9 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Devers.
10 We don't normally allow anyone from the
11 audience to speak once the --

12 MR. LOSCOMBE: I asked the question.

13 MS. EVANS: --portion of the meeting
14 has begun, but I thank you for the
15 information.

16 MR. LOSCOMBE: Mrs. Krake, did we
17 ever receive the minutes from the HARB
18 meeting?

19 MS. KRAKE: No.

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: We requested them.

21 MS. KRAKE: Yes.

22 MS. EVANS: All those in favor of
23 the motion signify by saying aye.

24 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

25 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

1 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

2 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

3 MS. EVANS: Opposed? No. The motion
4 passes.

5 MR. ROGAN: Thank you very much. I
6 think is a good first step towards making
7 this project come to being and getting more
8 people in our area working again.

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

10 MR. ROGAN: Next, this wasn't an
11 issue that I was planning on addressing
12 tonight, but Mr. Sbaraglia brought up some
13 very good points. I would like to make a
14 motion to table Item 7-A regarding the
15 handicapped parking areas.

16 MS. EVANS: Is there a second? The
17 motion dies for the lack of a second.

18 MR. ROGAN: Just to elaborate, I do
19 agree with the intent of this ordinance. I
20 definitely think the handicap parking
21 placards around the city there needs to be a
22 way to control getting them back once the
23 person moves or, unfortunately, passes away.
24 There are many, many handicapped placards in
25 the city that are on properties where they

1 really shouldn't be. I fully support coming
2 up with an initiative to keep track of that,
3 some sort of registration, but I really
4 think Mr. Sbaraglia brought up a good point
5 by trying to get a state grant to pay for
6 this instead of charging the \$10 fee.

7 I believe, you know, the lottery,
8 and that's probably the place to go since,
9 you know, most people that have a
10 handicapped placard are older Scrantonians
11 and older Pennsylvanians and that's what the
12 lottery proceeds are set aside for so that
13 may be something that they should be looked
14 into, hopefully it will, and also, I would
15 like to see an exemption if there was a fee
16 for disabled veterans who have disabled
17 veterans handicapped license plates. So
18 hopefully there are items that can be -- I
19 wish it was tabled, but hopefully they are
20 items that can be looked into in the future.

21 I do have a comments on numerous
22 agenda items. I will wait to comment on
23 those until they come up.

24 I do have just two requests for
25 tonight, the first one is the corner of the

1 motions?

2 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes, I'm sorry, I
3 forgot I was on the question, I just wanted
4 to address just briefly, we spoke about the
5 University and that, but Representative
6 Haggerty's letter in the paper today since
7 it was brought up and it's very nice that he
8 mentioned Providence, Rhode Island, because
9 I just wanted to give you a little
10 difference between Scranton and Providence,
11 Rhode Island.

12 The City of Scranton covers 26.3
13 miles, Providence, Rhode Island, covers 20
14 square miles. However, they have over twice
15 as many taxpayers in Providence, Rhode
16 Island, but in March of 2012, and this is
17 something that Mr. Haggerty should follow-up
18 on if he represents all of us, I'll provide
19 him with the information and paperwork, in
20 March of 2012 state legislators in Rhode
21 Island submitted a bill that would allow
22 municipalities to charge nonprofit education
23 institutions and hospitals an assessment of
24 25 percent of the taxes they would been
25 charged had their property been fully

1 taxable characterizing the charge as an
2 essential services fee.

3 The reason cited was a financially
4 struggling Providence -- sound like
5 Scranton -- was unable to win satisfactory
6 payments in lieu of taxes from several major
7 tax exempt institutions in the city. The
8 bill is still undecided, but such pieces of
9 legislation will determine the fate the
10 nonprofit tax exempts in the long run.

11 But with that in effect they made an
12 agreement. In 2012, Providence received \$23
13 million from their nonprofits. What do we
14 receive? Do we receive a million?

15 MS. EVANS: No.

16 MR. LOSCOMBE: All in all?

17 MS. EVANS: No.

18 MR. LOSCOMBE: It's very
19 interesting, but if Mr. Haggerty wants to
20 put his money where his mouth is and help
21 the city I'll provide him with this
22 information and maybe he can take a trip
23 with me to Rhode Island and we could see how
24 it's done. But again, you know, we have
25 taxpayers that we represent, too, so we have

1 to provide that equal balance there and
2 that's why I'm here.

3 And I think that's -- bear with me.
4 Oh, I have one more, one more issue if I
5 could find it here. Again, unfortunately,
6 and I'm not on a kick lately about
7 circumventing the rules, I happened to get a
8 letter from one of my constituents about a
9 property at 1421 Rundell Street, the
10 residents report this work was begun without
11 permits or plans submitted to LIPS. After
12 bringing this to LIPS attention for three
13 days, a stop work order was issued. The
14 owner of the property has remarked to other
15 neighbors that this will be an apartment
16 which is not allowed in a residential zone.
17 Residents request that this property owner,
18 who is a police officer, follow all rules
19 and regulations and apply for the necessary
20 variances permits and submit plans before
21 any further work is done at this address.

22 I don't have a name, who sent this,
23 but they provided me with photos, so I'll be
24 sure that LIPS follows up on that. Nobody
25 is above the rules or regulations here.

