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1	SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING	
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7	Thursday, October 1, 2015	
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10	Council Chambers	
11	Scranton City Hall	
12	340 North Washington Avenue	
13	Scranton, Pennsylvania	
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23	CATHENE S. NARDOZZI, RPR – OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER	
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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL: ROBERT MCGOFF, PRESIDENT (Not present) PATRICK ROGAN, VICE-PRESIDENT WAYNE EVANS JOSEPH WECHSLER WILLIAM GAUGHAN LORI REED, CITY CLERK JAMIE MARCIANO, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK AMIL MINORA, SOLICITOR

1	(Pledge of Allegiance recited and
2	moment of reflection observed.)
3	MR. ROGAN: Roll call, please.
4	MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Wechsler.
5	MR. WECHSLER: Here.
6	MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.
7	MR. ROGAN: Here.
8	MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.
9	MR. EVANS: Here.
10	MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.
11	MR. GAUGHAN: Here.
12	MS. MARCIANO: Mr. McGoff.
13	MR. GAUGHAN: I make a motion to
14	appoint Councilman Rogan as temporary
15	chairperson for the Committee on Rules.
16	MR. WECHSLER: Second.
17	MR. ROGAN: At this time I'll
18	entertain a motion that Item 5-B be
19	introduced into its proper committee.
20	MR. EVANS: So moved.
21	MR. WECHSLER: Second.
22	MR. ROGAN: On the question? All
23	those in favor signify by saying aye.
24	MR. WECHSLER: Aye.
25	MR. EVANS: Aye.

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1	MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.
2	MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
3	have it and so moved.
4	Dispense with the reading of the
5	minutes.
6	MS. REED: THIRD ORDER. 3-A. MINUTES
7	OF THE SCRANTON FIREFIGHTERS PENSION
8	COMMISSION MEETING HELD AUGUST 26, 2015.
9	MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
10	If not, received and filed.
11	MS. REED: 3-B. AGENDA FOR THE
12	NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION MEETING HELD
13	SEPTEMBER 23, 2015.
14	MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
15	If not, received and filed.
16	MS. REED: 3-C. MINUTES OF THE
17	NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING
18	HELD AUGUST 26, 2015.
19	MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
20	If not, received and filed.
21	MS. REED: 3-D. MINUTES OF THE
22	SCRANTON POLICE PENSION COMMISSION MEETING
23	HELD AUGUST 26, 2015.
24	MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
25	If not, received and filed.

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1	MS. REED: 3-E. AUDITED STATEMENT OF
2	THE SCRANTON SEWER AUTHORITY FOR YEAR ENDING
3	MARCH 31, 2015.
4	MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
5	If not, received and filed.
6	MS. REED: 3-F. TAX ASSESSOR'S
7	REPORTS FOR HEARING DATES TO BE HELD OCTOBER
8	16 AND OCTOBER 21, 2015.
9	MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
10	If not, received and filed.
11	MS. REED: 3-G. AGENDA FOR THE
12	LACKAWANNA COUNTY TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE
13	MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 24, 2015.
14	MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
15	If not, received and filed.
16	MS. REED: 3-H. MINUTES OF THE
17	LACKAWANNA COUNTY TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE
18	MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 26, 2015.
19	MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
20	If not, received and filed. Do any council
21	members have announcements at this time?
22	MR. WECHSLER: I have one, Mr. Rogan.
23	The North Scranton Neighborhood Association
24	Watch will be having it's Octoberfest on
25	Saturday. It will be taking place from 6 to

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10 at the Holy Rosary School auditorium.

The ticket cost is \$15 which includes food, drink and entertainment. There will also be basket raffles and 50/50 and I went last year and it's a great event.

MR. ROGAN: Anyone else?

MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, I have two. This Saturday, October 3, there will be a Crowley Park cleanup in Greenridge from 10 a.m. to 2 Also, there will be an event Saturday, October 10, called Veteran's Stand Down from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lackawanna College, Scranton campus, 500 Jefferson Avenue. There is different services that will be available to veterans such as ID services, shelter, clothing, legal advice, medical, dental and vision care, benefits and claims assistance, employment assistance, drug and alcohol treatment services, spiritual care among many other different services, and if you would like to know more about this event you can contact Kevin Cope, the outreach assistant at 973-270-1103.

MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Any other announcements?

MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION.

MR. ROGAN: Our first speaker tonight is Joan Hodowanitz.

MS. HODOWANITZ: Joan Hodowanitz, taxpayer and resident. I was very impressed by the presentation that DPW made during your informal caucus at 6 p.m. I would hope that one of you, perhaps you, Mr. Rogan, as acting president of council, can summarize for the public who did not hear that, how they explained what they were doing in terms of bids for the paving of streets. That is the kind of thing that I think the taxpayers need to hear about that it reassures us that they are providing proper stewardship of our taxpayer dollars, so if you could summarize that later.

Having said that, let's talk about the stewardship of the other dollars. By November 15 you will be receiving, I hope, the 2016 operating budget draft and what is of concern to me, and I think a lot of other taxpayers, is how reliable were the 2015 projected figures of revenues and

expenditures and want them to be the figures we are going to see for 2016 and there are still a lot of shoes that need to drop, for example, the city has been working for several months now on the monetization of the Sewer Authority and the Parking Authority. Mr. Bulzoni himself said last week that the city needs to make at least \$50 million on the Sewer Authority to superfund the pension funds, so hopefully we will get some kind of information in the following weeks where we stand with that.

The issue with the double pensions, seven of the retirees receiving double pensions have made a decision that they will be paid until the end of the year with exception, of course, of Jimmy Connors and then going forward next year they will not receive a double pension, but what's going to go on and happen with the 28 other pensioners who are receiving double pensions that, indeed, is a lot of money.

What is the status of the some of our outstanding lawsuits, including the one from police and fire over their retiree

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raises, and the lawsuit over rental registration legislation? Has the city come up with a contingency of what would it cost the city should they lose one or both lawsuits and how would that impact the 2016 operating budget. I understand from Mr. Bulzoni last week that the municipal pension plans will probably not be placed under state management. This may cost us in the future in terms of continued mismanagement unless we can show the city that we are tightening up all ordinances related to the pensions. We haven't heard anything about the status of ordinance of the pensions. And the pension plans themselves next August we should be receiving Mr. DePasquale's next two-year audit of the municipal pension Keep in mind that the stock market has taken a major hit this year. It's gone from a high of 18,351 points in May to today's closing of 16,273 points, so that's going to impact the asset valuation of those municipal pension plans, and what's that going to do to the distressed status of those plans? That will becoming out next

August.

What is the status of the city's attempts to obtain bond to pay the \$24 million Court-ordered award to the unions? That should be factored into the 2016 budget. I'd like to see how that is explained. That's been hanging for something like three years. So those are some of the things we need to know about.

The status of the LST tax since apparently we are coming up short in 2015 and how that's going to be projected for next year. Rental registration fees, aren't those still stuck in escrow because of the lawsuit and, you know, you only got 45 days before they present you with a draft budget so if that's not resolved I want to see how they deal with that. And then so that's 45 days before you see that budget.

