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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

Thursday, November 7, 2013

LOCATION:

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

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

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

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

3 MR. ROGAN: Roll call, please.

4 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

5 MR. MCGOFF: Here.

6 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

7 MR. ROGAN: Here.

8 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: Here.

10 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

11 Mrs. Evans.

12 MR. ROGAN: Please dispense with the  
13 reading of the minutes.

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

15 MINUTES OF THE SCRANTON-LACKAWANNA HEALTH &  
16 WELFARE AUTHORITY'S REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
17 HELD ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2013.

18 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?  
19 If not, received and filed.

20 MS. KRAKE: 3-B. LACKAWANNA COUNTY  
21 PLANNING COMMISSION SUBDIVISION AND LAND  
22 DEVELOPMENT EVALUATION RECEIVED SEPTEMBER  
23 17, 2013.

24 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?  
25 If not, received and filed.

1 MS. KRAKE: 3-C. TAX ASSESSOR'S  
2 REPORT HEARING DATES HELD ON OCTOBER 9TH,  
3 16TH, AND 17TH OF 2013.

4 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?  
5 If not, received and filed.

6 Do we have any clerk's notes this  
7 evening?

8 MS. KRAKE: Two very brief ones, Mr.  
9 Rogan. We did receive a call from Mark  
10 Dougher and subsequently he spoke to other  
11 people at DPW concerning the pave cuts for  
12 roads on Mary Street and Oxford Court. The  
13 first one on marry street there was a  
14 serious gas leak and UGI had to release the  
15 main. They will be repairing it curb to  
16 curb.

17 MR. ROGAN: Oh, good.

18 MS. KRAKE: And the other was  
19 apparently there the paving that was done in  
20 Oxford Court they paved over the sewer lids  
21 or the lids to access the utilities and they  
22 had to go back and cut them and then this  
23 past Friday, the one in particular that I  
24 believe the complaint was about, has been  
25 fixed.

1 MR. ROGAN: Thank you very much.  
2 The first speaker on the sign-in sheet  
3 tonight is Bill Jackowitz.

4 MR. JACKOWITZ: Good evening,  
5 Scranton City Council.

6 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

7 MR. JACKOWITZ: 7,972 days ago  
8 Scranton was declared a distressed city  
9 under Act 47, reality not fiction.

10 Congratulations to the winners of  
11 the election, condolences to the losers.  
12 Will Scranton continue to make the same  
13 mistakes or it will cooperation and working  
14 together actually happen in Scranton  
15 government? The new re-elected mayor and  
16 the city councilmen should be included in  
17 the drafting of the 2014 budget and revised  
18 recovery plan.

19 One out of every three Scranton  
20 registered voters voted, not too good.

21 Has the 2013 audit been completed?

22 \$840,000 fee plus additional bonus  
23 to consultants and attorneys who negotiate  
24 more borrowing for city that has been  
25 distressed for 22 years. Success or more

1           distress?

2                         Arbitration awards, what is the  
3           latest information on the payment? How much  
4           will each individual receive? When will the  
5           payment begin? Answer during motions,  
6           please. If the city unions take over the  
7           city assets and in a New York minute as  
8           promised will the union be required to pay  
9           taxes on these assets? This may actually  
10          help the city out if they have to pay taxes.

11                        I have some concerns about the 1  
12          percent pay your fair share tax that has  
13          been proposed. Will all students attending  
14          classes in Scranton be required to pay this,  
15          tax including Scranton residents who have  
16          children attending the local colleges,  
17          universities and Scranton school district  
18          schools? The majority of Scranton school  
19          students' parents do not pay Scranton  
20          property tax or Scranton school tax, but yet  
21          their children are attending the Scranton  
22          schools on a free ride being supported by  
23          the Scranton taxpayers.

24                        In addition, will the fair tax law  
25          include people who reside with their

1 parents, relatives or friends without paying  
2 their fair share in taxes, also? Somehow  
3 the state college students are working and  
4 paying Scranton wage tax 2.4 percent and the  
5 1 percent school tax equaling 3.4 percent  
6 wage tax. There are some high school  
7 students working and paying the wage tax,  
8 also. Would they be exempt from the fair  
9 share tax? Should get legal opinion from  
10 the State Attorney General Office, the State  
11 Tax Law Division in and the US Attorney  
12 General Federal Tax Law Division.

13 We know the city law department did,  
14 they said the smoke willing ban was legal  
15 and remember those days? Let's go to the  
16 real people who make the laws, not our local  
17 attorneys.

18 Scranton has been embarrassed far  
19 too many times in the past. Correct me if  
20 I'm wrong, the nonprofits located within the  
21 city limits of Scranton own their buildings  
22 and equipment, have no problems making  
23 payroll, but yet Scranton property is not  
24 owned by the city unions, awarded to them by  
25 a judge. Scranton made worldwide news by

1           paying employees \$7.50 an hour and cannot  
2           pay their bills on time. The only  
3           improvements made within the city limits  
4           being made by the nonprofits using their  
5           money and developers using tax money, so  
6           seriously, do the nonprofits need the city  
7           or does the city need the nonprofits?

8                         Does anybody really think that after  
9           spending \$100,000 or more on the education  
10          that anybody would stay in Lackawanna County  
11          where the per capita income is \$24,152,  
12          maybe working at one of the malls.  
13          Actually, the income in Scranton is lower,  
14          \$19,068. Why would you stay in Scranton?

15                        Finally, FYI, for your information,  
16          Scranton residents and elected officials pay  
17          attention and you people out in TV land pay  
18          attention to this, what could Scranton do  
19          with this tax money that is being wasted?  
20          Medicare, Part B and Part D paid \$23 million  
21          for dead patients in 2011, and \$29 million  
22          for drug benefits for illegal immigrants  
23          from 2009 until 2011 right from the Health  
24          and Human Services Inspector General.

