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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

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JOHN LOSCOMBE

JOSEPH WECHSLER

WILLIAM GAUGHAN

LORI REED, CITY CLERK

KATHY CARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

AMIL MINORA, SOLICITOR

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

3 MR. MCGOFF: Roll call, please.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

5 MR. WECHSLER: Here.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

7 MR. ROGAN: Here.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe. Mr.

9 Gaughan.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Here.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

12 MR. MCGOFF: Here. I'd just like to
13 make note that Mr. Loscombe did call prior
14 to the meeting and he is ill and will not be
15 able to attend.

16 Dispense with the reading of
17 minutes.

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

19 BREAKDOWN OF THE ELIGIBLE SALARIES FOR THE
20 LIQUID FUELS ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTHS OF
21 JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2014.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?
23 If not, received and filed.

24 MS. REED: 3-B. TAX ASSESSORS REPORT
25 HEARING DATE HELD MARCH 19, 2014.

1 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?
2 If not, received and filed.

3 MS. REED: 5-C. AUDIT STATUS FROM
4 ROBERT ROSSI & COMPANY RECEIVED APRIL 3,
5 2014.

6 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?
7 If not, received and filed.

8 MS. REED: 3-D. SINGLE TAX OFFICE
9 CITY FUNDS DISTRIBUTED COMPARISON REPORT FOR
10 MARCH 2013/2014.

11 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?

12 MR. WECHSLER: Yes. We have been in
13 receipt of this report, we are going to
14 review it this week and discuss it next
15 week.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. Received
17 and filed. Do any council members have
18 announcements?

19 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. Go ahead.

20 MR. ROGAN: Thanks. Just one, St.
21 Ann's Marionette Catholic Church located at
22 the corner of Sumner Avenue and Price
23 Street, West Scranton, will hold it's annual
24 back sale fundraiser this coming Saturday,
25 April 12, from 2 to 6 p.m. and this coming

1 Palm Sunday, April 13, from 11 a.m. to 2
2 p.m. Homemade Lebanese pastries and
3 delicacies will be available for purchase
4 just in time for the Easter holiday. And as
5 somebody who lives only a few blocks from
6 this church, I know that everything they
7 make is delicious.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: And I just have four
9 announcements. April 24, from 6 to 9 p.m.
10 will be the Bill Gerrity Park fundraiser at
11 Traxs at the Radisson. Please help support
12 this great cause. Checks can be made
13 payable to the Bill Gerrity Park. And just
14 to know, Bill Gerrity used to be a city
15 councilmen from North Scranton.

16 There are two Easter egg hunts this
17 weekend, one is in South Scranton, the South
18 Scranton Neighborhood Watch is holding it
19 this Saturday at 2 p.m. at Mayor Connors
20 Park at 510 Orchard Street. It will be
21 prizes and light refreshments.

22 The second one is at Weston Field, a
23 Easter egg hunt, ages three to ten may
24 participate this Saturday at noon at Weston
25 Field.

1 And finally, the North Scranton
2 Neighborhood Group is holding a clean up
3 event this Saturday, April 12, at 9:00 a.m.
4 Volunteers are going to meet at West Market
5 Street and Mary Street in the parking lot
6 and they are going to be cleaning up that
7 bottom part of Mary Street which is in
8 desperate need of the help. It's heavily
9 littered so anyone from North Scranton or
10 anywhere in the city that wants to help out
11 they would appreciate it, and that's all I
12 have. Thanks.

13 MR. MCGOFF: A couple of
14 announcements. First of all, City Hall will
15 be closed April 18 so if there is any
16 business please take note that that's
17 Friday, April 18, City Hall will be closed,
18 and also DPW will not be working on Monday,
19 April 21, which may delay refuse collections
20 for that week, so please take note.

21 Also, next week's council meeting
22 will be held on Wednesday, the 16th, at
23 normal time and not on Thursday.

24 A couple of other things that we
25 have received that have been spoken about in

1 the past, one of the things we should make
2 note of we did receive some information that
3 some records were damaged with the water
4 problems that were experienced in city hall.
5 We did find out that those records need to
6 be kept, they cannot be destroyed, and we
7 received an estimate or we had someone come
8 in and look at them and we have received an
9 estimate on what it would cost to either
10 restore them as they are, you know, in their
11 original form or to possibly transform them
12 in some way so that they can be better kept
13 either, you know, digitally or whatever and
14 so we did receive an estimate on that, and
15 we are also looking into whether or not
16 insurance coverage would cover the cost of
17 doing that so that it would not be a further
18 cost to the city, so we are exploring that
19 possibility.

20 Also, on tonight's agenda there are
21 a number of new items, first of all, a
22 contract for a city engineer.

23 Also, there are two appointments for
24 open records officer, one for the open
25 records officer and one for the alternate.

1 Those would be people who would be dealing
2 with Right-to-Know requests, etcetera.

3 And last, there was some question on
4 I think it's Item 7-A, that we received
5 during the week, that was resolved by our
6 solicitor and we will be voting on that this
7 evening. And that's all.

8 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'
9 PARTICIPATION.

10 MR. MCGOFF: Andy Sbaraglia.

11 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia,
12 citizen of Scranton. Fellow Scrantonians, a
13 few words on SAPA, the Scranton/Abington
14 Planning Association. I can put one of my
15 feet in Scranton and one in Dickson City. I
16 can also put one of my feet in Taylor and in
17 Scranton at the same time. One in Moosic
18 and Scranton at the same time as well as one
19 in Scranton and Dunmore. How far would I
20 have to search my feet to get up to the
21 Abingtons?

22 We don't have anything in common
23 with them. They moved away from Scranton to
24 get away from us. That's the reason they
25 are up there, not because they love us, to

1 get away from us. They want to have their
2 cities like they want. They don't want
3 people coming in there that's undesirables
4 from what I got from SAPA, they want them to
5 come to us. That's why Janet never brought
6 in up, and I can see why she never brought
7 in up. It doesn't make sense.