The last the thing is I would still like to know when is SB & Company going to give us a status on the 2014 audit. Haven't heard anything on this side of the railing. Thank you.

MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Bob Bolus.

MR. BOLUS: Good evening, Council.

Bob Bolus, Scranton. Let's see, starting
point here tonight. First of all, I would
like to extend our best wishes to Bob McGoff
for a speedy recovery and let him know our
prayers go with him. You know, he is going
through a hell of a thing right now and I
know Bob is a fighter, we have fought here
many, many times but we always left it
inside of this building, it never extended
outside of the room, and he is to be
commended for that and I just hope
everything goes well with him. I would like
to see him back because I enjoy a good
fight.

One of the other issues that I have was that the commissioners have made a proposal of \$750,000 for the mall. It's time we get realistic in the City of Scranton. \$750,000 to a guy who is spending millions on everything else, millions for lights, buying properties for eight, nine hundred thousand dollars, building this building and that, why would we give him \$750,000? That \$750,000 the council should

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stand up for this, it should go to the people in this county that actually need it to get going somewhere to help start a business and do the things that are important, and I think council should send a letter to the commissioners to reevaluate their position. You know, the man has a full pocket, he has no problem spending millions and millions of dollars, in fact, he has a benefit from the county, he has only been assessed three plus million dollars on that mall that he paid 5 1/2 for, putting a million dollars in lights which is 6 1/2 million, not counting what else is going to be in there and he is paying a \$3 million assessment on a 25, 30 million dollar investment? Let him pay the fair taxes. We didn't tell him to buy it, we didn't tell anyone to buy it, we looked at it and we had reasons which we walked away, which I quoted, nobody wanted to support a casino or sending a letter and I walked away from it. If I had bought it I would pay the taxes.

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assessed fairly, which they are not, and that money should go to the people within the City of Scranton. We need to increase the tax base and the decrease the tax rate and this is not good business.

Moving on to one of the main issues I have KOZ's and nonprofits should pay their fair share as well, but what's really, really upset me are the teachers. it's outrageous that these people could go out on a picket line, question what it's getting and want more and more and more from a city that's on the verge of bankruptcy. How much more do they think is left in this pocket? They work 180 or 185 days out of the year. Our company is seven days, 24 hours. We pay taxes on our property, just like everybody else does. What are we supporting, let them work a full year like everybody else. When it snows they stay When they do this, they stay home. home. Do they realize the impact they are putting on not just the children that they have in here and Mrs. Boland said we're on strike, but I'm not against the children, Rose Mary

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Boland, President of the Scranton Federation of Teachers said. Excuse me, who are you hurting? You are opening up food banks, begging for money to feed the kids that can't eat breakfast and lunch at the school because they don't have that at home. It's not about the children, the hell it isn't. It's everything about the children and that self-centered, egotistical people.

I respect teachers but the problem is they don't respect us. You know the handicap and the hardship we have in our businesses when our people have to stay home, keep people to watch their children while these people demand, extort from us more money, more pay for doing less. opposite should be in effect. They should be getting less money, less benefits and falling in line with everybody else and guess what, if you don't want it what would Donald Trump say? You're fired. Leave the There are many, many people who are area. begging for jobs that will come in and work under a new contract and in the new contract tell Cy Douide who brought in all of this

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nonsense that didn't have a relative that was a relative, all of this nonsense, he couldn't even speak his mind and say the truth, put a no strike clause in the contract that no matter what you don't like, what doesn't go your way you can't extort from us ever, ever again, you must work, and that's what this purpose is and that's what needs to be done in the City of Scranton.

We don't he'd need to be extorted, we don't have to have solidarity because remember the unions were created for an issue called safety to the miners that worked in unsafe conditions. Go back in history, go back in time, it wasn't meant to extort money out of a society just because you don't like what you are getting and when it snows you could keep your butts home and stay nice and warm while a lot of us have to That really sucks that this is go to work. going on and they should be ashamed of themselves, put their stupid signs down and get your butts back in the classroom, and as Mrs. Boland said, take care of the children because that's what this is all about.

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education, the instruction and the
leadership of children that's something they
haven't learned yet. Thank you.

MR. ROGAN: Thank you, Mr. Bolus. Doug Miller.

MR. MILLER: Good evening, Council. Doug Miller, Scranton. You know, they say sometimes in politics you don't always make the best of friends, but when you leave this chamber and step away from the political side of things you kind of put that off to the side and with that in mind I certainly would like to offer my thoughts to Mr. McGoff and his family at this time and I certainly wish him the best in his recovery. I certainly didn't always see eye-to-eye with him on a lot of issues in the city, but he had a passion for what he believed in and he fought for what he believed in whether or not I agree with him or not, and I'm sure he will carry that fighting attitude with him as he battles a disgusting disease. had family members that have battled it and it's an absolutely disgusting disease and my thoughts and prayers are with him and his

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family at this time.

You know, as we kind of look ahead this time of year quickly approaching budget season this time, you know, you try to have an outlook as to where we are as a city moving forward into a new year ahead approaching us and, you know, once again it's really difficult to have any sort of optimism moving forward at this time, as I have said repetitively from this podium and, you know, you come to that conclusion and I come to that conclusion based on just what I have seen over the last two years, this new administration and this new council that have we put into place and it doesn't give you a good feeling because we haven't really seen any signs of moving forward, we haven't seen any creativity, we haven't seen any realistic solutions to think there is any light at the end of the tunnel. Through the years we have done a really good job of bringing in consultants and hiring firms to guide us along the way and give us recommendations, but not one time were we ever presented with a recommendation that

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had any benefit to the residents of this community. It's either raising taxes and now the plan is to go ahead and move forward with selling the last remaining assets that the city possesses and I just have to take a step back and ask this council and ask this administration is that really the course of action we want to take? Just letting go of the last remaining assets that this community possesses, money making assets that we have had an ability to manage properly due to poor leadership, you know, a lot of incompetence and just people that we appoint to positions that are incapable and just unqualified of holding those positions, and this has gone on for decades. I mean, we can go back 10, 15, 20 years, it hasn't taken place overnight, but when you continue to just kick the same can down the road and expect to move forward, you know, it just -it's really just puzzles me as to how this council and this administration can really think we are even moving in the right direction.

And we brought a gentlemen in from

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New Jersey who suggested tax increases and I think it's a pretty safe assumption to say that we are probably looking at, not probably we are definitely, it's definitive we are looking at another tax increase heading into next year, and when you just look around in this city and you see the amount of poverty, you know, we talk about the school district and the things that they are going through right now, you know, I have a lot of respect for the teachers and everyone involved and I hope it gets settled and resolved quickly because this is about the children, but keeping the children in mind look at the amount of the children in this community living on -- or the amount of children in the school district on free or reduced lunch and rely on those programs. Doesn't that really open our eyes and really just give you an education as to where we really are in this city?