1 Let's all follow them and things will be
2 much better for all of us in the long run.
3 And that's all I have to say. Thank you.

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

7 MR. JOYCE: Yes. I first would like
8 to start out by apologizing for my absence
9 two weeks ago, I had a family emergency and
10 last week I happened to be feeling ill and
11 was unable to make the meeting which
12 resulted in the lack of a quorum.

13 I want to give everybody an update
14 where we were as of the end of June, being
15 that it's approaching, in regard to taxes
16 collected by the Single Tax Office, council
17 received some information. As of June 30,
18 2012, during that period of time from
19 January to the end of June of 2012 the city
20 had collected \$10,606,889,59. During the
21 same period this year, the city collected
22 \$13,054,077.44 which is an increase of
23 \$2,447,187.88, which is a 23.07 percent
24 increase.

25 Now, this is in line with the tax

1 increase that was passed with the passing of
2 the 2013 operating budget, so when you look
3 at where we were -- where we were last year
4 compared to where we were this year we are
5 in line with the percentages increase,
6 actually a percentage point ahead.

7 Delinquent real estate taxes. Last
8 year as of the end of June the city
9 collected \$419,972.10. As of the end of
10 June for this year the city had collected
11 \$431,238.43, which is an increase of
12 \$11,266.33, which is a 2.68 percent
13 increase.

14 The local service tax. As of June
15 30 of last year, the city collected
16 \$759,044.58. As of the end of this year --
17 or sorry, the end of June of this year the
18 city had collected \$819,928.29 which is an
19 increase of \$60,893.71 which is an 8.02
20 percent increase.

21 The business privilege and
22 mercantile taxes. As of 6-30-2012, the city
23 had collected \$1,605,769.54. As of
24 6-3-2013, the city had collected
25 \$1,939,008.73. This is an increase of

1 \$333,239.19 or an increase of 20.75 percent.
2 This is above the tax increase that was
3 imposed in the 2013 operating budget, so so
4 far it looks like we are trending pretty
5 well with real estate tax collection and
6 business privilege and mercantile tax
7 collection and we are seeing increases in
8 the LST collections and delinquent real
9 estate taxes as well.

10 As Mr. McGoff stated earlier, the
11 city currently has about \$10.9 million cash
12 on hand, and has zero dollars in accounts
13 payable, so that is a positive sign as well.

14 Next I'll speak about the University
15 for a second. Outside of the vote to put
16 the resolution back on the agenda I just
17 want to talk about PILOTS for a second.
18 Mr. Loscombe brought up good point about
19 Providence, Rhode Island, and I think it's
20 time for the nonprofits in this area to step
21 up and take the challenge and be leaders in
22 helping the city because currently the
23 residents of this city are definitely
24 overtaxed and they can't afford to pay much
25 more.

1 And with the Supreme Court award
2 looming in the background, unfortunately, if
3 we don't receive a commuter tax or other
4 alternative sources of revenue, there is not
5 much else left besides tax increases because
6 the state limits what types of taxes can
7 that can be imposed on its residents, so I'd
8 like to challenge the University and I'd
9 like to challenge other nonprofits to
10 contribute more to the city. The city needs
11 it. The city desperately needs your help.

12 I do have one citizen's request for
13 tonight in regard to the exit of Jay's
14 Commons. I received an issue from a
15 resident with traffic coming out of Jay's
16 Commons creating a disturbance on Main
17 Avenue regarding traffic patterns and also
18 the resident informed me that the gate in
19 the back of Jay's Commons is permanently
20 closed.

21 Mrs. Krake, if we could please
22 contact, I'm not sure who the appropriate
23 party would be for this, to investigate this
24 the situation, perhaps we could do some
25 research and find out who the appropriate

1 party would be for this situation. And
2 that's all I have more tonight.

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: Mrs. Evans?

4 MS. EVANS: Yes?

5 MR. LOSCOMBE: I just forgot one --
6 you know, I think it says a lot, one
7 statement that I forgot to state on the
8 PILOTS. Mr. Joyce speaking about them
9 reminded me, but I do have a letter to the
10 agreement from Providence College's
11 president regarding their PILOT agreement to
12 their students, and it's a pretty lengthy
13 letter, but there is a very important part
14 of this letter. It says, "Mindful of the
15 city's willingness to structure these
16 agreements on a quid pro quo basis," here we
17 are called extortionist, there it's a quid
18 pro quo, they got a little bit of a parking
19 area, "And knowing that they are hopeful in
20 striking some type of arrangement with all
21 of the major nonprofits institution in this
22 Providence."

23 But I just thought that was
24 important because the news media up there
25 tells it the right way and the news media

1 here distorts what our intentions are.

2 MS. EVANS: Yes, and we actually --
3 I had reported on Providence last year quite
4 extensively --

5 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

6 MS. EVANS: -- as had our solicitor
7 and much of the success that they
8 experienced had been due to the efforts of
9 their mayor. The city was facing bankruptcy
10 and the mayor reached out to the nonprofits
11 and was quite successful, but I would
12 wonder, also, are any of these nonprofits
13 suing Providence, Rhode Island, at the same
14 time as they were looking for quid pro quo.

