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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

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Council Chambers

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Scranton, Pennsylvania

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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

JOSEPH COLBASSANI, ESQ., 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.

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. Dispense with
14 the reading of the minutes.

15 MS. REED: THIRD ORDER. 3-A. AGENDA
16 FOR THE NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION
17 MEETING HELD JUNE 24, 2015.

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

20 MS. REED: 3-B. MINUTES OF THE
21 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION MEETING HELD
22 MAY 27, 2015.

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

25 MS. REED: 3-C. TAX ASSESSOR'S

1 RESULTS REPORT FOR HEARING DATE HELD JUNE
2 10, 2015.

3 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?
4 If not, received and filed.

5 MS. REED: 3-D. MINUTES OF THE
6 SCRANTON FIREFIGHTERS PENSION COMMISSION
7 MEETING HELD MAY 27, 2015.

8 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?
9 If not, received and filed.

10 MS. REED: 3-E. AGENDA FOR THE BOARD
11 OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING TO BE HELD JULY 8,
12 2015.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?
14 If not, received and filed.

15 MS. REED: 3-F. MINUTES OF THE
16 COMPOSITE PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD MAY 27,
17 2015.

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

20 MS. REED: 3-G. MINUTES OF THE
21 SCRANTON POLICE PENSION COMMISSION MEETING
22 HELD MAY 27, 2015.

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

25 MS. REED: 3-H. THE

1 SCRANTON/LACKAWANNA HEALTH AND WELFARE
2 AUTHORITY 2014 COMBINED AUDIT REPORT.

3 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?
4 If not, received and filed.

5 MS. REED: 3-I. MINUTES OF THE
6 SCRANTON/LACKAWANNA HEALTH AND WELFARE
7 AUTHORITY REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD
8 FEBRUARY 19, 2015.

9 MR. MCGOFF: Are there any comments?
10 If not, received and filed. Any Clerk's
11 notes?

12 MS. REED: Nothing, Mr. McGoff.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Just a couple of quick
14 reminders, first of all, City Hall will be
15 closed this Friday, July 3. There will be
16 refuse collection, however, on Friday.
17 Monday, July 6, DPW is off and pick up next
18 week will be delayed by one day.

19 This Friday, an independence
20 celebration will be held on courthouse
21 square beginning at 4 p.m. it is a free
22 event. There will be a fireworks display at
23 dusk and that will be road closures around
24 the square.

25 On the agenda, I just wanted to make

1 note, on the agenda this evening on 5-B it
2 reads appointment of a chaplain. I just
3 wanted to make note that this is actually
4 the ability to appoint chaplains. There is
5 no limit on the number of respective clergy
6 that may participate as chaplain for the
7 police department and that these volunteers
8 would be trained through on the National
9 Chaplains Organization. What we will do in
10 the coming weeks, there will be probably be
11 amendments to change the wording just to
12 make it a bit clearer for the legislation.

13 Are there any announcements from
14 council?

15 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. McGoff, I have
16 two. The Lackawanna County Heritage Valley
17 Authority Office will host a public meeting
18 on the 2016 gypsy moth suspension program at
19 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7. Lackawanna
20 County and the State Department of
21 Conservation and Natural Resources Bureau of
22 Forestry have organized the meeting at the
23 213 South Seventh Avenue Office. Property
24 owners can still make requests for treat for
25 the 2016 program until August 7 by calling

1 Mike Chisdock, Lackawanna County gypsy moth
2 program coordinator. I would encourage
3 people to attend this meeting who have the
4 gypsy moth problem this year at their home.
5 The more people that attend this and the
6 more demonstration that they make that there
7 was a severe gypsy moth problem in the city
8 should result in a successful spring for the
9 gypsy moths next year.

10 On the Fourth of July there will be
11 a Fourth of July celebration held at Nay Aug
12 Park swimming pool complex. It will start
13 at 10:30 a.m. with the program beginning at
14 11:00. Thank you.

15 MR. ROGAN: I have two as well, both
16 of them are OECD related. Scranton's Office
17 of Economic and Community Development will
18 conduct a public hearing to obtain citizens'
19 views on housing, non-housing community
20 development needs of the City of Scranton
21 and the development of proposed activities
22 to address those needs. This meeting, which
23 takes place on Tuesday, July 7, at 6:00 p.m.
24 in Scranton City Council Chambers, will
25 provide an opportunity for city residents to

1 participate in the development and
2 implementation of Scranton's second year
3 action plan which covers the year beginning
4 January 1, 2016, and ending December 31,
5 2016.

6 Secondly, the request for proposals:
7 Notice to nonprofits, community housing
8 development organizations. The City of
9 Scranton through the Office of Economic and
10 Community Development is requesting
11 proposals for eligible nonprofit community
12 housing development organizations to develop
13 and sponsor home revitalize affordable
14 housing for income eligible households in
15 the City of Scranton. This funding is made
16 available through the US Department of
17 Housing and Urban Development Home
18 Investment Partnership Program.

19 Please contact 570-348-4216 or log
20 onto ScrantonPA.gov/oecd to receive a
21 written copy for the request for proposal
22 application.

23 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else? There is
24 one item that I should have mentioned, the
25 proposed caucus with the mayor and with

1 Mr. Henry Amoroso is set for July 9. That
2 will be next week's meeting. However, due
3 to their schedules we are going to have to
4 meet with them at 7:30. Somehow we are
5 going to have to rearrange our schedule --
6 our meeting schedule for that to take place.
7 I believe what we are looking to do is to
8 simply include that as part of 5-A, motions,
9 if that's possible. We'll check with our
10 solicitor but, yes, next week at 7:30 the
11 meeting with the mayor and Mr. Henry Amoroso
12 for an update on the I'll call it the
13 Amaroso plan.

14 And I should have mentioned, also,
15 once again, our solicitor was unable to be
16 here, but in his stead Attorney Joe
17 Colbassani will be hear with us this
18 evening.

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

21 MR. MCGOFF: Joan Hodowanitz.

22 MS. HODOWANITZ: Joan Hodowanitz,
23 citizen and taxpayer. Mr. McGoff, I want to
24 thank you for providing answers to my
25 questions. I would have thanked you last

1 week, but Lori didn't hand me the envelope
2 until after I sat down, so this is a belated
3 thank you.