8 If you decide you want to go that
9 way, I suggest you contact Moosic, Dickson
10 City and Taylor -- well, Dunmore is already
11 there, and ask them if they want to join us.
12 They want to keep this at a small -- like I
13 said, they don't want a lot of people
14 involved with this. This is only a select
15 group, a click like everything else. I
16 don't believe we should join a click. We
17 should be open. We are valley people and we
18 should reach out to all of our neighbors
19 because we are going to have to get them for
20 a commuter tax. You realize that. We ain't
21 going to make it so you the commuter tax is
22 going to come up again so let's work with
23 our neighbors, our valley neighbors, and see
24 if we can resolve it because you know and I
25 know no matter what kind of a plan you got

1 Scranton is in trouble because of taxation.
2 Nobody wants to come here because of
3 taxation. That's the main reason and you
4 cannot resolve the taxation problem without
5 making it worse, so let's look at what we
6 got and try to resolve the problems we do
7 have.

8 And as far as the police and firemen
9 suing us for the pension plan, I remember
10 saying a long time ago the inmates have
11 finally taken over the asylum and Scranton
12 has become the asylum and we are trapped by
13 the city workers and it shouldn't be. They
14 should be working for us not keeping us
15 back. You realize as you keep raising taxes
16 you take food from people's mouth. You take
17 children that's going to be denied other
18 things. For what? You got to keep the
19 employees in line. I don't care how you do
20 it but it got to be done. They deserve a
21 fair pay and they do deserve their pension,
22 I can understand that, but somehow, someway
23 you got to resolve that problem before you
24 can even take on other problems.

25 I see the theatre came up again.

1 That was a KOZ where Leonard's was. That
2 was a KOZ, I guess you wouldn't remember.
3 Well, maybe you don't, maybe one of you
4 weren't there, but that was a KOZ and for
5 ten years you got away with nothing and then
6 he sold it, made a profit on the real
7 estate, but that shows you what a KOZ does.
8 It does nothing because they don't have to
9 maintain it. They only have to stay for ten
10 years and then they go. They scat away.

11 That's what happened at Center
12 Point. If you ever look at the businesses
13 that moved in Center Point up in Pittston
14 you find most of them were in Wilkes-Barre
15 or Kingston and they abandoned them
16 communities to go to center because they got
17 their taxation. That's what the whole crux
18 of the whole situation is, taxation. And
19 unless you can keep taxes at an affordable
20 level, the city will never get any industry
21 in here.

22 We lost a lot. When my boss was
23 here, when I was with the elevator he told
24 me that he bought a lot in Taylor and he
25 said, "Andy, the money I saved on Scranton

1 taxes will pay for completely renovating
2 this building."

3 And that's what he did. If you
4 cannot control taxation you cannot control
5 the future of this city no matter what kind
6 of a system or people you want to join and
7 that's the whole quirks. It's been the
8 quirks for four or five years you have been
9 there. Well, three of you have been there
10 for four years and still you haven't been
11 able to solve the problems.

12 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you,
13 Mr. Sbaraglia. Ozzie Quinn.

14 MR. QUINN: Ozzie Quinn.
15 Scranton/Lackawanna County Taxpayers and
16 Citizens Associations. I want to announce
17 that next Tuesday, April 15, 6:30 p.m. we
18 are going to have a voter education debate.
19 The first debate will be at 6:30 between
20 District 112 will be against candidates
21 Kevin Haggerty and Bob Munley. Following
22 that debate, the candidates from 113 will be
23 candidate Marty Flynn and Candidate Lee
24 Morgan. We are not having them for 114
25 because there is a Republican and a

1 Democrat. There is no two -- we'll have
2 them in the general election. It will be on
3 ECTV and I want to thank the council again.
4 We are going to have it here as we did with
5 the County Government Study Commission and
6 the commissioners and, you know, it should
7 be -- I hope people watch and will get an
8 education hopefully.

9 We met, the Hill Neighborhood
10 Association met on March 20 and you people
11 were meeting the same day. We are planning
12 to meet again on April 23. We moved it to a
13 Wednesday so some of you people might want
14 to come, okay? Just to give you a hint that
15 some of our things on our agenda, we are
16 looking at -- the former mayor was at the
17 last one and also Lieutenant Crofton and
18 Officer Vaughn so it was nice that Chief
19 Graziano to send those people there and they
20 told the people how -- we had about 40
21 people at the meeting so it turned out real
22 well. Hopefully the next meeting on the
23 23rd, it's a Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. at ICC
24 church basement hall and hopefully we are
25 going to talk about Nay Aug Pool, we are

1 going to talk about streetlights, parking,
2 housing, so it should be interesting because
3 they are all city-related elements, okay?

4 And I want to tell you that keep
5 trying to keep the pride, okay, and trying
6 to do things in the Hill neighborhood. I
7 want to thank license and inspections
8 Mr. Hinton and his staff because of the fact
9 that I think I sent up it was about 25
10 houses that had couches or other living room
11 furniture on the front porch and that looks
12 awful, you know?

13 And so, you know, hopefully that we
14 can keep that up and we can eliminate that
15 and also went around and pick up a lot of
16 garbage so they have been very helpful and I
17 hope they continue in the future with that.
18 You know, I know they will because they want
19 to see something done.

20 So we have been active and I have
21 been active with the Hill. I have been at
22 several meetings with various organizations,
23 ecumenical council I just met with them
24 yesterday, and trying to partner with them
25 and various other groups, okay, so I

1 appreciate it if the someone can attend the
2 23rd. Thank you.

3 And in regards to SAPA -- well, you
4 know what, while I'm on the 23rd, also,
5 there is no coverage. I asked the Scranton
6 Times to cover it, they don't even put it in
7 the paper so people don't know what's going
8 on, okay? If they don't know what's going
9 on, you don't know what's going on if you
10 don't read it in the paper, okay? You can
11 get up there and speak and talk all night
12 and try to resolve things and you're not
13 going to get it resolved, you know? For
14 some reason they just don't want to cover
15 us, okay? It's ashamed, but that's it.

16 In regards to SAPA, I just want to
17 point out that the Lackawanna County
18 Regional Commission has a comprehensive
19 plan, okay, and they have a zoning plan, so
20 I don't see the conflict there, okay?

