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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

JAMIE MARCIANO, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

BOYD HUGHES, SOLICITOR

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

11 Mrs. Evans.

12 MS. EVANS: Here.

13 Before we proceed with tonight's
14 meeting, I have a the great honor of
15 privilege of presenting a Proclamation to
16 women in Scranton who own small businesses.
17 They constitute the backbone of our
18 community and I am very grateful that some
19 of them are here tonight. We were able to
20 select owners from various parts of the
21 city, Greenridge, North Scranton, the
22 downtown, South Side, West Scranton, so that
23 each portion of our city would be
24 represented in this Proclamation, and what
25 our greatest hope would be that as Black

1 Friday approaches all of us would not simply
2 think of the great retail chains that we all
3 rush to on Thanksgiving evening, but rather
4 remember all of the small businesses in our
5 community that need our help, that need us
6 to go out and buy at their stores.

7 And so at this time I'd like to call
8 up to the front of the room all of the those
9 business owners.

10 "WHEREAS, the Council of the **CITY OF**
11 **SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA**, celebrates our local
12 small businesses and the contribution they
13 make to our local economy and community.
14 According to the United States Small
15 Business Administration, there are currently
16 28 million small businesses in the United
17 States. They represent more than 99 percent
18 of American companies, create two-thirds of
19 the net new jobs, and generate half of
20 private gross domestic product; and.

21 **WHEREAS**, small businesses employ
22 one-half of the employees **in the** private
23 sector in the United States; and

24 **WHEREAS**, 89 percent of consumers in
25 the United States agree that small

1 businesses contribute positively to the
2 local community by supplying jobs and
3 generating tax revenue; and

4 WHEREAS, 86 percent of consumers in
5 the United States have small businesses in
6 their community that the consumers would
7 miss if the small businesses closed; and

8 WHEREAS, 93 percent of consumers in
9 the United States agree that it is important
10 for people to support the small businesses
11 that they value in their community; and

12 WHEREAS, 90 percent of consumers in
13 the United States are willing to pledge
14 support for a "buy local" movement; and

15 WHEREAS, the Council of the **CITY OF**
16 **SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA** supports our local
17 businesses that create jobs, boost our local
18 economy and preserve our neighborhoods; and.

19 WHEREAS, advocacy groups and public
20 and private organizations across the county
21 have endorsed the Saturday after
22 Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**
24 that on **Saturday, November 30, 2013** Scranton
25 City Council proclaims that day as "**SMALL**

1 **BUSINESS SATURDAY"** in Scranton.

2 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Scranton
3 City Council urges the residents of our
4 community, and communities across the
5 country, to support small businesses and
6 merchants on Small Business Saturday and
7 throughout the year."

8 Not all of our businesses are
9 represented here this evening because their
10 owners are at work this evening.
11 Nevertheless, we would like to mention them,
12 and as your business name is called, if you
13 can please come up and receive the
14 Proclamation. Bare Accessories. Owner,
15 Stephanie Grudis. Cup-a-Cake Cafe, owner
16 Denise Cosgrove and Jackie Chompko.
17 D'Salon, owner Debbie Hyler. Dress Me Up,
18 owner Christina Horn. Duffy Accessories,
19 owner, Maureen Duffy. Fanciful Fox, owners
20 Cathy and Amanda Fox. Freckles and Frills
21 Early Learning Center. Owner, Elizabeth
22 Kyper. Hair Affair at the Spa on Cedar,
23 owner, Donna Silveri. Keen's Floral Outlet,
24 owner, Wendy Westcott. Lenora's, owner
25 Lenora Lispi. Linda Kay's Old Greenridge

1 Diner, owner, Linda Kay Smith. Lynn Sandy's
2 Bakery, owner Lynn Sandy. Mary Ann Wally
3 Beauty Salon, owner Mary Ann Wally. Miss
4 Elly's Cakes, Owner, Diane Flannigan.
5 Neen's Diner, owner Maureen Locker.
6 Northeastern Lights Espresso Bar, Poppetts
7 Jackets and Accessories, and this is a
8 family-owned business. And finally Small
9 Frye's Boutique, owner, Louise Frye.

10 And once again, it was indeed an
11 honor for this council to be able to
12 particularly acknowledge the work of the
13 women in our community. I think very many
14 times you are overlooked. This is not to
15 say that the gentleman are not important, we
16 certainly want you to take your business to
17 all small stores in our community, but,
18 ladies, it's about time. You do a wonderful
19 job, keep it up, you are an excellent role
20 model for other women, and I'm hoping that
21 we are going to see more and more of us
22 follow your lead. Thank you all very much.

23 (Members retake the dais and
24 continue the regular meeting.)

25 MS. EVANS: Dispense with the

1 reading of the minutes, please.

2 MS. KRAKE: THIRD ORDER. 3-A.
3 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
4 MEMBERS OF SCRANTON HOUSING AUTHORITY HELD
5 ON OCTOBER 7, 2013.

6 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?
7 If not, received and filed.

8 MS. KRAKE: 3-B. FINANCIAL
9 STATEMENTS OF THE PARKING AUTHORITY OF THE
10 CITY OF SCRANTON DATED DECEMBER 31, 2012.

11 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?
12 If not, received and filed.

13 MS. KRAKE: 3-C. TAX ASSESSOR'S
14 REPORT HEARING DATES HELD ON OCTOBER 23RD,
15 24TH, AND NOVEMBER 6TH, 2013.

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

18 MS. KRAKE: 3-D. TAX ASSESSOR'S
19 REPORT FOR HEARING DATE TO BE HELD ON
20 NOVEMBER 20, 2013.

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

23 MS. KRAKE: 3-E. AUDIT STATUS REPORT
24 RECEIVED FROM ROBERT ROSSI AND COMPANY DATED
25 OCTOBER 24, 2013.

1 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?
2 If not, received and filed.

3 MS. KRAKE: 3-F. DRAFT GENERAL FUNDS
4 STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,
5 2012 RECEIVED FROM ROBERT ROSSI AND COMPANY
6 DATED OCTOBER 24, 2013.

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

9 MS. KRAKE: 3-G. MINUTES OF THE
10 COMPOSITE PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD ON
11 OCTOBER 23, 2013.

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

14 Do we have any Clerk's notes
15 tonight, Mrs. Krake.

16 MS. KRAKE: No, Mrs. Evans.

17 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Do any
18 council members have announcements at this
19 time?

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: I would like to make
21 an announcement. If you can, I'd like
22 everyone to remember in their prayers this
23 evening my mother, who went to the hospital
24 last Friday and had major surgery this past
25 Monday. She is still hospitalized, so if

1 you could please remember her in your
2 prayers and she is doing real good so she
3 should be home in a few days, but on top of
4 that I would like you to remember in your
5 prayers, also, my brother, David, especially
6 his dear wife Christine who passed away
7 Sunday morning and her family, her mother,
8 her daughters, her grandchildren, her nieces
9 and nephews as our family makes it through
10 this hard time.

11 The reason I held this announcement
12 now is because the news media was here and
13 we have not told my mother yet about my
14 sister-in-law because of her condition, and
15 we plan on letting her know tomorrow. First
16 I called the hospital to make sure they
17 didn't televise this, but I would afraid she
18 would be watching Channel 16 so I didn't
19 want her to hear that, so if would please
20 remember them in your prayers I would
21 appreciate it. Thank you.

22 MS. EVANS: Thank you, and I'm very
23 sorry for your loss, Jack.

24 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

25 MR. ROGAN: Just one announcement.

1 Benefit for Bobby on Sunday, December 1,
2 2013. Bob Beck is a 63-year-old Scranton
3 man diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in
4 March of 2009. In October of 2013, he was
5 diagnosed with tonsil cancer. Before his
6 illness, Bob worked at General Dynamics for
7 many years and he is an amazing person who
8 loves his family dearly. Mostly he loves
9 helping others, music, fishing and food.

10 They are looking for donations of
11 all kinds for this fundraiser, baskets,
12 food, etcetera. To give a donation you can
13 call Kiera at 570-780-9270. And again, the
14 event is on Sunday, December 1, from 2 to 7
15 p.m. at the Keyser Valley Community Center.
16 And tickets are \$10 and there will be food,
17 music, bar, 50/50 raffles, basket raffles,
18 and live music by one of my favorite local
19 bands "Graces Downfall" and DJ Ransom as
20 well. And that is all.

21 (While Mr. Rogan was speaking Mr.
22 Joyce joined the meeting.)

23 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Is there
24 anyone else? Let the record reflect at this
25 time that Councilman Joyce has joined the

1 meeting. Attorney Hughes is out of town and
2 is unable to attend tonight's meeting.

3 Scranton City Council will conduct a
4 public caucus to discuss amendments to an
5 OECD loan to Alexander's Salon next
6 Thursday, November 21, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in
7 council chambers.

8 St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church
9 located at 1625 North Main Avenue in North
10 Scranton, will hold a pancake and sausage
11 brunch fundraiser this Sunday, November 17,
12 at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$7 per person or
13 a maximum charge of \$25 per family and may
14 be purchased at the door. And that's it.

