

SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Council Chambers

Scranton City Hall

340 North Washington Avenue

Scranton, Pennsylvania

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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

KATHY CARRERA, 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. 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. 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: On the question? All
18 those in favor signify by 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. GAUGHAN: I make a motion to
25 appoint Councilman Wechsler as temporary

1 chairperson for the Committee on Community
2 Development.

3 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

4 MR. ROGAN: On the question? All
5 those in favor signify by saying aye.

6 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

7 MR. EVANS: Aye.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

9 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
10 have it and so moved. There will be a
11 motion to suspend council rules to move Item
12 6-A into Seventh Order for final passage.
13 If anyone would like to speak on this
14 particular piece of legislation, you need to
15 do so during citizens' participation. This
16 is being done at the request of DPW Director
17 Gallagher. This is regarding the purchase
18 of salt, road salt. He was concerned just
19 with last year we did have an early
20 snowstorm and he just wants to be prepared
21 and have that piece of mind that if there is
22 a storm we will have sufficient salt for the
23 roads.

24 Do any council members have
25 announcements to make? I have a couple.

1 Please note that city hall will be closed on
2 Monday, October 12, for the Columbus Day
3 holiday. DPW will be off that day and
4 refuse collection will be delayed by one day
5 next week.

6 And, finally, an executive session
7 was held this evening prior to the meeting
8 regarding contract negotiations.

9 Does anyone else have announcements?
10 Dispense with the reading of the minutes.

11 MS. REED: THIRD ORDER. 3-A. TAX
12 ASSESSOR'S RESULTS REPORTS FOR HEARING DATES
13 HELD SEPTEMBER 9 AND SEPTEMBER 16, 2015.

14 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
15 If not, received and filed.

16 MS. REED: 3-B. SINGLE TAX OFFICE
17 CITY FUNDS DISTRIBUTED COMPARISON REPORT FOR
18 2015-2014 YEAR TO DATE SEPTEMBER 30, 2015.

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

21 MS. REED: 3-C. BREAKDOWN OF THE
22 ELIGIBLE SALARIES FOR THE LIQUID FUELS
23 ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY, AUGUST AND
24 SEPTEMBER, 2015.

25 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?

1 If not, received and filed.

2 MS. REED: 3-D. AGENDA FOR THE BOARD
3 OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING TO BE HELD OCTOBER
4 14, 2015.

5 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
6 If not, received and filed.

7 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'
8 PARTICIPATION.

9 MR. ROGAN: Our first speaker
10 tonight is Tom McCafferty.

11 MR. MCCAFFERTY: Good evening,
12 Council. My name is Tom McCafferty,
13 Scranton resident. I'm here to speak
14 tonight about a shining light we have in
15 North Scranton by the name of Jimmy Hughes.
16 If you don't know Jimmy Hughes, you will by
17 the end of tonight. Jimmy Hughes has swept
18 a 50 to 70 block radius of North Scranton
19 for the past 20 plus years. Back in 1989,
20 on April 8, Jimmy had a massive stroke which
21 left him paralyzed on his right side, he
22 still does not have use of his right arm.
23 That did not stop Jimmy from doing what he
24 does. You can see him, especially this
25 week, Monday and Tuesday in Providence

1 Square where he has swept everything up and
2 down North Main Avenue and Market Street,
3 and he does this on a continuous basis.
4 Jimmy has such great pride in North
5 Scranton.

6 A couple of months back the Scranton
7 Times ran an article on Jimmy about what he
8 did. I decided I think we need to take it
9 one step further so on October 19 from 6 to
10 8 p.m. at Stirna's restaurant on 120 West
11 Market Street we will have a Jimmy Hughes
12 appreciation party. It is just a party for
13 the people to come out and to say thank you.
14 We all drive by, we immediately waive when
15 we see him, but I said to myself I don't
16 think I've ever seen him and said thank you.

17 You come home from that day at work
18 and you come up in front of your house and
19 you don't see your spot in front of your
20 house swept you see the entire block swept
21 on both sides up and down. It's such a
22 great relief to know that you have someone
23 in the neighborhood that cares that much
24 about North Scranton.

25 So I'm asking everybody if they can

1 just take a couple of hours out of their
2 time on October 19, again, 6 to 8 p.m., it's
3 \$10 donation at the door. There will be
4 some light fare and it's a cash bar. All
5 proceeds will go to the American Heart
6 Association as Jimmy's choice, that's where
7 he wanted it to go. There will be some
8 basket raffles there, but that's just
9 besides the point, it is just to come out
10 and to say thank you. I left a poster in
11 your office next door and gave Mr. Wechsler
12 a smaller copy of it so he can just remind
13 everybody next week because I won't be able
14 to be here.

15 So we would hopefully, truly like to
16 see everybody out. The response has been
17 tremendous, but as you all know as
18 politicians when you run parties until they
19 come into the door you can't bank on it, so
20 we are just hoping everyone comes out on the
21 19th just to show their support and to say
22 thank you, Jimmy.

23 If you have any questions, I'd be
24 glad to answer them. If not, thank you very
25 much.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: I would like to thank
2 you I think on behalf of council for being a
3 part of this and I see Mr. Hughes almost
4 ever day and his work is amazing.

5 MR. MCCAFFERTY: Thank you very much
6 and have a good night.

7 MR. ROGAN: Joan Hodowanitz.

8 MS. HODOWANITZ: Joan Hodowanitz,
9 city resident. With regard to Item 5-H,
10 it's the settlement agreement between the
11 city and the Teamster's Local 229. I was
12 looking at the backup and apparently the
13 city is going to pay a \$1,000 bonus to all
14 regular full-time and part-time employees
15 formally employed by the Scranton Parking
16 Authority. Can someone tell me how much
17 money we are talking about, how many
18 employees this involved?

19 MR. ROGAN: We are actually going to
20 introduce this legislation tonight and
21 immediately table it until we can have a
22 meeting set up with Attorney Abrahamsen.

23 MS. HODOWANITZ: I would like to
24 know how much money you are talking about
25 and what account you are going to take that

1 from.

2 With regard to the 2016 operating
3 budget which is due to you in no more than
4 five weeks now, I'm still concerned about
5 the administration's ability to come up with
6 realistic numbers for 2016 when you consider
7 the following: The city may fall short of
8 it's \$4.2 million goal for the local
9 services tax that was tripled to \$156.
10 Rental registration fees are still stuck in
11 escrow thanks to an ongoing lawsuit. We
12 still don't really know the status of
13 delinquent real estate and garbage fee
14 collections. We may incur another interest
15 payment if we fail to pay the minimum
16 municipal obligation at the end of the year.
17 We still don't know what's going to happen
18 with double pension payments for 28 retirees
19 and that may be a cost. The city is being
20 sued by the firefighter and police pension
21 boards for retiree raises as of January 1 of
22 this year. What are we going to do if we
23 lose those lawsuits? And what is the status
24 of the our efforts to monetize the Parking
25 Authority and the Sewer Authority?