25                        In addition, it has been reported



1           this past week that \$130 million dead people  
2           have been paid social security benefits.  
3           \$400 million has been paid out to dead  
4           federal retirees, plus an additional \$170  
5           million paid out to dead military retirees.  
6           Dead doctors are still writing prescriptions  
7           for Medicare. \$60 billion in fraud.  
8           Medicare alone, information obtained from  
9           the Health and Human Service Inspector  
10          General report.

11                         According to the postal inspector  
12          general, the postal service overpaid  
13          truckers \$61.5 for their gas. For those of  
14          you who do not know what IG means, inspector  
15          general. Federal employees inspecting other  
16          federal employees and reporting the facts to  
17          the people and the so- called people in  
18          charge and elected officials. Yet, some  
19          people believe that the government is  
20          capable of administering the health care of  
21          all of Americans.

22                         According to Secretary Sebelius,  
23          sworn testimony, convicted felons are being  
24          hired as navigators to sign people up for  
25          Obama Care, which mean convicted felons have

1 access to private citizen's personal and  
2 private information including their  
3 financial information. That was -- she  
4 testified to that yesterday. What a county.  
5 Vote for the law and then read it later.

6 What could Scranton do with the  
7 portion of the money that it stolen each  
8 year and every day in the United States.  
9 Scranton could sure use those millions of  
10 dollars.

11 (While Mr. Jackowitz was speaking,  
12 Mrs. Evans joins the meeting.)

13 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Our next  
14 speaker is a Les Spindler.

15 MR. SPINDLER: Good evening,  
16 Council. Les Spindler, city residents and  
17 homeowner and taxpayer.

18 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

19 MR. SPINDLER: I think Tuesday was  
20 the great day for the City of Scranton. I  
21 think we took a step forward turning this  
22 city around. I want to congratulate  
23 everybody that won. And finally, I think we  
24 elected somebody that can work with city  
25 council and not fight with them, as has been

1 the case for the last 12 years, and people I  
2 think just have to be patient because it  
3 took 12 years to tear this city down, it's  
4 going to take quite awhile to build it back  
5 up, but I think the people are going to be  
6 in place in January that can do that.

7 And, finally, we got rid of the  
8 elite Greenridge regime and that's going to  
9 be for the better of this city, and I was  
10 surprise would to see the paper today that  
11 Mayor Doherty called the Mayor elect and is  
12 going to have him included in the budget  
13 talks, which surprised me at first, but I  
14 think there is method to his madness because  
15 if this budget ends up like most of his  
16 budgets did looking like swiss cheese, he  
17 could say, "Well, you incoming mayor helped  
18 out with it, too, so we have to blame him."

19 But I hope everything works out and  
20 I hope we do come up with a good budget this  
21 year.

22 Lastly, 7-C on the agenda, \$250,000  
23 for Alexander's Spa, how much money are we  
24 going to give this place? I mean, there was  
25 a loan years ago and now more?

1 MS. EVANS: Yeah, that's the same  
2 loan, Mr. Spindler. OECD in July of 2012  
3 reduced the annual -- or excuse me, reduced  
4 the monthly payment by half and changed the  
5 interest rate from 5 percent to 1/2 a  
6 percent and this is the legislation now 15  
7 months later approving those changes, so we  
8 will be I'm hoping tabling this issue  
9 tonight until Ms. Aebli is able to come in  
10 for a caucus and I'll talk more about that  
11 under motions.

12 MR. SPINDLER: Okay, it went from 5  
13 percent to 1/2 percent?

14 MS. EVANS: Um-hum.

15 MR. SPINDLER: So we are losing 4  
16 1/2 percent interest. I can't believe that  
17 was paid in the past. Okay. Thank you.  
18 That's all I have.

19 (While Mr. Spindler was speaking,  
20 Mr. Joyce joins the meeting.)

21 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Doug Miller.

22 MR. MILLER: Good evening, Council.  
23 Doug Miller, Scranton.

24 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

25 MR. JOYCE: Good evening.

1                   MR. MILLER: I'll be very brief  
2                   tonight, I'd just like to recap the events  
3                   that transpired on Tuesday by congratulating  
4                   obviously the winners, and also those who  
5                   may have fallen a little bit short. I do  
6                   commend those individuals for putting their  
7                   name on the battle ballot.

8                   I would like to congratulate  
9                   Mr. Rogan on his re-election to city council  
10                  for four more years. To Mr. Joyce, I want  
11                  to congratulate you on a hard fought  
12                  campaign, you should be very proud of  
13                  yourself, you offered a lot. You were  
14                  certainly a very over qualified candidate  
15                  for that particular office and I think you  
16                  have proven over time, you know, your  
17                  talents and assets or your talents and  
18                  intelligence and abilities you have, they  
19                  certainly have been an asset to this council  
20                  for the last four years, and there is no  
21                  doubt in my mind, you know, we certainly  
22                  have heard the last from you and look  
23                  forward to see you utilize your attributes  
24                  forward.

25                  Congratulations to Mayor elect

1 Courtright. He certainly knows what he is  
2 getting into moving forward. As a few  
3 speakers tonight have already alluded to, it  
4 is my hope that we can continue, you know,  
5 move forward in a cooperative manner. I do  
6 commend the mayor for reaching out to  
7 Mr. Courtright and asking him to take part  
8 in the budget process. I think that is a  
9 very important roll for him to play. This  
10 will be his city, you know, very shortly,  
11 and so his ideas and opinions and  
12 suggestions should be incorporated into the  
13 2014 operating budget.

14 I do feel moving forward that we  
15 should invite, Mr. Courtright, Mr. Weschler,  
16 Mr. Gaughan I believe it is, to a caucus,  
17 and allow them to discuss publically their  
18 thoughts and their vision for the city. The  
19 budget that this council does craft will  
20 certainly be one that the next  
21 administration and council will have to work  
22 with and so I think they should take part in  
23 the process.

