

SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

ROBERT MCGOFF, PRESIDENT

PATRICK ROGAN, VICE-PRESIDENT

WAYNE EVANS

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. Evans.

9 MR. EVANS: Here.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Here.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Here.

14 Dispense with the reading of the
15 minutes.

16 MS. REED: THIRD ORDER. 3-A. AGENDA
17 FOR THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
18 HELD OCTOBER 22, 2014.

19 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?
20 If not, received and filed.

21 MS. REED: 3-B. CONTROLLER'S REPORT
22 FOR THE MONTH ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014.

23 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?
24 If not, received and filed. Any Clerk's
25 notes?

1 MS. REED: No, Mr. McGoff.

2 MR. MCGOFF. Any announcements from
3 council?

4 MR. WECHSLER: Yes, Mr. McGoff I
5 have one. On Sunday, November 2, the
6 Deutsch Institute will be having a champagne
7 celebrity brunch at the St. Mary's Center on
8 Mifflin Avenue. This year the celebration
9 will be called "Happy Birthday, Charlie
10 Brown." Tickets are \$25 in advance and
11 there will be continuous serving from 9 a.m.
12 to 1 p.m. Thank you.

13 MR. ROGAN: I have two as well. The
14 first one, for a few years now state
15 representative Marty Flynn has been
16 conducting a coat drive for the needy in his
17 office and this year Charlie Newcomb and
18 Carrie Newcomb got involved with
19 Representative Flynn to also incorporate a
20 school uniform drive for underprivileged
21 children within the school district. They
22 asked myself and school director Paul Duffy
23 to help in any way we can as well. So I
24 wanted to announce that coats, blankets,
25 uniforms for the needy can be dropped off at

1 two locations, they can be dropped off at
2 State Representative Marty Flynn's Office on
3 North Main Avenue in West Side or they could
4 also be dropped off at Kost Tire in West
5 Side, and if there is anyone out there that
6 knows of somebody that is in need of a
7 jacket or of a school uniform please contact
8 any one of us so we can get these items to
9 those who are in need.

10 Secondly, a bit of very good news,
11 next Thursday at 10 a.m. there will be a
12 ground breaking ceremony at the North
13 Scranton Junior High School. This project
14 will finally get underway. Thank you.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: And I have a few.
16 Please remember in your prayers the family
17 of Robert Pugliesi who passed away this
18 week. Mr. Pugliesi was a former Scranton
19 police officer. Also, please remember in
20 your prayers the families of former DPW
21 workers Allen Wheeler and Richard Kashuba.

22 I received a call from DPW Director
23 Gallagher. He has a good amount of grass
24 seed that was given to them that's left
25 over. If any organization, such as soccer,

1 baseball, football leagues throughout the
2 city would need grass seed or could use it
3 for their fields please call Tom Lynch at
4 570-348-4165 to make arrangements. Thank
5 you.

6 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else? Just a
7 reminder that next week's meeting will be on
8 Wednesday evening here at the Theatre at
9 Lackawanna College at the same time, caucus
10 will be at 6:00 and the meeting will begin
11 at 6:30.

12 Also, on tonight's agenda the OECD
13 2015 action plan will be taken from the
14 table and put into Seventh Order as Item
15 7-G. Citizens will have an opportunity in
16 Seventh Order to comment if they wish, and
17 that's it.

18 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'
19 PARTICIPATION.

20 MR. MCGOFF: Joan Hodowanitz.

21 MS. HODOWANITZ: Joan Hodowanitz,
22 Scranton. I'm not going to comment on Item
23 7-C I think Marie will probably speak
24 eloquently to that so you don't need to hear
25 it twice, but I was very interested this

1 afternoon to hear that West Hazelton has
2 come out of distressed status under Act 47.
3 Now, Hazelton is nowhere near the size of
4 Scranton. It's finances are no where near
5 as complicated, but, you know, that was a
6 breath of fresh air to hear that somebody
7 got out of distressed status, especially
8 when you consider that in just under 18
9 months Scranton is going to celebrate its
10 150th anniversary on April 16, 2016, and I
11 really hope that we are not in distressed
12 status when that day comes around, it would
13 be so nice.

14 I've also been listening to the news
15 to see if Governor Corbett has signed the
16 changes to Act 47, apparently hasn't done so
17 yet, I don't know how long he has before he
18 has to make that decision. Assuming he does
19 sign Act 47 changes, which is what most
20 newspapers and news organizations feel he
21 will do, then we are going to have a clock
22 that's going to start ticking and basically
23 five years could be extended up to eight
24 years. If that happens, then one way or the
25 other, we are coming out of distressed

1 status. Hopefully it won't be on a
2 stretcher being carried over to a receiver
3 or to bankruptcy Court. Hopefully, it will
4 be in good condition somewhat as West
5 Hazelton's manage to exit and we need to do
6 that.

7 The other issue that still concerns
8 me is the upcoming 2015 budget which is due
9 now in three weeks. That's due to you as a
10 council on November 15, is it actually going
11 to come to you on the 13th or will it come
12 to you the following week because the 15th I
13 believe falls on a weekend. How will that
14 go?

15 MR. MCGOFF: I'm not sure and I
16 talked to the mayor about that, and he was
17 hopeful that it would be prior to the 15th,
18 the Friday prior to the 15th.

19 MS. HODOWANITZ: Hopefully that's
20 good and I would assume --

21 MR. MCGOFF: If not it would be that
22 following Monday.

23 MS. HODOWANITZ: And as soon as it's
24 presented to council it will be made
25 available to public on the city's website?