4 It occurred to me that when you
5 receive the questions that Marie and I tend
6 to ask and other citizens ask, and I know
7 you have a limited amount of the time and
8 many duties to perform, one thing that the
9 council might consider is an alliance with
10 the local colleges and universities to get
11 some of their seniors down here as unpaid
12 research assistant interns. I know the
13 universities push for their accounting,
14 finance and poli-sci majors to try and get
15 some practical experience and you would be
16 surprised the talent that some of those
17 students have, and it might be a win-win for
18 both sides. The students would get some
19 practical exposure and you would get some
20 free brain power and a couple of extra pair
21 of hands, so maybe it's something you want
22 to consider in the future.

23 I'm happy to see that the Mayor
24 confirmed the July 9 date. It occurs to me
25 that on Monday, July 6, the mayor will be in

1 office 18 months and I hope that after his
2 July 9 caucus he gives serious consideration
3 of a town hall meeting for the benefit of
4 the citizens for us to have a chance to talk
5 to him and ask our questions since we are
6 stakeholders like everyone else in the city.
7 With 18 months as mayor he should now have a
8 firm vision of how he is going to lead the
9 city towards recovery, and there are a lot
10 of questions that need to be answered.

11 With regard to the article in this
12 morning's paper about the State Auditor
13 General's report on the pension reform, it
14 looks like there is going to be no painless
15 solution for Scranton getting its pension
16 funds to be healthy.

17 MR. MCGOFF: Joan, is that
18 microphone off?

19 MS. CARRERA: No.

20 MR. MCGOFF: Oh, okay, I'm sorry.
21 I'm sorry, Mark came in and I thought it
22 might be something --

23 MS. HODOWANITZ: Never behind. But
24 anyway, the AG's pension report, one of the
25 things he seems to be suggesting is that we

1 might use the sale or lease of the Sewer
2 Authority to shore up our pension plan and
3 that could be good. Another thing he
4 pointed out is that we are still using the 8
5 percent interest rate which is not
6 realistic, that probably should be lowered.
7 He really didn't represent the specific
8 percentage, it might be 5.5, 6.5, but in the
9 report it mentions that if you go to a lower
10 interest rate with assumption for the
11 pension funds that's going to mean a higher
12 MMO at the end of the year, and you know we
13 have been having problems meeting the MMO
14 the last two years. In 2013, when we missed
15 it, we had to pay \$185,300 in interest. In
16 2014 we paid another \$295,000 in interest,
17 that's \$480,000 for just two years, so there
18 are going to be some painful steps coming to
19 solvency, but I hope that the rest of the
20 citizenry follows this issue closely. Not
21 just the unions, not just the city
22 administration, but the citizens need to
23 watch this, too, because it's going a lot of
24 money coming out of our pockets one way or
25 the other.

1 I did notice, however, an article in
2 the paper this week about the Luzerne County
3 audit. Did you notice that their draft came
4 in on time, June 30, and that their final
5 one will be out in a few weeks? They were
6 very concerned about having a late audit
7 report for the last three years. I hope we
8 get as good as they are.

9 And finally, I was glad to hear that
10 you have been meeting with and the city has
11 been meeting with Rainey & Rainey and SB &
12 Company about getting ready to do the 2014
13 audit and steps that need to be taken. I
14 was looking at the State Auditor General's
15 report from last year on pension reform and
16 let me quote a paragraph, this was from last
17 year. Could I read this one paragraph?

18 MR. MCGOFF: Please.

19 MS. HODOWANITZ: "Moving beyond their
20 annual pension plans contributions
21 municipalities or facing new financial
22 reporting requirements that will effect
23 their financial statements and financial
24 position as reported on those statements.
25 The Governmental Accounting Standards Board

1 has issued statements No. 67 and 68
2 effective 2014 through '15 which will
3 require municipalities and pension plans to
4 include a net pension liability on their
5 balance sheets showing the actual amount of
6 the unfunded pension liability. This will
7 be the first time that the true pension
8 liability will be reported as part of the
9 municipalities financial statements for the
10 taxpayer to see."

11 This means that we can't keep going
12 back to the January 1, 2013, figures last
13 reported by the state. We are going to know
14 as of December 31, 2014, and every year
15 after that what the liability is and this is
16 something that the taxpayers should drill
17 down to every year. Thank you.

18 MR. MCGOFF: Ron Ellman.

19 MR. ELLMAN: Ron Ellman. Council.
20 Well, I got a Confederate flag I can donate
21 if council needs one behind them or
22 something. It's about the size of five by
23 ten, I think, everybody could see it. About
24 fresh ideas, people have been coming in here
25 for a 150 years with fresh ideas. You know,

1 you people don't listen. Very once in
2 awhile I hear tremendous suggestions in
3 here. They don't go no where. They just go
4 over your heads or something. That's why
5 people consider participating here is just a
6 waste of time. You know, I think if council
7 had a slogan it would be, "Don't do today
8 what you can put off 'till tomorrow." I
9 hear continuously people have asked you
10 things that are never answered. I asked you
11 several months ago about Amoroso's poll, who
12 paid for it, and nobody cared, and I don't
13 know who would --

14 MR. MCGOFF: You were provided an
15 answer many number of times on that.

16 MR. ELLMAN: Yeah, I never heard
17 what happened about it. If it was so
18 successful for him I think it would have
19 been all over the newspaper and on the radio
20 or something. One of the questions they
21 asked is if anybody knew who he was. See
22 this little envelope, these are my taxes I
23 paid in this city for 21 years. 21 years.
24 That's probably over \$20,000, I never added
25 it up, they are paid right up -- I paid it I

1 think in February I paid my taxes and
2 everything. What did I get for my money? I
3 haven't seen the street sweeper come down, I
4 don't have no sidewalks, I don't have no
5 curbs, I don't even have a street light
6 because this jerk next to me parks a
7 ten-foot high van in the driveway. I asked
8 council if they could do something about it,
9 nothing was ever done.

10 You know, it's an eyesore, it ruins
11 the values of the whole neighborhood, not
12 just my house, it ruins everybody's values
13 around there looking at this pile of junk.
14 Every morning, six days a week and sometimes
15 on Sunday there is the dates, 3:30, 3:45,
16 4:30 a.m. I have to listen to. I have to
17 smell this thing outside. All I asked was
18 you to reduce from \$15,000 to \$10,000 that
19 would forbid him from parking there. It
20 would forbid them from all over town this
21 goes on. I have heard six or eight
22 different people for a couple of months have
23 complained about things. Nothing done, you
24 don't care.