1 I ask this because of that recent
2 incident with that liquid black, noxious
3 ooze that was found in the -- underneath the
4 Dunmore and Greenridge and the sewers, where
5 as I look at it the creature from beneath
6 Greenridge. How is that going to impact any
7 parties that are interested in picking up
8 the Sewer Authority? You know, I mean, that
9 may color your negotiations with those
10 parties, and what is the status of the
11 City's efforts to obtain a bond for the \$24
12 million Court award to the unions? That
13 still has to be paid.

14 Having said all of that, I do want
15 to raise one issue for you to consider as
16 part of the budget process. After that
17 incident with the liquid ooze and the
18 Sandone Warehouse fire, it's apparent to me
19 and to some other citizens that we have some
20 safety issues in the city and they have to
21 be factored into the budget process. Years
22 ago we had a Director of Public Safety, it
23 used to be Ray Hayes, and retired at the end
24 of 2009 and his position was eliminated from
25 the 2010 budget, but Mayor Doherty's intent

1 is for his functions to be picked up by a
2 deputy mayor. Well, I don't believe we have
3 a deputy mayor, but I think the city should
4 rethink those functions in that position.
5 There is such a thing as being pennywise and
6 pound foolish and we have two big red flags
7 this year, you know, that ooze and that
8 Sandone warehouse fire that maybe we don't
9 have the proper handle on some safety issues
10 that concern the entire city and go beyond
11 just the Fire Department or just the Police
12 Department so I think you ought to discuss
13 that with the administration. Somebody has
14 got to be looking at that before we look at
15 some long-term liability issues.

16 And, finally, what is the status of
17 the 2014 independent audit? I haven't seen
18 a single status from S&B and Company and I
19 recall being told months ago that they were
20 going to provide us updates. Does anybody
21 know anything about it, how the audit is
22 going, when it will be completed? Nothing?

23 MR. ROGAN: We haven't received
24 anything.

25 MS. HODOWANITZ: Okay. Well, I can

1 look it up in the minutes when I was told
2 that, but somebody needs to be kicking on
3 the mayor's door and the BA's door to see
4 what's going on with that, okay, because
5 that provides a lot of information to drive
6 the budget process and the two cannot be
7 done independently. Thank you.

8 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Les
9 Spindler.

10 MR. SPINDLER: Good evening,
11 Council. Les Spindler, city resident and
12 homeowner and taxpayer. Picking up on the
13 Sandone Tire fire, the last two times I was
14 here I mentioned about firefighter John
15 Rivers who is a hero, saved four
16 firefighters' lives, I said I think the city
17 should give him a proclamation and none of
18 you up there said a word. Do any of you
19 have an opinion on that?

20 MR. ROGAN: I agree that he is a
21 hero, and I think he deserves a
22 proclamation, but if we do a proclamation
23 every time for every -- you know, every time
24 a firefighter or police officer does a great
25 job, because they do it every day, we would

1 be doing it every week.

2 MR. SPINDLER: I understand that,
3 but this person saved four lives. You don't
4 see a public safety person saving four
5 lives, and I have been coming here many
6 years and I have seen proclamations given
7 out for a lot less than that. He saved four
8 lives, I think he definitely, not only does
9 he deserve a proclamation, I think he
10 deserves a day in his Honor by the city.

11 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Spindler, I spoke
12 to one of his colleagues just yesterday and
13 it is something that's being worked on right
14 now.

15 MR. SPINDLER: Well, he definitely
16 deserves it. Something else, I was reading
17 in the paper today, I had a candidate for
18 council, he gave all of his issues in the
19 paper and everything, Councilmen Evans, when
20 you got this position you said you were just
21 going to fill out the term you weren't going
22 to run again and now I guess you are
23 running.

24 MR. EVANS: Um-hum.

25 MR. SPINDLER: I guess you are just

1 a typical politician, you don't tell the
2 truth and I hope everybody remembers that on
3 election day.

4 MR. EVANS: That's your opinion.

5 MR. SPINDLER: It's a lot of
6 people's opinions.

7 MR. EVANS: We'll see.

8 MR. SPINDLER: Politicians don't
9 tell the truth all the time and, like I
10 said, I hope people remember on election
11 day.

12 Lastly, this isn't a forum for this,
13 but I want to get this issue out to the
14 public because a lot of people watching
15 this, I'm disgusted with this teacher's
16 strike and their President Rose Mary Boland
17 and the t-shirts they are wearing they say,
18 "Standing up for public education."

19 Well, if they were standing up for
20 public education they would be in a
21 classroom right now not walking the picket
22 lines. All they want is give, give, give,
23 they don't want to give anything back to the
24 people. They don't care about the
25 taxpayers, they don't care about the

1 students, they don't want their kids playing
2 football. These student athletes bust their
3 butts all summer so they can play football
4 in the fall and just because of those
5 selfish teachers they are not allowed to
6 play football and I think it's wrong. These
7 people get ever holiday without pay, they
8 get two and a half months in the summer off,
9 the only job around here I know that does
10 that and every time you contract runs out
11 they strike. I think they are wrong and
12 selfish and I just hope a lot of people are
13 listening to this and maybe make a fuss and
14 get this thing brought to an end because the
15 only ones being hurt here are the students.
16 The teachers are going to get their money,
17 but the students have to go probably until
18 the end of June they'll have to go to school
19 and that's not right. Like I said,
20 especially for student athletes that really
21 bust their butts it's not fair for them.
22 Like I said, the teachers just think about
23 themselves, they don't care about anyone
24 else. That's all I have. Thank you.

25 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Ron Ellman.

1 MR. ELLMAN: Hello, Council. As a
2 taxpayer, I can't hold back my total disgust
3 of this whole school problem and I
4 understand both sides of it. These overpaid
5 prima donas they won't pay for nothing, they
6 want everything free. Tell me if I got
7 something wrong, we got 10,000 students,
8 right? We got renege 880 teachers and 110
9 assistant teachers. 880 teachers, that's 12
10 students per teacher with about 110
11 assistants that's about ten students a
12 teacher. What do we get all of these
13 teachers? We got, like, five, six hundred
14 teachers and we don't need them. It must
15 cost 25, 30 million dollars a year. What is
16 all of this -- it just falls on the
17 taxpayers and nobody is ever happy.

18 On the other hand, it's easy to see
19 the teacher's union trying to get something
20 accomplished with this new superintendent.
21 They couldn't have found a worse choice if
22 they tried. It was my understanding that
23 she was just one of four secretaries on the
24 school board or some kind of job like that
25 in Atlanta, just nothing but crooked

1 politics that brought her up here and this
2 loathsome demand of hers to live outside of
3 the city is just a kick in the teeth for
4 taxpayers. To me, the people that live and
5 work in this city know it best, it looked --
6 look who is running the city. Three
7 complete failures that haven't accomplished
8 one thing, Amoroso and Cross and Bulzoni.
9 None of them may taxes, house taxes, school
10 taxes, none of them seem concerned about the
11 welfare of the people in this city. I know
12 and I say it over and over again, you guys
13 are just out of touch with what goes on in
14 the city and I think today's paper or
15 yesterday's paper there was a letter from a
16 Mr. Kohut and Mr. Nemo writes very good
17 letters, I just have to agree with them, I
18 don't know if you read them or not. There
19 is so many people have given up luxuries to
20 stay in their houses, and here no one seems
21 to be suffering and making these ridiculous
22 choices of higher taxes and Mr. Bulzoni with
23 those crocodile tears he wants to avoid more
24 tax hikes, but he is not do nothing to avoid
25 them. The only thing I ever hear is to sell

1 the last two productive pieces of income
2 that the city has.