24 As we know, you know, the last four  
25 years have been a challenge, particularly

1 the last year half and we know what we have  
2 gone through and, you know, to those out  
3 there who think the problems are going to be  
4 solved overnight, I think are a little  
5 mislead. The challenges are going to  
6 continue, you know, it's going to take an  
7 awful lot of work. I think we have shown  
8 that, you know, the blame game I think has  
9 been put to bed. We need to move away from  
10 all of those types of things. The politics  
11 has to be put aside because, you know, if we  
12 allow that to continue to dictate the  
13 decision making, you know, the city is only  
14 going to continue to worsen.

15 But I am confident that the  
16 individuals coming in understand that and  
17 they are ready to roll their sleeves up and  
18 get to work with input from people around  
19 them, and I only hope moving forward that  
20 more citizens come forward and offer their  
21 suggestions because, as I have said, we need  
22 input from everyone involved. There is no  
23 one perfect plan, there is not one perfect  
24 idea and when we all come together we have  
25 proven in the past that we can be successful

1 and I just wish everyone the best of luck.

2 But before we get to January we know  
3 we have a budget to put together with the  
4 administration and council we have in place  
5 now. It's certainly going to be a  
6 challenge, but I'm confident we will get  
7 through it easily and get ready to move  
8 forward. Thank you.

9 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Andy  
10 Sbaraglia.

11 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia.  
12 Citizen of Scranton, fellow Scrantonian. I,  
13 too, would like to know, I was here when we  
14 did this the first time around with that  
15 loan, but the worst part about it though was  
16 it done legally? Could she legally do what  
17 she did, and if you didn't -- can't do it  
18 legally then it's up to you to put her feet  
19 to the fire. You cannot condone illegal  
20 actions done by anyone in this  
21 administration, even the council. That's  
22 not a way to run the government.

23 I saw people get elected on council  
24 who got pensions and another people that got  
25 on the council didn't get pensions, and I



1 read the legal ease on that, and that think  
2 was tossed out for a word, they used the  
3 wrong word, but the local courts okayed it.  
4 Why they okayed it I don't know, they knew  
5 darn well it wasn't legal, but they don't  
6 have -- they are not fair. If a person  
7 spits on the sidewalk he can be arrested. A  
8 politician can do whatever he wants and  
9 unless it's grossly he won't be arrested, he  
10 won't even be sanctioned. I'm not even  
11 going to get into that because there is a  
12 lot of legal ramifications. In the private  
13 sector I know it goes to Court, there is no  
14 question about it.

15 But I want -- I, too, want to thank  
16 all of the people who won the election, but  
17 a dirty word came up in that election too,  
18 KOZ. Scranton has many KOZs. They just  
19 don't call them a KOZ. We got nonprofits,  
20 we got state office buildings, federal  
21 office building, a lot of courthouses,  
22 administration buildings, to the taxpayer  
23 they are a KOZ, there is no question about  
24 it. Why anybody would think about another  
25 KOZ.

1                   I think when you said there was like  
2                   22,000 who work outside of the city come to  
3                   work in the city, I believe that was  
4                   something close to that, why would you want  
5                   another KOZ without having a commuter tax?  
6                   With a commuter tax I can see a KOZ, but  
7                   without a commuter tax there is no reason  
8                   for a KOZ. All it is is musical chairs.

9                   You saw what happened down there,  
10                  down in Pittston here with a lot of people  
11                  that work in Wilkes-Barre moving into that  
12                  KOZ so they wouldn't have to pay taxes.  
13                  That's not the way a government should be  
14                  run.

15                  A government should be run where  
16                  everybody pays their fair share taxes. And  
17                  I don't even know what happened with all of  
18                  those loans that we gave KOZs to. How many  
19                  of those people ran down to the county and  
20                  tried to get their assessment changed? I  
21                  bet everyone did. And there is no question  
22                  about it, KOZs do not work the way they are  
23                  formulated by the legislature. They just  
24                  don't work, and things have to be done.

25                  Scranton, you know and I know, I

1 don't even want to mention it because I  
2 don't want to get upset tonight what's going  
3 to happen with the taxes. And the truth is  
4 the police and fire contracts are set, the  
5 firemen's contract are set and the DPW's  
6 contract are set. All you do with them  
7 unions is make sure you follow the contract.  
8 That's it. And that isn't going to help the  
9 city at all when it comes to money.

10 Like I said a long time ago, well,  
11 not that long ago, maybe two months ago, let  
12 the unions have the city assets and then  
13 lease them back. If you can reduce that \$21  
14 million borrowing, that alone would help you  
15 financially. Without it, what them banks  
16 are saying and what I read they are putting  
17 our feet to the coals. Either you take that  
18 100 percent interest, which is actually  
19 higher, but I'll go for 100, you are not  
20 going to get the loans. And without the  
21 loans you can't run the government.

22 So, like I say, if they went out and  
23 said they would put a lien against our  
24 assets, let them have it. We can lease them  
25 back and spread that loan over ten years.

1           That's fair, I think. Most of the policemen  
2           and firemen will still be working in ten  
3           years, but without it we are going to go  
4           down like the SS Scranton, but that has the  
5           ability to rise, we don't. We are just  
6           going to go down and sink to the bottom of  
7           the ocean. You got to come up with some way  
8           to reduce that borrowing, and that is the  
9           only way you can actually do it, because you  
10          are even talking about the TAN. I won't get  
11          into anymore of that. It gets me upset.

12                   MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

13                   MR. JOYCE: Thank you, Mr.  
14           Sbaraglia.

15                   MS. EVANS: Dave Dobrzyn.

16                   MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening. Dave  
17           Dobrzyn.

18                   MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

19                   MR. DOBRZYN: Resident and taxes  
20           paid, fees paid, not like some people that  
21           run for offices of the city, but I had a  
22           thought with a lot of this tax exempt  
23           business and, you know, it's also like Andy  
24           said state buildings, courthouses, why can't  
25           they combine the city government and lobby

1 the state for compensation, and this should  
2 be done statewide because we are taking an  
3 awful, awful beating on this.

