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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

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Council Chambers

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

- JANET EVANS, PRESIDENT
- FRANK JOYCE, VICE-PRESIDENT
- ROBERT MCGOFF
- PAT ROGAN
- JOHN LOSCOMBE
- NANCY KRAKE, CITY CLERK
- KATHY CARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK
- BOYD HUGHES, SOLICITOR

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

3 MS. EVANS: Roll call, please.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

5 MR. MCGOFF: Here.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

7 MR. ROGAN: Here.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: Here.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

11 MR. JOYCE: Here.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

13 MS. EVANS: Here.

14 As soon as Mrs. Krake returns, we'll
15 dispense with the reading of the minutes.

16 (Mrs. Krake returns.)

17 MS. EVANS: Dispense with the
18 reading of the minutes, please.

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

20 AUDIT STATUS REPORT RECEIVED FROM ROBERT
21 ROSSI & COMPANY DATED JUNE 19, 2013.

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

24 MS. KRAKE: 3-B. TAX ASSESSOR'S
25 REPORT APPEAL HEARING RESULTS DATED JUNE 12,

1 2013.

2 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?

3 If not, received and filed.

4 MS. KRAKE: 3-C. TAX ASSESSOR'S
5 REPORT FOR HEARING DATE OF JULY 10, 2013.

6 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?

7 If not, received and filed.

8 MS. KRAKE: 3-D. MINUTES OF THE
9 SCRANTON/LACKAWANNA HEALTH & WELFARE
10 AUTHORITY'S REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MAY
11 16, 2013.

12 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?

13 If not, received and filed.

14 MS. KRAKE: 3-E. 2012 COMBINED AUDIT
15 REPORT FOR THE SCRANTON/LACKAWANNA HEALTH
16 AND WELFARE AUTHORITY.

17 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?

18 If not, received and filed.

19 MS. KRAKE: 3-F. MINUTES OF THE
20 FIREMEN'S PENSION COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON
21 MARCH 27, 2013.

22 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?

23 If not, received and filed.

24 MS. KRAKE: 3-G. NOTIFICATION FROM
25 THE FIREMEN'S PENSION COMMISSION THAT

1 MEETINGS WERE NOT HELD ON APRIL 24, 2013 AND
2 MAY 22, 2013 DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM.

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

5 Do we have any clerk's notes
6 tonight, Mrs. Krake?

7 MS. KRAKE: No, Mrs. Evans.

8 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Do any
9 council members have announcements at this
10 time?

11 MR. ROGAN: Yes, I have two. They
12 are both actually for the same young boy,
13 the first one is July 18 and 19 from 10 a.m.
14 to 5 p.m. at Hyde Park Hair Fashions. They
15 are having a benefit for Hunter Ricas.
16 Hunter has Global Development delays that
17 are cause by chromosome breakage. He just
18 started to walk, but is not talking. He
19 receives therapy at St. Joseph's and NEIU.
20 He is doing much better, but the cost of
21 communications devices, braces for legs, and
22 many other items that insurance do not pay
23 for. So that's at Hyde Park Hair Fashions,
24 again, July 18 and 19, and you can just go
25 and let them know that you are there for the

1 benefit for Hunter.

2 Also, there is a benefit cookout for
3 Hunter on Saturday, August 17, from 2 to 6
4 p.m. at the Eagles Club. Tickets are \$15,
5 food, beverage and music will be provided as
6 well as basket raffles. Tickets can be
7 purchased by calling Joann Farber at
8 570-343-1110 or Tracy Refus 570-335-8847.
9 Checks also can be made out to the Hunter
10 Ricas donation fund and mailed to 1204 Rock
11 Street, Scranton, 18504. Thank you.

12 MS. EVANS: Is there anyone else?
13 Mrs. Krake?

14 MS. KRAKE: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'
15 PARTICIPATION.

16 MS. EVANS: Our first and only
17 speaker that has signed in this evening is
18 Dave Dobrzyn.

19 MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening, Council
20 Dave Dobrzyn, resident of Scranton.

21 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

22 MR. DOBRZYN: And taxes and fees
23 paid. I have two questions tonight, I
24 submitted them in writing or will on recent
25 articles in the Scranton Times. One, I

1 think it was the day of the last meeting, I
2 didn't save the article, I may be able to
3 find it, but it reads: "Recently the
4 Times-Tribune ran an article on \$7.8 million
5 owed in trash fees that were delinquent."

6 If so, are there any ongoing
7 attempts to collect and establish, and I
8 suspect the cause was Northeast Credit and
9 Collection in the past. I had trouble with
10 the trash fee when I purchased my house in
11 2002 they did not get me a bill, it got
12 missed in the closing and I was up there, I
13 purchased an adjoining lot that was tax
14 delinquent and they told me that they had me
15 right there on the computer and they told me
16 nothing but it's a bill being owed. I
17 thought it was covered in my closing. They
18 had my credit rating muddied and so forth
19 and it was knocking me down a few points
20 there and I'm a bit curious on this and what
21 we can do and how much is really owed and
22 who knows if it will ever get collected, but
23 it certainly needs to be addressed.

24 And another article mentioned the
25 suit filed by unions to raise retirement

1 pensions for 50 to 70 percent. If so, is
2 this guaranteed by contract and does your
3 council, meaning our attorney, feel we are
4 at risk for more large settlements and
5 further costs in the future. So with your
6 permission I'll drop this off.

7 MS. EVANS: Yes, actually, if you
8 can give it to Ms. Carrera.

9 MS. CARRERA: Thank you.

10 MR. DOBRZYN: And now I'd like to
11 speak about some of the events of the last
12 couple of weeks. I had one question on the
13 proposed parking lot on whether the Capouse
14 Avenue who would maintain that because
15 keeping in mind that our bridges are loaded
16 with ice on walkways and so forth all of the
17 winter and, you know, there would be grass
18 that needed to be cut and hedges needed to
19 be trimmed and plowing possibly in the
20 winter that needed to be done and that's
21 just the question in my mind that we -- the
22 donation of a lot is somewhat neutral, but
23 therein again the maintenance of it could be
24 another story and it could reek unhappiness
25 in the future.

1 And now I'd like to talk become
2 council and the current history of this
3 council. When you people ran, I think it
4 was in 2009, it was my understanding that
5 you accepted no corporate donations
6 whatsoever, not a dime came from any
7 corporation other than maybe a little
8 restaurant or something like that throwing a
9 fundraiser, but there is no major
10 corporations. Now, since, from day one
11 almost, the Scranton Times has constantly,
12 especially the editorial page, harassed,
13 excluding our friend Jim here, he has been
14 fairly decent with the city, but questions
15 asked about medical conditions, questions
16 asked about that were nobody's business and
17 constant, constant every two weeks. There
18 has been five articles on this issue with
19 the Scranton University and it's been
20 reopened, so what's the gripe? I mean, one
21 person voted against it, okay, it's still --
22 it's actually a supermajority voted for it.
23 And, you know, it's a little bit
24 unideological, but I have seen other people
25 vote against tax increases or whatever on

1 ideological grounds because they knew it was
2 going to pass anyway, so, you know, it's
3 just silliness. It's silliness.

4 And I would like to see the
5 University with a few people in the audience
6 ask the Scranton Times to lay off. This is
7 the end of your term and it's winding down,
8 Mrs. Evans, and I don't see why you have to
9 be in the paper every day. The Courts were
10 against us, the legislation is redefining
11 tax exempts and it doesn't sound good for
12 small cities and 33 percent of our towns is
13 nonprofits or tax exempts as I call them, so
14 in that respect, I mean, you people have
15 tried to do what you were supposed to do and
16 what you have agreed to try and do and if it
17 didn't get done start looking at other areas
18 and if you want to come up with a couple of
19 other editorials start looking at the courts
20 and the legislature and so forth that won't
21 let us do what we really need to do, which
22 is collect a few fees and PILOTS and so
23 forth and give it a better fight instead of
24 just asking us whether we want manna from
25 heaven of.

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

2 MR. DOBRZYN: One final thing, the
3 golden parrot goes to the Scranton Times
4 over their constant editorializing and
5 telling us how our lives should be. Thank
6 you and have a good night. Don't forget,
7 Scranton Times, bawk, bawk.

8 MS. EVANS: Is there anyone else who
9 cares to address counsel?

10 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: I'm having a hard
11 time hearing, is there anyway to turn up the
12 volume? We can't hear.

13 MS. EVANS: From the podium?

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Either one. I'm
15 not sure if that speaker is off or what, but
16 it's just very low, we can't hear.

17 MS. KRAKE: Mrs. Evans, that's the
18 acoustics in the room, at one point they
19 changed the speakers to point back towards
20 council, so there is nothing that can be
21 done about that.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: You can't turn it
23 up?

24 MR. UNGVARSKY: No, it's not going
25 through the speakers up here.

1 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yeah, you can't
2 turn up the volume maybe? Okay. It was
3 hard to hear you when you were speaking,
4 it's very difficult to hear. When he is
5 speaking I can't really -- I was having a
6 hard time hearing that. Okay.

7 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

8 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia,
9 citizen of Scranton. Fellow Scrantonians,
10 you got a lot on the agenda so I'm going to
11 go quickly through it, at least some of it.
12 Delinquent refuse fees, the paper said it
13 was something like \$8 1/2 million that we're
14 owed for collecting trash. Is that the
15 right figure. We are close to it at least
16 or a great mistake was made from the
17 Treasurer's Office because my sister got
18 nailed and I had to go to the bank and find
19 a receipt where we paid so is this a true
20 figure or a made up figure because they have
21 very poor accounting in the Treasurer's
22 Office, which I assume they do, if they let
23 \$8 1/2 million go down the drain and most of
24 the that through the Doherty years.
25 Something really, really should be done with

1 that.

2 Now, Boscov's have came up again. I
3 can see that right here, are we are ever
4 going to get that loan? Probably not. We
5 probably should kiss it goodbye because we
6 probably -- they are talking about even
7 going on another 15 years or 12 years or
8 more on that loan.

9 MS. EVANS: I believe, and our
10 solicitor can correct me if I'm wrong, but I
11 believe that this stems from a loan from the
12 1990's and again from 2003, the subordinate
13 loan that the city holds with the Scranton
14 Mall Partners.

15 MR. HUGHES: There was the original
16 financing in which the City of Scranton and
17 all other secondary lenders instead of
18 having them recorded as a second or third
19 and fourth mortgage positions behind the
20 first mortgage we did the agreement so that
21 it can be in what's known as in pari-passu
22 so that it wouldn't be if there ever was a
23 default the second, third and fourth
24 mortgages would all share equally,
25 irregardless of when they were recorded

1 timewise, then later on there was a
2 refinancing of the mall and that was
3 refinanced and again the subordinated
4 position is being -- the bank that did --
5 the original mortgage included the
6 Sampter's, the Oppenheim building and also
7 the mall so that there was the first
8 mortgage on all of them, it was the second
9 mortgage in pari-passu on them. In order to
10 refinance the mall the last time what they
11 did was that they split out the Sampter's
12 and Oppenheim building for separate
13 financing and now with what they are doing
14 is just refinancing this for the Oppenheim
15 and for the Sampter's building and extending
16 the -- and extending the maturity date to
17 2025 so that the cash flow and everything
18 will pay the first mortgage and also the
19 second mortgages, but what they are doing is
20 stretching it out to lower the payments.

21 MR. SBARAGLIA: Okay. That has
22 nothing to do with the 108 loan we were
23 paying for years and years and years on I
24 assume, this is a different one? You do
25 remember the 108 loan that we were paying --

1 MS. EVANS: Um-hum.

2 MR. SBARAGLIA: -- for Boscov.

3 MR. HUGHES: We weren't paying, he
4 was paying.

5 MR. SBARAGLIA: As far as I know the
6 city was paying, if I remember right.

7 MR. HUGHES: The city never from
8 what I know the 108 loan is being paid by
9 Scranton Mall Associates and they are paying
10 the 108. They would be in default on that,
11 the whole thing would be in default if the
12 city had to pay it, so that loan is still --
13 I think the terms of that loan, I mean, I
14 haven't really looked into this in years,
15 but that loan is a separate loan that is
16 being paid independently because there were
17 bonds. This means -- I don't want to get
18 into all of that, but, you know, I could
19 talk about half an hour on that, there is no
20 sense talking about.

