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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

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

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

3 MS. EVANS: Roll call, please.

4 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

5 MR. MCGOFF: Here.

6 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

7 MR. ROGAN: Here.

8 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: Here.

10 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce. Mrs.

11 Evans.

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

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

15 LACKAWANNA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
16 SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT EVALUATIONS
17 DATED JULY 2 AND JULY 9, 2013.

18 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?

19 If not, received and filed.

20 MS. KRAKE: 3-B. MINUTES OF THE

21 REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCRANTON

22 HOUSING AUTHORITY HELD ON JUNE 3, 2013.

23 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?

24 If not, received and filed.

25 MS. KRAKE: 3-C. ZONING HEARING

1 BOARD AGENDA FOR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
2 JULY 10, 2013.

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

5 MS. KRAKE: 3-D. AUDIT STATUS REPORT
6 FROM ROBERT ROSSI AND COMPANY DATED JULY 11,
7 2013.

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

10 MS. KRAKE: 3-E. TAX ASSESSOR'S
11 REPORT FOR HEARING DATE HELD ON JUNE 26,
12 2013.

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

15 MS. KRAKE: 3-F. TAX ASSESSOR'S
16 REPORT FOR HEARING DATE TO BE HELD ON JULY
17 24, 2013.

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

20 MS. KRAKE: 3-G. APPLICATIONS ALONG
21 WITH DECISIONS RENDERED AT THE ZONING
22 HEARING BOARD MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
23 JULY 10, 2013.

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

1 Do we have any clerk's notes
2 tonight, Mrs. Krake?

3 MS. KRAKE: No, Mrs. Evans.

4 MR. EVANS: All right, do any
5 council members have announcements at this
6 time?

7 MR. MCGOFF: Perhaps we should
8 mention we did get a notice of the National
9 Night Out which will be held Tuesday, August
10 6th, at Scranton High School at 6 p.m. A
11 canine demonstration, fireworks display,
12 fire department vehicle extraction, they use
13 the jaws of life to rip apart a car, pretty
14 neat. There's information booths from the
15 various crime watch neighborhood
16 associations and there's always music and
17 refreshments at these and it's sponsored/-D
18 by the Scranton Police Department. That's
19 Tuesday, August 6, 6 p.m., at Scranton High
20 School.

21 MR. EVANS: Thank you. Mrs. Krake?

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

24 MS. EVANS: Our first speaker this
25 evening is Ozzie Quinn.

1 MR. QUINN: Ozzie Quinn, member of
2 the Scranton taxpayers. Good evening.

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

4 MR. EVANS: Good evening.

5 MR. QUINN: I want to preface this
6 by saying I'm a graduate of the University
7 of Scranton, I graduated with a major in
8 sociology, that's trying to solve the social
9 ills. I think what that we have to bring
10 closure to this University of Scranton in
11 regards to PILOTS, nonprofits not paying
12 taxes. They sit up there on the hill and
13 they thrive on what they're doing and they
14 fail to recognize that if the city fails
15 they're in for a big surprise and the city
16 is in terrible debt and I can see the next
17 budget coming on board with a big, big tax
18 increase. I can't see getting any other
19 revenue. If you go ahead and leave Mayor
20 Doherty borrow again then shame on you.

21 I don't think the University caused
22 the problem, but I think it should be part
23 of the solution. A couple months ago I saw
24 in the paper that an elected official said
25 that Scranton should be like Providence,

1 Rhode Island and Brown University did so
2 much for the highest employment is from
3 Brown University in Providence, Rhode
4 Island, economic development money. Now,
5 I'm all for jobs, believe me, I was a card
6 carrier for the IBEW, you know, Local 81 an
7 I'm all for the jobs, but the fact is that
8 how are we going to continue.

9 Now, Providence, Rhode Island, it's
10 official that was quoted as saying how well
11 that Brown University, and he compared it to
12 Scranton University. Well, Brown University
13 I researched contributes \$4 million to
14 Providence, Rhode Island's municipal
15 government every year and there is a
16 memorandum of understanding with all of the
17 other colleges and all these other
18 institutions in the city that if they buy a
19 private property fine, but they have to
20 continue paying taxes or part of whatever
21 the memorandum cites, you know?

22 And I think it's time that we have
23 to do something like this with the
24 University of Scranton. They have to come
25 up with a bigger -- pay into our coffers

1 with a larger amount of money. There is no
2 doubt about it, you know? We're not -- with
3 the number of taxpayers in the City of
4 Scranton, homeowners, property owners, we're
5 not going to be able to take another bang,
6 you know? It's going to drive more people
7 out of the city and we have -- I know it's
8 only July, but we've got to do something now
9 about this here and I think with the
10 University of Scranton I think there has to
11 be some kind of away that they got to sign
12 an agreement with the City of Scranton that
13 they're going to commit more monies to the
14 City of Scranton's coffers and that all of
15 the other institutions in the City of
16 Scranton do, too.

17 I mean, they create jobs fine and
18 there's people out there that needs jobs,
19 there's no doubt about it, but I think
20 enough is enough in regards to them sitting
21 up there on the hill and just keep on going
22 and going while the city fails miserably in
23 debt. Thank you.

24 MR. EVANS: Ron Ellman.

25 MR. ELLMAN: Hello, council.

1 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

2 MR. ELLMAN: Before I start I want
3 to say that a young lady come over to me
4 Saturday down in Kingston and he said how
5 much he enjoys watching this program because
6 of the relaxed atmosphere and the
7 congeniality and she said it wasn't stuffy
8 with rules all the time, then the most
9 important thing she said she didn't like me
10 because I was always against this and that
11 and everything else. I don't know where she
12 lives, she was just down there in the
13 restaurant.

14 As you know, I'm not a very happy
15 with the University. I consider them just a
16 sue happy group when they don't get their
17 way. I think they are a complete mortal
18 enemy of the people of this city, they have
19 help destroy our tax base house by house.
20 They brag about generating \$400 million yet
21 they don't care nothing about the people of
22 this city that are paying taxes to cover
23 what they have taken, and I think it's time
24 to go to the state, like I said last week,
25 and have something concrete done about the

1 way they are stealing our tax base from us.
2 That's enough about them.

3 And I'm not being argumentative, but
4 I think it was is wrong choice to give Al
5 Boscov all this extra time. Thousands of
6 people in this city have loss their houses.
7 They weren't given ten minutes extra. This
8 man owes us money that shouldn't have ever
9 been given to him in the first place. He's
10 opened up more stores. He's not in the
11 financial situation, but he's caused it. I
12 just -- to give him up to 2025 is
13 ridiculous. He ought to be forced to give
14 us our money back now. We're not a bank and
15 people don't -- they don't care about the
16 mall no more. I've talked to I bet 50
17 people over the past year or they don't go
18 down there, they have lost interest in the
19 mall, there's no restaurants anymore. Will
20 mall is going to pieces. I don't know if
21 it's because of mismanagement, the rents are
22 so high for the spaces or what, but there's
23 something wrong down there. Maybe it's all
24 the people that go in and just walk around
25 and don't buy anything, I don't know.

1 But if the mall had been a year -- a
2 couple of years ago to the university we
3 might have lost some tax base but they would
4 taken over this building eventually and it
5 would have been everything they need in one
6 place. Now all we have is a dying bunch of
7 businesses and an eyesore.

8 And I've talked to six or eight
9 people they are going to shun downtown like
10 the plague because of the parking meter.
11 Today at lunchtime a doctor, I don't think
12 he's a dentist, he's already moved from
13 downtown so there's, I don't know, let's
14 just say 20 for 30 people during the month
15 that won't be downtown with him to spend
16 money and use the parking system. This
17 system I just don't see how it's going to
18 work. I was down there this morning. There
19 is parking places all over the place. It's
20 not like it's a shortage or something. I
21 just think that they're the wrong people for
22 it. Thank you.

23 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Bob Bolus.

24 MR. BOLUS: Good evening, council.

25 Bob Bolus, Scranton. To get started I'd to

1 ask a couple quick questions of council.
2 Has any member of council ever attended the
3 University of Scranton or any of their
4 family members? Okay.

5 Has any member of council ever been
6 employed or their family member, past or
7 present by the University of Scranton in any
8 type of capacity? Okay.

9 Mr. McGoff, I would ask that you
10 recuse yourself, okay? I believe you have a
11 conflict. My issues here tonight, I sat
12 here and listened to this council and I
13 licensed to this caucus, unfortunately, we
14 were deprived, the citizens of this city, of
15 asking questions of Mr. Scartelli or any of
16 the other people to their qualifications, to
17 their backgrounds. What qualifies them to
18 decide our future in this city.

19 I'm a developer and a business
20 person in the city, I'm born and raised
21 here. I took a historical church that the
22 city was going to demolish in the area of \$3
23 they were selling it for, two or three or
24 whatever it was. I've saved it. I'm paying
25 \$25,000 a year or being assessed in taxes

1 for that church that's now assessed at over
2 \$500,000. Now, think about that for a
3 moment. Here's a piece of history I saved.
4 Here's a piece of history they're tearing
5 down and not paying one bloody dime into
6 this community. It's appalling.

7 Sure they're tax exempt right now
8 and the next building will be tax exempt,
9 they're a nonprofit, they have no money.
10 Let's reverse the situation here and members
11 of the University that show up here they're
12 paid puppets, that's where they work.
13 They're not going to say anything but what
14 they have to say because of the influence
15 that's put upon them.

16 Let's say Mr. McGoff, Mr. Loscombe,
17 Mr. Rogan, Ozzie Quinn I believe is still
18 here and myself decided to buy the YWCA and
19 tear it down. Think we would have been
20 permitted? And what we wanted to do is take
21 a part of our history, The Yankee Lunch, the
22 Liberty Lunch that's no longer in West Side,
23 Keystone Lunch, the two Coney Island's,
24 Scooter's Hut Dog Hut and we made that part
25 of history by putting hot dog stands in

1 their. Would this historical group of
2 people you think they would have allowed
3 that to be torn down? The heck they would
4 because we don't have the finance or the
5 influence to politically motive their
6 decision, and that's what's wrong here, and
7 if this council goes along with what they're
8 doing there, architecturally that building
9 is as sound and is better built then
10 anything they'll ever build today.

11 Look at Holy Cross Church that I
12 bought, it's over 100 years old and you
13 cannot find a flaw in the cement or the
14 concrete or the structure of that church.
15 Those were craftsmen, those were builders
16 that came here and gave us our history. We
17 tore the group down from Coopers, some clown
18 made a statement because I babbled about it
19 being a black parking lot. Well, it didn't
20 do nothing for us. We got nothing out of a
21 parking lot, but we could have had something
22 out of our culture and the history that the
23 dioceses and everybody allowed to be
24 destroyed to make it a parking lot with
25 stripes for a college that pays us nothing.

1 We're here and I'm sick and tired of
2 it, paying taxes, going through the things
3 that we have to go through to survive while
4 the so-called nonprofits spends over \$40
5 million to build just this one building,
6 which is better than half our budget in the
7 city, yet they have no money. They give you
8 100 and some thousand a year.

