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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

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LOCATION:

Council Chambers

Scranton City Hall

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Scranton, Pennsylvania

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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

KATHY CARRERA, 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. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

5 MR. WECHSLER: Here.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan. Mr.

7 Loscombe.

8 MR. LOSCOMBE: Here.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Here.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

12 MR. MCGOFF: Here.

13 Let the record show that Mr. Rogan  
14 did speak to me earlier and he will be  
15 unable to attend tonight's meeting.

16 Dispense with the reading of the  
17 minutes, please?

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

19 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
20 SCRANTON HOUSING AUTHORITY HELD MARCH 3,  
21 2014.

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

24 MS. REED: 3-B. TAX ASSESSOR'S  
25 REPORT HEARING DATE TO BE HELD APRIL 23,

1 2014.

2 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?

3 If not, received and filed.

4 Any Clerk's notes?

5 MS. REED: Nothing, Mr. McGoff. Do  
6 any council members have announcements at  
7 this time?

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, I have one. I  
9 mentioned this last week, just to mention it  
10 again, this Saturday the Scranton School  
11 District will be raising money in the fight  
12 against autism from 12 to 2 p.m. with April  
13 19, this Saturday, as I said, at the South  
14 Side Bowling Lanes. The event is called  
15 "Throwing Strikes Against Autism."

16 Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased  
17 at the door. Your ticket covers two games  
18 of bowling and shoe rentals. All proceeds  
19 will benefit autistic support classrooms  
20 throughout the school district. The  
21 Scranton police department will provide a  
22 car seat check throughout the event and the  
23 Scranton Fire Department will be at the  
24 event with their smokehouse and an engine  
25 for children to tour. That is all. Thank



1 people. And that is all.

2 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'  
3 PARTICIPATION.

4 MR. MCGOFF: Joan Hodowanitz.

5 MS. HODOWANITZ: Joan Hodowanitz,  
6 city resident.

7 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

8 MS. HODOWANITZ: I want to say first  
9 how much I appreciate Mr. Quinn hosting the  
10 debate last night for the 112 and 113  
11 legislative district. I found it very  
12 informative and I would like to see many  
13 more of those in the future. I think that's  
14 great for voter education.

15 My second item, it's ashame that  
16 Mr. Rogan is not here tonight, back on  
17 January 16 we discussed the North Scranton  
18 Junior High School project, the Goodwill  
19 project, and I asked Mr. Rogan when he  
20 thought we would know whether or not that  
21 project was going to be viable or it was  
22 going to be dead and needed to be shelved so  
23 we could cover our losses, and he set the  
24 date, April 16, the day after tax day. So  
25 give him a heads up, I will be back here

1 next Thursday asking him the same question  
2 because I'm concerned that that project is  
3 going to get out of mind, out of site and  
4 just continue and if there is problems with  
5 if we need to address them now, okay?

6 Next, Item 5-C, the PFM Financial  
7 Advisor's Services contract, I looked at the  
8 background paperwork in the office from both  
9 the city and from PFM. I would like to know  
10 is there a cap on the number of billable  
11 hours? Because without a cap on billable  
12 hours you have no idea how much we are go to  
13 be paying per year for this four-year  
14 contract? And even though they are  
15 deferring the fees for 2014 until next year,  
16 we don't want another situation like we had  
17 with Carl Greco where we could not take the  
18 bill when it finally came due, okay? I  
19 really think the city ought to look at it's  
20 got to be some kind of cap or we are in  
21 trouble, okay, and there is no reason to  
22 believe that we won't be under budget  
23 pressure next year, also. So please find  
24 out, if you can, what kind of the cap is  
25 going to be put on that.

1                   Also, just for your information,  
2                   there's a discrepancy in the hour -- bill  
3                   per hour or billable hours. In the city's  
4                   paperwork for the analyst it says \$275 per  
5                   hour per analyst and PFM it says \$225 per  
6                   hour per analyst and \$50 may not seem like  
7                   much depending on how much billable hours  
8                   you have, that should be resolved.

9                   And good luck fixing all of the  
10                  potholes. I think DPW is doing as good of a  
11                  job as they possibly can. We can't be  
12                  everywhere at the same time and I just hope  
13                  that the weather improves. Thank you.  
14                  That's all I have.

15                 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you.

16                 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. Mr. Quinn?

17                 MR. QUINN: Ozzie Quinn. Scranton.  
18                 Good evening.

19                 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

20                 MR. QUINN: First, I want to thank  
21                 Joan for the debate, but actually it was put  
22                 on my the Scranton/Lackawanna County  
23                 Taxpayers' Association, it wasn't myself,  
24                 and there were questions that were submitted  
25                 were all neutral questions submitted by the



1 members, one from Tom Ungvarsky, but 112 and  
2 113 covers the entire city, you know, so  
3 this raises a very important, because of the  
4 way the status of the city is in regards to  
5 the distressed city and whatnot and how  
6 things are going to move along in the House  
7 for the city of Scranton, you know? So  
8 that's why I think that anybody that didn't  
9 see the debate they should Google ECTV's  
10 schedule and watch the debate or the  
11 Scranton Times had a good article, Boris did  
12 a good job covering it last night, because  
13 anything you hear on hearsay or whatnot,  
14 radio, is just hearsay, okay? You get to  
15 watch it on ECTV because there are very  
16 important issues out there, so I want to  
17 thank everybody on that.