15 MR. ROGAN: Mrs. Evans, I just
16 wanted to mention one thing, I received a
17 message, it mentioned about the letter to
18 the editor that was in the paper, I just
19 wanted to state that was not written by the
20 husband of the zoning board member.

21 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Good
22 evening, everyone. City council's agenda
23 tonight includes two emergency certificates
24 which were submitted on June 26 and 27 by
25 the administration. The first certificate

1 is for an immediate approval of Item 5-J
2 which authorizes the mayor and other
3 appropriate city officials to enter into a
4 management agreement with Republic Parking
5 System, the lowest responsible bidder for
6 parking meter management. The current
7 month-to-month agreement with Standard
8 parking will terminate on June 30, 2013, and
9 the contract with Republic Parking System
10 will begin on July 1, 2013. Consequently,
11 in order to prevent a lapse in management
12 the legislation requires immediate approval.

13 In addition, Council Solicitor
14 Hughes attended several meetings with
15 Republic and the administration,
16 participated in the drafting of this
17 legislation, and advises city council to
18 provide its approval tonight.

19 The second certificate is for
20 disbursement of up to \$20,000 from the UDAG
21 repayment account for payment of an audit of
22 the Scranton Parking Authority. Such audit
23 is required to complete the 2012 independent
24 audit of the City of Scranton and to obtain
25 findings for payment of the Supreme Court

1 award to police and fire. Again, Solicitor
2 Hughes advises council to advance and
3 approve this legislation during tonight's
4 meeting.

5 Also, Solicitor Hughes, an authority
6 in eminent domain cases, thoroughly reviewed
7 agenda Item 5-E which authorizes acquisition
8 by eminent domain of a parcel affected by
9 the Rockwell Avenue bridge repair project
10 supplemental agreement and federal project
11 and he approves of it.

12 Next, Items 5-H and 5-I include
13 lease agreements with United Neighborhood
14 Centers Cabrini and Bellevue Centers for a
15 ten-year period with three successive
16 ten-year renewal terms of the tenant's
17 option. Both ordinances were reviewed and
18 revised by Solicitor Hughes and his
19 corrections have been included.

20 Yesterday our council staff informed
21 me that two alternate positions on the
22 Scranton Zoning Board will expire on July 1.
23 Since council members did not agree on
24 appointments -- or could not be reached,
25 appointments of alternates could not be

1 included in tonight's agenda. Consequently,
2 rather than renewing terms or choosing from
3 the pool of previous applicants for
4 permanent positions, council will ask for
5 applicants again. City residents who wish
6 to serve as alternates must submit letters
7 of interest and resumes to the Office of
8 City Council either by mail or hand delivery
9 on or before July 8, 2013. Information
10 submitted by e-mail will not be eligible for
11 consideration.

12 MR. MCGOFF: Mrs. Evans, people who
13 have submitted resumes for the two permanent
14 positions, if they wish to also be
15 considered for the alternates can they just
16 call the office and have them --

17 MS. EVANS: Certainly.

18 MR. MCGOFF: -- move the --

19 MS. EVANS: I agree.

20 MR. MCGOFF: So they don't have to
21 submit a second resume.

22 MS. EVANS: Yes.

23 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.

24 MS. EVANS: And finally, I'd like to
25 welcome all Pennsylvania American Federation

1 of Teacher members to their annual
2 convention, which will be held in downtown
3 Scranton this weekend and hosted by our own
4 SFT President RoseMary Boland and proud SFT
5 members.

6 At this time I would like to read a
7 letter that was drafted by our assistant
8 city clerk, Ms. Carrera, and we thank her
9 for doing so on our behalf. "Scranton City
10 Council welcomes the American Federation of
11 Teachers of Pennsylvania. The AFT PA 2013
12 convention, the future of our union, will be
13 held in Scranton at the Hilton Hotel and
14 Conference Center beginning Friday, June 28,
15 through Sunday, June 30, 2013. Elections
16 for state officers and executive council
17 members will be held on Saturday.

18 The AFT PA is a union of
19 professionals whose work is done to benefit
20 education in the State of Pennsylvania.
21 They are committed to creating a positive
22 learning experience for children throughout
23 our state and are advocates of the public
24 school system and all of its employees.

25 The AFT PA is acutely aware of the

1 challenges they face going forward. The
2 taxes on the institutions they serve, on
3 their collective bargaining rights, their
4 financial security, and their middle class
5 way of life."

6 And I believe this will be presented
7 to the president during the convention, and
8 I can say, again, as a 25-year union member
9 of the AFT I am particularly pleased by the
10 great honor awarded to our local Scranton
11 Federation of Teachers in conducting this
12 very prestigious convention, and that's it.

13 MS. KRAKE: 5-B. AMENDING SECTION
14 340-1, 340-8, 340-9 AND 340-13(A)
15 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON
16 GOVERNING PEDDLING AND SOLICITING WITHIN THE
17 CITY OF SCRANTON.