9 Nothing is more disgraceful in my
10 opinion to allow these people to threaten to
11 sue us, too. If you don't bow down, little
12 dog, we're going to kick you in the face and
13 sue you because we got more money than you
14 do because you're a broke city. You can't
15 fight us and politically we own you. The
16 lawyers, the judges, everybody is controlled
17 by the University of Scranton or against the
18 people in this city, and I'm speaking now
19 for the little people, not the big and the
20 powerful, the bullies with money, I'm
21 talking about us, the people in this city.
22 That's what the city is. That's what these
23 councils are for, that's what these boards
24 are for. They're for us, not the powerful.

25 That building could be gutted, it

1 prejudice one way or other of what goes on
2 in this city.

3 And then my final comment is all
4 those that were in the council and in the
5 past that took the golf course money that I
6 and many citizens fought to keep, took the
7 interest from that money and squandered it,
8 blew it right down the toilet. Go out and
9 see us sweltering in the heat today because
10 we couldn't open the pool. They should all
11 stand and applaud themselves for what they
12 did to the people in the city to the kids
13 who have no where swim. Tell the University
14 to write a check and fix the darn pools.
15 Maybe you'll get something out of that and
16 then you could say we did something in the
17 city, Mrs. Evans, then we can say we did
18 something here and they can contributed
19 something other than literally taking us
20 down the toilet for nothing.

21 It's time this councils and people
22 get a voice, put politics to the side, vote
23 what's right for us, and I would like more
24 one more thing? You hold another caucus,
25 you bring the board back in and let us have

1 our say with them instead of what council
2 wants to say because the voice we heard
3 tonight isn't the voice of the people.
4 Thank you.

5 (While Mr. Bolus was speaking Mr.
6 Joyce joins the meeting.)

7 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

8 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

9 MS. EVANS: And Doug Miller.

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

12 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

13 MR. MILLER: I, too, want to once
14 again address this issue. Many concerns
15 over this. I was quite troubled by a lot of
16 the things that I heard in this caucus
17 tonight, statements made by members of HARB
18 certainly troubled me. Many questions I
19 have, just kind run through them. Number
20 one, it certainly puzzles me how a group can
21 vote on key issues such as this without
22 having any bylaws. That's definitely
23 something I'm quite dumbfounded by. I think
24 that would be council voting on legislation
25 without, you know, having any Administrative

1 Code or Home Rule Charter or Robert's Rules
2 of Order to follow so I certainly think
3 there's some questionable areas in that
4 regard.

5 Secondly, I was quite troubled by
6 the statements I heard by members,
7 particularly those who have admitted on the
8 record that they have personally done work
9 for the University and yet they're voting on
10 this critical issue. I certainly think
11 there's a conflict of interest. I
12 personally believe a lot of politics was
13 spewed in this room this evening. I think
14 this whole issue is politically motivated
15 and we've gotten way from the fact of what
16 this issue needs to be about, the number one
17 priority, the future of this city and the
18 best interest of this city moving forward.
19 Ultimately protecting history and looking
20 out for the residents of this city and I'm
21 going once again reiterate my feelings, I do
22 not feel does any of that.

23 The job of HARB, the job of council
24 is to protect the city's history. It was
25 stated tonight that in 1996 this building

1 went on a list claiming it to be a
2 protective historical structure, so
3 obviously the University was well aware of
4 this throughout the last 17 years. They,
5 too, had an obligation and still to this day
6 have an obligation to preserve that
7 structure.

8 The fact that it can't be restored,
9 I don't buy it. I think as it's been stated
10 numerous times tonight I think this is just
11 an excuse to go out and, you know, make
12 money for somebody else and ultimately place
13 the burden on the residents of this city
14 like we have seen them consistently do here.

15 It was also stated that it's nothing
16 but bricks, there is nothing significant
17 about it. I take personal offense to that.
18 We had members of the board state that
19 they're not even lifelong residents of this
20 city and they're making these decisions so
21 how could they have any idea whatsoever as
22 to what's history of this city when they
23 haven't even lived it.

24 I think it's a complete disregard, a
25 complete lack of respect for our city's

1 history to make those statements and anybody
2 on this council, Mr. McGoff, Mr. Rogan, I
3 think you've also shown a complete lack of
4 respect for this city's history and you can
5 laugh, you know, you can smirk all you want,
6 but you've shown your true colors and I'm
7 quite disappointed in you as well. You have
8 an obligation as an elected official to be
9 our representative and you failed to do that
10 by taking this position.

11 The University could build this
12 building anywhere they'd like to. They've
13 shown that they're bullies with money, as
14 it's been stated here for years and that's
15 exactly the case, they are quite frankly
16 bullies with money and I think it's time for
17 council to stand up and put their foot down
18 and let them know that you're not going to
19 be pushed around. That yeah, they have a
20 lot of money, they have a lot more money
21 than we do and, yes, they probably could buy
22 this city if they wanted to, but this is our
23 community, this is our town, and we as
24 Scrantonians need to put them in their place
25 and let me know that this is our community

1 and we're not going to allow them to take
2 over our city.

3 I understand this building is
4 already off the tax rolls and it will remain
5 so, but my issue is moving forward. We talk
6 about you long term, yeah, let's talk the
7 long term. What's going to happen when they
8 want to go and buy another property. What's
9 going to happen with the Adlin building that
10 they recently bought? I believe it was last
11 summer they purchased that. That's going to
12 been taken off the tax rolls. We don't have
13 any issue over that.

14 You know, I just think it's time to
15 look out for the residents of this city. I
16 don't feel how you should be pushed around,
17 pinned in a corner on this. I'm asking to
18 go against this tonight, to look out for the
19 little guy in this community. As I said,
20 there's no reason why this building can't be
21 incorporated with the new proposed building.
22 A \$47 million building that was noted
23 tonight, almost half the city's budget for
24 this year and that's just -- that says a
25 lot.

1 You know, I think that, you know, we
2 need to take a look at this and determine
3 what's best for the city moving forward.
4 You know, I'm looking out for the little guy
5 here and, you know, I think we have allowed
6 the University to get a free ride for far
7 too long and it's time to be held
8 accountable and I think the start is tonight
9 by denying the demolition of this structure
10 and I think that's the best course of action
11 we need to take and let them know quite well
12 that they're not going to continue to
13 dictate what goes in this city as they've
14 allowed -- as this administration has
15 allowed that to happen for 12 years now.
16 It's time to show some leadership.

17 You know, a statement was made in
18 the paper by, I believe it might have been a
19 member of HARB or somebody that made a
20 comment that, you know, we don't want to be
21 cowards. That's exactly right. We don't
22 want to be cowards and continue to bow down
23 to the University. Stand up for the people,
24 do what's best and vote against this.

25 And finally tonight just on a piece

1 of legislation, a few seconds here, on the
2 DPW contract, an issue was raised last week
3 by a member of council, Mr. Rogan, that we
4 feel that the next mayor should take part in
5 the discussion of the new contract. I don't
6 find that to be appropriate at all. We
7 don't even know who is next mayor is going
8 to be at this time and even if we did
9 hypothetically speaking that individual has
10 not been elected, candidates I don't feel
11 should be a part of decision making process,
12 that's why we have elected officials. If
13 that was the case then all the candidates
14 should be part of budgets and this and that
15 so I think that's just a lame excuse to back
16 out of a piece of legislation.

17 I can recall a few months back we
18 voted on a clerical union contract and I
19 don't know remember at time us being
20 concerned about who the next mayor was, so I
21 think it's a fair contract when you take a
22 look at the services they provide. If
23 anything, we can consider a study, not a
24 drastic study, but a study to be done in the
25 future to see how we could better ourselves

1 moving forward in terms of our public works.
2 Thank you.

3 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Dave
4 Dobrzyn.

5 MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening, Council,
6 Dave Dobrzyn, resident of Scranton, I'll try
7 and talk fast.

8 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

9 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

10 MR. DOBRZYN: Okay, a few weeks ago
11 I requested that you consider a letter of
12 support to Steamtown. I'd appreciate, I
13 don't know if we're going on break this year
14 or not, but I appreciate if you'd really
15 consider that. It's supposed to be a center
16 piece of the downtown and Congress keeps
17 cutting the money back.

18 Now, I have a few different things
19 for the newspapers. I'll submit them to Ms.
20 Marciano. More tax exempts. "County still
21 on building search." How about state
22 revenue replacement now? Going to go off
23 the tax rolls at the county. "County
24 Targets Business. Program Targets
25 Businesses." Well, they're going to cut

1 taxes for -- replace taxes for local
2 community who get businesses to move in.
3 Sounds like a great idea, but are they going
4 to raise my county taxes for some other
5 town? I don't think so. They're parked
6 here and we have enough county in our town.

7 "Legislator Advances Bill to sell
8 Army Reserve." Now, I wrote a little note
9 in there, "Plan announced ten minute after
10 Audubon closed vote. \$30 million.

11 "Sewer Panel box added \$2.1 million
12 bill." In that case I'm on the side of the
13 sewer panel, why? Millions given to suburbs
14 in grants for sewer authorities. Millions.
15 It's going to be a \$108 for Jefferson
16 Township for sewer authority so we can't be
17 going doing everything by grouping together.
18 We're being taken advantage of.

19 "New state tax credit health
20 startups awaits final vote." Now, the only
21 trouble is they didn't include costs two-way
22 and they will not drop us to Class III so
23 we're out once again. Thank you, the State
24 of Pennsylvania.

25 And I have a letter here from the

1 editor about the good neighborhoods and Mr.
2 Oliver Morgan has a point that other people
3 have refused to pay and actually scoffed at
4 council over a PILOT, but there in again
5 it's time that we start to pay taxes when we
6 move outside of the original zone, I agree
7 with Ozzie it's gone too far and I don't
8 want to sound a bumpkin pickin' on
9 education, I don't want to sound like that
10 way.

11 And here's give back park by Chris
12 Phillips and it notes several promises from
13 prominent politicians when a South Side
14 Sports Complex was purchased and they
15 facilitated it with all of their promises
16 and they were going to get us help to
17 replace this ball field, well, years later
18 the ball field isn't, replaced, the money is
19 gone who knows where.

20 Now, I already had addressed the
21 PILOTS and there are a few people I would
22 note to Mr. Morgan that do give us PILOTS
23 other than the University, although not
24 many.

25 Now, on bankruptcy or privatize,

1 please, I don't want to hear any more of it,
2 I just want a city that runs right. I don't
3 want to hear about it. The only people that
4 I trust less than government officials at
5 times are corporations. So if you don't
6 take anymore corporate money it's a plus
7 with me and that's been your problem all
8 along, you people haven't taken any
9 cooperate money and you're not interested
10 incorporate and they're all mad at you
11 because you're not dancing to their tune.