18 The Hill Neighborhood Association is  
19 going to meet next Wednesday, that's April  
20 23, at 7:00 p.m. at the Immaculate  
21 Conception Church Hall basement. We would  
22 appreciate it if someone from council,  
23 somebody would represent council. We  
24 changed it from Thursday to Wednesday so  
25 someone from city council would come, okay?

1                   Now, 5-D and 5-E have to do with the  
2                   Harrison Avenue bridge and that is on our  
3                   agenda. So, I mean, you can rest assured  
4                   that the decorum will be held to the upmost  
5                   respect for anybody that attends, okay? But  
6                   we would love to have someone there that is  
7                   representing the people of the Hill section  
8                   so I do want to thank you for that.

9                   That's about all I have to say and  
10                  thank you very much.

11                 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Quinn, I plan on  
12                 attending -- I plan on attending the meeting  
13                 on Wednesday.

14                 MR. QUINN: Thank you, Mr. Wechsler.

15                 MR. MCGOFF: Dave Dobrzyn.

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

18                 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

19                 MR. DOBRZYN: Taxes paid partially.  
20                 Okay, a few weeks ago I made some mentions  
21                 about the sewage plant and there is a person  
22                 in Scranton and he is the head of the  
23                 Lackawanna County River Corridor Association  
24                 and he is wealth of knowledge on the river  
25                 and sewage plant issue and if anybody wants

1 his name I could give you his name after the  
2 meeting, but I would recommend before any of  
3 these other issues come up that he be  
4 brought in and we could consult with him on  
5 what the implications are of a possible  
6 private public partnership or whatever and  
7 the one thing I would like to caution about  
8 is the last time it seems that when American  
9 Anglican plant we were liable for any goals  
10 they failed to meet so we were applying and  
11 the fines could have been exponentially  
12 higher if the federal government wanted to  
13 play hardball.

14 And another thing I'd like to see is  
15 the city school and the city maintenance tax  
16 separated. I seem to get -- I'll have to  
17 look over my form a little better, but it  
18 would be nice to know, maybe it's just that  
19 I looked at my mortgage statement, but who  
20 is charging what and how much.

21 Now, Act 47 I have a question for  
22 the state, when will they start compensating  
23 for required tax exempts? It's their  
24 constitution, it's the state constitution  
25 that requires us to accept these as tax

1 exempt, and then they are also requiring us  
2 to make up for the fact that they are tax  
3 exempt out of our pockets, which is in my  
4 opinion a double tax. It's just not  
5 acceptable that they could have a  
6 constitution that requires us to accept a  
7 tax exempt and with no recourse and then  
8 they want to come in and preach at the choir  
9 later when the financial problems hit the  
10 fan.

11 And I'd also like to remind people  
12 get out and vote. It's only a couple of  
13 minutes. In other states I see where they  
14 changed, I think it was Ohio, they switched  
15 the polling place and it takes an hour and a  
16 half to get their by bus and there is 41,000  
17 people in that district that have no  
18 automobile, personal automobile. So, I  
19 mean, just imagine if you had those  
20 conditions and some day you might if you  
21 don't get out and vote and please do it  
22 informed. Please listen to what people have  
23 to say, and there will be more debates  
24 between the two parties. We do need more  
25 debates and more informed voters at the

1 polls. I would have worked the polls and it  
2 can get pretty sad at the times.

3 And I'd like to also mention on  
4 working class people have lost 20 to 50  
5 percent of purchasing power. Union  
6 representation has gone from 30 to 6 percent  
7 and it might be a headache if you are a  
8 plant manager or involved with management,  
9 but therein again my wife has changed jobs a  
10 few times and I have seen where a lot of  
11 time just get wasted and inefficiencies that  
12 stay in there because the employees have no  
13 recourse to ask for a raise and it's really  
14 the wages have gone down and down and down  
15 on the working class every year. There is a  
16 certain percentage. Doctors and lawyers and  
17 professional people basically they have  
18 stayed the same. They haven't really  
19 progressed. There is only a small  
20 percentage in this country.

21 And I don't believe in the  
22 current -- I can't believe some of these  
23 political parties incoming equality. That's  
24 sounds like a Marxist term. You know,  
25 incoming sufficiency. It's incoming

1           sufficiency.  Somebody that goes to college  
2           for ten years shouldn't have to work for the  
3           same wages as somebody that walks out with  
4           their GED and two DUIs.

5                        Now, please call your congressmen  
6           once again and tell them to stop their trade  
7           packs.  That's what's killing America.  We  
8           have had 35 years of it, and both parties  
9           are turning around and trying to sell  
10          everybody an education and all of this stuff  
11          and there aren't any jobs for the educated  
12          people.  A lot of colleges are getting 40  
13          percent less applications for law school.  
14          So, you know, shame on them.  Thank you and  
15          have a good night.

16                      MR. MCGOFF:  Thank you, Mr. Dobrzyn.

17                      MR. GAUGHAN:  Thank you.

18                      MR. MCGOFF:  Is there anyone else  
19          who wishes to address council?

20                      MR. MORGAN:  Good evening, Council.

21                      MR. LOSCOMBE:  Good evening.

22                      MR. MORGAN:  I didn't attend the  
23          meeting, but I appreciate the fact that SAPA  
24          came up on the agenda here.  I have long  
25          held the opinion that SAPA is the beginning

1 of a rebirth of this city. I think it can  
2 be used as a catalyst for redevelopment and  
3 for state funds to be brought into the city  
4 to create economic and light industrial  
5 zones throughout the city.

