

SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

ROBERT MCGOFF, PRESIDENT

PATRICK ROGAN, VICE-PRESIDENT

JOHN LOSCOMBE

JOSEPH WECHSLER

WILLIAM GAUGHAN

LORI REED, CITY CLERK

JAMIE MARCIANO, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

AMIL MINORA, SOLICITOR

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

3 MR. MCGOFF: Roll call, please.

4 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Wechsler.

5 MR. WECHSLER: Here.

6 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

7 MR. ROGAN: Here.

8 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Loscombe.

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: Here.

10 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Here.

12 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Here.

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

15 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF
16 THE CITY CONTROLLER FOR THE YEAR ENDING
17 DECEMBER 31, 2012.

18 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?

19 If not, received and filed.

20 Any Clerk's notes, Mrs. Reed?

21 MS. REED: Nothing, Mr. McGoff.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Do any council members
23 have announcements at this time?

24 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. McGoff, I have
25 one. Tripp Park Neighborhood Association

1 roast beef dinner will be held be Sunday
2 from noon to three at the community center.
3 Takeouts are available and it's \$10 at the
4 door.

5 MR. MCGOFF: Anybody else?
6 Tonight's agenda I would is say very light
7 in terms of legislation. There are a number
8 of appointments. Other than that nothing.
9 As far as the appointments, we have received
10 resumes from a number of the people who have
11 been appointed and have been told by the
12 administration that prior to the final vote
13 that resumes will be in for the remainder of
14 those people.

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

17 MR. MCGOFF: Bill Jackowitz.

18 MR. JACKOWITZ: Good evening,
19 Scranton City Council. Jamie and Amil and
20 Mrs. Reed. You know, I'm really not a bad
21 man. I actually, I think I am a pretty
22 decent guy and I normally try to follow the
23 rules and I try to follow the regulations.
24 You know, city council's rule was to submit
25 questions in writing. I did that. I have

1 proof that my faxes were received by the
2 city council. Mr. Rogan answered one of my
3 questions last week in regards for the loan
4 and for Boscov's and the mall. Mr. Gaughan
5 answered my question about my garage being
6 picked up, but I still have like 12 other
7 questions out there and I submitted them on
8 February 19 and February 25.

9 Now, I followed the rules that city
10 council put out for us citizens to do to
11 submit the questions in writing. Now, like
12 I said, I really believe I deserve an
13 answer. Not only me, but I believe every
14 citizen deserves an answer from our elected
15 officials. You know, that's just the way I
16 feel. You know, maybe it's my military
17 background being a career military person
18 where discipline and so on and so forth is
19 part of it and that's all I'm asking for.

20 Now, I don't care which council
21 person answers this question, but if you are
22 not going to answer my questions then please
23 tell me that. If you are going to answer my
24 questions, can you please at least have the
25 courtesy to give me the answers to my

1 questions? Does anybody on council want to
2 address that? Am I going to get answers or
3 am I not going to answer get answers?

4 MR. MCGOFF: I'll answer it, two
5 things I'll say to that, Mr. Jackowitz.
6 Number one, some of the questions that you
7 posed have been answered.

8 MR. JACKOWITZ: I've had two.

9 MR. MCGOFF: No, because some of
10 them have been answered maybe not directly
11 to you, but certainly the ones dealing with
12 the consultant have been answered during the
13 course of the meetings.

14 MR. JACKOWITZ: Okay, I'll give you
15 that one.

16 MR. MCGOFF: And the second thing is
17 that some of the questions that are posed
18 are things that are not in our purview, that
19 we really don't have control over and it's
20 sometimes difficult, you know, some of those
21 questions are better asked of either the
22 mayor or, you know, someone else.

23 MR. JACKOWITZ: I did submit them to
24 the mayor.

25 MR. MCGOFF: Okay.

1 MR. JACKOWITZ: I'm waiting for an
2 answer from him, also.

3 MR. MCGOFF: And so that just is a
4 partial responsible to what you asked.

5 MR. JACKOWITZ: Okay, Mr. McGoff, I
6 appreciate that because, you know, you gave
7 me some response and I appreciate that.
8 That's all I'm asking for. You know, is
9 hey -- and it's not only me, there is a lot
10 of other citizens ask me. That's why a lot
11 of people don't attend the meeting. As you
12 can see, there is nobody here and one of the
13 reasons why I'm told over and over again is,
14 "Why did you continue to waste your time to
15 go there because they are never going to
16 answer your questions and they are never
17 going to give you a straight answer."

18 So the reason why I continue to come
19 is because it's just my personality. I
20 mean, that's just the way I am, what can I
21 say. But, again, you know, like, that's
22 just like one of my questions was about the
23 lace factory and now they each had a fire
24 down there and, you know, again, what is the
25 status on that property? Obviously people

1 are working on it, when is it going to be
2 completed?

3 MR. ROGAN: Mr. Jackowitz --

4 MR. JACKOWITZ: How much longer --
5 hold on, Pat -- or Mr. Rogan, I'm sorry.
6 Also, February 1 has come and gone, what's
7 the status on the North Scranton Junior High
8 School, plus April 15 is really not that far
9 away and that was the deadline that was
10 given. It's really not that far away.
11 What's the status on that? These are things
12 that I would like to know and other citizens
13 would like to know because it's the
14 citizens' and taxpayers' money that was
15 giving these loans and grants, you know, the
16 grant came from the state, it's still
17 citizens' taxpayers' money. Okay, Pat, I'm
18 sorry for --

19 MR. ROGAN: No problem. We did
20 discuss -- I did bring both of these up with
21 Ms. Aebli and I do have an answer on both.
22 We did also discuss them in the caucus a
23 little bit. The lace works the project is
24 moving forward. What the fire may actually
25 have been caused from was some of the work

1 that's being done as far as remediation of
2 the lead and asbestos in the building.
3 That's the first stage of the project.