21 Also, all of these Boroughs have a
22 comprehensive plans. The City of Scranton
23 has a comprehensive plan since one 1992, all
24 right, and all of the times that CDBG funds
25 that were spent and CDBG since 1992 all bet

1 not one time that any administration or and
2 any council person or any OECD director ever
3 looked at that comprehensive plan to see
4 what the follow in regards to looking at the
5 physical and social and economic elements in
6 the city as recommended by that study, okay?
7 And it's up in the planning office
8 collecting dust and it's ashame. You know,
9 it's really ashame. You spent money for it
10 and there were things in that plan that if
11 we follow them instead of a shotgun approach
12 with that OECD money every year, you know,
13 if we followed that plan we would have had
14 things accomplished in regards to housing,
15 infrastructure, whatnot, okay?

16 A lot of communities have
17 comprehensive plans to see that they follow
18 them with the CDBG funds. It's only
19 practical and that's when you would do it
20 for. Thank you.

21 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Quinn.

22 Dave Dobrzyn.

23 MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening. Dave
24 Dobrzyn, resident. Taxes paid. I asked a
25 few weeks ago about Steamtown and I'm going

1 to ask again. In 1994 they were
2 incorporated or whatever, instituted, and
3 they were given \$5.2 million a year to
4 operate as a museum, tax exempt from the
5 City of Scranton, and they were reduced
6 during the sequester by 10 percent each year
7 over two years and it's getting down to the
8 wire for them, so please consider it. All
9 I'm asking for is a letter to congressmen
10 from council that you are support it or if
11 you don't really support it then withhold
12 your signature, but the people that do
13 support it try and get something for them.
14 At least get it out there.

15 And I'd like to mention something
16 about the DPW, if you break up the furniture
17 and it's not a big giant piece or you are
18 not throwing out an entire living room suit
19 or something all in one week they do take it
20 and that's why I support the limitless -- I
21 don't support the bag theory because what
22 you do you do with that couch when it's no
23 longer useful or it breaks or something?
24 You set it out in your yard some people do
25 and they set it there forever and there is

1 rats and whatever else moves in and it's an
2 eyesore and it's also a fire hazard. I seen
3 couches catch houses on fire because
4 somebody was out there smoking or whatever
5 and dropped it and for some reason they
6 smolder forever under the right conditions.

7 I'd also like to mention with Nay
8 Aug swimming pool, I have always wondered
9 whether the utilities are paying anything
10 towards the power line that runs directly
11 through the east side of Nay Aug Park. I
12 mean, it's just -- I suspect not and it's a
13 considerable area of land.

14 And once again, I'd like to mention
15 it's time for these utilities to start
16 fixing the streets. I'm going to drop that
17 one in coming weeks and I'll be keeping my
18 eye out during the summer and if I see it's
19 getting late in the season and there seems
20 to be no plan, well, I might be a little
21 more radical. Who knows.

22 And on trash fee collections,
23 Mr. Hickey, one of the mayor's consultants,
24 mentioned that there may be a large amount
25 of apartment buildings paying a single fee

1 and that is not right. There should be at
2 least double or triple the fee if they are
3 making seven or eight thousand dollars a
4 year on rent. I mean, it cost \$800 a month
5 to rent a house in this town anymore and I
6 found the mortgage more convenient, but then
7 again you are stuck where you are at. You
8 can't just -- if the economy goes south you
9 just can't pack your bags and leave town.

10 Now, one derogatory thing I heard on
11 SAPA was that they were responsible for
12 Daron Industries down on Dickson Avenue. I
13 don't know if that's true, but we do have a
14 to be careful as to what kind of the
15 industries because they literally wrecked
16 that neighborhood for a long time. I mean,
17 picture walking in your front door and
18 seeing a half a dozen diesel trucks that
19 don't want to shut their engines off. And,
20 by the way, diesel trucks if it's during the
21 day they require very little electricity so
22 I worked often trucks throughout my life and
23 semis and stuff and they will literally idle
24 them all day so they don't have to use a
25 starter and it's very, very -- the first

1 time I ever got pains in my chest was in a
2 diesel garage. Hint, hint.

3 So, okay, I'm going to give a golden
4 parrot once again to the Supreme Court for
5 the decision on limitless funds for
6 campaign. They even have the lobbyists mad
7 because the politicians they tapped out. Is
8 that ridiculous or not? Thank you and have
9 a good night. And don't forget bawk, bawk.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you, Mr.
11 Dobrzyn.

12 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Dobrzyn.
13 Anyone else wishes to address council?

14 MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening,
15 Council. Marie Schumacher. First off, I
16 noticed in the paper there is an RFP from
17 the city for traffic signal maintenance and
18 a couple of questions, number one, I know
19 you were investigating because of the
20 complaints of the lighting, the
21 signalization project downtown, are those
22 lights fixed or do they have sensors that
23 are supposed to be operating to change them
24 when there is no traffic in the opposite
25 direction?

1 MR. MCGOFF: From what I'm told
2 both, that they operate on a timer during
3 the day and then I forget at what time most
4 of them go to a sensor operated with the
5 flow of traffic, you know, whatever the
6 major flow of traffic is, you know, to
7 green.

8 MS. SCHUMACHER: Now, does this RFP
9 maintenance include adjusting those or just
10 changing non-functioning bulbs; do you know?

11 MR. MCGOFF: I believe the
12 maintenance is many simply for the
13 operational part of it, not for the actual
14 signalization.

15 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay, thank you.

16 5-F. What is Local Lodge 2462 and
17 what is the issue that's covered by the
18 memorandum?

19 MR. GAUGHAN: That's the Single Tax
20 Office.

21 MS. SCHUMACHER: Single Tax Office,
22 what, you mean the workers?

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

24 MS. SCHUMACHER: And what is the
25 issue that the mayor is being given,

1 execution authority? What is the change to
2 the collective bargaining agreement?

3 MR. GAUGHAN: I'm not sure what the
4 change is. I could find out.

5 MS. SCHUMACHER: I would appreciate
6 that. Thank you.

7 And I would just remind you all that
8 SAPA is in the Recovery Plan, so that was a
9 commitment as far as I'm concerned.

10 D and E, was the designation of --
11 the open records officer was never an issue
12 brought before council in the past, was it?
13 I mean, that's just one of the functions?