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

17 MS. EVANS: Our first speaker
18 tonight is Ron Ellman.

19 MR. ELLMAN: Well, my friends --

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

21 MR. ELLMAN: -- and council. I guess
22 being a man of few words I've just got a few
23 things bothering me. 75 years ago, now
24 listen, 75 years ago the city borrowed
25 \$55,000 to make payroll. 25 years ago we

1 is giving developers grants and loans to buy
2 houses that are taken off the payroll.

3 Everything just keeps falling on a
4 dying city with losing population. We are
5 losing people left and right. My
6 neighborhood, like I keep telling you, I got
7 empty houses and apartments everywhere
8 around me. I just don't know what the
9 solution is, but these people have taken
10 away the city's ability to have income with
11 one counter productive situation after
12 another.

13 Well, I just -- I can't comprehend
14 why either one of these gentleman wanted
15 this job. I really -- I have talked to, you
16 know, both of them. I just don't understand
17 with all of the aggravation that's going to
18 come with it. There is nothing left to
19 sell. Doherty has done sold everything
20 that's not nailed down for crying out loud.

21 You know, to change the subject for
22 a minute that we once owned an airport?
23 Yeah. A beautiful piece of property. I
24 think it's a cement plant or something now.
25 People need to go back and look on the

1 computer and see what of the most outrageous
2 crooked deals against this city that was
3 ever -- ever happened to us, was the loss of
4 that airport, you know? I hear people
5 whining about the golf course, this airport
6 was just the most adverse situation that's
7 ever happened to the city, a beautiful piece
8 of land like that.

9 Well, just in leaving, I'd like to
10 say something real quick, during my absence
11 when I was punishing you people it was a
12 quarter to three in the morning I heard -- I
13 was waiting for Perry Mason to come and I
14 heard all of this commotion outside of my
15 house and I looked out the window and I
16 could see two cell phones shining and some
17 real loud shouting, so I went outside and
18 there is two little girls, this is a quarter
19 to three in the morning, two little girls
20 like fourth, fifth grade, like ten years old
21 they out there with cell phones and one is
22 just forcing herself to scream and yell on
23 the phone while she is looking at me. I
24 said, "What the hell are you guys doing?"

25 And the other one kept on shouting

1 in the phone. I said, "I'm going in to
2 phone the cops on you," so they took off and
3 ran down the street and I have no idea who
4 they were.

5 But how could any kind of guardian
6 not know where a little baby like this is at
7 3:00 in the morning? You know, it makes you
8 wonder why they have been and what they have
9 been up to. That's why years ago I said we
10 need a curfew in this town. People wander
11 down my street all hours of the day and
12 night, young people with -- you know, like I
13 said, what I talk once in awhile to one of
14 my friends that drive a cab, I hear some
15 terrible stories that you don't see in the
16 paper and you don't hear on the news, and I
17 thank you all for letting me come tonight.

18 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

19 MR. JOYCE: Thank you.

20 MR. ELLMAN: Maybe I ought to give
21 you a Proclamation for putting up with me.

22 MS. EVANS: Our next speaker is Bill
23 Jackowitz.

24 MR. JACKOWITZ: Good evening,
25 Scranton City Council.

1 ALL COUNCIL: Good evening.

2 MR. JACKOWITZ: Bill Jackowitz,
3 South Scranton resident and members of the
4 Taxpayers' Association. 7,979 days ago
5 Scranton was declared a distressed city
6 under Act 47. Reality, not fiction. That
7 was 1,179 weeks ago. That was a long time
8 ago.

9 It was refreshing to hear that the
10 parking garages finally submitted the proper
11 paperwork to the auditor, only six months
12 late.

13 Arbitration awards, what is the
14 latest information on payments? My
15 prediction headlines, "Scranton unlikely to
16 make required payments to police and fire.
17 City unions seize Scranton assets in a New
18 York minute." That will be a headline one
19 day.

20 Will the fair share tax law be part
21 of the 2014 budget and recovery plan? That
22 meaning, taxing students 1 percent.
23 Speaking of taxing students, Scranton School
24 taxpayer's money is now being spent on Wall
25 Street. Scranton taxpayers pay

1 transportation contractors significantly to
2 the tune of \$4.1 million over the state
3 allowance. Although the school district
4 assured the Scranton taxpayers the school
5 district will be taking steps to keep more
6 accurate records.

7 Sound familiar? Scranton taxpayers
8 get milked again by the so-called elected
9 and appointed officials who should be
10 working for the taxpayers not working
11 against the taxpayers.

12 No bid transportation contract
13 awarded to DeNaples' Transportation. Hum.

14 Some facts that council and the
15 administration current and future should
16 consider when passing the 2014 budget and
17 recovery plan:

18 Scranton population 75,809
19 estimated. Persons 65 and older, 16.4
20 percent of the population. Home ownership,
21 54.2 percent taxpayers. Median family or
22 owner-occupied housing \$108,200. The state
23 average, \$163,200. Scranton is far below
24 the state average.

25 Per capita income, \$19,681, below

1 state and national average. Median
2 household income, \$36,968 below the state
3 and national average.

4 Persons living below the poverty
5 level, 33 percent, higher than the state and
6 the national average. Highest unemployment
7 rate in the state for over four years.
8 Nothing to be proud of, above state and
9 national average.

10 Food stamp use 75 percent in five
11 years above the state and national average.

12 Average salary in the United States
13 grew by 6 percent, in Scranton 3 percent,
14 far below the national average. Business
15 owners that have left the city.

16 Court ruling have crippled the city
17 financially and still have not been paid,
18 never will be paid.

19 Infrastructure that has crumbled.
20 Take a ride through North Scranton or pick a
21 neighborhood.

22 The only salaries that have been
23 raised are the mayor, the attorneys, some
24 city workers and consultants. They all make
25 well above the Scranton per capita income

1 and median family income level and some are
2 part-time employees.

3 It took 60 years or more to get
4 here, it might take 60 years or more to get
5 out of the financial mess called Scranton
6 government until the elected officials take
7 the crises seriously and work together to
8 solve the problems. Nothing, I repeat,
9 nothing will change except faces and names.

10 No buyers for the Wattress Armory.
11 No surprise. Why would anybody buy anything
12 in Scranton?

13 Auditor General blasts Scranton
14 School District for ineffective management.
15 What else is new? Everything in Scranton is
16 ineffectively managed.

17 Poor leadership, poor decision
18 making, lying, deception, broken promises,
19 lack of jobs, increasing the welfare state,
20 government taking control of your personal
21 life, where does it lead? Broken and
22 dysfunctional government and eventually the
23 downfall of city, states and nations. Who
24 is to blame? It's obvious, the American
25 voter who normally vote for all of the wrong

1 reasons, like straight party ticket.

2 I am HO, in my humble opinion. Just
3 imagine if honest, hardworking people were
4 elected to hold the office and to serve the
5 people of the United States instead of what
6 we currently have at all levels of the
7 government.

8 In the past few weeks I have spoken
9 about billions of taxpayers dollars that
10 have been wasted either through fraud,
11 corruption, stealing and mismanagement or
12 just out and out lying. That's why the
13 country is in the shape it's in, that's why
14 the county is in the shape it's in, the city
15 is in the shape it's in, and the state is in
16 the state it's in. The American people
17 really need to wise up and start really
18 thinking about who they vote for and why
19 they vote for these people.

20 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

21 MR. JOYCE: Thank you.

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

25 MR. DOBRZYN: Dave Dobrzyn, resident

1 of Scranton, taxes and fees paid. Number
2 one, I had an idea last week, no new tax
3 exempts until they cooperate with the city
4 government to gain compensation from the
5 state over losses and revenue. Seeing as a
6 tax exempt we are required to accept them
7 under the state constitution and grant
8 exemptions. I think they could be
9 cooperating a little better than what they
10 have been instead of making fun of everybody
11 and getting editorials written in the
12 Scranton Times about how cheap we are and
13 petty.

14 Steamtown Museum, please consider
15 that, they are down 20 percent of their
16 funding, which was never increased from 1994
17 so that's nearly 20 years with no increases
18 in any type of funding, and to be honest the
19 attendance has dropped off. They had six
20 cars on their trips and only three were
21 filled. Mainly with the sequester and the
22 other issue with the shutdown the leaves
23 have fell off the trees and a lot of people
24 have -- and currently they don't have one
25 operating steam engine. You can see them in

1 the back shop in various states of repair.

2 Also, I'd like to ask that you note
3 weekly losses of Pennsylvania -- of pension
4 funds from Wall Street debacles. That's a
5 very important note because, once again, we
6 are getting blamed for the pension problems
7 and it's my understanding that \$25 million
8 disappeared in 2007 or shortly thereafter.
9 So, I mean, it's not all our fault and it's
10 certainly is our problem.