12 And as far as HARB is concerned
13 there was a really nasty remark in the paper
14 about Mr. Joyce and I would appreciate that
15 it never be said gain. Never, ever again do
16 I want to hear somebody knocking council
17 over a disagreement.

18 Oh, and by the way, once again,
19 anybody want to the buy the Hilton? They've
20 been here four times -- what is this the
21 fourth time it's sold? You should know,
22 Mrs. Evans.

23 MS. EVANS: It's been several.

24 MR. DOBRZYN: It's the fourth time
25 about; right? Okay. Anybody wants to buy

1 it, it's up for sale once again and, by the
2 way, they were in town two times before and
3 they took all the money out of the
4 Lackawanna train station and sold it two
5 years later after all the government.

6 Now, the golden parrot goes to, and
7 I'll make this quick, people in our armed
8 forces are furloughed in place. So, in
9 other words, if you're on a nuclear
10 submarine or if you're on a aircraft carrier
11 you get furloughed in place, so you get to
12 stay on the ship and not get paid for the
13 day and if you've ever seen a sleeping area
14 on an aircraft carrier it's about the size of
15 a human coffin and there's very few other
16 places. Oh, by the way, on a nuclear
17 submarine you can't make any noise you have
18 to lay in your bed and not make any noise
19 because we're silent running, and also our
20 Congress they get for creating these
21 conditions with their sequester, so bawk,
22 bawk, Mr. Congress.

23 And please consider that letter
24 about Steamtown because that's one more
25 broken promise and the place is hurting.

1 Thank you, and if you have a chance go down
2 there, it's seven bucks to do a tour of the
3 museum and it's really interesting.

4 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

5 MR. EVANS: Our next speaker is
6 Marie Schumacher.

7 MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening,
8 Council. One small item of housekeeping
9 before I talk to the main subject, Mr.
10 Loscombe, I would request that you provide
11 the police arrests by charge for the first
12 half of 2013 by zip code if possible next
13 week.

14 MR. LOSCOMBE: Sure.

15 MS. SCHUMACHER: I'll begin tonight
16 by reading a quote from a recent letter from
17 the National Trust for Historic
18 Preservation. "Every year our nation's
19 history, our beautiful landmark buildings
20 are threatened by the wrecking ball. It's
21 more than heartbreaking to watch the
22 destruction."

23 Adding to the heartbreak of the
24 agenda item this evening authorizing the
25 demolition of the YWCA building is you are

1 putting the cart before the horse. There is
2 a lawsuit regarding the decision of the
3 zoning board so this historical building may
4 be sacrificed and then found out the zoning
5 board prevails, how sad would that be?

6 Approving this demolition will set a
7 precedent and no historical building will
8 henceforth be saved from the wrecking board.
9 The HARB should probably be disbanded.

10 I'm really confident that Charlie
11 Jefferson or Art Russo or some other
12 developer would be interested in the YWCA
13 building if the Scranton University does not
14 feel it's any value to them any longer.

15 This issue should be tabled until
16 the zoning issue has been resolved by the
17 Court at a minimum. I know an August
18 decision might interfere with your August
19 vacation, but I believe the cause is just.
20 On the HARB I did some research and I could
21 not find, even with the help of a
22 professional researcher, any legal notices
23 announcing the meeting dates and time for
24 HARB for their 2013 meetings which would
25 make all actions taken by this board null

1 and void I believe.

2 I also checked the 2013 agendas and
3 could find know record of city council
4 having received minutes of the HARB meetings
5 as they do with other authorities and
6 boards.

7 As with so many issues, the Goliaths
8 of the University power over the historical
9 significance of the YWCA, yet the University
10 itself bestowed an intercession grant to one
11 of their associate professors of history in
12 2009 to "Research records concerning
13 Scranton's YWCA."

14 The research is part of an ongoing
15 study of women's history in Scranton. Was
16 this grant laying the groundwork to
17 challenge the historical designation
18 perhaps? Who knows. While I doubt that any
19 of you did any personal research on the
20 historical significance of the YWCA I did
21 and found this totally ironic. One of the
22 reasons the YWCA had to be sold was a
23 shortage of funds despite the fact that the
24 YWCA received income through leasing a
25 parking lot. Fully half of the income was

1 used to pay realty taxes on the parking lot
2 of their property.

3 Compare this with the University of
4 Scranton, last year this council enacted a
5 tax on parking garages and parking lots.
6 What did the Goliath of the University do?
7 They sued the city and refuse to pay the
8 tax.

9 It appears a news rule is being
10 invoked by council, do anything you want in
11 this city as long as it brings money into
12 our coffers, morality has no place. I now
13 know who really runs this city. I wonder
14 whether Mr. Joyce and Mr. Rogan really
15 believe all the two years construction
16 employees will be Scranton residents or is
17 local and not the city primary any longer.

18 I fully understand property taxes
19 for 2014 will probably be raised by this
20 council by more than 50 percent so perhaps
21 putting revenue first is a simple act of
22 desperation. I also find it ironic that a
23 Christian University that owes so much to
24 this city, including the use of eminent
25 domain to take perfectly good homes and give

1 the property to the University, tax free
2 status, grants, including, again,
3 ironically, a Kresge grant to purchase and
4 renovate the YWCA when it was originally
5 acquired, we provide fire protection and now
6 you want another hook and ladder building,
7 would chose to demolish the history of
8 another Christian structure with a rich
9 historic pedigree.

10 Now, after months of planning this
11 demolition, perhaps even years, the Goliath
12 known as the University of Scranton is
13 demanding the city jump and your response is
14 apparently, "How high?"

15 Thank you.

16 MR. EVANS: Thank you.

17 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

18 MS. EVANS: Andy Sbaraglia.

19 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia,
20 citizen of Scranton. Fellow Scrantonians.

21 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

22 MR. SBARAGLIA: I'll probably be
23 speaking on the "YW", too. To look at that
24 building it's not very historic. It really
25 isn't. We can find a building like

1 throughout this valley almost anywhere, but
2 the use of that building makes it historic.
3 That building was the Ellis Island of
4 Scranton. When the people came in from
5 outside the city they had to have a place to
6 live and then they would go back out to
7 their farms or wherever or even coming into
8 the city, you know, from overseas they still
9 had to have a place to stay and that's where
10 the "Y" came in. God knows how many famous
11 mothers lived in that "Y" or how many
12 children that their mother had really made
13 contributions to the world and to the city.
14 That's what makes that building historic,
15 not the design. That outside facade really
16 isn't that great, but the end use of it
17 makes it very historic.

18 When you tear down something, down
19 in below Harrisburg, down there at
20 Gettysburg they're keeping the train station
21 because, of course, the president got off at
22 it to give his Gettysburg address. That
23 made that train station historic and that's
24 what you got to look at. The outside
25 building doesn't necessarily make anything

1 historic, but the use of the building that
2 really makes it historic and you've got to
3 look at that. You've got to look at the use
4 of that building and how many famous people
5 might have even slept there besides George
6 Washington, which I doubt, but this is what
7 I mean.

8 I lot of people slept in the "Y".
9 See, I don't think any of you remember the
10 "Y". I don't think any are old enough to
11 remember the "Y". I had the luck to take
12 care of elevator in the "Y" and the
13 University, too. I don't fault the
14 University really, it's just that you have
15 to look at a building in use, how it was
16 used before you can really make a decision
17 on the building. The facade, like I said
18 before, is not very great. I mean, you look
19 at the Masonic temple and you compare that
20 building to it and you see right away it's
21 not very good, actually it's not very good
22 design. It was functional. It was a
23 functional design and that's what it was
24 for, but historic use of that building is
25 historic and that's what you're really

1 voting on, the historic use of that building
2 and not necessary the building itself.

3 Thank you.

4 MR. EVANS: Thank you. Is there
5 anyone else who cares to address council?

6 MS. FRANUS: Fay Franus, Scranton.

7 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

8 MR. JOYCE: Good evening.

9 MS. FRANUS: Good evening. Mrs.
10 Evans, you were correct before when you
11 said, "This is a very enlightening meeting"
12 with the HARB members. I personally think,
13 my own opinion, that Mr. Moore should be
14 taken off that board immediately.
15 Immediately. He went out of his way not to
16 let the other members vote to reconsider
17 this because he had his own agenda. I can't
18 prove what it is, but it was very apparent
19 that he's fighting tooth and nail for the
20 University, not for the preservation of
21 historic buildings which is why this group
22 is there to keep these buildings, not to
23 have them torn down.

24 And it will set a precedent and then
25 the judge will come back and say, "Well, you

1 did this then, so we have to do it again."

2 You have to take that chance? I
3 want to see tonight, and I hope you don't
4 table this vote, like Ms. Schumacher said
5 wait until the zoning board, to me there's
6 not a judge in this county that will vote
7 against the University of Scranton. To me
8 that's a done deal, it's just a matter of
9 time. No way do I think the zoning board
10 will win that, so do what you have to do,
11 but I want to find who up there, who up
12 there is a public servant and who up there
13 is a politician. Who is really for the
14 people and who is for their own agenda. We
15 are going to find out with this vote.

16 And the union people are going to
17 come up here, I'm a union member, a union
18 member. They say there's not many jobs for
19 contractors. Well, how come every time you
20 call a contractor you can't get anybody to
21 come to your house? And once they start
22 something they never come back and finish it
23 so they have a reputation, too.

24 And the University is here tonight
25 and they're going to plead their case. Are

1 they ever here any other time saying, "We'd
2 like to give you money"? You don't see them
3 unless they want something. They're never,
4 ever here to help the city, they're here to
5 take from the taxpayers constantly and the
6 city -- the people in the City of Scranton
7 have had it up to here because we have to
8 pay the taxes for all of the buildings that
9 they tore down, we have to make up for that
10 missing money that they took.

11 But that's not the reason not to
12 vote for. The reason not to vote for this
13 is because you want to preserve a historic
14 building and make sure that it never happens
15 again and I hope this council has some kind
16 of power to look into the minutes of these
17 HARB meetings and I think it would be good
18 if ECTV could film those meetings. I think
19 we would learn very much the actions that
20 take place, the stifling that this chairman
21 rules over these members that they have no
22 say in anything. God help them if they try.
23 It's like Germany.

24 So tonight I hope you do do the vote
25 and I pray to God you vote not to demolish

1 this building because we're going to see who
2 up there is really elected to serve the
3 people, and the ones that aren't you're
4 going to have to face the consequences.
5 Thank you.

6 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

7 MR. EVANS: Is there anyone else?

8 MR. FIGURED: Yes. Good evening,
9 Council. My name is Jack Figured, I've been
10 here before, spoke on the University
11 projects a number of times, I'm a lifelong
12 resident of the City of Scranton. First of
13 all I want to know who here doesn't have
14 someone right now that's unemployed or under
15 employed wouldn't benefit from a good paying
16 job? Anybody in this room that doesn't have
17 a friend or family member?