14 MR. MCGOFF: I do believe that we
15 voted on it.

16 MS. SCHUMACHER: You do?

17 MR. MCGOFF: I though I remember
18 that when -- I'm trying to think of who was
19 the open records officer and --

20 MS. SCHUMACHER: It's always been
21 the business administrator.

22 MR. MCGOFF: I believe Mr. McGowan
23 became the open records officer and I
24 thought it came before us to vote on that.

25 MS. SCHUMACHER: I didn't recall

1 that coming in --

2 MR. MCGOFF: Maybe I'm mistaken.

3 MS. SCHUMACHER: But that is not the
4 exclusive responsibility of this new
5 officer, new position?

6 MR. MCGOFF: No.

7 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay. Then during
8 caucus tonight there were a number of things
9 brought up, especially about one that's
10 being introduced tonight for CECO and one of
11 the justifications given was about ongoing
12 projects and I think our capital budget is
13 about close to zero and so I question how
14 many ongoing projects we have that CECO is
15 involved in. And then if one of the other--
16 one of the other objections it seems to me
17 maybe the RFP was written incorrectly if the
18 other firm was not given the opportunity to
19 include some of the things that are being
20 used to give it to CECO for, again, \$40,000
21 for a city that's struggling.

22 And then, also, on the way out I
23 stopped to see what was on the 5-D, did
24 anybody look at that or do you have it there
25 that you could tell me whether or not those

1 were adjusted for the increase in the
2 property taxes or the increase in any of the
3 rates?

4 MR. MCGOFF: I believe those are
5 just--

6 MS. SCHUMACHER: Just raw figures.

7 MR. MCGOFF: They are rust raw
8 numbers. I don't think there is any -- this
9 is the total dollar amount.

10 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay, well, I think
11 we are in real trouble because that is as
12 3-31 and our real estate taxes, which the
13 discount period ended on 3-31, so these
14 revenues go through, are only up by 6.7
15 percent. Not anywhere near the double digit
16 increase that we had, so I think we are in
17 trouble. I think looking here and seeing
18 the number of people I think most people,
19 frankly, have just given up on the city and
20 don't think we are going to make it through.

21 And we still do have the blight
22 stuff that one of these weeks I'll get to.
23 Thank you.

24 MR. MCGOFF: And just to respond,
25 Mr. Wechsler did say that he is going to

1 review those with Mr. Bulzoni and get an
2 explanation as to the numbers rather than
3 just presenting raw numbers.

4 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay, thank you.

5 MR. MCGOFF: I didn't mean to speak
6 for you.

7 MR. HODOWANITZ: Good evening,
8 Council. Joan Hodowanitz. My only issue
9 tonight is a story that was on the front
10 page of the Sunday Times, this past Sunday,
11 about six figure cops and it was the
12 overtime story. I'm not here to say that
13 the policemen and women who received
14 overtime did not deserve it, I'm sure they
15 earned their pay. I am though concerned how
16 we are managing our budget for overtime.

17 If last year we budgeted \$550,000
18 for overtime and we actually spent \$972,000
19 how is that we cut the budgeted overtime
20 down to \$225,000 for this year? It seems to
21 me like we should have, if anything
22 maintained the figure or raised it. I don't
23 understand it. Clearly there is going to be
24 a be major shortfall, and what is the grand
25 total for overtime for the police as of now?

1 Does anybody know?

2 MR. MCGOFF: Offhand I do not.

3 MS. HODOWANITZ: But I think
4 budgeting should be a yearlong process,
5 number one, and I know that you probably
6 think about it yearlong, although, it seems
7 to be a fast and furious the last 90 days of
8 the year and we simply -- it seems to me we
9 are almost throwing numbers into the budget
10 without any correlation with reality. If we
11 have a track record historically of what we
12 can expect, there should be -- there
13 shouldn't be this kind of surprise. To cut
14 these budgeted overtime in half when we
15 almost -- we far exceeded the overtime last
16 year.

17 I would only urge you that as
18 Mr. Amaroso continues to do his magic as we
19 move down the road towards Fall and start
20 another budget process we have got to have
21 some realistic figures. Obviously, how we
22 pay for these figures is another issue, but
23 I don't think we do ourselves any good by
24 putting in unrealistic numbers in the budget
25 and then have a surprise like this come out.

1 And then today, of course, we have
2 the other story that came out about how we
3 came in dead last in terms of recovery out
4 of 100 metropolitan areas. That wasn't very
5 funny. So I would just urge you to think
6 budget 365 days a year and as you get
7 information, you know, we need to squirrel
8 that away. You need to take advantage of
9 people like Marie. I mean, she is a subject
10 matter expert. In fact if you want to spend
11 my taxpayer dollar hire her to advise you.
12 I think that would be a good deal for the
13 city. Thank you.

14 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. Anyone else
15 who wishes to address council?

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

18 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Wechsler?

19 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you,
20 Mr. McGoff. Just a few things. First of
21 all, I want to congratulate the organizers
22 and participants of the first Scranton Half
23 Marathon. I went down to the stadium, I
24 didn't run it, I went down to the stadium to
25 take a look at the finishers and what I was

1 impressed about was the amount of families
2 that were there. Groups running together as
3 families, young people there, old people
4 there. I was very impressed by the whole
5 family atmosphere.

6 I look forward to next year when it
7 becomes more of a citywide or a weekend wide
8 event. I'm sure that the financial impact
9 to the city was substantial and, once again,
10 I would like to congratulate everyone
11 involved in it.

12 On Monday night, Bill Gaughan and I
13 attended a North Scranton Neighborhood
14 Association meeting to give the neighbors an
15 update on the Rockwell Avenue bridge
16 project. That Rockwell Bridge project is
17 one of the projects that CECO is working on
18 right now and that group has done a great
19 job in keeping all of our feet to the fire,
20 city council, the mayor, state reps and
21 PennDOT, keeping their feet to the fire and
22 keeping that project moving ahead and
23 through those groups these things can
24 happen.