4 It's obviously a huge building.
5 Until the asbestos and lead is removed from
6 the property they can't move forward on the
7 formal development that you would see.

8 On the North Scranton project, I
9 spoke to Ms. Aebli on that one as well, that
10 one is also still moving forward. Right now
11 they are working with HUD to get some
12 paperwork together regarding reimbursements
13 for low income housing, so that's where that
14 project stands as well.

15 MR. JACKOWITZ: Okay. Thank you, I
16 appreciate that and I'm hoping that some of
17 the residents who are watching this
18 broadcast will also appreciate it because at
19 least they have a good understanding of what
20 is going on.

21 As far as the pothole issue goes, I
22 don't know if there is a resolution or
23 solution to that. All I know is the
24 potholes are getting bigger and bigger and
25 bigger and I just replaced one tire and hope

1 I don't have to replace anymore, but we do
2 need to get something done with the
3 potholes.

4 And as far as the pothole machine,
5 that thing has been his history for a long
6 time. It's been stored in the Sewer
7 Authority from what I understand I think it
8 was used once and that was it. So that's
9 the status on the pothole machine. Thank
10 you.

11 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

12 MR. MCGOFF: Ron Ellman.

13 MR. ELLMAN: Hello, Council.

14 Mr. McGoff, I saw where you parked tonight,
15 is that an expression of future aspirations
16 there?

17 MR. MCGOFF: It's an expression of
18 old age. I don't want to walk very far.

19 MR. ELLMAN: Can I park there
20 without getting a ticket or if I get one can
21 I bring it to you?

22 MR. MCGOFF: You can bring it to me,
23 I don't know that it would do you any good.
24 I have one of my own that I'm --

25 MR. ELLMAN: Our esteemed Chamber of

1 Commerce recently wasted about \$30,000 in
2 hiring this financial wizard whose advice is
3 to get our credit rating up, which would
4 take 20, 30 years, so we can borrow more
5 money. We already owe hundreds of millions
6 of dollars. What kind of advice is this.
7 This just never stops. You people take the
8 taxpayers for your only source of the
9 revenue. There is businesses out here
10 getting away with murder. These nonprofits
11 are businesses, you know, and you just
12 refuse to go after them.

13 Right here in city this Mr. Amaroso
14 doesn't care or doesn't know 60 percent
15 increase in foreclosures. About a month ago
16 there was 550 in the paper. A couple of
17 weeks ago there was 51 more houses in the
18 paper, these are people's prized possession,
19 you know, that they will probably only get
20 one chance at it and they are losing them.
21 People are just pouring out of here.

22 This very week the two houses next
23 to me went up for sale. To beautiful
24 neighbors, you couldn't ask for better
25 neighbors. They have had enough. They have

1 had enough of this out-of-control school
2 board. They have had enough hiring in the
3 city. You know, we keep hiring consultants
4 because people can't do their jobs. You
5 need to fire them if you can't do their
6 jobs. You don't hire consultants. This
7 just goes on and on and on and it just
8 doesn't stop.

9 You know, it's like I just said, you
10 can't rely on the property owners to be the
11 only source of revenue and that's what's
12 going on. You know, we have had over 20
13 years of PEL and Mr. Cross, they don't have
14 one my minute positive thing they have done
15 for the city. We got Ms. Linda over there
16 at HUD giving 25-year interest free loans to
17 some deadbeat businesses with a hope of
18 getting a little money that shouldn't have
19 gotten a loan to start with if that's the
20 feeling about it. Downtown all I hear about
21 is Al Boscov like he is the victim. He owes
22 us money and it's turned around where is he
23 the victim, the developers are victims.

24 You know, the neighborhoods are
25 falling apart all around us. These

1 sidewalk, streets, everything, and all of
2 that people worried about is downtown. I
3 tell you, if Mr. Wizard and Gerald Cross and
4 Ms. Linda ever had to go get an honest job
5 like working in a fast food restaurant they
6 would all be fired half-way before the first
7 shift is over from gross incompetence and
8 stupidity. Thank you.

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

10 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Hetman.

11 MR. HETMAN: Good evening, Council.

12 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

13 MR. HETMAN: Gerard Hetman from
14 Lackawanna County's Community Relations
15 Department, good to see you again this
16 month. To begin this evening, we would just
17 like to remind council and all citizens that
18 the 2014 Armed Forces Day parade will take
19 place on Saturday, May 17, in downtown
20 Scranton. The parade steps off at 11:00
21 a.m. from the corner of Penn Avenue and Vine
22 Street near the Gino Merli Veteran's Center.

23 This is our third year in our
24 department of working with the Armed Forces
25 week committee to try and grow and develop

1 the parade into a bigger and better event
2 that pays tribute to our men and women in
3 uniform and to help our service veterans to
4 try and make it better and better every
5 year.

6 So if any community groups, any
7 school groups or agencies or entities or
8 nonprofits in the community would wish to
9 participate with a marching delegation in
10 the parade or if anyone, just an interested
11 citizen wishes to volunteer or help plan the
12 parade or any other events taking place
13 during Armed Forces week, which is that week
14 in May that proceeds the parade they can
15 contact Sergeant First Class Mazloski and
16 570-496-8908 or Joe Seestri at 570-961-2696.