I mean, that statistic in itself tells me where we are and it isn't good, but what have we done about it? Nothing. And it's hard for me to believe that anything

productive is going to take place moving forward because we haven't showing any signs of it. We implemented a recovery plan in 2012 and we did a poor job of following through on a lot of those enhancements that were in that plan, whether we wanted to believe they were realistic or not. We put a plan together and we have an obligation to follow it, and we did a poor job of it. In fact, we reversed on a lot of those enhancements.

I just don't see transparency in this government, you know, Mrs. Hodowanitz brought up a point tonight in regard to the caucus that took place and that's my biggest pet peeve since this present council seated itself, a lot of those issues as far as informing the public on what takes place could be avoided if we have them out here. I don't see the big deal and why we can't have, whether it's informal or not, a caucus out here. Why is that such an issue? We have cameras in here, cameras don't lie. I understand council members could come out and inform the public of what took place,

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but why can't the residents of this city see it for their own eyes and to me I never understood that, I really don't. That was one the things from day one I lost a lot of respect for this council because of that.

Government is about transparency and being accountable with the people and you haven't shown that you can do that just yet and it's going to be certainly interseting to see what this administration and this council does with this 2016 operating budget. Are we going to finally take time to sit down and go through this budget line item by line item and make the cuts necessary to better this city or are we just going to continue to play the political game and bow down to special interests and those who put us in these seats and give them what they want? I think ultimately we need to give what the residents want and they deserve better, and they have been screwed over year after year and they deserve a break because it's not fair to them. city is dying and now is the time with the little time we have left to do everything we

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can to save it. Thank you.

MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Ron Ellman.

MR. ELLMAN: Hello, Council. I went to see Mr. McGoff, it didn't occur to me that I might have have set him back at the time, so I only hope that he is doing well.

I realize I'm just another pretty face that comes before you every week but there is one exception, these people out here give you such good suggestions and advice that you ignore, while I'm just a plagiarist. I repeat all of these little things that people tell me at the grocery store here and there, sometimes I want to say something for myself but I promise I would mention different little things. of them I had a lady tell me she would rather have 10 or 15 dollars back than see \$750,000 more spent on downtown. You know, we had \$200,000 sidewalks and fronts, it didn't help. Now, we have nothing more than this was expected, a multi-millionaire that's probably overextended himself buying this white elephant and wants the taxpayers to get him out of it. This is a exactly

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what we had with Mr. Boscov and Mr. Bolus just couldn't express my thoughts on this any better than he did.

And another thing, one or two people, you are city codes that I've mentioned they are 40, 50, years old. It's time to go over them for God's sake. are doing all of this paving and as soon as it's done it won't be the utilities tearing up the streets, it's going to be 80,000 pound tractor trailers running up and down Main Avenue and the side streets. streets, you know, that North Main Avenue used to be called Plank Road, that's how old it is, from the coal place up there by -off of Wells, Plank Road. Every time there is a pothole you could see the big old stones a few inches down. They are just -that's the only way is to remove that base and talk to one of these people paving it. They know this isn't going to last as long as trucks are -- tractor trailers aren't delivery vehicles but in this town it's a allowed.

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truck running down those side streets by my house and I seen a Kane truck at night, they shouldn't be allowed, they just shouldn't.

You know, for the people that, the people that put you guys in those seats they have told me, yeah, you are not doing the worst job, but you not doing the best job but you guys are good at spending money anyway, but let me say this, there is no one wishes more than me that 50 years from now this council and this mayor will go down as the best the city ever had. I just -- I want to, believe me, gentlemen, I want you to fulfill that. I just -- Mr. Amaroso and Mr. Bulzoni and Mr. Cross these aren't three wise men, they are three false prophets. They are not saving this city. I don't know what it's going to take, but it's going to take more than them. Thank you.

MR. ROGAN: Is there anyone else who cares to address council?

MS. GAUGHAN: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Mary Gaughan and I'm a current city resident. The first thing I'd like to say how

nice it is to look at our council, these fine ladies, our solicitor, and the young lady that's next to him and this young lady and see that they have respect for the taxpayers in the way they are attired. I think when you see some of the other councils the people look like they are about to rake up the leaves or wash their cars, and I don't think anybody should talk in a way to denigrate the way the people look.

And then I come here to these meetings and I hear very great people talk about very big problems, but a wise Jewish philosopher said centuries ago, his name was Maimonides, he said to you cannot step in the same river twice. With that means to me is that it's a new time any time you put your foot in the river, so don't look backwards, look forward. Don't talk to the council about what other people did, didn't do, could have done, should have done. Let's talk about what we can do today.

And I see evidence on the city hall steps, cigarette butts, kudos to my good friend Patty Lawler in Clarks Summit, you

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won't see that on her streets, and you won't see people flying through crosswalks and I don't think it's necessarily because the people may have a higher per capita income, I think it's because the police are paying attention. I agree with Commissioner of New York, Commissioner Benjamin Bratten, when he said that we have to institute a broken window policy. That means that they are supposed to look for the lower crimes so that eventually they will work up to the higher crimes. Why do I see people violating House Bill 286 passed in 2007 regarding smoking? There shouldn't be this. People get on the bus in town and throw their cigarette butts on the sidewalk, I thought this was littering. The homeless people are lying on benches, I thought that was vagrancy and I think it's ashame that nobody helps these people.

I also think it's ashame that they have to put out and ask people who give money to St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen because there are so many children that rely on the school program.

Now, Mr. Rogan wanted to give

\$10,000 to Dress for Success. I saw they

had a \$40 or \$60 a plate gala at the

Radisson. Now, how about somebody having

something for the Catholic Social Services

for any of the religious denominations that

are helping to feed our poor? I think it's

a sin in this community that we have so many

people, as a previous speaker said, relying

on school lunches.

My friend and I talked the other day and we said what happened when we went to school. I said, oh, we had neighborhood schools, my mother packed my lunch or I went home, and I said when I went to high school and junior high school my mother packed my lunch and I took it and at that time there were no school buses, I had to walk a mile to school. It didn't kill me.

And I also think if the ordinances were enforced the city coffers would have money. And I also think that it's ashame that the people that collected the double pensions now aren't collecting them, but they don't have to be giving money back, I

think they brazenly robbed the City of Scranton taxpayers of money and they did it without a mask or a gun, and I think it's ashame. How can they look in the faces of the elderly and the poor and collect two pensions, some of the elderly and poor who are deciding whether or not they are going to get their medicine, pay their electric bill or whatever, and they run up to mass and take communion, do whatever, shame on them. Thank you.

MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Is there anyone else who cares to address council?

MR. MORGAN: Good evening, Council.

Well, one of the first things I have here
tonight is, you know, I'm in my mid-50's and
I'm just extremely happy that I grew up in a
time when America was at its pinnacle of its
power and employment was great and everybody
was living good, but I think the people in
this country long ago started voting in a
very foolish way, and they allowed just
people that never should have been allowed
in public office to get there. For lack of
a better terminology I would say that weh

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have allowed a lot of floor flushers to elected to either judgeships and government in numerous different positions and it's really come back to haunt us, and in my opinion America is on its way down, and not because Donald Trump says so because, look it, I respect Mr. Trump and he is a presidential candidate, but look where our city is over all this time because, you know, it's nice to wear pretty little suits, but suits don't think, and the average person on the street, as Mr. Miller brought up and the paper has brought forward, so many children in this community are below the poverty level it's obscene, well, it's beyond obscene, and to elect public officials who wants to move community development money around into another project at the Novembrino pool when the city itself is collapsing is beyond ridiculous.