25 Also, a comment about the budget

1 process, I can guarantee you right now
2 Mr. Bulzoni and myself we are getting
3 numbers all the time. I'm new to this, I'm
4 digesting the numbers. Mr. Bulzoni is a
5 professional at it, and his goal and my goal
6 are the same, when it comes time for the
7 budget that we have a real numbers, and like
8 you said, real numbers may be bad answers,
9 but we do need realistic numbers as we move
10 into the budget process.

11 And in terms of the SAPA meeting, I
12 would like to thank the people that came for
13 it. Once again, this is a new issue for me.
14 I'm going to have to digest it. I'm more
15 concerned with the zoning aspect of the
16 planning. As long as Scranton can maintain
17 it's zoning ordinance, which is a good
18 ordinance right now if it's enforced, our
19 biggest problem is that it's not -- it's not
20 enforced properly or correctly all the time.
21 One of the problems is we don't have enough
22 of inspectors or code officers out there and
23 that's something else that has to be
24 addressed.

25 This plan will have to be digested

1 and evaluated again to see what benefits it
2 brings to the city and if it brings benefits
3 to the city then it's something I think we
4 should consider. If it penalizes the city
5 or penalizes Scranton because of our
6 architecture and our infrastructure I may
7 not be for it, but I think it does deserve a
8 second look and go at it from there. And
9 that's all I have, Mr. McGoff.

10 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. Mr. Rogan?

11 MR. ROGAN: Yes, a few items. I'd
12 also like to start off with SAPA and thank
13 them for coming in tonight. I still have
14 many of the same concerns that I had when I
15 initially voted against SAPA, and we heard
16 some of those concerns from some of the
17 speakers tonight. And I think, as I believe
18 Mr. Sbaraglia mentioned, our immediate
19 neighbors being out of it, especially
20 Dickson City, which is an area where there
21 has been a lot of development, you know,
22 makes me question this plan.

23 And from listening to the
24 proponents, you know, the supporters of SAPA
25 it sounds like there is no negatives for the

1 city, but when you look deeper into that I
2 do have that feeling and I know many
3 residents in the city also do, too, that the
4 Abingtons want to use this plan and want to
5 use Scranton as a dumping ground for
6 undesired development in the Abingtons.

7 I will reread the entire plan and
8 take comments from residents as they come in
9 if we are going to reconsider it, but as of
10 now I will lean towards continuing to oppose
11 this plan.

12 Next, a bit of good news that was in
13 the newspaper, there was an article in the
14 Scranton Times today regarding developer
15 Charlie Jefferson buying the property on
16 Adams Avenue and it's a 120-year theatre,
17 most recently known as the Moonshine
18 Theatre. Previous to that it was known as
19 the Diva theatre and in the 80s it was owned
20 by the Knights of Columbus where they had
21 dances and social events there.

22 And I did have a chance to talk to
23 Mr. Jefferson this morning about this
24 project and this project, just like
25 everything else Mr. Jefferson has done in

1 the downtown, really will be a benefit to
2 the city. You know, if this gets off the
3 ground and whatever direction he wants to go
4 with it, whether it be using it as a
5 traditional theatre or having different
6 social events there, I think it will be a
7 great plus for the downtown and
8 congratulations to Mr. Jefferson on all of
9 the work he has done and hopefully we will
10 see the same success with this project as
11 his other buildings.

12 Next, on some OECD issues, as I
13 mentioned a couple of weeks previously,
14 myself and the administration and volunteers
15 from the community have been part of the
16 Citizens Advisory Council, and a big part of
17 that job was developing a survey that would
18 go out to the residents for you to tell us
19 how you would like our federal tax dollars
20 or block grant money spent. That survey has
21 been completed. I do want to read just a
22 couple of the blurbs from the cover letter
23 on the survey.

24 It starts off, "Dear Scrantonians"
25 and it goes on about the city's five-year

1 plan, and this survey will be used to help
2 the elected officials distribute our CDBG
3 money, HOME money, ESG money. These are the
4 allocations that we see council make every
5 year for paving, different community groups
6 will come and seek funding, demolition of
7 the hazardous structures, rehabilitation of
8 structures, so the five-year comprehensive
9 plan must include an item for it be funded
10 so that's why these surveys are being sent
11 out.

12 It says, "Scranton is asking for
13 your help to complete the enclosed
14 questionnaire to provide your input on ideas
15 and opinions in the future of the city's
16 community development, housing, and homeless
17 projects and goals. You may also utilize
18 the fillable version of this form that I
19 have here at ScrantonPA.gov/OECD@HTML.

20 These surveys will also be available
21 in city council's office and they can be
22 completed up until Friday, June 6, 2014.
23 You can mail them into the city and drop
24 them off at city council's office or right
25 down to OECD, but I would encourage everyone

1 to participate in this survey. It is a few
2 pages. It goes through pretty much any kind
3 of development you can think of from
4 economic development needs to public
5 facilities, assistance for families for
6 affordable housing and you can grade whether
7 it's a high, medium or low priority for you
8 that we fund an activity.

9 For instance, one of the areas that
10 I think everyone supports is our
11 neighborhood police program, and by filling
12 out this survey you can let your voice be
13 heard that that's a project and a use of
14 those dollars that you support. Another one
15 that's very popular is our paving program in
16 low to moderate income areas and if you
17 support that program make sure to fill out
18 the survey and list it or if there is an
19 area where you think the funds can be better
20 spent there is an area on here for other
21 where you can list items.

22 Now, everything, you know,
23 everything still does have to be -- fall
24 within the guidelines. They have to be in
25 certain areas of the city and they have to

1 be meet certain federal guidelines, but we
2 are interested in getting your input through
3 these surveys.

4 And I do know that the city is going
5 to be making efforts to advertise them
6 through other means going to neighborhood
7 groups to present the surveys and just talk
8 a little bit to the community about them, so
9 that is that.

10 Next, I have, and I know we have
11 over the last few years a number of calls
12 about individuals who are in need of
13 handicap signs or individuals who notice
14 there is handicap signs in their
15 neighborhood that aren't being utilized.
16 Our office was informed that the DPW was in
17 the process of removing signs that are no
18 longer needed in the neighborhoods and
19 trying to get those out to people who are in
20 need of a sign. If you meet either of these
21 criteria or if your neighbor -- you know
22 that your neighbor moved out and they don't
23 need their sign anymore, please call the
24 city. You can call DPW at 348-4180 to relay
25 this information, or you can council's

1 office at 348-4113.