17 And we do have some posters that the
18 parade committee gave to our department, and
19 I'll have with Ms. Reed. If you could just
20 place some of them in city hall and other
21 city buildings where appropriate we would
22 appreciate your assistance. Every little
23 bit helps. I know that every spectator that
24 lines the route is much appreciated by the
25 Veteran's and military personnel who march

1 in the parade. I have noticed a number of
2 the council members presents at the parade,
3 marching in the parade and I know everyone
4 appreciates your support when everyone shows
5 up and salutes our men and women in uniform,
6 so thank you.

7 The second item this evening is for
8 the second year the Lackawanna County
9 Commissioners and the Lackawanna County
10 Highway Safety Department or annual bike
11 safety fair. It takes place on Saturday,
12 April 26, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at McDade
13 at the Pavilion No. 1, which is the first
14 pavilion pulling in on the right side of the
15 park. There is actually two parts to this.
16 The Scranton Police Department and also the
17 Lackawanna County Sheriff's Office and the
18 District Attorney's Office will do free bike
19 safety demonstrates for children, and then
20 all present get a free bike helmet to take
21 home. We have a number of sizes and we have
22 worked with community partners to fund the
23 event through sponsors so every child gets a
24 free bike helmet and they will also be able
25 to enter that day to enter a free bicycle

1 compliments of Cedar Bike Path.

2 But preceding that, children can go
3 to the Lackawanna County website and we'll
4 also leave you a paper copy with the flyer.
5 The website is LackawannaCounty.org and they
6 can download and print one of blank helmets
7 and they can color it in with the design of
8 their choosing and submit it to the
9 Commissioner's Office either in person or by
10 mail and the commissioners then choose one
11 male and one female winner among the
12 entrants, and it goes up to 13 years of age.
13 Anyone younger than that can enter, and each
14 -- the male and the female winner will
15 receive a bike. The only stipulation is if
16 those individuals come to the bike safety
17 fair they can't win the random drawing. We
18 can't have two bikes going home with the
19 same child.

20 But it's a great day. Last year we
21 had close to 200 children in attendance and
22 I'm sure that all of the council members and
23 everyone here can relate with me when I say
24 riding a bike around the streets of Scranton
25 is almost a right of passage in our area, so

1 it's a great way to teach kids how to do
2 that safely and get great cooperation with
3 the police department and we appreciate
4 that.

5 And then lastly, a item relating to
6 Penn State Extension. The Penn State
7 Extension branch of the Lackawanna County
8 will host a spring vendor and craft fair on
9 Saturday, April 5. It takes place from 10
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at West Scranton Intermediate
11 School. A wide variety of different
12 crafters and community vendors will be
13 there.

14 And the funds raised benefit the
15 Prosper program, which is a family based
16 drug and alcohol prevention program designed
17 at -- targeted at adolescents in Lackawanna
18 County, particularly in the Scranton School
19 District. Penn State Extension has worked
20 with the School District for the past eight
21 years using this program to take a family
22 based approach to adolescence in terms of
23 drug and alcohol abuse prevention.

24 So it's a great opportunity to visit
25 some of your neighbors who may have

1 businesses and take advantage of the
2 products that they offer for a good cause to
3 help strengthen our community.

4 So that's all I have for this
5 evening and thank you, ladies and gentlemen.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you.

7 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Hetman.

8 Anyone else who wishes to address
9 council? And please be careful.

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

13 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

14 MS. SCHUMACHER: I guess maybe there
15 must be something in the air because I sort
16 of feel the same way as Bill Jackowitz. I
17 do have a host of questions but my senses
18 are telling me that council is not going to
19 be very receptive in answering them or
20 timely, so I'll have to bother Mr. Bulzoni
21 with a barrage of Right-to-Know letters and
22 go that route so tonight I'll stick to a few
23 comments.

24 First, I have some concerns about
25 what Mr. Amaroso presented last week.

1 Number one, the obvious is I didn't think
2 that he told us very much that we didn't
3 already know and haven't known for a long
4 time.

5 And second, during the 2014 budget
6 process Mayor Courtright sent a
7 representative of his transition team to
8 advise council in the mayor-elect's team
9 opinion that revenues for this year's budget
10 were overstated by 7 1/2 million yet
11 Mr. Amaro did not once mention this
12 deficit or identify actions to fill in that
13 particular hole.

14 And the most troublesome is the
15 last, I need to review the tape of the
16 actual presentation, but he did say
17 something about the uniformed employees
18 Court award bringing it into the budget and
19 if that means what I think it --what I fear
20 actually, not what I think it means, he is
21 sort of upgrading the status of that bond, I
22 guess for lack of a better term, over the
23 other bonds and that would really, really
24 make it difficult if we thought that the
25 Scranton Parking Authority problem was

1 keeping bond sellers away, I think if that
2 were to happen they would just turn and run
3 as fast as they could and that troubles me.

4 And something I've talked about
5 before is ability to pay. There has again
6 been not a lot of good news. The first was
7 on the 16th, which was Sunday, noting that
8 the low income enrollment, the percent of
9 students to qualify for free or reduced
10 price lunches, the percent changed
11 calculated over a five-year period and
12 Scranton has gone from 56 percent in five
13 years ago to 68 percent of the children
14 being eligible.

15 Now, that gives you some indication
16 of their parents or their household income,
17 so that certainly is not good news for the
18 city.