You know, you hear the radio talk about people who got jobs or their family members got jobs because they were elected to an office, but we elect people -- well, we really don't elect people to serve us

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because obviously if you were serving the people who elected you we wouldn't be like this. You know, you take a look at Congressmen and Senators you can't even get in to see them, they are terrified of the people they represent they have done such a terrible job.

And judges, look it, they are done in an armed camp town here in prison in their own courthouse, okay? That's the kind of problems we have in America now because we have lost sight of one thing reality, and the reality is we have elected very arrogant public officials who don't know what public Selling the South Side Sports means. Complex, moving money around, shuffling it all over the place, borrowing a tone of money and know you can't pay it back and play games with the pension plans, this isn't only here in Scranton but this is across the whole country. The whole country is broke. The war going on between the Democrats and Republicans just not in Harrisburg but across the country they are fighting for supremacy of what? Public

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education is nothing like it was when I was a kid, we actually were educated, and I wholeheartedly mean that. And public education now, you know, you can't blame the teachers where public education is because the politicians brought it there and the administrators, they are all tied together, it's all a great party for the people that are connected, but for the average person, and not just the people on social security, let's talk about wage earners who are paying \$600 a week in taxes, I happen to be one of Paying \$600 in taxes a week every them. single week, and you know what I get for that? Nothing. And I have no complaint with somebody getting food stamps or welfare because I know that the politicians sent their jobs to other countries so the rich people could get richer, and pound the living hell out of the average living person and make them work for less and this pipe dream that the Republicans and the Democrats present as legitimate government, you know, I would be a little scared about what's going on in our country now because they are

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killing police officers all over this country because so many times police officers have been found to be guilty of a crime and the Court sent them home and now there seems to be some questions about the assassination or the shooting of the state trooper now because we got two district attorneys fighting over whether we are going to allow that information public because one district attorney thinks it will do a terrible disjustice to all of the people that served in the state police, so my quesiton is what drove this man to shoot a state policeman? Why don't we have a right to know what's taking place in our own country?

And, you know, like I said, it's nice to look at the public officials that are dressed nice, but look at the people in the street who can't pay their taxes and you are selling their homes. Somebody else is isn't selling their homes and the sale of the parking garages and the Sewer Authority, that just proves one more point, just how incompetent and dysfunctional this city

government is and the political system.

Thank you.

MR. ROGAN: Thank you.

MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening,
Council, Marie Schumacher. First, I'd like
to ask council to give us information on the
environmental impact of both the tire
interno and the mystery fluid in the
leachate overflow line, specifically, what
was measured and what were the measurements?
Both of those had toxic, volitile organic
components and I think we need to know. I
know I was awakened in my house by the smell
from the tire fire, I would like to know, so
if one of you, whoever is the proper person
would please get that information I would be
most appreciative.

Two weeks ago, Mr. Rogan said that you would have an answer on the timeliness of subpoenaning the double pension fiasco folks, but I was not here last week when you were to have that information so I would like to ask for the answer to that tonight in 25 words are less, can we go forward?

MR. ROGAN: It was addressed last

week. I can mention it again, Attorney
Minora did contact the state police and
basically what we were told is the
investigation is still ongoing and that was
pretty much the extent of the conversation
that Attorney Minora had with the police.

MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, you mean the state police?

MR. ROGAN: Correct.

MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, maybe somebody can explain it at some point, not on my time, but why we have to wait for them if deals are being made now and maybe they could be changed if we had all of the facts now, it might make a difference but, anyway, that's it.

I saw the rebid of the Engine 10 firehouse roof in the paper, and if you will recall last year before you went on your month's recess I gave you a bunch of position papers, I think there were four or five, one of which dealt with that firehouse and the possible placement of it down on Meadow Avenue, or even on Moosic Street we are having -- and you can go back and pull

it out if you still have it, if not, you can ask me and I can send you another one, but it's safer according to the firemen themselves to go uphill than it is to go downhill. They could go to either side of the mountain faster, they could get to other places a lot faster, especially when they move across the Harrison Avenue bridge, and think we before we make that huge investment we should look at the benefits of that.

Now, I would like to move on, as I said, I have been going to do with the recovery plan and what was in it, I don't know how far I'll get, but we were supposed to get a matrix and Mr. McGoff had requested it and we never got it apparently or it's never been made public, but actually the revised recovery plan that you approved in February of 2015 has it pretty well categorized so I'd like to start going through the things and make my comments. The ones that were supposed to be done immediately upon the adoption of the 2015 revised recovery plan were included, first, the implementation of the increase in the

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City's local service tax. Now, that was accomplished, but I have been hearing now we are not going to meet the budget because of not knowing that the date was for the final quarter would be in January and wouldn't get booked in this year, but as I recall the LST tax was only included in the budget for April through December because they thought it would take the three months to get it through the courts, but when we actually went through the courts we got the permission to go back to January 1 so we got an extra quarter in and one quarter is going out, so if we are going to be under by a quarter's worth of -- a quarter of the year's worth of taxes I don't understand I think that should have been a wash, that. the month that we got paid in the first quarter and we are not getting paid in the second quarter or the final quarter should have washed one out.

It's also disappointing that neither the budget preparers or the budget approvers, that being you folks, didn't factor in the fact that the payment date for

the final quarter is in the following year.

So, I mean, I know it's an oversight, but I hope that doesn't happen again.

And then moving onto the second one, consider the application for Act 47 Grant assistance, may I do these two?

MR. ROGAN: Sure.

MS. SCHUMACHER: Thank you, I guess I'll be a lot of weeks probably into the budget season, there were two that were supposed to be done immediately, one was to review the feasibility of and to provide options for the creation of a municipal solid waste collection authority or combined purpose authority and the other was to review the feasibility of the creation of a storm water management authority either in connection with the actions relative to the Scranton Sewer Authority or separately as an independent authority. Did either of those happen within the first 120 days?

MR. EVANS: They are being pursued, the grants are being pursued, I don't think we got them yet, but they are being pursued.

MS. SCHUMACHER: They were

submitted?

MR. EVANS: Well, PEL -- yeah, PEL was involved with pursuing those grants.

MS. SCHUMACHER: So we haven't received --

MR. EVANS: I'll find out for you if they're actually --

MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay, and maybe after we can -- have some information for me after. Thank you.

MR. EVANS: Yeah.

MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening. Dave

Dobrzyn, resident, taxes paid and fees paid,

dog license. Once again I haven't brought

the issue up for a few weeks, but call

Congress at 1-202-224-3121 senators or

representatives and tell them to nix the

Transpacific partnership. We have enough

joblessness and homelessness and

bankruptcies due to lack of wage taxes

coming in to go around already.