2 Finally, it was in the paper on
3 Sunday, and it was mentioned again at
4 council tonight is the police overtime. One
5 thing I want to mention about this, the
6 police overtime that we see and that was
7 illustrated on the front page of the paper
8 is another item that is a result of the
9 Supreme Court award that mandates staffing
10 for the police department.

11 Now, I know there are a number of
12 ways that the city could look to reduce the
13 overtime costs, but one I think that would
14 be most beneficial to the taxpayers would be
15 instead of paying as much overtime hire a
16 few more full-time officers where we would
17 have an officer working for 40 hours a week
18 instead of paying another officer time and
19 half and by doing that we would also have
20 the benefit of having more officers on the
21 streets, so that's something that I think we
22 should look into and keeping our
23 neighborhood safe is certainly a top
24 priority of the mine, and hopefully that's
25 something that we can look at.

1 And that's all for tonight. Thank
2 you.

3 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Gaughan?

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, thank you. Good
5 evening. I would just first like to echo
6 Mr. Wechsler's comments about the half
7 marathon this Saturday or this past Sunday.
8 It was organized very well and it was a
9 great success and also a great economic
10 benefit to this city so we'll look forward
11 to that again next year.

12 Also, just to update people and make
13 people aware once again, I think it was
14 mentioned last week or the week before,
15 about the DPW street sweeping schedule.
16 Tomorrow the DPW will be sweeping the
17 streets in Minooka. They have been doing so
18 from April 7 until tomorrow. April 14 to
19 April 18 they will be in the East Mountain
20 area from Division Street to East Mountain
21 Road just so everyone is aware of that and
22 you can access the schedule, the street
23 sweeping schedule, by going to the city's
24 website, ScrantonPA.gov under the link
25 public works.

1 And I'll reserve the rest of my
2 comments for Item 5-C. Thanks.

3 MR. MCGOFF: Just a few brief things
4 and we'll get to the legislation. First, I
5 did want to again reinforce the idea that we
6 asked representatives from SAPA to come here
7 this evening merely to present information
8 about the overall plan. There is no current
9 or pending legislation concerning SAPA. The
10 caucus was simply for information gathering
11 only. Should there be legislation dealing
12 with SAPA that comes before us, we will
13 again meet with representatives from SAPA,
14 the administration, whoever it is that we
15 feel can provide information as to that
16 plan. So this was not -- tonight's meeting
17 was not for any legislation, it was simply
18 informational.

19 Also, one of the - and I have to
20 clarify somewhat, but Mr. Quinn did mention
21 the idea of people putting furniture on
22 their porches. I know it's a violation to
23 put certain types of furniture out on an
24 unenclosed porch, sofas especially because
25 they do become health hazards, so just so

1 that people understand that and as the
2 weather gets warmer we don't start moving,
3 you know, furniture out onto the porch for
4 the summer months, but I'll find out what
5 the exact wording of that is and the
6 clarification for it.

7 And other than that -- and I guess I
8 should again reiterate a thank you to the
9 people that ran the -- organize and ran the
10 half marathon. Being a runner and having
11 participated in a number of such events, I
12 do know that for every runner that
13 participates there are probably five people
14 that come with them, and there was over
15 2,500 runners on Sunday, which probably --
16 probably in total throughout the city
17 streets probably 10,000 people out to I'll
18 say participate in that event. People going
19 to restaurants, people just going to
20 establishments, just being around and, you
21 know, buying a cup of coffee, because it was
22 a little bit colder in the morning, but it
23 is a great economic boon. You know,
24 unfortunately, they are sort of one-day
25 events. It would be nice if we could figure

1 out some way to make them -- expand them a
2 little bit and so that we, you know, realize
3 more of the benefits of those events.

4 And that's all. Thank you.

5 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION -
6 AN ORDINANCE - TRANSFERRING BOTH TEMPORARY
7 AND PERMANENT EASEMENTS OVER THREE (3)
8 PARCELS OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF
9 SCRANTON LOCATED AT 2004-2006 SANDERSON
10 AVENUE; 2008- SANDERSON AVENUE; AND 2011 ½
11 REAR BOULEVARD AVENUE IN CONNECTION WITH THE
12 SCRANTON SEWER AUTHORITY'S SANDERSON AVENUE
13 STORM WATER SEPARATION PROJECT.

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

17 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

18 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

19 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
20 those in favor of introduction signify by
21 saying aye.

22 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

23 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

25 MS. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The

1 ayes have it and so moved.

2 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION - A
3 RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
4 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND
5 ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT
6 WITH CECO ASSOCIATES, INC. TO SERVE AS
7 CITY ENGINEER FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON FOR
8 THE PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS FROM APRIL 15,
9 2014 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2016.

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

13 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

14 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

15 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

16 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, I just have a few
17 comments. As the Public Works Committee
18 Chair, I am voting yes to introduce this
19 legislation tonight, although, I do have
20 questions about it that I would like
21 answered before next week's meeting.

22 The administration proposes to award
23 CECO the contract for city engineering
24 services or the next two years, although,
25 they were not the lowest bidder. They were

1 the second lowest bidder at \$136,300.
2 Contracted services that are publically bid
3 are typically awarded to the lowest
4 responsible bidder. The lowest bidder in
5 this case for this service was Peters
6 Associates at \$98,000. So the city will in
7 effect be spending nearly \$40,000 more for
8 engineering services.

9 The administration has chosen to
10 award the contract to CECO based on the fact
11 that they are involved in many ongoing
12 projects within the city. The
13 administration argues that bringing in a new
14 engineer in the middle of these projects
15 would be detrimental to the city.

16 Now, I understand that CECO is
17 involved in many different projects
18 throughout the city and that they have been
19 doing a great job. CECO's performance is
20 not in question here. I would, however,
21 like to know from the administration why
22 they did not award Peters Associates the
23 contract as the lowest bidder. Did they
24 determine that Peters Associates was not a
25 responsible bidder, and if so upon what did

1 they base their decision?