25 I paid taxes for 21 years. This man

1 works for a company in Avoca, he doesn't --
2 they have nothing to do with city taxes, he
3 doesn't own the house next door. He is not
4 paying house taxes and school taxes like I
5 do. Very fortunately I have access to a
6 hell of a law firm but that takes so long to
7 do anything, but I guess I just have to
8 wait. You people worry about cutting grass
9 and so on, you need to worry about people
10 like this that don't care about their
11 neighbors and their whole neighborhood.

12 This is a deliberate way that he
13 just provokes me because sometimes he
14 doesn't park next door. Out of 17 days five
15 of them he parked down the street. When he
16 thinks of it it's not going to rain the next
17 day, I get this pile of junk out there.
18 Mr. Sweeney from the License Bureau phoned
19 me, said he is going to handle it and do
20 something about it. I phoned him six or
21 eight times he never had the common courtesy
22 to answer a phone call. That just seems
23 like most of the people in this city handle
24 something.

25 You can't tell me that you people

1 can break a law and hire Bulzoni in a matter
2 of minutes, but you can't do nothing about
3 this pile of junk parked in the driveway
4 that wakes up the whole neighborhood at 4:00
5 in the morning. That's 'cause it's not in
6 front of your house, it's not in front of
7 your driveway, that's why nobody cares but
8 I'm just one person that the city is full of
9 examples like this. That's why people don't
10 want to live here, Mr. Evans. That's why
11 you people don't come down here and give you
12 fresh ideas. They don't go nowhere. You
13 got enough problems as it is. I don't think
14 you need to keep inviting people down here
15 with fresh ideas you will get a bunch of
16 daydreams that are impossible for the city
17 to fulfill. Thank you.

18 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you, Mr. Ellman.
19 Lee Morgan.

20 MR. MORGAN: Good evening, Council.
21 Lee Morgan.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: Good evening.

23 MR. MORGAN: Good evening. Today I
24 had a brief conversation with a lady who has
25 been trying to sell her home for two years

1 in the city to leave here, she hasn't had
2 one person come look at her house yet, not
3 one and, you know, a previous speaker talked
4 about people here being stakeholders, I'm
5 not sure they are stakeholders, I think they
6 are tied to the stake. That's what I think
7 is going on here.

8 You know, a failure of city
9 government here has gone on for a very long
10 time but, you know, when you think about
11 transferring the pensions to the state, you
12 know, now they are talking about the city
13 having to fund them even though they passed
14 to the state in some way, I don't think the
15 residents in this city should in any way be
16 responsible to make these pensions whole.

17 Council voted to remove Nallin as
18 the administration of the pension and hired
19 somebody else that lost millions and
20 millions of dollars, okay? The city was
21 under, I guess, you know, the Pension
22 Economy League, they were supposed to be
23 watching our back and making sure that our
24 government was functioning in somewhat of a
25 legitimate way. So should we really go back

1 to the residents of this city and have them
2 pay taxes to fund the pension fund that the
3 Scranton City Council was responsible to
4 make sure was funded correctly or should we
5 really do something much different? Take
6 every formal elected official and every
7 councilman into court and ask the
8 Commonwealth to seize their assets and hold
9 them accountable for their decisions whether
10 they were informed or not. They took an
11 oath of office and they were responsible for
12 the residents and maybe if we went that way
13 all the way up the food chain politically, I
14 don't know, maybe instead of people, you
15 know, being forced to the brink of mental
16 illness and under extreme duress because
17 they can't pay their bills, I don't know, I
18 mean, I'm hoping it didn't happen but, you
19 know, maybe some politicians would kill
20 themselves and commit suicide because it's
21 just reached a point where we have the most
22 dysfunctional form of government you can
23 imagine.

24 And when you run across people, you
25 know, you have to ask yourself how does this

1 happen? And I brought it up last week, we
2 have super voters and they go out and vote
3 because most other people when you go to the
4 voter list they are intermittent voters,
5 they might come out every now and then, but
6 the super voters come out all the time, and
7 evidently maybe some of these super voters
8 are drinking magic Kool-Aid and they just
9 keep voting for people who have really no
10 idea what they are going to do for the
11 residents of this city.

12 I mean, my question is where are all
13 of these super voters? You think they would
14 be in this chamber and they'd be asking
15 Scranton elected officials where is your
16 plan? Where is the ideas you ran on?
17 What's happened to our pension? What's
18 happened to our city? You don't see them.
19 Why? You know, you look across the broad
20 spectrum even nationally, the vote is being
21 controlled by a very small amount of people
22 and the vast majority of the people have
23 walked away from the polls and you know
24 something a representative republic cannot
25 function without the support of the people.

1 No matter how heavily you arm it, it cannot
2 survive.

3 So where are we taking our nation?
4 It's definitely not going anywhere good, you
5 know, look, you can put a pretty suit on
6 anybody you want, you can do the same thing
7 with a blouse and a skirt, but it doesn't
8 mean that people you elected have an ability
9 to function, to think, to reason, to find
10 common sense in the decisions they make, and
11 coming back to an electorate or not even an
12 electorate, a citizenry that the City of
13 Scranton now possesses look at it. Really
14 hard look at the residents we have. Massive
15 unemployment, a lot of people on government
16 programs.

17 I mean, Mr. McGoff and Mr. Evans,
18 you are old enough to remember when
19 there were manufacturing jobs in this city
20 even though they didn't pay much they were
21 here. You know, and everybody talks about
22 how people don't want to work. I don't
23 know, maybe they are going to go to China or
24 some other third world country and work and
25 then come back here and visit. You know, we

1 just elected people that have a failed sense
2 of loyalty to the people who elected them.

3 And, you know, people talk about the
4 rebel flag now, you know what I think? I
5 think they need to look at the stars and
6 bars and realize, you know, what our
7 constitution says and what our form of
8 government wants, and Mr. McGoff made a
9 statement one time about the founding
10 fathers and their visions for economic
11 development, the founding fathers fought a
12 revolution because we weren't allowed to
13 make manufacturing products in America and
14 almost all of the finished products came
15 from England, and it wasn't until John Deere
16 started making plows in America and stopped
17 importing Sheffield steel that America
18 really started to turn around, and when you
19 really have an understanding of the founders
20 of this nation, and I think I do, you know,
21 I just wonder how anybody can serve the
22 America people and know what's happened
23 here.