6 I just think that every councilman,  
7 I hope they would really consider this plan  
8 because where the city sits right now we  
9 want to ask people outside of the city and  
10 we have previously to pay a commuter tax. I  
11 really think what Scranton needs is an  
12 opportunity to create small business and I  
13 think that can be really accomplished. I  
14 think Scranton can be become an employment  
15 hub in Lackawanna County. I think that we  
16 can raise revenue from these businesses. I  
17 think that Scranton being the only Class 2A  
18 city can get a lot of help from the  
19 legislatures in order to come up with, for  
20 lack of a better term, an enterprise zone as  
21 a role model for the Commonwealth since any  
22 legislation at that would come through  
23 Harrisburg would only have to deal with  
24 Scranton since we are the only Class 2A  
25 city.





1 long supported it.

2 Because, you know, Scranton has been  
3 in decline for a long time. We are a  
4 hardworking people and we want the city to  
5 returned to be a very vibrant community. We  
6 want our children to stay here. We want  
7 opportunity here. We have everything we  
8 need in this city to rebound. We have an  
9 awful lot of, you know, top shelf colleges  
10 here. We have a lot of people that are  
11 really determined to be successful and work  
12 hard and I think that we need to ask the  
13 legislature to come to the table and help us  
14 and I just think that if council and this  
15 mayor were to accept SAPA and to implement  
16 it, the cost to implement it was \$30,000. I  
17 don't think it's grown very much from that  
18 point and, you know, I can't think at this  
19 time what would be more vital to this city  
20 than implementation of SAPA considering  
21 that, you know, we have been through a long  
22 very hard recession and we are one of the  
23 last places where we are starting to try to  
24 work our way out of it and I just think that  
25 if we really take a look at this where is

1           there a job that nobody wants? Everybody  
2           wants to work, but if you look at a  
3           revitalized area here, Scranton/Dunmore and  
4           revitalized parks people will come from  
5           everywhere here to work and when they come  
6           here to work they will come here to spend.  
7           When they are done working maybe they will  
8           go to the Steamtown Mall and shop, okay, and  
9           it will really help us with our tax base  
10          because we will have industries here where  
11          we can collect revenue, it's really just the  
12          beginning of a long range plan to turn this  
13          city around and I just hope that if your  
14          opinions were at one time you are against  
15          it, maybe it's time to reconsider it  
16          considering where we stand and the tax  
17          increases the residents of this city have  
18          endured recently.

19                   And, you know, any way we go now is  
20                   going to be a hard shrug forward we are  
21                   going to have to really struggle, but that's  
22                   what we gave done. We have done that for  
23                   our history. People were laughing when  
24                   Scranton was first laid out and started to  
25                   grow. People in Carbondale and Wilkes-Barre

1           when they cut Lackawanna County out of  
2           Luzerne County they really didn't think  
3           Scranton was going to go anywhere and we  
4           were very successful because very  
5           hardworking people came here. Thank you for  
6           your time.

7                       MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.

8                       MR. MILLER: Good evening, Council.  
9           Doug Miller, Scranton. Just to begin real  
10          briefly, often times after I, you know,  
11          depart these meetings I take the time over  
12          the course of the week to sort of, you know,  
13          review the tape of these meetings and get a  
14          better understanding of what exactly takes  
15          place. I feel that's how you, you know,  
16          develop your knowledge of what's going on,  
17          and often time sitting back listening I  
18          find, and not all the time, but, you know,  
19          on more occasions than not it seems as if  
20          when I'm at the podium addressing council  
21          for whatever reason it seems that sometimes  
22          there is a flaw in the sound system, I don't  
23          know if there is a technical malfunction,  
24          but it seems as if, you know, when I leave  
25          the podium and, you know, other residents

1 address the council from this podium, you  
2 know, it's not that difficult to hear them  
3 and so I don't know perhaps there is, you  
4 know, a mechanical malfunction, something  
5 has to be looked at, but I just found that  
6 sort of puzzling I don't think any resident  
7 should be stifled in terms of free speech  
8 and I think the viewing audience has a right  
9 to hear the message that we might present to  
10 the council in any given week, so I just  
11 thought I would address that to council. I  
12 have noticed that on multiple occasions and  
13 never really acknowledged it publically, but  
14 I thought tonight would be a good  
15 opportunity to do that.

16 Moving on to some issues here, 7-B,  
17 I didn't have the opportunity to attend last  
18 week's meeting, but I know there was some  
19 discussion on the CECO contract and there  
20 was obviously some questioning by residents.  
21 And, you know, again, I just have to ask  
22 myself is this just yet again another  
23 political thing we are doing? I mean, I  
24 just don't see how we can justify approving  
25 a contract when the low bidder beat CECO by

1           \$40,000. You know, we have heard on many  
2 occasions by our council members in the past  
3 that, you know, they were elected to do the  
4 common sense thing, and I think tonight we  
5 have to ask ourselves is this the common  
6 sense thing to do? I don't see how we can  
7 look ourselves in the mirror and say this is  
8 a common sense thing to do. There is no  
9 justification for this.