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

21 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

22 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

25 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

1 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

2 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

3 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

6 MS. KRAKE: 5-C. ESTABLISHING THE
7 DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND QUALIFICATIONS
8 OF THE CITY HEALTH INSPECTOR, PROVIDING FOR
9 THE PAYMENT OF AN ANNUAL LICENSE FEE FOR
10 PUBLIC EATING AND DRINKING ESTABLISHMENTS
11 WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON, ESTABLISHING
12 ANNUAL APPLICATION AND RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS,
13 IMPOSING CERTAIN DUTIES UPON THE DIRECTOR OF
14 LICENSING, INSPECTIONS AND PERMITS AND THE
15 CITY HEALTH INSPECTOR, PROVIDING GUIDELINES
16 FOR REVOCATION AND REINSTATEMENT OF
17 LICENSES, AND PROVIDING FOR IMPOSITION OF
18 PENALTIES.

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

22 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

23 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

1 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

2 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

4 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

7 MS. KRAKE: 5-D. AUTHORIZING THE
8 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
9 TO DISBURSE THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS
10 (\$30,000.00) FROM THE ACCOUNT INTO WHICH
11 REPAYMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACTION GRANTS
12 (UDAG) ARE DEPOSITED (UDAG REPAYMENT
13 ACCOUNT) FOR THE CONNELL PARK AND NOVEMBRINO
14 SWIMMING POOLS TO BE OPENED IN TIME FOR THE
15 2013 SWIMMING SEASON.

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

19 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

20 MR. JOYCE: Second.

21 MS. EVANS: On the question?

22 MR. MCGOFF: Yeah, I just in driving
23 by both of those pools it doesn't appear
24 that either is going to be ready for the
25 2013 swimming season. Both seem to be in

1 great disrepair, so hopefully, you know,
2 hopefully the \$30,000 can get that
3 accomplished, but I'm not sure that that's
4 going to happen.

5 MS. EVANS: Would you prefer to
6 table it?

7 MR. MCGOFF: I would hope that --
8 no, I would like to move it forward, I would
9 hope that, you know, with this investment
10 that we can do something to repair those at
11 least partial -- have a partial season at
12 those pools.

13 MR. ROGAN: I would add, I drive by
14 Novembrino Pool almost every day and I know
15 for probably a year now there has been a
16 wooden paddle in the back corner, I don't
17 know if anyone else has seen that, and you
18 can see some crumbling in that area and
19 hopefully, like Mr. McGoff said, hopefully
20 this is enough money to get the pools open
21 but if it isn't, I would hope that it would
22 be used for permanent repairs that they can
23 get them at the very least up and running
24 for the following year, so I do think we
25 should approve it.

1 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

2 MS. EVANS: I agree, and just as a
3 reminder any disbursement of the UDAG RE-RE
4 funds has to be made by Scranton City
5 Council and can be used for only the
6 specified purposes, so those funds even in
7 the event that the two additional pools fail
8 to open this summer cannot be used for any
9 other purpose.

10 MR. LOSCOMBE: If they could provide
11 a list of expenditures with that, too.

12 MS. EVANS: Um-hum.

13 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

14 MS. EVANS: All those in favor
15 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. AUTHORIZING THE
23 ACQUISITION BY EMINENT DOMAIN OF THE PARCEL
24 AFFECTED BY THE ROCKWELL AVENUE BRIDGE
25 REPAIR PROJECT SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO.

1 041222-C AND FEDERAL PROJECT NO.
2 117-X042-060.

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

6 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

7 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

10 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

11 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

12 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

13 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

16 MS. KRAKE: 5-F. AUTHORIZING THE
17 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
18 TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A LEASE
19 AGREEMENT WITH NORTHEAST INSPECTION
20 CONSULTANTS ("NEIC") FOR THE FORMER SUPPLY
21 ROOM IN THE LICENSING, INSPECTIONS AND
22 PERMITS (LIPS), FOURTH FLOOR, CITY HALL TO
23 BE USED FOR THIRD-PARTY INSPECTIONS.

24 MS. EVANS: At this time I'll
25 entertain a motion that Item 5-F be

1 introduced into its proper committee.

2 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

3 MR. JOYCE: Second.

4 MS. EVANS: On the question? I
5 believe that any NEIC has been utilizing
6 that supply room since January of 2013, and
7 they are paying a monthly rent to the city
8 of \$500.

9 All those in favor signify by saying
10 aye.

11 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

12 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

13 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

14 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

17 MS. KRAKE: 5-G. SALE OF TAX
18 DELINQUENT PROPERTY MORE COMMONLY KNOWN
19 AS 2314 PITTSTON AVENUE, TAX MAP NO.
20 16714-010-046, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TO
21 GEORGE J. LANGAN, JR., 2313 PITTSTON AVENUE,
22 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18505, FOR THE
23 CONSIDERATION OF \$5,000.

24 MS. EVANS: At this time I'll
25 entertain a motion that Item 5-G be

1 introduced into its proper committee.

2 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

3 MR. JOYCE: Second.

4 MS. EVANS: On the question? All
5 those in favor signify by 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-H. AUTHORIZING THE
13 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE
14 CITY OF SCRANTON TO ENTER INTO A LEASE
15 AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD
16 CENTERS OF NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA KNOWN
17 AS THE CABRINI CENTER LOCATED AT 1004
18 JACKSON STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA FOR A
19 TEN (10) YEAR PERIOD WITH THREE (3)
20 SUCCESSIVE TEN (10) YEAR RENEWAL TERMS AT
21 TENANT'S OPTION.