1 MR. MCGOFF: I believe that that's
2 been the practice in the past.

3 MS. HODOWANITZ: Yeah, I would --
4 you know, many people are waiting for that
5 with bated breath. I'm waiting for it with
6 bated breath, especially since, you know,
7 the city is doing it without benefit of the
8 2013 audit. I don't think a lot of the
9 people understand how important the audit
10 is, okay? It is a touch stone to make sure
11 that you get realistic numbers in your 2015
12 budget, but, you know, if it's going to be
13 late it's going to be late and God willing
14 and the creek don't rise next Thursday at 10
15 a.m. I will be on the top of Greenridge
16 Street watching that groundbreaking ceremony
17 and saying hallelujah.

18 MR. ROGAN: I'll see you there.

19 MS. HODOWANITZ: I'll be there.

20 Thank you.

21 MR. MCGOFF: Ron Ellman.

22 MR. ELLMAN: Hello, my ex-friends I
23 guess. I wasn't even going to come tonight
24 to alienate anybody any further, but I like
25 to watch the Lone Ranger from seven to eight

1 at night, but it will on the 12:30. You
2 know, whether I show it or not I think I'm
3 somewhat intelligent like the average
4 person. I went to Memphis State University
5 and the University of Tennessee Medical
6 School in Memphis for x-ray, and when I
7 finally fulfilled my questions of owning
8 property I made the mistake of Scranton it
9 looks like. It just -- as much as I like
10 the people in the city it's just going -- my
11 neighborhood is just gone. It's just gone.
12 You can't imagine what goes on around there.
13 Yeah, I don't know what the solution is to
14 it. I fought and fought and fought with a
15 guy in New York City that is, as I
16 mentioned, he has a 127 pieces of property,
17 he lives in New York. He doesn't care one
18 iota who is going to rent the house across
19 from me. I even made him an offer to buy
20 it, but he wants, you know, more, but owning
21 that property makes me somewhat your boss
22 and others. Don't like that, do you?

23 Well, when I tried to week to find
24 out the tax on Mr. -- from the Licensing
25 Bureau I just was wondering how much of a

1 building permit they paid for the new
2 college. I got the runaround and Mr. Hinton
3 refused to return my phone calls. You know,
4 he should have the common courtesy to answer
5 a simple phone call. I never went through
6 this with Mr. Seitzinger and he always told
7 me that either in person or answered my
8 phone call. That's common knowledge and for
9 some reason they won't tell me. I have my
10 own ideas why.

11 And I must have talked to 12, 15
12 people at the grocery store like I always
13 do, and people are just so totally
14 disappointed that you gave that money to the
15 banks last week. As much as this city -- as
16 much pressure there is on a quarter of this
17 population to pay taxes and all we hear is
18 it going up and up and up. You have made a
19 hero out of Mr. Amoroso's report and you
20 don't listen to what the people out here
21 tell you, the people that put you in those
22 seats. It just goes in one ear and out the
23 other I think.

24 The only reason you state that you
25 want to have good relations with the banks

1 so we can borrow more. This borrowing is
2 what we are in trouble for all the time.
3 There is no way of getting out of it.
4 Nobody is going to do nothing about
5 getting -- doing something about the phony
6 nonprofits. Every single day of the week we
7 are losing between fires and just
8 abandonment in tax we are losing our
9 property. It's just gone. You know, I
10 don't know pretty soon I don't know what the
11 Universities are going to do for police and
12 fire protection and streetlights because we
13 can't afford it no more. You know, you
14 people just don't -- you seem to be avoiding
15 the issue of your children and your
16 children's children that people talk to me
17 about briefly. They are not going to be
18 able to afford to live here. It's sad.
19 It's sad to me.

20 You know, I try to be a good citizen
21 to try and make up for a lot of my past
22 mistakes. You know, like I have said so
23 many times I got cars going by my house 60,
24 80 miles an hour, and this isn't the police
25 -- it's not their fault because I see police

1 cars, when they go by the cars speed up. I
2 have no curbs, my yard flooded today, I had
3 to get a shovel and clean up all the stones
4 and dirt off the sidewalk. My sidewalks are
5 100 years old and I put pavement on it when
6 I bought the house. I don't have no curbs.
7 I'm not getting nothing for my dime with the
8 people of this city.

9 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Ellman.

10 MR. ELLMAN: I thank you for letting
11 me come up here. Did I give you a headache
12 tonight?

13 MR. MCGOFF: Not tonight.

14 MR. ELLMAN: Good. I changed my
15 cologne. I got some good stuff instead of
16 the Dollar Store. Thank you.

17 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. Anyone else
18 who wishes to address council?

19 MR. DOBRZYN: Better watch out I
20 think that guy just bought a Samurai sword,
21 Mr. McGoff, you might be using it on that
22 doll. Okay, I'd like to once again bring up
23 the DPW, and as we speak it's raining and
24 last night I walked by a trash can with
25 three trash cans full of cardboard. Now, in

1 the morning we will be paying for the rain
2 water that soaks into that cardboard out at
3 the trash, so I'm so tired of bringing up
4 recycling, it's time we develop a plan and
5 maybe I'll put something in writing and have
6 some suggestions next week because I'm tired
7 of talking about it, it's been two years.
8 Ever since the DPW had to work for minimum
9 wage I have been bringing this up.

10 Now, on that truck deal, I know it's
11 past, but what happens after the lease is
12 up? We have to get another lease because we
13 won't have any trucks if the company recalls
14 them and if you want to purchase them at
15 that point you can purchase them. Usually
16 it's at a ridiculously high price from my
17 experience in the automotive industry, and,
18 you know, one of my first jobs in a truck
19 garage was putting together refurbishing
20 trucks and it was mostly my boss, my bosses
21 did that at a small shop. We took
22 20-year-old MAC trucks, put new
23 transmissions in them, tore cylinder heads
24 off and fixed the pistons or whatever was
25 wrong with them, and people were tickled to

1 death with what they got for their money and
2 it's really ashamed that we can't continue to
3 do this because buying new is way more
4 expensive than fixing in most cases unless
5 perhaps you can't get somebody to fix them
6 anyway.