18 Second of all, the University pays
19 \$175,000 a year in lieu of taxes. In the
20 scheme of things is it a small amount?
21 Maybe. But let's look at the tax bill that
22 we all pay as residents of the City of
23 Scranton. You have a school tax, a county
24 tax and a city tax. The city tax on my home
25 is probably \$600 a year. By my calculations

1 that \$175,000 pays for 350 homes for every
2 year that it has torn down. Could we do
3 better? I hope some day that we will.

4 You've heard Rick Schroeder from the
5 IBW, you've heard Drew Simpson from the
6 Carpenters tell you about the unemployment
7 rate in the area and true, this job will not
8 benefit all union members. Yes, we will do
9 the majority of the construction on the
10 project and we will pay and, Marie, a lot of
11 city workers will be there from my local,
12 from the carpenters and electricians and all
13 the trades. We put or people in
14 geographical areas so they don't have to
15 travel too far from their homes because of
16 the price of gas and stuff like that. So
17 will this benefit us? Yes.

18 You heard from Jim Devers. He told
19 you that this building will be razed and an
20 eight-story building will be put up and they
21 need this to facilitate their students there
22 and a great paying job. You go to physical
23 therapy, I've had someone that's been there
24 recently, that's a nice job to have, okay?
25 A lot of city residents will be there,

1 hopefully will go through this program and
2 get good paying job. Whether they stay in
3 the area or not remains to be seen. If we
4 don't go further we'll never have anybody
5 employed with any good jobs here.

6 Second of all, I want to say that
7 for everyone sitting here tonight I'd like
8 to thank you for all the opportunity to
9 speak here. I'd like to thank all the
10 council members again for taking the time to
11 go over this, it's been a lot of
12 controversy, there's been a lot of things
13 said.

14 As far as the HARB vote, any time
15 you can get eight members of a committee
16 together to vote on anything and seven of
17 them voted, they voted no matter how long
18 the discussion was that's what people in
19 this country fight and die for every day to
20 have a say, and they did have their say, but
21 the majority rules, just like on the
22 council.

23 So I'd like to thank everybody for
24 your time and everything else and hopefully
25 you'll do the right thing here. Look at the

1 major scheme of things, just don't look at
2 the University as being big and bad and
3 forcing things down our throat because
4 they're not in this instance. They're
5 taking a building that's been off the tax
6 rolls for a long time. Is it a grand
7 building? Like Andy said, it's a decent
8 building, it's a common building of that
9 error design. The design back then was
10 multi-width, I'm sure none of you know what
11 multi-width is. The brick walls in that
12 building are probably 12 inches thick and
13 some wood structure on the inside. There's
14 no place for air conditioning, there is no
15 place for heating, there is no place for
16 technology.

17 Look at the rage today everybody
18 watches all of the home improvement shows on
19 TV all day long, all day Saturday and
20 Sunday. You see where they're giving a
21 \$100,000 to renovate two rooms in a house,
22 they start to tear the house apart, they
23 find out there is structural problems with
24 it and they're lucky to get a bathroom out
25 of it. \$45 million doesn't go far today,

1 okay? So what are you going to do is you're
2 going to have building there that has no
3 functional use, they've done a study on it.
4 The university has hired engineers, said,
5 "This is what we intend to use the building
6 for, can we do this?"

7 The engineers have come back and
8 said no. You have an architect that has
9 looked over the building, he said he's
10 probably looked at two dozen buildings over
11 his career in the City of Scranton and saved
12 many of them, for some things, yes, you can
13 do work in. If you are having office space
14 you can stud the walls out and stuff that
15 like, but when you are doing renovation and
16 you're running technology and new air
17 conditioning and new heating and stuff like
18 that this building doesn't meet the use.

19 There's no significant historical
20 advantage to it. I've been a bricklayer for
21 38 years, that's my life. I built these
22 buildings. I know what can be done with
23 them, I know the structure of them. Yes,
24 it's an old building, the walls are probably
25 18 inches thick, okay? What would you do --

1 what would you do when start to tear that
2 apart and you open asbestos abatement
3 problems, lead paint problems in the
4 windows, no matter who you are when you do
5 construction on your home the worse thing
6 you fear is opening up structural problems.

7 The best thing for this building is
8 to be razed, a new building be put in its
9 place and we'll have something to look at
10 for the next 50 years and every one of my
11 men and the construction workers and all the
12 people that is work in this building will be
13 very proud of that building just those
14 people who worked on it 100 years ago are
15 proud of the work they did.

16 So please take all this stuff into
17 consideration and vote hopefully the right
18 way. Thank you.

19 MR. EVANS: Is there anyone else?

20 MS. UTT: My name is Utt Drea, I
21 live on East Mountain and I am a physical
22 therapist. I have been a physical therapist
23 practice for I think 54 years on two
24 continents and I came to Scranton in 1968
25 into some kind of a situation that was like

1 peace, cool in the biggest richest country
2 in the world and there were four physical
3 therapists in town at the time. It was
4 Edith and George and Tony and Rosie and I
5 was No. 5, and now I congratulate the city
6 for the medical advances that have taken
7 place. Since I'm here I consider myself
8 part of the renaissance of Scranton having
9 been here all that time, having at least
10 observed it, but also contributed with it.

11 And I thought, you know, how
12 wonderful that new building is a physical
13 therapy, yeah, but would someone come
14 visiting great Pennsylvania and say, "Oh,
15 yeah, let's go to Scranton and see that new
16 physical building."

17 That could be anywhere, especially
18 physical therapists, they could walk to
19 classes so it doesn't need to be downtown in
20 a historic district. Thank you for your
21 considerations. Thank you.

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

24 MR. SPARROW: Good evening. My name
25 is Paul Sparrow, I'm a member of the

1 International Brotherhood of Electrical
2 Workers, I'm also president of the union.
3 Thank you for giving me some time to speak
4 tonight.

5 I've been following this in the
6 paper for the last few weeks, actually the
7 last few months, and I have great pride in
8 saying to some of the people who had courage
9 enough to change their positions on this
10 University of Scranton project.

11 You know, some things about -- I'm a
12 taxpaying citizen of Scranton, also. I live
13 in the North Scranton part of the city,
14 Providence, and I've been a member of IBEW
15 for 35 years. You know, the building trades
16 people are looking forward to this project
17 for a long time. It would put a lot of
18 people to work and what's that going to do?
19 That's going to put the money back into the
20 tax rolls, they're going to be spending
21 money in the stores, shops, restaurants,
22 bars and whatnot and that's good for our
23 area.

24 You know, the problem with
25 Northeastern Pennsylvania sometimes we're

1 afraid to move forward. You know, we like
2 to stay put, stay history, don't tear
3 anything down, let's not move forward. Case
4 in point, when they were going to put in
5 Montage Mountain there were so many people
6 against that. The Lackawanna County stadium
7 the same thing. You know, oh, we can't
8 build a stadium, nobody will ever go to the
9 games and, you know, the rest is history.

10 You know, one thing about people on
11 city council here, you know, at election
12 time guess who they come to looking for
13 votes, they come to the building trades
14 because they know there is over 10,000,
15 15,000 building trade members, Lackawanna,
16 Luzerne, Wayne, Pike, Monroe County and
17 guess what they're coming to us looking for
18 votes. Well, now we're coming to you
19 looking for help. We need your help now and
20 we appreciate anything you can do for us.

21 And you know what, do the right
22 thing. You know, the building is an old
23 building, it's over 100 years old, it needs
24 to be demolished, let's move forward, let's
25 get the city moving forward, put people back

1 to work. Like Jack Figured said we have
2 relatives, friends, neighbors who are
3 unemployed or under employed looking forward
4 to going to work on some of these projects.
5 Thank you.

6 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

7 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Is there
8 anyone else?

9 MR. DEVERS: Good evening, Council.

10 MR. JOYCE: Good evening.

11 MR. EVANS: Good evening.

12 MR. DEVERS: My name is Jim Devers,
13 I'm the associate vice president for
14 Facilities Operations at the University. By
15 my count I've been here about four or five
16 times officering testimony or reasons why we
17 need to demolish this building and move
18 forward and I'm not going to reiterate that,
19 but what I want to is give council members
20 the opportunity to ask me any questions they
21 have regarding this project. Mr. Joyce?

22 MR. JOYCE: Yes, what's the current
23 timetable for this project?

24 MR. DEVERS: The current timetable
25 if we're able to get approval for the

1 demolition permits, we have worked with
2 Quandel, our construction manager, and
3 basically two weeks behind -- or two months
4 behind the regular schedule. We can make up
5 that time at a significant cost of overtime,
6 protection from winter conditions and things
7 like that and we be able to occupy the
8 building for the late Summer of 2015.

9 MR. JOYCE: Okay. Now, what is the
10 exact reason that the historical site had to
11 be used and another location couldn't be
12 used?

13 MR. DEVERS: Well, first of all,
14 there is no location, but the most important
15 part is that the adjacent, McGurkin Hall,
16 houses the Education Department, Counseling,
17 Health Services and Nursing Departments.
18 Physical therapy, occupational therapy and
19 exercise science are closely related to
20 those disciplines. There will be
21 interdisciplinary teaching that goes on
22 between all disciplines that are housed in
23 those two buildings.

24 As I stated many times, the floor
25 levels of those buildings do not match up.

1 When you're dealing with people with
2 disabilities, clients with disabilities it's
3 very important to have the building
4 accessible, and really the only way we can
5 make an accessible building is to raise the
6 existing Leahy Hall, which consists of two
7 buildings, with floor levels that do not
8 match up.

9 MR. JOYCE: Okay.

10 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Devers --

11 MR. DEVERS: Yes, sir.

12 MR. MCGOFF: -- concerning the zoning
13 board the University of Scranton has
14 appealed through the Courts the decision of
15 the zoning board, do you have a court date
16 established for that?

17 MR. DEVERS: No, sir, we do not have
18 a court date established.

19 MR. MCGOFF: And if, in fact, a
20 variance weren't approved through the courts
21 would the project continue with another
22 plan, let's say, architectural plan?

23 MR. DEVERS: We would be forced to
24 do that. This is a top priority for the
25 University. We need this building. We have

1 made commitments basically to accreditation
2 boards for occupational therapy and physical
3 therapy so we would, yes, need to somehow
4 adjust just the design to allow us to build
5 this building without having to go back to
6 the zoning board.

7 MR. MCGOFF: So it's fair to say
8 that this property would not go undeveloped?

9 MR. DEVERS: Oh, no. No, we need
10 the building. We need to develop this
11 project.

12 MR. ROGAN: I would just ask if this
13 legislation passes in its current form, and
14 obviously I'm hopeful that it will you're
15 saying that there will be jobs created
16 within a few months with the demolition of
17 the building.

18 MR. DEVERS: As soon as we get the
19 permit, there will be jobs created for the
20 demolition contractor, and we also would be
21 fast tracking things like the structural
22 steel and other long need items and putting
23 those out to bid through the construction
24 manager, yes.