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

25 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

1 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

4 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

5 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

6 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

7 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

10 MS. KRAKE: 5-I. AUTHORIZING THE
11 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE
12 CITY OF SCRANTON TO ENTER INTO A LEASE
13 AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD
14 CENTERS OF NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA KNOWN
15 AS THE BELLEVUE CENTER LOCATED AT 531 EMMETT
16 STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA FOR A TEN
17 (10) YEAR PERIOD WITH THREE (3) SUCCESSIVE
18 TEN (10) YEAR RENEWAL TERMS AT TENANT'S
19 OPTION.

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

23 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

24 MR. JOYCE: Second.

25 MS. EVANS: On the question? All

1 those in favor signify by saying aye.

2 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

3 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

4 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

5 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

8 MS. KRAKE: 5-J. AUTHORIZING THE
9 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
10 TO ENTER INTO A MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH
11 REPUBLIC PARKING SYSTEM TO ADMINISTER AND
12 MANAGE THE CITY'S ON-STREET PARKING METER
13 OPERATION; PROCURE ON-STREET PARKING METER
14 EQUIPMENT; ENFORCE VIOLATIONS OF CITY
15 ON-STREET PARKING METER ORDINANCES; EMPLOY
16 PERSONNEL TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE THE
17 CITY'S ON-STREET METERED PARKING OPERATION;
18 PREPARE AND DELIVER TO THE CITY A BUDGET
19 EVERY YEAR FOR CITY APPROVAL; DEPOSIT GROSS
20 RECEIPTS FROM MONIES COLLECTED AND EARNED BY
21 REPUBLIC INTO A FEDERALLY INSURED BANK
22 ACCOUNT IN EXCHANGE FOR THE SUM OF FIVE
23 THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00 PER MONTH FOR A
24 PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS BEGINNING JULY 1,
25 2013 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2018. (EMERGENCY

1 CERTIFICATE ATTACHED)

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

5 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

6 MR. JOYCE: Second.

7 MS. EVANS: On the question?

8 MR. ROGAN: Yes, on the question, I
9 will vote "yes" for this legislation in
10 Fifth Order. I strongly disagree with the
11 emergency certificate. This legislation is
12 spending \$300,000 over the next five years
13 and I do think it would be proper, as we did
14 with Standard Parking, to have a caucus and
15 have them come in to answer questions from
16 council. If this happened last -- you know,
17 if this exact scenario had played out with
18 Standard it wouldn't have been approved.

19 I know that that caucus, at least
20 for me and I think for everyone on the
21 board, was eye opening that they weren't the
22 right firm for the city and I know the
23 argument is going to be made that, well, we
24 wouldn't have a management firm, but that's
25 already happened when the Parking Authority

1 went under and the city, they became city
2 employees for that short period of time.

3 MS. EVANS: Actually, it was not the
4 caucus I think that engendered the bidding
5 of the contract, it was the fact that nobody
6 -- no bidding of a contract occurred and as
7 a result the process was postponed now for
8 nearly six months and the city has fallen
9 behind on parking meter and citation revenue
10 as a result we are not up to where our
11 projections should be because we delayed the
12 process, rightfully so because we were
13 seeking to have a bid and we have now the
14 lowest responsible bidder who has been in
15 talks with, as I said, the administration,
16 the city clerk, our city council solicitor,
17 and I think it's important that we get
18 moving on this so that the city isn't
19 loosing that revenue.

20 All those in favor signify by saying
21 aye.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

23 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

24 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

25 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

3 MS. KRAKE: 5-K. APPOINTING, ALAN
4 O'NEILL REAR 1440 CHURCH STREET, SCRANTON,
5 PENNSYLVANIA, 18508, AS A MEMBER OF THE
6 BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR THE CITY OF
7 SCRANTON. MR. O'NEILL WILL REPLACE LANCE
8 STANGE JR., WHOSE TERM EXPIRES ON JULY 1,
9 2013. ALAN O'NEILL'S TERM WILL COMMENCE ON
10 JULY 2, 2013 AND EXPIRE ON JULY 1, 2018.

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

14 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

15 MR. JOYCE: Second.

16 MS. EVANS: On the question?

17 MR. ROGAN: Yes, on the question,
18 how were these two picks made and by whom
19 were they made?

20 MS. EVANS: This particular
21 selection of Mr. O'Neill was made by me. I
22 have had only one appointment to the zoning
23 board during this four-year term, whereas
24 most of my colleagues have had two
25 appointments, so on the rotational basis it

1 became my turn for an appointment.

2 Anyone else? All those in favor
3 signify by saying aye.

4 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

5 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

6 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

7 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

10 MS. KRAKE: 5-L. APPOINTING SHAWN
11 WALSH, 2821 CEDAR AVE., SCRANTON,
12 PENNSYLVANIA, 18505, AS A MEMBER OF THE
13 BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR THE CITY OF
14 SCRANTON. MR. WALSH WILL REPLACE MARY ANN
15 WARDELL WHOSE TERM EXPIRES ON JULY 1, 2013.
16 SHAWN WALSH'S TERM WILL COMMENCE ON
17 JULY 2, 2013 AND EXPIRE ON JULY 1, 2018.