4 And with KOZs or whatever you want  
5 to call them, the one thing I would like to  
6 point out, one point I'd like to make is  
7 that they don't have to hire one person from  
8 the city. General Dynamics doesn't have to  
9 hire one person from the city. They can't  
10 say, "You are from Scranton, we don't want  
11 you," but they don't have to hire you and  
12 that's the way it is. We live in an at-will  
13 state.

14 And I passed Pat some Steamtown  
15 things, do you have them there? And I would  
16 like you people to consider before budget  
17 time of maybe contacting a few congressmen  
18 and so forth. Almost their entire season  
19 with fall foliage was wiped out and I was on  
20 three or four trips near the end of the  
21 month. There are no leaves past Moscow to  
22 be seen, there were a few nice events at the  
23 end of the excursion or in the middle where  
24 you could get to your destination and stuff,  
25 but they were also sold to a Republican

1 senator and it was good think. I like -- I  
2 love Steamtown, Joe McDade, but quite  
3 frankly their funding has slumped to an  
4 extremely insufficient level and they can't  
5 keep things going.

6 Now, on Alexander's, that 7-C,  
7 please table that tonight until you can get  
8 those people in and if they don't want to  
9 come in keep it tabled. Baloney.

10 And I have a question for our  
11 Scranton Times editorial, what's their  
12 answer to unilateral mayoral actions and his  
13 designated department heads?

14 Also, the Parking Authority,  
15 unauthorized loans, what's their answer to  
16 it? You know, they never came to council to  
17 ask for anything and they just did, and now  
18 once again we are stuck with the results.

19 And my bank keeps calling me to  
20 lower my interest rate and I'm almost afraid  
21 to talk to them because I know what kind of  
22 sleazes they are. They have been fined  
23 billions of dollars and I don't trust them.  
24 I'd just as soon as stay at the percentage  
25 I'm at.

1                   Okay, we have a golden parrot, we  
2                   had about 33 percent turnout, and lot of  
3                   voters in Scranton with all of the issues  
4                   facing us 2/3 of the people in this town  
5                   that were eligible to vote, even though we  
6                   have an absentee ballot, even though we have  
7                   empathy at the polls, there is no lines, no  
8                   hassle to date, they didn't show up to vote.  
9                   And certainly if you are not going to inform  
10                  yourself you might as well stay home anyway  
11                  because you are just voting for the last  
12                  sign you saw.

13                  And once again, I have a golden  
14                  parrot for the welfare states, Kentucky  
15                  Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana,  
16                  \$3.45 million in farm subsidies to a  
17                  representative from Tennessee for Farm Aid  
18                  and the typical average of the these states  
19                  are a \$1.65 for every dollar that they pay  
20                  out and, by the way, that representative  
21                  also voted against -- voted for cutting food  
22                  stamps. Half of the children in this  
23                  country, half of people that receive food  
24                  stamp aid are children, so maybe his kids  
25                  should go to school hungry for a change. I

1           doubt it at \$3.5 million subsidies to his  
2           farm. Thank you. Maybe he should get  
3           another mailbox so he could make it seven,  
4           what did you think? Have good night.

5                   MS. EVANS: Thank you.

6                   MR. JOYCE: Thank you.

7                   MS. EVANS: That concludes our  
8           sign-in sheet, is there anyone else who  
9           cares to address council?

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

13                   ALL COUNCIL: Good evening.

14                   MS. SCHUMACHER: First I would like  
15           to thank all of those who ran for office. I  
16           know it's not an easy thing and I look  
17           forward to working with those who were  
18           successful, but I have got to tell you I am  
19           somewhat disappointed and had the bucket of  
20           cold water thrown on me this morning when I  
21           read in the paper and saw that, you know,  
22           transparency sounds wonderful when campaigns  
23           are being run, but when the campaign is over  
24           reality sets in and we know now that  
25           Mr. Courtright is unwilling share with the



1 citizens of this city who is going to be on  
2 his team to select at least the business  
3 administrator and maybe other department  
4 heads. I don't think that's a very good  
5 sign.

6 And, Mr. Rogan, I can't tell you how  
7 little I think about your idea to move the  
8 caucuses of the city council back to the  
9 Clerk's Office. It's --

10 MR. ROGAN: They would be open to  
11 the public.

12 MS. SCHUMACHER: If you've been in  
13 that room it's not -- well, but it's only  
14 available to the public who physically come.  
15 It would not be available to the general  
16 public who views this on ECTV, plus it is  
17 not -- it's not built for -- if you get the  
18 five people, all of you in there, it's not,  
19 and that's my opinion. I think it should be  
20 out here and you should meet, and I would  
21 recommend that maybe you could try to get  
22 the backup materials earlier and have read  
23 them and not be leafing through them while  
24 you are sitting up there, that might help,  
25 but we need a lot more visibility and not

1 less.

2 So, again, we are eight days away  
3 from receiving the budget and we still have  
4 no audit or no time, Mr. Joyce?

5 MR. JOYCE: Well, the latest is we  
6 have received financial statements from  
7 Rossi & Rossi for the city's management  
8 discussion and analysis section of the audit  
9 report. The city, of course, will review  
10 these, reply back to the auditor and then  
11 the final audit will be issued. I do have  
12 the Scranton Parking Authority's financial  
13 statements that was finally completed.

14 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay. And speaking  
15 of the Parking Authority, did we get any  
16 feedback from the questions that --

17 MS. EVANS: Yes, do you want me to  
18 wait until motions?

19 MS. SCHUMACHER: Sure. That's fine.  
20 That's fine. And then whatever happened to  
21 the caucus that was going to be held with  
22 Steamtown Partners and what happened to the  
23 request that they made?

24 MS. EVANS: Well, the request was  
25 tabled, I believe.

1 MS. SCHUMACHER: I believe so.

2 MS. EVANS: And it remains on the  
3 table until such time as they would come in  
4 for a public discussion. However, there has  
5 been no word, no contact from Steamtown Mall  
6 representatives regarding that caucus or  
7 further situation so the ball is in there  
8 court.