2 So, Mrs. Reed, if we could send that
3 correspondence down to the mayor's office I
4 would appreciate that.

5 I'm concerned here that we are
6 choosing to spend almost \$40,000 more for a
7 service when we have a lower bid for the
8 work. It goes without saying that we don't
9 have extra money to spend within the city
10 and I don't doubt for one second that CECO
11 will continue to do a wonderful job for our
12 city. However, unless there is a specific
13 reason why Peters Associates as the lowest
14 bidder was not awarded the contract, I would
15 find it very difficult to vote in favor of
16 this resolution.

17 So I will be -- I would hope that I
18 would get an answer to that question before
19 next week's meeting. And that is all I
20 have. Thank you.

21 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else on the
22 question? I would say that it might be in
23 our due diligence to ask if a member of the
24 administration would appear either at caucus
25 or next week's meeting to explain their

1 choice to all of us rather than --

2 MR. GAUGHAN: That would be great.

3 MR. MCGOFF: -- just -- and I would
4 make that request.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay.

6 MR. ROGAN: Mr. McGoff, do you think
7 we should have a representative from CECO as
8 well?

9 MR. MCGOFF: I don't think that we
10 are questioning CECO itself, I think what we
11 are questioning or what's being questioned
12 is the reason for bypassing the low bidder
13 and so I don't think that CECO had any --
14 I'm sure they had input into that decision,
15 but that was not their decision to make. I
16 would think it would be more --

17 MR. ROGAN: I was just thinking if
18 part of the reasoning is that there are
19 projects that are currently going on maybe
20 CECO can speak to that.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: That's not the
22 question though.

23 MR. MCGOFF: They could, and I
24 certainly could ask if, you know --

25 MR. ROGAN: I'm just thinking it

1 wouldn't hurt to have them.

2 MR. MCGOFF: Okay. As I said, I
3 will make that request on behalf of council.

4 All those in favor of introduction
5 signify by saying aye.

6 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

7 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

9 MS. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The
10 eyes have it and so moved.

11 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION -
12 A RESOLUTION - DESIGNATING THE CITY OF
13 SCRANTON'S STAFF ACCOUNTANT, NANCY KRAKE AS
14 SCRANTON'S OPEN RECORD OFFICER, TO RECEIVE
15 REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC RECORDS, TO DIRECT
16 REQUESTS TO APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL, TO TRACK
17 SCRANTON'S PROGRESS IN RESPONDING TO
18 REQUESTS, AND TO ISSUE INTERIM AND FINAL
19 RESPONSES UNDER PENNSYLVANIA'S RIGHT-TO-KNOW
20 LAW.

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

24 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

25 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

1 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

2 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I would just like
3 to congratulate Mrs. Krake for this
4 position. I had the pleasure of working
5 with her for four years and I know she will
6 do a great job in this new position.

7 MR. MCGOFF: I would like to add
8 that as was asked from the podium this is
9 not the only responsibility of this
10 position. This is merely a -- I'll say an
11 additional part of the position, this being
12 the staff accounting position being one that
13 was added through the DCED grant, so this is
14 just a part of that responsibility for that
15 position.

16 All those in favor of introduction
17 signify by saying aye.

18 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

19 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

23 MS. REED: 5-E. FOR INTRODUCTION -
24 A RESOLUTION - DESIGNATING THE CITY OF
25 SCRANTON'S BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR, DAVID M.

1 BULZONI TO ACT AS SCRANTON'S ALTERNATE OPEN
2 RECORDS OFFICER TO RECEIVE REQUESTS FOR
3 PUBLIC RECORDS, TO DIRECT REQUESTS TO
4 APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL, TO TRACK PROGRESS IN
5 RESPONDING TO REQUESTS, AND TO ISSUE INTERIM
6 AND FINAL RESPONSES UNDER PENNSYLVANIA'S
7 RIGHT-TO-KNOW LAW.

8 MR. MCGOFF: At this time I'll
9 entertain a motion that Item 5-E be
10 introduced into its proper committee.

11 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

12 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

13 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All
14 those in favor of introduction signify by
15 saying aye.

16 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

17 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

21 MS. REED: 5-F. FOR INTRODUCTION -
22 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
23 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE
24 AND ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
25 BETWEEN LOCAL LODGE 2462 AND THE CITY OF

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AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF
SCRANTON REGARDING THE SINGLE TAX OFFICE
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT.

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

MR. ROGAN: So moved.

MR. WECHSLER: Second.

MR. MCGOFF: On the question? I
know it was brought up during citizens'
participation as to what the nature of this
was, I believe that the memorandum of
understanding is simply the agreement that
we split the cost of personnel at the Single
Tax Office with the school district since
both of us are partners in that operation
and I believe that that is what my reading
of it is, that that is what the memorandum
of understanding is.

All those in favor of introduction
signify by saying aye.

MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

MR. ROGAN: Aye.

MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

3 MS. REED: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A.
4 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 13,
5 2014 - AN ORDINANCE - ABOLISHING AND CLOSING
6 OECD ACCOUNTS WITH COMMUNITY BANK, NA AND
7 FIRST NATIONAL BANK TRANSFERRING THE FUNDS
8 FROM THOSE ACCOUNTS TO PNC BANK ACCOUNT
9 LISTED BELOW.

10 MR. MCGOFF: You've heard reading by
11 title of Item 6-A, what is your pleasure?

12 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-A
13 pass reading by title.

14 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

15 MS. MCGOFF: On the question? All
16 those in favor signify by saying aye.

17 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

18 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

19 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

20 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The
21 ayes have it and so moved.