25 MR. ROGAN: Thank you.

1 MR. DEVERS: Thank you.

2 MS. EVANS: Is there is anyone else?

3 MS. NIEHUS: Good evening, council.

4 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

5 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

6 MS. NEIHUS: Deborah Neihus, West
7 Scranton. I ran down here and I just have a
8 whole bunch of notes ad hoc in nature and
9 I've watched this particular topic be
10 addressed for several weeks in the
11 newspapers here, the zoning board, etcetera,
12 and I think my biggest concern at this point
13 is witnessing the unfolding of flawed
14 procedures.

15 Concerns here tonight were brought
16 forward regarding the voting of HARB. Take
17 it another degree further, you hear a number
18 of individuals on this particular board make
19 statements that were, quite frankly, almost
20 incomprehensible to me as a person with a
21 degree from the University in history and
22 communication, which I probably -- and has
23 served me well in my life beyond my career,
24 so I have nothing but good things to say
25 about the University as an educational

1 institution regarding education.

2 But when I heard various people on
3 this board make statements such as, "Well,
4 it's not architecturally pretty and it's not
5 really much to look at, and it's just a
6 bunch of bricks and we have all these other
7 overriding concerns of jobs and money and we
8 have pressures," I had to just sit back and
9 say, and I think it was brought up here
10 before, that is not your task, and I did
11 hear some of the members of that board state
12 that their job as a member of the board is
13 to protect the history of community and
14 there are buildings across this nation that
15 are frankly little more than shacks that
16 their historical review boards protect.
17 They don't raze them.

18 Motown in Detroit, various birth
19 places throughout the country of notable
20 people that live there are preserved. Why?
21 Because of the symbolism and the memories
22 that they generate and create what's a
23 community, a community of people. You can't
24 just raze that and that not have it ripple
25 with repercussions throughout a community.

1 That memory is gone once you level it. You
2 can make little notations and nice
3 presentations, but the actual building that
4 I could point to my grandchild and say, "You
5 know, I used to go there and swim on
6 Saturdays and that's where women went," and
7 provide history that's lost. You can't
8 provide that in a display or with a few
9 architectural remnants left over.

10 So I think that is what's not being
11 considered here which is the primary purpose
12 of a historical board. Then you can go own
13 an discuss whether it's historically
14 significant enough or sufficiently to keep,
15 but I haven't heard that process take place,
16 not until tonight where I'm just starting
17 to.

18 And that brings my other concern,
19 you know, I graduated from the University
20 many, many years that I'll never one father
21 that I did have, Father Gannon, he was my
22 philosophy instructor, I believe, and he saw
23 how Debra Neihus used to just fly into the
24 University, I wasn't happy about staying
25 here in Scranton, I had a full scholarship

1 at the University of Pittsburgh but because
2 my Catholic upbringing I stayed home because
3 my father had a massive coronary and I had a
4 younger brother and sister to look after.
5 Father Gannon noticed that I was a person
6 that came and left real quick after class
7 and he stopped me once and he said, "Ms.
8 Niehus, are you a pupil at this University
9 or you a member of the student body?"

10 And I cannot tell you, it stopped me
11 in my tracks that he even noticed, that he
12 actually took the time to ask what was going
13 on, why was I not engaging myself more in my
14 student body matters because he saw possibly
15 something in me that was not being tapped or
16 taken advantage of, and I can't tell you how
17 many times in my life that scenario has
18 played through my mind.

19 So I would like to ask the
20 University that instilled in me principles
21 that have served me well in life of
22 sensitivity, consensus building, listening
23 to everybody even if they don't seem
24 important, conscientiousness and compassion.
25 They're not just things that you learn in a

1 religion class, those were instilled in me
2 to show in my life, my daily life, and
3 that's what is troubling to me is that I
4 don't seen the procedure this exhibiting,
5 and it saddens me to say this, any of those
6 various principals from my alma mater.

7 So I would ask the University let's
8 start talking. If we're going to lose this
9 building, let's start talking and start
10 acting, and I want to ask them, are you a
11 member of this community of this City of
12 Scranton or are you merely a resident and
13 that echos with Father Gannon asked me and I
14 would ask them to be more forthcoming, more
15 honest, and understand that buildings are
16 more just bricks and mortar. Thank you.

17 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

18 MR. LEWDNESS: Jackie.

19 MR. LOSCOMBE: Hey, Chrissy, you
20 came out of retirement, huh?

21 MR. LEWDNESS: I'm retired.

22 MR. LOSCOMBE: Everybody was worried
23 where you've been.

24 MR. SLEDZENSKI: Jack, don't forget
25 what I told you about the Dream Game,

1 remember? July 31, i told you, remember, in
2 the hallway we talked about? So everybody
3 come out and support the kids. Thank you.

4 MR. LOSCOMBE: Take care, Buddy.

5 MS. EVANS: Is there anyone else?
6 Mrs. Krake?

7 MS. KRAKE: 5-A. MOTIONS.

8 MR. EVANS: Councilman McGoff, do
9 you have any comments or motions?

10 MR. MCGOFF: Yes, thank you. First
11 of all just a couple of responses to things
12 that were said. I'm sure that the
13 University of Scranton would appreciate any
14 comparison that was made to Brown
15 University, that they would be on par with
16 an Ivy League School, I think they would
17 welcome that comparison.

18 Also, the city doesn't own Leahy
19 Hall. The University of Scranton owns Leahy
20 Hall and it's their decision what to do with
21 that hall and how to use it, the manner in
22 which to use it, and I think in some cases
23 we need to respect how the property owner,
24 and they are property owners, how the
25 property owners utilize their property.

1 I was asked to recuse myself from
2 vote on this. I'll emphatically say no. I
3 have not been a student at the University of
4 Scranton for many years. I went to the
5 graduate school there and then subsequently
6 took a couple of courses in psychology later
7 on.

8 Yes, I was employed there, I was
9 assistant coach for a number of years,
10 actually a volunteer assistant and then one
11 year was an assistant basketball coach of
12 the women's program and I then I did serve
13 as an adjunct professor for two semesters
14 and that was well over five years, so I have
15 at the current time know ties to the
16 University of Scranton and no reason to
17 recuse myself from the vote.

18 And the last thing on the University
19 of Scranton, people keep talking about the
20 burden that this is placing on the city. I
21 still have not heard anyone say anything
22 about how this burdens either the City or
23 the residents of the City of Scranton.

24 Yes, does it have some historic
25 value? I agree, but there is no burden,

1 there is no little guy that is being hurt by
2 this legislation and to me it's just a bit
3 of demagoguery, you know, to talk about that
4 idea that somehow this project is hurting
5 the taxpayer or hurting the city, but more I
6 guess when we get to the legislation.

7 Other things, I did receive a phone
8 call from a lady in Minooka that contacted
9 me concerning an overgrown lot next to her
10 home. I subsequently called Mr. Dougher.
11 DPW came out and looked at the lot and did
12 partially clear the lot for her and then
13 told me that further work would be done,
14 they didn't have the right equipment, and
15 the lady called me back and was very
16 thankful. She said the people that came to
17 work on the property next to her home were
18 extremely courteous and did a great job and
19 she would just like to, you know, a public
20 thank you to those people that did that.

21 And lastly, and very briefly, the
22 PEL meeting this week was rather lengthy and
23 somewhat informative. Last week we received
24 an updated letter from PEL concerning 2013,
25 but more importantly the 2014 and in that

1 update they were projecting somewhere around
2 a \$15 million deficit for 2014, and it
3 seemed to be drastic, the numbers seemed to
4 be a drastic change and at the meeting on
5 Monday we asked -- I asked and Mrs. Krake
6 was there and also asked for an explanation
7 of how that number was arrived at because
8 the figures they gave us looked at a \$5
9 million deficit for 2013 and the only reason
10 for that deficit was a change in the figures
11 for the arbitration award, which we budgeted
12 at \$17 million, but the actual number will
13 probably be closer to \$22 million, so that
14 made a \$5 million dollar deficit.

15 And I asked, I said, "So otherwise,
16 other than that difference the 2013 budget is
17 basically balanced?"

18 To which they responded, "Yes."

19 You know, there's some slight
20 differences, which then begged question how
21 did we get from what is essentially a
22 balanced budget to a \$15 million deficit for
23 2014.

24 And they did provide us with some
25 updated figures, some more explanation, I

1 don't want to get into all of that, but I'm
2 sure that we on council will be taking a
3 look at those as we move forward because
4 it's those figures that they provided that
5 will be used for a number of purposes.

6 And that was other thing that I
7 brought up to the representatives from PEL,
8 we're using these figures to justify a
9 commuter tax possibly, we're looking to use
10 these figures for the borrowing that may be
11 necessary to pay the arbitration award and
12 the pension, minimum payment for the
13 pension. We're using it for budget
14 preparation and we're using the same figures
15 for the revised recovery plan and it seems
16 as though we're at some times working at
17 cross purposes with all of these, and I
18 think that we're going to need some major
19 explanation and, you know, discussion on how
20 these figures are arrived at and how they
21 will be resolved for 2014.

22 And at the end of the meeting Mr.
23 Cross from PEL did say that he would be --
24 that he would be available to come to a
25 caucus to the explain the figures and

1 explain their recommendations and maybe
2 sometime in August -- or excuse me, sometime
3 in the September or October we can arrange
4 that so that we do have a better
5 understanding of the numbers that are being
6 provided. And that is all I have. Thank
7 you.

8 MR. EVANS: Thank you. Councilman
9 Rogan?

10 MR. ROGAN: Yes, thank you. Just a
11 very few comments, I'll save the majority of
12 my remarks for the voting portion of the
13 meeting. First, there have been a lot of
14 comments tonight from council members and
15 from residents regarding the August recess,
16 I would like to once again for another year
17 reiterate my opposition to council taking a
18 recess in the month of August. Even if
19 there is not legislation coming down I
20 believe council should meet for citizens'
21 issues and also for number of caucuses that
22 I believe we need to have, one of them
23 regarding mall and I know saw Mr. Joyce will
24 be making a motion to table that, I believe
25 that's the right course of action at this

1 point in time until we get that information.

2 I'm hopeful in the future that the
3 August recess will be removed from the Rules
4 of Council. It's something I will fight
5 very hard for next year when the Rules are
6 rewritten.

7 One quick comment regarding the
8 University of Scranton issue before we
9 proceed. Most of the debate tonight that
10 you and the audience and the TV audience
11 will hear will be regarding this project.
12 This is certainly one of the bigger issues
13 facing the City of Scranton. What is
14 important that the people keep in mind when
15 looking at this issue is what we're actually
16 voting on.

17 As a council member I believe we all
18 need to look at what's best for City of
19 Scranton as a whole. There are questions
20 regarding HARB and how their meetings were
21 conducted, how they should have been
22 conducted, how they weren't, but that's not
23 something that city council can act upon.
24 HARB has changes to make in how their
25 meetings are run, that's their issues.