21 MR. SBARAGLIA: I only have five
22 minutes.

23 MR. HUGHES: I don't want to take
24 off your time.

25 MR. SBARAGLIA: I don't want to get

1 too much into it, you got a lot on the
2 agenda. Now, with the Cabrini, I don't
3 exactly know, I heard a lot of rumors that
4 they were planning to close it and maybe
5 that was the reason why we are going to go
6 out and there and enter into a lease
7 agreement for it. I see no other reason to
8 get a lease agreement with United
9 Neighborhoods other than the fact they are
10 going to close the center. It doesn't make
11 any other sense because they are supposed to
12 be a nonprofit and one of the dealings of a
13 nonprofit is to do things like that. I'm
14 not going to get into it. I only heard
15 rumors on it, so I don't know how true they
16 are, but I can see no other reason for the
17 city to step unless they are going to close
18 down the center.

19 Okay, we go down to the parking lot
20 that we are going to build for the A & A
21 Auto there project, it's on the agenda
22 again, I just wondered is this going to be a
23 place where people can park and walk into
24 town instead of paying the exorbitant
25 parking fees. If you are building a parking

1 lot there I'm certainty they could park
2 there cars there, people coming out of town
3 and then take the bus into town or walk into
4 town.

5 We have a lot of places where we can
6 park and ride within -- we used to have one
7 in Scranton, too, down there where Abdalla's
8 place is, but things keep changing, but
9 since our police station never got the final
10 coating paved I don't know why we have all
11 of this money to pave private parking lots
12 for people unless we are going to say
13 anybody in the city namely could park there
14 and walk to town if they want to on a nice
15 day, which would probably be good. I can
16 say it would relieve some of the congestion
17 in town, but it wouldn't help the meters any
18 or the Parking Authority. Well, I don't
19 want to get into anymore, get into this over
20 and over and over and it's not worth it
21 actually because whatever it is it's not
22 going to change.

23 And voting "no" on some of these
24 things does not change a darn think because
25 I watched, Janet, you vote "no", I watched

1 Courtright vote "no" and where we are today
2 no matter if you voted "yes" because as you
3 know three people overtake everything and
4 all of this problems we had go back to the
5 last eight years, not so much the four years
6 should you vote on, but the last eight years
7 were terrible as far as the city financing
8 are and they are continuing to get worse and
9 there is no hope I don't think. I really
10 don't.

11 I really think the new mayor when he
12 comes in, whoever it is, if they are going
13 to sit there and pull out their hair and
14 when they see what a terrible mess we are
15 in. Thank you.

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

18 MR. RAMERIZ: Yes. Good evening.

19 MS. JOYCE: Good evening.

20 MR. RAMERIZ: My name is Louis
21 Rameriz, I'm a small business owner in
22 Scranton. My concern is I'm primarily South
23 Side and Cedar Avenue, there was a proposal
24 presented about four years ago for the
25 revitalization program, basically what they

1 did is they had brought a picture showing
2 how Cedar Avenue would look in the next five
3 years, now it's four years later and it
4 doesn't look anything remotely close to the
5 picture that they originally had presented
6 us.

7 I had just recently purchased a
8 property on the Cedar Avenue and for the
9 last four years I have been solely cleaning
10 Cedar Avenue myself from trash and cleaning
11 the gutters and trying to remedy that area.
12 Now, with the revitalization program
13 supposedly they had received about \$250,000
14 and so far all of I have seen done with that
15 money is they have -- they are building --
16 they are breaking ground a block away
17 instead of building a beautiful arch, I
18 guess they were supposed to put up some kind
19 of arch or something at the beginning of the
20 Cedar Avenue that said, "Welcome to
21 Scranton." That hasn't been done.

22 Also, trash cans were supposed to be
23 put in place and they were supposed to redo
24 the sidewalks with that money and none of it
25 has been completed.

1 Outside of that I believe that they
2 have done some things on Pittston Avenue,
3 but that wasn't the original picture that
4 they -- I'm trying to find the actual
5 original picture that they had passed out
6 when they first started about four years
7 ago, so right now, I mean, I just got done
8 mowing somebody else's property that's -- I
9 think it's the city's, but it hasn't been
10 maintained since I have been there.

11 I moved from Wilkes-Barre to open a
12 business here and so, you know, this
13 property I believe that the city owns, you
14 know, there was a fence that was closing it
15 off from people littering and somehow I
16 don't know what happened to the fence, but
17 it was -- it blew down about two years ago
18 and nobody from the city put it back in
19 place and it just laid there for a good year
20 and a half, two years, and then all of a
21 sudden one day I woke up and it was gone and
22 since then it's just been pretty much a
23 place for garbage. I mean, I don't know if
24 people are driving by and just throwing
25 stuff out of the window or what's going on,

1 but I clean it once a week and it's -- every
2 week it's just the same thing over and over
3 again.

4 An easy solution to that would be to
5 just put a couple of nice garbage cans in
6 the area and have somebody go down there and
7 clean out the gutters so that way the
8 streets don't fill up with water and dirt
9 debris and so on and so forth.

10 Also, just real quick, there is no
11 street cleaning, and that's something I'm
12 not used to. I'm from Sunbury,
13 Pennsylvania, and they clean the streets
14 once a week there. I mean, it's pretty much
15 part of their agenda, the city's agenda and
16 it's just a simple matter of asking the
17 people of Scranton to move their vehicles
18 for a day and have a cleaning truck come
19 through and just wash the roads. That's it.
20 Thank you.

21 MR. JOYCE: Thank you.

22 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Mrs. Krake,
23 could we request a written update from Mr.
24 Gownley concerning the city avenue project,
25 and also, if we could notify the DPW about

1 that abandoned lot. I think, you know, if
2 it is city-owned then it is the city's
3 responsibility to clear it and keep it as
4 clean as possible so if we can send two
5 requests, please.

6 MS. KRAKE: Yes.

7 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

8 MR. RAMERIZ: Just one more thing?

9 MS. EVANS: Yes.

10 MR. RAMERIZ: I'm sorry. One thing
11 I did notice a few weeks ago they actually
12 did come through at the beginning of Cedar
13 Avenue and they trimmed the trees, past the
14 first block they didn't -- they pretty much
15 only did it for about 20 to 30 minutes early
16 in the morning, and then they stopped. I'm
17 not sure who is responsible for the trees,
18 but past the first block on Cedar Avenue the
19 trees are actually they are kind of down on
20 the power lines, it's unsafe for the
21 buildings and so and so forth, so if
22 somebody can do somebody about that.

23 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Yes. Mrs.
24 Krake, please incorporate that as well.
25 Thank you very much for bringing this

1 information to our attention.

2 MR. RAMERIZ: Thank you.

3 MS. EVANS: Is there anyone else who
4 cares to address council?

5 MR. FIGURED: Yes. My name is Jack
6 Figured. I'm a resident of Leggett Street,
7 Scranton, and from myself and all of the
8 working people in the City of Scranton I'd
9 like to thank you each and every one of you
10 council persons for listening to what we had
11 to say and I'm sure it brought a lot of
12 discussion with the council and everything
13 on the City of Scranton and the HARB
14 recommendation.

15 I'd like to thank you, Mr. McGoff,
16 Mr. Rogan and Mrs. Evans. I'd like to thank
17 you, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Loscombe, and I know it
18 wasn't an easy decision that it came by.
19 You put the people first in this case. I'm
20 very happy that you did that and I'm hoping
21 it goes forward. There is lot of people out
22 there that could really use the help and
23 thank very much for your help.

24 On a lighter note, I'd like to thank
25 the woman who sent me a very kind note on

1 Saturday, it's a very thoughtful
2 well-written note. She wrote that she looks
3 forward to the good things happening in the
4 City of Scranton and she looks forward to
5 working with the good, honest people that
6 come to this podium and are really trying to
7 do the right thing and I believe we all did
8 the right thing. I believe all of council
9 did and I think everyone else that supported
10 this project and I like to thank you all.
11 And thank you to that woman that sent the
12 note. Thank you.

13 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

14 MR. MILLER: Good evening, Council.
15 Doug Miller, Scranton. First I'd like to
16 start off with agenda item 6-C on the agenda
17 authorizing the mayor and other appropriate
18 city officials to disburse 30,000 both to
19 Connell Park and Novembrino swimming pools
20 in time for the 2013 swim season. I think
21 at this point seeing the date on the
22 calendar, July 11, I think at this point
23 it's certainly going to be quite unrealistic
24 to expect either one of those pools to open
25 in time. You know, I just -- the

1 frustration just continues and I know it's
2 not, you know, council's wrongdoing on any
3 part, you know, Mr. Joyce and, you know, the
4 administration worked very diligently to get
5 the funding but, you know, I think when we
6 talk about the reasoning behind it being
7 that we understand that repairs need to be
8 made this is something we have know for
9 quite some time and why on July 1 all of a
10 sudden we are crawling out of our hole and
11 announcing the pools needs repairs. I think
12 we have known this for many years now and I
13 don't understand why there is just never any
14 sense of the urgency with this
15 administration unless it benefit the elite
16 few in this town and, you know, it's just
17 another slap in the face to the residents of
18 this city where these children are going to
19 suffer.

20 You know, what we would say if it
21 was Nay Aug that was shut down each summer,
22 you know, we know that would never happen,
23 but, you know, anything to benefit the elite
24 few and I think that's what really
25 frustrates myself and a lot of residents of

1 this community is a lot of hardworking
2 people that pay their taxes and only ask for
3 little things. You know, garbage pickup,
4 streets plowed and certainly have to pools
5 in the summer. You know, I really feel
6 sorry for the children in West Side and over
7 in south Side this summer because it's not
8 their fault, obviously. I think we have an
9 administration to thank that for some reason
10 there is never a sense of urgency and I am
11 pretty disgusted with that.

12 I'm just only hopeful moving forward
13 to prioritize things a little better and
14 realize that the essentials matter, you
15 know, rather than worry about taking care of
16 a certain few.

17 Moving on tonight to 5-K, going back
18 to the University project, just want to
19 reiterate once again my feelings on this and
20 my staunch opposition to this project. You
21 know, we hear an awful lot about the jobs
22 and the \$400,000 in permits, but I think if
23 we sit back and really analyze this I take
24 it in a whole different perspective. I
25 don't think this is about unions. I think,

1 \$400,000. You know, I think in the whole
2 grand scheme of things it's not even money
3 when you sit and take a look at what the
4 University takes in every year and I know
5 for many it's comical and I was made a
6 mockery of by my statements, but it's the
7 reality. This issue is about the residents
8 of this city and doing what's best for them
9 and we talk about being champions for the
10 people, well, the best thing we could do is
11 stand our ground and object to this piece of
12 legislation. I see no reason why to move
13 forward with this.

14 I don't dislike the University, I
15 know my comments that I make here
16 repetitively would come across that way, I
17 don't list dislike them. I understand they
18 do goods things in the community, there is
19 no doubt at the end of the day when you take
20 a look at some of the things they do, they
21 provide some great services, but I look at
22 this as the perspective of I know there is a
23 lot of residents in this community that
24 struggle to pay their bills and paying their
25 bills every year isn't an option, you know,

1 they don't come to the city each year and
2 say, well, this year I'm going to give you a
3 little something, and then next year decide
4 maybe, you know, a little less and so on so
5 forth. They have to pay their fair share
6 for the services that are provided to them
7 and when you have an institution that brings
8 in millions and millions of dollars each
9 year I just don't think it's fair to the
10 average ordinary, hardworking, blue collar
11 resident of this city and that's who I look
12 out for.

13 I'm not here to speak on behalf of
14 the University of the Scranton. I don't
15 think members of the council should be mouth
16 pieces for the University. You were elected
17 to represent the residents of this city, you
18 weren't elected to represent the University.
19 If that's the case, then maybe you are in
20 the wrong profession, maybe you should go
21 work for them, but you were elected to do a
22 job and your number one priority is look out
23 for the little guy and I know there is three
24 people on this council that have been doing
25 that for quite some time.

1 So, Mrs. Evans, I'm asking tonight
2 for your colleagues to join you in standing
3 your ground and objecting to this. This is
4 about the people. This isn't about the
5 University. We need to stop being bullied,
6 you need to stand your ground. There is no
7 hurry on this because at the end of the day
8 the zoning board has to overturn is and now
9 we see they are being sued so it goes to
10 show my point that there is no problem with
11 checks being written out and money being
12 spent. It's time they are held accountable
13 and they pay their fair share and I ask you
14 to vote "no" to this, this is about people
15 not the University. Thank you.

