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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

Thursday, October 15, 2015

LOCATION:

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

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 the 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 One brief announcement, there was an
25 executive session held this evening

1 regarding possible litigation prior to the
2 caucus. Please dispense with the reading of
3 the minutes.

4 MS. REED: THIRD ORDER. 3-A. MINUTES
5 OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF
6 SCRANTON HOUSING AUTHORITY HELD SEPTEMBER
7 14, 2015.

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

10 MS. REED: 3-B. TAX ASSESSOR'S
11 RESULTS REPORTS FOR HEARING DATES HELD
12 SEPTEMBER 23 AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2015.

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

15 Do any council members have any
16 announcements at this time?

17 MR. WECHSLER: Yes, Mr. Rogan, I
18 have one. Just to repeat what was said last
19 week, on Monday, October 19, there will be a
20 Jimmy Hughes Appreciation Day that will be
21 held in North Scranton. That appreciation
22 party will take place at Stirna's. The
23 hours of the party are 6 to 8 p.m. There
24 will be light fare with a cash bar and the
25 donation is \$10, all proceeds to benefit the

1 American Heart Association.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: And I have one. I
3 just want to send my sincere condolences to
4 the family of Sister Adrian Barrett who
5 passed away this week. Her legacy is one of
6 compassion and understanding. She was a
7 champion for the poor, those without a
8 voice, and those who suffered. She brought
9 light to those who often lived in darkness.
10 Her work for the people of Scranton will
11 never be forgotten. Thank you.

12 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else?

13 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'
14 PARTICIPATION.

15 MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening.
16 Marie Schumacher.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Good evening.

18 MS. SCHUMACHER: On agenda items,
19 first, on 7-A during motions I would like to
20 know how much will be left in the City's
21 total Racehorse Development and Gaming Act
22 allocation if this grant is approved and
23 granted.

24 On 7-C, I would like to know what
25 Mrs. Boyle's qualifications are for the

1 position of assistant business
2 administrator, and while on the topic of Ms.
3 Boyle, will she be retaining her law career
4 as well as the two positions in this
5 resolution? I ask this as Mrs. Boyle not
6 only attended the September Scranton Sewer
7 Authority meeting, but also voted on agenda
8 items and signed legal documents before she
9 was approved by city council. She also
10 announced at the meeting that she would be
11 leaving early because -- the 12:15 meeting
12 early as she had to represent a client in
13 Court at 1 p.m. and I would like to know
14 whether this practice will continue during
15 her city employment.

16 I also wonder whether her Scranton
17 Sewer Authority votes and signatures are
18 valid as she had not received final council
19 approval and if those actions were legal
20 then I would like to know why the council
21 bothers putting such sprinkling of holy
22 water, if you will, items on the agenda.

23 7-D, what are Mr. Hughes areas of
24 expertise for this appointment to the Sewer
25 Authority at this critical time of

1 determining the Authority's future?

2 And now onto the balance of my
3 comments. Mr. Rogan, last week you first
4 asked me to submit my questions in writing,
5 is there a paper back there? I've lost one,
6 but I would like to say to you that those
7 comments in writing, questions are available
8 in the minutes of last week's meeting which
9 are available on-line.

10 MR. ROGAN: The Rules of Council
11 state that any requests from the public
12 should be issued in writing.

13 MS. SCHUMACHER: They are in
14 writing.

15 MR. ROGAN: From the person
16 requesting it.

17 MS. SCHUMACHER: And continuing, I
18 would like to remind you, also, that you are
19 elected officials. The business
20 administrator is not an elected official, he
21 is here to do his job and any of those items
22 that I asked about would not be -- since
23 they were status items there would be no
24 document in place that I would assume you
25 would know about it if there were they would

1 justify a Right-to-Know request, so that
2 would be a futile avenue and I really am
3 rather astounded and disappointed that you
4 -- nobody on this council, despite the fact
5 that those were all questions based on the
6 revised recovery plan that you approved in
7 February of 2015 and nobody knew the
8 answers. I just would think somebody on
9 council would be following up on those
10 things and we're going to within four
11 meetings you are going to have a new budget
12 and I think we have a right to know what the
13 status of those items are frankly.