19 The next was yesterday's on the
20 jobless noting that the number of the people
21 employed fell by 4,600 over the year to
22 255,200 in January. Everything I have seen
23 come out of Harrisburg or from Mr. Amaroso
24 really is how can we get more taxes or more
25 fees out of the people who are already

1 paying, and I think it's time that council
2 concentrate on improving the environment
3 here in the city such that people want to
4 come and work and live here and that
5 businesses want to locate and hiding our
6 heads in the sand and saying our tax policy
7 is not the cause of some of these departures
8 or people not coming here is very
9 unrealistic.

10 And again, I spoke about this
11 before, I just brought page one, but if
12 anybody would like it, it is the document
13 that the Scranton Sewer Authority filled out
14 three years ago now that -- that Ann
15 Flemming did for them. It was a long-term
16 control plan for the combined sewer
17 operation and it was a Financial Capability
18 Assessment and I recommended -- well, I have
19 been recommending since 2011 that every
20 council person read that because what it
21 does is calculate the ability of the
22 ratepayers to actually pay and it did result
23 in a change in the rates and stringing them
24 out maybe a little bit more than they would
25 ave been, and I think you need to read that,

1 and if I may finish with one other?

2 The other thing and I'll just read
3 the first paragraph and then I'll leave it
4 here for the copies, it's titled -- it's an
5 article that's written by the man who was
6 the first receiver for the City of
7 Harrisburg and the title is "The Critical
8 First and Last Steps in Municipal Workout,
9 Vallejo, Harrisburg and Detroit."

10 "The first critical step and
11 municipal workout, whether inside or outside
12 of the bankruptcy, is to get all parties,
13 the debtor and the creditors, to accept that
14 they will all have to incur significant
15 losses as a result of a workout process.
16 Secured creditors will do better than
17 unsecured creditors, but taking that into
18 account, the losses need to be fair and
19 proportionate and the municipality needs to
20 come out the other end of the process able
21 to operate successfully into the future."

22 I think that is the kind of person
23 we should have hired and a mediator and this
24 is what we should be doing instead of just
25 tweaking the existing system and I hope you

1 will all read it and take that under
2 advisement. Thank you.

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

4 MR. DOBRZYN: Trying not to waste
5 any time, Dave Dobrzyn, resident of
6 Scranton, and I have a little printout here
7 with some things I wish to discuss. Pass
8 one over.

9 First of all, my name is Dave
10 Dobrzyn, resident of Scranton, taxes paid so
11 far, I'm still working on the rest. Now, at
12 the top of my list I put "fair share" and
13 many people have come up with this idea
14 before and I think a few could always adopt
15 it and I wouldn't be insulted. Instead of a
16 trash fee, we should have a public service
17 fee, and it should be levied on everyone at
18 least a couple of hundreds dollars for a tax
19 exempt organization and if they are much
20 larger they certainly could afford to pay
21 more.

22 The only time that the "U", for
23 instance, was penalized was when fire alarms
24 were hit as a prank, not when somebody burnt
25 their toast, and set off a massive fire

1 alarm and our fire company had to show up
2 and we do have some crime problems, I mean,
3 there was a murder up in the Hill Section, a
4 senseless murder of a college student from
5 another college, so I think it should be a
6 public safety fee and street maintenance fee
7 and that's the way it should be.

8 Now, on the Chamber of Commerce,
9 it's already to a point where they should
10 drop Scranton from their title. I mean, I
11 agree with Mr. Gaughan last week nobody is
12 fighting for us. It would be very
13 interesting, very interesting to find out
14 whether that new building that the former
15 Diversified is going into isn't another tax
16 exempt, and I'd like to point out that
17 Sanofi Pasteur received a tax exemption for
18 ten years, we built parking garages and
19 everything else, now there is a \$200,000 a
20 year hole in the budget.

21 Andy Sbaraglia was complaining years
22 back that the Hilton was given over a
23 quarter million dollars a year free parking,
24 which I understand they charged their
25 customers for.

1 My Comcast bill for internet, phone,
2 and television has gone from \$176 to \$196.
3 It's already major so if we negotiate a new
4 contract please start to discuss the price.
5 It's time for a rollback. That's not worth
6 any more than a \$100 a month; and
7 furthermore, I don't watch most of the silly
8 garbage that's on it. I watch the
9 documentaries, I'm like an information sive
10 like that little robot that they had the
11 film on, "Input, input," you know, years
12 back if anybody has ever seen it. What is
13 the name of that? "Batteries Not --" no, it
14 wasn't "Batteries Not Included", I'll think
15 of it some day.

16 And as far as the unions are
17 concerned I'd like to point out, and this
18 also relates to our default on the parking
19 garages, we lost \$25 million from the same
20 people that are criticizing us for allowing
21 a default on an unauthorized loan, and also,
22 Ms. Fay Franus was very accurate last week
23 in pointing out that it was like a criminal
24 trial here when you people were just asking
25 a few questions on the financing and wages

1 and so forth of the day-to-day operations of
2 the Parking Authority. It was actually
3 shameful to have an attorney sitting next to
4 him telling people not to answer you people,
5 which is something you have been bashed for
6 time and time again.

7 And I'd also like to point out that
8 on Prospect, Willow, Hickory, and God only
9 knows how many other streets, the utilities
10 have been tearing them up. River Street was
11 torn up, also, with that big leak and the
12 repairs don't cut it. They don't cut it. I
13 certainly hope they will be back. They
14 didn't think that we had a six-month memory
15 loss or something because I remember what
16 those streets look like beforehand they
17 weren't too bad. Now they are terrible.
18 They are awful and a lot of potholes aren't
19 the fault of the city not doing things.
20 It's there is fault for coming in and doing
21 third rate repairs on the way out. They
22 should be repaved.