10           My opinion, and the way I think the  
11 perception of a lot of people in the  
12 community, because it seems as if often  
13 times perception is reality people see that  
14 a campaign contribution was made by someone  
15 affiliated with CECO and I think the first  
16 thing that sparks -- the first thought that  
17 sparks people's minds is this just another  
18 political game, another political tactic  
19 that, you know, we are allowing a campaign  
20 contribution to influence policy? And if  
21 this is the case then that's a real serious  
22 problem, and I thought that we were moving  
23 in a different direction. I thought --

24           MR. MCGOFF: May I object one  
25 second, a point of clarification?

1 MR. MILLER: Sure.

2 MR. MCGOFF: The head of the lowest  
3 bidder, the person that is that firm, also  
4 made a like contribution to the mayor's  
5 campaign.

6 MR. MILLER: Okay. Well, moving  
7 away from the campaign contributions, just  
8 not even thinking of that, the bottom line  
9 is real simple, Mr. Peters was the lowest  
10 bidder by \$40,000 so just excluding the  
11 campaign contribution, using a little  
12 logical thinking and common sense as a  
13 legislator, does that make sense? And who  
14 determined that CECO was the best  
15 engineering firm to lead the city moving  
16 forward?

17 Again, I think this just yet again  
18 smells politics. It has a strong stench of  
19 politics. I mean, you know, to shake our  
20 head and not think I think there is a real  
21 serious problem there and I just think that  
22 the residents of this city really deserve  
23 better.

24 And, you know, I don't really often,  
25 you know, single out particular council

1 members, but I do have to say tonight, you  
2 know, Mr. Gaughan I really appreciate his  
3 careful observation and his insight on a lot  
4 of these issues because he seems to be the  
5 only one at this point in time, and I know  
6 it's a short time, but up to this point he  
7 is the only one that's asked any real  
8 questions. He is the only one that's asked  
9 some questions that have to do with where we  
10 are going here, you know, and it started  
11 with awhile back when he asked, you know,  
12 what is the plan? You know, what is the  
13 plan for this administration to address the  
14 mass exodus of the businesses that are  
15 fleeing this community? And we still  
16 haven't gotten an answer to that, but I  
17 respect him for asking that question because  
18 I have been asking that are question for a  
19 long time, well before this administration  
20 came into office and I respect him asking  
21 questions on this particular piece of  
22 legislation.

23 And I hope moving forward his  
24 colleagues will join him and start asking  
25 some real tough questions, okay? It's nice

1 to talk about that we all work together, and  
2 I really appreciate that, but I think we  
3 also have to acknowledge that you were  
4 elected to do that and so now it's time to  
5 roll will your sleeves up and actually come  
6 up with a vision. What is the plan? We  
7 don't need to hear rhetoric and silliness,  
8 we need to hear when a clearcut vision for  
9 this city and where we see ourselves moving  
10 forward.

11 And lastly, before I leave, I didn't  
12 get to touch on one of the other issues but  
13 I'll come back next week, the University of  
14 Scranton student that was hit on Mulberry  
15 Street a few days ago and I think it was  
16 just another unfortunate event, but just,  
17 for example, as I have talked about on  
18 several occasions the need for pedestrian  
19 skywalks to be constructed on Mulberry  
20 Street, Jefferson Avenue, and this is just  
21 another example as to why a traffic study  
22 should have taken place in regards to the  
23 Lehigh Hall project but evidently the  
24 previous administration and the council and  
25 a judge in Lackawanna County didn't believe



1           that that was necessary, but I think that  
2           this is an example of what could happen, now  
3           you are looking at thousands of students  
4           that are going to be going back and forth in  
5           this new facility, and we could be looking  
6           at some serious issues. Thank you and Happy  
7           Easter.

8                     MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

9                     MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening,  
10           Council. Marie Schumacher.

11                    MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

12                    MS. SCHUMACHER: I, too, would like  
13           to start off with 7-B tonight and thank  
14           Mr. Gaughan for bringing the change -- the  
15           variance between the lowest and the second  
16           lowest bidder into everybody's attention and  
17           to Mr. Lockwood for researching and  
18           reporting on the CECO vp's campaign  
19           contribution to Mr. Courtright.

20                    I have a number of comments. First,  
21           I'm confident that when Mr. Swanson was  
22           replaced by CECO there were also ongoing  
23           projects and that was a smooth transition.

24                    Two, it besmirchers the Peters, or  
25           the lowest bidders I should say, reputation.

1                   Next, adding a need, as was  
2                   specified in tonight's caucus, specifying  
3                   the need for a large firm at this point in  
4                   the game is either speaking to a deficient  
5                   RFP or a cover for the selection.

6                   Next, the best interest of the  
7                   taxpayers is to take the lowest bid. We are  
8                   already on the hook next year for one-third  
9                   of the business administrator's increase of  
10                  \$25,000 or perhaps a little bit more plus  
11                  the newly created position, now tonight Joan  
12                  has told us that the financial consultant  
13                  is-- the 2014 charges were being pushed into  
14                  2015.

15                  Next, I don't think there is any  
16                  basis for assuming the lower bidder can't be  
17                  just as responsible as CECO without  
18                  experience.

19                  And, finally, no matter how much it  
20                  will be denied that award will always be  
21                  looked at as a political decision.