14 And then another one that I
15 recollect, I don't know if I have all of the
16 numbers correctly since my notes are
17 missing, but I have a question on the way we
18 are negotiating the Scranton Sewer Authority
19 monetization. It's been advertised -- or
20 not advertised, but reported in the
21 newspaper that our mayor and the
22 administration, therefore, would be happy
23 with \$50 million. Well, about the same time
24 that statement was made one of their
25 financial reports was published in the paper

1 and it said they have \$120 million worth of
2 assets and they had 60 -- I believe it was
3 \$69 million of long-term debt of which \$60
4 million of those is already covered and will
5 be recovered through the fees that they
6 charge us ratepayers, so \$50 doesn't seem
7 like a good figure to settle on or to
8 advertise that, hey, I'd be happy with \$50
9 million when you have got all of that money
10 out there. I will be back next week, good
11 Lord willing. I'm off to the school board,
12 I'll be back.

13 MR. ROGAN: Joan Hodowanitz.

14 MS. HODOWANITZ: Joan Hodowanitz,
15 resident and taxpayer. I wholeheartedly
16 agree with Attorney Mulligan's letter to the
17 editor on Sunday, October 11, in which he
18 urged city council to enact legislation
19 requiring sites similar to the Sandone
20 Warehouse to provide the city with an
21 emergency preparedness plan so that
22 firefighters and other first responders
23 would have access to the layout of the site
24 facilities and an inventory of all the
25 hazardous materials.

1 Now, you discussed in caucus this
2 very issue and you are correct that there is
3 a federal OSHA requirement that mandates
4 such preparedness, and you also made mention
5 of the fact that you weren't sure whether or
6 not this requirement was being met. I think
7 this needs to be a city priority considering
8 the number of warehouses and facilities in
9 city limits that may have hazardous
10 materials into which the fire department
11 would have to respond in case of a fire, we
12 don't want to be sending firefighters and
13 other first responders into a situation
14 where they are at risk more than they have
15 to be.

16 Also, Marie termed it last week, the
17 issue of the Greenridge goop, that black
18 liquid that was released through the City's
19 sewer system, I saw in the Times-Tribune
20 that apparently it a petroleum-based liquid,
21 but we don't know the source where it came
22 from. My question is how has this incident
23 impacted those parties who have expressed an
24 interest in acquiring the Scranton Sewer
25 Authority?

1 Now, if I wanted to buy a house and
2 they are asking top dollar and I find out
3 there was a black liquid of unknown content
4 in the basement you better believe if I
5 bought it, I would not be paying top dollar
6 so I would like to know how in the
7 negotiations for the Sewer Authority this
8 event is playing out because I can't believe
9 they are not aware that this has happened.

10 I'm also very concerned about the
11 number of pedestrian injuries and fatalities
12 in downtown Scranton over the last few
13 years. As you may know, on October 4,
14 Loretta Kapinski, a resident of the Jermyn
15 Hotel, was killed at the intersection of
16 Wyoming and Lackawanna Avenue. Now, there
17 was another pedestrian killed in that same
18 intersection by a bus not many years ago and
19 then there was a resident I believe of
20 Mulberry Towers that was in a wheelchair
21 that was killed at the intersection of
22 Mulberry and North Washington not many years
23 ago. Then there was another incident of a
24 pedestrian killed at the intersection of
25 North Washington and Linden not many years

1 ago. My point is we have this invested \$5.6
2 million with PennDOT on these wonderful
3 traffic signal systems, which I'm not sure
4 was ever properly synchronized. The intent
5 was to make the flow of traffic better for
6 motorists and businesses and hopefully the
7 safety of pedestrians, but I don't think
8 it's working and I think that's something
9 that the city should be looking at and I
10 think council should be pushing the mayor
11 for some answers. This shouldn't be higher
12 math. If the traffic signals are working
13 you would know it, but you got a lot of
14 elderly in downtown Scranton who move
15 slowly, some of them are trying to cross the
16 street with the aid of a walker and they
17 cannot sprint across the street if the light
18 changes before they have made it across. We
19 used to have a Director of Public Safety,
20 which we got rid of in 2010. Mayor Doherty
21 said he could give those functions to his
22 deputy mayor. I don't think that you can
23 parse out those responsibilities to the fire
24 Department, the police department, DPW, I
25 think you need to relook at the entire

1 issue. Mr. Wechsler, I believe public
2 safety is your bailiwick? I would like you
3 to look at that as we approach the 2016
4 budget. I think this is a worthy
5 expenditure of tax dollars.