Also, call the White House at
1-202-456-1111 and say the same because,
like I said, for 35 years we have been
hearing about how great the economy is going

to get and they seem to come up with the numbers but they don't up with the jobs.

Now, a few weeks ago I took a bunch of old computers and such down to the recycling center, and I'd like to mention that I met somebody in the music store one day and he had just gotten out of prison, the county prison, and he was down the recycling center and he had an infection on his arm and he mentioned about the food and to be honest with you he kind of looked like he had had just gone through Holocaust so they could always -- the commissioners could always feel free to beef up the food for those guys if they are willing to work.

One other thing I haven't mentioned in awhile, one person on council said that they have a job that they cannot mention this but Steamtown is getting beaten up every year in Congress, they are here, they are tax exempt, they are supposed to be attracting business for a vibrant downtown and it's about time council get in touch with your representatives and tell them that cuts every year are not acceptable. It's

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really important -- it was supposed to be a hub of the city and instead, well, they are struggling along.

And the Serrinity Center, the only thing I would like to caution is if there should be some kind of environmental study on that property make sure we don't have to remove ten feet of soil before we moe onto it and make any kind of use of it because the US military has a habit of being a little bit of a dirty business and they quite frequently, for instance, up at Tobyhanna, Tobyhanna State Park I'm sure everybody should remember, it has been closed off and on for years, to pick up old artillery shells that still can explode on people so it's just -- it's important that it be environmentally sound, that it's not on our tab some day. The federal government did it, let them clean it up first.

I'd also like to mention reverse
mortgage info, if the city could get some
kind of a way of getting this for people
that aren't paying their bills and they are
willing to pay reverse mortgage to do so, I

think it would be a great help. Tax sales just don't drive and a lot of people aren't able to pay their bills with the money they have coming in.

On animal control, there is some confusion there, what happened with Street Cats and do we have an animal control officer currently?

MR. EVANS: Yeah, I have seen the animal control officer around quite a bit.

MR. DOBRZYN: We do?

MR. EVANS: Yeah.

MR. DOBRZYN: Okay, because some neighbors have been asking me about stuff and, I mean, I have taken care of quite a few animals with the Street Cat business and I can't afford to take them anymore. In fact, I had one came in my yard and it was sick and I fed it and for a couple of times and got it to a vet and it turned out it had feline disease that other animals could catch so \$130 later she was put out of her misery but, you know, too many cats are being born again, once again it's the end of the summer and they are growing up. Thank

you and have a good night.

MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Is there anyone else who would care to address council?

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

MR. ROGAN: Councilman Wechsler, do you have any motions or comments?

MR. WECHSLER: Yes, I have two.

First of of all, I'd like to congratulate the organizers of the two veterans affairs that happened on Saturday with the Minooka Notre Dame Club and Minooka legion and their flag pole was raised on Saturday and it was a great combination of community effort by many local groups and it will be a lasting tribute to the veterans from the Minooka area.

Also, I'd like to congratulate the organizers of the Vietnam memorial that established and dedicated on Saturday at the courthouse. I was impressed by the amount of people that turned out for that affair and I hope it will be a lasting memory to those who have served the area.

A concern was raised tonight about

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has to do with I'm not sure why there was so much confusion about the discharge. the Keystone Sanitary Landfill confirmed that it did release treated leachate into the combined system, but when the liquid was described as being black the landfill officials said it could not be from their How can one be sure what is flowing system. into the system? Later, landfill officials stated that they have some idea of who the culprit is. All users are supposed to be registered. Was the discharging party the registered user or someone else that had access to the system that is not registered? The articles that were in the paper this week described that the landfill is permitted to discharge 250,000 gallons of treated leachate per day, and by landfill estimates they discharged about 80,000.

the discharge of the sewer system and I'm

question there is who is keeping track of

assistance that the stories around saying

that an alternate line was used, not the

the amounts that are discharged, any

also very concerned about that and a lot it

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normal dedicated line, once again, I
question who monitors the different lines
and when they are used and who is monitoring
the total flow?

I think that the residents of Scranton should be kept up-to-date on this investigation. I also think that the discharging party should be fined and forced to make restitution to the effected This incident does bring into citizens. concerns about the landfill as it currently exists and also the possibility of its future operations. I think this issue is something that we are going to have become more involved in the fact that this leachate is running through the city as it has for many years. I'm very concerned that if this black liquid didn't have a smell to it we might never know that it went through the system so I also agree that we should pursue just the investigation because it is going to be part of our neighborhood forever, this treatment system. So, like I said, I'd just like to make sure that the investigation is completed and that all responsible parties

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are held accountable. Thank you, Mr. Rogan.

MR. ROGAN: Thank you, Councilman Wechsler. Councilman Evans, do you any motions or comments?

MR. EVANS: Brief comments, a recent public caucus on the 2016 action plan for block grant funding, I noticed that the city was not funding first time homebuyers My first thought was an error and to have our city clerk correspond with OECD for further clarification. Much to my surprise, it was not an error. Apparently, this decision was made because there money left over from the previous years and because homes aren't selling and many of those that are contracted for sale are not passing the required inspections needed prior to closing and, therefore, aren't closing at all. For those reasons the administration felt we should not continue to fund the program for the 2016 plan year.

While that might be a pragmatic approach to a bad situation, I would approach this differently. A program that has helped dozens and dozens of low to

moderate income families achieve the dream of home ownership needs to grow and not contract. When the housing market is stalled and homes are not being purchased at an acceptable level, that is when we need to double down on first time homebuyers. The city needs to not only aggressively market the program, it needs to create outreach programs to think outside of the box and create additional incentives for home ownership with an ultimate goal of establishing a long and qualified list of potential homeowners or homebuyers that can then be moved from applicant to homeowner.

We have a choice but maybe we are at a tipping point where our destiny is either to be a city made up primarily of renters or do we change course and do everything in our power to change lives, change blocks, change neighborhoods and make our city one where home ownership truly matters. That's all I have for tonight. Thank you.

MR. ROGAN: Thank you, Councilman Evans. Councilman Gaughan, do you have any motions or comments/.

MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, thank you. Just to piggyback on what Mr. Evans said, I agree with him 100 percent I used to work in the OECD for about three years and for a short period of time I worked with the first time homebuyers program and it does change people's lives, I saw it firsthand, so when this comes back up and we have those numbers in front of us I think we need to take a good, hard look at making sure we can fund that program because it's very important here in the city.

I would like to say most of you probably noticed we have new lights in council chambers. I'd like thank Paul O'Hora, our maintenance manager in city hall, they are new LED lights, so a little bit of a change here as everybody has noticed.

Also, I'd like to thank the Scranton Cultural Center for letting the city use their lift to install those lights so I'd like to thank them.