3 Well, you people, I'll give you
4 credit, you sure know how to spend money
5 anyway. Last week I told you that I'm on
6 your side and I am, it just doesn't seem
7 like you are on my side or the people's side
8 of the city. What am I getting for my tax
9 dollars? I HEAR that once or twice, three
10 times a week when I talk to someone. The
11 people in this city aren't getting much. We
12 got -- I get people very offended, but I'm
13 very happy with Mr. Courtright's deal with
14 the police and the firemen because they do
15 an excellent job as far as I'm concerned and
16 between myself and my neighbor I've had
17 enough of the police are on the first basis
18 name with me and everybody that has come has
19 just been as professional, you just couldn't
20 ask for more professional people and the
21 same years ago when the house burnt down and
22 the firemen were just excellent. They were
23 just there and they did such a good job and
24 that's why I have experience with both of
25 them. I have no complaints with brother

1 Bill settling it with him, even it wasn't
2 the best thing for taxpayers. Thank you
3 very much.

4 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Mary
5 Gaughan.

6 MS. GAUGHAN: Good evening. My name
7 is Mary Gaughan and I'm a current city
8 resident. As a follow-up as what Don
9 McCafferty said, I can certainly attest to
10 seeing Jim Hughes sweep the streets for
11 decades. I would like to ask that the mayor
12 and council make October 19 Jimmy Hughes Day
13 and have a proclamation because he certainly
14 needs to be recognized and he gives all of
15 the money that he raises to the American
16 Heart Association so that strokes can be
17 prevented.

18 On another note, we had a tragedy
19 this week, as we all know, a woman was
20 killed crossing the street. Now, her death
21 was ruled accidental, but as I walked through
22 the streets of Scranton I wonder how many
23 people think they are at the Pocono 500 and
24 if you are trying to cross the street in the
25 crosswalk on Lackawanna Avenue be careful

1 because the signs mean nothing to people.

2 And with respect to the Sandone tire
3 factory or burn, I wonder if the zoning
4 should look into the other warehouse I
5 believe that's across the street. Perhaps
6 zoning should not allow someone to have that
7 type of a warehouse, I guess they did not
8 have sprinklers, I really don't know.

9 And another thing is that I think
10 that the city should try to do something
11 like have fight for blight Sunday or
12 something for two hours and sweep the
13 streets of all the cigarette butts. And the
14 other night when I left here last week after
15 the meeting I saw Kevin Shaughnessy, and he
16 is in charge of the county Parks and
17 Recreation. There he was looking at the
18 streetlights to make sure that they were
19 going to be lit for the -- there was an
20 event the next date, and I also was down in
21 town with they had the Race for the Cure and
22 I saw his crew do an excellent job all
23 around the courthouse, even though they are
24 county employees they are cleaning the
25 streets of the city and I think it's a very

1 nice thing to see.

2 And another thing, as a devil's
3 advocate, as the University of Scranton is
4 my alma mater, but somebody posed a question
5 to me and I wonder if there is an answer,
6 the University has a cafeteria or something
7 or I don't know if they are Fortune 500
8 companies, but Subway, Chick-fil-a, the
9 University must be charging them rent, and
10 why is it that the city couldn't look into
11 that particular building being non-tax
12 exempt and being on the tax rolls? Thank
13 you very much.

14 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Is there
15 anyone else who would like to address
16 council?

17 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia,
18 citizen of Scranton. Fellow Scrantonians,
19 are you planning to hold hearings on the
20 Pension Board and the money paid out to
21 people who aren't supposed to get it? The
22 kangaroo court they held between themselves
23 has no bearing. It's up to you to find out
24 the answer. \$3 million were
25 misappropriated. You can't cover that up.

1 Whoever did it has to be held responsible.
2 Somebody gave the order. That man has to be
3 pointed out and the only way you can do that
4 is to hold hearings. If not, ask the courts
5 to appoint a special prosecutor to look into
6 it. That's your job to protect the people
7 of Scranton and if misdeeds are done and you
8 know about it you are all held liable for
9 it, so somewhere along the line you got to
10 do it whether you want to or not. Whether
11 you are going to step on people's toes or
12 not. The important thing is who ordered
13 that done. It was strictly political so
14 someone in top of politics has to give the
15 order and it's up to you to find out who it
16 is and point the finger at them and hold him
17 responsible for the \$3 million we lost and
18 that's not even how much we lost because the
19 interest we lost, too. You know what's
20 going to happen in the two more years. What
21 are you going to do in 2017? You are going
22 to sit there and cry? You know what's going
23 to happen with the pensions, that has to be
24 addressed and the only way you can address
25 it is either hold a hearing yourselves or

1 asking the Courts to hold hearings, maybe a
2 special prosecutor. Somewhere along the
3 lines it has to be.

4 Now, you changed the way you were
5 supposedly going to advertise bids to save
6 the city money supposedly, what does the
7 state law or federal law say about notice
8 for contracts? It has to be on something
9 that has the greatest amount of
10 distribution. I don't think your website
11 has it, and I don't think you even made a
12 study of you how many people are on
13 computers or on your website, so if ain't
14 going to advertise on your website, you are
15 going to continue to advertise in the paper.
16 I have no doubts that's going to be done and
17 the main reason you did it was strictly
18 political.

19 The city is going to be looted of
20 all of its assets. You are going to give
21 out contracts, hundreds of contracts and in
22 the end you are going to call in for a
23 receiver. I just hope when that time comes
24 somebody is held accountable, not saying you
25 are elected and can't be held accountable.

1 Thank you.

2 MR. ROGAN: Thank you.

3 MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening, Council.
4 Dave Dobrzyn, resident, taxes and fees paid.
5 Once again, call Congress at 1-202-224-3121,
6 ask for whether Senator or Congressmen you
7 want to speak to and leave the message that
8 it's time to forget about trade packs.
9 Also, the president 1-202-456-1111.

10 I have here an article, I don't know
11 it anybody sees it in the paper, but it
12 reads, "Generational Hit. College Debt
13 Traps Parents and Kids." So it sounds awful
14 intelligent when somebody says you can go to
15 school and you can do this and you can do
16 that, but just imagine yourself being tossed
17 at 50 years old or 55 years old right back
18 to where you were when you walked out of
19 high school because that's about all you
20 have going for you and it's really ashame.
21 Sometimes you have to be careful what you
22 say, a little parable, we were in a
23 restaurant about three or four days after --
24 our favorite restaurant three or four days
25 after my wife's plant closed and Governor

1 Corporate (sic) had just been there and
2 Governor-to-be Corporate, the saying of the
3 day was, "Yep, a Hilton (sic) don't want to
4 work, up, a Hilton don't want to work," and
5 well, my wife when she heard that that was
6 the last time we ever ate our favorite
7 restaurant. We had to find a new favorite
8 restaurant so, the point is that it sticks
9 in people's mind, when you read about this,
10 did you -- did anybody see this? It was I
11 think Tuesday's paper, yeah, Tuesday's
12 paper, but it has a full analysis of how bad
13 financial shape that people are after they
14 attend years and years of college and fail
15 to makeup the income and that the wages are
16 stagnating for college graduate.