7 And on that Landmark loan deal I did
8 mention last week that it's probably more
9 trouble than it's worth not to repay it,
10 however, it's time to revise the authorities
11 and the authority of the authorities they
12 should not be allowed to go behind council
13 and do whatever they want and then hand you
14 the bill. I mean, nobody has been hearing
15 from our previous mayor, rumor has it that
16 he doesn't live here anymore and, I mean,
17 maybe it's because he is disappointed in the
18 way things worked out for him, maybe he
19 don't want to hear it, Ron Ellman grabbing
20 him at the supermarket and, you know,
21 hopefully some day you will be able to walk
22 out of this office and keep your head up
23 high and, you know, enough sensible people
24 will have or will say, "Well, geez, you did
25 a fairly good job."

1 But it's up to you, you have what
2 three more years? A little more than three
3 years, so it's your game from there but it
4 is really time to put a stop to authorities
5 acting like they are the elected body or
6 elected dictators of Scranton. The Parking
7 Authority had nothing to say, they would not
8 provide information, they would not -- it
9 looked like the Kefauvre Commission there.
10 It's like, "I pay my taxes," you know, Joe
11 Costello back there around 1952.

12 And I really think it's time that we
13 start looking in the bag fee collections
14 especially for people that can damn well
15 afford them. There are some pretty
16 significant names on there. I know one of
17 them both parties work for the government so
18 you know that income is in excess of 100
19 grand a year. They owe \$15,000, they have
20 six properties and it's just ashame that we
21 are not getting after that because your only
22 recourse from there is to borrow some more
23 or raise taxes and fees on the otherwise
24 paying customers, so it's not acceptable.

25 And the final message, I'll just

1 take a second, don't trust Harrisburg any
2 more, please. The PILOTS, Mr. Amoroso, once
3 again, it just goes on and on and on and we
4 are getting all of the positive things that
5 would help the people from the town knocked
6 out by the courts, and then the new laws I'm
7 seeing are, oh, we have to go for Court
8 approval. Well, two-thirds of the county
9 lives outside of Scranton so it's a no-win
10 situation for us. Thank you and have a good
11 night.

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

13 MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening,
14 Council, Marie Schumacher. Tonight you all
15 have an opportunity to take the easy wrong
16 over the hard right. Paying back somebody
17 else's debt, especially when we are in the
18 shape we are in the city is a terrible
19 precedent to set.

20 Last week, I read to you the opinion
21 of a well-respected solicitor on whether or
22 not we owe this loan. Tonight I'll read you
23 a second, which is excerpt from the 2012
24 audit, and it's talking about the Scranton
25 Parking Authority and it says, "The

1 management agreement," and this is with the
2 receiver, "Cover single year periods
3 beginning September 11, 2012. The
4 agreements are automatically renewed unless
5 cancelled 60 days prior to the term. The
6 newly appointed manager provides budgets,
7 consulting advice, records, collections and
8 disbursements, operation of parking
9 facilities, and record retention. Services
10 not included in the management agreement
11 that are still the responsibility of the
12 receiver are structural repairs and
13 maintenance to parking facilities and all of
14 other capital expenditures, payment of real
15 estate taxes of the receivership estate
16 property, and debt service payments."

17 So this is Mr. Washo's problem, it
18 is not city council's. It may make it
19 easier for the city, but again, taking the
20 easy way instead of the proper and more
21 difficult way is the proper way to go in my
22 estimation. What bothers me is you all were
23 elected to represent the taxpayers, but in
24 this instance you are picking winners and
25 losers and you are picking the winner as

1 Landmark Bank. They will get 100 percent of
2 what they are looking for of what they say
3 we owe, and the taxpayers are the losers
4 because we will get to pick up the slack.

5 I'm going back to a meeting, city
6 council minutes from the 2012. To provide a
7 brief background, this is from the Finance
8 Chair speaking, "To provide a brief
9 background, a \$139,00 increase in real
10 estate tax revenue results in a 1 percent
11 real estate tax increase for Scranton
12 residents. If one does the math --" and
13 then -- So if one does the math for the \$1.9
14 million that's in our budget this year for
15 picking up what the Parking Authority is not
16 able to pay on their on the debt that the
17 previous councils have guaranteed, which is
18 what we actually owe, that alone accounts
19 for 7.9, make it 8 percent of our property
20 tax increase. If you take what you are
21 going to be paying according to the terms
22 ten years, sinking fund, all of that, it
23 probably is going to be another 3 percent.
24 I think that's an awful lot for the
25 taxpayers to pay especially when you

1 probably noticed in today's paper the social
2 security increase which a lot of people,
3 unfortunately, have to try to live is going
4 to be a grand 1.7 percent and I pretty much
5 guarantee that the average property taxpayer
6 that will be more than eaten up by what you
7 are doing tonight.

8 Also, I think Landmark was somewhat
9 shoddy in doing their due diligence for the
10 loan that -- the money that they loaned to
11 the Scranton Parking Authority, not to the
12 city, and I think, again, the terms, I
13 didn't have a chance to really look at it to
14 deeply, but it appears to me that we must be
15 making the assumption that the parking
16 meters will not be sold, and as far as last
17 I heard the sale, and if you would please
18 stop using the fancy monetization, it just
19 means sale. This is Scranton. Let's say we
20 are going to sell them and not try to
21 bamboozle people by monetization --

22 MR. MCGOFF: It would be a lease as
23 well.

24 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay, it could be a
25 lease.