16 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Miller.

17 MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening,
18 Council. Marie Schumacher, citizen and
19 resident.

20 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

21 MS. SCHUMACHER: I hadn't planned on
22 it, but I will speak on the University,
23 which you know I'm against. It's you folks
24 up there are or so many of you are against
25 the "U", but the next time we are going to

1 be rough, we are going to really turn the
2 screws down, make them comply with your
3 institutional zone, but it's always next
4 time. I think the basic issue here is they
5 are obviously on the move, they are going
6 out they are not going up, and what needs to
7 be done is a whole meeting on what is their
8 institutional zone. I don't want them
9 taking Mulberry Street, obviously, although
10 they are happy to park there free, but it's
11 the bigger picture. What are their plans
12 for the future? How much more property are
13 they going to take?

14 Wayne Evans realtor and member of
15 the HARB, who was not at the meeting when
16 the HARB recommended the approval of this,
17 actually posted to Mr. Rogan's Facebook
18 account saying one of the things that they
19 had looked at was keeping that YMCA at the
20 corner, they actually had plans for that,
21 and not changing that and working around it
22 and maybe taking the other building down
23 that was the dormitory. I think that would
24 be far better.

25 But, again, it's the bigger problem

1 where are they going and how long is this
2 going to go on and, as I say, you folks have
3 been -- many of you somewhat disappointing.
4 It's always next time.

5 But I do want to speak a little bit,
6 and hopefully I'll have a chance next week
7 again hopefully, on against 7-C. The city
8 is in disrepair, the gentleman who was here,
9 we don't have the personnel to maintain the
10 properties we have, and now we are going to
11 take one property and take it off the tax
12 rolls, we are going to maintain that lot and
13 provide free parking for whatever merchants
14 while other merchants do have their own
15 parking lots and you have not been, I don't
16 think dealt fairly with the merchants
17 downtown yet. You have yet to modify File
18 100 of 2009 that specifies where the parking
19 meters will be, what the time limits will
20 be, what the fees will be, what the house
21 will be, I don't know why that's been held
22 up. And then have you have, I was downtown
23 along with Mr. McGoff and maybe some of the
24 rest of you on the Third of July for the
25 concert and the fireworks and Pango has what

1 seemed to be very permanent signage on the
2 utility polls and I stopped and asked them
3 because I have heard all you have do is put
4 on your smart phone when you leave and when
5 you come back you say you are done. I said,
6 "Can you park for more than two hours?"

7 And they said, "Oh, yes."

8 Now, File of Council 100 of 2009
9 specifies two-hour limit in most of the
10 downtown. There are ten-hour parking areas,
11 but question, are they allowing people to
12 park as long as they want on the street and
13 as long as they pay with their smart phone?
14 You know, again, what are the hours going to
15 be? Are we going to have Saturday parking,
16 are we going to have night parking? I think
17 it's time that you tell the merchants and
18 the citizens what's going to happen, and
19 again, taking the property off the tax
20 rolls.

21 And then while we are talking about
22 revenues and missed revenues, there is a new
23 newspaper in town, it's the Scranton
24 Independent Gazette. What I have here is
25 the Wilkes-Barre Independent Gazette, which

1 is -- I want to welcome the Scranton Gazette
2 to town, but the lead story, the headline
3 for this month was, "Taxpayers banning
4 sweetheart deals," and it's about how --
5 this one in particular is about how somebody
6 fell behind in their taxes and it was sold
7 at a private sale, they came up with money
8 and they weren't allowed to buy it back
9 because this person had been approved by
10 whoever their authorizing agency is, but
11 they hadn't been paying taxes.

12 Now, you folks have done the same
13 thing. Three years ago this last May you
14 authorized the sale of eight properties on
15 East Mountain to a Robert Kolenkoski, a
16 resident of Scranton, for a total of \$49,000
17 for the sales price, but not only has the
18 49,000 not been received by the city, but
19 they have had it for three years and the
20 taxes aren't paid. So I guess if you are
21 the right person and know the right people
22 you can get one of these properties at a
23 private sale and not file the deed, not pay
24 the taxes until you are ready to develop it
25 or to sell it to somebody else. I think

1 it's wrong, I think it's unfair, and we are
2 missing income. Thank you.

3 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

4 MR. FALZETTE: Hi. Chris Falzette,
5 930 Columbia Street. I know this is
6 redundant to you folks because we did have a
7 caucus regarding 7-C two weeks ago, but I
8 did want to answer some of the questions
9 that did come up earlier. We are committed
10 to maintaining and cutting the grass and
11 trimming the hedges on that parking lot.
12 The question came up about the parking and
13 people potentially parking there and going
14 downtown and working with a lot of the
15 engineers on this including Don King and
16 folks like that within the city I believe it
17 was agreed upon that they are going to do
18 like an eight to five two hour or one hour
19 limit on that parking, so the main reason
20 for that was to prevent, you know, just
21 folks just beaching their car there for
22 long-term and I just wanted to address those
23 couple of things, I know we spoke on it at
24 the caucus. I don't know if you folks have
25 any other questions that I can answer while

1 I'm standing here I would be more than happy
2 to do so.

3 MS. EVANS: You did state that you
4 would be maintaining the lot, specifically
5 the landscaping of it, would that include
6 snow removal as well?

7 MR. FALZETTE: To be honest with you
8 I didn't give that any thought, I know we
9 were going to maintain the hedges and the
10 grass. As far as the parking goes it was
11 designed as such that it would be like Penn
12 Avenue so it would be pull in parking, so it
13 would just be a better of a snow plow kind
14 of pulling in there. If was an issue and I
15 needed to have that done I would do so.
16 Again, I haven't given that thought. I gave
17 thought to the grass and the hedges and the
18 stuff of a nature.

19 MS. EVANS: Any other questions?
20 Thank you, Mr. Falzette.

21 MR. FALZETTE: Thank you for your
22 time.

23 MR. DEVERS: Good evening.

24 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

25 MR. DEVERS: My name is Jim Devers

1 and I'm the associate vice-president for
2 facilities operations of the University of
3 Scranton. I'd like to thank the members of
4 council for reconsidering the recommendation
5 from the Historical Architecture Review
6 Board that the University granted a
7 certificate of appropriateness.

8 To answer some of the comments that
9 were made this evening by some of the other
10 speakers, I'd like to reiterate what I
11 explained at previous city council meetings
12 regarding the reason for the need to
13 demolish Leahy Hall. The University
14 seriously evaluated the potential for
15 renovating the existing facility. We hired
16 a national consultant, Einhorn, Yaffee and
17 Prescott to conduct an extensive evaluation
18 of the building, provide a feasibility study
19 of the two interconnected buildings that
20 make up Leahy Hall. EYP has extensive
21 experience in science facilities. In fact
22 they designed our science facility on
23 campus.

24 The study revealed that there are
25 several reasons why we cannot use Leahy

1 Hall. The existing building does not have
2 enough space. Even though there are two
3 buildings, those two buildings do not have
4 enough space to meet the current modern
5 program requirements of occupational
6 therapy, physical therapy, and exercise
7 science. The existing building could not be
8 expanded vertically for structural reasons
9 as well as building of fire code
10 requirements.

11 The 1907 building is basically a
12 wood frame structure and is not capable of
13 the supporting the load of additional floors
14 added to the top of that building. And, of
15 course, Leahy Hall, as I said, consists of
16 the two buildings and the floors do not
17 match up. A building of this type and use
18 must be accessible given the programs that
19 would be contained in it and the clients
20 that it would serve.

21 Finally, we need the new building to
22 connect to the adjacent building McGurrian
23 Hall with its related programs of nursing,
24 education, counseling, and health
25 administration. Code issues as well as

1 floor level issues made this virtually
2 impossible.

3 At the last meeting the city council
4 I was asked to explain the University's
5 urgency in seeking the request for
6 demolition. Currently our project is
7 approximately two months behind schedule.
8 Any further delays may jeopardize the new
9 building, the use of the new building for
10 the fall semester of 2015. Our construction
11 manager Quandt, has revised the timeline to
12 complete the new building so that our
13 students can start using it in the Fall of
14 2015. However, it is quite an aggressive
15 schedule after losing two months. It will
16 result in additional costs to the University
17 because of winter construction and
18 protection that will be required during
19 those winter months for pouring of the
20 concrete and things like that.

21 To remain on schedule we need to
22 begin demolition of Leahy Hall as soon as
23 possible this summer. Not starting
24 demolition as planned jeopardizes the
25 project timeline. The delay will impact the

1 project's positive economic and job creation
2 benefits and create challenges for
3 accreditation of our highly successful
4 health science programs at the university.

5 For these reasons, we urge the
6 members of the council to continue their
7 support of the resolution of 5-K and accept
8 HARB'S recommendation for recommendation for
9 demolition and grant the certificate of
10 appropriateness.

11 I'd be happy to answer any questions
12 you may have regarding this project or the
13 demolition or certificate of
14 appropriateness. Yes, sir?

15 MR. LOSCOMBE: I just have a couple
16 of quick questions, when the University
17 purchased this building was it under the
18 historic registry at that time?

19 MR. DEVERS: I do not believe so,
20 sir. No, we purchased it back before the
21 registry, that was in 1993, I believe the
22 registry was formed in 1993, '94, '95. I
23 have been at the University since 1985 and
24 we owned that building prior to my arrival
25 so it's not on the registry.

1 MR. LOSCOMBE: Did the University
2 object to it being on the historic registry
3 at that time?

4 MR. DEVERS: We have no
5 documentation that lists anything. I have
6 looked through the files that we have at the
7 University, I cannot find any documentation
8 that we have ever been notified that the
9 building was put on the historic registry.
10 In fact, it wasn't until we started in the
11 design process that we found out that it was
12 on the city's historic registry.

13 MR. LOSCOMBE: Again, I asked you
14 the question about the urgency last week, of
15 course, I understand that the plans have
16 been in the process for several years for
17 this building.

18 MR. DEVERS: Well, we have been
19 talking about a new building for -- yes, for
20 quite a few years, yes, sir, we have, but
21 there were other priorities at the
22 University that took precedence over that
23 such as a new science building and some
24 other projects that we deemed not more
25 important, but of higher priority.

1 MR. LOSCOMBE: I understand that,
2 but with this type of construction here, you
3 know, you come and you make it look like we
4 are holding the process up, it was just
5 presented to us.

6 MR. DEVERS: I understand that.

7 MR. LOSCOMBE: And we have some
8 questions that we had to ask and we had to
9 check some situations here.

10 MR. DEVERS: Sure.

11 MR. LOSCOMBE: By with the power of
12 the press and everything it makes us look
13 bad, which is frustrating.

14 MR. DEVERS: I understand.

15 MR. LOSCOMBE: Because we are doing
16 our job, too.

17 MR. DEVERS: I understand that.

18 MR. LOSCOMBE: The University
19 doesn't have any other locations where this
20 building can go?

21 MR. DEVERS: As I stated, sir, the
22 need to construct this building adjacent to
23 McGurkin Hall is paramount to the success of
24 the programs that are contained in the
25 Municipal College of Professional Studies.

1 These are all health related sciences and
2 services that we provide. Counseling,
3 health administration, nursing, as I stated
4 are located in McGurrin Hall and this
5 facility will house occupational therapy,
6 physical therapy and phys-ed science.

7 MR. LOSCOMBE: Now, when McGurrin
8 Hall was designed wasn't it designed to
9 blend in with this building? The
10 architectural colors, the --

11 MR. DEVERS: No, the colors actually
12 -- actually the colors are different.
13 Actually there is a more brownish brick on
14 McGurrin Hall than there is more limestone
15 on McGurrin Hall, so it does compliment the
16 building, but it was not designed for it.

17 MR. LOSCOMBE: I do have
18 communication with contractors and stuff
19 through the years that have done projects
20 for the University and, you know, I do get
21 some feedback on different things and that
22 was the one of the things I was told and it
23 does appear to align and everything, conform
24 to that.

25 MR. DEVERS: Yeah, when buildings

1 are designed --

2 MR. LOSCOMBE: And if they were
3 thinking about this here have they -- again,
4 you expressed that you can't utilize the
5 historic part of the building and tear the
6 rest down and encase it, were there plans
7 developed that did have -- retain the
8 existing historic part the 1907 part with
9 the new building?