17 So now back to city business, and
18 that is city business because we are part of
19 America, we are not just the island of
20 Scranton, nation state of Scranton. Taxes
21 on my house in the last 14 months have gone
22 up about \$75 a month, so I refinanced in
23 2014 and if they reduced them it to \$421 a
24 month and now they are up to \$494 a month,
25 so easy come, easy go. At least I have a

1 porch to sit on this summer.

2 And, you know, a lot has been said
3 about these teacher's strikes and I would
4 like to point out that it's not only the
5 teacher's union, it's time we start to get
6 on it. I got the impression when I attended
7 on Audubon that there is never a school that
8 they didn't want to close and build a new
9 close so it's both sides. It's the school
10 board, too. And somebody said, well, as
11 long as somebody connected with school
12 board, well, it's for the kids, but, you
13 know, what's the point if you can't even
14 afford to pay the teachers to come in and
15 teach.

16 And another thing, years back Valley
17 View School District spent more on their --
18 renovating their sports stadium and they had
19 books falling apart, people in South
20 Scranton had no books last year, I don't
21 know where Judy Gatelli changed, but, oh,
22 she was ripping one night down there at the
23 school board because those kids didn't have
24 books. I wish she had shown that kind of
25 stamina when she was on council and not

1 fallen on her sword so many times for
2 somebody else.

3 And ECTV is still on so it would be
4 interesting -- I'd love to see if council
5 could kind of prod that administration and
6 start getting that straightened out that
7 they can get some money in and hopefully
8 have a wage.

9 And on the double pensions, I'll
10 make this fast, I agree, I don't think you
11 can collect the back money, but at this
12 point they should stop, they shouldn't be
13 paid any more. I don't see how you could
14 collect \$94,000 out of 74-year-old person,
15 it just won't work. Thank you and have a
16 good night.

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

19 MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening.
20 Marie Schumacher. I have a couple of quick
21 items before I get back to the revised
22 recovery plan tracking and first is did
23 anybody follow up on my request to get the
24 DEP reports on what the measurements were
25 and what was measured in both the Sandone

1 fire tire and the Greenridge goop?

2 MR. GAUGHAN: We sent a letter for
3 the incident in Greenridge, but we didn't
4 send anything for Sandone tire.

5 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, I hope you
6 would add that. I'll bring the toxic stuff
7 that's in tires next week with me then
8 because we really need to know that.

9 Then I notice on the report tonight
10 on the real estate taxes that we are now
11 lagging, although, it showed a 17.3 percent
12 increase, the budget increase at 18.99 so we
13 are now behind on the real estate as well.

14 And then maybe, Wayne, you can tell
15 me this, where in the budget did the Court
16 awards go for the fire and police? It used
17 to be in Court awards and it was dropped in
18 this year's budget, where is it in the
19 budget?

20 MR. EVANS: I'm not sure, I'll check
21 it out for you next week.

22 MS. SCHUMACHER: Thank you. Okay,
23 back to the revised recovery plan. The
24 debt -- there was a requirement after -- let
25 me just read it, it's easier. "Unless

1 otherwise provided in an overall debt
2 management strategy prior to September 30,
3 2015," did we have overall debt management
4 strategy prior to September 15? Yeah,
5 September 30 of this year 2015?

6 MR. EVANS: Not that I'm aware of.

7 MS. SCHUMACHER: Maybe you could get
8 follow-up on that. And then it called for
9 review of other city assets and said the
10 city shall assess the feasibility of
11 divesting any city asset that is not
12 directly related to the provision of the
13 vital and necessary services. These assets
14 may include real property, apartments or
15 other rental properties, unused buildings,
16 recreational assets and rolling stock.

17 I'm a little confused about why you
18 went ahead with the possible procurement of
19 Serenity with that kind of a mandate that
20 you have in your revised recovery plan that
21 you approved last year, and then I hope you
22 would also follow up, again, I noted the
23 rebidding of the roofing on the Engine 10
24 bar to see if another location the money
25 might be better used if it was at -- the

1 whole thing was moved it another location
2 like with access for that Meadow Avenue or
3 307 where there is currently property
4 available.

5 Payroll preparation tax, from what
6 we have discussed before when I asked about
7 the status of that, that is dead?

8 MR. EVANS: No, that study is
9 ongoing.

10 MS. SCHUMACHER: When will it
11 complete, in time for the 2016 budget?

12 MR. EVANS: I hope so, but I'm not
13 sure at this point. That was being done
14 through PEL.

15 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay, because,
16 yeah, it does say for the 2016 and 2020
17 budget that's a requirement.

18 MR. EVANS: Yeah.

19 MS. SCHUMACHER: Employee benefits
20 and health care, there was supposed to be a
21 major review of health care insurance and
22 related programs and buyers and advisors and
23 administrators, the review was to be
24 completed as soon as practical, but no later
25 than 180 days after the adoption of this

1 2015 revised recovery plan which was
2 February of last year but I haven't heard
3 anything about this, is this something
4 that's already been accomplished and we just
5 haven't learned about it?

6 MR. EVANS: There has been some
7 negotiations and improvements with that, I'm
8 not sure if the whole things has been
9 accomplished.

10 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay, next one, big
11 one. Verification of property exempt from
12 taxation status.

13 MR. EVANS: Nothing done on that.

14 MS. SCHUMACHER: Are we going to do
15 something?

16 MR. EVANS: I hope so.

17 MS. SCHUMACHER: It says "shall" it
18 doesn't say --

19 MR. EVANS: Maybe.

20 MS. SCHUMACHER: -- "should."

21 MR. EVANS: Should. No, I agree.

22 And that was my idea and that was my
23 suggestion so I'm very hopeful that
24 somewhere along the line gets embarked upon.

25 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, I know you

1 had, I mean, is anybody even talking about
2 it?

3 MR. EVANS: Well, we will talk about
4 it, I'll bring it up again at the next PEL
5 meeting to find out exactly where they are
6 going with this. In the plan, obviously, we
7 want to see it get done.

8 MS. SCHUMACHER: Next, restructure
9 of the city staff advisors, has that been
10 completed or initiated.

11 MR. EVANS: I know that's something
12 that BA Bulzoni has been working on so I'll
13 find out the status on that as well.

14 MS. SCHUMACHER: I'll be back and
15 hopefully maybe I can complete next week, if
16 not I'll --

17 MR. ROGAN: Ms. Schumacher, can you
18 please provide those in writing? I know
19 there is a lot of questions.

20 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, you have the
21 revised recovery plan, they are all -- all
22 you have to do is review that and see which
23 ones haven't been done.