22                  Now, moving onto to today's  
23                  newspaper, I'm sorry Mr. Rogan isn't here, I  
24                  have been after him for a long time on loan  
25                  status, on OECD loans. Today's paper had an

1 article about a Scranton cafe getting a new  
2 owner, and it's not really very clearly  
3 written, I'm sad to say, because it doesn't  
4 specify whether Electric City Roasting and  
5 Zumo's Cafe, which is a being sold, are from  
6 -- are owned by the same person, but back in  
7 2007 we give a \$150,000 loan to the Electric  
8 City Roasting Company, and for one would  
9 like to know whether they are current on  
10 that and how this change in ownership, if at  
11 all, affects that loan.

12 MR. MCGOFF: They are not changing  
13 ownership. The cafe is, not Electric City  
14 Roasting.

15 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay. I'd still  
16 like to know if that's current.

17 MR. MCGOFF: Okay.

18 MS. SCHUMACHER: But thank you.  
19 Then there was also in the legal notices  
20 today a request for grass cutting of the  
21 Taylor Landfill to be paid for by the City  
22 of Scranton. Now, I don't understand that.  
23 Perhaps -- I Goggled Taylor Landfill and  
24 every address I got for the Taylor Landfill  
25 was in Taylor and so I don't know with we

1           would be paying for their -- the mowing of  
2           the lawn there.

3                         And then I guess, Mr. Wechsler, it's  
4           your turn. Can you tell me how much was in  
5           the cash -- in for the real estate  
6           collections through March 31? Last week I  
7           spoke about a matter of the concern that we  
8           had only got off something like 6.7 percent  
9           from last year when the taxes had gone up so  
10          highly, and I'd like to know whether that  
11          was what we expected in our cash flow  
12          analysis?

13                         MR. WECHSLER: From speaking  
14          Mr. Bulzoni he is comfortable that we are on  
15          target. The percentage was the 6.7 but the  
16          total cash was over \$600,000, so in terms of  
17          money brought in that's the amount of money  
18          and, like I said, Mr. Bulzoni is comfortable  
19          that we are on target, but you have to  
20          remember this is the first report we have  
21          gotten this year and so we will have to keep  
22          track of these numbers as it goes along, but  
23          these are the first numbers.

24                         MS. SCHUMACHER: But typically, yes,  
25          I am desperately looking for that cash flow

1 analysis. I can't understand how we could  
2 be a quarter -- over a quarter of the year  
3 into the new end of fiscal year without a  
4 decent cash flow analysis and that's  
5 something that needs to be looked into, I  
6 believe.

7 There goes blight to next week again  
8 or the following week. Thank you very much  
9 and have a blessed Easter.

10 THE COURT: Thank you. Anyone else  
11 who wishes to address council?

12 MS. REED: FIFTH ORDER. 5-A.  
13 MOTIONS.

14 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Wechsler?

15 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you,  
16 Mr. McGoff. Monday I attended a meeting at  
17 Keyser Valley Neighborhood Association and  
18 while I was there I became aware of a  
19 situation at Keyser Valley Community Center.  
20 The parking out there is being used for  
21 construction vehicles and construction  
22 materials for the ongoing project on Keyser  
23 Avenue and the residents understand that  
24 they are on that busy street and they are  
25 being quite cooperative with all of the

1 agencies involved there. What they would  
2 like though is after the project is  
3 completed they would like to get some  
4 drainage problems corrected on their lot and  
5 we think that the contractors that are there  
6 should do this for a reasonable or perhaps a  
7 gratis type of project.

8 They are also interested in there is  
9 some city-owned land next to the community  
10 center that they would also like to acquire  
11 to help them with there's drainage problem  
12 and the parking situation there, so I will  
13 be contacting the mayor and Dennis Gallagher  
14 and Dante from PennDOT to make sure that  
15 this can take place.

16 A couple of things I came up  
17 tonight, in terms of the Goodwill situation  
18 we are monitoring that every week -- every  
19 month, I'm sorry. We sat here at the  
20 meeting just like you did and we are  
21 concerned as well and the answers that we  
22 get sometimes aren't satisfactory, but we  
23 are monitoring it. I don't want to speak  
24 for Mr. Rogan what he is doing on a basis,  
25 but I know myself I'm in contact with Ms.

1 Reed who contacts Mr. Langan and we do keep  
2 up-to-date on that.

3 In terms of the cash flow statements  
4 that we received, these are provided to us  
5 by the Tax Collector's Office, not that it's  
6 a problem, but this statement also does not  
7 include the revenue taken in by the Tax  
8 Collector Berkheimer so we kind have to get  
9 a combination of both so we have some true  
10 numbers to deal with and we are collecting  
11 those.

12 And I also would like to thank all  
13 of the neighborhood associations, business  
14 groups and other people who have had these  
15 Easter egg hunts in the city. I know from  
16 myself I became active in the neighborhood  
17 association as a young person. They used  
18 today have a fish derby at Mountain Lake and  
19 that's where I was exposed to neighborhood  
20 service and I think these egg hunts and  
21 Halloween parties and things that these  
22 groups have help contribute to the sense of  
23 community for our young children.

24 And I just also would like to add to  
25 everyone to have a blessed Passover and a

1 Happy Easter. Thank you, Mr. McGoff.

2 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Loscombe?