11 I'd also like to note it's not a
12 city council, \$6 million plus school board
13 debacle. And I have a question for them,
14 when will they realize and act like their
15 city is distressed? It's just shameful. I
16 have to read a little more in the article
17 and do a little more research because two or
18 three paragraphs don't cut it with the full
19 story.

20 And note, also, the state
21 legislature allows employers, certain
22 employers to pocket PA income tax that are
23 deducted out of their employees' paychecks
24 and I have a message for them, forget your
25 additional 1 percent to bring it to 4.2

1 percent. Just forget about it. Straighten
2 things out and start doing things right. If
3 I pay income tax I want it to get to the
4 government and not in somebody's pocket to
5 increase the bottom line.

6 And, okay, the golden parrot goes to
7 Bill Clinton, not president anymore, seems
8 every time a trade pack shows up he is
9 always back there and, once again, he is
10 sticking his nose into the insurance issue.
11 If he didn't sign all those trade packs we
12 wouldn't to have to rely on the government
13 for our medical insurance. Back when I
14 started working no matter how crummy the job
15 was it always had Blue Cross and Blue Shield
16 and a decent plan.

17 In 1993, under the Clinton
18 administration, our boss called us in and
19 stated he was going to contribute \$75 a
20 month to Blue Cross and we were going to
21 have to pay \$12.50 a week. Ten years later
22 /ER, I'm paying \$325 a month towards it, so
23 thank you, Bill.

24 And Sara Palin, she keeps crowing
25 about the deficit, well, Alaska receives

1 \$1.65 for every \$1 paid out, so she should
2 talk. She lives in a welfare state.

3 And Wyoming County, we hear all
4 about the food stamps and how the cities are
5 such a drain, well, Wyoming County receives
6 assistance at a rate of 150 percent more
7 than Scranton. Now, I'm sure Scranton has
8 more recipients, but they have more
9 recipients out there per person, a larger
10 amount received, so whenever they talk about
11 taxes they are or whatever and that they are
12 so fine and dandy, well, they have an awful
13 lot of people receiving assistance out
14 there. They are not as rich as what they
15 say or some people are too rich. Thank you
16 and have a good night.

17 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

18 MR. JOYCE: Thank you.

19 MS. EVANS: Is there anyone else?

20 MR. MORGAN: Good evening, Council.

21 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

22 MR. JOYCE: Good evening.

23 MR. MORGAN: Lee Morgan, not that it
24 really matters that much. You know what,
25 I'm just curious to know, Mr. Joyce, I guess

1 the question would go to you, with all due
2 respect to you, of course.

3 MR. JOYCE: Okay.

4 MR. MORGAN: Where are we at in the
5 budget process? Can you tell us anything at
6 all about what the possible tax increase we
7 might be looking at at this point?

8 MR. JOYCE: Yeah. I did happen to
9 speak to the mayor on Tuesday briefly later
10 on in the afternoon when I came to pick up
11 my mail at city hall, and he informed me
12 about some things going on with the budget.
13 They are still finalizing some numbers, but
14 he said to me that it would be somewhere in
15 the 40 percent.

16 MR. MORGAN: Okay. I'd just have a
17 couple of questions and, you know, it's
18 not -- I just general information questions.
19 Have you reached out to the mayor elect or
20 to the council elect, the new members of
21 council coming in, for their input to the
22 budget at this point?

23 MR. JOYCE: Well, I did give a -- I
24 did place a call to the mayor elect actually
25 and left him a voicemail.

1 MR. MORGAN: Well, the reason I ask
2 those questions is because I really think
3 that something extremely radical needs to
4 take place on the part of the council, and
5 some people may not agree, but we had
6 candidates that ran on platforms that in my
7 opinion were unrealistic, and it's probably
8 never been asked before, but, look it, I'm
9 not afraid to blaze a trail. I would just
10 hope to be honeste with you, Mr. Joyce, with
11 no disrespect to you, I just would hope that
12 you would consider resigning as Finance
13 Chair and place the burden on someone else
14 on council and maybe bring the new mayor
15 forward and the new council members forward
16 and start a real discussion on what needs to
17 take place, because I think with the
18 shortfalls in the budget, with no settlement
19 for the firemen and the police, with the
20 shortfall this year in the city's budget,
21 and with for lack of a better terminology
22 abstract ideas of a council and a mayor
23 elect and a city that's rolling backwards
24 with -- I just think that maybe it's time to
25 bring things front and center and bring

1 these parties in to participate, because I
2 just see that we have got to stop a
3 situation where next year the thing will be,
4 "Well, we didn't pass that last budget, the
5 last council did."

6 And, you know, I just think that
7 when candidates -- and this isn't, look it,
8 I appreciate every candidate who runs, but,
9 you know, we have listened for too long the
10 blame game and my opinion is people ran for
11 these position, and now I think it's time to
12 really show your ideas because we don't need
13 your ideas next year, we need them now,
14 okay?

15 And the other thing I would like to
16 see is I would like to see, you know -- see
17 some things I don't understand. I can't
18 support the commuter tax, but I have to
19 wonder if it was in the recovery plan why
20 the mayor didn't proceed and try to pursue
21 it? Even though I disagree with it, that
22 was part of the recovery plan.

23 And where was the PEL in this whole
24 mess because they are the ones that put the
25 recover plan together, and if the revenue

1 they said was possibly going to be realized
2 and it hasn't come are we going to take
3 another one of their recovery plans forward?

4 And, you know, to be really honest
5 with you even I just don't see how we are
6 going to fund city government next year in
7 any way. I mean, just don't see it and I
8 think that if this council had to pick
9 another Finance Chair it would have be
10 somebody on council, I think Mr. Rogan would
11 be qualified, since he is going to be here
12 for four years and he was there for the
13 previous four, okay? And let's see the
14 mayor come forward. It's no disrespect to
15 you, it's just that my point is, look, you
16 put a couple of budgets together from
17 information you were given and from the PEL
18 and these plans just haven't worked.

19 And we had the state representatives
20 here and the state senators and if you
21 listen to what Mr. Jackowitz said, I mean,
22 the city just has no money left. We are
23 just -- you know, I don't know about six
24 years ago I went through the Hill section
25 collecting signatures to be on the ballot, a

1 nice elderly woman answered the door. She
2 had more clothes on than I had on and it was
3 cold. And I said to her, "Ma'am, with no
4 disrespect to you, there is something really
5 wrong here."

6 And then finally she said, "What
7 would that be?"

8 I said, "Well, you got more clothes
9 on than I do, you've got a jacket on and
10 everything."

11 And she goes, "Well, you know, I'm
12 paying my way. We are doing what we got to
13 do."

14 And what I'm saying to this council
15 is there are people in this city that really
16 struggling and they really are, and they
17 have elected people on all levels of the
18 government from the state all the way down
19 and there is no real solution to our problem
20 and I'd want to give these people an
21 opportunity to give input before we put this
22 budget together so they can't pass it and
23 say that you did it. Thank you.

24 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

25 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia.

1 Citizen of Scranton, Fellow Scrantonian.

2 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

3 MR. SBARAGLIA: I'm a realist by
4 nature. I look at something and I see
5 either black or white, I don't see gray many
6 different shades. I look at things as they
7 are. Our contracts are set with the
8 firemen, the policemen and the DPW workers
9 for three years. There is nothing the new
10 mayor can do with that contract except
11 follow it, so hence, there is nothing we can
12 do to get savings from there.

13 PEL claims we are going to be \$25
14 million shortfall in our budget, how the
15 budget formulated. I don't see how a 40
16 percent increase is going to makeup that 20
17 million. I just don't see it. The figures
18 are in there. You know and I know that a
19 1,000 city workers are either active workers
20 or on pension. That means 1 out of 75
21 people in the city is a state worker, just
22 active worker. I'm not talking about family
23 members, it could be higher with all the
24 family members, and there is not a darn
25 thing you can do about that. Them pensions

1 and everything are set in stone.

2 The only think actually I could
3 telling you should let the city workers
4 acquire our assets and then lease them back
5 and spread it out. We can't afford a lump
6 sum. Did you remember way back when the
7 mayor spent the \$72 million when he first
8 got into office and we said it's not that we
9 didn't need it, it's just that you are
10 spending too much at one time. That's what
11 you are paying for now. Back then it was
12 done.

13 No one can change what's going to
14 happen. 40 percent is not going to do it.
15 I don't think PEL okay it, I don't think the
16 banks will okay it, that's your problem.
17 You are no longer in control, the banks are
18 in control, and there is nothing you could
19 do about that. I don't blame them. I don't
20 want to see money thrown away. If I had
21 loaned my money I would make sure there is
22 good possibility I would get it back and the
23 worst part about it is the interest rate.
24 You mentioned 3 percent up front, and then
25 what was it three point some percent after

1 that? But 3 percent of whatever you are
2 taken upfront that means money you are not
3 getting so you are being penalized even
4 before you get the money and then, of
5 course, all of the steady revenue is, of
6 course, committed to them loans. Of course
7 you got the 20 million, but that's really
8 when you say you have the 20 million to
9 work -- well, whatever, I wouldn't say 20
10 million, because God knows what you have to
11 borrow to get the 20 million. But anyway,
12 they are saying 20 million, so we will use
13 that figure even though it may be greater.