24 And I am wondering, you know, when
25 Mr. Jefferson talked about revolutions in

1 the country this is what he meant. He
2 elected a people who failed to represent the
3 people that elected them. Thank you.

4 MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening, Council.
5 Dave Dobrzyn, resident, all taxes finally
6 paid. Once again, call your Congressman at
7 1-202-224-3121. The trade packs has passed
8 for fast track, but stay on them, call every
9 name in the book if they voted for it and
10 scare the hell out of them and tell them you
11 are going to vote against them in the
12 primary. And the president, 1-202-456-1111.

13 You know, those manufacturing jobs
14 used to pay double the minimum wage so
15 currently, if they were still here they
16 would pay \$15 an hour. It's not too shabby
17 for a seamstress or something like that.
18 She could actually support a family, not
19 like today where you are living off of food
20 stamps and getting called names. It's sick.

21 Last week I mentioned on East
22 Mountain and the thought occurred to my head
23 with those cinder block steps when people
24 are having stuff installed they should take
25 a look at the work, and maybe have somebody

1 that knows something about that type of work
2 look at it, and this would have been years
3 ago, but if the work is shoddy and
4 unsuitable then is the time to really pop on
5 the case and not let these people if it's
6 ten years down the road you are kind of
7 stuck with it, somebody is stuck with it.

8 Now, I was reading the paper about
9 the week before last that the PPL was
10 spraying most of their utility lines and I'd
11 like to see you people adopt a letter or
12 something at least to request that they keep
13 their herbicides out of Nay Aug Park. We
14 spent a lot of money there and we don't need
15 their poison spread around, let them send a
16 crew up and cut the brush in a more natural
17 way. That is our park and they probably had
18 had that power line up there for 20 years
19 now for free, they pay other people rent.

20 And the pensions, I would disagree,
21 I think that PEL is very responsible for a
22 good portion of the pension debacle because
23 they sanctioned Mayor Connors and wouldn't
24 let him do various things and certainly it
25 was an unsound idea to give double pensions

1 mind on once again selling the sewer plant
2 or selling assets, will the money exceed the
3 a reasonable interest rate that will be
4 charged eventually down the line? Perhaps
5 not, but I would think that if somebody
6 comes up with a 20 or 30 million dollar
7 payment to monetize the sewage plant they
8 may expect more than 5 or 6 percent interest
9 rate, so if they want 15 percent, 20
10 percent, 30 percent profits every year on
11 that money it's going to be much more
12 expensive than just paying the interest
13 rate. Thank you and have a good night.

14 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you.

15 MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening,
16 Council. Marie Schumacher. First off, I
17 would like to add to Mr. Wechsler's
18 announcement. Last Saturday there was the
19 Jimmy Sturr concert which is always well
20 attended followed by a Geisinger sponsored
21 fireworks display, and was cancelled because
22 of the torrential rain and I got
23 disconnected with DPW before or with --
24 yeah, I guess it was the DPW or the Rec
25 Authority on whether or not Jimmy Sturr is

1 going to be there, but the fire works have
2 been reschedule for August 1 so people who
3 enjoy that event probably want to mark their
4 calendars now.

5 5-C tonight, is this for residential
6 only or is commercial included? And, also,
7 I want to make clear this it prohibits waste
8 containers and is only off-street -- I mean,
9 on-street not off-street? Is it residential
10 only or is it --

11 MR. EVANS: I'm not sure about that,
12 but I think what they are referring to are
13 those pods that people use for moving or
14 storage and it's specifically on-street, but
15 there are some provisions here that you
16 can't put more than three on the property at
17 one time so it's a little bit of both, but
18 mostly it's on-street and it's for storage
19 containers.

20 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay, and it does
21 cover commercial as well?

22 MR. EVANS: I would imagine it
23 would, yes, I'll check.

24 MS. SCHUMACHER: Yeah, I know it's a
25 tonight is the first night.

1 And on the meeting, Mr. Evans, on
2 the meeting for the future of the city, Judy
3 Gatelli had something similar years back
4 during the month of August, and they were
5 held here in council and there was some
6 formatting prior to the first meeting, do
7 you intend to do that as well, that these
8 meetings were occur here for public?

9 MR. EVANS: Well, we are going to
10 discuss it among yourselves, we will
11 probably have a meeting amongst ourselves
12 here first to discuss how we are going to
13 move forward with it, but I do anticipate
14 the meetings to be right here. That's
15 correct.

16 MS. SCHUMACHER: Thank you, and then
17 is overtime included in the pension benefit
18 calculation for any of our union, in any of
19 our union agreements? If so, which ones?
20 You are all shaking your heads or saying
21 yes.

22 MR. EVANS: Well, I know that one of
23 the Bills that are before the House and now
24 the recommendations from the Governor's Task
25 Force all refer to spiking and that's what

1 you're talking about. Spiking at the end of
2 their contract or at the end of their terms
3 so they can't raise -- artificially raise
4 their pension so I think that that's
5 included in all of the language, but I think
6 it will probably go away.

7 MS. SCHUMACHER: Could we get an
8 analysis then with all of the expired
9 company overtime how it's impacting the
10 budget and the pension and the non-hiring of
11 the new employees at the lower rates since
12 it's spiked, I mean, the number of retirees
13 is spiking?

14 MR. EVANS: Well, yeah, and I'll
15 only address the people that are going to
16 retire shortly, obviously, but I know
17 Councilman Wechsler is looking into that a
18 little bit as far as the overtime is
19 concerned.

20 MS. SCHUMACHER: Yeah, we are
21 certainly moving off the MOU benefits
22 certainly at a minimum.

23 And then how is the matrix on the
24 revised recovery plan and budget item 2015
25 status going? That was discussed a couple

1 of weeks ago?

2 MR. MCGOFF: I believe you asked if
3 there will be updates, is what you meant?

4 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, yeah, but
5 first there has to be the matrix. You had
6 talked of a matrix. As a matter of fact, I
7 think you had asked PEL has do that, have
8 you received that?

9 MR. MCGOFF: We did ask PEL for
10 updates on the initiatives and the mandates
11 in the recovery plan.

12 MS. SCHUMACHER: Just in the
13 recovery plan.

14 MR. MCGOFF: In the recovery, but
15 I'm sure what you meant by matrix.

16 MR. EVANS: That might have been my
17 comment because I know Mr. Cross mentioned
18 that he would be putting together a matrix
19 that would give us that information.

20 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, just for the
21 revised recovery plan though, not what was
22 promised in the budget?