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes, just a couple of  
4 things briefly. I'm not sure if this  
5 addresses Mrs. Schumacher's question on the  
6 City of Scranton taking care of the grass in  
7 Taylor, from my memory and my recollection  
8 Scranton owned the city dump off state road  
9 which was actually in Taylor many years ago.  
10 I believe there may have been an agreement  
11 at that time to maintain that property after  
12 it was closed and stuff, I'll find out for  
13 sure, but that's my recollection that the  
14 city still has to maintain that area where  
15 the old landfill was. I don't know if you  
16 remember, but that's where it was actually  
17 in Taylor. It was a city landfill at that  
18 time.

19 Secondly, I apologize for missing  
20 last week's meeting, I'm going to comment a  
21 little bit on 7-B. I will be abstaining  
22 from tonight's vote on 7-B. First of all, I  
23 believe Mr. Gaughan brought some pretty good  
24 questions up. We do have a bidding process.  
25 We have to question anything that sways from



1           that. I'd like to preface it by saying I  
2           know both of these engineers personally, Mr.  
3           Peters and John Pocius, I grew up with John  
4           Pocius. I consider him a good friend of  
5           mine, his family, we went to church and  
6           school together, done work together. My  
7           abstention is in no way a reflection of any  
8           of their capacities or anything, but the  
9           reason I have to abstain is because of my  
10          ongoing litigation regarding the pension  
11          process may be implicated in a situation  
12          because of Mr. Pocius' former positions as  
13          city councilman and being having the ability  
14          to collect a pension and get paid from the  
15          city is basically something that I'm going  
16          through with this litigation so I just don't  
17          want to on the advice of my attorney it's  
18          best not to get involved in this situation  
19          and muddy the waters either way.

20                 But we do have to ask some good hard  
21                 questions you know, again, we are in a tight  
22                 situation, we are looking for every penny we  
23                 can so, you know, I hope the administration  
24                 is looking at the whole ball of whacks. We  
25                 did receive an explanation this evening, but

1 I still have some questions on it, but at  
2 this point, you know, my vote will be  
3 irrelevant, but I do hope that, you know, if  
4 Mr. Pocius is chosen maybe he could work  
5 something out with his quote and offer the  
6 city more at this point because I believe,  
7 you know, everyone that bid on this project  
8 knows what our city is going through and it  
9 is at this point, a lot of it is about  
10 nickles and dimes and that's how we are  
11 going to get to, you know, get to our  
12 solvency.

13 But basically that's all I have to  
14 say on that I just wanted to explain why I  
15 will be abstaining, it has nothing to do  
16 personally, but, you know, again, it's a  
17 litigation situation. And I believe that's  
18 it. Thank you.

19 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Gaughan?

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. Thank you. I  
21 attend the Weston Field Bullshead  
22 Neighborhood group last evening. It was  
23 great to hear from the neighbors in this  
24 area. They definitely take pride in their  
25 neighborhood and they do a great job as do

1 all of the neighborhood leaders and groups  
2 throughout the city. There were a few  
3 concerns that I intend to pass along to the  
4 appropriate departments heads this week and  
5 into early the next week.

6 Mr. McGoff mentioned at the  
7 beginning of the meeting about city employee  
8 Ray Kakereka of the DPW, I just wanted to  
9 say that my thoughts and prayers go out to  
10 the family and I would like to thank him for  
11 his unwavering support and 46 years of  
12 dedication to the city and that's quite an  
13 amazing amount of the time to give up to  
14 your community.

15 And I'd like to wish everyone a  
16 happy and safe Easter and I'll reserve the  
17 rest of my comments for Item 7-B. Thank  
18 you.

19 MR. MCGOFF: And I will reserve any  
20 comments for legislation.

21 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
22 AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL  
23 NO. 14, 2013 "AS AMENDED" ENTITLED AN  
24 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER  
25 APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF

1 SCRANTON TO EXECUTE A DEED CONVEYING  
2 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE COLUMN PARCELS CONTAINING  
3 NINE (9) SQUARE FEET EACH LOCATED IN THE  
4 PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY ON THE 300 BLOCK OF  
5 COLFAX AVENUE AND CONVEYING AN AERIAL DEED  
6 FOR THE AIR SPACE LOCATED ON THE 300 BLOCK  
7 OF COLFAX AVENUE WHERE THE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE  
8 IS ERECTED SUBJECT TO A REVERTER CLAUSE AND  
9 TO EXECUTE AN AIR RIGHTS AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
10 GEISINGER COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER AND THE  
11 CITY OF SCRANTON BE FURTHER AMENDED TO  
12 REFLECT THE NEW CONSTRUCTION DATES FOR  
13 THE 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. LOSCOMBE: So moved.

18 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

19 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: Just on the question,  
21 again, I will have to abstain on this vote  
22 as an employee of Geisinger so that will be  
23 why I'm abstaining.

24 All those in favor of introduction  
25 signify by saying aye.

1 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

2 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

6 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
7 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
8 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE  
9 AND ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
10 CONTRACT WITH THE PFM GROUP TO PROVIDE  
11 FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF  
12 SCRANTON FOR THE PERIOD OF FOUR (4) YEARS  
13 FROM MARCH 9, 2014 THROUGH MARCH 8, 2018.

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

17 MR. LOSCOMBE: 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. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

25 MS. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The

1 ayes have it and so moved.