18 MS. EVANS: At this time I'll
19 entertain a motion that Item 5-L be
20 introduced into its proper committee.

21 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

22 MR. JOYCE: Second.

23 MS. EVANS: On the question?

24 MR. ROGAN: Same question as the
25 first one.

1 MR. LOSCOMBE: This one was my
2 appointment, my second appointment, and I
3 believe Mrs. Wardell has done a fantastic
4 job and I would definitely vote to keep her
5 on, but I had made a commitment awhile ago
6 that my next appointment -- I made a
7 commitment to this gentleman that my next
8 appointment would be him, so I don't know,
9 you know, how they fall, so I would hope
10 that we would be able to see Mrs. Wardell on
11 there again, but that's my explanation.

12 MR. ROGAN: Thank you, and I also
13 would like to mention I'll support the
14 appointment, but Mrs. Wardell did a great
15 job on the board even though in this one of
16 these recent decisions I disagreed with her,
17 but she was also very thorough and very fair
18 and the same could be said for Mr. Stange,
19 and it's unfortunate that they will both be
20 leaving the board.

21 MR. LOSCOMBE: I agree with you.

22 MS. EVANS: And I, too. Mr. Stange
23 though, as I had mentioned, had previously
24 submitted his letter of resignation. He was
25 not interested in serving an additional

1 term. He had been my appointment, my one
2 and only appointment to the zoning board.

3 As for the alternates that I
4 mentioned earlier, there are two positions
5 that are becoming available as of July 1 and
6 I believe those appointments would belong to
7 Councilman Rogan and Councilman Joyce and,
8 you know, I'd like to have that ready for
9 both of you for the July 11 meeting and
10 certainly, Mr. Rogan, you can, if you so
11 choose, nominate and appoint Mrs. Wardell as
12 your choice for alternate.

13 MR. ROGAN: Thank you.

14 MS. EVANS: All those in favor
15 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: EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE.
23 5-M. AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
24 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO DISBURSE FUNDS
25 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY THOUSAND

1 DOLLARS (\$20,000.00) FROM THE ACCOUNT INTO
2 WHICH REPAYMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACTION
3 GRANTS (UDAG) ARE DEPOSITED (UDAG REPAYMENT
4 ACCOUNT) IN ORDER TO FINANCE THE COST OF AN
5 AUDIT OF THE SCRANTON PARKING AUTHORITY, TO
6 BE PERFORMED BY MCGRAIL, MERKEL, QUINN &
7 ASSOCIATES, P.C., FOR THE PURPOSES OF
8 COMPLETING THE 2012 CITY OF SCRANTON AUDIT.

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

12 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

13 MR. JOYCE: Second.

14 MS. EVANS: On the question? All
15 those 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 MR. JOYCE: I make a motion to
23 suspend the rules to move Items 5-J and 5-M
24 to Sixth and Seventh Order to be considered
25 for final passage based on the attached

1 emergency certificates.

2 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

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

5 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

6 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

7 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

8 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed?

9 MR. ROGAN: No.

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

12 MS. KRAKE: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A -
13 FORMERLY 5-J - READING BY TITLE - FILE OF
14 COUNCIL NO. 31, 2013 - AN ORDINANCE -
15 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
16 CITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO A MANAGEMENT
17 AGREEMENT WITH REPUBLIC PARKING SYSTEM TO
18 ADMINISTER AND MANAGE THE CITY'S ON-STREET
19 PARKING METER OPERATION; PROCURE ON-STREET
20 PARKING METER EQUIPMENT; ENFORCE VIOLATIONS
21 OF CITY ON-STREET PARKING METER ORDINANCES;
22 EMPLOY PERSONNEL TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE
23 THE CITY'S ON-STREET METERED PARKING
24 OPERATION; PREPARE AND DELIVER TO THE CITY A
25 BUDGET EVERY YEAR FOR CITY APPROVAL; DEPOSIT

1 GROSS RECEIPTS FROM MONIES COLLECTED AND
2 EARNED BY REPUBLIC INTO A FEDERALLY INSURED
3 BANK ACCOUNT IN EXCHANGE FOR THE SUM OF FIVE
4 THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00 PER MONTH FOR A
5 PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS BEGINNING JULY 1,
6 2013 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2018. (EMERGENCY
7 CERTIFICATE ATTACHED).

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

10 MR. JOYCE: I move that Item 6-A
11 pass reading by title.

12 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

13 MS. EVANS: On the question?

14 MR. ROGAN: Again, I just believe
15 this should -- we should have at least two
16 readings of this so we can get a little bit
17 more time for the public input and I did
18 speak to a few employees that did meet the
19 company and they did seem pleased, which is
20 good to hear, that they were getting some of
21 their packages back which certainly is the
22 right thing to do, but I would just like a
23 little more time not only to review it but
24 to listen to the public.

25 MR. LOSCOMBE: Mr. Rogan -- go

1 ahead.

2 MR. MCGOFF: And I'll reiterate what
3 Mrs. Evans said that we have followed
4 procedure in the selection of Republic and
5 that it's I believe time to put them to
6 work.