23 MR. EVANS: Well, some of it is part
24 and parcel.

25 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, overlaps,

1 yes, some of it overlaps, but --

2 MR. EVANS: Predominantly for the
3 recovery plan, but I'm sure the budget
4 issues will be in there, too.

5 MS. SCHUMACHER: When did you expect
6 one of those to be available?

7 MR. EVANS: We'll talk to him on
8 Monday to see when he will have that
9 available.

10 MS. SCHUMACHER: And then do you
11 happen to have the parking meter revenue and
12 how that's tracking with the projected cash
13 flow and how much is being transferred out
14 into the paving?

15 MR. EVANS: Yeah, I don't have it
16 right now.

17 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay. There was
18 one more, but I guess I can hold that until
19 next week.

20 MR. MCGOFF: Go ahead.

21 MS. SCHUMACHER: But it would
22 require me to find it so anyway, thank you.

23 MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else who wishes
24 to address council?

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

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MOTIONS.

MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Wechsler.

MR. WECHSLER: Thank you, Mr. McGoff. For the past two weeks I have been following up with NRS who works out of the Treasurer's Office in the City to determine the status of the mailing of the delinquent trash bills. Checking before today's meeting again those statements have not been mailed out as of yet which is a little bit disappointing. According to people in the office, that the mailing should occur again next week. We have been looking at these delinquent trash bills for the possibility of perhaps looking in to start filing some liens against these delinquent payers.

To the best of my knowledge, we had not seen any liens filed against delinquent garbage fee people. There is a quite extensive list of people who don't pay. There is a considerable amount of money that's on the table. The amount is up in question. In speaking with Councilman Evans last week he and a Mr. Bulzoni are reviewing

1 these figures to determine some type of a
2 true dollar value of what's out there being
3 collected.

4 As we discussed last week, the
5 amount of money that's out there if turned
6 into liens could become a considerable asset
7 for the city that we could sell perhaps and
8 at some type of dollar value, so it's very
9 important that these delinquent trash bills
10 get mailed out and we start making efforts
11 towards liening these old garbage bills.

12 In some other work that I have been
13 doing this week, myself and City Clerk Lori
14 Reed we started the process to apply for a
15 county grant for the first stage of repair
16 of the doughboy statute from Duffy Park.
17 The County has some money that is available.
18 It's intended right now for a grant that
19 would be to repair the doughboy statute and
20 also for that grant to cover the casting for
21 a new doughboy statute that hopefully we can
22 find future funding for that could be added
23 to the new Duffy Park when the Harrison
24 Avenue bridge reopens in 2017.

25 I also this week contacted the

1 engineering firm who is doing the study for
2 the paving program, they have just started
3 that and they are on track with evaluating
4 the roads that are going to be paved and
5 reconfirming the dollar values that were
6 attached to those for a cost.

7 I don't know if anyone notice in the
8 paper today that the City of Scranton Fire
9 Department has been certified by the State,
10 accredited by the State. From talking to
11 Chief DeSarno, one of the benefits of this
12 accreditation will be that in the future
13 when the city is reviewed by the ISO who
14 sets insurance rates somewhere down the line
15 it should be a benefit to the citizens of
16 Scranton the fact that we have an accredited
17 fire department. Along with our hazmat
18 training and along with some of the
19 equipment purchases that we have made
20 hopefully we will see a reduction in
21 Scranton homeowner's fire insurance.

22 This week I also attended a meeting
23 of the Scranton Neighborhood Summit
24 Committee. The Scranton Neighborhood Summit
25 Committee is planning to have a party at Nay

1 Aug Park on July 18 across from the Everhart
2 Museum from 12 to 3. For that party there
3 will be food, music and as I confirmed this
4 week there will be free swimming that day.
5 Through the auspices of the Recreation
6 Authority, the City of Scranton and the
7 cooperative effort of the neighborhood
8 associations, there will be free swimming
9 that day.

10 Also, I would just like to comment
11 on the report that was in the paper
12 yesterday or this morning actually the state
13 appointed task force studied that pensions
14 had some very good ideas to get the pension
15 problem under control. The mayor and
16 council have already agreed that pension
17 funds should be moved to the state. That
18 would relieve management from municipal
19 authorities. It would also freeze benefits
20 until the plan is 90 percent funded.

21 The report also stated that new
22 hires should receive pensions more along
23 with today's 401-K style of plans. As a
24 council, we have been supporting this all
25 along. Before this study, council was

1 already reviewing some of the reports and
2 recommendations including the amount of
3 overtime used in calculating pensions.
4 Council is also looking to curb the amount
5 of lump sum payments, unused sick time and
6 unused vacation times used to calculate
7 pensions and all.

8 So although this report came out
9 today, as a governing body, and I know that
10 the administration also has been doing this,
11 we have been looking at these reforms all
12 along. The problem being is that we are
13 going to need help from Harrisburg.
14 Harrisburg is going to have to be able to
15 get involved and to make the legislative
16 changes necessary so these reforms that we
17 discuss can begin to be put in place.
18 That's all I have for now.

19 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Rogan?

20 MR. ROGAN: Yes, just one issue
21 tonight, one very important issue that I
22 didn't have a chance to comment on last
23 week, over the last few months much of what
24 we have talked about in this chamber and
25 much of what has been reported in the

1 newspaper has been regarding pensions,
2 various issues regarding pensions.
3 Obviously our funds are very distressed, as
4 is no secret to anyone. How the funds
5 became distressed are subject to many
6 interpretations, but one thing that is not
7 subject to interpretation is the fact that
8 millions of dollars from taken out of the
9 pension fund that should have never been
10 taken out.

11 Regarding the double pensions, the
12 Auditor General did a great job of putting
13 together what happened and what should have
14 happened, putting together the total cost,
15 putting together all of these figures, but
16 at the end of the day, us, the public, still
17 don't know exactly how it came to be. Whose
18 idea was it? Who officially authorized it?

19 I know we received documents,
20 unofficial documents, stating as per
21 authorized by Mayor Doherty, but officially
22 nobody has ever gotten any answer as to who
23 ordered the pensions on those individuals to
24 double, and who agreed to double them
25 without the documentation.

1 everyone would be in agreement to that to
2 try to get some answers and then we could go
3 from there and see what is brought to light.
4 So that is all I have for tonight. Thank
5 you.