6 MR. ROGAN: Gerard Hetman.

7 MR. HETMAN: Good evening, Council,
8 Gerard Hetman from Lackawanna County's
9 Community Relations Department. To begin
10 this evening, in accordance with the
11 Lackawanna County's Home Rules Charter early
12 this afternoon Lackawanna County
13 Commissioners presented their tentative 2016
14 general fund budget for public review, and
15 if you follow along with the handouts that I
16 have provided, our top sheet contains our
17 annual quick reference budget graphic that
18 goes over some of the key points in the 2016
19 budget, typically that big item on top is
20 the one most folks comment on that being
21 will be no county tax increase for the
22 county property millage rate for the 2016
23 budget as projected.

24 Our second sheet is our annual
25 budget message which breaks down some of the

1 budget figures in a little bit more detail
2 in an easy to read format, so if you follow
3 through with me I'll skip around a little
4 bit but I will go in order, just a little
5 bit abbreviated from what you see there.
6 Important features in the budget are as
7 follows:

8 First, the 2016 Lackawanna County
9 general fund budget includes no tax
10 increase. The county tax rate will stay the
11 same as it is now at 57.42 mills.

12 Secondly, the county is renewing
13 it's commitment to economic development in
14 the 2016 budget. Beginning in 2013, the
15 county includes programs that included the
16 nationally recognized SBA Loan Fee Waiver
17 Program, the Community Re-invest Grant
18 Program, and the Permit Fee Waiver Program.
19 The 2016 budget renews funding for these
20 programs.

21 Third, the 2016 budget provides
22 resources for the annual surveillance fee
23 imposed by a bond insurer as a condition of
24 past borrowing. This fee will be assessed
25 until we are able to restore the County's

1 investment grade rating. Eliminating the
2 surveillance fee continues to be on this
3 administration's top priorities. We are
4 currently engaging rating agencies with the
5 hope of restoring our investment grade
6 rating, and if successful, we will eliminate
7 the annual surveillance fee. Something we
8 hope to do over the next few months to a
9 year. It is an ongoing process with many
10 variables. We hope to see progress on that
11 very soon.

12 Also, by completing its fourth
13 consecutive financial audit in a timely
14 fashion under the terms of its bond
15 indentures, the County generated a modest
16 operating surplus during 2012, and
17 significant surpluses in 2013 and 2014,
18 which resulted in an accumulated fund
19 balance totaling \$11.1 million as of
20 December 31, 2014. The County anticipates
21 another moderate surplus during 2015 with a
22 projected fund balance of \$11,21,295 as of
23 December 31, 2015, despite being hit with
24 many unbudgeted expenses during the 2015
25 fiscal year. This is viewed positively in

1 the eyes of the rating agencies. However,
2 the surplus for 2016 and it's exact estimate
3 is not guaranteed because of unexpected
4 expenses that could arise at any time.

5 As another indicator of financial
6 stability, the County's pension fund was
7 funded at more than 80 percent as of the
8 most recent valuation date.

9 To turn over onto the County debt
10 portion of the address, the County continued
11 to follow its policy of refinancing debt
12 wherever possible at lower interest rates to
13 produce savings to the county without
14 extending the term of the debt.

15 And also just to touch on human
16 services area, a pretty much a focus with
17 the ongoing state budget stalemate. Human
18 services continue to be a hallmark of the
19 services offered by county government. In
20 spite of the State's budge crises, the
21 county has continued to provide a high-
22 level of community service programs at no
23 additional cost to the taxpayers. In
24 addition to the human service programs at no
25 additional cost to the taxpayers. In

1 addition to the human service programs,
2 emergency response, the Court system,
3 corrections, and other vital functions
4 performed by the county government provides
5 the majority of the County's 2016
6 expenditures. The Courts and corrections
7 alone comprise approximately 40 percent of
8 the County's total anticipated 2016
9 expenditures.