22 MS. REED: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR
23 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
24 -FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 12, 2014
25 - AMENDING FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 11, 1999, AS

1 AMENDED, ENTITLED "AMENDING FILE OF THE
2 COUNCIL NO. 9, 1935, (AS AMENDED) AN
3 ORDINANCE REGULATING THE LICENSING OF
4 PURCHASERS OF SCRAP GOLD, OLD GOLD, SILVER,
5 JEWELRY, CLOTHING AND OTHER VALUABLE
6 ARTICLES, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE
7 VIOLATION THEREOF", BY ADDING ADDITIONAL
8 TERMS, INCREASING THE LICENSING FEE,
9 INCREASING THE PENALTIES OF VIOLATIONS
10 THEREOF, PROVIDING FOR SUSPENSION OF
11 LICENSES, AND MODERNIZING THE LANGUAGE
12 THEREOF, AND INCORPORATING RULES AND
13 REGULATIONS BY FURTHER MAKING AMENDMENTS
14 TO INCREASE THE LICENSE FEE IN SECTION 2
15 FROM FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) TO ONE HUNDRED
16 DOLLARS (\$100.00) PER FILE OF COUNCIL NO.
17 178 OF 1992 SECTION 1 CODIFIED IN CHAPTER
18 340 PEDDLING AND SOLICITING §340-13 (A) FEES
19 AND AMENDING SECTION 4 (A) TO PROVIDE
20 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BETTER IDENTIFY
21 THE SELLER AND THE GOODS OR ARTICLE BEING
22 SOLD AND SECTION 5 (A) TO INCREASE THE
23 PENALTIES FOR NON COMPLIANCE WITH THE
24 PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE CODIFIED IN THE
25 ADMINISTRATIVE CODE IN CHAPTER 379

1 SECONDHAND GOODS AND DEALERS AT §379-4 (A)
2 AND §379-5 (A) AND TO CHANGE THE DEPARTMENT
3 NAME FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY
4 DEVELOPMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING,
5 INSPECTIONS AND PERMITS THROUGHOUT THIS
6 ORDINANCE.

7 MR. MCGOFF: At this time -- or
8 excuse me, as Chair for the Committee on
9 Rules I recommend final passage of Item 7-A.
10 I'm sorry, I'm reading the wrong --
11 Mr. Wechsler, I'm sorry.

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

15 MR. ROGAN: Second.

16 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? As I
17 said before, we did receive some cautionary
18 note about a possible conflict with some
19 federal law. Attorney Minora did
20 investigate and said that was no substance
21 to it and that we should proceed with the
22 vote on this ordinance.

23 Roll call, please?

24 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

25 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

1 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

2 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

3 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

5 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

6 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare
7 Item 7-A legally and lawfully adopted.

8 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION
9 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES -FOR ADOPTION -
10 RESOLUTION NO. 44, 2014 - APPOINTMENT OF
11 ROSETTA WALSH, 2710 CEDAR AVENUE, SCRANTON,
12 PENNSYLVANIA 18505 AS CHAIRWOMAN OF THE
13 BOARD OF THE SCRANTON PARKING AUTHORITY.
14 MS. WALSH WILL BE REPLACING KATHLEEN STELLA
15 WHO WAS REMOVED FROM THE BOARD BY LETTER
16 DATED JANUARY 22, 2014. MS. WALSH WILL FILL
17 THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF KATHLEEN STELLA WHOSE
18 TERM IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE ON JUNE 1, 2015.

19 MR. MCGOFF: As Chair for the
20 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
21 passage of Item 7-B.

22 MR. ROGAN: Second.

23 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Roll
24 call, please?

25 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

1 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

2 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

3 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

7 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare
8 Item 7-B legally and lawfully adopted and
9 wish Mrs. Walsh all of the very best in this
10 new position.

11 MS. REED: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION
12 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES -FOR ADOPTION -
13 RESOLUTION NO. 45, 2014 - AUTHORIZING
14 THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY
15 OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A
16 CONTRACT WITH KNOWLES ASSOCIATES, L.L.C.,
17 FOR INSURANCE BROKERAGE SERVICES FOR A
18 PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS FROM APRIL
19 1, 2014 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017 AND WITH
20 BRIT-STATE NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY,
21 INDIAN HARBOR INSURANCE COMPANY/XL
22 INSURANCE, ALTERRA AMERICAN INSURANCE
23 COMPANY AND SAFETY NATIONAL INSURANCE
24 COMPANY FOR CITY INSURANCE COVERAGES FOR THE
25 PERIOD APRIL 1, 2014 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2015.

1 MR. MCGOFF: As Chair for the
2 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
3 passage of Item 7-C.

4 MR. ROGAN: Second.

5 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Roll
6 call, please?

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

8 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

10 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

14 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare
15 Item 7-C legally and lawfully adopted.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: I just have one more
17 comment about inviting CECO to the caucus,
18 maybe I didn't explain myself good enough.
19 I'm not questioning CECO's involvement with
20 the city and the projects, I understand
21 that, I know that. I'm just asking
22 questions -- the question of the
23 administration so I'm in favor of inviting
24 the administration, but I don't know if it
25 makes much sense to invite CECO because then

1 you might have to invite the lowest bidder,
2 also. I mean, I don't think that's makes
3 much sense.

4 MR. ROGAN: I don't think CECO
5 should be invited to lobby for them to be
6 awarded the contract, but as far as further
7 explanation on -- obviously none of us are
8 engineers, maybe for further explanation on
9 where certain projects stand, I know Mr.
10 Wechsler brought up the Rockwell Avenue
11 Bridge project which is one ---

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Right, and I have
13 already requested that information so --

14 MR. ROGAN: I just don't think it
15 would hurt to have them in addition.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: And I don't think want
17 to be beat a horse to death, I just don't
18 think it would make much sense to have -- I
19 mean, I could understand the mayor, the DPW
20 director, the city solicitor, whoever would
21 like to answer this question and explain but
22 to have CECO there, I'm not questioning
23 CECO. I'm not questioning their involvement
24 in projects or anything.

25 MR. MCGOFF: Well, if Mr. Rogan --

1 if Mr. Rogan -- and just as you -- or I am
2 requesting that members of the
3 administration come and answer, if Mr. Rogan
4 wants to ask representatives of CECO to be
5 here as well that's his prerogative.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: Well, then I think --

7 MR. ROGAN: Would be it agreeable to
8 have both parties, Peters and CECO? Would
9 that be --

10 MR. MCGOFF: We could certainly
11 extend the invitation to anyone.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Sure.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Okay? Thank you.

14 Anyone other business? Entertain a motion
15 to adjourn.

16 MR. ROGAN: Motion to adjourn.

17 MR. MCGOFF: Meeting adjourned.

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