1 MR. MCGOFF: We are just putting a
2 dollar value on it, that's what monetization
3 is.

4 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, their
5 assumption is they are getting paid from the
6 parking meter revenue, and they don't have a
7 thing in there about guaranteeing that you
8 will not monetize or sell the parking
9 meters. Again, it's a terrible precedent
10 and I don't know why the mayor reconstituted
11 the authority, all that does is add a
12 solicitor's pay that -- we get to pay that
13 to and I feel very bad for us city taxpayers
14 and for the employees because they are not
15 going to get 100 percent either. This is
16 probably the only debtor that will get 100
17 percent and it's 100 percent of a bill that
18 we don't even owe. The ones that are
19 guaranteed and the ones that we have to pay
20 will take a hit and this bank will not take
21 any hit whatsoever. It's wrong and I hate
22 to see you vote that way, but thank you.

23 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. Anyone
24 else?

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

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MOTIONS.

MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Wechsler.

MR. WECHSLER: Thank you, Mr. McGoff, I just have a few things this evening. I would like to point to a cooperative effort that was made by the DPW and the Scranton Sewer Authority, they worked together to repair a bad situation that was up on East Mountain Road that we were able to share some equipment and materials between the two agencies and fix a deteriorating situation up there and we are happy that that was repaired before winter set in.

This week I also spoke to city engineer John Pocius. I think we are all familiar with the Green Light Go Program that was talked about last week for the traffic light and signal improvements, the city is putting together an application to participate in that program, the final details are not available yet but the application will be submitted before the due date which is November 17 the city will submit it's application on November the

1 14th.

2 In regards to the leasing of the
3 garbage trucks, I had the opportunity to
4 speak to a retired DPW worker who said that
5 we are -- he is comfortable that we are
6 doing the right thing by leasing. During
7 his tenure he was working with the trucks
8 that were purchased I believe from New York
9 City and he told me that those trucks were
10 junk and they were down more than they were
11 up, so a person directly involved with that
12 thinks we are doing the correct thing.

13 And the other items I have will be
14 in motions. Thank you.

15 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Rogan?

16 MR. ROGAN: Yes, just a few brief
17 items, most of my comments will on the
18 voting portion of the meeting as well. Just
19 two items I wanted to mention: One, while
20 I'm certainly glad to see paving in a lot of
21 the neighborhoods from our OECD program I
22 did have a resident that contacted me, they
23 were gone away for -- they went away for
24 vacation the day before the posting for the
25 "No Parking" went up. The next day all of

1 the cars in the neighborhood were towed for
2 the paving. So what I want to look into is
3 if the city has any protocol for it, and it
4 wasn't the city that did the paving, this
5 was all contracted out. What I want to look
6 into to see if the city has any protocol so
7 this doesn't happen again. Maybe a week, a
8 little bit over a week for residents to plan
9 so they know that the roads is getting paved
10 on this date, we can't have any parking
11 there, and I think it will be easier for
12 residents and for the contractors as well to
13 be able to plan ahead. I'd hate to see in
14 this situation somebody that was going to
15 visit relatives out of town, it was a day
16 trip, they got a call from their neighbor
17 saying, "Hey, your car is being towed the
18 city is paving the road."

19 I don't think that's fair and that
20 shouldn't happen so that's something I will
21 be looking into.

22 And finally, I just want to comment
23 briefly on a letter that we all received
24 from the University of Scranton, it was
25 actually addressed to Mr. McGoff, but since

1 we worked hard together on this project I
2 did want to mention it, this is regarding
3 the new rehabilitation education center
4 that's being built and they partnered with
5 NEPA Alliance to do a comprehensive economic
6 impact study, and those who aren't familiar
7 with NEPA Alliance they help a lot of local
8 businesses with grants, loans, facilitating
9 different programs to keep current
10 businesses running into help up start
11 businesses, trade partnerships, things of
12 that nature. They are a great group, I have
13 worked with them on a number of projects.

14 But to sum up this property it
15 states that the construction and engineering
16 involved with the new center is estimated to
17 produce \$87.7 million in economic activity.
18 Total estimated labor income is \$36.1
19 million, and the total estimated state and
20 local taxes are \$3.1 million on this
21 project. So just seeing a report like this
22 it really -- it seemed to get men and women
23 at work on that project when many people are
24 out of work. It makes all of the hard work
25 that myself and I know Mr. Councilman McGoff

1 worked very hard on it and we were able to
2 convince former Councilman Joyce to vote
3 with us to get this project going, so this
4 is a good project for the city and we are
5 glad to see this economic development. We
6 certainly wish the University would provide
7 more to us in lieu of taxes, but this is a
8 good project nonetheless. And that is all.
9 Thank you.

10 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Evans?

11 MR. EVANS: Thank you. On pension
12 reform I'm still gathering some information,
13 I hope to have some more documentation next
14 week, I think I'm going to make a
15 recommendation of what I feel the type of
16 changes we need to the pension reform.

17 On the Quality of life Ordinance
18 status, I talked to Pat Hinton today and the
19 ordinance is currently in draft form so
20 hopefully we will see that in a week or so.
21 I would point out on the Quality of Life
22 Ordinance I did some research on Allentown,
23 they also have a version of this and since
24 2006 Allentown has been averaging nearly
25 3,000 tickets annually and approximately

1 \$220,000 yearly in fines. Some years as
2 many as 5,000 tickets were issued in quality
3 of life type situations where, you know,
4 like our ordinances propose to do and many
5 of those tickets were issued by the
6 Allentown police officers, and if we combine
7 the police department, and Chief Graziano
8 was very much interested in this ordinance,
9 the possibilities are really endless I would
10 expect. I don't know about matching those
11 numbers, but I think we could put a pretty
12 good dent to it and it could be a large
13 revenue producer for the city as well as
14 positive reinforcement of what we need to be
15 as a city cleaning up some of the blight in
16 our neighborhoods. So that's all I have for
17 now.