10 Lastly, just some hard numbers. The
11 2016 general fund budget totals \$110,
12 263,499, which includes a fund balance of
13 \$11,211, 2915. Combine that with our
14 capital budget, our debt service fund and
15 our special purpose funds budget the total
16 of all County funds' budgets for 2016 is
17 projected to be \$180,735,840.

18 I should note that the budget is
19 very voluminous, it is over 100 pages long
20 and it can be read on the County website at
21 www.lackawannacounty.org in PDF format.

22 And the last, if you follow along at
23 the bottom, according to the County's Home
24 Rule Charter the Commissioners will host
25 four public budget hearings on the 2016

1 budget, the first being Tuesday, October 20,
2 at 11 a.m. in the Commissioner's conference
3 room, the sixth floor of the County
4 Administration Building, 200 Adams, in
5 Scranton. The second is Wednesday, October
6 21, 6:30 p.m. in the Mayfield Borough
7 Building, 739 Penn Avenue in Mayfield and
8 lastly on Thursday, October 22, 4:30 p.m. at
9 the Moosic Borough Building, 715 Main Street
10 in Moosic and Thursday, October 22, 6:30
11 p.m. at the Spring Brook Township Building,
12 66 State Route 307, Spring Brook Township.
13 The public is welcome to attend and comment
14 and ask questions on the budget in any of
15 these four areas.

16 And if Council, or any members of
17 the audience has questions on the budget
18 tonight I will be happy to take them. Of
19 course, there are many moving parts to it,
20 so if it's not an answer that I can provide
21 immediately I will be happy to check with
22 our rep from the finance staff and provide
23 them with the information.

24 MR. ROGAN: I just have comment, and
25 we discussed this in our caucus earlier, I

1 noticed that -- and the County seeking no
2 tax increase is certainly something that is
3 very good news, I noticed that a historic
4 surplus is mentioned, and in this news
5 letter her and Council will be sending a
6 letter to the County Commissioners
7 requesting that because of this historic
8 surplus that reassessment is looked at.
9 It's something that the City of Scranton
10 certainly needs and the County as a whole.

11 MR. HETMAN: Sure.

12 MR. ROGAN: And that letter will be
13 forthcoming from us.

14 MR. HETMAN: Very good. Just to
15 follow up on that, I will certainly let the
16 Commissioners that the correspondence will
17 be coming, and because that deals with a
18 very specific policy issue that would
19 require legislation, I always encourage this
20 body and others to put those requests in
21 writing just so we have them as a matter of
22 record, so we do welcome that and I will let
23 the Commissioners know it will be
24 forthcoming.

25 MR. ROGAN: Thank you.

1 MR. HETMAN: Thank you, ladies and
2 gentlemen.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you.

4 MR. ROGAN: Lee Morgan.

5 MR. MORGAN: Good evening, Council.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: Good evening.

7 MR. MORGAN: The first thing I have
8 here today, you know, I took the time to
9 read the articles about the candidates for
10 council, the three candidates, and I have to
11 say that in all reality Mr. Perry talks
12 about waiving the wage tax for a certain
13 amount of time for people who move into the
14 city and this city can't even pay its bills
15 now and that's not to criticize him but, you
16 know, is there any vision in these
17 candidates? You know, Mr. Evans, you spoke
18 about not monetizing the parking garages and
19 the Sewer Authority if you didn't have some
20 kind of plan to save the pension plan, well,
21 that pension plan in all reality isn't
22 salvageable, okay, and to be quite blunt and
23 honest we have been in this distressed
24 status for so long that it's beyond
25 ridiculous, and I when I see the things that

1 this council does and I read them in the
2 newspaper like Lackawanna College buying the
3 building across the street, on the one side
4 of our mouth we are going talk about how we
5 are going to get the nonprofits to pony up
6 and help pay, and the council is funding
7 them. Take a look at, you know, Mr.
8 Wechsler what you supported about giving
9 rental vouchers to the North Scranton
10 project. It's absolutely ridiculous.