9 MS. SCHUMACHER: Are we absolutely  
10 positive, and maybe this is a question for  
11 Mr. Rogan, are we positive that that was not  
12 like the Alexander's Spa, just gone ahead  
13 with without the knowledge of council?

14 MR. ROGAN: Well, legally that  
15 shouldn't be the case. I could ask.

16 MS. SCHUMACHER: And are you going  
17 to be presenting during motions tonight the  
18 status of all of the loans and --

19 MR. ROGAN: We still have not  
20 received them from OECD.

21 MS. SCHUMACHER: And I would like  
22 also say I do hope that 7-C will be tabled  
23 until there is a caucus available.

24 And I'd like to know from Mr. Joyce  
25 and Mrs. Evans, how involved have you been

1 in the 2014 budget preparation process  
2 compared to last year's budget?

3 MR. JOYCE: I have been somewhat  
4 involved, but I will say that I have not  
5 been as involved as in 2013. I have spoken  
6 to the mayor a few times. Well, I have had  
7 a few meetings with the mayor, I have had a  
8 few meetings with the business  
9 administrator, and I have an idea of what's  
10 going to be sent down, but I do not know the  
11 final numbers.

12 MS. SCHUMACHER: You are in  
13 agreement with what they have done so far?

14 MR. JOYCE: I can't say I'm in total  
15 agreement.

16 MS. SCHUMACHER: I can wait. That's  
17 true. That wasn't a fair question because  
18 they can make changes, too, before it come.

19 And then I'd like to ask how many of  
20 you have read at a minimum of Chapter 5,  
21 which is the proposed legislation section,  
22 of the Local Government Task Force report  
23 that was issued in the middle of October?

24 No? Again, I brought it up last  
25 week because of all of the one element,

1           which is the alcohol tax for the city  
2           residents or city establishments, I would  
3           hope that you would read it and again  
4           respond before that piece of legislation is  
5           voted on at least to our three  
6           representatives that represent the City of  
7           Scranton because I think it's important and  
8           I'll be talking more about that in the  
9           future. Thank you.

10           MS. EVANS: Thank you.

11           MR. UNGVARSKY: Good evening, city  
12           council.

13           MR. JOYCE: Good evening.

14           MR. UNGVARSKY: I'm Tom Ungvarsky,  
15           and I would like to congratulate Mr. Rogan.

16           MR. ROGAN: Thank you.

17           MR. UNGVARSKY: Mr. Joyce, I'm sure  
18           you would have made a fine tax collector.

19           MR. JOYCE: Thank you.

20           MR. UNGVARSKY: I see on the agenda  
21           where we are going to give the Scranton  
22           Parking Authority \$420,000; is that correct?

23           MR. JOYCE: That is correct.

24           MR. UNGVARSKY: Has the Parking  
25           Authority sent in their budget for last

1 year?

2 MS. EVANS: No.

3 MR. UNGVARSKY: No?

4 MS. EVANS: No.

5 MR. UNGVARSKY: Is that \$420,000 the  
6 final payment for the year?

7 MS. EVANS: It's part of the final  
8 payment for the year.

9 MR. UNGVARSKY: So we will still  
10 probably owe another \$420,000; correct?

11 MS. EVANS: No.

12 MR. JOYCE: No.

13 MR. UNGVARSKY: Any idea how much we  
14 will owe?

15 MS. EVANS: Actually, the December 1  
16 bond payment is \$8,005 -- or \$805,193.75 and  
17 it's all interest. The total amount needed  
18 from the city is \$643,722.37. It is made up  
19 of \$233,722.37, which is the balance from  
20 the \$1.9 million line item in the 2013  
21 budget, and an additional \$410,000 that was  
22 discussed by Mr. Washo when he attended a  
23 council caucus several months ago. At that  
24 time I think he indicated he would need an  
25 additional 300 to 500 thousand dollars, but

1 he couldn't give us a firm number until  
2 November, and so he has now provided us with  
3 these numbers.

4 MR. UNGVARSKY: That doesn't sound  
5 too good, but is there anyway we can tie  
6 that amount of money into them providing  
7 their budget to us?

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

9 MR. UNGVARSKY: I don't think so  
10 either.

11 MS. EVANS: Because the Parking  
12 Authority for all intensive purposes doesn't  
13 operate any longer. The garages are  
14 management operated by Standard Parking and  
15 they are overseen by a receiver, Mr. Mike  
16 Washo.

17 MR. UNGVARSKY: Well, we have  
18 someone running the authority getting paid  
19 \$100 an hour, I think he should be able to  
20 provide some kind of a budget for us, but no  
21 matter, and as far as Alexander's, what  
22 recourse do we have to OECD providing this  
23 reduction in interest and the extension of  
24 the loan? Is there anything that will  
25 happen to OECD or are they just going to get

1 away with it?

2 MR. ROGAN: Well, the legislation  
3 can be voted down by council or amended.

4 MR. UNGVARSKY: But what happens to  
5 OECD?

6 MR. ROGAN: Well, that would be --

7 MR. UNGVARSKY: I mean, they did it  
8 without council's permission.

9 MR. ROGAN: Well, either the mayor  
10 or the head of OECD, Ms. Aebli, could  
11 terminate or punish those who didn't follow  
12 the proper procedure in this case, but  
13 council, unfortunately, doesn't have the  
14 power to hire or fire.

15 MR. UNGVARSKY: So any public  
16 official, as Bill Jackowitz said earlier  
17 this evening, can just do anything and get  
18 away with it. I thank city council anyway.

19 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

20 MR. JOYCE: Thank you.

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

23 MS. KRAKE: 5-A. MOTIONS.

24 MS. EVANS: Councilman McGoff, do  
25 you have any comments or motions?



1 MR. MCGOFF: Not at this time.

2 Thank you.

3 MS. EVANS: Councilman Rogan?

4 MR. ROGAN: Yes, very briefly. I  
5 would like to first off by thanking the  
6 voters of Scranton for selecting me for  
7 another four years on city council. I  
8 received 10,299 votes and I wish I could  
9 thank each one of you individually because  
10 it means the world to me and getting their  
11 stamp of approval for the work that I have  
12 done for the past four years and I would  
13 also like to congratulate my colleague, Mr.  
14 Joyce, on a good campaign.