Mr. Wechsler had mentioned the leachate problem that had been in the news

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and I couldn't agree with him more. the support of my colleagues, I would to send a letter to the Scranton Sewer Authority and DEP asking for all documentation relating to their investigation of a recent odor in Greenridge that may be related to discharge treated leachate that runs under Greenridge to the South Scranton Sewer Treatment Plant. have been contacted by numerous residents in that area who are extremely upset by what they had to endure last week because of that foul smell. This is unacceptable. residents should not have to put up with this so I agree 100 percent with Councilmen Wechsler, I do think we need to get more involved with this and I would hike to updated on this investigation.

So with my colleagues support,

Mrs. Reed, if we could send a letter to the

Scranton Sewer Authority and DEP and ask to
be updated on this investigation. Thank

you.

In our caucus, as it was mentioned, we had Denny Gallagher, our DPW director,

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Dave Lapotka, who is an engineer for Luther and Bowen, and John Pocius, who is our city engineer, concerning the 2015 paving project. We got a 2 1/2 million dollar loan from the state and the paving project was supposed to take place this summer.

However, things have changed.

The first three phases were bid out, there are four phases of the paving program. The problem is that the bids came back 20 to 25 percent higher than the city had anticipated. We were on track with those bids to be about \$2 1/2 million over our original anticipated budget. The reason for this is that construction companies are tied up with other major paving programs in the state and in this area. One example is PennDOT's paving project on Main Avenue. Just to give you an example of that, for phase three we only had one bidder, one construction company that bid on that So, in essence, all of the costs project. went up.

So Mr. Pocius, Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Lapotka explained to us in the caucus that

as in one phase, all of the streets combined, and they are going to bid out this project in January or February of 2016. They believe that the bids will be much lower, which will help us, meet both our budget deadline and they also believe that there will be more bidders. They do not want to lose any streets that are on the list so that is the reason that this is being done. So I'm sure some people will be disappointed because they had anticipated seeing these streets paved in the summer and in the fall of this year, but we will be waiting until next year to get this done for

the new plan is to rebid the paving program

While Mr. Pocius was in the caucus we asked for an update on the Rockwell Avenue bridge project. Everything is on track, we should be seeing some movement up there in the next week or two and everything is on track to be finished by next year, so that was good.

those reasons that I had just mentioned.

Mrs. Reed, if you could please send a letter, another letter, to the mayor

requesting an update on the \$1 million savings that were proposed from the police and fire contracts. I would like a breakdown of exactly how much we have saved from those contracts since January. I have asked for this repeatedly and I never get an answer. As we are approaching budget time, I think it's important to know if we are on track to hit these savings that the mayor had touted.

I have already requested an update on how much revenue we have received from thecivillian parking enforcement program and I would like a request to be sent again to the administration for an update on that. And that is all I have this week. Thank you.

MR. ROGAN: Thank you, Councilmen
Gaughan. A couple of quick comments, I'm a
little under the weather so I'll be very
brief, and all these items were already
mentioned. As you can see, we probably look
a little bit different on the TV, and as my
colleague mentioned, there are new LED
lights in council chambers so the coloring

is a little bit different but they are very energy efficient so they are saving the taxpayers money and they use less electricity so we are benefiting the environment as well. So I'm sure it will take a couple of weeks for I know at least for us to get used to them, but long-term it's something that's good for the city and good for the environment as well.

Regarding the paving, I would like to thank DPW Director Denny Gallagher and city engineer John Pocius for the presentation that we received today. As we mentioned, this was a -- this delay, although, we would like to see these streets paved today this delay will hopefully enable us to pave the entire list that we are hoping to get done and it is a very smart decision by the administration long-term to get that those bids out as a package when the demand for blacktop and the demand for paving is much lower next year.

Fortunately, as you see throughout the city and throughout our area there are lot of other paving projects that are

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currently underway, most notably and most important to myself and my neighbors is the West Scranton Main Avenue project that has been in dire need of repair for many years as well as the Scranton Expressway, which is nice and smooth to ride on now.

And, finally, Councilman Evans mentioned the homebuyer program, and I agree wholeheartedly that this is something that needs to be funded, and I couldn't have said it better myself, we need to double down we or triple down on the homebuyers program within the City of Scranton to make it easier for that couple or that family that just needs that little bit of extra assistance to buy their home. The match for the down payment and help with closing costs is what gets many first time homebuyers over the edge from being stop renting and sometimes the higher amount per month renting than owning a home that they are building equity and they will own for the rest of their lives and be hopefully in the city the rest of their lives so that is a very important program that certainly needs

to be funded and I think it's something we can all work on to try to find some funding for that. And I do know where I can find \$10,000, but I don't think I have any agreement on that, but in all seriousness it is a very good program that needs to be funded and that is all I have for tonight.

MR. GAUGHAN: I have two additional things really quick, I forgot to mention, in the caucus, I know I have gotten a ton of calls about this from people in North Scranton, Mary Street is going to be paved, all of Mary Street from West Market Street all the way to Rockwell Avenue. It's been cut up really bad and people have complained about it, so Mr. Gallagher did assure us that it will be paved.

Also, it was brought up tonight and last week by our business administrator and I would like, Mrs. Reed, if you could, to send the administration requests about an update on what our plan is for these pension ordinances. If we are not going -- if the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System, as Mr. Bulzoni pointed out last week, he

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doesn't think that they are going to be able to take our plan and merge it into theirs then we need to have a back up plan. are we going to do? If we are going to talk about monetization of the Sewer Authority and superfunding the pensions, let's make sure as, Mr. Evans always comments on, we fix the problem first before we just add money into something that is just going to be wasted away probably in another five or ten years, so we need to be extremely cautious, so I would like to know exactly what is going on with the pension ordinances. I have asked this months ago, I haven't gotten an answer I would like an update on that because it is very concerning. Thank you.

MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL
NO 72, 2015, AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "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

1	DESIGNATION; BY REDESIGNATING FUNDS FROM
2	CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND
3	DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING, INSPECTIONS AND
4	PERMITS ACCOUNTS LISTED BELOW TO THE "03"
5	ACCOUNTS; THE DEPARTMENT, BUREAU AND LINE
6	ITEM DESCRIPTION WILL REMAIN THE SAME" TO
7	AUTHORIZE AN INCREASE OF THE REVENUE
8	AVAILABLE IN THE LIQUID FUEL EXPENDITURE
9	LINE ITEMS FOR SALT AND STREET LIGHTING AS
10	LISTED BELOW.
11	MR. ROGAN: At this time I'll
12	entertain a motion that Item 5-B be
13	introduced into its proper committee.
14	MR. WECHSLER: So moved.
15	MR. EVANS: Second.
16	MR. ROGAN: On the question? All
17	those in favor of introduction signify by
18	saying aye.
19	MR. WECHSLER: Aye.
20	MR. EVANS: Aye.
21	MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.
22	MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
23	have it and so moved.
24	MR. EVANS: Second.
25	MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION - A

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RESOLUTION - RATIFYING AND APPROVING OF THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON, ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS (UNC)/UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (UNCDC), TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ACTING THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY FOR A LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT. PURSUANT TO THE PA RACE HORSE DEVELOPMENT AND GAMING ACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000.00 FOR THE PROJECT TO BE KNOWN AS "THE MARKET PLACE ON CEDAR" LOCATED IN SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA. AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF SUCCESSFUL AND EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT CONTRACT AND COMMITMENT LETTER WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA TO ACCEPT AND UTILIZE THE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000.00 AWARDED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR SUCH PROJECT.