11 We have created a country that is so
12 impoverished and so beaten down by people
13 who, I don't know actually have the ability
14 to think? I mean, I'm just wondering
15 because the county is talking about having a
16 surplus and they're heavily in debt. I
17 mean, read the article, look at the city,
18 look at the state, look at the feds, they
19 are over the top of the gross domestic
20 product. And then they are saying to
21 seniors, well, we are not giving you a cost
22 of living this year because, you know,
23 because I guess inflation is under control
24 since the price of gas went down, but if you
25 have ever gone to the grocery store the

1 American dollar has no buying power.
2 Absolutely zero. None. Because we have
3 elected a lot of people that are very silly.
4 They are really good at putting up yard
5 signs and they are really good at
6 one-sentence lines that voters run into the
7 election polls and vote with.

8 You know, the truth of the matter
9 is, like, when I petitioned Mr. McGoff to
10 cut the budget by 30 percent it wasn't a
11 pipe dream. I brought up the pension
12 situation when Mr. Rogan was running with
13 the super majority and they laughed and
14 thought maybe he should have an a yard sale
15 or a rummage sale. It wasn't make believe,
16 because you know what, I don't waste my time
17 talking about things I don't know about
18 because I'm not trying to impress anybody
19 and I really don't care when people think
20 about what I say or anything else for that
21 matter because I don't run off half-cocked
22 with illusions, and the truth of the matter
23 is they've created so much damage to our
24 city by electing that didn't understand that
25 the neighborhoods are falling apart and we

1 keep funding the downtown. People are
2 borrowing to pay their property tax. We've
3 got elected officials in Harrisburg that are
4 playing games with the House Bill to get rid
5 of school taxes. It's utterly ridiculous.
6 Other states have gotten completely away
7 from property taxes because to be honest
8 with you it's an antiquated system that
9 won't support the complex state, real
10 simple.

11 And when you look at the election
12 that's taking place now I don't know who is
13 going to win, you know, maybe Hillary will
14 come out on top on the Democratic side but
15 only because Barry Sanders did so poorly in
16 presenting the arguments about how important
17 it was to protect national security and,
18 Mr. Trump, he lit the Republican side of the
19 ballot on fire. Bush's numbers are so bad I
20 think he is embarrassed to go home because,
21 you know, something the people finally see
22 it for what it is. The people we elect they
23 aren't representing us in all reality.
24 Sometimes I wonder who ask this council
25 represent honestly.

1 Okay, you can't say out of one side
2 of your mouth that the nonprofits have to
3 pony up and out of the other side of the
4 mouth fund. The same thing with Harrisburg
5 does with them, okay? And when you walk
6 around this city and see all of the kids on
7 free lunch, doesn't it register that maybe
8 the city is in such a very severe decline
9 and the poverty rate is so high that maybe
10 something real needs to be done besides
11 giving away the parking garages that were
12 built with the people's money, okay, and the
13 Sewer Authority, okay, which is whose bond
14 were paid off? It's just nobody is paying
15 top dollar. We are just stealing off our
16 own people and lying to them, but the suits
17 do look good, gentlemen. Thank you.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you.

19 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Is there
20 anyone else who would like to address
21 council?

22 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia,
23 citizen of Scranton. Fellow Scrantonians, I
24 know you are not going to do nothing to try
25 to recover that three million that you

1 misappropriated, but I wish you had at least
2 spent a little energy to find out who caused
3 it. True, we may not get the money back,
4 maybe them people can't pay, but Scranton is
5 run like a family. If you ever realize
6 everybody you hear, even council, every time
7 Mr. McGoff supported Mr. Evans as a friend,
8 another family member, look at the pension
9 plan, the pension plan was run like a
10 family, how do I put it, a charity best way
11 to describe it. That's what's wrong with
12 Scranton, it's run like a family and
13 Mr. Bolus was right it should be run like a
14 business.

15 Mr. Evans is committed to lowering
16 his taxes with his plan to do away wit the
17 mercantile and business privilege taxes, but
18 he is also committed to raise our taxes,
19 which he stated. What do we expect in the
20 coming year? Heartaches. More and more
21 heartaches. People got to realize Scranton
22 is being run by a family, a family of
23 politicians are running the city, getting
24 votes and that's what's wrong. The best
25 candidate that comes before you should be

1 voted for, but you don't. You go by a party
2 line or by a name. This is why Scranton is
3 falling apart. Even the recovery plan you
4 realize they only want to sell the Sewer
5 Authority and not the storm drains, and the
6 storm drains need about \$150 million
7 probably or close to it to bring it up to
8 code so they don't want it. Anybody that
9 bids on it don't want it.