15 MR. JOYCE: Thank you.

16 MR. ROGAN: And I also would like to  
17 congratulate our mayor elect, Bill  
18 Courtright, and I'm very confident that he  
19 will be the right person to lead the city  
20 for the next four years, and I'm very much  
21 looking forward to working with the mayor  
22 and hand-in-hand unlike what we have seen  
23 under the previous administration.

24 Just one comment that was brought up  
25 which was regarding having caucuses, we



1 oriented caucuses they would still be  
2 conducted in council chambers just as they  
3 are today.

4           Regarding Item 7-C I will be making  
5 a motion to table that until a caucus can be  
6 arranged, and that is all I have for  
7 tonight. Thank you.

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

11           MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes, thank you. Just  
12 briefly, as Mr. Jackowitz said before I  
13 would like to congratulate all of the  
14 victors and, as he said, condolences to the  
15 losers, but if you read the Times' editorial  
16 the morning after the election it sounds  
17 like it should be the other way, condolences  
18 to the winners and congratulations to the  
19 losers.

20           But, you know, we all have a  
21 daunting task ahead of us. I think everyone  
22 is ready to pursue that task. I'm looking  
23 forward to working with my colleagues here.  
24 I congratulate Mr. Joyce on a fine campaign.  
25 It was a nice, clean campaign and, you know,

1 he was going against some odds with party  
2 registration and stuff I would say, but I  
3 think there is a bright future ahead for  
4 Mr. Joyce, and again, I think there is a  
5 bright future ahead for our city, so I hope  
6 you do see progress and I believe we can all  
7 work together to solve our problems. Again,  
8 it's not going to happen overnight, we  
9 didn't get this way overnight, we are going  
10 to continue the fight that we have started  
11 and straightened things out and I'm just  
12 looking forward to a positive new year.

13 And secondly, I did receive a letter  
14 in my mail regarding a question from the  
15 city resident on open burning, they are  
16 having a problem with their neighbors  
17 burning all the time. Yes, there are  
18 regulations on open burning in this city, we  
19 had mentioned from this dais several times  
20 the only open burning is for cooking, grills  
21 and stuff like that.

22 Now, if you do have a small outdoor  
23 -- you can have a gas fire pit, which is not  
24 intrusive, it doesn't let off smoke. We did  
25 say that some times those little chimaeras

1 fireplaces are okay as long as the smoke is  
2 directed away from the any neighbor's homes.  
3 Once it effects -- and our homes are so  
4 close in the city, but once it effects a  
5 neighbor at this point it's a nuisance and  
6 it is illegal. So if you continue to have  
7 problems I read in the letter the Fire  
8 Department was there, they should have  
9 warned the party, but you can continue to  
10 call the Fire Department and most  
11 importantly call the police. There are  
12 ordinances they can cite the person for the  
13 open burning and the nuisance and hopefully  
14 that will resolve it, but if you have any  
15 further questions don't hesitate to contact  
16 me. And that's all I have to say. Thank  
17 you.

18 MS. EVANS: Thank you. And,  
19 Councilman Joyce, do you have any comments  
20 or motions tonight?

21 MR. JOYCE: Yes, I do. Tonight I  
22 would first like to begin by congratulating  
23 some of our newest elected officials.  
24 First, I'd like to begin by congratulating  
25 our new mayor, Mr. Bill Courtright. He is a

1 fine man and I am sure and certain that he  
2 will do a good job for the City of Scranton.

3 Second of all, I would like to  
4 congratulate Mr. Bill Fox in the Tax  
5 Collector's race. He ran a very clean  
6 campaign, as did I. I'm sure that he will  
7 do the tax office well.

8 And also, I would like to  
9 congratulate the winners of the council  
10 race, Mr. Pat Rogan, who I have been a  
11 colleague with for almost four years,  
12 Mr. Bill Gaughan and Mr. Joe Weschler. And  
13 also the winners of the school board race,  
14 Mr. Cy Doughy, Mark McAndrew, Bob Sheridan  
15 and last, but not least, Rob Casey. I'm  
16 sure that they will bring their ideas and  
17 fresh insights to the school board and seek  
18 to improve the board in as many ways as they  
19 can.

20 Second of all tonight, I did want to  
21 talk a little bit about the budget. As you  
22 know, I have been involved somewhat in this  
23 year's budget process. I have been informed  
24 by the mayor of some things that he would  
25 like to do, some things that he wouldn't

1           like to do, and I spoke with the business  
2           administrator as well. This is the first  
3           time I'll say this in the years that I have  
4           been on council is that for in budget I will  
5           not propose any amendments to the budget  
6           that is sent down. This is primarily for  
7           the simple fact that I will not be here to  
8           see them through. I will, however, invite  
9           my colleagues, especially the ones that will  
10          be here for the next two to four years, if  
11          not more, to present amendments, and I'm  
12          very -- and I'm also very pleased that the  
13          mayor did reach out Bill Courtright and  
14          offer to bring him in to discuss the budget  
15          as well, and I actually did place a call  
16          into Mr. Courtright and told him that I  
17          would be happy to meet with the mayor and  
18          our mayor elect to see that budget is formed  
19          that is in approval with the mayor elect.

20                   I remember that one of the main  
21                   frustrations I had being a new elected  
22                   official, and especially the Finance Chair,  
23                   is being handed over a budget that I had no  
24                   control over, so I would like to see our  
25                   newly elected officials have more control

1 over that budget since they will be the ones  
2 that will oversee it.