24 MR. EVANS: I think what we should
25 go back to is the matrix that we've talked

1 about and see if we can't get a matrix
2 developed and bench marks. That way a lot
3 of these questions will be answered on an
4 ongoing basis.

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

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

8 MOTIONS.

9 MR. ROGAN: Councilmen Wechsler, do
10 you have any motions or comments?

11 MR. WECHSLER: Not too many this
12 week. I would just like to take the
13 opportunity to thank everyone who supported
14 my family this week on the passing of my
15 mother-in-law, Gloria Jaworski. The
16 outpouring of support for her was
17 outstanding. My mother-in-law was an
18 outstanding woman herself, raised three
19 children on her own and never once took one
20 dime from the state so I would just like to
21 once again thank everyone for their support.

22 And just one other thing, I'd also
23 like to thank DPW for finishing the
24 temporary repair of East Mountain Road.
25 Last week they did some patching and this

1 week they followed up with some tarring on
2 that to help us get through the winter, so I
3 do appreciate the fact that that did get
4 done before the snow came along. That's all
5 I have.

6 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Councilman
7 Evans, do you have any motions or comments?

8 MR. EVANS: Yeah, a couple of quick
9 comments. We sent a letter to DPW I guess
10 on the leachate issue and wait for a
11 response from that. I'd like to add that if
12 we can and send a letter to Colleen
13 Connelly, who is DEP's community relations
14 coordinator to make sure she does get back
15 to us if there is a final report and the
16 that's probably in the letter.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: It says just to keep
18 up-to-date on all matters.

19 MR. EVANS: All right. That's fine.
20 I'd like to talk about something different,
21 pay-to-play politics. That got everybody's
22 attention. Anyway, this is something that
23 we rail on quite a bit but we rarely act on.
24 To that point, the city council of the City
25 of Allentown yesterday passed an

1 anti-pay-to-play law that limits the
2 awarding of contracts to political donors.
3 The law states that anyone who gave more
4 than \$250 to city politicians they are not
5 allowed for getting contracts greater than
6 \$2,500. So I would like to ask my
7 colleagues they concur if we can send a
8 letter to the mayor and the law department
9 advising that we are very interested in
10 pursuing this legislation, something like
11 this anyway, and they should immediately
12 review the Allentown law and present
13 something similar to that before city
14 council in the near future. It's clearly
15 time to take a proactive approach on this
16 horrendous topic, so if that's all right I
17 would ask that we send a letter to the mayor
18 if everybody agrees with that?

19 MR. GAUGHAN: I would be in
20 agreement, but I would just like to review
21 the ordinance first.

22 MR. EVANS: Actually, what we are
23 looking for is the administration and the
24 law department to review it as well as our
25 solicitor and us as well.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: Sure.

2 MR. ROGAN: I would agree with what
3 Councilmen Gaughan said, while I know the
4 Scranton School District had a similar
5 policy, it was enacted but it was never
6 really enforced and didn't seem to work so I
7 think we should compare, you know, the
8 differences between the two before making a
9 decision.

10 MR. EVANS: Oh, yeah, this is very
11 preliminary at this point, but I think it's
12 something we really need to look at and I
13 applaud the City of Allentown for taking
14 this unusual step.

15 MR. WECHSLER: The FBI --
16 (unintelligible.)

17 MR. EVANS: That will do it every
18 time. That's all I have.

19 MR. ROGAN: Councilmen Gaughan, any
20 motions or comments?

21 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, thank you.
22 First, PennDOT has announced it will begin
23 the final stages of the paving project, a
24 much anticipated paving project on Main
25 Avenue starting Monday. Repaving that

1 follows the installation of more than 150
2 ADA compliant sidewalk ramps will begin at
3 Wood Street in North Scranton and end at the
4 Price Chopper in Bloomis Avenue. Crews are
5 working between 6:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mondays
6 through Saturdays and the project will be
7 wrapping up October 23. The project is part
8 of a \$4 million contract to upgrade Main
9 Avenue, Keyser Avenue, Morgan Highway and
10 Grove Street in the Clarks Summit area so
11 there will be traffic delays.

12 I would lake to wish all of the
13 runners best of luck this Sunday at the
14 Steamtown Marathon and congratulations to
15 all of those who put the event together and
16 participate every year. It is a great event
17 for our community.

18 I'd also like to give me condolences
19 to Councilmen Wechsler on the passing of his
20 mother-in-law and my prayers are with him
21 and his family at this difficult time.

22 I have been contacted the past week,
23 week and a half by numerous residents
24 throughout the city concerning pave cuts and
25 I know I have touched on this in the past.

1 There are a number of different locations, I
2 have a list of them that I will give to our
3 city clerk once the meeting is over that I
4 have compiled after talking to many
5 residents and these locations should have
6 had the road restored under the new
7 ordinance that was passed. All work was
8 started in these locations well after June
9 5, 2015, and the restorations are not in
10 compliance with the new city ordinance
11 according to those residents.

12 I do have a few questions, are we
13 collecting the inspection fees for the pave
14 cuts as was called for in the ordinance that
15 we pass? Without full compliance of this
16 ordinance the city is missing out on the
17 inspection fees as well as the benefit of
18 the increased restoration to the road
19 surface after the pave cuts. I did realize
20 that the utility companies threatened to sue
21 the city, but I do not believe any official
22 action has been taken yet so I would like to
23 an update on these issues.

24 Councilman Evans mentioned the
25 letter to the DEP and I would like to read

1 that letter into the record. The letter
2 went out to the regional director of the
3 Department of Environmental Protection.
4 "Dear Mr. Bedrin: On behalf of Scranton
5 City Council, please provide all
6 documentation relating to the investigation
7 of a recent odor in the Greenridge section
8 of Scranton that may be related to discharge
9 treated leachate that runs underneath the
10 Greenridge section to the South Scranton
11 Sewage Treatment Plant.

12 Also, city council has requested to
13 be kept up-to-date on all matters relating
14 to this investigation. The council is very
15 concerned about the health, welfare and
16 safety of the residents of Scranton, and
17 your prompt attention to this matter will be
18 greatly appreciated."

19 And that was also sent to Gene
20 Barrett, the executive director of the
21 Scranton Sewer Authority. So we will be
22 awaiting a response back from those
23 individuals.

24 I would like to request that the DPW
25 patch the 2300 and 2400 blocks of North

1 Washington Avenue. I received a couple of
2 calls about those blocks, they are in really
3 bad shape. Also, the last part of Middle
4 Street, which is off of Albright Avenue and
5 runs down to the farmers market is in
6 extremely rough shape. The pavement is down
7 to the bricks and people are going to get
8 hurt if that remains that way so I would
9 like to get that taken care of.

10 I had an interesting conference call
11 today with Joshua Frett from I-Compass
12 Technologies, Lori Reed, our city clerk, and
13 Dave Bulzoni, our business administrator, to
14 listen to a presentation on something called
15 Agenda Free Meeting Manager Pro. It is a
16 web based platform that automates the entire
17 city council meeting process digitalizing
18 and eliminating the manual tasks taken on by
19 our office staff. It presents a huge
20 opportunity for improved efficiency and cost
21 savings. The most exciting aspect, as my
22 colleagues and some of the public who is on
23 the caucus saw, is connecting with citizens
24 in a way that hasn't been possible before
25 with something called Civic Web Portal.