10 MR. DEVERS: No.

11 MR. LOSCOMBE: No plans that were
12 done.

13 MR. DEVERS: When EYP performed
14 their feasibility study they looked at
15 saving that existing building and worked
16 very hard to present us with a various plans
17 that would incorporate the programs into
18 that building, but would require the
19 addition, vertical addition of floors onto
20 that building, and it was just structurally
21 not feasible to do so because the footings
22 for that existing building would not support
23 the addition of the floors onto the top of
24 the building.

25 So they did do some models, they did

1 do some test fits, but they all proved to be
2 unbiddable.

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: And just, you know,
4 off the top of my head if, you know, this is
5 approved and we have a building like the
6 Scranton Electric Building, say the
7 University or somebody wants to purchase,
8 that's on the historic registry we have set
9 a precedent now that, you know, just go and
10 tell them you want to tear it down and build
11 a new building because it's not feasible. I
12 just don't understand. We have a historic
13 board here that was here for a reason to
14 preserve our history, if the University --
15 and I think they are pretty prudent should
16 have known it was on the historic registry,
17 should have fought it if they didn't want it
18 at that time, but kept it in the meantime.

19 I have nothing -- and again, the
20 newspapers, the University, everybody is
21 going to lay it out and say, "We don't want
22 the guys to have jobs or work or anything
23 like that."

24 It's not that. I do love the
25 University. I have several family members

1 who graduated from there and have fantastic
2 jobs because of it. I think they have done
3 a fantastic job in the Hill Section, but we
4 can't keep making rules for one entity and
5 not the other evenly.

6 We have a Historic Review Board,
7 yes, the reason I approved bringing it back
8 up here again was to let us all vote, just
9 like the Historic Board should all vote.
10 They should have another meeting and let
11 them all vote and see because I have got a
12 lot of different feedback from them.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Do you know that they
14 haven't?

15 MR. LOSCOMBE: That they haven't had
16 another vote?

17 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

18 MR. LOSCOMBE: No, I don't.

19 MR. MCGOFF: I believe --

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: We asked for the
21 minutes, have you received any minutes from
22 the Historic Board?

23 MS. KRAKE: No.

24 MR. MCGOFF: I believe they did and
25 a member asked that it be reconsidered and

1 they voted no.

2 MR. LOSCOMBE: They voted "no" that
3 is can be reconsidered?

4 MR. MCGOFF: To reconsider it, yes.

5 MR. DEVERS: I received the same
6 information as well from the chair of the
7 HARB indicated --

8 MS. EVANS: I have received
9 different information that actually a
10 meeting was held, the chairman was not
11 present nor was the secretary/treasurer
12 present, a vote was taken, they asked then
13 for that to be followed and they were
14 ignored by the president as well as the
15 secretary/treasurer. They refused to
16 respond to e-mails and calls regarding the
17 matter.

18 MR. DEVERS: At a regularly
19 scheduled meeting of the HARB this past
20 Monday Mr. McGoff is correct. The motion
21 was reintroduced by a member of the HARB and
22 was voted down, and I received that
23 information from the chair of the HARB,
24 Mr. Moore.

25 As far as, you know, preservation

1 and HARB is concerned, HARB has voted to
2 approve the certificate of appropriateness
3 with the conditions and we were perfectly
4 agreeable to those conditions. There were
5 three conditions and we are going to work
6 with HARB to incorporate those conditions in
7 the new facility. So basically they did
8 vote for and make their recommendation for
9 the certificate.

10 MR. LOSCOMBE: I agree with you, but
11 they didn't have the full panel, as we
12 didn't when we voted initially, and that's
13 why I voted last week to say yes, okay, if
14 the full panel wants to vote let them vote.
15 We could change our mind or we could all
16 vote against it, we could all vote for it,
17 but I think it's fair. I have heard there
18 has been a lot of division over there and
19 all I'm asking for is the truth, what the
20 status is with that. And if, you know --
21 and, Mr. McGoff, you can snicker, but we
22 know what's been going on in the last few
23 years here and it's just continuing. It
24 seems like a very big rush in the last six
25 months of this administration to do things

1 so --

2 MS. EVANS: Might I ask --

3 MR. DEVERS: Yes.

4 MS. EVANS: -- this is perhaps a bit
5 unrelated, but the building that the
6 University purchased I believe in 2012 at
7 the corner of Adams Avenue --

8 MR. DEVERS: Yes, the Adlin
9 building.

10 MS. EVANS: At the time of purchase a
11 spokesman for the University was quoted as
12 say the University had no plans at that time
13 for that particular building. Since then
14 has a plan been devised for that building?

15 MR. DEVERS: Yes. Right after the
16 purchase of that building we decided we
17 would move the vice president for external
18 affairs onto the fourth floor of that
19 building. We would also temporarily
20 relocate the College of Arts and Sciences to
21 the third floor of that building and
22 renovate the existing second floor of St.
23 Thomas Hall, which is undergoing
24 construction right now, and we are going to
25 be ready to move the College of Arts and

1 Sciences from the Adlin building to the
2 campus to the second floor of St. Thomas
3 Hall and vacate that second floor.

4 We do have a plans of -- I'm sorry,
5 the third floor. We do have plans of moving
6 the vice president for External Affairs from
7 the fourth floor to the second floor and
8 moving the vice president for Institutional
9 Advancement and Development from O'Hara Hall
10 onto the third and fourth floors of that
11 building. We are going to keep Lavish Salon
12 on the first floor and the Small Business
13 Development Center on the first floor as
14 well.

15 MS. EVANS: And they are paying
16 rent?

17 MR. DEVERS: Yes.

18 MS. EVANS: That's all I have.

19 MR. LOSCOMBE: That's all.

20 MR. DEVERS: Thank you.

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

23 MR. VITRIS: Hi, Council. My name
24 is am Vitris. I'm president of the IAMF
25 Local 2305 representing DPW workers and on

1 that, and if you look through it you will
2 see next year there is no raise for public
3 works employees. It's a very minimal
4 contract and we would just appreciate a
5 "yes" vote so that our labor management
6 relations can continue with the next mayor
7 going into the future, so I would hope that
8 the city's finances do get better
9 beginning -- well, starting this year and
10 hopefully continue into the next year, so I
11 would just want to say thank you.

12 MS. EVANS: Thank, Mr. Vitris. Is
13 there anyone else?

14 MR. ELLMAN: Hello, Council.

15 MR. JOYCE: Hello.

16 MR. ELLMAN: What would a meeting be
17 without Ronnie. You know, my friends, I
18 think we got a terrible cancer growing in
19 our midst, that's the University of Scranton
20 and all of this unscrupulous, greedy bunch
21 that oversee it. I read letters of their
22 supporters like this this week, the man he
23 works for him and he lives in Clarks Summit,
24 but he makes a threat that they ought to
25 withhold their little measly amount of money

1 that they contribute to the city if we don't
2 give into their whims.

3 You know, probably in 50 years the
4 minute amount of money they have given the
5 city would be absolutely nothing compared to
6 what they have taken off our tax rolls. I
7 don't know how somebody could even think
8 something like that. What we desperately
9 need is some simple practical law. What we
10 have is a dismal PEL in Mr. Cross that
11 haven't done nothing except collect
12 salaries.

13 I think we are very fortunate to
14 have this program and have Mrs. Evans and
15 her administration keep it on the air when
16 the Doherty administration trying repeatedly
17 to remove it. I read the paper just they
18 rearrange facts about everything. That's a
19 good word. I don't know how to say things
20 some times, but they rearrange stuff, it's
21 just blatant lies.

22 A couple of weeks ago that said
23 there was an article about them not taking
24 property that has been taxed and so on which
25 was just an outright blatant lie. To me

1 what's really in question here is the future
2 of Scranton. The state must be brought in
3 to this local problem we have of this
4 unbearable taxation for many. We need some
5 laws against these organized benefactors of
6 the loopholes. I keep going back to that
7 these universities if they generate \$400,000
8 they can't be nonprofit. There is another
9 organization here has over 50 pieces of
10 property all tax free. The city is full of
11 examples like that.

12 I don't know why the state can't be
13 brought in and do something to help the
14 people of this city that are being taxed out
15 of their houses. You know, sometimes people
16 just don't want to hear about something that
17 they just don't want to happen. To me there
18 is just like a big bear coming down the road
19 that's going to devour the city. We can't
20 go on taxing people out of their homes, you
21 know, there is 3,000 people out there and I
22 have talked to some of them that lost their
23 homes and there is nothing more sad than
24 right across the street a lady stopped me
25 last year she lived in a home that was paid

1 for and couldn't afford it no more, you
2 know, it's -- I'd like to sell my house and
3 leave but I have had so many people tell me
4 not to give up. I guess I'll pay my taxes
5 before the year is out and stick it out like
6 I should, but you people just have got to
7 put your foot down and draw the line against
8 the University. I think you have tried,
9 but, like I said, they just rearrange facts
10 to suit themselves and it's always us
11 against them and somehow things get turned
12 around where they the victim of it all.
13 Thank you.

14 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Is there
15 anyone else?

16 MR. HEMLER: My name is David
17 Hemler. I'm an architect in the City of
18 Scranton, practiced here for approximately
19 35 years in three different locations in the
20 city. I'd like to speak for a few minutes
21 about the activity of the historic property
22 and to perhaps establish some credibility to
23 the design team, which I happen to head for
24 that project, and as Jim Devers mentioned we
25 took the Einhorn study and reviewed it, but

1 also studied it somewhat ourselves relative
2 to could the building be economically saved.

3 Before I do that, let me just
4 establish a little bit about our history as
5 a firm, myself and my partners. Some of the
6 buildings that we have been responsible for
7 in the City of Scranton are the very one you
8 are sitting in. In the late 1970's when the
9 city was going to tear this building down
10 and build a new building caddy corner where
11 the housing project is we had worked for a
12 firm called Belanti and Clauss, and we
13 pretty much did an after hours effort to
14 save this building and it was saved and it
15 is a wonderful building, perhaps in spite of
16 some people that don't like to speak close
17 enough to the microphones.

18 The City of Scranton firehouse, the
19 main firehouse, just replacing the windows.
20 The firehouse on Petersburg corners, the
21 firehouse in South Side. The Steamtown
22 National Park, I think one of the jewels of
23 the city. The Scranton Prep School, again,
24 a historic property that was renovated and
25 added to and saved Central High School.

1 When the school moved out and the built the
2 new building we instigated an effort with
3 Ray Angeli to save that building and keep it
4 as part of the city.

5 The CYC, St. Peter's Cathedral. St.
6 Ann's Basilica, the GAR building, the
7 building we occupied for many years. The
8 Brooks building. The Bozak Bank building.
9 The Lackawanna County Station we did
10 numerous studies for. The Lackawanna
11 Courthouse, the Veteran's plaza and roof
12 work. The Scranton Federal Courthouse
13 building. Marywood University and the
14 liberal arts historic dome and rotunda. The
15 Marywood Science building, the original
16 building on the campus. St. Joseph's
17 Center, the main building. The Jersey
18 Central train station, numerous studies.
19 St. Clare's church. The University of
20 Scranton houses on Clay Avenue. The
21 University of Scranton main estate. The
22 University of Scranton Houlihan-McLean
23 Performing Arts Center. The cathedral
24 prayer garden. The Lackawanna Laundry
25 building. The children's library. The

1 Scranton Public library. St. Matthew's
2 church. St. Stanislaus Polish Cathedral.
3 The Cathedral High School. Scranton South
4 Side Catholic High School was turned into a
5 housing. The Scranton State School for the
6 Deaf. Covenant Presbyterian historic
7 windows. The Scranton Lace building,
8 numerous studies. The Trolley Museum. The
9 Smurfit building. I was on the team that
10 helped establish historic history in the
11 Town of Waverly. St. Johns of Main Avenue,
12 which unfortunately later was torn down.
13 St. Thomas Moore church in Archbald received
14 a state award from the American Institute of
15 Architects. St. Luke's Parish House. Elm
16 Park Church. The Colonnade building. The
17 500 block of Lackawanna Avenue and the
18 numerous store front and beautification
19 projects.

20 Additionally, on courthouse square
21 there is a plaque that celebrates the
22 lifetime of achievement of Peter Boland, who
23 happens to be my colleague on this project
24 and, if you will, this project would be a
25 signature building that might establish

1 history having a Peter Boland, who was a
2 2010 AIA gold metal recipient to have a
3 project he has been involved in in Scranton.