18 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Gaughan.

19 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, thank you. I
20 received a few inquiries about the status of
21 the Rockwell Avenue Bridge project.
22 According our city engineer there was a
23 recently held utility coordination meeting
24 held on-site. Shop drawings have been
25 submitted and approved. There has been tree

1 clearing, fence removal, new detour signage
2 has been installed, there has been a project
3 information sign that's been posted,
4 relocation of a neighbor's tool shed and
5 they are preparing to construct the
6 pedestrian bridge. No major work will be
7 performed at the site from October 1 to
8 December 31 due to the fact that Legget's
9 Creek is a wild trout stream.

10 This week I was made aware of some
11 issues on Froud Avenue with pipes being
12 blocked by leaves. This affects the water
13 run off and sends the water into neighbor's
14 yards and it floods them. I forwarded that
15 issue to our DPW director so hopefully that
16 can be taken care of.

17 I attended the Bullshead
18 neighborhood meeting Tuesday night. I have
19 a list of requests from residents that we
20 forwarded to the DPW and police department.
21 Some of the issues included the stop sign at
22 the intersection of Phyllo Street and
23 Providence Road is faded and needs to be
24 replaced. There are three major potholes at
25 Langstaff and Stores Court that residents

1 would like filled if possible. Currently
2 neighbors are filling them with gravel and
3 they have caused damage to vehicles.
4 Residents reported that there is no street
5 sign for Stores Court and would like one put
6 up if that is possible. An elderly
7 gentleman who lives at 905 Albright Avenue
8 is having trouble with water run off
9 flooding his yard, and in the 2500 block of
10 Boulevard Avenue there is a catch basin that
11 residents are reporting is blocked and
12 causing problem. And finally, residents
13 would like to request more crime watch signs
14 in the Weston Field area if that is
15 possible.

16 And that is all I have this week.
17 Thank you.

18 MR. MCGOFF: Just once again very
19 quickly, a reminder that next week's meeting
20 will be on Wednesday evening, not Thursday,
21 and it be will held here at the Theatre at
22 Lackawanna College at the same time, caucus
23 at 6:00, meeting at 6:30.

24 Also, a reminder that there will be
25 an opportunity to speak on the OECD action

1 plan which will be taken off the table and
2 prior to the vote in Seventh Order there
3 will be another opportunity to speak to the
4 action plan.

5 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION -
6 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
7 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND
8 ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ARRIS ENGINEERING
9 GROUP LTD. TO PROVIDE ARCHITECT/ENGINEER
10 (A/E) SERVICES FOR PHASE 1 OF A STREET
11 LIGHTING PROJECT WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN AREA OF
12 THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO COMMENCE WITHIN
13 SEVEN (7) DAYS AFTER THE FINAL EXECUTION OF
14 THE CONTRACT AND BE COMPLETED WITHIN THIRTY
15 (30) DAYS AFTER COMMENCEMENT.

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

19 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

20 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

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

24 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

25 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

1 MR. EVANS: Aye.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

5 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION - A
6 RESOLUTION APPOINTMENT OF JACK LOSCOMBE,
7 3115 PARALLEL DRIVE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA,
8 18504, TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. MR.
9 LOSCOMBE'S EFFECTIVE DATE WILL BE OCTOBER 9,
10 2014. MR LOSCOMBE WILL BE REPLACING DOMINIC
11 GEORGETTI, WHO RESIGNED EFFECTIVE AUGUST 28,
12 2014. MR. LOSCOMBE'S TERM WILL EXPIRE WITH
13 THE TERM OF MAYOR WILLIAM L. COURTRIGHT.

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. ROGAN: So moved.

18 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

19 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.
21 I'll be voting "no" for this tonight. Not
22 anything personal against Mr. Loscombe, I
23 think he would do a good job on the
24 commission, but I don't feel that it's
25 proper to appoint someone to a commission

1 who is in litigation with the city.

2 Mr. Loscombe is currently suing the city so
3 that is why I will be voting "no." Thank
4 you.

5 MR. MCGOFF: I'd also like to
6 mention that there was -- we did investigate
7 and there is no prescription against
8 Mr. Loscombe holding this position since it
9 is not a compensated position.

10 MR. ROGAN: I would just state I
11 voted to appoint Councilman Loscombe to city
12 council I will be voting to appoint him to
13 the Civil Service Commission. I had the
14 pleasure of serving with him on council, he
15 was a great colleague to work with and his
16 knowledge and expertise of the Fire
17 Department operations as a retired fireman
18 and as a former Public Safety Chair of City
19 Council will be a great addition to the
20 Civil Service Commission.

21 MR. MCGOFF: All those in favor of
22 introduction signify by saying aye.

23 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

24 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

25 MR. EVANS: Aye.

1 MS. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed?

2 MR. GAUGHAN: No.

3 MR. MCGOFF: The ayes have it and so
4 moved.

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

6 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.
7 54, 2014 - AN ORDINANCE SALE OF TAX
8 DELINQUENT PROPERTY MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS
9 CORNER OF PARK AND TERRACE, SCRANTON,
10 PENNSYLVANIA, TAX MAP NO. 16806-010-031 TO
11 THOMAS J. KANE AND MARY M. KANE, 95 LINWOOD
12 AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18505, FOR
13 THE CONSIDERATION OF \$1,000.00.

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

16 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-A
17 pass reading by title.

18 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

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

21 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

22 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

23 MR. EVANS: Aye.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

25 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The

1 ayes have it and so moved.