10 The parking garages are a failure so
11 they want the parking meters because the
12 parking meters bring in about a million and
13 a half dollars a year that the City of
14 Scranton don't, but you think all of these
15 sales are going to help the people of
16 Scranton? They are not. They are not going
17 to do a darn thing.

18 The trouble is the nonprofits and no
19 matter what you try to do you got to get
20 them on board and they are not on board. I
21 told you before a long time ago, split the
22 costs of the police and fire departments
23 that are going to paid for safety, either
24 for the fire and the police. Everybody in
25 this city pays a portion of the taxes to

1 support them and as a fee, and then the
2 nonprofits would have to pay it, too. Was
3 that ever looked into? No. Why shouldn't
4 they?

5 What do I expect from you people,
6 nothing but higher taxes. I told you that
7 in the very beginning when you sat there.
8 That's all I expect from you is higher
9 taxes. You are doing a darn thing to do
10 anything to lower taxes or hold the line on
11 taxes, and that's the sad thing.

12 Wondered why Mr. Bolus offered
13 \$5,000 to anybody who would run, you should
14 offered about \$10,000 maybe they would have
15 got somebody to run, but I don't the
16 solution no producer will be amends, other
17 than getting more help from the nonprofits,
18 and since you are not willing to do it, you
19 are not willing to try to get our --
20 anything of that \$3 million back into our
21 coffers. You are supporting a system that's
22 utterly corrupt, and that's the sad thing
23 about it.

24 If you look at who is working for
25 the city, the county and the state you would

1 find a lot of relations, because it's one
2 happy family. Maybe that's a good idea if
3 you want votes, but it's really not a way to
4 run the city, state, or the county and I'm
5 sorry for the poor people, I'm up in age.
6 My time has coming to an end, I know that.
7 I don't have far too look, I could just look
8 at the obituaries every day and look at my
9 age group and they are popping up more and
10 more, so I know it's going to happen to me,
11 but I feel sorry for anybody that has
12 children in this city. If possible, I told
13 you before, get out. Sell your house if you
14 can and get out of the city and hope for
15 best.

16 MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening. Dave
17 Dobrzyn, resident. Taxes paid, fees paid,
18 dog license. Still a pain in the neck
19 probably. Once again, call your congressmen
20 and senators in Washington at
21 1-202-224-3121, and both senators and tell
22 them to can it under trade agreements. And,
23 also, the White House 1-202-456-1111.

24 I'd like to clear up, every time I
25 get into a debate on this I get reminded

1 that Bill Clinton was big on trade packs, I
2 never voted for Bill Clinton, but also now
3 Obama has jumped ship and, unfortunately,
4 the Democrats own it once they do.

5 Also, on schooling, once again, I
6 had an article here last week about how
7 people are trying to pay off student loans
8 when their kids are already due to go to
9 college, and I'd like to mention 6 percent
10 of retirees are having as much as 15 percent
11 of their retirement, social security,
12 garnished because they were foolish enough
13 to think that they were going to launch a
14 new career at approaching 60 years old or
15 whatever and it didn't work out, so enough
16 of that. I'll try and put it to sleep until
17 after the election.

18 On this double pension, I also agree
19 that we should take all attempts to find out
20 who was responsible and get it out to the
21 public because anyone that's responsible for
22 that type of debacle really isn't competent
23 for public office. You don't belong there
24 and I suspect it was to get rid of employees
25 that they didn't exactly like or didn't feel

1 that it was on their side and on 7-A, the
2 grants, in a way I have to object. We got
3 Amoroso, Lackawanna gets a grant --

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Mr. Dobrzyn, real
5 quick, just to correct you, not to interrupt
6 you, but we are not giving them a grant,
7 they are just applying for it. The city is
8 just administering it so it doesn't come out
9 of our coffers or --

10 MR. DOBRZYN: Well, I want that to
11 be considered because last summer now I
12 brought up about how people were being cut
13 off from water services in Detroit at owing
14 \$150. The golf course country club owed
15 \$500,000. The sports stadium owed over
16 \$100,000, and here these poor jerks owing
17 \$150 have their water shut off.