7 MR. LOSCOMBE: And I agree with
8 Mr. Rogan's logic, but definitely, I mean,
9 no one has been more pushing for the parking
10 than us and seeing that it was done right,
11 but the issue is we did get this down from
12 the city it was checked out by our solicitor
13 and all of that and here we are at the end
14 of June and they want to start it July 1,
15 but I do understand where you are coming
16 from, but at this point I have faith in our
17 clerk and our attorney that they reviewed
18 everything.

19 MS. EVANS: And all the appropriate
20 revisions.

21 All those in favor signify by saying
22 aye.

23 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

24 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

25 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

1 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed?

2 MR. ROGAN: No.

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

5 MS. KRAKE: 6-B - FORMALLY 5-M -
6 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 32,
7 2-13 - AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
8 AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO
9 DISBURSE FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
10 TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000.00) FROM
11 THE ACCOUNT INTO WHICH REPAYMENT OF URBAN
12 DEVELOPMENT ACTION GRANTS (UDAG) ARE
13 DEPOSITED (UDAG REPAYMENT ACCOUNT) IN ORDER
14 TO FINANCE THE COST OF AN AUDIT OF THE
15 SCRANTON PARKING AUTHORITY, TO BE PERFORMED
16 BY MCGRAIL, MERKEL, QUINN & ASSOCIATES,
17 P.C., FOR THE PURPOSES OF COMPLETING THE
18 2012 CITY OF SCRANTON AUDIT.

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

21 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-B
22 pass reading by title.

23 MR. JOYCE: Second.

24 MS. EVANS: On the question?

25 MR. MCGOFF: I'd just like to

1 comment that I think this an important to do
2 because the number of meetings that we have
3 had this is holding it up, the lack of a
4 Parking Authority budget or audit is holding
5 up the overall audit and we need to do this
6 so they we can move forward with a lot of
7 the items, and in particular the borrowing
8 for the backpay for --

9 MS. EVANS: And up until now I would
10 say there has been a degree of improved
11 progress this year with regard to the city's
12 independent audit and this is, as you said,
13 a major obstacle at this point in time and
14 since no other party agreed to pay for it or
15 participate in the payment of the audit it's
16 necessary that the city provide that funding
17 as soon as possible to get it rolling.

18 Anyone else on the question? All
19 those in favor signify by saying aye.

20 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

21 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

22 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

23 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

1 Is there anyone who wishes to
2 address council on Items 6-A and 6-B that
3 have been moved to Seventh Order? Mrs.
4 Krake?

5 MS. KRAKE: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR
6 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
7 SAFETY - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO.
8 30, 2013 - AMENDING FILE OF COUNCIL NUMBER
9 54, 1986 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING
10 FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING AREAS WHERE OFFICIAL
11 SIGNS INDICATE; DEFINING AND PRESCRIBING
12 PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT
13 THEREOF", BY ADDING A SECTION PROVIDING FOR
14 A PROGRAM FOR THE SCRANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
15 TO MONITOR A RENEWAL PROCESS ON ITS
16 APPLICATION FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING SIGNS.

17 MS. EVANS: What is the
18 recommendation of the Chair for the
19 Committee on Public Safety?

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: As Chair for the
21 Committee on Public Safety, I recommend
22 final passage of Item 7-A.

23 MR. ROGAN: Second.

24 MS. EVANS: On the question?

25 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes, just on the

1 question to address Mr. Rogan's issue
2 earlier, I will give you a call, Pat, I'll
3 setup a meeting with the chief and maybe we
4 could present that to him.

5 MR. ROGAN: Yeah. Like I said, I
6 agree with -- I agree with the intent --

7 MR. LOSCOMBE: Exactly.

8 MR. ROGAN: -- of the ordinance.

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: This will get it
10 rolling.

11 MR. ROGAN: Yeah, there is no
12 question I agree with the intent, I'm just
13 hopeful that we could work out either some
14 amendments or some other ways to fund it and
15 possibly do away with the fee. I was hoping
16 it would be tabled.

17 MS. EVANS: Well, the program wasn't
18 designed as a revenue generator, it was
19 designed by the acting chief of police at
20 our request because there were so many
21 issues with handicapped parking signs.
22 Throughout the city many individuals who
23 have them needlessly or who have
24 unfortunately passed away and the signs
25 remain in front of their homes and meanwhile

1 we have many, many residents who are in dire
2 need of the signs who cannot receive them,
3 so the point is I think to ensure there is a
4 process this time where there hasn't been in
5 years, which is why we have this stockpiling
6 of signs on so many streets throughout the
7 city where almost every home on the street
8 had it's own handicapped sign, and we can
9 address this appropriately and as a result
10 provide the signs to the individuals who
11 need them most.

12 MR. JOYCE: And if I could just add,
13 Mr. Loscombe and Mr. Rogan, if you keep me
14 up-to-date on the talks that you have with
15 the chief I would be very interested in it
16 as well because I would like to see the
17 elimination of the \$10 fee. I think that
18 it's very burdensome on the handicap and
19 senior citizens that utilize those signs.

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: I think most of the
21 cost is clerical costs now and --

22 MS. EVANS: That's all it is.

23 MR. ROGAN: Absolutely.

24 MS. EVANS: Without the mailings
25 though you are not keeping track annually of

1 those signs.