1 Council's issue is whether or not we should
2 accept their certificate of appropriateness
3 for this project.

4 You will hear council members cite
5 that is a reason for opposition. You will
6 hear council's member cite the zoning board
7 as an issue -- as a reason to oppose this
8 measure. The zoning issue is completely
9 separate from the HARB issue. The HARB
10 issue is whether is specifically on whether
11 it's appropriate to raze this structure.
12 The zoning issue is specifically regarding
13 the construction of the new building.

14 I know council has be assured
15 numerous times from the representatives of
16 the University of Scranton that regardless
17 of what happens with the zoning appeal that
18 a new building will be placed on that
19 property if the building is razed, and
20 that's the issue we are looking at. The
21 zoning issue could take years to play out
22 after appeal and appeal and appeal, we've
23 seen that happen before with many other
24 issues in the city.

25 Also, other issues that may be

1 brought up that are another distraction are
2 general issues regarding the University of
3 Scranton. PILOTS. Do I think the
4 University of Scranton should contribute
5 more to the City? I do. Do I think there
6 are many issues that the City of Scranton
7 and the University of Scranton need to work
8 out? Absolutely, but that is not relevant
9 to this specific project.

10 What is relevant to this project is
11 whether it's best for the city and it's
12 residents and the workers and the city
13 coffers or if it's not and that's pretty
14 black and white.

15 One more comment, I see that there
16 will be a motion made later this meeting
17 trying to tie accepting the certificate of
18 appropriateness to the zoning decision. I
19 firmly believe that these are two, as I
20 stated before, these are two separate issues
21 and anyone who would vote to tie these
22 together obviously doesn't want to see this
23 project progress in a speedy manner. I'm
24 hopeful if this motion is made it's defeated
25 and I'm hopeful that the legislation will

1 pass in the original form that we've been
2 debating for many weeks now.

3 I will have many more comments on
4 this issue and others when the voting
5 portion of the meeting comes up. Thank you.

6 MR. EVANS: Thank you. Just a few
7 quick remarks, regarding the August recess
8 it's not a matter of council rules, it's
9 included in the Home Rule Charter so if,
10 indeed, in the future council hopes to
11 change that then they're going to have deal
12 with the issue of Home Rule Charter.

13 MR. ROGAN: Mrs. Evans, on that --

14 In addition, the representatives of
15 the Mall Associates have already schedule
16 for caucus September 26 as we were notified
17 by Ms. Aebli. They're coming in from out of
18 town and they're unable to attend at any
19 time prior to that date. Further, according
20 to Ms. Aebli, the approval for this
21 particular loan extension is needed by
22 December 2013.

23 And then finally, the amendment that
24 is being proposed this evening was drafted
25 by and recommended by our city solicitor

1 Boyd Hughes.

2 MR. ROGAN: I would just reply
3 regarding the recess in 2005, and I believe
4 you were in the majority then, and you also
5 supported meeting throughout the month of
6 August.

7 MR. EVANS: And at that time I did
8 because council were facing the foreclosure
9 of the Hilton Hotel --

10 MR. ROGAN: And we are currently
11 facing --

12 MR. EVANS: -- and that was going to
13 happen at any given time and it was at the
14 request of the president at that time, Mr.
15 DiBileo, and Mr. Courtright that council
16 remain in session that August just, for
17 example, as council remained in session last
18 August when we faced an emergency.

19 MR. ROGAN: Well, we came back into
20 session because my motion to meet throughout
21 August was defeated last year. I don't want
22 to belabor this point, I know it's a losing
23 battle, but I do hope in the future that we
24 will meet in August and we'll debate the
25 other issues in the voting portion of the

1 meeting.

2 MS. EVANS: And, Councilman
3 Loscombe?

4 MR. LOSCOMBE: I guess I'll get into
5 it again, too, some of it will be
6 repetitious, but Mr. Rogan asked the
7 question, "What are we voting on?"

8 I may have a different take on what
9 are we voting on. It seems that everyone is
10 missing the whole point. This isn't a union
11 issue. Obviously, if I vote against it
12 being a union man I won't have union
13 support, but that's besides the point I have
14 77,000 people I represent here, too.

15 You know, we're letting emotions of
16 the economy come into play here and the
17 University is using that to their benefit by
18 getting the unions coming here with their
19 rallying call and anybody that knows me
20 knows I bleed union, so nobody has to come
21 and tell me, we are missing the whole point
22 in this. The point is about a historic
23 building and nobody can tell me, no
24 architect can stand here and tell me it
25 cannot, it is not feasible to put in. It may

1 cost a few extra bucks, but to build with
2 that, believe me, I have somewhat of a
3 background and I know quite a few
4 architects, I worked for many myself.

5 The problem is it's not an issue of
6 should the University pay us more money,
7 that's another day. We all know where I
8 stand on that, also. That's for another
9 time. The issue at hand right now is did
10 the Historic Architectural Review Board do
11 their due diligence with this project?
12 After listening tonight, it appears to me
13 there was a little bit of push there, a
14 little bit of aggressiveness to get this
15 done. That's my take on it. Maybe someone
16 else will take differently, but that's my
17 take on it. It has everything to do with
18 the history of the building, nothing to do
19 with the unions or employees or anything.

20 If the University would compromise
21 and incorporate that corner of the building
22 there's the same amount of work, maybe even
23 more, for the unions in this case. That's
24 all they have to do.

25 Work with HARB, work with us, come

1 up with a plan that is going to do
2 everything and I'm favor of it, and what I'm
3 saying here may be for not because the vote
4 may pass regardless, which is why we're here
5 and why I gave everybody the opportunity to
6 bring this vote to the panel gain.

7 You know, I have the ability to see
8 it in black and white, it's not what the "U"
9 should pay us, it's not about, you know, can
10 the building be rehabbed or not, which I
11 believe it can, so I don't believe that's an
12 issue. I believe that building can be
13 incorporated into the new building. You're
14 talking about different levels, look at
15 Mercy Hospital, they're at different levels,
16 they have elevators that open both sides.
17 There's nothing that is, you know, change my
18 mind on that aspect.

19 But, you know, yes, definitely,
20 money is an issue. This city is cash
21 strapped, but to be pushed into a wall and
22 say, "Look at all the permit money we're
23 going to get and all that," just think if we
24 made this decision with the parking
25 agreement? We would be paying double for a

1 parking contract right now if we didn't sit
2 back. We needed that money bad, but we
3 delayed it and we sat back and said, "It
4 should be done this way."

5 In my four years here I've seen a
6 lots and I've seen a lot of this lacking,
7 things being pushed certain ways to go
8 certain ways without going through the right
9 process, without going through a public
10 process. I had an open mind, as I stated
11 earlier, I could go either way on this vote,
12 but, you know, the more I heard this evening
13 and I've heard a little bit beyond that that
14 I can't even express here on some of the
15 pressure, I just feel, you know, that the
16 deck is cards was dealt, this is what we're
17 going to do, this is how we're going to do
18 it, and we'll get all of these organizations
19 rallying behind us we don't have to spend a
20 dime. We'll threaten the votes, we'll
21 threaten the council members, you know,
22 we'll use the power of the press. That
23 Scranton Times knows my name good, believe
24 me, I'm in every editorial anymore, and I'm
25 proud of it because when I know the Times

1 doesn't like me I'm on the right side.
2 Believe me. Because they're just as guilty
3 as anybody of worrying about what they're
4 going to get and who they're going to get
5 not helping you.

6 And, you know, look at perfect
7 example, look at the Oppenheim's building,
8 they had a major general alarm fire in
9 there, they could have opted to tear that
10 done. No, they rebuilt that. This fine
11 lady in the front row here, I'm sorry, Uta,
12 she showed me a book on buildings in Germany
13 after the war, after the war ravished the
14 towns of Germany and look at the beautiful
15 work in those buildings. They've kept their
16 history.

17 All I'm asking is for you for the
18 University to consider keeping that part of
19 history, not a door, not a portico, but that
20 building as a part of history and
21 constructing around it and then I think you
22 will do the service to the public in this
23 city to show that you have respect for the
24 citizens of this city, just as that woman
25 Ms. Niehus, I believe it was, spoke earlier

1 about her education at the University.

2 But, you know, right now, you can
3 say what you want, I said there's no winners
4 or losers in this, you can badger me, you
5 can call me whatever you want. Mr.
6 Lockwood, you can tell your editorials,
7 "Bring it on."

8 You're fair, but they have the power
9 and you see what happens with the power, but
10 it's not about me and the unions and trying
11 to keep jobs away. I think a compromise
12 would create more jobs for everybody. So if
13 you want to look at it that way that's your
14 prerogative. It's the same way we agree to
15 disagree here many times.

16 You know, we can disagree on many
17 issues yet we can still sit down like
18 gentlemen and ladies and discuss other
19 issues because this isn't a one-issue city
20 council. We have a lot of issues on the
21 table and a lot of finances that we have to
22 work on, and I was -- just to go on that, I
23 was upset at the comments that the cowardly
24 lion here would you not show, because I will
25 tell you what, for the last several years

1 here at budget time he secluded himself for
2 weeks at a time working on facts and
3 figures. It was his budget that have
4 brought this city back, back to where we're
5 at and his budgets are going to bring us
6 ahead.

7 So for anybody to make fun of Mr.
8 Joyce because of that I'm offended for Mr.
9 Joyce, I'm just stating that. I know how
10 hard he has worked. He may not be
11 aggressive, he may not like mouth off like I
12 do, more of my Irish is showing even though
13 I don't have the last name, but I just want
14 to say I love the program, I want to see
15 this happen, I think it's great, but I think
16 there's got to be compromise. I think
17 there's, you know, a few opportunities that
18 were missed in this whole project and I hope
19 everybody gets together and satisfies
20 everybody, and that's how I feel.

21 And, you know, no matter what way it
22 goes, I'll be on board with it, I give you
23 my commitment, but I just feel a little bit
24 of compromise can go along way towards
25 everybody and I apologize, but that's all I

1 have to say at this point.

2 MR. EVANS: Thank you. Councilman
3 Joyce, do you have any comments or motions?

4 MR. JOYCE: Yes. It seems like
5 this week I've been put on the spot, I've
6 been looked at as the swing vote. There was
7 a recent article in paper yesterday in case
8 anyone doesn't know about my views on the
9 University project, and when making an
10 informed decision I look at the pros and
11 cons of things and I see the pros and I see
12 the cons in this whole project with the
13 University. One, it will create jobs for
14 the unions the trade unions. It will bring
15 license and permit revenue into the city.
16 Those are things that we need.

17 Some of the cons, well, we're taking
18 down this historical building. I really
19 didn't consider that much -- I really didn't
20 consider that con that much at the time I
21 spoke to Mr. Lockwood on Tuesday, but after
22 hearing the HARB tonight, after hearing them
23 out, and I see that there's a lot of tension
24 in their group, and I will say that it seems
25 somewhat dysfunctional, I would personally

1 like more time to decide and make a more
2 informed decision and weigh the historical
3 aspects of the building in my final
4 decision, so I'm asking my colleagues that
5 we could table this for one week and I hope
6 that my colleagues could respect that
7 decision and honor that for me so I can
8 weigh all the pros and cons of what the
9 speakers had to say tonight and what we've
10 had to hear from HARB.