23 Now, also, I have an article here, I
24 will leave it with Jamie, "Courtright Needs
25 to Fight Job Exodus." You know, the guy

1 packs. Tired of 245 billion for
2 supplemental income for low wage workers?
3 Call your representatives, call your
4 senators, call the president, and tell them
5 take the trade packs and stuff them under
6 the rug, stuff them anywhere you want and if
7 they get smart with you, you have my
8 permission to tell them to stuff them
9 somewhere else. Thank you and have a good
10 night. Don't forget to bawk, bawk. The
11 golden parrot is back.

12 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

13 MR. DOBRZYN: By the way, the
14 Keystone pipeline steel is coming from
15 India. Jobs.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else?

17 MS. REED: FIFTH ORDER. 5-A.

18 MOTIONS.

19 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Wechsler?

20 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you,
21 Mr. McGoff. I'd like to take the
22 opportunity to congratulate the St.
23 Patrick's Day Parade Committee for their
24 efforts on Saturday. It was the first time
25 I ever got to walk in the parade so I could

1 enjoy the entire route to see the streets
2 filled mostly with families all having a
3 good time. Didn't really see any true
4 problems downtown.

5 I'd like to also thank the Scranton
6 Police and Fire Department for their roles,
7 and also for the great job that the DPW did
8 in the cleanup post parade, and I'd also
9 like to thank all of the people who came to
10 Scranton to enjoy our city and somehow we
11 need to find more ways to do that.

12 One thing I just want to touch on
13 and this, and we are going to talk about
14 this again this week, when we ask about who
15 is fighting or working for Scranton I can
16 tell you right now that the people I sit
17 with on this dais every day we are working
18 and fighting for Scranton. We attend
19 meeting at night, Mr. McGoff attends
20 meetings in the day, so it disturbs me when
21 I hear people say that no one is fighting
22 for Scranton.

23 It's a tough fight, so we might not
24 be winning, but we are fighting, and I don't
25 appreciate the fact when I'm hearing that no

1 one is fighting for Scranton. My fellow
2 councilmen and I are, I know that. Thank
3 you.

4 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Rogan?

5 MR. ROGAN: Yes, thank you. Just a
6 quick update, last night I met as part of
7 the Citizens Advisory Council through OECD,
8 just to give an update on where everything
9 stands. At last night's meeting we worked
10 on the surveys that will be going out. Very
11 shortly, on the city's website and they will
12 be distributed through the community groups
13 and presentations will be made. Every five
14 years the city is required to go through
15 this process and basically for the residents
16 out there who want to have an input on how
17 our federal dollars are spent.

18 The survey will only be a few pages
19 and it lists different items that the
20 city -- some that the city currently uses
21 CDBG money for, some that the city does not,
22 and for the residents to rank how they feel
23 both that money should be spent. If you
24 believe more money should be spent on
25 paving, you could, you know, put that as a

1 high priority on your survey.

2 Once that survey is finalized, I
3 will be sure to bring a stack to City
4 Council's Office, I know we will be
5 distributing all throughout the city through
6 different organizations, and it will be
7 posted on the city's website as well, so I
8 definitely will keep everyone informed as
9 those things progress.

10 I did speak a little bit about these
11 two projects earlier, but I did want to just
12 reiterate again. First with the North
13 Scranton Junior High School project, I did
14 speak to Ms. Aebli regarding this project
15 and it is still moving forward. Right now
16 there is some paperwork being done between
17 Goodwill and HUD regarding the low income
18 aspect of some of the housing and that will
19 be there when this project is complete.

20 And regarding the Lace Works'
21 project, as I mentioned, this project, this
22 -- and I may be wrong, but the Lace Works is
23 probably the biggest or the second biggest
24 building in the City of Scranton. It's a
25 lot of work and a lot of time just to get it

1 to the point where they can begin the
2 construction and modernizing that facility.
3 When that building was built, everything was
4 coated in lead point. All of the pipes were
5 coated in asbestos and that's a very
6 expensive process and a very time consuming
7 process. That's where everything currently
8 stands on that project. I will continue to
9 follow-up on it, and I do know the
10 developer, Mr. Cordaro, has been very open
11 with city council. We have had him here a
12 number of the times and I have spoken to him
13 a number of times regarding other issues.
14 He has been great to work with and we are
15 looking forward to that project continuing
16 to move forward.

17 Also, regarding the Lace Works, and
18 I know Mr. Loscombe will speak about this
19 further, what a great job the Fire
20 Department did yesterday. Two fires, back
21 to back in an hour apart, one in one of the
22 largest buildings in the city and one right
23 over, you know, in North Scranton and they
24 did a phenomenal job, so really hats off to
25 them, they did a great job, and this is why

1 we have a paid professional fire department
2 in the City of Scranton and why it's so
3 critical that we have that fire protection.

4 Finally, I'd just like to echo what
5 Mr. Wechsler said, many of us on council did
6 have an opportunity to walk in the parade on
7 Saturday. I believe we all had a good time
8 seeing residents out and it was good to see
9 the downtown full and the businesses busy,
10 and Mr. Wechsler is right, we need to have
11 more events that bring people into the city
12 and hopefully on May 17 with the Armed
13 Forces parade the streets will be lined up
14 as well and I know I'm looking forward to
15 walking in that parade again this year. So
16 that is it all I have for tonight. Thank
17 you.

18 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.