14 And these things are going to
15 happen. You can't change it, I can't change
16 it, God is the only one that can change it
17 and I doubt he will do it. So be realistic
18 and tell the people 40 percent will not do
19 it and say it will not do it. It's going to
20 be a 60 percent increase or maybe 80 percent
21 increase. I'm not even saying the increase
22 that McGoff passed or the increase of 22
23 percent we did have on top of whatever we
24 had, I mean, it just keeps paralleling and
25 piling up, one after another after another

1 and there is nothing you can do about it
2 except go to the unions and see if they are
3 willing to take that deal. That's the only
4 thing we can do, that's the only thing that
5 makes sense that would help us. Other than
6 that we are going to sink like a submarine
7 except we are never going to be able to rise
8 again.

9 I'm sorry it came to that, but like
10 I said, the newspaper made fun of us, made
11 fun of Janet made fun of everybody when they
12 are telling them this. This doesn't happen
13 overnight, we have been saying that for the
14 last ten years what was going to happen.
15 Now it did happen, but the thing is we
16 cannot change what happened, we can only try
17 to get out of the mess.

18 Maybe the unions won't go a long
19 way, maybe will take the assets then we'll
20 lease them back just like we leased
21 everything from one authority to another
22 authority was wrong with the unions because
23 they are in the same boat as us. If we
24 don't have the money to pay their salaries,
25 they are going to be hurting or their

1 pensions or their welfare. They are going
2 to hurt just like everyone else in the city,
3 maybe more, because it's a financial
4 problem. Thank you.

5 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

6 MR. JOYCE: Just to clarify, a tax
7 increase that we'll see when the budget
8 comes out, I'm not saying it's 40 percent,
9 it's somewhere between 40 and 50 from what I
10 have been advised. There are some other
11 fees that may possibly go up as well, so
12 it's not just a tax increase and, you know,
13 this a very important budget because there
14 is lot that hinges on whether banks feel
15 comfortable with it. Our tax anticipation
16 note for next year is dependent on whether
17 Amalgamated Bank feels that the budget is
18 adequate and if -- obviously if we don't get
19 that the new administration will come into
20 city hall with an inability to pay employees
21 or even keep the city running.

22 And also, borrowing for the fire and
23 police awards and subsequently the MMO from
24 2013 is also very dependent on the budget
25 and, you know, the banking community wants

1 to see that there will be revenue generated
2 into the city in order to pay them back.
3 That's all.

4 MR. MILLER: Good evening, Council.
5 Doug Miller, Scranton.

6 ALL OF COUNCIL: Good evening.

7 MR. MILLER: I'd like to first begin
8 my responding to a question that
9 Mr. Jackowitz had raised earlier this
10 evening in regards to the 1 percent fair
11 share tax that I had brought up to council
12 about a month ago, and he asked if it was
13 going to included in the 2014 operating
14 budget and I just want to answer that
15 question for him. The answer is no, it will
16 not be. You know, when you are dealing with
17 this type of issue the magnitude of it it's
18 something that obviously you can't just
19 automatically put in a budget, there is a
20 lot of research and legal research that
21 needs to be done on it, and this is the
22 discussion that I had with Mr. Cross when I
23 spoke with him last week -- or two weeks
24 ago.

25 This is something I intend on

1 reaching out to the mayor elect, in fact, I
2 have already spoken to him about this. The
3 incoming council I intend on reaching out to
4 the two new members coming in to discuss
5 this and this is something that's going to
6 take time, you know, there is going to be a
7 lot of back and forth, but it's not as easy
8 as just putting it in the budget and making
9 it work. You know, a lot of us think that,
10 you know, particularly the last four years
11 that we can wave the magic wand and we are
12 going to magically, you know, erase all of
13 the city's problems and, unfortunately, it
14 doesn't work that way.

15 But I do intend on continuing to
16 pursue this because I do think this is
17 something that we need to, you know,
18 seriously consider making an annual revenue
19 stream for the city. You know, in the shape
20 we are in we certainly need every penny we
21 can get.

22 In regards to the budget, obviously
23 that's been a discussion tonight. The
24 issue, of course, is going to be the tax
25 increase and we have already heard, you

1 know, we are in the 40s. You know, whether
2 we want to believe it or not the reality is
3 we knew a tax increase was inevitable so,
4 unfortunately, a lot of the revenue
5 projections and enhancements that were in
6 this recovery plan we didn't realize those
7 things 100 percent, and that happens
8 sometimes when you do take chances and,
9 unfortunately, revenue comes in short, but
10 it's not to discredit the hard work that
11 this council put into that process, the
12 recovery plan and this year's budget.

13 You know, as we said moving forward,
14 we hope there is more cooperation and we
15 continue to work together, the council and
16 the new administration coming continues to
17 work together and they follow, you know, the
18 path that, you know, you started.

19 I think there are a lot of people
20 out there that have criticized this council
21 through the years. You know, I don't think
22 they have necessarily realized the obstacles
23 that have you kind of have to go through and
24 the hurdles you have had to go through. You
25 know, you have dealt with a lot of difficult

1 decisions.

2 Unfortunately, the banking community
3 has not been our best friend and that in
4 large part is because the last 12 years, you
5 know, this administration has provided
6 unrealistic budgets and, you know, the
7 fiscal mismanagement by this administration
8 has lead us to where we are today, and that
9 gives the banking community, you know, a bad
10 feeling and that's why they have mixed
11 emotions, and they want to see a budget,
12 they want to see a plan that looks to be
13 realistic.

14 And I'm confident that this budget
15 for 2014 is going to be realistic because,
16 you know, a lot is at stake here and a lot,
17 you know, we are counting on a realistic
18 budget and working with PEL and this council
19 and the administration. You know, you have
20 about a month left, you know, to this last
21 month half and is going to be very busy and
22 time consuming for you and I would still
23 encourage more people to come forward and
24 offer suggestions.

25 But one of the point that was made

1 tonight that I do agree with is, you know, I
2 think in order to avoid the, you know, you
3 passing the budget and having the next
4 council come in and, you know, next year at
5 this time say, "Well, revenue projections
6 didn't come to fruition because the last
7 council passed the budget," I think the best
8 way to avoid that would be, as a speaker
9 said tonight, is to invite the mayor elect
10 and the two new council members and invite
11 them to come forward. In fact, I would
12 suggest we invite them next week. The
13 budget will be handed down tomorrow from the
14 mayor, and I think they should come down
15 here and sit at this table next week at a
16 caucus publically on Channel 61 -- or
17 Channel 19, and discuss their vision for the
18 city because I think it's critical.

19 This is a budget, this is a city
20 that they are going to be dealing with in a
21 very short time, and I think it's very
22 critical that, you know, the residents of
23 this city came out to vote. They elected
24 these individuals to lead the city for the
25 next four years, and I think now is the time

1 they discussed a lot of their ideas
2 throughout the campaign, and now is the time
3 to come forward and offer those ideas
4 because, as the speaker did mention, you
5 know, we can't wait until next year. You
6 know, now is the time to come forward and
7 offer your input.

8 It's not going to be easy. As I
9 said, anybody that thinks, you know, we are
10 going to turn this thing around overnight,
11 you know, is very mislead, but I am
12 confident that, you know, we can make the
13 banking community to have a little
14 confidence in us again so that we can secure
15 a TAN, secure the borrowing for this police
16 and fire settlement because these are
17 obligations we have next year and it would
18 be very frightening to have to come in next
19 year and facing a \$20 million hole right off
20 the bat and be back to square one last
21 summer where we, you know, faced pay less
22 pay days and employees being paid minimum
23 wage. We don't want to go back to that
24 nightmare so it's time that everybody comes
25 together, the new leaders come forward, I

1 think they should come next week and begin
2 dialogue. It's critical because the future
3 is at stake. Thank you.

4 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

5 MR. SLEDZENSKI: Hello, Jack.

6 MR. LOSCOMBE: Chrissy.

7 MR. JOYCE: Chrissy.

8 MR. SLEDZENSKI: Hi, Janet.

9 MS. EVANS: Hi, Chris.

10 MR. SLEDZENSKI: I hurt my back when
11 I fell down the steps at the house. I
12 slipped.

13 MR. LOSCOMBE: You must be getting
14 old, Chrissy.

15 MS. EVANS: Be careful.

16 MR. SLEDZENSKI: I will. Hey, Jack,
17 we are playing Saturday night Abington.
18 Guys, good luck, Saturday. Good luck, Guys.
19 Thank you.

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: Chris, you must be
21 getting old because you fell asleep last
22 week and now you fell down the steps.

23 MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening,
24 Council. Will it be laughs tonight and
25 tears tomorrow? I sort of feel as though we

1 are in a situation where we are doing the
2 limbo in reverse tonight. It's not how low
3 will it go it's how high will it go except,
4 of course, maybe with a reduction in our
5 fire and police protection. Is it going to
6 be all property taxes increase or will we
7 will have some massive layoffs that will put
8 us in jeopardy to go with that? I can't
9 believe that anything in the area of a 40
10 percent property tax increase is going to
11 cover the shortfall, so that makes me a
12 little bit even more anxious.