11 MR. EVANS: We have a motion on the
12 table, is there a second? I'll second it.
13 On the question?

14 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. We've had more
15 than adequate time to look at all of the
16 issues here. We've been debating this for a
17 month. I don't see any necessity in tabling
18 this and I don't know what other information
19 could be provided in a week's time. We've
20 heard from every source available on this
21 and I think it's time to make a decision.

22 MR. JOYCE: Well, before tonight I
23 never heard from Peter couple, Michael
24 Muller. I spoke to Wayne Evans about
25 different aspects dealing with real estate

1 in the city before but never about this
2 project and I didn't hear from William
3 Lesniak and they strongly opposed taking
4 down this building, and I realize that Mr.
5 Moore, Ms. Rayburn, Mr. Borthwick and Mrs.
6 Scartelli all are in favor of this and we
7 really truly have a split Historical
8 Architectural Review Board, and if that vote
9 was recast that would have failed and I
10 personally just need more time to decide the
11 appropriate way that I feel in my heart my
12 vote should be cast.

13 MR. ROGAN: I would agree with Mr.
14 McGoff. I feel this is all I've talked
15 about, not only at council meetings but
16 talking to members of the community every
17 day regarding this issue, people on both
18 sides, and obviously HARB is divided. There
19 is no question. The vote came down, it was
20 a narrow vote. Council's vote is going to
21 be a 3-2 vote either way it appears, but we
22 have to make a decision and this has been --
23 this item has been on the agenda either
24 formerly in legislation or in the public eye
25 and through the speakers for well over a

1 month, which is much longer than we have to
2 consider many other items.

3 I would like to vote now. I will
4 see what happens. I hope it passes whether
5 it passes this week or next week, that's
6 what I want is for this pass and get people
7 in the city back to work. I think I'm blue
8 in the face talking about this issue, but I
9 support it 100 percent. I would hope we
10 pass it tonight. That's all I have to say.

11 MS. EVANS: All those in favor of
12 tabling signify by saying aye.

13 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

14 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

15 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed?

16 MR. MCGOFF: No.

17 MR. ROGAN: No.

18 MS. EVANS: The ayes have it and so
19 moved, the legislation is tabled.

20 MR. MCGOFF: This is absurd.

21 MR. EVANS: Do you have anything
22 else, Mr. Joyce?

23 MR. JOYCE: No, I do not.

24 MR. EVANS: Thank you. Excuse me,
25 there is a meeting being conducted and just

1 as this council respects everyone in this
2 audience, I fully expect your reciprocation.

3 Now, because of the public caucus
4 and public hearing conducted prior to
5 tonight's meeting, and the length of
6 council's agenda, I'll refrain from motions
7 and comments at this time. Mrs. Krake,
8 please begin.

9 MS. KRAKE: 5-B. ACCEPTING THE
10 RECOMMENDATION OF THE HISTORICAL
11 ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD ("HARB") AND
12 APPROVING THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
13 FOR QUAD THREE GROUP, INC., ARCHITECTS, 37
14 NORTH WASHINGTON STREET, WILKES- BARRE,
15 PENNSYLVANIA FOR MASONRY RECONSTRUCTION
16 OF THE COPING STONES OF ELEVEN DORMERS AND
17 FOUR GABLE ENDS; RESTORATION OF TWO
18 CHIMNEYS; VINE STREET PORCH AREA FLASHED,
19 REASSEMBLED AND REPOINTED; ENTIRE BUILDING
20 FAÇADE REPOINTED AND CLEANED; REMOVAL OF
21 COPPER GUTTERS AND LIGHTNING PROTECTION
22 DURING MASONRY RESTORATION AND
23 REINSTALLATION TO ORIGINAL LOCATIONS;
24 REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF BASEMENT
25 AWNING-TYPE WINDOWS AND FRAMES WITH

1 HOPPER-TYPE WOOD AND BLACK ALUMINUMCLAD
2 WINDOWS; REMOVAL OF WROUGHT-IRON SNOW GUARDS
3 ALONG ROOF PERIMETER, TO BE SANDBLASTED AND
4 RECEIVE NEW STAINLESS STEEL PINS AND BLACK
5 POWDER-COATED FINISH AND REINSTALLATION TO
6 ORIGINAL LOCATION; DIX COURT EAST GABLE ROSE
7 WINDOW MASONRY FRAMEWORK RECONSTRUCTION;
8 REMOVAL OF STAINED GLASS AND REINSTALLATION
9 FOLLOWING MASONRY RESTORATION; PROPOSED NEW
10 CONSTRUCTION IS LIMITED TO A FREESTANDING
11 STONE MONUMENT SIGN WITH BRONZE PLAQUE;
12 EXISTING FENCING AND GATES TO BE REPAIRED
13 AND REFURBISHED TO ORIGINAL CONDITION AND
14 SUPPORT PIERS REPOINTED; AT THE ALBRIGHT
15 MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 500 VINE STREET, SCRANTON,
16 PENNSYLVANIA.

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

20 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

21 MR. JOYCE: Second.

22 MS. EVANS: On the question?

23 MR. ROGAN: Yes, are we going to
24 hold a caucus on this item as well and drag
25 this out for two months?

1 MS. EVANS: Well, actually, it was
2 Mr. McGoff who requested the caucus, not
3 myself; and secondly, isn't it notable that
4 the majority of the people from the
5 University, the unions and the HARB board
6 are no longer present to even see what
7 happens to another HARB recommendation.

8 MR. MCGOFF: No, it's not. They're
9 still here and the University of Scranton
10 was off the agenda since it's been tabled,
11 so there's no reason for them to be here.

12 MR. LOSCOMBE: I would like to
13 commend the HARB on this project here
14 specifically. I know there's quite a few
15 items in there that they had to review and
16 this is a perfect example of, you know, what
17 they do in renovations and keeping a
18 historic structure and I do appreciate, as I
19 stated before, I do appreciate the hard work
20 you've done on this and the other projects.
21 I'm looking forward to see it when it's done
22 because I know it badly needs it. Thank
23 you.

24 MR. EVANS: I don't believe anyone
25 on council or council's office was ever

1 contacted by any HARB members concerning
2 this legislation and their reservations.

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

11 MS. KRAKE: 6-A. READING BY TITLE -
12 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 41, 2013 -AN ORDINANCE -
13 APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF A RESTAURANT
14 LIQUOR LICENSE CURRENTLY OWNED BY GREAT
15 UNCLE PETER'S, LLC, 1582 NEWTON RANSOM
16 BOULEVARD, CLARKS SUMMIT, PA 18411 (NEWTON
17 TOWNSHIP) LICENSE NO. R-2782 TO TERRA PRETA,
18 LLC FOR USE AT 222 WYOMING AVENUE, SCRANTON,
19 PA AS REQUIRED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR
20 CONTROL BOARD.

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

23 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-A
24 pass reading by title.

25 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

3 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

4 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

5 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

6 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

9 MS. KRAKE: 6-B. READING BY TITLE -
10 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 42, 2013 -AN ORDINANCE -
11 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
12 CITY OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON
13 TO ACCEPT AND DISBURSE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE
14 PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY,
15 VOLUNTARY FIRE COMPANY AND VOLUNTEER
16 AMBULANCE SERVICES GRANT AWARDED TO THE CITY
17 OF SCRANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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

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

22 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

25 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

1 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

2 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

3 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

6 MS. KRAKE: 6-C. READING BY TITLE -
7 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 43, 2013 -AN ORDINANCE -
8 AMENDING FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 77, 2012,
9 AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "GENERAL CITY
10 OPERATING BUDGET 2013" BY TRANSFERRING FUNDS
11 NOT TO EXCEED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS
12 (\$75,000.00) FROM ACCOUNT
13 NO.01.401.13090.4299 (NON-DEPARTMENTAL
14 OPERATING EXPENSES - CONTINGENCY) TO ACCOUNT
15 NO.01.040.00040.4250 (BUSINESS
16 ADMINISTRATION - ADVERTISING) TO PROVIDE
17 FUNDING FOR DELINQUENT REFUSE AND RENTAL
18 REGISTRATION ADVERTISING COSTS.

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

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

23 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

1 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

2 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

4 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

7 MS. KRAKE: 6-D. READING BY TITLE -
8 FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 44, 2013 -AN ORDINANCE -
9 CREATING AND ESTABLISHING SPECIAL CITY
10 ACCOUNT NO. 02.229606 ENTITLED "PAVING
11 PROJECT PENNSYLVANIA GAMING ACT" FOR THE
12 RECEIPT AND DISBURSEMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH
13 OF PENNSYLVANIA ACTING THROUGH THE
14 COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY FOR A LOCAL
15 SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
16 \$2,044,000.00 FOR PAVING THE STREETS
17 THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF SCRANTON.

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

20 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-D
21 pass reading by title.

22 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

25 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

1 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

2 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

3 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

6 MS. KRAKE: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A.
7 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
8 - FOR ADOPTION - ORDINANCE NO. 33, 2013 - -
9 AMENDING SECTION 340-1, 340-8, 340-9 AND
10 340-13(A) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF
11 SCRANTON GOVERNING PEDDLING AND SOLICITING
12 WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON.

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

16 MR. ROGAN: Second.

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

19 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

20 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

21 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

22 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

23 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

24 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

25 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

1 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

2 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

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

5 MS. KRAKE: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION
6 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION
7 -ORDINANCE NO. 34, 2013 - ESTABLISHING THE
8 DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND QUALIFICATIONS
9 OF THE CITY HEALTH INSPECTOR, PROVIDING FOR
10 THE PAYMENT OF AN ANNUAL LICENSE FEE FOR
11 PUBLIC EATING AND DRINKING ESTABLISHMENTS
12 WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON, ESTABLISHING
13 ANNUAL APPLICATION AND RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS,
14 IMPOSING CERTAIN DUTIES UPON THE DIRECTOR OF
15 LICENSING, INSPECTIONS AND PERMITS AND THE
16 CITY HEALTH INSPECTOR, PROVIDING GUIDELINES
17 FOR REVOCATION AND REINSTATEMENT OF
18 LICENSES, AND PROVIDING FOR IMPOSITION OF
19 PENALTIES.

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

23 MR. ROGAN: Second.

24 MS. EVANS: On the question? Roll
25 call, please?

1 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

2 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

3 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

4 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

5 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

6 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

7 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

8 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

9 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

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

12 MR. ROGAN: Shall I make the
13 amendment now or after it's read? The
14 amendment for 7-C that we talked about last
15 week.