2 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
3 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
4 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE  
5 AND ENTER INTO A SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE  
6 AGREEMENT NO. E00740 WITH THE COMMONWEALTH  
7 OF PENNSYLVANIA, DEPARTMENT OF  
8 TRANSPORTATION ("PENNDOT") FOR THE  
9 CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SIDEWALKS, ON THE  
10 HARRISON AVENUE BRIDGE AND ADJACENT DUFFY  
11 PARK, THE MAINTENANCE FOR THE PROPOSED NEW  
12 SIDEWALKS THEREAFTER TO BE THE  
13 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON.

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

17 MR. LOSCOMBE: So moved.

18 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

19 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? I do  
20 have we are putting down -- we are going to  
21 create new sidewalks at Harrison Avenue and  
22 Duffy Park and supposedly in the near future  
23 they are going to begin construction on a  
24 new bridge and take down the old one. I  
25 guess for the time being it's a good idea to

1 put in new sidewalks, but it does seem like  
2 it would be -- I don't know if it's a cost  
3 efficient thing to do since we are going to  
4 destroy it once the new bridge is completed,  
5 but I'll find out what the intent is with  
6 these sidewalks.

7 MR. LOSCOMBE: Mr. McGoff, I'm  
8 sorry, I thought it was part of the new  
9 project. I didn't get a chance to --

10 MR. MCGOFF: No, I think it said  
11 for, at least I believe it's for the present  
12 not the new bridge.

13 MR. LOSCOMBE: Okay.

14 All those in favor of introduction  
15 signify by saying aye.

16 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

17 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

21 MS. REED: 5-E. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
22 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
23 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE  
24 AND ENTER INTO A ROADWAY LIGHTING AGREEMENT  
25 NO. E00740 WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF

1 PENNSYLVANIA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
2 ("PENNDOT") FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN  
3 ELECTRIC ROADWAY LIGHTING SYSTEM FOR STATE  
4 ROUTE 6011, ON THE HARRISON AVENUE BRIDGE  
5 AND ADJACENT DUFFY PARK, THE MAINTENANCE OF  
6 SUCH LIGHTING THEREAFTER TO BE THE  
7 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, AND  
8 AUTHORIZING SAID CITY OFFICIALS TO APPLY FOR  
9 AND ACCEPT A HIGHWAY OCCUPANCY PERMIT  
10 NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT.

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

14 MR. LOSCOMBE: So moved.

15 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

16 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? All  
17 those in favor of introduction signify by  
18 saying aye.

19 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

24 MS. REED: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A.

25 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 14,



1           2014 - AN ORDINANCE - TRANSFERRING BOTH  
2           TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT EASEMENTS OVER THREE  
3           (3) PARCELS OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF  
4           SCRANTON LOCATED AT 2004-2006 SANDERSON  
5           AVENUE; 2008-SANDERSON AVENUE; AND 2011 ½  
6           REAR BOULEVARD AVENUE IN CONNECTION WITH  
7           THE SCRANTON SEWER AUTHORITY'S SANDERSON  
8           AVENUE STORM WATER SEPARATION PROJECT.

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

11          MR. LOSCOMBE: I move that Item 6-A  
12          pass reading by title.

13          MR. WECHSLER: Second.

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

16          MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

17          MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

18          MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

19          MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The  
20          eyes have it and so moved.

21          MS. REED: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR  
22          CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
23          -FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 13, 2014  
24          - ABOLISHING AND CLOSING OECD ACCOUNTS WITH  
25          COMMUNITY BANK, NA AND FIRST NATIONAL BANK

1 TRANSFERRING THE FUNDS FROM THOSE ACCOUNTS  
2 TO PNC BANK ACCOUNT LISTED BELOW.

3 MR. MCGOFF: What is the  
4 recommendation of the Chair for the  
5 Committee on Finance?

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

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: Second.

10 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Roll  
11 call, please?

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

15 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

18 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

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

21 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION  
22 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES -FOR ADOPTION -  
23 RESOLUTION NO. 46, 2014 - AUTHORIZING  
24 THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY  
25 OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A

1           PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CECO  
2           ASSOCIATES, INC. TO SERVE AS CITY ENGINEER  
3           FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON FOR THE PERIOD OF  
4           TWO (2) YEARS FROM APRIL 15, 2014 THROUGH  
5           MARCH 31, 2016.

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

9                   MR. WECHSLER: Second.

10                  MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

11                  MR. WECHSLER: Mr. McGoff, I just  
12           have a comment. My comment tends to more to  
13           deal with the process than this actual vote  
14           here. I have been in government contracting  
15           for 30 years. I have worked on a lot of  
16           bids as the low bidder I'm the winner, I  
17           have worked on a lot of bids where I have to  
18           prepare technical proposals and plans to  
19           demonstrate that my company was the best  
20           contractor even though I did not have the  
21           lowest price.

22                   I think perhaps if we clean up our  
23           procedure a little bit more, itemize some of  
24           the things that we are looking for perhaps  
25           we can avoid situations like this in the

1 future. After the caucus was held this  
2 evening, my opinion from last week has not  
3 changed. I believe that the city,  
4 Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Shrive looked at this  
5 properly and, like I said, I think that  
6 perhaps lowest does not always mean the  
7 best. Thank you.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.  
9 I want to thank our DPW director Dave  
10 Gallagher, and the city solicitor Jason  
11 Shrive for attending our caucus this  
12 evening. I appreciate their cooperation and  
13 the good work that they are doing for the  
14 city. I am voting "no" tonight on this  
15 legislation. As I stressed last week, my  
16 vote does not indicate any disapproval of  
17 CECO Associates. Their great work on behalf  
18 of the city as engineers speaks for itself.