2 MS. REED: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A.
3 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON
4 FINANCE- FOR ADOPTION FILE OF THE COUNCIL
5 NO. 51, 2014 - SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT
6 PROPERTY MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 540 NORTH
7 REBECCA AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TAX
8 MAP NO. 14510-020-003 TO ARNOLD DOMMES, JR.,
9 NORTH REBECCA AVENUE, SCRANTON,
10 PENNSYLVANIA, 18504, FOR THE CONSIDERATION
11 OF \$650.00.

12 MR. MCGOFF: What is the
13 recommendation of the Chair for the
14 Committee on Finance?

15 MR. EVANS: As Chairperson for the
16 Committee on Finance, I recommend final
17 passage of Item 7-A.

18 MR. ROGAN: Second.

19 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Roll
20 call, please?

21 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

22 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

23 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

24 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

25 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

1 MR. EVANS: Yes.

2 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

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

7 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION
8 BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION
9 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 52, 2014 - SALE OF
10 TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY MORE COMMONLY KNOWN
11 AS 532 PRESCOTT AVENUE, SCRANTON,
12 PENNSYLVANIA, TAX MAP NO. 15710-020-007 TO
13 JAMES SMITH AND DENISE SMITH, 528 PRESCOTT
14 AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18510, FOR
15 THE CONSIDERATION OF \$1,500.00.

16 MR. MCGOFF: What is the
17 recommendation of the Chair for the
18 Committee on Finance?

19 MR. EVANS: As Chairperson for the
20 Committee on Finance, 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. WECHSLER: Yes.

2 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

3 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

5 MR. EVANS: Yes.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

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

11 MS. REED: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION BY
12 THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION FILE
13 OF THE COUNCIL NO. 53, 2014 - APPROVING THE
14 ISSUANCE OF A NOTE BY THE PARKING AUTHORITY
15 OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON IN A MAXIMUM
16 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$4,000,000.00
17 TO FINANCE THE 2014 PROJECT (AS DEFINED
18 HEREIN); AUTHORIZING THE PLEDGE OF THE
19 CITY'S ON-STREET METER REVENUES AS SECURITY
20 FOR AND THE SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF THE PARKING
21 AUTHORITY'S 2014 NOTE; AUTHORIZING THE
22 EXECUTION OF THE PLEDGE DOCUMENTS (AS
23 DEFINED HEREIN); AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
24 OFFICIALS OF THE CITY TO TAKE OTHER
25 APPROPRIATE ACTION; PROVIDING FOR THE

1 EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS ORDINANCE AND THE
2 SEVERABILITY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS; AND
3 REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OR
4 PARTS OF ORDINANCES.

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

8 MR. EVANS: As Chairperson for the
9 Committee on Finance, I recommend final
10 passage of Item 7-C.

11 MR. ROGAN: Second.

12 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Prior
13 to I'd just want to say that we received
14 very late today a term sheet that was agreed
15 upon by the Parking Authority, the
16 administration and the two banks that were
17 part of this legislation. While we have not
18 had a great deal of opportunity to review
19 the terms, we did -- I did speak with
20 Mr. Bulzoni, the business administrator, and
21 also with Solicitor Shrive. We were also in
22 contact with the bond counsel from the
23 Parking Authority, Attorney Conaboy, and
24 that the terms that were agreed upon are
25 within the parameters of the legislation

1 that was proposed to us. I will say that
2 all of council was somewhat upset by the
3 fact that we received this at such a late
4 notice, but it was the decision of council
5 that we would keep this on the agenda and
6 that we would vote on it this evening. I'm
7 sorry, I just wanted to --

8 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you,
9 Mr. McGoff. The comment that I would like
10 to have is I think in this case the
11 administration and the city effectively
12 negotiated the terms of this settlement. As
13 of Monday, we were not going to have a deal,
14 we are were going to table this, and in the
15 course from Monday to tonight we were able
16 to reach a settlement that is acceptable to
17 the city and to the bank. It also shows
18 that we can negotiate when we have to even
19 though we may not be in the best negotiating
20 position. I'm very happy of the fact that
21 the city stood its ground where it was and
22 we ended up with, like I said, a settlement
23 that we can deal with.

24 I'd like to just reecho my comments
25 from last week, I don't believe that putting

1 this off and not paying it will help us at
2 all. I believe we have to get these type of
3 issues settled so we can move forward and
4 get our financial house in order. Thank
5 you, Mr. McGoff.

6 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else?

7 MR. ROGAN: Yes, just regarding this
8 issue, this is an issue that I put a lot of
9 time thinking about and spoke to a lot of
10 people on both sides of this issue, and what
11 this decision came down to for me was if we
12 chose not to pay these debts it would be
13 left for a judge to decide, obviously there
14 would be hefty attorney fees involved and I
15 think everyone in the city knows what
16 Scranton's track record is when it comes to
17 Court cases. I don't know if we have won
18 one in my lifetime, so that being said we
19 can't take the chance of rolling the dice
20 and leaving it to the courts.

21 Should the loan have ever been made?

22 No, it shouldn't have. It should have come
23 before city council for approval and it
24 wouldn't have been approved, and I think
25 part of the reason why this one never came

1 before city council was because there was an
2 attempt to hide how bad the finances at the
3 Parking Authority were at that time. The
4 parking garages in the city, many of them
5 should have never been built. They were
6 built on a mountain of debt so much that the
7 city authority cannot make a profit, can't
8 even break even never mind make a profit off
9 these garages.