13 But in the past legislation has been
14 fast tracked through one or two orders,
15 sometimes in the same night, and I would
16 like to ask if it would be possible to fast
17 track the budget legislation so that the
18 banks can see the final product and perhaps
19 get the TAN approved and in so we can at
20 least avoid the penalty in the MMO
21 nonpayment by the end of the year.

22 MS. EVANS: Well, we haven't
23 received the budget yet, I am sure that will
24 be forthcoming tomorrow. It would be
25 introduced at next Thursday's meeting, and

1 during introduction I believe we can't
2 really fast track because we need to I
3 believe by law conduct a public hearing,
4 which I intend to hold -- well, the
5 following week is Thanksgiving I believe the
6 28th, so that would be on the December 5
7 meeting a public hearing would be held prior
8 to the council meeting to hear from the
9 people of the city, and at that point, you
10 know, it's very possible for council to
11 discuss whether it wants to continue to
12 Seventh Order or if it wants to suspend the
13 rules and pass a budget that evening.

14 MS. SCHUMACHER: Yeah, I think that
15 might be wise if it save us a half a
16 million, and speaking of hundreds of
17 thousands of dollars, Mr. Joyce, did you
18 have a chance to run down that General
19 Dynamics property tax obligation that we
20 chatted about many times in the past?

21 MR. JOYCE: I apologize, I don't
22 have the information with me, but let me
23 just make a note of it and I'll remember for
24 next week.

25 MS. SCHUMACHER: Thank you. The

1 Scranton Sewer Authority, there was an RFP
2 some time ago for quotes on the appraising
3 the value, I don't know which of you, if any
4 of you, keep in touch with them, has that
5 been completed and do we know that the
6 valuation and the market value of the
7 Scranton Sewer Authority is?

8 MS. EVANS: I believe the valuation
9 was completed. I don't have that
10 information with me this evening, but I
11 think we can look into that for you.

12 MS. SCHUMACHER: Thank you, I would
13 appreciate that. And then in preparation
14 for next week do we have -- Mr. Rogan, have
15 you -- I assume you have talked with OECD
16 and Ms. Aebli and do we know what the old
17 rate and time was of the Alexander's loan
18 and whether that has been -- that same
19 privilege has been afforded to any other
20 loan payers of loans?

21 MR. ROGAN: I just got that request
22 into Linda this morning, so she didn't get a
23 chance to get back to me yet, but I will be
24 in touch with her prior to the caucus.

25 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, it would have

1 been nice if the public had that beforehand
2 to. I mean, we have been talking about this
3 several weeks.

4 My final item tonight, there was a
5 public meeting on notice schedule -- public
6 meeting scheduled, notice in the paper this
7 morning and an article about this city
8 revitalization improvement zone and PILOT
9 application as part of that program and the
10 hearing is tomorrow and I hope that since it
11 affects the City of Scranton you would
12 discuss that during Fifth Order tonight and
13 hopefully send someone to that meeting
14 tomorrow and at least let the feelings of
15 all of you or maybe the three that are
16 remaining --

17 MS. EVANS: I can tell you that --
18 well, I shouldn't speak for everyone, but I
19 wasn't informed regarding this program. I'm
20 not even sure what it entails other than
21 what I am able to read in the newspaper and
22 the assumption is having read that that this
23 is a program similar to KOZs, and I think,
24 you know, probably council members have to
25 decide where they would stand on that

1 particular issue. I don't know that, you
2 know, any one person at this point can go in
3 and say city council supports or opposes
4 this.

5 But, you know, as I mentioned
6 initially, and more importantly, I don't
7 know -- I don't have all of the information
8 about this. This was news to me in today's
9 paper and certainly, you know, I would like
10 to know more about it. If it's not -- it's
11 possible, Mrs. Schumacher, that something of
12 this nature or legislation relating to this
13 won't be sent to council until 2014 and, you
14 know, that's why I am assuming why we may
15 not have heard anything about it because it
16 may be an issue that's not going to come
17 before this current council.

18 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, that may be.
19 While it seems according to the article this
20 morning it's only now they thought it was
21 only third class cities and now somehow Act
22 47 cities are also included, but I feel bad
23 that Attorney Hughes isn't here tonight
24 because I'm sure with his knowledge of the
25 municipal law he would have and been able to

1 explain and tell the impact on the taxpayers
2 because certainly there would be if you are
3 talking about what 130 acre area project, so
4 that's too bad, but I hope those who are
5 staying will stay on top of it and thank
6 you.

7 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

8 MR. LOSCOMBE: I have to say I'm a
9 little disappointed that we weren't notified
10 or we weren't reached out to on this here
11 because this is the first I have heard of
12 it.

13 MS. SCHUMACHER: Yeah, I would think
14 the commissioners certainly would have, I
15 mean, since they are the ones that
16 apparently voted on it yesterday that would
17 have been nice if they have communicated
18 with someone.

19 MR. LOSCOMBE: I agree. It affects
20 our constituents.

21 MS. SCHUMACHER: And maybe you can
22 send a letter of disappointment. I think
23 that might be appropriate.

24 MS. EVANS: Yes.

25 MS. SCHUMACHER: Just let them know

1 there is a council here and they have
2 legislative obligations and it would be nice
3 to be informed.

4 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

5 MS. SCHUMACHER: Thank you.

6 MS. EVANS: Is there anyone else who
7 cares to address city council?

8 Mrs. Krake, before we move on, if
9 it's agreeable with my colleagues, I think
10 we should send a letters to the
11 commissioners knowing that we were unaware
12 of this program. Obviously, they are under
13 a deadline, we understand that and that the
14 county wants to move forward with this
15 quickly, but it seems that the reason they
16 are able to participate because solely of
17 the City of Scranton which falls under Act
18 47, so it would be, you know, quite clear I
19 think to most of us that Scranton or at
20 least Scranton City Council should have been
21 informed and consulted.

22 MR. LOSCOMBE: And you are correct,
23 although they are under a deadline they
24 still had to do all of the writing for the
25 legal advertisement. A short note to us

1 would have been just as easy, too. I mean,
2 I know that that's probably the excuse, we
3 are under a deadline, we didn't have time to
4 contact you, but they had to put together a
5 legal advertisement to publish in the paper,
6 so a small note saying, you now, come and
7 see us, we are discussing this would have
8 been fine.

9 MS. EVANS: But again --

10 MR. LOSCOMBE: We have to work
11 together.

12 MS. EVANS: -- we are the sole
13 reason why --

14 MR. LOSCOMBE: Right.

15 MS. EVANS: -- they are able to apply
16 so you certainly are very unwise to bypass
17 the governing bodies of the City of Scranton
18 in pursuit of this program.

19 MS. KRAKE: Mrs. Evans, with your
20 permission since there seems to be such
21 urgency, perhaps we should do an e-mail and
22 request a response along with our letter.

23 MS. EVANS: Yes. Thank you, Mrs.
24 Krake, please.

25 MS. KRAKE: 5-A. MOTIONS.

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

4 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. It seems in
5 reading some things from the newspaper and
6 from reports that we get from investor
7 services and all that the Legion of Doom has
8 transformed itself to include the media. It
9 would seem that from what we read in the
10 paper that there are people that want the
11 City of Scranton to fail and it's something
12 that to me that is unacceptable.

13 What people seem to want to dwell on
14 is the negatives that exist and fail to
15 consider some of the positive things that
16 have taken place, especially during the past
17 year. If we were to take a look at the 2013
18 budget and eliminate the arbitration award
19 and eliminate the pension payment, the
20 budget was pretty close to balanced. We
21 were in the ballpark.

22 MS. EVANS: Oh, I agree. I think
23 since I've been here this year was the best,
24 most realistic budget, and I think that, you
25 know, the fact that the payables due right

1 now are even, you know, much more
2 insignificant --

3 MR. MCGOFF: That's what I was going
4 to say, our cash flow has been good. The
5 payable have been reasonable, we have been
6 able to maintain --

7 MS. EVANS: The TAN was paid early
8 in full.

9 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. And the other
10 thing is in the budget that many of the --
11 or I shouldn't say many, some of the
12 enhancements that were put in there were
13 successful. You know, there were things
14 that worked and yet we don't hear about
15 those. We get reports and we get newspaper
16 articles and outsiders looking and
17 criticizing and dwelling on the negatives
18 that exist.