1 This would be linked to our current website
2 ScrantonPa.gov and the portal delivers
3 information to the public automatically as
4 staff works throughout the day. Different
5 from a website, the civic web portal you
6 don't have to post content. Once the work
7 is done, the automated open government
8 portal automatically refreshes with the
9 latest information. We would be able to
10 provide all back up documentation to the
11 legislation on-line to citizens immediately.
12 Citizens would be able to sign up to be
13 updated as soon as the agenda and back up
14 would be available.

15 I presented information, as I
16 mentioned, in tonight's caucus and will have
17 further discussion with my colleagues about
18 this technology. I, too, do believe it will
19 improve efficiency and transparency in our
20 office. And that is all I have this week.
21 Thank you.

22 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Just a
23 couple of items, a few that I wasn't
24 planning on addressing but they were brought
25 up. The first is the school teachers strike

1 and although the members of city council we
2 don't have anything to do with school
3 district as far as those negotiations go,
4 but it is a good time to look at your tax
5 bill and reflect on how much money the
6 taxpayers and the City of Scranton are
7 paying to the school district.

8 Your school property taxes are by
9 far the largest portion of your tax bill and
10 the quote/unquote city wage tax 1 percent of
11 that actually goes to the school district as
12 well so when many times people think of
13 Scranton and the city imposing much of the
14 tax, it's actually the property and the
15 school district that is the biggest portion
16 of your tax bill so that is something for
17 all residents to think about.

18 Regarding the double pensions, I am
19 in complete agreement that city council at
20 some point needs to conduct hearings of some
21 sort and find out who authorized the double
22 pensions. As was mentioned, there has to be
23 somebody to blame, whether it was a criminal
24 act or whether it was just an error is
25 something that's remained to be seen, but we

1 need to find out how it happened, why it
2 happened, and so it doesn't ever happen
3 again.

4 Regarding the questions that were
5 raised tonight regarding the recovery plan
6 and the mandates in there, many of them --
7 the vast majority of those questions would
8 best be directed to our business
9 administrator. We do have a Chair for
10 Finance on the board, but it is not the
11 Finances Chair's job or the job of the
12 council to see that these get laid out. It
13 is our job to approve them, to vote them up
14 or down to research them as they happen, but
15 city council doesn't have the authority to
16 enact many of these items so that does have
17 to come from the mayor and the business
18 administration.

19 And, finally, I should have
20 mentioned this during announcements, but
21 it's a great -- it's very important great
22 project, I figured I would mention it now.
23 Scranton Firefighters are taking part in
24 Operation Warm, and I'm going to read just a
25 little bit of the letter that was sent.

1 "Councilman Rogan, can you think of
2 a time when you were cold? That teeth
3 chattering, knee knocking, able to see your
4 breath type of cold. In this instance, you
5 may have been wearing a coat, but imagine if
6 you weren't. Imagine if you didn't own a
7 coat and it was out of your control. For
8 16.1 million children in the United States
9 this is a harsh reality. Many of these
10 children are forced to walk to and from
11 school or wait for the bus in the
12 subfreezing temperatures. Scranton
13 Professional Firefighters Local No. 60 has
14 decided to take action. By partnering with
15 Operation Warm, a national nonprofit, we are
16 committed to providing brand new American
17 made winter coats to children living in
18 these unfortunate circumstances."

19 Donations can be made at
20 www.operationwarm/org.Scranton.

21 Donations can be mailed to Rescue 1
22 at 940 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, PA, 18509,
23 or checks can be dropped off at any Scranton
24 Fire Station and can be made out to
25 Operation Warm with Local 60 in the memo

1 area. Most importantly with this fundraiser
2 that our firefighters are doing is that all
3 donations will stay within the City of
4 Scranton so if you do donate to this
5 fundraiser it will help a child within the
6 City of Scranton to get an American-made
7 winter coat so it's a great charity and our
8 firefighters deserve a job well done for
9 taking up this issue. And that is all I
10 have. Thank you.

11 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION -
12 AN ORDINANCE - CLOSING AND VACATING A
13 PORTION OF JONES COURT BETWEEN BEECH STREET
14 AND MAPLE STREET.

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

18 MR. WECHSLER: So moved.

19 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

23 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

24 MR. EVANS: Aye.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

3 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -
4 AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF COUNCIL NO.
5 92, 1994 (AS AMENDED) ENTITLED "ESTABLISHING
6 A RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT PILOT PROGRAM
7 FOR CERTAIN ELIGIBLE RESIDENTIAL AREAS AS
8 DEFINED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN POWERS
9 AND DUTIES FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR OF SAID
10 PROGRAM WHO SHALL BE DESIGNATED BY THE
11 MAYOR; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION
12 OF THE SAID ORDINANCE", BY DELETING THE 700
13 BLOCK OF MONROE AVENUE FROM THE STREETS
14 DESIGNATED AS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
15 PERMIT PARKING PROGRAM AND THAT PERMIT
16 PARKING SIGNS BE REMOVED FROM THE 700 BLOCK
17 OF MONROE AVENUE.

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

21 MR. WECHSLER: So moved.

22 MR. EVANS: Second.

23 MR. ROGAN: On the question? All
24 those in favor of introduction signify by
25 saying aye.

1 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

2 MR. EVANS: Aye.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

6 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION -
7 A RESOLUTION - RATIFYING AND APPROVING OF
8 THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT
9 APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON, ON
10 BEHALF OF LACKAWANNA COLLEGE TO THE
11 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ACTING THROUGH
12 THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY FOR A
13 LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT, PURSUANT TO THE
14 PA RACE HORSE DEVELOPMENT AND GAMING ACT IN
15 THE AMOUNT OF \$434,175.00 FOR THE PROJECT TO
16 BE KNOWN AS "STREET AND FAÇADE IMPROVEMENTS
17 AT 401 ADAMS AVENUE AT LACKAWANNA COLLEGE"
18 LOCATED IN SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA.
19 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
20 CITY OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO
21 ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF SUCCESSFUL, AND EXECUTE
22 AND ENTER INTO A LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT
23 CONTRACT AND COMMITMENT LETTER WITH THE
24 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA TO ACCEPT AND
25 UTILIZE THE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF

1 \$434,175.00 AWARDED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF
2 PENNSYLVANIA FOR SUCH PROJECT.

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

7 MR. WECHSLER: So moved.

8 MR. EVANS: Second.

9 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.
11 Oh, sorry, Mr. Wechsler.

12 MR. WECHSLER: Yes, Mr. Rogan, I
13 will be abstaining from this vote because my
14 wife is an employee of Lackawanna College.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: I just wanted to say I
16 was looking through this application and I
17 am really impressed by this project.
18 Lackawanna College is going to invest almost
19 \$50 million into this bidding. The phase of
20 the project that we are voting on tonight
21 that they want this grant for will include
22 an exterior improvements to this dated
23 six-story building. When all of the phases
24 are complete, Lackawanna College will
25 relocate its school of Allied Health into

1 the new site. The Wright Center, which
2 closed down I believe last September, will
3 also occupy space on the first floor.