10 The former mayor, the former Parking
11 Authority board, and the former director of
12 the Parking Authority caused this entire
13 mess by running up debt, building garages
14 that never should have been built, and
15 spending money as if it were free. But,
16 nonetheless, at this point I believe it's in
17 the best interest of the city to move
18 forward with the sale of the bad assets of
19 the Scranton Parking Authority. In order to
20 move forward with that sale, these items
21 first need to be taken care of. That's why
22 I will be voting "yes" on these items, and I
23 look forward to the city finally being rid
24 of these assets that we are losing money on
25 every year. Thank you.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: I just have one
2 comment, when we talk about who created this
3 entire mess I think we need to take into
4 account in 2012 when the previous council
5 let the city default on the Parking
6 Authority -- two Parking Authority bonds.
7 That has not helped at all. In fact, I
8 believe it's cost the city almost \$5
9 million. Five million dollars. So that has
10 not helped, so I think when we talk about
11 who caused this entire mess we shouldn't
12 forget that part because that was a major,
13 major, major, major mistake that we made and
14 we can't forget that moving forward and
15 making financial decisions for this city.
16 Thank you.

17 MR. ROGAN: I don't want to debate
18 what we did two years ago, but at the time
19 if we recall city council called in members
20 of the Parking Authority Board and asked for
21 financial information. We were provided
22 with a budget that was literally two pages
23 and didn't provide any information and at
24 that time there was no choice. The city
25 taxpayers could not just keep out handing

1 out checks, handing out checks, handing out
2 checks without any accountability at the
3 Parking Authority. Although, some of us may
4 differ how we got to this point, I think
5 moving forward we can never let that happen
6 again and that's something I think we can
7 all agree upon.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Just one --

9 MR. MCGOFF: Okay.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: I was just going to
11 say if no matter -- and I followed that in
12 2012 and I remember the caucus, but just to
13 bring it down a little bit, if you have a
14 credit card and you sign that agreement, you
15 have you a Sears credit card and you charge
16 I don't know \$5,000 on it and you don't pay
17 the \$5,000 you are going to get whacked.
18 That's what happened. When you guarantee a
19 debt and you guarantee a bond and you don't
20 pay it you get in trouble and this is one of
21 the results of that, so that did have an
22 effect. I just wanted to point that out.

23 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Rogan and I have
24 disagreed on this since the time that it
25 took place, the original Landmark loan was

1 to allow the Parking Authority to make good
2 on its debt payments. When council voted to
3 basically bankrupt the Parking Authority it
4 caused them to default in the only on the
5 Landmark loans but also on the other debt
6 that they had. Now, whose responsibility
7 that was is at this point it's a moot point.
8 It is my feeling that the city, whoever was
9 at fault, caused the defaulted debt in one
10 way or another and it's my belief that it is
11 the city's responsibility to make it right.
12 I know that there is disagreement with
13 people, but I think it is the ethical thing
14 to do as far as the city is concerned.

15 To answer one other question, it is
16 believed that upon the sale, I'll use the
17 Scranton term rather than monetization, or
18 the lease of the garages this debt would be
19 -- the loan that we are voting on this
20 evening would be repaid at that time. It is
21 hoped that this loan will be repaid in full
22 within a year. That is the purpose of
23 taking care of these debts. It's like
24 trying to sell a house that has two liens
25 against it, it's better to pay off the liens

1 to give you a better opportunity to sell
2 your house and that's what we are trying to
3 do with this legislation, and hopefully we
4 will get to the point where we can monetize
5 the parking garages and pay off this loan.
6 It is the intent to do that within, as I
7 said, within a year. Thank you. Anyone
8 else?

9 MR. EVANS: Yes. My comments are,
10 number one, the term sheet meets the
11 criteria that were laid out in our
12 legislation, that's the most important
13 issue. The credit amount or the loan amount
14 is actually less than, the interest rate is
15 less than, and term is less than so on that
16 side of it it's very positive. I feel that
17 the city administration did a very good job
18 of getting that to this point.

19 On a going forward basis, this is
20 about the future, it's about rebuilding our
21 credibility in the financial community.
22 That's what this does as well, so for that
23 reason I'm voting "yes" tonight.

24 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else? Roll
25 call, please. Roll call, please?

1 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

2 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

3 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

4 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

5 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

6 MR. EVANS: Yes.

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

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

12 MS. REED: 7-D. FOR CONSIDERATION
13 BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE- FOR ADOPTION
14 RESOLUTION NO. 93, 2014 - RATIFYING AND
15 APPROVING OF THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF
16 THE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF
17 SCRANTON, ON BEHALF OF AKSHAR LACKAWANNA
18 STATION HOSPITALITY TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF
19 PENNSYLVANIA ACTING THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH
20 FINANCING AUTHORITY FOR A LOCAL SHARE
21 ACCOUNT GRANT, PURSUANT TO THE PA RACE HORSE
22 DEVELOPMENT AND GAMING ACT IN THE AMOUNT OF
23 \$2,500,000.00 FOR THE PROJECT TO BE KNOWN AS
24 "LACKAWANNA STATION RESTORATION SCRANTON
25 PROJECT" LOCATED IN SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

1 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
2 CITY OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO
3 ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF SUCCESSFUL AND EXECUTE
4 AND ENTER INTO A LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT
5 CONTRACT AND COMMITMENT LETTER WITH THE
6 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA TO ACCEPT AND
7 UTILIZE THE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
8 \$2,500,000.00 AWARDED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF
9 PENNSYLVANIA FOR SUCH PROJECT.

10 MR. MCGOFF: What is the
11 recommendation of the Chair for the
12 Committee on Finance?

13 MR. EVANS: As Chairperson for the
14 Committee on Finance, I recommend final
15 passage of Item 7-D.

16 MR. ROGAN: Second.

17 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? I
18 would just like to comment that while we
19 have in the past heard on this project, the
20 station, this is a project that I think
21 everyone in the city would like to see
22 developed. It's right at the gateway to the
23 city from West Scranton or to the downtown
24 from West Scranton. It's a great property
25 that needs to be rehabilitated and developed

1 and become a cornerstone for the downtown
2 area, so I think that approving this grant
3 application is a great benefit to that
4 project. Roll call, please.