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

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MR. WECHSLER: So moved.

MR. EVANS: Second.

MR. ROGAN: On the question?

MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question, I would just like to thank UNC for their efforts here on Cedar Avenue. Anybody who travels on Cedar Avenue can see the work that has been done by United Neighorhood Centers and a complete transformation of lower South Side because of that. project is key in becoming and acting as a catalyst to improve the public image of the South Side, the image of Cedar Avenue, and promotes economic development and this will be an anchor really and a destination hub for the Cedar Avenue corridor so I give my full support for this project, and hopefully they get the funding and will continue to improve South Side.

MR. EVANS: I would like to concur.

This is great project, actually it was part of an application for OECD funding, but to make the cut somehow the 500 block of the Cedar Avenue is no longer low to mod, go figure that out, but it's a great project as

part of what could be the long-term iron cultural district stretching all the way from Bogart Place to Lackawanna Avenue all the way to the 600 block of Cedar Avenue, so it is, Councilman Gaughan said, it's a key project to the continued revitalization of that area of South Side,

MR. ROGAN: Anyone else? All those in favor of introduction signify by saying aye.

MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

MR. EVANS: Aye.

MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes have it and so moved.

MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION - A
RESOLUTION - ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF
THE HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD
("HARB") AND APPROVING THE CERTIFICATE OF
APPROPRIATENESS FOR BART NOVAK'S
CONSTRUCTION, INC., 523 FELLOWS STREET,
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18504 FOR THE
INSTALLATION OF A TEN (10) POUND HARD BOARD
OVER SHEET METAL 8'X3' SIGN TO BE MOUNTED
ABOVE THE ENTRANCE AT 534 LACKAWANNA AVENUE,

1 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA. 2 MR. ROGAN: At this time I'll 3 entertain a motion that Item 5-D be 4 introduced into its proper committee. MR. WECHSLER: So moved. 5 MR. EVANS: Second. 6 7 MR. ROGAN: On the question? All 8 those in favor of introduction signify by 9 saying aye. MR. WECHSLER: Aye. 10 11 MR. EVANS: Aye. 12 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. 13 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes 14 have it and so moved. MS. REED: 5-E. FOR INTRODUCTION - A 15 RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF MARY CLARE 16 17 KINGSLEY, 150 SOUTH EVERETT AVENUE, 18 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18504, AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE SCRANTON HOUSING 19 AUTHORITY. MRS. KINGSLEY WILL BE REPLACING 20 21 CHARLOTTE LEDBETTER WHOSE TERM IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE SEPTEMBER 27, 2015. MRS. KINGSLEY 22 23 WILL BE APPOINTED TO A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 27, 2015 AND WHICH WILL 24 25 EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2020.

1 MR. ROGAN: At this time I'll entertain a motion that Item 5-E be 2 3 introduced into its proper committee. 4 MR. WECHSLER: So moved. MR. EVANS: Second. 5 MR. ROGAN: On the question? 6 7 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question, I 8 would like to congratulate Mrs. Kingsley on 9 her appointment and also thank Charlotte Ledbetter for her service to the Scranton 10 11 Housing Authority and also to the community. 12 Mrs. Ledbetter is very active member of our 13 community, so I'd like to thank her again. 14 Thank you. MR. ROGAN: All those in favor of 15 16 introduction signify by saying aye. 17 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. 18 MR. EVANS: Aye. 19 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. 20 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes 21 have it and so moved. MS. REED: 5-F. FOR INTRODUCTION - A 22 23 RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF REV. DR. HOWARD 24 T. WOODRUFF, 205 MADISON AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18503 AS A MEMBER OF THE HUMAN 25

RELATIONS COMMISSION, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER

24, 2015. REV. WOODRUFF IS BEING APPOINTED

TO A THREE (3) YEAR TERM THAT WILL EXPIRE ON

SEPTEMBER 24, 2018.

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

MR. WECHSLER: So moved.

MR. EVANS: Second.

MR. ROGAN: On the question?

MR. WECHSLER: Yes, Mr. Rogan, on the question, Reverend Woodruff is another great appointment for this commission, but I have spoken to several of the appointees and I am discovering that I believe that is going to be up to council and to the administration to make sure that this committee becomes a truly functioning committee.

I think also part of this is going to be required that the new commission is going to have be able to hire an attorney.

The last time that this group was put together it never got off the ground and, once again, I think it's incumbent upon city

1 council and the administration to make sure 2 that that does not happen again. 3 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else? All those 4 in favor of introduction signify by saying 5 aye. MR. WECHSLER: Aye. 6 7 MR. EVANS: Aye. 8 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. 9 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes have it and so moved. 10 11 MS. REED: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A. READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 12 13 121, 2015 - AN ORDINANCE - PROVIDING FOR AN 14 AGREEMENT OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF A 15 MULTI-MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY THE 16 17 CITY OF SCRANTON AND THE ADJACENT 18 MUNICIPALITIES OF: THE BOROUGHS OF: CLARKS GREEN, CLARKS SUMMIT, DALTON, DUNMORE AND 19 THE TOWNSHIPS OF GLENBURN, NEWTON, SOUTH 20 21 ABINGTON, WAVERLY, AND WEST ABINGTON. 22 MR. ROGAN: You've heard reading by 23 title of Item 6-A, what is your pleasure? 24 MR. EVANS: Mr. Chairman, I move 25 that Item 6-A pass reading by title.

1 MR. WECHSLER: Second. 2 MR. ROGAN: On the question? All 3 those in favor signify by saying aye. 4 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. 5 MR. EVANS: Aye. MR. GAUGHAN: Aye. 6 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes 7 8 have it and so moved. 9 MS. REED: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. F0R CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES FOR 10 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 185, 2015 -11 12 APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT J. PALMITESSA, 730 13 NORTH LINCOLN AVENUE, SCRANTON, 14 PENNSYLVANIA, 18504 AS ALTERNATE NO. 1 MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR 15 THE CITY OF SCRANTON. MR. PALMITESSA WILL BE 16 17 REPLACING CHARLIE SPANO WHOSE TERM EXPIRED 18 ON JULY 1, 2015. MR. PALMITESSA'S TERM WILL 19 COMMENCE IMMEDIATELY AND EXPIRE ON JULY 1, 20 2020. 21 MR. ROGAN: As temporary Chairperson 22 for the Committee on Rules, I recommend 23 final passage of Item 7-A. 24 MR. WECHSLER: Second. 25 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Ro11

call, please? 1 2 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Wechsler. 3 MR. WECHSLER: Yes. 4 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans. MR. EVANS: Yes. 5 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan. 6 7 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. 8 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan. 9 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare 10 Item 7-A legally and lawfully adopted. MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION BY 11 12 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES- FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 186, 2015 RE-APPOINTMENT 13 14 OF ROBERT GATTENS, 528 ORCHARD STREET, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18505 AS ALTERNATE 15 NO. 2 MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS 16 17 FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON. MR. GATTENS' TERM 18 EXPIRED ON JULY 1, 2015 AND HIS NEW TERM WILL EXPIRE ON JULY 1, 2020. 19 20 MR. ROGAN: As temporary Chair for 21 the Committee on Rules, I recommend final 22 passage of Item 7-B. 23 MR. WECSHLER: Second. 24 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Ro11 25 call, please?