6 MR. MCGOFF: Mr. Evans?

7 MR. EVANS: Well, first I'll address
8 what Councilman Rogan said, I agree 100
9 percent that we need to get to the bottom of
10 this, I'm more inclined to wait until the
11 state police and the FBI and their
12 interviews are completed and if we don't get
13 the answers we deserve at that point I think
14 we should use every power we have to get to
15 the bottom of it. So I agree with what you
16 are saying 100 percent, I think that's more
17 of time line with me.

18 MR. ROGAN: Well, many times with
19 those type of investigations nothing is
20 released though, and that's been -- it's
21 been over six months, it feels like a year.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: May I chime in.

23 MR. EVANS: Absolutely.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: I would agree with
25 Mr. Evans, so explain this again, you want

1 us to come up with a list of names of
2 people, bring them in and then question them
3 on how the double pensions --

4 MR. ROGAN: What happened during
5 that time frame.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: I would agree with
7 Mr. Evans and just say that I agree with
8 what you are saying kind of in theory, but
9 the FBI and the state police are currently
10 investigating this so I think we should at
11 least wait until the criminal investigation
12 is over with before we take that step.

13 MR. ROGAN: And I said the same
14 exact thing three months ago when this
15 began, and I don't know how long, you know,
16 we want to wait. Is it September, is it
17 August, is it --

18 MR. GAUGHAN: I just think until the
19 investigation is over. I don't have a
20 criminal justice degree, but I think the
21 investigation --

22 MR. ROGAN: The Auditor General
23 completed his investigation, that's what
24 prompted me --

25 MR. WECHSLER: I'm just concerned if

1 we start throwing names out we are going to
2 open ourself up to some possible litigation
3 or if we leave someone off the list that
4 should be on it, you know, I'm not a
5 professional investigator, I'm a production
6 control officer, that's what I do. I'm not
7 an investigator. The state police and the
8 FBI or whoever is involved in it I think
9 they are much more capable. I don't
10 disagree with what you are saying, I still
11 want to maintain council's independence of
12 this investigation when we really don't have
13 anything to offer right now.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: I would agree with you
15 100 percent, Mr. Wechsler. You know, I'm
16 not a police officer and an investigator, I
17 think we need to let the proper authorities
18 finish the investigation and then move from
19 there. I think that would be the proper
20 thing to do rather than drag people in for
21 -- I don't know, it doesn't make much sense
22 to me at this point.

23 MR. ROGAN: How long are we going to
24 wait, that's my only question?

25 MR. GAUGHAN: Until the end of the

1 investigation is the answer to that
2 question.

3 MR. ROGAN: But many times the
4 investigation ends and then that's it, you
5 don't hear anything.

6 MR. EVANS: Well, what we could do
7 is ask the investigating parties to speed up
8 the process or give us an update of where
9 they're at, give us an estimate of when they
10 feel it will be completed. I don't know if
11 that's asking too much, but I think
12 that's something we can find out. The
13 hearings are in process now and I think they
14 are almost completed and we could find out
15 and ask people, the FBI or the state police,
16 where they are in the investigation and when
17 they expect to be completed. If they give
18 us no answer or, you know, then we have a
19 time line.

20 MR. ROGAN: And I'm not -- if
21 checking with the investigative bodies first
22 to see if we are going to get an answer, but
23 I just feel that they are not going to give
24 you that kind of an answer.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: I think we should

1 check with our solicitor because if I
2 remember correctly from being at the press
3 conference with the Auditor General he did
4 say that he didn't have the authority to
5 bring people in and question them, he only
6 could look at the facts so --

7 MR. ROGAN: Well, city council does
8 have subpoena powers.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: Right, but I'd like to
10 check with the solicitor and just before we
11 go and dive into this thing get a legal
12 opinion on it before we start bringing
13 people in before the state police and the
14 FBI investigate it so --

15 MR. MCGOFF: And I'll chirp in, I
16 disagree with you all. I don't believe that
17 an investigation by city council would serve
18 any purpose whatsoever. All we would be
19 doing would be looking to cast blame. In
20 the end, in the end, we have know arrest
21 powers, we have no powers of punishment, all
22 we would be doing would be perhaps demeaning
23 the character of individuals that may not
24 have been complicit in any way and I think
25 that it become a fools enterprise to go

1 about this.

2 We are not qualified to do it, and
3 all we could -- and in the end the only
4 thing that we would be looking for, as I
5 said, is to cast blame and to that I don't
6 see any end so I would be opposed at all.

7 MR. ROGAN: Somebody is responsible,
8 that's the point I'm getting at, that it
9 didn't just happen on it's on.

10 MR. MCGOFF: Understood.

11 MR. ROGAN: Somebody is responsible.

12 MR. MCGOFF: Understood. And is it
13 our duty to find out who is responsible, and
14 even if we do find out who is responsible
15 where does it go? Other than to say, "This
16 person is responsible."

17 I just don't see it, I think it's
18 a -- I think it would be become a lot of
19 time, effort, and perhaps even money to
20 proceed in this way and, like I said, I
21 just -- I just don't see it as being very
22 productive. And, Mr. Evans?

23 MR. ROGAN: Sorry, Councilman Evans.

24 MR. EVANS: I will go back. On a
25 positive note, we received a lot of the

1 positive comment about the article in the
2 paper today from a lot of different avenues
3 and I think people are encouraged by the
4 fact that we are looking to listen and see
5 what kind of ideas are out in the community.

6 I did get an e-mail from a gentleman
7 by the name of Paul Keris, formerly of
8 Scranton, now of Waverly and New York, and
9 he is full of ideas and I was very impressed
10 with some of them, but one line he sent in
11 his e-mail I thought was very appropriate,
12 "Maybe the next big idea is just connecting
13 the small ideas." So I thought that was a
14 great line and a good way to put what we are
15 going to hopefully embark on soon.

16 Other than that this evening, I'm
17 going to take a break from discussing policy
18 and pension reform and finances and even Al
19 Boscov, and I just want to remind everyone
20 that this Saturday is July 4. For most
21 Americans it might mean a cookout with
22 hotdogs and hamburgers, maybe a baseball
23 game and spending time with their friend and
24 family and, of course, fireworks, but it is
25 also a time to stop reflect and what a great

1 country we live in, to recall the solid
2 foundation that our country was built on and
3 to remember the extraordinary courage of our
4 founding fathers. We should never forget
5 those that fought for our liberty or the
6 perfect of freedom that we enjoy today and
7 every day. That's all I have and happy
8 Fourth of July.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you. A few
10 items. First, a resident had contacted me
11 to find out why a house was condemned at
12 723-725 West Elm Street so I would ask Mrs.
13 Reed if tomorrow we could find out from
14 Licensing and Inspections what the status of
15 that accommodation is and why it was
16 condemned.