4 The revival of this underutilized
5 structure will create a diverse community
6 and economic benefits including the
7 expansion of the academic programs and
8 community health projects. It will add to
9 the revitalization of downtown Scranton.
10 Thank you.

11 MR. EVANS: My only comment would be
12 that if there is a building downtown that
13 needs a facade grant this is it. This is
14 one of the more poorly architectural
15 designed buildings that we have, and I think
16 I agree with Councilmen Gaughan it's a great
17 project and I'm looking forward to them
18 finishing it.

19 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, and I also note
20 that this is the only phase that they are
21 seeking grant money for, the other phases
22 are being paid for by Lackawanna County
23 College so it is a great investment in our
24 downtown, and I look forward to seeing this
25 project to it's completion. Thank you.

1 MR. ROGAN: I would agree with much
2 of what my colleagues mentioned that this
3 will definitely make the downtown look a lot
4 nicer. My only disappointment is, once
5 again, this is another nonprofit taking up
6 more land within our city limits. I fully
7 support the growth of our Universities, our
8 hospitals, and other nonprofits. My only
9 hope is in the future that they will
10 continue to build up instead of building out
11 by taking more land. Anyone else? All
12 those in favor of introduction signify by
13 saying aye.

14 MR. WECHSLER: (Abstained.)

15 MR. EVANS: Aye.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

19 MS. REED: 5-E. FOR INTRODUCTION - A
20 RESOLUTION - AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 167,
21 2015, A RESOLUTION ENTITLED "AUTHORIZING THE
22 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
23 TO GRANT A SPECIAL ENCROACHMENT PERMIT TO
24 THE 16TH WARD, LLC TO OPERATE AN OUTDOOR
25 RESTAURANT AT 306 PENN AVENUE, SCRANTON,

1 PENNSYLVANIA" IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE
2 DIMENSIONS OF THE OUTDOOR SEATING AREA TO
3 COMPLY WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL
4 BOARD REGULATIONS.

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

8 MR. WECHSLER: So moved.

9 MR. EVANS: Second.

10 MR. ROGAN: On the question? All
11 those in favor of introduction signify by
12 saying aye.

13 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

14 MR. EVANS: Aye.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

18 MS. REED: 5-F. FOR INTRODUCTION - A
19 RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF JESSICA L.
20 BOYLES, ESQUIRE, OF SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA,
21 TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF HUMAN
22 RESOURCES/ASSISTANT BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR
23 EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015. ATTORNEY BOYLES
24 WILL BE REPLACING REBECCA MCMULLEN WHO TOOK
25 ANOTHER POSITION WITH THE CITY.

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

4 MR. WECHSLER: So moved.

5 MR. EVANS: Second.

6 MR. ROGAN: On the question? All
7 those in favor of introduction signify by
8 saying aye.

9 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

10 MR. EVANS: Aye.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

14 MS. REED: 5-G. FOR INTRODUCTION -
15 A RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF PATRICK J.
16 HUGHES, 15 FAWNWOOD DRIVE, SCRANTON,
17 PENNSYLVANIA, 18504 AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD
18 OF THE SCRANTON SEWER AUTHORITY EFFECTIVE
19 OCTOBER 1, 2015. MR. HUGHES WILL BE
20 REPLACING JESSICA L. BOYLES, ESQUIRE WHO
21 RESIGNED SEPTEMBER 29, 2015. MR. HUGHES
22 WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF ATTORNEY
23 BOYLES, WHOSE TERM IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE ON
24 DECEMBER 31, 2016.

25 MR. ROGAN: At this time I'll

1 entertain a motion that Item 5-G be
2 introduced into its proper committee.

3 MR. WECHSLER: So moved.

4 MR. EVANS: Second.

5 MR. ROGAN: On the question? All
6 those in favor of introduction signify by
7 saying aye.

8 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

9 MR. EVANS: Aye.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

13 MS. REED: 5-H. FOR INTRODUCTION -
14 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
15 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE
16 AND ENTER INTO A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND
17 BETWEEN THE CITY OF SCRANTON ("CITY") AND
18 TEAMSTERS LOCAL 229 ("THE UNION").

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

22 MR. WECHSLER: So moved.

23 MR. EVANS: Second.

24 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

25 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question,

1 I would like to say I'm glad we are tabling
2 this, I would like more of an explanation
3 and we discussed this in the caucus and I
4 believe one of the speakers brought up a few
5 good points on this so hopefully by next
6 week we will have more of an explanation of
7 this legislation and how it fits in or if it
8 fits in with the monetization of the parking
9 garages and the Parking Authority.

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

13 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

14 MR. EVANS: Aye.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

18 MR. EVANS: I'd like to make a
19 motion to table Item 5-H.

20 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

21 MR. ROGAN: A motion has been made
22 and a second, on the question? All those in
23 favor signify by saying aye.

24 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

25 MR. EVANS: Aye.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

2 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
3 have it and the item is tabled.

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

5 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.
6 122, 2015 - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF
7 THE COUNCIL NO 72, 2015, AN ORDINANCE
8 ENTITLED "AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.
9 58, 2014, AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "GENERAL
10 CITY OPERATING BUDGET 2015" BY ESTABLISHING
11 SEPARATE "03" FUND ACCOUNTS TO DEFINE ACTUAL
12 LIQUID FUEL EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE "03"
13 FUND DESIGNATION; BY REDESIGNATING FUNDS
14 FROM CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND
15 DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING, INSPECTIONS AND
16 PERMITS ACCOUNTS LISTED BELOW TO THE "03"
17 ACCOUNTS; THE DEPARTMENT, BUREAU AND LINE
18 ITEM DESCRIPTION WILL REMAIN THE SAME" TO
19 AUTHORIZE AN INCREASE OF THE REVENUE
20 AVAILABLE IN THE LIQUID FUEL EXPENDITURE
21 LINE ITEMS FOR SALT AND STREET LIGHTING AS
22 LISTED BELOW.

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

25 MR. EVANS: Mr. Chairman, I move

1 that Item 6-A pass reading by title.

2 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

3 MR. ROGAN: On the question? All
4 those in favor signify by saying aye.

5 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

6 MR. EVANS: Aye.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

10 MR. EVANS: Mr. Chairman, I make a
11 motion to suspend the rules to move Item 6-A
12 to Seventh Order for final passage.

13 MR. ROGAN: At this time, I'll
14 entertain a motion that council suspend the
15 rules and place Item 6-A into Seventh Order
16 for final passage.

17 MR. WECHSLER: So moved.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Second.

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

21 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

22 MR. EVANS: Aye.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

1 MS. REED: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR
2 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY
3 DEVELOPMENT - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF THE
4 COUNCIL NO. 121, 2015 - PROVIDING FOR AN
5 AGREEMENT OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION
6 FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF A
7 MULTI-MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY THE
8 CITY OF SCRANTON AND THE ADJACENT
9 MUNICIPALITIES OF: THE BOROUGHES OF: CLARKS
10 GREEN, CLARKS SUMMIT, DALTON, DUNMORE AND
11 THE TOWNSHIPS OF GLEN BURN, NEWTON, SOUTH
12 ABINGTON, WAVERLY, AND WEST ABINGTON.