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1	MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Wechsler.
2	MR. WECHSLER: Yes.
3	MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.
4	MR. EVANS: Yes.
5	MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.
6	MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.
7	MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.
8	MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare
9	Item 7-B legally and lawfully adopted.
10	MS. REED: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION BY
11	THE COMMITTEE ON RULES- FOR ADOPTION -
12	RESOLUTION NO. 187, 2015 - APPOINTMENT OF
13	PAUL J. STRUNK, 3 CROSS DRIVE, SCRANTON,
14	PENNSYLVANIA, 18505 AS A MEMBER OF THE HUMAN
15	RELATIONS COMMISSION, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER
16	16, 2015. MR. STRUNK IS BEING APPOINTED TO A
17	THREE (3) YEAR TERM THAT WILL EXPIRE ON
18	SEPTEMBER 16, 2018.
19	MR. ROGAN: As temporary Chair for
20	the Committee on Rules, I recommend final
21	passage of Item 7-C.
22	MR. WECSHLER: Second.
23	MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll
24	call, please?
25	MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Wechsler.

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1	MR. WECHSLER: Yes.
2	MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.
3	MR. EVANS: Yes.
4	MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.
5	MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.
6	MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.
7	MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare
8	Item 7-C legally and lawfully adopted.
9	MS. REED: 7-D. CONSIDERATION BY
10	THE COMMITTEE ON RULES- FOR ADOPTION -
11	RESOLUTION NO. 188, 2015 - APPOINTMENT OF
12	ALEXANDER LESTER, 621 LARCH STREET,
13	SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18509 AS A MEMBER OF
14	THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, EFFECTIVE
15	SEPTEMBER 16, 2015. MR. LESTER IS BEING
16	APPOINTED TO A THREE (3) YEAR TERM THAT WILL
17	EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2018.
18	MR. ROGAN: As temporary Chair for
19	the Committee on Rules, I recommend final
20	passage of Item 7-D.
21	MR. WECHSLER: Second.
22	MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll
23	call, please?
24	MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Wechsler.
25	MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

1 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans. 2 MR. EVANS: Yes. 3 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan. MR. GAUGHAN: Yes. 4 5 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan. MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare 6 7 Item 7-D legally and lawfully adopted. 8 MS. REED: 7-E. FOR CONSIDERATION BY 9 THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE- FOR ADOPTION -RESOLUTION NO. 189, 2015 - RATIFYING AND 10 APPROVING OF THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF 11 12 THE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF 13 SCRANTON, ON BEHALF OF THE EVERHART MUSEUM, 14 TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ACTING THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY 15 16 FOR A LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT, PURSUANT TO 17 THE PA RACE HORSE DEVELOPMENT AND GAMING ACT 18 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$210,000.00 FOR THE PROJECT TO BE KNOWN AS "EVERHART MUSEUM SAFETY 19 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT" LOCATED IN SCRANTON, 20 21 PENNSYLVANIA. AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS OF THE CITY 22 23 OF SCRANTON TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF 24 SUCCESSFUL. AND EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A 25 LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT CONTRACT AND

1	COMMITMENT LETTER WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF
2	PENNSYLVANIA TO ACCEPT AND UTILIZE THE GRANT
3	IN THE AMOUNT OF \$210,000.00 AWARDED BY THE
4	COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR SUCH
5	PROJECT.
6	MR. ROGAN: What is the
7	recommendation for the Chairperson for the
8	Committee on Finance?
9	MR. EVANS: As Chairperson for the
10	Committee on Finance, I recommend final
11	passage of Item 7-E.
12	MR. WECHSLER: Second.
13	MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll
14	call, please?
15	MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Wechsler.
16	MR. WECHSLER: Yes.
17	MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.
18	MR. EVANS: Yes.
19	MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.
20	MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.
21	MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.
22	MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare
23	Item 7-E legally and lawfully adopted.
24	MS. REED: 7-F. FOR CONSIDERATION BY
25	THE COMMITTEE ON RULES- FOR ADOPTION -

RESOLUTION NO. 190, 2015 - AMENDING 1 RESOLUTION NO. 181, 2015 ENTITLED 2 "AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE 3 4 CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TRIBEN INSURANCE SOLUTIONS, 5 INC. TO PROVIDE INSURANCE SERVICES FOR THE 6 CITY OF SCRANTON LIFE, DISABILITY AND DENTAL 7 8 INSURANCE FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR PERIOD FROM 9 MARCH 1, 2015 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2019" TO CORRECT THE INSURANCE SERVICES PROVIDED BY 10 TRIBEN INSURANCE SOLUTIONS, INC. TO LIFE AND 11 DISABILITY INSURANCE ONLY AND TO CHANGE THE 12 13 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CONTRACT TO A FOUR (4) 14 YEAR PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1, 2015 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30. 2019. 15 16 MR. ROGAN: As temporary Chairperson 17 for the Committee on Rules, I recommend 18 final passage of Item 7-F. MR. WECHSLER: Second. 19 20 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Ro11 21 call, please? 22 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Wechsler. 23 MR. WECHSLER: Yes. 24 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans. 25 MR. EVANS: Yes.

	
1	MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.
2	MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.
3	MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.
4	MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare
5	Item 7-F legally and lawfully adopted.
6	MS. REED: 7-G. FOR CONSIDERATION BY
7	THE COMMITTEE ON RULES- FOR ADOPTION -
8	RESOLUTION NO. 191, 2015 - AUTHORIZING THE
9	MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
10	TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH
11	DELTA DENTAL OF PENNSYLVANIA TO PROVIDE
12	INSURANCE SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON
13	DENTAL INSURANCE FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR PERIOD
14	FROM OCTOBER 1, 2015 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30,
15	2019.
16	MR. ROGAN: As temporary Chairperson
17	for the Committee on Rules, I recommend
18	final passage of Item 7-G.
19	MR. WECHSLER: Second.
20	MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll
21	call, please?
22	MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Wechsler.
23	MR. WECHSLER: Yes.
24	MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.
25	MR. EVANS: Yes.

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1	MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.	
2	MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.	
3	MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.	
4	MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare	
5	Item 7-G legally and lawfully adopted.	
6	If there is not further business,	
7	I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.	
8	MR. WECHSLER: Motion to adjourn.	
9	MR. ROGAN: Meeting adjourned.	
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I hereby certify that the proceedings and evidence are contained fully and accurately in the notes of testimony taken by me at the hearing of the above-captioned matter and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the same to the best of my ability.

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