19 MR. ROGAN: Actually, I do have one
20 more item, sorry, Jack. We talked about
21 this in the caucus a little bit, we were
22 speaking about the condition conditions of
23 the roads and specifically North Main Avenue
24 in West Scranton. Anyone who lives in West
25 Scranton or drives through knows that is

1 probably one of the worst roads, if not the
2 worst road in the city. Now, what city
3 council is going to do, I met with
4 representatives at PennDOT, this is about
5 two weeks ago, and I was lobbying them very
6 hard not only for those holes to be filled
7 temporarily, but for Main Avenue to be
8 milled and paved, a proper repair that will
9 last and give the residents what they
10 deserve.

11 So city council will be sending a
12 letter to PennDOT asking if that street,
13 it's not only paved, but it's milled and
14 paved properly, and that is it all.

15 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Loscombe?

16 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you. First of
17 all, I, too, would like to give my kudos to
18 the parade committee for the St. Patrick's
19 Day parade this year. We were blessed with
20 a beautiful day for most of the day, and it
21 was nice to march in the parade, as
22 Mr. Wechsler had said, and just to see
23 everyone lined up along that whole parade
24 route with quite a few children and families
25 there, which is very nice. The parade

1 committee did a great job.

2 Our police department, fantastic,
3 they kept control. I didn't see any issues,
4 I mean, I believe there were some minor
5 issues here and there, but they kept them
6 clear of the parade route. The fire
7 department and the public works did a
8 fantastic clean up job afterwards. So, you
9 know, it was a great day for the people of
10 Scranton and hopefully we get more and more
11 people out for these situations, parades and
12 whatever.

13 And remember, again, May 17, the
14 Armed Forces parade, as Mr. Hetman mentioned
15 from the county, we would like to see as
16 many people out as possible for that.

17 Next, I'm glad Mr. Rogan gave the
18 report because I was going to ask about the
19 Scranton Lace building and the Goodwill
20 building tonight, some people had asked me
21 what the progress was, and I'm glad
22 Mr. Rogan was able to give us an update on
23 that, and the Lace Works coming into play,
24 again, because of the fire yesterday there
25 and I, too, have to congratulate the

1 firefighters for the job they did there.
2 You know, building under renovation, a lot
3 of money being invested in that building,
4 when I heard there was a fire there, you
5 know, my heart sank. I figured, you know,
6 it could be bad. But, fortunately, they
7 were able to get in there and confine it and
8 save the building for future development.

9 And that's, again, why we have the
10 fire department like we have. I believe
11 they are second to none, not because I was
12 there at one time, but I see it on a daily
13 basis. These gentleman are dedicated and
14 they go in there and fight the battle and
15 they are happy to win the war. And that's
16 an example when I was on the job we had the
17 Oppenheim's building, which was under
18 development at that time, and we had a major
19 fire in there and, fortunately, we were able
20 to save the structure where it was
21 rehabbable and you see it today. It has
22 been renovated, but that could have easily
23 been destroyed. But that's the kind of the
24 professionalism we have.

25 And then right after the fire at the

1 Lace Works there was a fire in North
2 Scranton, maybe half a block away from
3 Engine 9 and they made a quick response,
4 they had some backup engines, and the crews
5 got there pretty rapidly, although the
6 station was empty because they were at the
7 other fire. Fortunately, they were able to
8 get into that house and, you know, if you
9 drive by the house there is not a hole in
10 the roof, the siding is intact, it looks
11 pretty good, but, you know, they have to
12 replace the windows and there is lot of
13 interior work.

14 So, unfortunately, there were a lot
15 of people displaced in that fire.
16 Fortunately, they all escaped without injury
17 and now the rebuilding process begins for
18 them so I understand there may be a
19 fundraiser coming up for that family and
20 announcing in the future so to help them
21 out.

22 But those are just some of the
23 incidents and there is many incidents that
24 go on on a daily basis here that you don't
25 see in the paper or, you know, you don't

1 read about or hear about because they are
2 done and taken care of pretty rapidly, smile
3 fires and stuff like that. But our police
4 department is constantly, you know, and they
5 can't publicize a lot of the drug arrests
6 they make because they are going after some
7 bigger fish, so they have to keep it quiet,
8 but on a daily basis they are chipping away
9 at the drug problem in this area and they
10 don't want to see us end up in the same
11 position as our down valley city.

12 You know, they have their problems
13 down there, but our police department,
14 again, second to none. They work
15 professionally and they are fighting the
16 fight every day and not looking for any
17 recognition or anything but they are making
18 a difference, the difference is it is safe
19 to walk around some of our streets. Is
20 there work to be done? Naturally. But, you
21 know, it could have been a lot worse and I
22 believe, you know, they are keeping everyone
23 safe and doing it on a daily basis and a lot
24 of it is under the wire, people don't see
25 what's going on, so I do commend them for

1 that.

2 And lastly, I think it was
3 Mr. Dobrzyn mentioned about the utilities,
4 tearing up the roads, and I know that's
5 happening in the new year and Keyser Avenue,
6 which is a nightmare if anyone tries to
7 drive up there, and then West Side, lower
8 West Side, there is a couple of streets
9 there that are torn up since the fall and
10 it's like one day they are here, a week
11 later they are back.

12 I do have to say that the mess they
13 have created the weather didn't cooperate,
14 they had some holes that they filled in and
15 it washed right out, there was a lot of mud.
16 I do commend the company I believe it was
17 TSC they have come back and repaved those
18 areas that they had dug up. However, there
19 is still some issues that have be resolved,
20 and I'll be getting to the appropriate
21 department heads with those.

22 But, you know, what they are doing
23 there basically, I don't know, I mean, it's
24 one day they are here, water, next day they
25 are at another house, but there has been

1 some damage done to properties, trees, and
2 I've noticed where they patched some of the
3 blacktop on driveways or sidewalks for the
4 people they have actually covered the
5 shutoffs for the water and the gas. Some of
6 the people have caught them and had them
7 come back, but they have to make sure they
8 are all done.