18 Now, in Scranton, I don't know how
19 it is in Detroit, but if LIPS got word of
20 that, that I had no water service, they
21 could come up and put a pink slip on my
22 house. I can't even go in and get my old
23 guitar out of that house. Now, I probably
24 would just kick the door in and say, "To
25 hell with it," but, you know, it's really I

1 think I have got somebody's ear and they
2 asked Mr. Amoroso about that and it is true.
3 I don't state these things unless I can
4 prove they are true. The 6 percent that was
5 MSNBC and so was the Detroit MSNBC was my
6 source.

7 And on candidates I would also
8 suggest please stop suggesting tax and fee
9 breaks on special interests. It's just you
10 can't raise taxes fairly on somebody else
11 and then turn around and cut somebody else's
12 taxes or fees. If you did any research in a
13 DPW you would probably find out that 80
14 percent of the cost of picking up trash is
15 the crews and the trucks and the buildings
16 and the infrastructure involved and the
17 fuel. They have to go through your
18 neighborhood irregardless of whether they
19 pick up a five-pound bag or a 20-pound bag
20 so the tipping fees are -- yeah, they are --
21 they are a factor, but the rest of the
22 people have to be paid to do. It's not a
23 job I would ask for anyway even if I were to
24 able to do it I would find something else.

25 And also on this traffic on Wyoming

1 Avenue and Lackawanna Avenue, that is a
2 death trap over there because people can
3 turn and just a couple of seconds people can
4 turn when there is a green and also a walk
5 sign. We need a three-way stop there that
6 can get people across the street, even if we
7 have it on an intermittent basis, but you
8 are going across the street and somebody got
9 the right to turn and it's not good, several
10 people have been killed there already.
11 Thank you and have a good night.

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

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

17 MR. ROGAN: Mr. Wechsler, do you
18 have any motions or comments?

19 MR. WECHSLER: Yes, thank you,
20 Mr. Rogan. Since last meeting I have been
21 working with the City Treasurer's Office and
22 Northeast Revenue Service in an effort to
23 monitor the collection of delinquent garbage
24 fees. NRS has done a very job of reviewing
25 the list and consolidating it so it can be

1 collected. In September 2014, council
2 passed legislation that allowed NRS to begin
3 issuing and collecting liens beginning in
4 January of 2015. In May of 2015, myself and
5 other council members began encouraging the
6 administration and NRS to begin using this
7 tool.

8 In August, NRS announced the time
9 frame for the lien filing. The process
10 included a courtesy letter and a certified
11 letter to all property owners of 2011 and
12 2013 unpaid refuse fees and provided them
13 with a 30-day period before filing the lien.
14 For the property with a letter that was
15 returned and not accepted another first
16 class letter was mailed. If there was no
17 response after that letter, a lien may be
18 filed after ten days.

19 As a result of this mailing, the
20 lien letters, \$460,000 from unpaid refuse
21 bills from 2011 to 2013 have been received.
22 In addition, the actual lien filing process
23 has started with unpaid records being
24 transferred over to Mary Rinaldi, Clerk of
25 Judicial Records.

1 I would like to congratulate the
2 administration and NRS for starting this
3 process. We saw immediate dividends of
4 filing the liens. This \$460,000 came in
5 before one lien was issued. I am continuing
6 to find out how many properties there are
7 that do have delinquent fees and what the
8 total dollar value is of those liens.

9 Unfortunately, this process is only
10 for 2011 through 2013. The prior years of
11 unfunded and unpaid garbage bills remain
12 uncollected and I would encourage council
13 and the administration to pursue ways to
14 begin liening those properties as well.
15 It's my understanding that liens become
16 assets once they're filed. That would allow
17 the city if they are interested in perhaps
18 packaging those liens for purchase and to
19 get some of this money back so that I'm very
20 encouraged that this process has begun.

21 In regards to Item 7-A, just a
22 general comment, the RFA grant are a state
23 program. There is no specific funding for
24 the City of Scranton, no specific funding.
25 Any entity can apply for one and it's very

1 interesting for us is that the ones that
2 come through the city we are going to be
3 paid a fee for bringing them money in so I
4 would encourage and hope that any of the
5 projects that we have put through would be
6 approved for funding. Thank you.