4 Finally, or I should additionally,
5 another project architect is Richard
6 Leonardo, life-long preservationist in the
7 City of Scranton and historian for the city,
8 original member of BAHA, original member of
9 your HARB, instructor of architectural
10 history, member of the state historic
11 architecture museum commission, and as I
12 said, a member of HARB.

13 This is a quality team. We have
14 haven't taken tearing this building down
15 lightly. We have taken it very seriously.
16 It just does not work economically. I hope
17 this addresses our credibility. Thank you.

18 MR. LOSCOMBE: Can I just ask a
19 question? Mr. Hemler, you named those
20 buildings that were you able to save.

21 MR. HEMLER: Um --

22 MR. LOSCOMBE: Do you have the names
23 of any buildings that you ended up having to
24 tear down that weren't salvageable.

25 MR. HEMLER: I didn't write that

1 list, but, yes, there were.

2 MR. LOSCOMBE: But Mr. Lenori is a
3 member of HARB and member of the design
4 team; that's correct, right?

5 MR. HEMLER: Yes.

6 MR. LOSCOMBE: Okay, I know
7 Mr. Lenori personally, I have known him a
8 long time, but I don't know if he voted on
9 this or not.

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

11 MR. HEMLER: He abstained from
12 voting because of his involvement in the
13 project. He didn't think that would be
14 appropriate.

15 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you very much.

16 MS. EVANS: Is there anyone else?

17 MR. WICK: Council. Roger Wick, DPW
18 heavy equipment operator.

19 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

20 MR. WICK: I actually just wanted to
21 answer a couple of things the gentleman said
22 earlier about the trees being on the power
23 lines, I forget the address it was in, we
24 are actually not able to do the power lines,
25 just to know it's PPLs responsibility to

1 bring them down below the power lines and
2 take them from there so I just want to let
3 you know that's the reason for that and when
4 they come out once we get the address then
5 we take them down from there.

6 And the sweeper program, he said
7 about his street not being able to be
8 swept, the problem usually is that you
9 know how close the houses are and how many,
10 you know, cars are on a block there is
11 really not the parking to be able to take
12 them and move them and there is no driveways
13 for people to pull in so we try to go in the
14 morning and get it and out as we can and
15 when people leave we try to go when they are
16 at work, but it's difficult because people
17 have different hours so we do have a sweeper
18 out and we do hit the streets. It's just
19 hard. There is no way we would be able to
20 move all of the cars. There is not just the
21 parking for it, so I just wanted to let you
22 know that and answer those two things much.

23 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Is there
24 anyone else?

25 MS. KRAKE: 5-A. MOTIONS.

1 MS. EVANS: Councilman McGoff, do
2 you have any comments or motions?

3 MR. MCGOFF: Briefly. First I want
4 to ask Mr. Loscombe, I don't know if you --
5 I had a complaint from a citizen about I
6 think they are called will Air Soft guns, I
7 don't know you've heard, apparently they are
8 like little air pistols that shoot small
9 plastic I'll call them about bb's and I
10 guess they can shoot them at -- you know,
11 pump them up somehow and they shoot them and
12 they can be dangerous if close and I was
13 also talking to a member of the county
14 sheriff's office and he said that many of
15 these are made to look like actual guns that
16 can be very problematic, but I don't know if
17 -- and I'm also told that there is some
18 communities that have set regulations on
19 using these, so I wasn't sure if you had
20 heard of anything.

21 MR. LOSCOMBE: That was the first I
22 have heard about it. I think I have an idea
23 of what you are speaking of, but I haven't
24 heard anything about them or actually seen
25 them. Thank you.

1 MR. MCGOFF: Perhaps --

2 MR. LOSCOMBE: I'll present that to
3 the police chief and maybe we can come up
4 with some kind of ordinance together.

5 MR. MCGOFF: I'm not even -- you
6 know, it's not about an ordinance it's just
7 whether there has been a problem in the city
8 that the police have identified and if there
9 is then is there something that we can do to
10 alleviate that problem.

11 And the second thing, and I don't
12 know if it comes under public safety or
13 where it comes, the complaint about
14 advertising being placed on the utility
15 polls, and the most common -- apparently it
16 is a violation and the one that they spoke
17 of was the I think it's "We Buy Homes."
18 These signs are everywhere and they are
19 being placed on utility polls and apparently
20 that's a violation and perhaps we should
21 start to consider the idea that maybe at
22 least warn people that that's not something
23 that they should be do and that those signs
24 will be removed.

25 MS. EVANS: I think didn't also Mrs.

1 Schumacher, there is someone that spoke
2 indicating that Pango was advertising on the
3 utility polls?

4 MR. MCGOFF: Was it on utility polls
5 or on the --

6 MR. ROGAN: I think that Pango was
7 on and the meter heeds, that they have
8 signs, also, that I saw in the downtown.

9 MR. MCGOFF: But anyhow, I guess the
10 problem was that if we allow people to place
11 signs on the utility polls then we are going
12 to fill -- polls will be filled with them
13 and maybe it's just something to consider
14 and I don't know who would actually monitor
15 that problem.

16 Another thing that somebody asked me
17 about and I didn't know the answer to since
18 we have legislation on the handicap parking
19 signs being removed or, you know, whatever,
20 was there anything -- I don't know if
21 anybody would remember that these could be
22 transferable. One lady asked that her
23 husband -- or her father had gotten a sign
24 placed in front of their house, her father
25 has since passed away, but yet her husband

1 does have a handicapped sticker on his car.
2 Now, is that sign going to be removed
3 because it was in her father's name or can
4 they simply keep the sign there and transfer
5 it to the husband?

6 MS. EVANS: I don't know.

7 MR. MCGOFF: I don't remember if
8 that was done or not but it's something
9 that --

10 MS. EVANS: Maybe you can contact
11 the police department and pose the question.

12 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. Yes, I
13 guess that would be the best way. As far as
14 the gentleman who spoke about Cedar Avenue,
15 the Cedar Avenue revitalization program was
16 like a three-phase program and I'm not sure
17 where his business was or what the area he
18 was talking about, but that the phase that
19 they are now working on is the 500 block of
20 Cedar Avenue and they have done extensive
21 work in that block. I mean, they have
22 cleared buildings and now they are in the
23 construction phase of I believe that it's
24 apartments in that area and some
25 storefronts, so the UNC revitalization

1 project is something that is ongoing, it's
2 not something that is nonexistent and that
3 the next phase is to move to the 600 block
4 of Cedar. I get the impression that the
5 gentleman was talking about closer to --

6 MS. EVANS: To the city.

7 MR. MCGOFF: Yeah, to the downtown
8 area or to the 81 entrance and I don't think
9 there was ever anything in that project, I'm
10 trying to remember seeing it, I don't ever
11 remember it talking about going that far to
12 the 100 or 200 blocks of Cedar Avenue, so
13 maybe I'm wrong, I don't know, but that
14 project is an ongoing thing and has been
15 very kind of vital to the redevelopment of
16 those couple of blocks in South Side.

17 And as far as other thing, I'll wait
18 until we get to the legislation, it's a busy
19 evening, so thank you.

20 MS. EVANS: Thank you. And,
21 Councilman Rogan?

22 MR. ROGAN: Yes, thank you, I'll be
23 very brief. Currently I have a lot of
24 comments on the many agenda items tonight.
25 Just a couple of things I wanted to mention.

1 There was an article in the paper regarding
2 the condition of Reese and Greenbush Streets
3 and I do agree that with the mayor with
4 trying to get the other institutions to
5 donate some money to the city to repair
6 those roads, to repave them, but in the mean
7 time I would hope that they were repaired.
8 I received some pictures from a resident
9 from the area and there are some areas right
10 in front of people's homes that are almost
11 craters there, and I understand they are
12 very long streets with a lot of water runoff
13 so I imagine keeping the maintenance there
14 is difficult.

15 But, Mrs. Krake, if we could please
16 send a letter to the DPW director and the
17 mayor asking that they are at least repaired
18 in the mean time and hopefully an agreement
19 will be made to have them permanently
20 repaved.

21 One other issue, the pools. Now, I
22 understand we have legislation on the agenda
23 tonight to appropriate money for repair and
24 one of the speakers mentioned that they
25 thought it was unlikely that they would be

1 open this year and I know we discussed last
2 week that we would hope that the money would
3 be used even if it were to repair them for
4 the next year, but I did hear a story, and I
5 don't know how true it is from some city
6 employees that the director, the mayor and
7 the director of the DPW removed parts from
8 some of the pools that are closed to other
9 pools to keep them up and running, one of
10 them being Novembrino Pool in West Side
11 which is one of the -- there is actually two
12 pools in that complex and West Scranton is
13 the biggest part of the city and West Side
14 we have been without a pool for years.

15 I know Capouse Avenue there is talks
16 about not even reopening it. I would like
17 to know if parts actually were removed from
18 any of the pools and moved to other pools.
19 I don't think the mayor can be picking and
20 choosing what ones we are going to open and
21 opening smaller pools instead of larger
22 pools. I think we need to work to get at
23 least one of the Novembrino Complex open
24 this year for the residents of West Side.

25 So, Mrs. Krake, if we could please

1 also send that to the DPW director and the
2 mayor asking what the status is and if any
3 parts, specifically pumps, were removed from
4 any city pools.

5 And like I said, I have numerous
6 comments coming up on agenda items, but I
7 will hold off until that time.

8 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Councilman
9 Loscombe, do you have any comments or
10 motions tonight?

11 MR. LOSCOMBE: No, I don't have
12 anything at this time, I'll just make some
13 comments during votes.

14 MS. EVANS: Thank you. And,
15 Councilman Joyce, do have comments or
16 motions?

17 MR. JOYCE: Just a few. As you
18 know, there was an article in the newspaper
19 about Pango app and smart parking and I'm
20 very encouraged to see that smart parking is
21 becoming successful in the City of Scranton.

22 Also, I would like to thank
23 Mr. Vitris for coming in tonight to talk
24 about the DPW contract. From my knowledge
25 of the contract it's a very fair contract

1 and I think that the DPW is doing their best
2 and they are putting forth a good effort to
3 be a good partner with the city. They are
4 taking a pay decrease in year one and their
5 raises thereafter are fairly minimal and I
6 would say probably just in line or below the
7 national average, so I will be voting for
8 that.

9 Also, we had some information
10 relayed to us from Northeast Revenue from
11 June 1 to June 30. As you know, Northeast
12 Revenue collects delinquent real estate
13 taxes for all of the prior years besides
14 2012, which is collected by the Single Tax
15 Office, and for the period of June 1 to June
16 30 Northeast Revenue collected and
17 distributed \$119,032.95 to the city, and for
18 the period of June 1 to June 30, Northeast
19 Revenue collected delinquent refuse payments
20 as well as they do that, and they collected
21 \$83,95.147.

22 Just to update everyone, and I know
23 this is a big issue, the maintenance of
24 traffic signalization, we received a letter
25 from our purchasing clerks who informed us

1 that bids were opened on Monday, July 8, at
2 council chambers for the maintenance and
3 traffic signalization and there were two
4 bidders, being Urban Electrical and Joyce
5 Electrical, which I am not a relation of.
6 After the director of DPW, Mr. Mark Dougher,
7 reviews these bids he will select hopefully
8 the lowest responsible bidder, so once we
9 receive information as who that is I will
10 inform everyone who will be responsible for
11 the traffic signal -- or for maintenance and
12 traffic signalization.

13 I do have some comments for the
14 agenda items tonight, but I will save those
15 for the votes, and that's all.

16 At this time our president,
17 Mrs. Janet Evans, has stepped out probably
18 to use the facilities, but I'll make a
19 motion that we take a brief recess for one
20 or two minutes until she gets back.

21 MR. ROGAN: Second.

22 MR. JOYCE: All in favor signify by
23 saying aye.

24 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

25 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

1 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

2 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

3 (A brief recess was taken)

4 MS. EVANS: At this time the meeting
5 will resume. Good evening. Because of the
6 unusual length of our agenda, I will refrain
7 from motions and comments at this time in
8 order to progress directly to Fifth Order
9 legislation for introduction. Mrs. Krake,
10 please begin.

11 MS. KRAKE: 5-B. APPROVING THE
12 TRANSFER OF A RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE
13 CURRENTLY OWNED BY GREAT UNCLE PETER'S,
14 LLC, 1582 NEWTON RANSOM BOULEVARD, CLARKS
15 SUMMIT, PA 18411 (NEWTON TOWNSHIP) LICENSE
16 NO. R-2782 TO TERRA PRETA, LLC FOR USE AT
17 222 WYOMING AVENUE, SCRANTON, PA AS REQUIRED
18 BY THE PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD.

