

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
January 22, 2015
6:30 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL
2. READING OF MINUTES
3. REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR & HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND INTERESTED PARTIES AND CITY CLERK'S NOTES:
 - A. SINGLE TAX OFFICE CITY FUNDS DISTRIBUTED COMPARISON REPORT 2014-2013.
 - B. TAX ASSESSOR'S RESULTS REPORT FOR HEARING DATE HELD JANUARY 7, 2015.
4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION
5. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RE-APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS. MOTIONS & REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:
 - A. MOTIONS
 - B. FOR INTRODUCTION – A RESOLUTION – REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 103, 2014 APPOINTMENT OF KRISTIN JENKINS, 818 CAPOUSE AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18509 AS A MEMBER OF THE SCRANTON MUNICIPAL RECREATION AUTHORITY. MS. JENKINS WILL BE REPLACING ANTHONY MARINUCCI WHO RESIGNED EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 2, 2014. MS. JENKINS WILL FULFILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF MR. MARINUCCI WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 17, 2015. MR. MARINUCCI RESCINDED HIS RESIGNATION.

C.

FOR INTRODUCTION – A RESOLUTION – APPOINTMENT OF KRISTIN JENKINS, 818 CAPOUSE AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18509, AS A MEMBER OF THE SCRANTON MUNICIPAL RECREATION AUTHORITY. MS. JENKINS WILL FULFILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF MARCIE RIEBE WHOSE TERM IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE ON MARCH 1, 2016.

D.

FOR INTRODUCTION – A RESOLUTION – APPOINTMENT OF JUDE J. MCANDREW, 745 NORTH BROMLEY AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18504, AS A MEMBER OF THE SCRANTON MUNICIPAL RECREATION AUTHORITY. MR. MCANDREW WILL BE REPLACING JACK DELEO WHO RESIGNED JANUARY 6, 2015. MR. MCANDREW WILL FULFILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF MR. DELEO WHOSE TERM IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2017.

6. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES – READING BY TITLE –

A.

READING BY TITLE – FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 71, 2015 – AN ORDINANCE – REPEALING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 50, 2014 ENTITLED “CREATING AND ESTABLISHING SPECIAL CITY ACCOUNT NO. 02.229613 ENTITLED “LIQUID FUELS” FOR THE RECEIPT AND DISBURSEMENT OF THOSE FUNDS RECEIVED FOR THIS PURPOSE”.

B.

READING BY TITLE – FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 72, 2015 – AN ORDINANCE – AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 58, 2014, AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “GENERAL CITY OPERATING BUDGET 2015” BY ESTABLISHING SEPARATE “03” FUND ACCOUNTS TO DEFINE ACTUAL LIQUID FUEL EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE “03” FUND DESIGNATION; BY REDESIGNATING FUNDS FROM CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING, INSPECTIONS AND PERMITS ACCOUNTS LISTED BELOW TO THE “03” ACCOUNTS; THE DEPARTMENT, BUREAU AND LINE ITEM DESCRIPTION WILL REMAIN THE SAME.

C.

READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 73, 2015 - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 100, 1976, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) LEVYING GENERAL AND SPECIAL TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1977", BY SETTING THE MILLAGE FOR THE YEAR 2015 AND THE SAME SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

D.

READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 74, 2015 - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 6, 1976 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) IMPOSING A TAX FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES ON THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY SITUATE WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON; PRESCRIBING AND REGULATING THE METHOD OF EVIDENCING THE PAYMENT OF SUCH TAX; CONFERRING POWERS AND IMPOSING DUTIES UPON CERTAIN PERSONS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES", BY IMPOSING THE RATE OF THE REALTY TRANSFER TAX AT TWO AND NINE TENTHS PERCENT (2.9%) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015 AND THE SAME SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

E.

READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 75, 2015 - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 7, 1976, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) IMPOSING A MERCANTILE LICENSE TAX OF 2 MILLS FOR THE YEAR 1976 AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER UPON PERSONS ENGAGING IN CERTAIN OCCUPATIONS AND BUSINESSES THEREIN; PROVIDING FOR ITS LEVY AND COLLECTION AND FOR THE ISSUANCE OF MERCANTILE LICENSES; CONFERRING AND IMPOSING POWERS AND DUTIES UPON THE TAX COLLECTOR OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON; AND IMPOSING PENALTIES", BY IMPOSING THE MERCANTILE LICENSE TAX AT ONE (1) MILL (.001) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015 AND THE SAME SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

F.

READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 76, 2015 - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 8, 1976, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) PROVIDING FOR THE GENERAL REVENUE BY IMPOSING A TAX AT THE RATE OF TWO (2) MILLS UPON THE PRIVILEGE OF OPERATING OR

CONDUCTING BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON AS MEASURED BY THE GROSS RECEIPTS THEREFROM; REQUIRING REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT OF THE TAX AS CONDITION TO THE CONDUCTING OF SUCH BUSINESS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF SUCH TAX; PRESCRIBING SUCH REQUIREMENTS FOR RETURNS AND RECORDS; CONFERRING POWERS AND DUTIES UPON THE TAX COLLECTOR; AND IMPOSING PENALTIES", BY IMPOSING THE BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX AT THE RATE OF ONE (1) MILL (.001) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015 AND THE SAME SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

G.

READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 77, 2015 - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 11, 1976, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) ENACTING, IMPOSING A TAX FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO PERCENT (2%) ON EARNED INCOME AND NET PROFITS ON PERSONS, INDIVIDUALS, ASSOCIATIONS AND BUSINESSES WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, OR NON-RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, FOR WORK DONE, SERVICES PERFORMED OR BUSINESS CONDUCTED WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON, REQUIRING THE FILING OF RETURNS BY TAXPAYERS SUBJECT TO THE TAX; REQUIRING EMPLOYERS TO COLLECT THE TAX AT SOURCE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE SAID TAX; AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS", BY RE-ENACTING THE IMPOSITION OF THE WAGE TAX AT TWO AND FOUR TENTHS (2.4%) PERCENT ON EARNED INCOME FOR RESIDENTS AND ONE (1%) PERCENT ON EARNED INCOME FOR NON-RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, FOR WORK DONE, SERVICES PERFORMED OR BUSINESS CONDUCTED WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON FOR THE YEAR 2015 AND THE SAME SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

H.

READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 78, 2015 - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 17, 1994 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO ENACT 'A WASTE DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION FEE' FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAISING REVENUE TO COVER THE WASTE DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION COSTS INCURRED BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON FOR THE DISPOSAL OF REFUSE", BY IMPOSING A WASTE DISPOSAL

AND COLLECTION FEE OF \$300.00 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015 AND THE SAME SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

I.

READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 79, 2015 - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 145 OF 2007 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE RENAMING THE EMERGENCY AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAX ("EMST") TO LOCAL SERVICE TAX ("LST")" AND BY IMPOSING A WITHHOLDING OF \$52.00 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015 AND THE SAME SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

7. FINAL READING OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES-

A.

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE -FOR ADOPTION RESOLUTION NO. 114, 2015 - AUTHORIZING THE ABATEMENT OF CITY OF SCRANTON DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES, PENALTIES AND INTEREST ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1621 WASHBURN STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA ALSO KNOW AS PIN NO.14517-030-052.01.

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ADJOURNMENT

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