2 MR. ROGAN: I agree.

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: I think we all agree
4 we can't do it for free.

5 MR. ROGAN: It's certainly not going
6 to be something that generates revenue, but
7 like was mentioned, there is a cost
8 associated with it and the current form of a
9 fee I just don't like the sound of taxing,
10 you know, the handicapped, but if we could
11 look into getting a grant, as Mr. Sbaraglia
12 mentioned, or finding another way to fund it
13 I think it's definitely something that need,
14 so hopefully we can alter it and I'll be
15 glad to work with anyone who is interested
16 on that.

17 MS. EVANS: Roll call, please.

18 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

19 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

20 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

21 MR. ROGAN: No.

22 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

23 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

24 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

25 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

1 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

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

4 MS. KRAKE: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION
5 BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT-
6 FOR ADOPTION -RESOLUTION NO. 23, 2013
7 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
8 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO GRANT A
9 SPECIAL ENCROACHMENT PERMIT TO MULLIGAN'S
10 SPORTS & SPIRITS TO OPERATE AN OUTDOOR
11 RESTAURANT AT 519 LINDEN STREET SCRANTON,
12 PENNSYLVANIA.

13 MS. EVANS: What is the
14 recommendation of the Chair for the
15 Committee on Community Development?

16 MR. ROGAN: As Chair for the
17 Committee on Community Development, I
18 recommend final passage of Item 7-B.

19 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

22 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

23 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

24 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

25 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

1 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

2 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

3 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

4 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

5 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

6 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare

7 Item 7-B legally and lawfully adopted.

8 MS. KRAKE: 7-C - FORMERLY 6-A - FOR
9 CONSIDERATION FOR THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
10 SAFETY - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO.
11 31, 2013 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
12 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO A
13 MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH REPUBLIC PARKING
14 SYSTEM TO ADMINISTER AND MANAGE THE CITY'S
15 ON-STREET PARKING METER OPERATION; PROCURE
16 ON-STREET PARKING METER EQUIPMENT; ENFORCE
17 VIOLATIONS OF CITY ON-STREET PARKING METER
18 ORDINANCES; EMPLOY PERSONNEL TO ADMINISTER
19 AND ENFORCE THE CITY'S ON-STREET METERED
20 PARKING OPERATION; PREPARE AND DELIVER TO
21 THE CITY A BUDGET EVERY YEAR FOR CITY
22 APPROVAL; DEPOSIT GROSS RECEIPTS FROM MONIES
23 COLLECTED AND EARNED BY REPUBLIC INTO A
24 FEDERALLY INSURED BANK ACCOUNT IN EXCHANGE
25 FOR THE SUM OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS

1 (\$5,000.00 PER MONTH FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE
2 (5) YEARS BEGINNING JULY 1, 2013 AND ENDING
3 ON JUNE 30, 2018. (EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE
4 ATTACHED) .

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

8 MR. LOSCOMBE: As Chairperson for
9 the Committee on Public Safety, I recommend
10 final passage of Item 7-C.

11 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

14 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

15 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

16 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

17 MR. ROGAN: No.

18 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

19 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

20 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

21 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

22 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

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

25 MS. KRAKE: 7-D, FORMERLY 6-B - FOR

1 CONSIDERATION FOR THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE -
2 FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 32, 2-13
3 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
4 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO DISBURSE FUNDS
5 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY THOUSAND
6 DOLLARS (\$20,000.00) FROM THE ACCOUNT INTO
7 WHICH REPAYMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACTION
8 GRANTS (UDAG) ARE DEPOSITED (UDAG REPAYMENT
9 ACCOUNT) IN ORDER TO FINANCE THE COST OF AN
10 AUDIT OF THE SCRANTON PARKING AUTHORITY, TO
11 BE PERFORMED BY MCGRAIL, MERKEL, QUINN &
12 ASSOCIATES, P.C., FOR THE PURPOSES OF
13 COMPLETING THE 2012 CITY OF SCRANTON AUDIT.

14 MS. EVANS: What is the
15 recommendation of the Chair for the
16 Committee on Finance?

17 MR. JOYCE: As Chairperson for the
18 Committee on Finance, I recommend final
19 passage of Item 7-D.

20 MR. JOYCE: Second.

21 MS. EVANS: On the question? Roll
22 call, please?

23 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

24 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

25 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

1 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

2 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

4 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

5 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

6 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

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

9 MR. ROGAN: Mrs. Evans, before we
10 adjourn we would be placing the FNP Reality
11 issue on the agenda for the July 11 --

12 MS. EVANS: Yes. I didn't want to
13 place it on the agenda until the public
14 caucus had been conducted.

15 MR. ROGAN: Great.

16 MS. EVANS: And just for the
17 information of the viewing public, city
18 council will not meet next Thursday, July 4,
19 we will resume our regularly scheduled
20 meetings on Thursday, July 11.

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

23 MR. JOYCE: Motion to adjourn.

24 MS. EVANS: This meeting is
25 adjourned.

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I hereby certify that the proceedings and evidence are contained fully and accurately in the notes of testimony taken by me at the hearing of the above-captioned matter and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the same to the best of my ability.

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