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

22 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

23 MR. JOYCE: Second.

24 MS. EVANS: On the question?

25 Next week at 5:45 p.m. city council

1 will conduct a public hearing regarding the
2 transfer of this liquor license.

3 All those in favor signify by saying
4 aye.

5 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

6 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

7 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

8 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

9 MS. KRAKE: 5-C. AUTHORIZING THE
10 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
11 OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO ACCEPT AND
12 DISBURSE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA
13 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, VOLUNTARY FIRE
14 COMPANY AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICES
15 GRANT AWARDED TO THE CITY OF SCRANTON FIRE
16 DEPARTMENT.

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

20 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

21 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

24 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

25 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

1 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

2 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

5 MS. KRAKE: 5-D. AMENDING FILE OF
6 COUNCIL NO. 77, 2012, AN ORDINANCE
7 ENTITLED "GENERAL CITY OPERATING BUDGET
8 2013" BY TRANSFERRING FUNDS NOT TO EXCEED
9 SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$75,000.00)
10 FROM ACCOUNT NO.01.401.13090.4299
11 (NON-DEPARTMENTAL OPERATING EXPENSES -
12 CONTINGENCY) TO ACCOUNT NO.01.040.00040.4250
13 (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - ADVERTISING) TO
14 PROVIDE FUNDING FOR DELINQUENT REFUSE AND
15 RENTAL REGISTRATION ADVERTISING COSTS.

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? All
22 those in favor signify by saying aye.

23 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

24 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

25 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

1 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

4 MS. KRAKE: 5-E. CREATING AND
5 ESTABLISHING SPECIAL CITY ACCOUNT NO.
6 02.229606 ENTITLED "PAVING
7 PROJECT-PENNSYLVANIA GAMING ACT" FOR THE
8 RECEIPT AND DISBURSEMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH
9 OF PENNSYLVANIA ACTING THROUGH THE
10 COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY FOR A LOCAL
11 SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
12 \$2,044,000.00 FOR PAVING THE STREETS
13 THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF SCRANTON.

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

17 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

18 MR. JOYCE: Second.

19 MS. EVANS: On the question?

20 MR. ROGAN: Yes. Would you be able
21 to request a paving list from the
22 administration? I looked in the backup and
23 I didn't see one attached and hopefully if
24 it's not complete then council could have
25 some input into that as well because I know

1 we all have a list of our own.

2 MS. EVANS: Mrs. Krake, if you could
3 please send a memo tomorrow. Anyone else on
4 the question? All those in favor signify by
5 saying aye.

6 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

7 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

8 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

9 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

12 MS. KRAKE: 5-F. AUTHORIZING THE
13 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
14 FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO AGREE TO
15 EXTEND THE MATURITY DATE OF THE \$1,163,500
16 SUBORDINATE LOAN MADE TO SCRANTON MALL
17 ASSOCIATES FROM DECEMBER 12, 2011 TO
18 DECEMBER 31, 2013 WITH THE UNDERSTANDING
19 THAT THE MATURITY DATE OF SAID SUBORDINATE
20 LOAN COULD BE FURTHER EXTENDED (AT THE
21 DISCRETION OF PENNSTAR BANK) TO JULY 11,
22 2025 TO ACCOMMODATE A RESTRUCTURING OF
23 PENNSTAR BANK'S SENIOR LOAN, THUS AVOIDING A
24 FORECLOSURE OF PENNSTAR BANK'S SENIOR LOAN
25 AND CERTAIN LOSS OF THE CITY'S SUBORDINATE

1 LOAN.

2 MS. EVANS: At this time I'll
3 entertain a motion that Item 5-F 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,
9 would we be able to have a caucus or some
10 sort of meeting with folks from Pennstar
11 Bank and Boscov's -- well, Mall Associates.
12 It seems every year that something is on the
13 agenda regarding the Steamtown Mall not
14 being able to make their payments. I would
15 like a little more information. I will vote
16 "yes" this week to move it along, but I
17 would hope that they would have a sit down
18 like we did last time when the same issue
19 came up.

20 MS. EVANS: Mrs. Krake, if you
21 wanted to see if a public caucus can be
22 arranged for next week perhaps at 5:15 and
23 if they are unable to attend on that date we
24 can schedule it for the following Thursday,
25 which I believe is the 25th and for a

1 starting date -- or a starting time of 5:15.

2 MR. ROGAN: Thank you.

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

5 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

6 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

7 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

8 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

11 MS. KRAKE: 5-G. AUTHORIZING THE
12 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY
13 OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A
14 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH LOCAL
15 LODGE 2305 OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
16 OF MACHINISTS AND AEROSPACE WORKERS IN
17 ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF
18 A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING DATED MAY 30,
19 2013 AND RATIFIED BY THE MEMBERSHIP.

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

23 MR. JOYCE: So moved.

24 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

25 MS. EVANS: On the question?

1 MR. ROGAN: Yes, on the question,
2 looking through I do agree that the changes
3 that being made to the previous contract are
4 minimal, I do believe that the next mayor
5 should have the opportunity to have some say
6 in this contract since he or she will be the
7 one living with it. I opposed passing this
8 currently. I do know that the changes that
9 were made were basically just on two items,
10 specifically one being the pay, the other
11 being the city's pension contributions. I
12 would have like to seen increase pension
13 contributions from the DPW employees as well
14 as the elimination of the no privatization
15 clause for the refuse division.

16 MR. MCGOFF: I'd just like to
17 comment, I literally have run into two
18 different crews out working in the past
19 couple of weeks, one who are out there doing
20 some pothole repairs and filling in some
21 potholes, others collecting, and I think
22 that the gentlemen that work and the people
23 who work for the DPW are doing a great job
24 with the many services that they need to
25 provide or they have to provide for the city

1 and I'm happy to vote for this contract.

2 MS. EVANS: And the only thing I
3 wanted to add is that, yes, it would be
4 ideal if the next mayor were able to
5 contribute to the negotiations of this
6 contract, but in that same vein then could
7 we not say it would also be very
8 advantageous to have the mayor involved in
9 all of the major issues that face the city
10 from now until his swearing in in January of
11 2013? There is financing on the table for
12 the payment of the police and fire, there is
13 a budget forthcoming, there ever issues with
14 PEL. So it would seem, you know, if he were
15 going to be involved in this, which isn't a
16 bad idea, then I would say he should be
17 involved in everything.

18 MR. ROGAN: Well, unlike some of the
19 issues that are going to come up between now
20 and then we won't have a mayor elected until
21 November, so that will provide two months,
22 the issues that come up between now and then
23 there is still another election. Just my
24 opinion. It's just other people have
25 mentioned to me that they are concerned that

1 this administration was going to push
2 through a number of items being the lame
3 duck period and this looks to me to be one
4 of them.

5 MS. EVANS: Anyone else?

6 MR. JOYCE: I'd just like to
7 reiterate my feelings on the DPW contract.
8 I think it's a fair contract. I think that
9 the membership of DPW deserves to have a
10 contract and I believe that they are all
11 hardworking people. They do a great job
12 throughout the city with many of the
13 services that they provide and they are
14 taking the pay freeze in year one and their
15 raises are pretty minimal I would say
16 compared to many other unions throughout the
17 city, so I would be happy vote for this.

18 MS. EVANS: All those in favor
19 signify by saying aye.

20 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

21 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

22 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

23 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed?

24 MR. ROGAN: No.

25 MS. EVANS: The ayes have it and so

1 moved.

2 MS. KRAKE: 5-H. AUTHORIZING THE
3 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
4 TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT
5 OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP) ACT 101
6 RECYCLING PROGRAM PERFORMANCE GRANT IN THE
7 AMOUNT OF \$34,488.00 FOR THE CITY OF
8 SCRANTON RECYCLING PROGRAM.

9 MS. EVANS: At this time I'll
10 entertain a motion that Item 5-H 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 MS. KRAKE: 5-I. AUTHORIZING THE
23 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
24 TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
25 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP) ACT 101

1 RECYCLING PROGRAM PERFORMANCE GRANT IN THE
2 AMOUNT OF \$80,283.00 FOR THE CITY OF
3 SCRANTON RECYCLING PROGRAM.

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

7 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

8 MR. JOYCE: Second.

9 MS. EVANS: On the question? All
10 those in favor signify by saying 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-J. ACCEPTING A
18 DONATION OF THREE (3) OPTICOM UNITS FROM THE
19 BOARD OF AMOS TOWERS PRESENTED TO THE CITY
20 OF SCRANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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

24 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

25 MR. JOYCE: Second.

1 MS. EVANS: On the question?

2 MR. LOSCOMBE: Just on the question,
3 if anybody doesn't understand what they are,
4 we are on J; right?

5 MR. JOYCE: Yeah.

6 MR. LOSCOMBE: The Opticom units
7 that are devices that are in fire trucks if
8 you noticed the new traffic signals are in
9 place they have like a reflector on them,
10 this is a system that they can press in the
11 trucks for safety to activate the green
12 lights, so it eliminates the possibility of
13 someone coming through a red light or a
14 green light this way and a fire truck going
15 through a red light. Some of the newer
16 trucks came equipped with them, but the
17 older trucks have not had them and I believe
18 they are about \$1,200 a piece so this is a
19 nice contribution.

20 MS. EVANS: Yes, and on behalf of
21 council I wish to thank the board of Amos
22 Towers for this very, very generous donation
23 to the City of Scranton police -- or fire
24 department.

25 All those in favor signify by saying

1 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-K. ACCEPTING THE
9 RECOMMENDATION OF THE HISTORICAL
10 ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD ("HARB") AND
11 APPROVING THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
12 FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON, 800 LINDEN
13 STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR
14 DEMOLITION OF LEAHY HALL; TO INCLUDE
15 COURTESY REVIEW BY THE HARB FOR PUBLIC
16 INCORPORATION OF THE LINDEN STREET PORTICO;
17 PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF THE 1907 BUILDING VIA
18 EXHIBIT PHOTO AND TEXT, INCLUDING
19 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE YWCA BUILDING AND ITS
20 ROLE IN THE CITY; AT 630 LINDEN STREET AND
21 235 JEFFERSON AVENUE, SCRANTON,
22 PENNSYLVANIA.

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

1 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

2 MR. JOYCE: Second.

3 MS. EVANS: On the question?

4 MR. ROGAN: I guess I'll start. I
5 would first like to start off by thanking my
6 colleagues, Mr. Loscombe, Mr. Joyce and
7 Mr. McGoff for seconding and supporting my
8 motion last week to bring this back up for
9 another vote. This is a very critical vote
10 for the City of Scranton and for the
11 University of the Scranton and for the
12 workers of Scranton.

13 There are many issues at play here.
14 For me the most important ones are jobs, and
15 revenue for the City of Scranton. I know
16 some that oppose this plan make the argument
17 that the jobs that are going to be created
18 are temporary jobs when, in fact, all
19 construction jobs are temporary. Eventually
20 every project would hopefully come to an end
21 when it's completed, but this project will
22 provide years of work for hundreds of
23 hardworking men and women in Scranton and in
24 Northeast PA. It will also generate over
25 \$400,000 in revenue for the city, and most

1 importantly, it allows the University of
2 Scranton to expand without taking more
3 property off the tax rolls, which is
4 something that's very important. I believe
5 the University of Scranton should expand up
6 and not out and in this scenario they are
7 tearing down their own building to build
8 higher.

9 As I stated in the newspaper and I
10 council meetings previously, this project is
11 a home run for the city. It brings in
12 revenue for the City of Scranton, it creates
13 jobs for the hardworking men and woman who
14 need them, and it does it all without
15 removing any property off the tax rolls.
16 For those reasons, I am very proud to vote
17 "yes" for this and I will do anything I can
18 to see this project come to fruition.

19 MR. LOSCOMBE: If I just may add to
20 my comments earlier, if the University -- I
21 wish they had gone to HARB and ask them to
22 remove the declaration of the historic
23 registry, that would have been the easiest
24 possible way. They didn't do that and then
25 it's laid on our lap to decide to tear down

1 a historic building. That's not something
2 that I feel I can decide.

3 I would hope to see a compromise to
4 preserve the city's historic building.
5 After all, the University is constructed on
6 a full lot at the corner of Jefferson and
7 Mulberry Street, a sign that states "The
8 Historic Hill section."