19 They are professionals and always do  
20 an absolutely outstanding job. As I made  
21 very clear last week, my concern is that we  
22 are choosing to spend nearly \$40,000 more  
23 for a service when we have a lower bidder  
24 for the work. We do not have the extra  
25 money to spend in the financial situation

1 that we are in and that concerns me greatly.

2 I asked if there was a specific  
3 reason why the lowest bidder was not chosen,  
4 and I have received a response that is not  
5 sufficient to me. The argument from the  
6 administration is that CECO Associates is  
7 involved in many ongoing projects throughout  
8 the city and to change engineers in the  
9 middle of these projects would be  
10 detrimental to the city. I understand this  
11 argument but it is not sufficient enough for  
12 me to vote "yes" on this legislation.

13 It was also mentioned in the caucus  
14 that the size of the firm, and the firm that  
15 bid on the project factored into their  
16 decision, meaning the larger firm and the  
17 more resources and that would make CECO a  
18 better pick. However, this was never  
19 mentioned in the RFP, so that also concerns  
20 me.

21 Furthermore, we have had four city  
22 engineers over the past 13 years so this is  
23 a standard government practice. I am  
24 accountable to the citizens of Scranton and  
25 how we spend their money. The dollar amount

1           between bidders was significant enough in  
2           this situation to warrant my full attention.  
3           I cannot vote to spend nearly \$40,000 more  
4           for a service when we have a lower bidder to  
5           do the work. Thank you.

6                   MR. MCGOFF: The legislation that  
7           provides for professional services of this  
8           nature does not differentiate between  
9           requests for qualifications and requests for  
10          services. Solicitor Shrive explained that  
11          part of the RFP was actually a request for  
12          qualifications and that it was felt that  
13          because of the scope and breadth of the work  
14          that is a needed to be done by the city  
15          engineer that the qualifications of a firm,  
16          a larger firm, was necessary to do the work  
17          as opposed to a single person operating as  
18          an engineer.

19                   And also in the legislation it  
20          provides for -- it does not say that you  
21          have to accept the lowest bid. Professional  
22          services can be the lowest responsible  
23          bidder, and the key word is responsible, and  
24          was felt by the administration and by myself  
25          that given the situation that the bid by

1 CECO was the most responsible bid and for  
2 that reason I am going to vote "yes" on this  
3 legislation.

4 MR. LOSCOMBE: Just for the record,  
5 as I explained under motions, I will be  
6 abstaining.

7 Roll call, please?

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

9 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

11 MR. LOSCOMBE: Abstain.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: No.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

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

17 MS. REED: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION  
18 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES -FOR ADOPTION -  
19 RESOLUTION NO. 47, 2014 - DESIGNATING  
20 THE CITY OF SCRANTON'S STAFF ACCOUNTANT,  
21 NANCY KRAKE AS SCRANTON'S OPEN RECORD  
22 OFFICER, TO RECEIVE REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC  
23 RECORDS, TO DIRECT REQUESTS TO APPROPRIATE  
24 PERSONNEL, TO TRACK SCRANTON'S PROGRESS  
25 IN RESPONDING TO REQUESTS, AND TO ISSUE

1 INTERIM AND FINAL RESPONSES UNDER  
2 PENNSYLVANIA'S RIGHT-TO-KNOW LAW.

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

6 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

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

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

10 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

12 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare  
17 Item 7-C legally and lawfully adopted and I  
18 would like to also mention that I believe  
19 Mrs. Krake will do an excellent job in this  
20 position as open records officer.

21 MS. REED: 7-D. FOR CONSIDERATION BY  
22 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES -FOR ADOPTION -  
23 RESOLUTION NO. 48, 2014 - DESIGNATING  
24 THE CITY OF SCRANTON'S BUSINESS  
25 ADMINISTRATOR, DAVID M. BULZONI TO ACT AS



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

7 MR. MCGOFF: As Chair for the  
8 Committee on Rules, I recommend final  
9 passage of Item 7-D.

10 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

11 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Roll  
12 call, please?

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

14 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

16 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

17 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

19 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

20 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare  
21 Item 7-D legally and lawfully adopted.

22 MS. REED: 7-E. FOR CONSIDERATION BY  
23 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES -FOR ADOPTION -  
24 RESOLUTION NO. 49, 2014 - AUTHORIZING  
25 THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY

1 OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A  
2 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN LOCAL LODGE  
3 2462 AND THE CITY OF SCRANTON AND THE SCHOOL  
4 DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON REGARDING  
5 THE SINGLE TAX OFFICE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING  
6 AGREEMENT.

7 MR. MCGOFF: As Chair for the  
8 Committee on Rules, I recommend final  
9 passage of Item 7-E.

10 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

11 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Roll  
12 call, please?

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

14 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

16 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

17 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

19 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

20 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare  
21 Item 7-E legally and lawfully adopted.

22 Any other business? I will  
23 entertain a motion to adjourn.

24 MR. LOSCOMBE: Motion to adjourn.

25 MR. MCGOFF: Meeting adjourned.

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

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