13 MR. ROGAN: What is the
14 recommendation of the Chair for the
15 Committee on Community Development?

16 MR. WECHSLER: As temporary
17 Chairperson for the Committee on Community
18 Development, I recommend final passage of
19 Item 7-A.

20 MR. EVANS: Second.

21 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll
22 call, please?

23 MR. EVANS: On the question, I see
24 Denise Prowell in the audience and I'd like
25 to acknowledge her and congratulate Denise

1 on this legislation. It's been a long time
2 coming and you deserve a lot of credit for
3 all the hard work you have done over these
4 many, many years so congratulations again,
5 Denise. That's all I have.

6 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else? Roll call,
7 please?

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

9 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

11 MR. EVANS: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

15 MR. ROGAN: No. I hereby declare
16 Item 7-A legally and lawfully adopted.

17 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION
18 BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION -
19 RESOLUTION NO. 192, 2015 - RATIFYING AND
20 APPROVING OF THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF
21 THE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF
22 SCRANTON, ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED
23 NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS (UNC)/UNITED
24 NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
25 CORPORATION (UNCDC), TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF

1 PENNSYLVANIA ACTING THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH
2 FINANCING AUTHORITY FOR A LOCAL SHARE
3 ACCOUNT GRANT, PURSUANT TO THE PA RACE HORSE
4 DEVELOPMENT AND GAMING ACT IN THE AMOUNT OF
5 \$500,000.00 FOR THE PROJECT TO BE KNOWN AS
6 "THE MARKET PLACE ON CEDAR" LOCATED IN
7 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA. AUTHORIZING THE
8 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
9 OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO ACCEPT THE GRANT,
10 IF SUCCESSFUL AND EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A
11 LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT CONTRACT AND
12 COMMITMENT LETTER WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF
13 PENNSYLVANIA TO ACCEPT AND UTILIZE THE GRANT
14 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000.00 AWARDED BY THE
15 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR SUCH
16 PROJECT.

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

20 MR. EVANS: As Chairperson for the
21 Committee on Finance, I recommend final
22 passage of Item 7-B.

23 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

24 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll
25 call, please?

1 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

2 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

3 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

4 MR. EVANS: Yes.

5 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

7 MS. CARRERA: 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 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT- FOR
12 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 193, 2015
13 ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE
14 HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD
15 ("HARB") AND APPROVING THE CERTIFICATE OF
16 APPROPRIATENESS FOR BART NOVAK'S
17 CONSTRUCTION, INC., 523 FELLOWS STREET,
18 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18504 FOR THE
19 INSTALLATION OF A TEN (10) POUND HARD BOARD
20 OVER SHEET METAL 8'X3' SIGN TO BE MOUNTED
21 ABOVE THE ENTRANCE AT 534 LACKAWANNA AVENUE,
22 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

23 MR. ROGAN: What is the
24 recommendation of the Chair for the
25 Committee on Community Development?

1 MR. WECHSLER: As temporary
2 Chairperson for the Committee on Community
3 Development, I recommend final passage of
4 Item 7-C.

5 MR. EVANS: Second.

6 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll
7 call, please?

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

9 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

11 MR. EVANS: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

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

17 MS. REED: 7-D. FOR CONSIDERATION
18 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES- FOR ADOPTION -
19 RESOLUTION NO. 194, 2015 - APPOINTMENT OF
20 MARY CLARE KINGSLEY, 150 SOUTH EVERETT
21 AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18504, AS A
22 MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE SCRANTON HOUSING
23 AUTHORITY. MRS. KINGSLEY WILL BE REPLACING
24 CHARLOTTE LEDBETTER WHOSE TERM IS SCHEDULED
25 TO EXPIRE SEPTEMBER 27, 2015. MRS. KINGSLEY

1 WILL BE APPOINTED TO A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM
2 EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 27, 2015 AND WHICH WILL
3 EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2020.

4 MR. ROGAN: As temporary Chairperson
5 for the Committee on Rules, I recommend
6 final passage of Item 7-D.

7 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

8 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll
9 call, please?

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

11 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

13 MR. EVANS: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

17 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare
18 Item 7-D legally and lawfully adopted.

19 MS. REED: 7-E. FOR CONSIDERATION BY
20 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES- FOR ADOPTION -
21 RESOLUTION NO. 195, 2015 - APPOINTMENT OF
22 REV. DR. HOWARD T. WOODRUFF, 205 MADISON
23 AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18503 AS A
24 MEMBER OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION,
25 EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 24, 2015. REV. WOODRUFF

1 IS BEING APPOINTED TO A THREE (3) YEAR TERM
2 THAT WILL EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2018.

3 MR. ROGAN: As temporary Chairperson
4 for the Committee on Rules, I recommend
5 final passage of Item 7-E.

6 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

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

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

10 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

12 MR. EVANS: Yes.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

16 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare
17 Item 7-E legally and lawfully adopted.

18 MS. REED: 7-F - FORMERLY 6-A - FOR
19 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE -
20 FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 122,
21 2015 - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO 72,
22 2015, AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AMENDING FILE
23 OF THE COUNCIL NO. 58, 2014, AN ORDINANCE
24 ENTITLED "GENERAL CITY OPERATING BUDGET
25 2015" BY ESTABLISHING SEPARATE "03" FUND

1 ACCOUNTS TO DEFINE ACTUAL LIQUID FUEL
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4 CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND
5 DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING, INSPECTIONS AND
6 PERMITS ACCOUNTS LISTED BELOW TO THE "03"
7 ACCOUNTS; THE DEPARTMENT, BUREAU AND LINE
8 ITEM DESCRIPTION WILL REMAIN THE SAME" TO
9 AUTHORIZE AN INCREASE OF THE REVENUE
10 AVAILABLE IN THE LIQUID FUEL EXPENDITURE
11 LINE ITEMS FOR SALT AND STREET LIGHTING AS
12 LISTED BELOW.

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

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

19 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

20 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

21 MR. WECHSLER: Yes, Mr. Rogan, on
22 the questions, one thing that we did do
23 before we decided to move this to Seventh
24 Order was we did inquire from Director
25 Gallagher that this emergency legislation

1 would effect negatively the price of the
2 salt as we are going to buy it and he
3 assured it that it will be not. The sad
4 part is, we have to take the step in case it
5 snows in October, and we know that that's
6 happened in the past so I'm happy the salt
7 will be on hand if the unthinkable happens.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: You just jinxed us.

9 MR. ROGAN: Hopefully that salt will
10 sit in the shed for a long time. Roll call,
11 please?

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

13 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

15 MR. EVANS: Yes.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

18 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

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

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

23 MR. WECHSLER: Motion to adjourn.

24 MR. ROGAN: Meeting is adjourned.

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