17 A resident had also requested a
18 handicap sign at 5111 Cherry Street be taken
19 down that is not currently being used and
20 Chef Graziano reported that it will be taken
21 down some time next week.

22 Resident had also asked what the
23 procedure was for swimming at Nay Aug and
24 the free passes. Children 12 and under are
25 free provided they have a pass. Passes are

1 available at Weston field house Monday
2 through Friday between 2 and 4 p.m. A birth
3 certificate and proof of residency are
4 required to obtain the pass. Children ages
5 13 to 17 free passes are available at Weston
6 Field and passes are limited to the amount
7 the donation from Allied Services, which is
8 \$5,000, so there are a 100 passes available
9 and the same requirements with the birth
10 certificate and city residency.

11 Resident had also contacted me about
12 problems up on Division Street between Lucky
13 Run and Lookout Drive on West Mountain which
14 is a bus route for two school districts,
15 Scranton and Abington, and it needs some
16 attention. There are potholes and water
17 runoff issues. There is a question of
18 whether or not Lucky Run is in Scranton or
19 in Newton Township. The Newton Township
20 officials are claiming that it is in
21 Scranton so we are looking to get an answer
22 from our DPW director as to what the status
23 of that is and if we are, in fact,
24 responsible for it.

25 A gentleman contacted all of us

1 about a month ago and had an idea I think
2 that is interesting and I think that we
3 should discuss and possibly with the
4 administration and possibly end up doing
5 this eventually and it's called NEPA text
6 deals. It's a text message marketing
7 business located in Hazelton and they are
8 offering the City of Scranton free use of
9 their technology so that we can better keep
10 the public informed to any and all alerts
11 that have to do with the community. So
12 examples are road alerts, water alerts,
13 community alerts, events and emergency
14 alerts.

15 So I am currently in discussion with
16 city officials to see if this is something
17 that the administration is interested in. I
18 think we need to continue to find ways to
19 engage in more efficient ways with our
20 citizens.

21 A resident had also asked about the
22 county doing an electronic recycling
23 program. We did get a response that the
24 woman who usually is in charge of scheduling
25 such events is not going to do a community

1 outreach this year because the recycling
2 center on Boulevard Avenue takes household
3 electronics, computers, TV's, VCR's on a
4 regular basis during normal business hours.

5 There was a gentlemen that is
6 concerned about speeding on West Elm Street.
7 He also believes that it should be a one-way
8 from Sixth Avenue to Meridian Street and we
9 are reaching out to our city engineer to
10 find out if that's possible and to see if he
11 can take a look at that for us. And that is
12 all I have this week. Thank you.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. I don't
14 have really anything, I wish everyone a very
15 safe and happy Fourth of July. Just
16 thoughts came to me as we are speaking,
17 independence is not something that is
18 permanent nor is freedom, it's something
19 that we must defend on a very daily basis,
20 whether it's a Confederate Flag or a rainbow
21 flag freedom is defined in many ways. Be
22 diligent less you lose yours, and that's
23 all.

24 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION -
25 AN ORDINANCE - CREATING THE POSITION OF

1 POLICE CHAPLAIN WITHIN THE SCRANTON POLICE
2 DEPARTMENT.

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

6 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

7 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

8 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

9 MR. WECHSLER: Yes, Mr. McGoff. I
10 spoke to Chief Graziano about this ordinance
11 during the week. He gave me some
12 information about it. First of all, he told
13 me that the chaplain program is a national
14 program that started in New Jersey. The
15 goal is not religious but ecumenical. It's
16 an all volunteer group that is seeking
17 participation from all denominations and
18 faiths. It's mission will be to be
19 available any time there is a need for
20 crises intervention or debriefing.

21 Just as an example, there were
22 chaplains used when there was the
23 unfortunate tragic death of a youth in
24 Jessup last month, and also the training for
25 the new chaplains will begin in September.

1 MR. MCGOFF: Yes, we spoke of this
2 earlier during caucus, the idea of a
3 position of chaplain is not for a single
4 chaplain, it is for lack of a better
5 explanation to create a board of chaplains
6 of committee of chaplains welcoming members
7 of any denomination and that they would then
8 go under -- they would undergo training and
9 certification through a national
10 organization and then they would be
11 recommended to the mayor to be part of this
12 board of chaplains.

13 We have some of the duties that
14 would be part of this chaplain program
15 assisting the police department in death
16 notifications, comfort to victims,
17 confidential counseling to police
18 departments personnel, moral and ethical
19 foundations to police personnel, referral
20 and resources assistance as requested, so if
21 you look through the duties it certainly is
22 something that, you know, it can be useful
23 and within the police department and
24 certainly something that as it proceeds
25 through the next three weeks or two weeks,

1 we will be looking at. I do think that
2 there are some things in the legislation
3 that need to be amended just for
4 clarification purposes, and we may be doing
5 that within the next couple of weeks. We
6 can do that on the floor in the coming
7 weeks.

8 All those in favor of introduction
9 signify by saying aye.

10 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

11 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

12 MR. EVANS: Aye.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

16 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -
17 AN ORDINANCE - DEFINING AND REGULATING THE
18 SIZE, OPERATION AND USE OF PORTABLE
19 ON-DEMAND TEMPORARY STORAGE CONTAINERS, AS
20 DEFINED HEREIN AND AUTHORIZING ENFORCEMENT,
21 AND IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES AND FEES FOR
22 VIOLATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON.

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

1 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

2 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

3 MR. MCGOFF: On the question?

4 MR. WECHSLER: Yes, Mr. McGoff, on
5 the question, this is one of these
6 ordinances that is needed because of the
7 types of people that we have in the city
8 sometimes. If people just had common
9 courtesy and were good neighbors we would
10 not have to get into these type of
11 ordinances. This ordinance does need to be
12 tweaked and fine tuned a little bit, but it
13 is one of these things that is required
14 because of some people who just take
15 advantage of their neighborhood. Thank you.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question, I
17 just had a question in the caucus when we
18 discussed this about the justification for
19 the \$50 permit fee. It was discussed a few
20 weeks ago, I think Mr. Evans brought it up,
21 about just slapping on fees on different
22 things throughout the city so before we do
23 that let's see what the justification is for
24 that fee and what it will pay for so that's
25 the only question I have at this point.