9 I would like them to keep that in
10 mind and try and devise something around the
11 history of that building and we have to
12 understand the historic part of that
13 building is only a small section, it's not
14 that whole building. It's only the 1907
15 building that's designated historic. The
16 1920's building is not. They could tear
17 down that, they could tear that down right
18 now without our approval, but I think it
19 would be setting a precedent for us, as I
20 stated before, for other developers coming
21 in say, "Hey, I'm going to take over --"
22 like I said, the Electric City building, I
23 don't have a list of what's on the registry,
24 but those owners right now if you don't want
25 to be on the registry I would go to HARB and

1 ask to be off of it.

2 For anybody that's been on it and
3 didn't realize it I find that hard to
4 believe, too, but, you know, it's part of
5 our history, it's been that designation, we
6 have a historic board that in this case I
7 don't believe they did their duty. I don't
8 believe they did their duty because they
9 didn't take a second vote. They didn't open
10 it up to the full body. I voted to open it
11 up to the full body. That didn't mean that
12 I'm changing my vote.

13 I could be construed as an
14 obstructionist by the newspaper, that's
15 fine, they have called me a lot worse
16 through the years, that doesn't bother me,
17 and I'm not against labor, this is not a
18 labor employment issue, this is the
19 University of the Scranton and a historic
20 bidding. Maybe the newspaper could get that
21 straight or somebody, but when they come
22 here, I don't know how else to say it, and
23 try to bully us into making a decision
24 because of using certain innuendos as
25 obstructionists against labor, against

1 permits and stuff like that, there is going
2 to be other construction projects in this
3 city this year and the University also right
4 now is going to litigation so that may take
5 some time.

6 If they've had this project down on
7 paper for five years they should have come
8 to us in December or January before the
9 building season. That's my take on it.
10 Don't put us against the wall and say we are
11 losing time, so either way right now we are
12 losers anyway because it's going to Court,
13 apparently it's being appealed on the zoning
14 issue, but the timetable is not going to
15 allow you to construct the new building
16 because I don't know how fast the board can
17 rule on that, but apparently you are right
18 at the limit at this point.

19 And, you know, I'm a little guy, I'm
20 David, you're Goliath and I've seen a lot
21 going on in my four years here that I don't
22 like and, unfortunately, you may not be part
23 of that, but it seems in the last couple of
24 months I have come upon a lot of stuff,
25 especially when it comes to buildings,

1 permits and zoning, and I have a lot of
2 questions.

3 In fact, while I'm on that, I
4 forget, Mrs. Krake, Mr. Wallace was unable
5 to come here to our caucus because he was on
6 vacation. This is not a University issue,
7 but pardon me because it came up, I have
8 several issues with building permits being
9 issued or authorized without going through
10 zoning or proper procedures and this has
11 been ongoing so this is my fear, this has
12 been an ongoing problem and, unfortunately,
13 in my case this is falling into that
14 category.

15 We are pushed against the wall when
16 this didn't happen overnight, and I'm not
17 going to be bullied into making a decision
18 overnight on something. I think HARB should
19 get together, vote on it as a full body as
20 we are, and go from there. If our body
21 votes in favor of this, I'm in favor of it,
22 but personally I can't. I mean, we are
23 usurping the rules here. So that's where I
24 stand. Thank you.

25 MR. MCGOFF: HARB has voted twice to

1 approve this certificate of appropriateness.
2 They have voted once to approve it and they
3 voted once to not reconsider the vote. We
4 can quibble --

5 MR. LOSCOMBE: Not reconsidering it
6 isn't a vote.

7 MR. MCGOFF: They did vote. It was
8 asked to be put back for a vote and it was
9 voted down. We can quibble about who was at
10 those meetings. They were two legally --
11 they were two meetings with a quorum, votes
12 taken by HARB within -- taken within their
13 bylaws or within their operating procedures.
14 To question and to say we have to wait for
15 other people to vote on it is to me
16 senseless. HARB voted, all we are being
17 asked to do is to reaffirm their vote.

18 As far as the zoning board is
19 concerned, we are getting into a chicken and
20 egg argument about whether the zoning board
21 should go first or whether we should vote
22 first. This is a -- we should see this as
23 an isolated issue, vote on it not based on
24 things that have happened in the past or
25 something that might happen in the future,

1 is this project something that is beneficial
2 to the city and is it something should move
3 forward.

4 I have yet to hear any argument
5 where somebody has said that this particular
6 project is going to have a negative impact
7 on either the city or the citizens of this
8 city. If there is no negative impact then
9 there is absolutely no reason to not vote
10 for it.

11 MR. LOSCOMBE: And that's your
12 opinion that you say there is no negative
13 impact. We are losing a piece of history.

14 MR. MCGOFF: Tell me something
15 that's negative about this particular
16 project?

17 MR. LOSCOMBE: I just explained that
18 compromise would be ideal. That would
19 appease everyone.

20 MR. MCGOFF: You still haven't told
21 me something negative.

22 MR. LOSCOMBE: I'm in favor of the
23 project, but just do it the right way.

24 MR. MCGOFF: It's being done the
25 right way.

1 MR. LOSCOMBE: I can't say anything
2 negative on it, I'm not going to rule on
3 tearing something down a piece of history
4 that's, you know --

5 MR. MCGOFF: That HARB has said they
6 would approve.

7 MR. LOSCOMBE: We don't have the
8 minutes from the HARB meeting we requested
9 so obviously you are the one that has access
10 to HARB, I would like one of the members of
11 HARB to come here and speak to us.

12 MS. EVANS: Well, I think perhaps
13 you would need more than one because
14 evidently there appears to be two divided
15 and separate camps within HARB, so I think
16 hearing from one individual will only
17 present the perspective of that camp.

18 MR. LOSCOMBE: That's true, so how
19 do we resolve that? I don't think they are
20 fully --

21 MR. ROGAN: I would add if we do
22 approve this this week it will be up for
23 another vote next week, members of the HARB,
24 and I spoke to one of the members who I
25 guess disagrees with my opinion on this and

1 I did hear him out, by moving it forward to
2 next week for a final vote that would give
3 members of HARB that are happy with the vote
4 or unhappy with the vote another chance to
5 come and speak in front of council. So far
6 nobody has. I do know, like I said, I have
7 had one member reach out to me and I spoke
8 it him.

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: Again, it's David
10 against Goliath because a lot of people are
11 intimidated, too, but I will give you that.
12 I will give you that. I will vote to pass
13 it along and, you know, make my decision
14 next week and hopefully we will have someone
15 here that can explain what the division is
16 on HARB and what the story is.

17 MR. ROGAN: Great.

18 MR. LOSCOMBE: That's my hold up.

19 MS. EVANS: I'm going to be very,
20 very brief. For next week's meeting I ask
21 my colleagues, my honorable colleagues, to
22 consider this question, why must the benefit
23 of the few frequently be placed among or
24 before the benefit of the many when it is
25 the purpose of government to do the greatest

1 good for the greatest number and to harm the
2 smallest number?

3 But, you know, from what I have seen
4 in ten years, and those ten years are
5 quickly coming to an end, I have seen quite
6 a bit that I will never forget, and the
7 truth of the matter is the few are often
8 placed and chosen before the many, and that
9 is not good government.

10 MR. ROGAN: Who are the many that
11 are being hurt by this?

12 MR. MCGOFF: We have yet to hear
13 anything negative about this particular
14 project? Nobody is being harmed.

15 MS. EVANS: We have representatives
16 of the University and the building trades
17 who are in favor of this project, quite
18 obviously for their personal -- or I
19 shouldn't say personal, but their individual
20 reasons. It's to their benefit. When we
21 listen to many of the people who actually
22 reside in Scranton, pay taxes, they appear
23 to be opposed to this project. So are we
24 working for the few or are we working for
25 the many?

1 MR. ROGAN: I believe three people
2 spoke against the project this week and
3 about the same spoke about in favor of it.
4 The union leaders that came to us reside, I
5 believe they all reside in the City of
6 Scranton, and many the union workers also
7 reside in the City of Scranton. The city
8 brings in revenue from this without
9 taking -- if this property was -- if this
10 was a purchase of a property off the tax
11 rolls I would likely agree with what you
12 just said, but since the taxpayer is not
13 being hurt in any way, shape or form by this
14 project it will bring in money for the city
15 and create jobs I don't see it, as
16 Mr. McGoff said, any negatives with this
17 particular project. But I'm looking forward
18 to another vote next week and hearing from
19 more residents.

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: I mean, on top of the
21 people who spoke here I have received a
22 number of calls and e-mails, as Mrs. Evans
23 stated, that are the other way. But, you
24 know, it's intimidating for people to come
25 here to this podium and we have to listen to

1 the taxpayers and what is in the best
2 interest? Again, yes, there is no negative
3 to this, it is a positive, but it's a
4 positive if it's done the right way to
5 benefit everybody and that's not the way
6 it's being done.

7 MS. EVANS: Well, you know,
8 obviously we have opposing opinions on this
9 particular piece of legislation and I think
10 we should rather than denigrating one
11 another's sides let's just agree to
12 disagree.

13 All those in favor of introduction
14 signify by saying aye.

15 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

16 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

17 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

18 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

19 MS. EVANS: Opposed? No. The ayes
20 have it and so moved.

21 MS. KRAKE: 5-L. APPOINTING JOSEPH
22 GILHOOLEY, 952 NORTH WEBSTER AVENUE,
23 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18510 AS AN
24 ALTERNATE NO.2 MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF ZONING
25 APPEALS FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON. MR.

1 GILHOOLEY WILL REPLACE DOMINIC GEORGETTI
2 WHOSE TERM EXPIRED ON JULY 1, 2013. MR.
3 GILHOOLEY'S TERM WILL COMMENCE ON JULY 2,
4 2013 AND EXPIRE ON JULY 1, 2015.

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

8 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

9 MR. JOYCE: Second.

10 MS. EVANS: On the question?

11 MR. JOYCE: Yes, this is my
12 appointment. I would just like to say that
13 Mr. Gilhooley submitted his letter of
14 interest. He actually called me on the
15 phone as well as -- well, he told me he was
16 calling other council members as well to
17 express his interest in the zoning board and
18 I think it's important that we have folks on
19 the zoning board who are interested in the
20 board and are interested in doing a good job
21 and I think that he will fulfill the role of
22 alternate very, very greatly.

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

1 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

2 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

4 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

7 MS. KRAKE: 5-N. RE-APPOINTING
8 CHARLIE SPANO, 718 STAFFORD AVENUE,
9 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18505 AS AN ALTERNATE
10 NO. 1 MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
11 FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON. MR. SPANO'S TERM
12 EXPIRED ON JULY 1, 2013 AND HIS NEW TERM
13 WILL COMMENCE ON JULY 2, 2013 AND EXPIRE ON
14 JULY 1, 2015.

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

18 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

19 MR. JOYCE: Second.

20 MS. EVANS: On the question?

21 MR. ROGAN: Yes. Mr. Spano was my
22 reappointment to the zoning board.
23 Mr. Spano has served as an alternate for the
24 last few years on the zoning board and I
25 wish him well on another term.

1 All those in favor of introduction
2 signify by saying aye.

3 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

4 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

5 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

6 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

9 MS. KRAKE: 6-A. READING BY TITLE -
10 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 33, 2013 -AN ORDINANCE -
11 AMENDING SECTION 340-1, 340-8, 340-9
12 AND 340-13(A) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF
13 SCRANTON GOVERNING PEDDLING AND SOLICITING
14 WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON.

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

17 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-A
18 pass reading by title.

19 MR. JOYCE: Second.

20 MS. EVANS: On the question? All
21 those in favor signify by saying 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: 6-B. READING BY TITLE -
4 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 34, 2013 -AN ORDINANCE -
5 ESTABLISHING THE DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES
6 AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE CITY HEALTH
7 INSPECTOR, PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF AN
8 ANNUAL LICENSE FEE FOR PUBLIC EATING AND
9 DRINKING ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF
10 SCRANTON, ESTABLISHING ANNUAL APPLICATION
11 AND RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS, IMPOSING CERTAIN
12 DUTIES UPON THE DIRECTOR OF LICENSING,
13 INSPECTIONS AND PERMITS AND THE CITY HEALTH
14 INSPECTOR, PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR
15 REVOCATION AND REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSES,
16 AND PROVIDING FOR IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES.