19 I would like to see -- I think that
20 tomorrow when we get a look at the mayor's
21 proposal that it will at least provide us
22 with a reasonable plan for moving forward.
23 There may be things that obviously everybody
24 dislikes or that may be need to be changed,
25 but I think based on what we have done in

1 the past year and what hopefully this 2014
2 budget will contain that I think there is
3 reasonable hope, optimistic that the
4 investment community will take a look at it
5 and see it as sustainable budget and that we
6 can move forward with Amalgamated toward a
7 TAN for 2014, that we can move forward with
8 the investment community toward borrowing
9 for the 25 million or whatever the amount
10 was at, and I think that we can be
11 successful. It may not happen between now
12 and January 1, but I think moving forward
13 even into early 2014 that there is a
14 reasonable hope, reasonable expectation that
15 we can get past the crisis, if you want to
16 call it that, that we are in and that we can
17 come out the other side with a chance of
18 gaining control of our situation and moving
19 forward.

20 I think one of the biggest things
21 that we have to do as a community is to
22 start thinking positively about what we can
23 do and not worry and not be totally and
24 completely concerned with all of the
25 negatives and give up hope that we can be

1 successful.

2 I'm hoping that within the next
3 three weeks, four weeks as we deal with the
4 budget that we can agree on something that
5 will be sustainable, that will allow the new
6 administration to come into office with the
7 reasonable chance of being successful. And
8 that's all I have for tonight.

9 MS. EVANS: Thank you. And,
10 Councilman Rogan, do you have any comments
11 or motions tonight?

12 MR. ROGAN: Yes. Thank you. First,
13 I would just like also like to congratulate
14 small business owners that we have had here
15 today, and to remind once again all those in
16 the viewing audience to shop locally, not
17 only on the Saturday following Thanksgiving,
18 but whenever you can. It's when you can
19 help out a local business you are helping
20 yourself because you are helping create a
21 job in our city and that person pays taxes,
22 the business owner pays taxes and, you know,
23 it's a snowball affect in a good way, so we
24 need to shop local as much as we can.

25 And even with our small businesses

1 monkey on the city's back if the arbitration
2 award, and what's so frustrating about that
3 I believe for all of us up here, not one of
4 us on this board was here when four councils
5 ago they decided by a 3 to 2 vote to take
6 the wrong path in fighting our city's
7 workforce instead of working out a deal at
8 that point in time.

9 At the time only Councilman Reap and
10 Councilman DiBileo had the foresight of what
11 would happen and Councilman Reap had pegged
12 it perfectly when he said the only people
13 that will make money from this deal are the
14 attorneys, and boy was he right.

15 Once the union award is paid, and
16 whether that's through the sale of an asset,
17 it's through financing or a leaseback as
18 others have mentioned, however it's paid,
19 then it becomes much easier for the city to
20 look at what our firm expenses are of
21 running the city.

22 This award is backpay for years and
23 interest so these -- really if you look at
24 all of the budgets through those years
25 should have been incrementally a little bit

1 higher and we are really paying for that
2 now, but once that award is paid it becomes
3 much easier for the city to figure out what
4 our expenditures are, where we can save
5 money, some other ideas to generate revenue,
6 which we are always looking for, and I'm
7 hopeful that that award will be paid in the
8 very near future.

9 It appears from what we have been
10 hearing that it's not going to be addressed
11 within the end of this year, but if that's
12 the case that would be great.

13 And also Ms. Schumacher brought up a
14 good point about the quicker the budget is
15 passed the better as far as the bank willing
16 community. Now, I wouldn't support doing it
17 in less than three readings, but one thing I
18 would support is the week of Thanksgiving,
19 obviously we couldn't meet on Thanksgiving,
20 but I wouldn't be opposed to having a
21 special meeting that week on another day,
22 maybe that Monday or Tuesday, to have an
23 additional reading which would give time to
24 pass it in three weeks, but it would still
25 be passed a week earlier and give them three

1 readings so if that's something that others
2 support it's definitely something that I
3 think is a good idea.

4 And finally, Mrs. Krake, I know this
5 was brought up as well, can we please send a
6 letter to the Scranton Sewer Authority, the
7 mayor, and the business administrator asking
8 for a copy of the valuation study that was
9 done to be distributed to all city council
10 members? I think that the Sewer Authority
11 would probably be -- it seems to be a last
12 resort of the administration, the current
13 administration, for paying the Court award
14 and whether it's pursued or not we all
15 should know what it's worth. It's an asset
16 of the public and I think finally we paid --
17 I'm sure a lot of money was paid to fund
18 that valuation, so I think we should all
19 have access to it.

20 And actually one more item, the
21 letter we received and the article in the
22 paper today regarding the city pension fund,
23 and a lot of people have brought up to me,
24 you know, obviously whenever we talk about
25 the pension fund the excuse is always,

1 "Well, the market crashed in 2008."

2 But the markets are currently at all
3 times highs, and most of us that have
4 401-K's and private plans have seen recovery
5 in those funds. The city hasn't had the
6 same fortunes because of increased payments
7 going out and because of an issue that I
8 ready about in the paper today with
9 amazement which is the splits between stocks
10 and bonds.

11 I think anyone, an individual would
12 have to be crazy to have anywhere near 50
13 percent of their portfolio invested in bonds
14 in the current market, and I'm not a
15 financial analyst, but if you listen to
16 anyone involved in finance they will tell
17 you right now you should have a very small
18 portion of your investment portfolio in
19 bonds.

20 I believe it was Mr. Hazzouri
21 brought up a very good point on that, and I
22 think that moving forward the city should
23 look to have another investment firm or
24 brokerage firm come in with different
25 proposals on how we can best grow our money

1 in the markets, because the better these
2 funds perform and grow it's the less
3 taxpayer dollars that have to be put in to
4 subsidize it, so growth is the way to fix
5 our pension crises. It's not by just
6 dumping more money in it as a growth rate of
7 1 or 2 percent of the bond because we are
8 paying out more than that and we're not even
9 keeping up with inflation.

10 So that's something I hope that it
11 will be looked into it, it's something I
12 will look into, and that is all I have for
13 tonight. Thank you.

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

17 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes, thank you. I,
18 too, would like to congratulate the small
19 business owners, those who appeared here
20 this evening and those who were unable to,
21 those that continue to have faith in the
22 City of Scranton. I know these are tough
23 economic times and I know we don't have the
24 best tax system for businesses either, but
25 hopefully down the road we could have enough

1 of these businesses that stick it out and we
2 work together and get over these budget
3 debacles things will improve but we have to
4 have hope. As Mr. McGoff said, we have to
5 think positive of this city.

6 I believe the position we are in,
7 yes, it is the arbitration award that's a
8 big albatross on our back at this point and
9 the MMO, but one thing I want to make clear,
10 and it seems that we have gone back to that
11 in the media that this is all the fault of
12 the police and firefighters. It was
13 utilized for several years, the police and
14 firefighters are ruining the city, well, you
15 recall for over ten years the police and
16 fire budgets did not increase a penny.
17 Where did all that money go?

18 Second of all, this arbitration
19 award could have been much less if he had
20 agreed with the unions as they had several
21 times with handshakes and then walked away
22 from it listening to PEL and DCED, direct
23 the mayor right through to the Supreme
24 Court. The police and fire would have
25 gotten far less and agreed to far less as

1 they had many times. It just irks me when I
2 read in the paper the police and
3 firefighters are bankrupting the city. It's
4 the unions, it's the firefighters, it's the
5 police, the employees of the city.

6 The Supreme Court of this state is
7 the one that ruled this award, let's not
8 forget, and this is one of the most
9 conservative Supreme Courts in the country.
10 They took their duty realistically and
11 looked over everything, yet the Times
12 continues in their editorials to say it was
13 an ill-advised or the Supreme Court made a
14 mistake.

15 They have been there for many years
16 and made many decisions, but this time they
17 made a mistake. Does it effect all of us?
18 It certainly does. The Supreme Court made a
19 ruling that's going to cost all of us, but
20 the reason we got to the Supreme Court is
21 not because of the police and fire, it's
22 because of lack of agreement here, and I
23 hope that the next administration would
24 Honor the labor agreements, as was mentioned
25 here earlier. That's what got us into a lot

1 of trouble. Whether you are anti-union,
2 union, anti-labor or whatever, the fact is
3 we are in this position now not because of
4 the police and firefighters bankrupted us.

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6 I want to get the truth out there. I want
7 to get it clear. And just recall this
8 council negotiated with the police and fires
9 on that award and reduced it by 15 million.
10 You hear so many things, "Well, why can't
11 they give it back? Why can't do this?"

12 You know what, if you won a lottery
13 ticket how much would you give back? It's
14 tough to compare it that way, but for 10
15 years they went without a cost of living
16 increase or anything yet every bill went up
17 for them. They negotiated in good faith and
18 finally the Supreme Court ruled in its
19 wisdom in their favor.

20 You can't take your employees and
21 treat them like garbage. You sit
22 face-to-face, you make an agreement, a
23 handshake agreement, it's an agreement. You
24 stand by your word. You don't walk away
25 from it and listen to advice from other

1 entities that don't give a damn about us in
2 the city. They walk away from it.

3 But remember, when you read in the
4 paper it's the police and firefighters, it's
5 the unions that are ruining this city, it
6 was the Supreme Court that gave that award.
7 It was the firefighters and police unions
8 that returned \$15 million of that award, but
9 you don't see anything of that.