3 I will be happy to offer any advice,  
4 input, as far as legality of taxation  
5 methods revenue sources, fees, etcetera, but  
6 I will not personally make amendments to it  
7 that I will not be able to personally see  
8 through, and I will be happy to cast my  
9 affirmative or negative vote based on  
10 whether the budget that -- the final budget  
11 with any amendments is realistic or not  
12 realistic, and that being the case where I  
13 would be vote "no" because one of the main  
14 issues here is the 2014 tax anticipation  
15 note, and in order to obtain that 2014 tax  
16 participation note, which will be vital in  
17 making sure that expenses at the beginning  
18 of the year are paid as well the employees  
19 are paid, one of the conditions is that the  
20 budget does have to be approved by the  
21 lender and they have to be confident in that  
22 budget. So I will cast my vote in the  
23 affirmative or negative manner based on how  
24 I see that budget being in the eyes of the  
25 lender.



1                   To conclude tonight, we did receive  
2                   a copy of the city's 2012 financial  
3                   statements, which will be used for  
4                   completion of the city's management  
5                   discussion of the analysis section of the  
6                   audit report. We also received the  
7                   financial statements from the Parking  
8                   Authority from 2011. With this in mind,  
9                   once the city conducts a management  
10                  discussion analysis section, the audit will  
11                  be completed and the final version will be  
12                  available for real estate view.

13                  And finally tonight, we did receive  
14                  an update from Northeast Revenue. From  
15                  October 1 to the 31, Northeast Revenue  
16                  collected roughly \$100,000 in delinquent  
17                  property taxes, and also \$231,770 in  
18                  delinquent refuse bills.

19                  And I did read in the paper today  
20                  that, of course, with the new mayor there  
21                  becomes the opportunity to appoint new  
22                  department heads, and I sincerely hope that  
23                  a complete evaluation of all of the  
24                  department heads is carried out because I  
25                  will say this, in working with the

1 administration over the past four years  
2 there are some people in the administration  
3 that do put forth a good effort and do do a  
4 good job and I think that they should stay.  
5 And that's all I have to say for tonight.

6 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Good  
7 evening. In response to a citizen's  
8 request, city council sent a letter to  
9 Mr. Mike Washo on November 1, 2013,  
10 regarding repairs to the two parking  
11 garages. Thereafter, Mr. Washo contacted  
12 Mrs. Krake and stated that the City of  
13 Scranton is responsible for all repairs.

14 However, as each of us is aware, the  
15 city is not in a financial condition to  
16 provide any funding. Rather, it would  
17 appear that garages should be closed,  
18 particularly since some of the garages do  
19 not operate daily at the full capacity.  
20 Nevertheless, those decisions will be made  
21 by the new administration.

22 In addition, Republic Parking  
23 responded to Mrs. Schumacher's question  
24 regarding parking, and I'll read their  
25 e-mail at this time:

1                   "Number 1. We are almost through  
2 with the labeling of the meters. The  
3 downtown court was finished last week and we  
4 only have a few outlying areas to complete.  
5 We'll definitely be completed by November  
6 8."

7                   He apologized for not updating us  
8 sooner. They simply had a label created  
9 specifying "Monday through Friday" and it  
10 has been placed by the hours of operation on  
11 each meter.

12                  The photos that the license plate  
13 recognition vehicle captured can be  
14 identified for whatever time period is  
15 specified. It is setup normally to default  
16 to a 90-day time period.

17                  Republic has requested, however,  
18 that the time period be adjusted to 180 days  
19 to accommodate Pennsylvania Magisterial  
20 Court processes.

21                  So I hope that provides the answers  
22 that citizens were seeking. I'd like to  
23 commend Republic Parking for its  
24 accountability, transparency, cooperation  
25 and diligence in its management and

1 operation of the city's on-street parking  
2 program. Further, Republic's management has  
3 continuously and successfully increased  
4 program revenue.

5 Next, OECD director, Linda Aebli,  
6 was unable to attend a public caucus which  
7 had been scheduled for this evening. The  
8 caucus will be reschedule for November 21,  
9 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in order to discuss the  
10 terms of a 2007 loan granted to Alexander's  
11 Salon.

12 In addition, the related resolution  
13 in question will be tabled during Seventh  
14 Order this evening if council members are in  
15 support of doing so.

16 Also, I would like to congratulate  
17 the winners of Tuesdays general election for  
18 both city and county offices and thank all  
19 of the candidates for their hard work, time,  
20 and positive campaigns which addressed vital  
21 issues of concern to taxpayers.

22 And on a final note, I know, Ms.  
23 Schumacher, you had posed a question  
24 regarding the budget. I have spoken with  
25 the mayor weekly regarding this proposed

1 budget. I have inquired if PEL were  
2 involved in the process and they are  
3 responded just to the extent that  
4 state-related issues were involved. I can  
5 say that, you know, we had -- well, some of  
6 us had many ideas to generate much needed  
7 revenue and to save money and those being  
8 specifically the commuter tax, health care  
9 consortium, a city-owned and operated  
10 storage yard, PILOTS from large nonprofits,  
11 among others. Sadly, none were pursued due  
12 to complaints from our neighboring  
13 communities who utilize not only our city  
14 services, but also the many county, state  
15 and federal office buildings as well as  
16 universities and health care facility  
17 located in Scranton; lack of cooperation  
18 from the county commissioners, specifically  
19 with regard to PILOTS and the health care  
20 consortium; towers complaints; and the lack  
21 of administrative action, and I think that  
22 relates specifically to the PILOT payments  
23 as well.

24 I think most of you know that I  
25 railed against excessive city borrowing and

1           Parking Authority borrowing for many years,  
2           even before each of my colleagues was  
3           elected, predicted that the financial house  
4           of cards would tumble down and was mocked by  
5           former colleagues and endlessly attacked by  
6           the newspaper, and when the financial  
7           collapse occurred I chose to work  
8           cooperatively with the administration to  
9           address the problems and keep our city  
10          afloat, but once again was mocked by some of  
11          council and attacked by the newspaper,  
12          neither of whom offered solutions.