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

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

21 MR. MCGOFF: Second.

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

24 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

25 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

1 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

2 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

5 MS. KRAKE: 6-C. READING BY TITLE -
6 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 35, 2013 -AN ORDINANCE -
7 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
8 CITY OFFICIALS TO DISBURSE THIRTY THOUSAND
9 DOLLARS (\$30,000.00) FROM THE ACCOUNT INTO
10 WHICH REPAYMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACTION
11 GRANTS (UDAG) ARE DEPOSITED (UDAG REPAYMENT
12 ACCOUNT) FOR THE CONNELL PARK AND NOVEMBRINO
13 SWIMMING POOLS TO BE OPENED IN TIME FOR THE
14 2013 SWIM SEASON.

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

17 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-C
18 pass reading by title.

19 MR. JOYCE: Second.

20 MS. EVANS: On the question?

21 MR. LOSCOMBE: Just on the question,
22 I think it was stated in the newspaper
23 obviously that they wouldn't be opening
24 these pools, they didn't have enough money.
25 If that's the case when it comes up next

1 week I'll be -- I would vote to put this
2 back into a fund other than be used for
3 those three pools since they are not going
4 to be utilized this year.

5 MS. EVANS: Or perhaps it could be
6 amended to indicate that the funds that are
7 transferred would be used for repairs of
8 specified neighborhood pools for a proposed
9 opening in June 2014.

10 MR. LOSCOMBE: Exactly. That's what
11 my thought, it was to push it to --

12 MR. ROGAN: Absolutely.

13 MR. JOYCE: I agree with that.

14 MR. LOSCOMBE: Otherwise it would be
15 spent and nothing will happen.

16 MS. EVANS: All those in favor
17 signify by saying aye.

18 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

19 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

21 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

22 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
23 have it and so moved. And if we could
24 request our solicitor to perhaps draft an
25 amendment to Item 6-C for next week's

1 meeting, please.

2 MR. HUGHES: Surely.

3 MR. MCGOFF: One addendum to that,
4 too, perhaps we could find out if, in fact
5 Novembrino and Connell Park are not able to
6 be opened perhaps we could get an estimate
7 of what it would cost to repair so that we
8 would know if this \$30,000 was, in fact,
9 sufficient to open them for next year or
10 whether we are looking at just throwing the
11 money at something that wasn't going to
12 happen.

13 MR. LOSCOMBE: I agree.

14 MR. HUGHES: If I could, Madam
15 President, would you want the amendment to
16 read that this money shall only be available
17 with the reopening of a park -- if there is
18 -- I mean, it's -- for Connell Park and
19 Novembrino swimming pools is this to pay
20 lifeguards, what's the \$30,000 to be used
21 for? Would the amendment be to only -- that
22 the \$30,000 should only be used for these
23 specific purposes and if the pools aren't
24 opened the monies would then be remain in
25 the UDAG repayment account?

1 MS. EVANS: Yes.

2 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

3 MR. HUGHES: Is the \$30,000 is that
4 to pay for the lifeguards or is for
5 maintenance or clean it, I mean, what does
6 anybody know what the \$30,000 is to be used
7 for?

8 MS. EVANS: I believe it was for
9 repairs and upgrades that had to be made
10 because the pools cannot be opened as they
11 are.

12 MR. HUGHES: So it could only be
13 used for repairs and upgrading.

14 MS. EVANS: Because I know that
15 seasonal employees, specifically lifeguards,
16 their salaries are contained in the annual
17 operating budget.

18 MR. LOSCOMBE: And I just have a
19 question, next year all the pools are going
20 to require lifts, which is going to be
21 another expense. Now, I don't know if they
22 ever -- did they do the lifts in the pools
23 that we approved for this year?

24 MS. EVANS: I don't know.

25 MR. LOSCOMBE: I know they put the

1 bids out and everything was accepted, but I
2 have no idea because they extended the
3 deadline to the end of this year.

4 MR. ROGAN: I know at these pools I
5 don't believe they were installed.

6 MR. LOSCOMBE: These pools, no, I
7 think we approved them for two or three
8 pools.

9 MS. EVANS: Nay Aug Park and
10 Weston--

11 MR. LOSCOMBE: Nay Aug, Weston
12 Field. If we could check on that, Mrs.
13 Krake, to see if they installed the lifts in
14 those pools that were approved last year by
15 us.

16 MR. ROGAN: I'll also check to see
17 if the federal government will extend that
18 deadline once again. I know there are a lot
19 of communities, and not only municipalities,
20 but nonprofits that have pools that for them
21 it's a very big expense.

22 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

23 MS. EVANS: Mrs. Krake?

24 MR. HUGHES: So the limitation would
25 be for repairs and upgrades of the pool

1 required for their opening and for no other
2 purposes. I mean, that's the way I'll
3 review it and I draft it to that extent.

4 MS. EVANS: Okay. Thank you.

5 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.

6 MR. HUGHES: But it's not for
7 lifeguards, it has nothing to do with them?

8 MS. EVANS: No.

9 MS. KRAKE: 6-D. READING BY TITLE -
10 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 36, 2013 -AN ORDINANCE -
11 AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION BY EMINENT
12 DOMAIN OF THE PARCEL AFFECTED BY THE
13 ROCKWELL AVENUE BRIDGE REPAIR PROJECT
14 SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 041222-C AND
15 FEDERAL PROJECT NO. 117-X042-060.

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

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

20 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

23 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

24 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

25 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

1 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

4 MS. KRAKE: 6-E. READING BY TITLE -
5 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 37, 2013 -AN ORDINANCE -
6 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
7 CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A
8 LEASE AGREEMENT WITH NORTHEAST INSPECTION
9 CONSULTANTS ("NEIC") FOR THE FORMER SUPPLY
10 ROOM IN THE LICENSING, INSPECTIONS AND
11 PERMITS DEPARTMENT(LIPS), FOURTH FLOOR, CITY
12 HALL TO BE USED FOR THIRD-PARTY INSPECTIONS.

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

15 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-E
16 pass reading by title.

17 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

20 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

21 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

22 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

23 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

1 MS. KRAKE: 6-F. READING BY TITLE -
2 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 38, 2013 - AN ORDINANCE
3 - SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY MORE
4 COMMONLY KNOWN AS 2314 PITTSTON AVENUE, TAX
5 MAP NO. 16714-010-046, SCRANTON,
6 PENNSYLVANIA, TO GEORGE J. LANGAN, JR., 2313
7 PITTSTON AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA,
8 18505, FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF \$5,000.

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

11 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-F
12 pass reading by title.

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 MS. KRAKE: 6-G. READING BY TITLE -
23 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 39, 2013 - AN ORDINANCE
24 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
25 APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF

1 SCRANTON TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT
2 WITH THE UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS OF
3 NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA KNOWN AS THE
4 CABRINI CENTER LOCATED AT 1004 JACKSON
5 STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA FOR A TEN
6 (10) YEAR PERIOD WITH THREE (3) SUCCESSIVE
7 TEN (10) YEAR RENEWAL TERMS AT TENANT'S
8 OPTION.

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

11 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-G
12 pass reading by title.

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 MS. KRAKE: 6-H. READING BY TITLE -
23 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 40, 2013 -AN ORDINANCE -
24 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
25 OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO ENTER

1 INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED
2 NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS OF NORTHEASTERN
3 PENNSYLVANIA KNOWN AS THE BELLEVUE CENTER
4 LOCATED AT 531 EMMETT STREET, SCRANTON,
5 PENNSYLVANIA FOR A TEN (10) YEAR PERIOD WITH
6 THREE (3) SUCCESSIVE TEN (10) YEAR RENEWAL
7 TERMS AT TENANT'S OPTION.

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

10 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-H
11 pass reading by title.

12 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

15 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

16 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

17 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

18 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

21 MS. KRAKE: 7-A. FOR CONSIDERATION
22 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION
23 -RESOLUTION NO. 24, 2013 -APPOINTING ALAN
24 O'NEILL REAR 1440 CHURCH STREET, SCRANTON,
25 PENNSYLVANIA, 18508, AS A MEMBER OF THE

1 BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR THE CITY OF
2 SCRANTON. MR. O'NEILL WILL REPLACE LANCE
3 STANGE JR., WHOSE TERM EXPIRES ON JULY 1,
4 2013. ALAN O'NEILL'S TERM WILL COMMENCE ON
5 JULY 2, 2013 AND EXPIRE ON JULY 1, 2018.

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

9 MR. ROGAN: Second.

10 MS. EVANS: On the question? I'd
11 like to thank Mr. Stange for four years of
12 unparalleled service, we are sorry to lose
13 him and I wish Mr. O'Neill great success in
14 his future service. Roll call, please.

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

17 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

18 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

19 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

21 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

22 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

23 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

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

1 MS. KRAKE: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION
2 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION
3 -RESOLUTION NO. 25, 2013 -APPOINTING SHAWN
4 WALSH, 2821 CEDAR AVENUE, SCRANTON,
5 PENNSYLVANIA, 18505, AS A MEMBER OF THE
6 BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR THE CITY OF
7 SCRANTON. MR. WALSH WILL REPLACE MARY ANN
8 WARDELL WHOSE TERM EXPIRES ON JULY 1,
9 2013. SHAWN WALSH'S TERM WILL COMMENCE ON
10 JULY 2, 2013 AND EXPIRE ON JULY 1, 2018.

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

14 MR. ROGAN: Second.

15 MS. EVANS: On the question?

16 MS. EVANS: On the question? Again,
17 Council thanks Mr. Wardell for her excellent
18 service and we wish great success to
19 Mr. Walsh. Roll call, please?

20 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

21 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

22 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

23 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

24 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

25 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

1 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

2 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

3 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

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

6 MR. ROGAN: I would like to make a
7 motion to take File of Council No. 29 of
8 2013 from the table.

9 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

12 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

13 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

14 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

15 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

18 MS. KRAKE: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION
19 BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -
20 FOR ADOPTION - ORDINANCE NO. 29, 2013
21 (PREVIOUSLY TABLED) - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
22 AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO
23 ACCEPT, RECEIVE AND RECORD A GIFT OF REAL
24 ESTATE FROM FMP REALTY, LLC CONSISTING OF A
25 PARCEL AT THE INTERSECTION OF CAPOUSE AVENUE

1 AND MARION STREET, ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER
2 OF SAID INTERSECTION TO PROVIDE FOR
3 ADDITIONAL PARKING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

4 MS. EVANS: What is the
5 recommendation of the Chair for the
6 Committee on Community Development?

7 MR. ROGAN: As Chairperson for the
8 Committee on Community Development, I
9 recommend final passage of Item 7-C.

10 MR. JOYCE: Second.

11 MS. EVANS: On the question?

12 MR. ROGAN: Yes. On the question,
13 I'm very happy that we had a caucus and that
14 both Mr. Falzette and his father were very
15 willing to come in and further explain this
16 project to us. When it was initially sent
17 down the legislation to accept the parking
18 lot and nothing more it didn't seem to be a
19 smart choice, but after hearing there is a
20 broader plan in place and, more importantly,
21 that the Falzettes will be maintaining the
22 land, that it won't be our city DPW that's
23 responsible for cutting grass and hedges and
24 things of that nature, I fully support this
25 project.

1 And also the fact that I spoke to a
2 few neighbors from down in the area and they
3 think it will finally get rid of an eyesore
4 of what was for I guess decades, a very
5 controversial parking lot, so for those
6 reasons I will be voting "yes".

7 MR. LOSCOMBE: And just my comments,
8 you know, I think it's a great project.
9 It's definitely going to improve that
10 corner, but based on the history with the
11 legal issues I don't know if we are able to
12 make it a parking lot. It went to the
13 Supreme Court, I haven't seen the Supreme
14 Court ruling, but, you know, that's a pretty
15 strong ruling that it's not be to a parking
16 lot and for us to invest \$60,000 for a
17 parking lot there and all we have is a
18 verbal commitment by the developer across
19 the street, he doesn't have to stand by that
20 to maintain that parking lot, but I don't
21 know, to me it just appears to be a public
22 parking lot that's held for a private entity
23 and that's my take on it at this point, I'm
24 not going to kid you.

25 MS. EVANS: Anyone else on the

1 question? Roll call, please.

2 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

3 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

5 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

7 MR. LOSCOMBE: No.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

9 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

11 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare

12 Item 7-C legally and lawfully adopted.

13 If there is no further business,

14 I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

15 MR. JOYCE: Motion to adjourn.

16 MS. EVANS: This meeting is

17 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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