10 So I just wanted to remind those who
11 believe in that printed press, the one and
12 only we have in this city, that what you
13 read is not always, probably most likely
14 rarely ever the truth.

15 Next, I see we have a letter here, a
16 response -- well sent to the police
17 department, also, regarding -- and it's
18 ironic because I was going to bring this up
19 this evening, the traffic signal at Keyser
20 Avenue and Jackson Street the timing is way
21 off. I mean, it's great if you are on
22 Keyser Avenue, but if you are on Jackson
23 Street you might as well have lunch before
24 the light changes. With this construction
25 going on on Keyser Avenue it's turned into a

1 nightmare, especially today they were
2 working on three areas above and below
3 Keyser Avenue on Jackson Street on Keyser
4 yet they had no flaggers at the red light so
5 cars were backed up, people on Jackson
6 Street not only did they sit for that 20
7 minutes for the green light that they
8 couldn't go through, but they had to wait
9 for another light and another light.

10 Now, I think I'm going to have get
11 together with our police chief, they are
12 going to need more traffic flow direction on
13 Keyser Avenue if they are going to continue
14 to work in several different spots as they
15 are. It just seems like they are one spot
16 here, one spot here, one spot here. Clear
17 away and the next week they are in the same
18 spots. It seems like a haphazard situation
19 but it causes -- I have seen people flipping
20 out at the flaggers that are there, and you
21 can't blame them because it's very, very
22 frustrating trying to move on Keyser Avenue.
23 It's going to be great when it's all
24 completed, but to me I don't know if it's
25 the contractor or what, but there seems to

1 be no lack of coordination with traffic flow
2 correctly there, but if they are going to
3 continue to work in that area they are going
4 to have to get a flagger at the red light,
5 also, because it's a nightmare.

6 And the other red light I'm going to
7 complain about if we can send a letter,
8 also, Mrs. Krake, is at Harrison Avenue and
9 Mulberry Street. Now, I have noticed when
10 they are working on the Harrison Avenue
11 bridge traffic backs up all the way, if you
12 are coming down Mulberry Street say from CMC
13 or going up you might go three cars through
14 that green light then, again, it sits
15 forever for Harrison Avenue. There has to
16 be a better timing system than that.

17 And again, when they were doing some
18 work -- and they are going to get into major
19 work on the Harrison Avenue bridge so it
20 will be far worse and we'll be in the same
21 position we are on Keyser Avenue where
22 traffic is backed up through the light and
23 those three cars that would normally get
24 through the green light are going to be
25 sitting there again.

1 I was hoping that this new traffic
2 signal program in the city would be
3 beneficial, but I have found a few spots
4 where it's turned out to be a nightmare, and
5 those are just two of them and anybody wants
6 to bring my attention to any other locations
7 feel free to contact me and I'll follow-up
8 on those issues, but I have said my peace
9 tonight. I thank you all. That's it.

10 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Councilman
11 Joyce, do you have any comments or motions
12 tonight?

13 MR. JOYCE: Yes, I'll be very brief
14 tonight. First, I would like to thank the
15 small business owners that came in tonight,
16 even though I was tardy to the meeting and
17 couldn't be here, I think we owe them a lot
18 of credit. You know, it's really great to
19 see the small business owners that are in
20 Scranton doing well, and I am very
21 appreciative of their dedication to the
22 Scranton community, and like Mr. Rogan said
23 earlier, I would encourage people to shop
24 local and support these businesses that are
25 in the city because they do have more

1 hurdles to overcome than some of the
2 businesses in the outlying communities.

3 Second of all, our business
4 administrator, Ms. McAndrew, had indicated
5 to our auditor, Rossi & Rossi, that they
6 would be receiving the city's management
7 discussion and analysis section of the audit
8 report on Friday, November 15. So our
9 auditor had stated to us after their review
10 of the MD and A and assuming it meets all of
11 the necessary requirements an exit
12 conference will be able to be scheduled for
13 either Thursday or Friday of next week and
14 then the audit report will be finalized.

15 So, Mrs. Krake, if you can please
16 notify me when that exit conference will be
17 and when it is set up I would greatly
18 appreciate it.

19 And last, but not least, the city
20 did receive some revenue in the past week.
21 We received some cable TV revenue from
22 Comcast in the amount of \$212,00. And
23 that's all I have for tonight.

24 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Good
25 evening. City council received responses on

1 November 13, 2013, from Corporal Richard A.
2 Bachman of Scranton Police Department
3 regarding permit parking petitions for
4 Prescott Avenue and Fisk Street. Corporal
5 Bachman denied both petitions and at this
6 time I wish to read from his letter of
7 decision.

8 "My office is in receipt of a
9 petition for permit parking in the 900 block
10 of Prescott Avenue and here are my findings:

11 I have made four passes in the this
12 block at all different times of the day and
13 found that 70 percent or more of the parking
14 spaces in this block were unoccupied.
15 Therefore, this block does not qualify for
16 permit parking."

17 And the second quote: "My office is
18 in receipt of a petition for permit parking
19 on the 1100 block of Fisk Street, and here
20 are my findings:

21 On November 12, 2013, at 1127 hours
22 I went to that location and discovered that
23 more than 70 percent of the parking spaces
24 on the street were empty. I also counted
25 the households on the block and it is a

1 total of 38. I then counted the names and
2 addresses that are on the petition and there
3 are a total of only 17 households on the
4 petition.

5 Under Residential Area Eligibility,
6 Section 439-66, Subsection C, it states that
7 you need two-thirds majority of the
8 households on the street to sign the
9 petition and this was not met, so,
10 therefore, the petition is denied."

11 If residents of the 900 block of
12 Prescott Avenue and/or the 1100 block of the
13 Fisk Street have any questions they should
14 contact Corporal Richard Bachman at the
15 Scranton Police Department Highway Unit.

16 Also, we received an update just
17 today from city engineer, John Pocius, on
18 the flooding issues on Augusta Avenue, Lemon
19 Street and North Main Avenue. Mr. Pocius
20 states his firm, CECO Associates, has
21 finished the engineer's report concerning
22 the serious flooding conditions in the area
23 of the Johnson College. Mr. Pocius has
24 provided the information to the director of
25 public works, Mark Dougher, and has reports

1 that Mr. Dougher would like to begin the
2 project in conjunction with the Scranton
3 Sewer Authority as quickly as possible.

4 I thank Mr. Pocius for keeping city
5 council informed regarding this issue of
6 great importance to affected homeowners.

7 And finally, I wasn't going to get
8 into this tonight, but because of, you know,
9 comments that I have heard from my
10 colleagues, I'm just going to piggyback a
11 bit on it. When Councilman McGoff says that
12 the administration and council have been
13 working together, that's very true, and I
14 think the verification for that can come not
15 only from myself, but from Councilman Joyce
16 that it dates back to at least November of
17 2011. And I recall Councilman Joyce as
18 Finance Chair signing off of on documents
19 that were required by PEL and DCED regarding
20 finances for the forthcoming year.

21 And as 2012 began I know that
22 Mr. Joyce and myself met many times, I would
23 say at least bimonthly each month with
24 regard to the revised recovery plan and the
25 finances of Scranton. And so for, as

1 Mr. McGoff said, these outside entities to
2 insist that an acrimonious relationship was
3 a root of these problems, acrimony that is
4 between the administration and council,
5 that's very untrue. And I don't know if
6 that, you know, is coming from articles in
7 the newspaper, but I do know or at least I
8 believe that the Pennsylvania Economy League
9 is responsible for much of this.

10 And since 2002, and I think
11 Mr. Sbaraglia mentioned the fact that, you
12 know, \$74 million was borrowed I think it
13 might have been in 2003 after an insurance
14 policy for a million dollars was purchased
15 to improve the city's credit rating and then
16 the mayor was able to borrow \$74 million, I
17 came on board in 2004, and I can tell you I
18 never -- I never saw any letters from PEL
19 each year concerning borrowing. I didn't
20 see any letters from PEL concerning the
21 Scranton Parking Authority borrowing that
22 was coming before city council for it's
23 approval. Nothing was said by the
24 Pennsylvania Economy League. They were
25 silent all those years.

1 Now, of course, they would say,
2 "Well, we have no control over the City of
3 Scranton," meaning we don't control the
4 decisions of the governing bodies, but they
5 have played a vital role in what's going on
6 currently because in the last year or two
7 they have been on a campaign to inform local
8 banks, to publish on financial websites the
9 circumstances of the city, things that they
10 did not do all those years. Not 2002, '03,
11 '04, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09. Nothing all
12 those years.

13 And as we all know they were well
14 will aware of this constant borrowing was
15 requesting on and that the city was never
16 going to have the ability to repay all of
17 that borrowing and yet they stayed silent.
18 I don't think they were talking to any of
19 the banks, I don't think they were putting
20 anything on websites warning bond investors,
21 but in the last year or two those are the
22 actions they have taken, so that they have
23 played a clear and present role in the
24 difficulty the city has in obtaining
25 financially assistance.