9 But it's unfortunate, I mean, it
10 should be done right the first time, it's
11 only going to cause problems down the road.
12 But I see down the future, maybe in the near
13 future, we have some kind of an open meeting
14 or a town meeting in the city with all of
15 these contractors to sort of explain to our
16 constituents what their schedule is, where
17 they are going to be next, when they are
18 going to done in a certain area, what the
19 expectation is.

20 I know Keyser Avenue, I mean, it
21 seems like they are in the same place 15
22 times and then they are up the other place
23 15 times and then they are back. There is
24 just no uniformity to it and the traffic
25 backup is a nightmare. Now, I understand

1 the progress is going to be well worth it in
2 the long run, but I think there has to be
3 some kind of a get together and a better
4 system on how they are doing these repairs,
5 how are going to maintain the traffic flow,
6 and what to let the people in different
7 neighborhoods expect.

8 I mean, I understand we have a lot
9 of projects down the pike on different
10 streets and at least if we give everyone a
11 heads up on what to expect in our
12 neighborhood and when it's going to happen
13 because it is a mess and, you know, it's not
14 easy to do road construction and keep it
15 clean, but there are ways they could appease
16 the neighborhoods while they are doing it
17 and, you know, it's just something we are
18 going to have to discuss down the road to
19 see if we can work on some kind of a plan to
20 let everyone know.

21 I mean, we have bridge projects
22 coming up, again, a number of road projects
23 in different areas, South Side and West
24 Side, but when are those streets going to be
25 completed and where are they moving on next?

1 We should have -- you know, somebody should
2 be able to know about that and to prepare.

3 And, you know, that's all I have to
4 say on that, but hopefully we can, you know,
5 work on something to educate everyone.
6 Thank you.

7 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Gaughan.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, thank you. Just
9 a few things very briefly. Mrs. Schumacher
10 had asked two questions last week and I have
11 the answers to both of them. The first
12 question was about how much money the city
13 receives from the Department of
14 Environmental protection from the recycling
15 grant.

16 The city receives grant funding from
17 the Department of Environmental Protection
18 based on annual recycling tonnage. Reports
19 are filed annually. The most recent amount
20 received deposited in July of 2013 for
21 tonnage collected in 2012 was \$34,488. It
22 went into a special savings account. The
23 amount we would likely receive for 2013 will
24 be in excess of \$40,000.

25 The second question was about

1 whether or not the city will pick up garbage
2 from people who are delinquent on their
3 garbage fee. The city will always pick
4 garbage up. If they didn't, obviously, it
5 would effect the health and welfare of the
6 citizens and it would provide a sanitation
7 issue. But the city is working with
8 Northeast Revenue Service to be able to
9 provide the ability to lien those people who
10 did not pay their garbage fee.

11 Mrs. Franus brought up a question
12 about the pothole machine, I think
13 Mr. Jackowitz touched on it and so did
14 Mr. Rogan last week. I spoke to our DPW
15 director, Dennis Gallagher, the pothole
16 machine is obviously broken. It cannot be
17 repaired. It's currently located at the
18 Scranton Sewer Authority. It's going to be
19 scraped and it's been unusable for seven
20 years. So that's the answer on that.

21 And just like to echo the comments
22 from my fellow council members about the job
23 that the DPW, police department and the
24 parade committee, everyone did a tremendous
25 job this past Saturday on our parade, and I

1 thank them for that.

2 I also spoke to our DPW director,
3 Dennis Gallagher, today about the list of
4 concerns that I mentioned last week from the
5 residents of North Scranton. I was at that
6 neighborhood meeting last Monday and the DPW
7 is working on a list of concerns that I
8 received from those residents, they are
9 doing a wonderful job and that department
10 and that director, Mr. Gallagher, has been
11 very responsive and very quick with the
12 responses so I thank him for that and I will
13 forward that information along to the
14 appropriate people within that neighborhood
15 group. And that's all I have. Thank you.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. Mrs. Reed,
17 Sixth order. Fifth order.

18 MS. REED: FIFTH ORDER: 5-B. FOR
19 INTRODUCTION - A RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF
20 THOMAS C. HORLACHER, 902 NORTH WEBSTER
21 AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18510, AS A
22 MEMBER OF THE HOUSING APPEALS REVIEW BOARD.
23 MR. HORLACHER WILL BE REPLACING RICHARD
24 LEONORI WHOSE TERM EXPIRED NOVEMBER 24,
25 2013. MR. HORLACHER WILL BE APPOINTED

1 TO A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON
2 NOVEMBER 24, 2018.

3 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll
4 entertain a motion that Item 5-B be
5 introduced into its proper committee.

6 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

7 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

8 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
9 those in favor of introduction signify by
10 saying aye.

11 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

12 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

13 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

17 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -
18 A RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF CHARLES
19 WATONIS, 950 TAYLOR AVENUE, SCRANTON,
20 PENNSYLVANIA 18510, AS A MEMBER OF THE
21 HOUSING APPEALS REVIEW BOARD. MR. WATONIS
22 WILL BE REPLACING MARIO SAVINELLI WHOSE TERM
23 EXPIRED NOVEMBER 24, 2013. MR. WATONIS WILL
24 BE APPOINTED TO A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM WHICH
25 WILL EXPIRE ON NOVEMBER 24, 2018.

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

4 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

5 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

6 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
7 those in favor of introduction signify by
8 saying aye.