5 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

6 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

8 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

10 MR. EVANS: 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-D legally and lawfully adopted.

16 MS. REED: 7-E. FOR CONSIDERATION
17 BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE- FOR ADOPTION
18 RESOLUTION NO. 94, 2014 - RATIFYING AND
19 APPROVING OF THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF
20 THE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF
21 SCRANTON, ON BEHALF OF SCRANTON-LTI, LP, 335
22 ADAMS AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18503
23 TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ACTING
24 THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY
25 FOR A LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT, PURSUANT TO

1 THE PA RACE HORSE DEVELOPMENT AND GAMING ACT
2 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$615,000.00 FOR THE PROJECT
3 TO BE KNOWN AS "LEONARD THEATER ADAMS AVENUE
4 PROJECT" LOCATED IN SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA.
5 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
6 CITY OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO
7 ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF SUCCESSFUL AND EXECUTE
8 AND ENTER INTO A LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT
9 CONTRACT AND COMMITMENT LETTER WITH THE
10 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA TO ACCEPT AND
11 UTILIZE THE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
12 \$615,000.00 AWARDED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF
13 PENNSYLVANIA FOR SUCH PROJECT.

14 MR. MCGOFF: What is the
15 recommendation of the Chair for the
16 Committee on Finance?

17 MR. EVANS: As Chairperson for the
18 Committee on Finance, I recommend final
19 passage of Item 7-E.

20 MR. ROGAN: Second.

21 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Once
22 again, this property is one that has been
23 sort of undeveloped for many years. It's a
24 great property. The people applying for the
25 grant have already done major work at the

1 Leonard Theatre and I think everyone, again,
2 would be happy to see the completion of this
3 project, and again, make the Leonard Theatre
4 a property to be proud of within the City of
5 Scranton.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: If I could just add --
7 oh, were you going to --

8 MR. EVANS: Well, my only comment
9 was that it's a very interesting location
10 because that part of Adams Avenue, at least
11 that half of Adams Avenue is sort of our
12 little version of Greenwich Village and this
13 is it going to go a long way to even enhance
14 that even more.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, I was just going
16 to say Councilman Evans and myself were at
17 the University of Scranton neighbor night
18 last night and one of the things that was
19 brought up was The Leonard and the impact
20 that this theatre will have downtown.

21 Roll call, please?

22 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

23 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

24 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

25 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

1 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

2 MR. EVANS: 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-E legally and lawfully adopted.

8 MS. REED: 7-F. FOR CONSIDERATION BY
9 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION
10 RESOLUTION NO. 95, 2014 - AMENDING
11 RESOLUTION NO. 174, 2009 ENTITLED
12 "AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF THE CITY OF
13 SCRANTON'S REPRESENTATIVES TO THE TAX
14 COLLECTION COMMITTEE ("TCC") PURSUANT TO ACT
15 32 OF 2008" BY REPLACING THE CURRENT
16 DELEGATES WHO ARE NO LONGER EMPLOYEES OF THE
17 CITY OF SCRANTON WITH CURRENT EMPLOYEES IN
18 THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION OFFICE.

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

22 MR. ROGAN: Second.

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

25 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

1 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

2 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

3 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

5 MR. EVANS: Yes.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

9 MR. MCGOFF: Yes. I hereby declare
10 Item 7-F legally and lawfully adopted.

11 MR. ROGAN: I make a motion to take
12 File of Council No. 44, 2014, from the
13 table.

14 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

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

17 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

18 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

19 MR. EVANS: Aye.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

21 MS. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The
22 ayes have it and so moved. Item 7-G, which
23 is now on the agenda is the OECD 2015 Action
24 Plan that was tabled for a 30-day public
25 comment period. If anyone would like to

1 address council on File of Council No.
2 44-2014 you may do so at this time. Thank
3 you.

4 MS. REED: 7-G - PREVIOUSLY TABLED -
5 FOR CONSIDERATION - BY THE COMMITTEE ON
6 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - FOR ADOPTION - FILE
7 OF COUNCIL NO. 44, 2013 - AUTHORIZING THE
8 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE
9 CITY OF SCRANTON TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY
10 ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE CONSOLIDATED
11 SUBMISSION FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND
12 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS TO BE FUNDED UNDER THE
13 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
14 PROGRAM, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME)
15 PROGRAM AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS (ESG)
16 PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY
17 1, 2015.

18 MR. MCGOFF: What is the
19 recommendation of the Chair for the
20 Committee on Community Development?

21 MR. ROGAN: As Chairperson for the
22 Committee on Community Development, I
23 recommend final passage of Item 7-G.

24 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

25 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

1 MR. ROGAN: Yes, very briefly. I
2 would just like to thank Linda Aebli and the
3 entire staff at OECD for doing a great job
4 of putting together this years action plan.
5 In the past, those of you that follow
6 council, there have been numerous amendments
7 to the action plans. This year as funds
8 each year become even more restricted, this
9 year it was already allocated in a manner
10 that was satisfactory to council with a
11 strong emphasis on two of the most important
12 programs that we use these funds for, number
13 one, which is neighborhood police patrols;
14 and number two, which is neighborhood
15 paving.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else? Roll
17 call, please?

18 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

19 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

20 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

21 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

22 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

23 MR. EVANS: Abstain.

24 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

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MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

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

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

MR. ROGAN: Motion to adjourn.

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.

CATHENE S. NARDOZZI, RPR
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