1 So, you know, I think when the
2 financial community says, well, they are
3 looking to PEL, you know, PEL's response
4 concerning the next budget, and PEL's
5 outlook on the finances for the forthcoming
6 year or two, well, I think the banks really
7 should consider the whole story and ask
8 themselves where has this group been all
9 these years? Why did they say nothing while
10 all of this was going on all these years?
11 Why were they a party to the covert
12 financial dealings that occurred like the
13 previous, you know, two or three years
14 worth, now, it wasn't this year and last,
15 but I think 2009, 2010 the raiding of the
16 Workers' Comp funds without the knowledge of
17 the governing body, this governing body of
18 the City of Scranton. They were well aware
19 of that, no one else knew. They certainly
20 didn't put that on a website. They
21 certainly didn't tell that to the banks.

22 So I think the banks need to take a
23 very realistic look at what's going on here
24 and judge for themselves what is the value
25 of PEL's opinion at this time because PEL

1 has been a failure in the City of Scranton,
2 it's been a failure in the City of
3 Harrisburg.

4 As Mr. Loscombe said, they don't
5 have a vested interest, they are not
6 residents of the City of Scranton, but our
7 state tax dollars have been paying them
8 quite well for these 20 years and here we
9 are far worse off than when they were
10 invited to come to town, and that was great
11 mistake, and basically that's it.

12 MR. MCGOFF: Mrs. Evans, since you
13 piggybacked on some things that I said. I
14 would like to say that I disagree with Mrs.
15 Evans as far as the role of PEL is
16 concerned. While we may agree on the
17 negativity that has been the papers, I don't
18 see PEL as being the root of that and, in
19 fact, I would say that in my dealings with
20 PEL over the past couple of years has been
21 very positive and I think that, in fact,
22 they do have the best interest of the city
23 in mind and I know that we will disagree on
24 that, but I just wanted to throw out that
25 disclaimer. Thank you.

1 MS. EVANS: And I appreciate that,
2 but I'll tell you I think the point may be
3 the bottom line of what I was trying to say
4 is where was that type of concern and that
5 type of work and accountability from 2002
6 through 2009? If due diligence was done all
7 of those years, we would be in a much better
8 place right now, and that's it.

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: If I could just
10 piggyback on piggyback, I agree. I have met
11 with the personnel from PEL, I have to agree
12 with Mr. McGoff on the personnel, yes they
13 are fine gentlemen, they are here to do a
14 job, I believe they are doing it to best of
15 their ability, who is guiding them or
16 leading them or what the ultimate result is
17 I don't know because it has been a dismal
18 failure. And again, where have they been
19 from 2010 on?

20 When Mayor Connors was here they
21 sanctioned him. Mayor Connors goes out
22 there hasn't been one iota in that time
23 until now when we were going to get a new
24 leader now all of a sudden they are making
25 it tougher for the new leader to get the

1 financing and stuff like that as was stated.
2 I'm not going to repeat, but we read it in
3 the paper and all of a sudden we are seeing
4 their interest, their concerns, again, there
5 was no recovery plan from 2005, but had to
6 have one last year as they saw the incoming.

7 But they were as guilty as anyone
8 and no none is going to change my mind for
9 the condition of this city, they were the
10 financial -- the people who are financially
11 responsible for make sure everything ran,
12 yet under the previous administration they
13 sanctioned, there wasn't a slap on the wrist
14 for the last ten years, and now they are
15 starting again to crack down.

16 I don't understand it. I'm not a
17 politician. I believe that's the way things
18 work in Harrisburg, but it's not the way I
19 like it. But again, that has affected all
20 of us, and there is been a few
21 co-conspirators in this whole thing as to
22 why we are in this condition and some day
23 I'll lay the whole list out, but front and
24 foremost, it's PEL.

25 You know, if that were you or me in

1 business we would be fired and somebody else
2 would be hired. We had requested I believe
3 last year a new administrator, but we got no
4 results. All we get is threatened with a
5 sanction if we didn't have the plan together
6 last year. Again, there was no plan from
7 2005 until last year, but as the end was
8 coming, new administration would be looking
9 forward, look at where we are going again.

10 I just ask you to look back
11 yourselves and try to understand this as we
12 see it here because as nice as these people
13 are they haven't been nice for you, the
14 taxpayers. There should have been watchdog
15 along time ago. Again, while all this
16 borrowing was going on for parking garages
17 and whatnot, those are part of the reasons
18 why we are here and the media has not
19 contributed iota to your benefit either. I
20 think they were just as much an enabler, and
21 that's my feeling. Thank you.

22 MS. EVANS: Mrs. Krake?

23 MS. KRAKE: 5-B. TRANSFERRING THE
24 FUNDS FROM FUND 02 SPECIAL CITY ACCOUNT
25 WHICH FUNDS AND ACCOUNT LISTED BELOW ARE NO

1 LONGER NEEDED FOR THE CONDUCT OF CITY
2 BUSINESS, AND ABOLISHING AND CLOSING SAID
3 ACCOUNT. THE FUNDS REMAINING IN THIS
4 ACCOUNT SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE CITY'S
5 GENERAL FUND.

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

9 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

10 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

13 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

14 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

15 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

16 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

19 MS. KRAKE: 5-C. AMENDING
20 RESOLUTION NO. 19, 2013 A RESOLUTION
21 ENTITLED "AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SCRANTON
22 TO MAKE
23 APPLICATION TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF
24 PENNSYLVANIA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
25 FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL APPROVAL FOR THE

1 TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION
2 OF CEDAR AVENUE (S.R. 3023), SCRANTON
3 EXPRESSWAY RAMPS (S.R. 8025) AND ORCHARD
4 STREET TO REMAIN AS A PERMANENT TRAFFIC
5 SIGNAL" TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE AUTHORIZING THE
6 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
7 TO SIGN THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED ON BEHALF
8 OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON.

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

12 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

13 MR. JOYCE: Second.

14 MS. EVANS: On the question?

15 MR. MCGOFF: Just very quickly, this
16 was something that we looked to do as an
17 emergency situation and I have yet to hear
18 any complaints about the traffic signal at
19 this intersection and, in fact, it has
20 helped ease some of the danger that exists
21 in that spot and I am happy to see that it
22 could possibly become permanent.

23 MR. ROGAN: Absolutely.

24 MS. EVANS: Yes, and I believe you
25 are the one who was instrumental in all of

1 that.

2 MR. MCGOFF: Well, I don't know
3 about that.

4 MS. EVANS: Well, you brought it
5 before council --

6 MR. MCGOFF: But it's a good --

7 MS. EVANS: -- and were talking about
8 it publically.

9 MR. MCGOFF: And it's a good thing.

10 MS. EVANS: Yes, it is, so thank
11 you.

12 MR. ROGAN: I drive this route twice
13 a day, five days a week, and that light
14 being there makes it much more -- it's not
15 always quicker, but it's definitely safer
16 because you know who has the right-of-way.
17 Before a light being there, it was complete
18 chaos at this intersection.

19 MS. EVANS: If that concludes on the
20 question, all those in favor of introduction
21 signify by saying aye.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

23 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

24 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

25 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

3 MS. KRAKE: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A.
4 READING BY TITLE -FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 53,
5 2013 - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF
6 COUNCIL NO. 77, 2012, AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED
7 "GENERAL CITY OPERATING BUDGET 2013" BY
8 TRANSFERRING \$410,000.00 FROM ACCOUNT NUMBER
9 01.401.13090.4299 (NON-DEPARTMENTAL
10 OPERATING EXPENSES-CONTINGENCY) TO ACCOUNT
11 NO. 01.401.15319.4299 (NON-DEPARTMENTAL
12 EXPENSES-OPER TSF DEBT SERVICE-SCRANTON
13 PARKING AUTHORITY) TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR
14 THE SCRANTON PARKING AUTHORITY DEBT PAYMENT
15 DUE DECEMBER 1, 2013.

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

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

20 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

23 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

24 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

25 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

1 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

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

4 MS. KRAKE: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. OR
5 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE -
6 FOR ADOPTION-FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 52, 2013 -
7 AUTHORIZING THAT THE RECEIPT OF ANY FUNDS
8 FROM THE CHARGE SCHEDULE, WHICH IS EXHIBIT
9 A, TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
10 SCRANTON AND THE FIFTEEN (15) AUTHORIZED
11 TOWING BUSINESSES, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY
12 ORDINANCE FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 50, 2013 (AS
13 AMENDED) BE DEPOSITED INTO SPECIAL CITY
14 ACCOUNT NO. 02.229550 ENTITLED "PUBLIC
15 SAFETY/POLICE GRANTS" WHICH WAS CREATED BY
16 ORDINANCE, FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 21, 2004.

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

20 MR. JOYCE: As Chairperson for the
21 Committee on Finance, I recommend final
22 passage of Item 7-A.

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-A legally and lawfully adopted.
12 If there is no further business,
13 I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.
14 MR. JOYCE: Motion to adjourn.
15 MS. EVANS: This meeting is
16 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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