9 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

10 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

11 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

13 MS. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The
14 ayes have it and so moved.

15 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION -
16 A RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF GERALD SMURL,
17 300 PROSPECT AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA
18 18505, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSING APPEALS
19 REVIEW BOARD. MR. SMURL WILL BE REPLACING
20 GENE TESEROVITCH WHOSE TERM EXPIRED NOVEMBER
21 24, 2013. MR. SMURL WILL BE APPOINTED TO A
22 FIVE (5) YEAR TERM WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON
23 NOVEMBER 24, 2018.

24 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll
25 entertain a motion that Item 5-D be

1 introduced into its proper committee.

2 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

4 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
5 those in favor of introduction signify by
6 saying aye.

7 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

8 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

11 MS. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The
12 ayes have it and so moved.

13 MS. REED: 5-E. FOR INTRODUCTION - A
14 RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL BURKE,
15 74 SNOOK STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA
16 18505, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSING APPEALS
17 REVIEW BOARD. MR. BURKE WILL BE REPLACING
18 JOSEPH KAYES WHO REPLACED ROBERT BUTCHKAVITZ
19 UPON HIS RESIGNATION AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF
20 THE BOARD WHOSE TERM EXPIRED NOVEMBER 24,
21 2013. MR. BURKE WILL BE APPOINTED TO A FIVE
22 (5) YEAR TERM WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON NOVEMBER
23 24, 2018.

24 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll
25 entertain a motion that Item 5-E be

1 introduced into its proper committee.

2 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

4 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
5 those in favor of introduction signify by
6 saying aye.

7 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

8 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

11 MS. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The
12 ayes have it and so moved.

13 MS. REED: 5-F. FOR INTRODUCTION - A
14 RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF LOUIS DIBILEO,
15 29 FOREST GLENN DRIVE, SCRANTON,
16 PENNSYLVANIA 18504, AS THE ALTERNATE NO. 1
17 MEMBER OF THE HOUSING APPEALS REVIEW BOARD.
18 MR. DIBILEO WILL REPLACE ROBERT JENSEN WHO
19 WAS ALTERNATE NO. 2 BUT BECAME ALTERNATE NO.
20 1 UPON JOSEPH KAYES REPLACEMENT OF ROBERT
21 BUTCHKAVITZ UPON HIS RESIGNATION AS A
22 REGULAR MEMBER OF THE BOARD WHOSE TERM
23 EXPIRED NOVEMBER 24, 2013. MR. DIBILEO WILL
24 BE APPOINTED TO A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM WHICH
25 WILL EXPIRE ON NOVEMBER 24, 2018.

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

4 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

5 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

6 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
7 those in favor of introduction signify by
8 saying aye.

9 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

10 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

11 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

13 MS. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The
14 ayes have it and so moved.

15 MS. REED: 5-G. FOR INTRODUCTION - A
16 RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF CHARLES DECKER,
17 430 CHARLES STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA
18 18508, AS THE ALTERNATE NO. 2 MEMBER OF THE
19 HOUSING APPEALS REVIEW BOARD. MR. DECKER
20 WILL FILL THE NOW VACANT ALTERNATE NO. 2
21 POSITION THAT WAS VACATED BY ROBERT JENSEN
22 WHO WAS ALTERNATE NO. 2 BUT BECAME ALTERNATE
23 NO. 1 UPON JOSEPH KAYES REPLACEMENT OF
24 ROBERT BUTCHKAVITZ UPON HIS RESIGNATION AS A
25 REGULAR MEMBER OF THE BOARD WHOSE TERM

1 EXPIRED NOVEMBER 24, 2013. MR. DECKER WILL
2 BE APPOINTED TO A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM WHICH
3 WILL EXPIRE ON NOVEMBER 24, 2018.

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

7 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

8 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

9 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
10 those in favor of introduction signify by
11 saying aye.

12 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

13 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

14 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

18 MS. REED: 5-H. FOR INTRODUCTION -
19 A RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH G.
20 HEALEY, 2049 EDNA AVENUE, SCRANTON,
21 PENNSYLVANIA, 18508, AS A MEMBER OF THE
22 BOARD OF THE SCRANTON REDEVELOPMENT
23 AUTHORITY. MR. HEALEY WILL BE REPLACING
24 WILLIAM LAZOR WHOSE TERM EXPIRES ON MARCH
25 19, 2014. MR. HEALEY'S TERM WILL EXPIRE

1 ON MARCH 19, 2019.

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

5 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

6 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

7 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
8 those in favor of introduction signify by
9 saying aye.

10 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

11 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

12 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

16 MS. REED: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A. NO
17 BUSINESS AT THIS TIME.

18 SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR
19 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES -FOR
20 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 33, 2014 -
21 APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT WEBER, 2309 PITTSTON
22 AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18505 AS A
23 MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE
24 CITY OF SCRANTON. MR. WEBER WILL BE
25 REPLACING JOHN F. KENNEDY WHO RESIGNED

1 EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 7, 2014. MR. WEBER'S
2 TERM WILL EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2015.

3 MR. MCGOFF: As Chair for the
4 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
5 passage of Item 7-A.

6 MR. ROGAN: Second.

7 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Roll
8 call, please?

9 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Wechsler.

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. Gaughan.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

17 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.

18 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare
19 Item 7-A legally and lawfully adopted and
20 wish Mr. Weber great luck on the Planning
21 Commission. I know he will be a welcome
22 addition.

23 Any other business? Motion to
24 adjourn.

25 MR. LOSCOMBE: Motion to adjourn.

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MR. MCGOFF: This meeting is
adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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

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