13                        So now I think it's time for the  
14          mayor, and particularly the mayor elect and  
15          seated council members who will remain as  
16          Mr. Joyce said for the next two, four or  
17          more years to work together to produce a  
18          2014 budget or those same seated council  
19          members to work together to amend the budget  
20          if necessary because they will be in  
21          positions of authority to oversee the  
22          budget, the borrowing and spending next year  
23          and it is their ideas that must be included  
24          in the 2014 budget.

25                        I agree with my colleague, Mr.

1           Joyce, since neither of us will have the  
2           opportunity to oversee that budget we should  
3           perhaps take a step back and allow those who  
4           will to do the job, and I also agree with  
5           Mr. Joyce that it's very important for the  
6           mayor elect to be involved because, you  
7           know, I'm sure it's troubling to be saddled  
8           with a budget that is produced by others.

9                     And so it is my deepest hope that  
10           Mr. Courtright will work with Mr. Doherty  
11           and my colleagues throughout the next week  
12           and produce a budget that they feel is  
13           feasible for next year as well as realistic.  
14           And that's it.

15                     MS. KRAKE: 5-B. AMENDING FILE OF  
16           COUNCIL NO. 77, 2012, AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED  
17           "GENERAL CITY OPERATING BUDGET 2013" BY  
18           TRANSFERRING \$410,000.00 FROM ACCOUNT NUMBER  
19           01.401.13090.4299 (NON-DEPARTMENTAL  
20           OPERATING EXPENSES-CONTINGENCY) TO ACCOUNT  
21           NO. 01.401.15319.4299 (NON-DEPARTMENTAL  
22           EXPENSES-OPER TSF DEBT SERVICE-SCRANTON  
23           PARKING AUTHORITY) TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR  
24           THE SCRANTON PARKING AUTHORITY DEBT PAYMENT  
25           DUE DECEMBER 1, 2013.

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

4 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

5 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

8 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

9 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

10 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

11 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

12 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
13 have it and so moved.

14 MS. KRAKE: 6-A. READING BY TITLE  
15 -FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 52, 2013 - AN ORDINANCE  
16 - AUTHORIZING THAT THE RECEIPT OF ANY FUNDS  
17 FROM THE CHARGE SCHEDULE, WHICH IS EXHIBIT  
18 A, TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF  
19 SCRANTON AND THE FIFTEEN (15) AUTHORIZED  
20 TOWING BUSINESSES, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY  
21 ORDINANCE FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 50, 2013 (AS  
22 AMENDED) BE DEPOSITED INTO SPECIAL CITY  
23 ACCOUNT NO. 02.229550 ENTITLED "PUBLIC  
24 SAFETY/POLICE GRANTS" WHICH WAS CREATED BY  
25 ORDINANCE, FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 21, 2004.



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

3 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-A  
4 pass reading by title.

5 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

8 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

9 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

10 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

11 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

12 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
13 have it and so moved.

14 MS. KRAKE: 7-A. FOR CONSIDERATION  
15 BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR  
16 ADOPTION-FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 51, 2013 -  
17 TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM FUND 04 CITY OF  
18 SCRANTON PARKS AND RECREATION ACCOUNT WHICH  
19 FUNDS AND ACCOUNT ARE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR  
20 THE CONDUCT OF CITY BUSINESS, AND ABOLISHING  
21 AND CLOSING SAID ACCOUNT AND TRANSFERRING  
22 THE FUNDS REMAINING IN SAID ACCOUNT TO THE  
23 PNC GENERAL FUNDING CHECKING ACCOUNT LISTED  
24 BELOW.

25 MS. EVANS: What is the

1 recommendation of the Chair for the  
2 Committee on Finance?

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

6 MR. ROGAN: Second.

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

9 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

10 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

11 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

12 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

13 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

14 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

15 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

16 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

17 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

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

20 MS. KRAKE: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION  
21 BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION-  
22 RESOLUTION NO. 44, 2013 - RATIFYING AND  
23 APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF  
24 THE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF  
25 SCRANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO THE OFFICE OF

1 JUSTICE PROGRAMS-BULLET PROOF VEST  
2 PARTNERSHIP FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW  
3 BALLISTIC VESTS FOR SCRANTON POLICE OFFICERS  
4 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER  
5 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO ACCEPT THE  
6 GRANT AND DISBURSE THE GRANT FUNDS IN THE  
7 AMOUNT OF \$36,361.76 FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE  
8 VESTS.

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

12 MR. JOYCE: As Chairperson for the  
13 Committee on Finance, I recommend final  
14 passage of Item 7-B.

15 MR. ROGAN: Second.

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

18 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

19 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

20 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

21 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

22 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

23 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

24 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Joyce.

25 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

1 MS. MARCIANO: Mrs. Evans.

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

4 MS. KRAKE: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION  
5 BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR  
6 ADOPTION-RESOLUTION NO. 45, 2013 - AMENDING  
7 RESOLUTION NO. 144 OF 2007 ENTITLED  
8 "AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE  
9 CITY OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO  
10 ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT AND MAKE A LOAN  
11 FROM THE COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL REVOLVING  
12 LOAN PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 150.9 IN AN  
13 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00 TO  
14 ALEXANDER'S SALON & SPA, INC. TO ASSIST AN  
15 ELIGIBLE PROJECT" BY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
16 AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS OF THE  
17 CITY OF SCRANTON TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A  
18 MODIFICATION/EXTENSION OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT  
19 BETWEEN THE CITY OF SCRANTON AND ALEXANDER'S  
20 SALON & SPA.

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

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

1 recommend final passage of Item 7-C.

2 MR. ROGAN: Second.

3 MS. EVANS: On the question?

4 MR. ROGAN: As discussed, this will  
5 be tabled until we can schedule a caucus and  
6 depending on the outcome of the caucus you  
7 can either approve, deny or reach some sort  
8 of middle ground on this legislation.

9 MS. EVANS: All those in favor of  
10 tabling Item 7-C signify by saying aye.

11 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

12 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

13 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

14 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

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

19 MR. JOYCE: Motion to adjourn.

20 MS. EVANS: This meeting is  
21 adjourned.

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

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