1 MR. EVANS: Yes, I would concur. I
2 agree that this is good legislation, it's
3 solid legislation and something that we
4 need, and as Councilman Wechsler mentioned,
5 if people acted properly we wouldn't have
6 any need to do this, but I also agree with
7 Councilman Gaughan that we need the
8 administration to justify what the fee is
9 because coming on the heels of the rental
10 registration lawsuit I think we cannot pass
11 legislation for any kind of fee without
12 knowing specifically if the amount is
13 justified and, you know, at that point
14 moving forward.

15 MR. MCGOFF: And, also, it's not
16 only a good neighbor policy, given the
17 geography of the City of Scranton and also
18 the I'll say proliferation of these
19 containers throughout the city, we should be
20 looking at a way in which we can limit their
21 use and make it better for all citizens in
22 the city.

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

25 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

1 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

2 MR. EVANS: Aye.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

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

7 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.
8 105 2015 - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF
9 THE COUNCIL NO. 35, 2013, AN ORDINANCE, AS
10 AMENDED ENTITLED "AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
11 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO DISBURSE
12 THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000.00) FROM
13 THE ACCOUNT INTO WHICH REPAYMENT OF URBAN
14 DEVELOPMENT ACTION GRANTS (UDAG) ARE
15 DEPOSITED (UDAG REPAYMENT ACCOUNT) FOR THE
16 CONNELL PARK AND NOVEMBRINO SWIMMING POOLS
17 TO BE OPENED IN TIME FOR THE 2013 SWIM
18 SEASON" TO ALLOW THE REMAINING FUNDS IN THE
19 ACCOUNT TO BE USED FOR REPAIRS DONE TO THE
20 CONNELL PARK SWIMMING POOL IN 2014 AND THE
21 REPAIRS CURRENTLY BEING DONE FOR THE 2015
22 SWIM SEASON OR UNTIL ALL FUNDS ARE
23 EXHAUSTED.

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

1 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-A
2 pass reading by title.

3 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

4 MS. MCGOFF: On the question?

5 MR. ROGAN: Yes, on the question, I
6 know this was brought up regarding the
7 account, the total balance in the RE-RE fund
8 and I did send this to a constituent that
9 requested it, after this transfer the total
10 account in the RE-RE refund will be
11 \$108,442.87 and the actual amount of this
12 transfer is \$2,487.27 is the unused amount.

13 MR. MCGOFF: Thank you. And there
14 was also a question concerning the plans for
15 the Novembrino pool or the pool complex, and
16 I mentioned it during caucus today there are
17 still plans for redoing the Novembrino
18 complex, however, the funding for that area
19 does not fall under low to mod income
20 funding. Surprisingly, some of the only
21 area around there that's not low to mod
22 income is the park itself and, therefore, it
23 was difficult to get funding for the project
24 and so the project for redoing Novembrino
25 Pool is on hold until adequate funding can

1 be received.

2 All those in favor signify by saying
3 aye.

4 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

5 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

6 MR. EVANS: Aye.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

8 MR. MCGOFF: Aye. Opposed? The
9 ayes have it and so moved.

10 MS. REED: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR
11 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
12 SAFETY - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL
13 NO. 104, 2015 - ESTABLISHING A
14 LOADING/UNLOADING ZONE ALONG THE WESTERLY
15 CURBLINE OF THE 300 BLOCK OAKFORD COURT
16 BETWEEN LINDEN STREET AND MULBERRY STREET
17 FOR A LENGTH OF THIRTY (30) FEET FROM THE
18 NORTHERLY EDGE OF THE EXISTING CONCRETE
19 SIDEWALK AT THE REAR ENTRANCE OF THE LINDEN
20 STREET APARTMENTS NORTH TOWARDS MULBERRY
21 STREET.

22 MR. MCGOFF: What is the
23 recommendation of the Chair for the
24 Committee on Public Safety?

25 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for the

1 Committee on Public Safety, I recommend
2 final passage of Item 7-A.

3 MR. ROGAN: Second.

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

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

7 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

9 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

11 MR. EVANS: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

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

17 MR. ROGAN: Mrs. Reed, would we be
18 able to notify DPW of this change so they
19 could put up proper signage as well.

20 MS. REED: Of course.

21 MR. ROGAN: Thank you.

22 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION BY
23 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -
24 RESOLUTION NO. 158, 2015 - APPOINTMENT OF
25 DONALD JOSEPH WALSH, 1006 DERBY AVENUE,

1 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18505, AS A MEMBER OF
2 THE HOUSING APPEALS REVIEW BOARD EFFECTIVE
3 JUNE 16, 2015. MR. WALSH WILL BE REPLACING
4 MARIO BEVILACQUA WHO RESIGNED EFFECTIVE IN
5 NOVEMBER OF 2014. MR. WALSH WILL FULFILL
6 THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF MR. BEVILACQUA WHOSE
7 TERM IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE ON NOVEMBER 24,
8 2018.

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

12 MR. ROGAN: Second.

13 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Roll
14 call, please?

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

16 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

17 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

18 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

19 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

20 MR. EVANS: Yes.

21 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

23 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

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

1 MS. REED: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION BY
2 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -
3 RESOLUTION NO. 159, 2015 - APPOINTMENT OF
4 KATHLEEN GALLAGHER, 946 NORTH GARFIELD
5 AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18504, AS A
6 MEMBER OF THE SCRANTON MUNICIPAL RECREATION
7 AUTHORITY. MS. GALLAGHER WILL BE REPLACING
8 ANTHONY MARINUCCI WHO RESIGNED EFFECTIVE
9 APRIL 7, 2015 AND WHOSE TERM WAS SCHEDULED
10 TO EXPIRE ON JUNE 17, 2015. MS. GALLAGHER'S
11 TERM WILL BE EFFECTIVE JUNE 18, 2015 AND
12 WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 18, 2020.

13 MR. MCGOFF: As Chair for the
14 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
15 passage of Item 7-C.

16 MR. ROGAN: Second.

17 MR. MCGOFF: On the question? Roll
18 call, please?

19 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

20 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

21 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

22 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

23 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

24 MR. EVANS: Yes.

25 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

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MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

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

Once again, I would like to wish
everyone a happy and safe Fourth of July.

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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C E R T I F I C A T E

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

CATHENE S. NARDOZZI, RPR
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