16 MS. KRAKE: Yes, I understand. I
17 believe we put it in to be made prior to the
18 reading --

19 MR. ROGAN: It says after, but I'll
20 do prior, that's fine. I make a motion to
21 amend Item 7-C per the following changes:

22 In the third whereas clause, second
23 line after "the" insert "repairs and
24 upgrading of the."

25 Two. After the third whereas clause

1 insert "Whereas, the UDAG RE-Re Money in the
2 amount of the \$30,000 shall be used only for
3 repairs and upgrades required for the
4 Connell and Novembrino swimming pools to be
5 open for the 2013 swim season and for no
6 other person."

7 In the now, therefore clause on the
8 fourth line after "Money for the" insert
9 "Repairs and upgrades for the."

10 Four, also in the now, therefor
11 clause, after "season" insert "and for no
12 other purpose."

13 MR. EVANS: Do we have a second?

14 MR. MCGOFF: Second.

15 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

16 MR. ROGAN: Yes. These are the
17 changes that we discussed last week that
18 Attorney Hughes drew up for council.

19 MR. EVANS: Anyone else? All those
20 in favor signify by saying aye.

21 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

22 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

23 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

24 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

25 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes

1 have it and so moved.

2 MS. KRAKE: I'm going to, I believe
3 we did it a little size ways, I still
4 believe it's correct though and I am going
5 to read 7-C now and I understand Mr. Rogan's
6 question, but I still believe we are well
7 within the forum.

8 MR. EVANS: Right, and then we'll
9 just say, "As amended."

10 MS. KRAKE: Yes. 7-C. FOR
11 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY
12 DEVELOPMENT - FOR ADOPTION - ORDINANCE NO.
13 35, 2013 - (AS AMENDED) AUTHORIZING THE
14 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
15 TO DISBURSE THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS
16 (\$30,000.00) FROM THE ACCOUNT INTO WHICH
17 REPAYMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACTION GRANTS
18 (UDAG) ARE DEPOSITED (UDAG REPAYMENT
19 ACCOUNT) FOR THE CONNELL PARK AND NOVEMBRINO
20 SWIMMING POOLS TO BE OPENED IN TIME FOR THE
21 2013 SWIM SEASON.

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

25 MR. ROGAN: As Chairperson for the

1 Committee on Community Development, I
2 recommend final passage of Item 7-C, as
3 amended.

4 MR. JOYCE: Second.

5 MS. EVANS: On the question? Roll
6 call, please?

7 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

8 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

9 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

10 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

11 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

12 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

13 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

14 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

15 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

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

18 MS. KRAKE: 7-D. FOR CONSIDERATION
19 BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -
20 FOR ADOPTION - ORDINANCE NO. 36, 2013 -
21 AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION BY EMINENT
22 DOMAIN OF THE PARCEL AFFECTED BY THE
23 ROCKWELL AVENUE BRIDGE REPAIR PROJECT
24 SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 041222-C AND
25 FEDERAL PROJECT NO. 117-X042-060.

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

4 MR. ROGAN: As Chairperson for the
5 Committee on Community Development, I
6 recommend final passage of Item 7-D.

7 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

10 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

11 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

12 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

13 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

14 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

15 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

16 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

17 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

18 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

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

21 MS. KRAKE: 7-E. FOR CONSIDERATION
22 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -
23 ORDINANCE NO. 37, 2013 - AUTHORIZING THE
24 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
25 TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT

1 WITH NORTHEAST INSPECTION CONSULTANTS
2 ("NEIC") FOR THE FORMER SUPPLY ROOM IN THE
3 LICENSING, INSPECTIONS AND PERMITS
4 DEPARTMENT(LIPS), FOURTH FLOOR, CITY HALL TO
5 BE USED FOR THIRD-PARTY INSPECTIONS.

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

9 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

12 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

14 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

15 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

16 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

17 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

18 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

19 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

20 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

21 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare
22 Item 7-E legally and lawfully adopted.

23 MS. KRAKE: 7-F. FOR CONSIDERATION
24 BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION -
25 ORDINANCE NO. 38, 2013 - SALE OF TAX

1 DELINQUENT PROPERTY MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS
2 2314 PITTSTON AVENUE, TAX MAP NO.
3 16714-010-046, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TO
4 GEORGE J. LANGAN, JR., 2313 PITTSTON AVENUE,
5 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18505, FOR THE
6 CONSIDERATION OF \$5,000.

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

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

13 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

14 MR. ROGAN: Second.

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

17 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

18 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

19 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

20 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

21 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

22 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

23 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

24 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

25 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

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

3 MS. KRAKE: 7-G. FOR CONSIDERATION
4 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -
5 ORDINANCE NO. 39, 2013 - AUTHORIZING THE
6 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE
7 CITY OF SCRANTON TO ENTER INTO A LEASE
8 AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD
9 CENTERS OF NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA KNOWN
10 AS THE CABRINI CENTER LOCATED AT 1004
11 JACKSON STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA FOR A
12 TEN (10) YEAR PERIOD WITH THREE (3)
13 SUCCESSIVE TEN (10) YEAR RENEWAL TERMS AT
14 TENANT'S OPTION.

15 MS. EVANS: As Chair for the
16 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
17 passage of Item 7-G.

18 MR. ROGAN: Second.

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

21 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

23 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

24 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

25 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

1 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

2 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

3 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

4 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

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

7 MS. KRAKE: 7-H. FOR CONSIDERATION
8 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION-
9 ORDINANCE NO. 40, 2013 - AUTHORIZING THE
10 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE
11 CITY OF SCRANTON TO ENTER INTO A LEASE
12 AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD
13 CENTERS OF NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA KNOWN
14 AS THE BELLEVUE CENTER LOCATED AT 531 EMMETT
15 STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA FOR A TEN
16 (10) YEAR PERIOD WITH THREE (3) SUCCESSIVE
17 TEN (10) YEAR RENEWAL TERMS AT TENANT'S
18 OPTION.

19 MS. EVANS: As Chair for the
20 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
21 passage of Item 7-H.

22 MR. JOYCE: Second.

23 MS. EVANS: On the question? Roll
24 call, please?

25 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

1 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

2 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

3 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

4 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

5 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

6 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

7 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

8 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

9 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare
10 Item 7-H legally and lawfully adopted.

11 MR. JOYCE: I would like to make a
12 motion to table Item 7-I.

13 MR. ROGAN: Second.

14 MR. EVANS: On the question? All
15 those in favor of tabling Item 7-I signify
16 by saying aye.

17 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

18 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

19 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

20 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

23 MS. KRAKE: 7-J. FOR CONSIDERATION
24 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR
25 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 27, 2013 -

1 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
2 CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A
3 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH LOCAL
4 LODGE 2305 OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
5 OF MACHINISTS AND AEROSPACE WORKERS IN
6 ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF
7 A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING DATED MAY 30,
8 2013 AND RATIFIED BY THE MEMBERSHIP.

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

12 MR. MCGOFF: Second.

13 MR. JOYCE: Second.

14 MS. EVANS: On the question?

15 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I would just like
16 to reiterate my opposition to this contract
17 in part and the main reason is I believe the
18 city should have the option to privatize.
19 I'm not saying that's the best course of
20 action, but the option certainly should be
21 on the table for the new administration and
22 the new city council to pursue, and also I
23 believe that it's a good bargaining tool to
24 end some poor practices that we see at the
25 Department of Public Works, one of them

1 being Public Works refuse employees going
2 home when their routes are done and then
3 sometimes two or three hours later returning
4 to punch out. It's a practice I believe
5 needs to end and some of that is on
6 management. Hopefully that will change, but
7 I believe the city should always have the
8 option to chose a private owner.

9 MR. EVANS: Is there anyone else on
10 the question?

11 Roll call, please?

12 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

14 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

15 MR. ROGAN: No.

16 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

17 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

18 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

19 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

20 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

21 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare
22 Item 7-J legally and lawfully adopted.

23 MS. KRAKE: 7-K. FOR CONSIDERATION
24 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -
25 RESOLUTION NO. 28, 2013 - AUTHORIZING

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

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

10 MR. ROGAN: Second.

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

13 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

14 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

15 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

16 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

17 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

18 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

19 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

20 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

21 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

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

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

1 RESOLUTION NO. 29, 2013 - AUTHORIZING
2 THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY
3 OFFICIALS TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE
4 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP)
5 ACT 101 RECYCLING PROGRAM PERFORMANCE GRANT
6 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,283.00 FOR THE CITY OF
7 SCRANTON RECYCLING PROGRAM.

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

11 MR. ROGAN: Second.

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

14 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

15 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

16 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

17 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

18 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

19 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

20 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

21 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

22 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

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

25 MS. KRAKE: 7-M. FOR CONSIDERATION

1 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - FOR
2 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 30, 2013 -
3 ACCEPTING A DONATION OF THREE (3) OPTICOM
4 UNITS FROM THE BOARD OF AMOS TOWERS
5 PRESENTED TO THE CITY OF SCRANTON FIRE
6 DEPARTMENT.

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

10 MR. LOSCOMBE: As Chairperson for
11 the Committee on Public Safety, I recommend
12 final passage of Item 7-M.

13 MR. ROGAN: Second.

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

16 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

17 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

18 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

19 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

20 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

21 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

22 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

23 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

24 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

25 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare

1 Item 7-M legally and lawfully adopted.

2 MS. KRAKE: 7-N has been tabled.

3 7-0. FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE
4 COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -
5 RESOLUTION NO. 32, 2013 - APPOINTING
6 JOSEPH GILHOOLEY, 952 NORTH WEBSTER AVENUE,
7 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18510 AS AN ALTERNATE
8 NO.2 MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
9 FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON. MR. GILHOOLEY
10 WILL REPLACE DOMINIC GEORGETTI WHOSE TERM
11 EXPIRED ON JULY 1, 2013. MR. GILHOOLEY'S
12 TERM WILL COMMENCE ON JULY 2, 2013 AND
13 EXPIRE ON JULY 1, 2015.

14 MS. EVANS: As Chair for the
15 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
16 passage of Item 7-0.

17 MR. ROGAN: Second.

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

20 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

21 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

22 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

23 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

24 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

25 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

1 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

2 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

3 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

4 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare
5 Item 7-0 legally and lawfully adopted.

6 MS. KRAKE: 7-P. FOR CONSIDERATION
7 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -
8 RESOLUTION NO. 33, 2013 - RE-APPOINTING
9 CHARLIE SPANO, 718 STAFFORD AVENUE,
10 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18505 AS AN ALTERNATE
11 NO.1 MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
12 FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON. MR. SPANO'S TERM
13 EXPIRED ON JULY 1, 2013 AND HIS NEW TERM
14 WILL COMMENCE ON JULY 2, 2013 AND EXPIRE ON
15 JULY 1, 2015.

16 MS. EVANS: As Chair for the
17 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
18 passage of Item 7-P.

19 MR. ROGAN: Second.

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

22 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

23 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

24 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

25 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

1 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

2 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

3 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

4 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

5 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

6 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare

7 Item 7-P legally and lawfully adopted.

8 If there is no further business,

9 I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

10 MR. JOYCE: Motion to adjourn.

11 MS. EVANS: This meeting is

12 adjourned.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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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