7 MR. ROGAN: Mr. Evans, do you have
8 any motions or comments?

9 MR. EVANS: Thank you. As far as
10 the audit prep is concerned, Rainey &
11 Rainey, who is doing the audit prep, has
12 completed the liquid fuels, workers' comp,
13 debt service and pension fund and they are
14 sending info to complete each fund as they
15 if. Cash and accounts accruable are done so
16 at this point it looks like about 90 percent
17 completed with the audit prep.

18 I was encouraged today when I saw
19 the article in the newspaper about the
20 newest tenant at the Steamtown Mall, is it
21 Crunch gym?

22 MR. ROGAN: Yup.

23 MR. EVANS: Crunch Gym. Clearly
24 it's is a business that's going to bring
25 some positive activity to the mall and

1 positive activity brings more positive
2 activity, of course. The other thing I
3 heard was, and this may be true, I'm going
4 to try to check with Mr. Basalyga, ut I
5 understand that he may be removing those
6 glass mirror windows, they are not windows,
7 it's like glass mirrors off the bridge and
8 replacing them with windows so that would
9 really open up the bridge in the downtown
10 for the first time since the mall was built
11 so now people inside can see the outside and
12 people outside can see inside so I think
13 it's going to be a positive net effect for
14 downtown.

15 On a similar discussion, a lot of
16 people have talked about the Reading Market
17 Terminal for the mall even prior to it being
18 purchased. To those that who may not know,
19 within the City of Easton there is a project
20 being developed called the Easton Public
21 Market. This is being developed by the
22 Greater Easton Development Corporation, a
23 nonprofit that owned the company, but with
24 the full support of the City of Easton
25 through a grant and a bond issue. This is

1 the kind of public/private partnership that
2 we need to look at for City of Scranton.
3 The Easton Public Market is a 16,000 square
4 foot space in downtown Easton, when built
5 out it is expected to be home to at least
6 vendors, some of them that were already
7 signed on are a butcher, a seafood vendor,
8 produce vendor, vendors of primarily local
9 goods. A brewery or brew pub, a yarn
10 outlet, a coffee and tea store and several
11 on-the-go-type food vendors, so I think it's
12 going to be a great model for a similar
13 project in downtown Scranton. Now, would
14 the Mall at Steamtown be the right location?
15 I think that's something we need to talk
16 about and take a look at and see what Mr.
17 Basalyga thinks, but I think it really has
18 great potential and I actually have a call
19 into Mr. Basalyga looking for some feedback
20 on his behalf.

21 I have also been in contact with the
22 director of the Greater Easton Development
23 Corporation, he has agreed to provide me
24 with a tour of the facilities so next week
25 or the week after I'll be heading down to

1 Easton to take a look at that and after that
2 visit I'll report back to council. That's
3 all I have. Thank you.

4 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Mr. Gaughan,
5 any motions for comments?

6 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, thank you, just a
7 few. Before the meeting I received a
8 complaint from a resident about tractor
9 trailer traffic on River Street in South
10 Scranton. The resident wanted to know why
11 tractor trailer traffic is banned on Moosic
12 Street but not on River Street. Apparently,
13 it's created quite a problem up there so I
14 will try to follow-up with Chief Graziano
15 and get an answer for that person.

16 I did receive this week complaints
17 about the 200 block of Cabrini Avenue, two
18 homes on that block overgrown weeds, garbage
19 everywhere, a lot of problems in that lot so
20 I will be forwarding that to the Licensing
21 and Inspections Department.

22 I have update on the progress being
23 made at the North Scranton Junior High
24 School. Construction crews are on site
25 every day, interviews are being conducted

1 for residential units and move in should
2 begin in December and January. A grand
3 opening is being planned after the new year
4 sometime after the holidays, so very
5 encouraging news on that front.

6 I mentioned last week, and I
7 discussed it in caucus, about receiving
8 complaints concerning pave cut issues
9 throughout the city. I did speak with our
10 DPW Director Mr. Gallagher today and he did
11 assure me that the ordinance is being
12 enforced and we did talk about some of the
13 areas that I have concerns about and that
14 were given to me by some residents, so we'll
15 continue to follow up on that front.

16 I asked for an update several weeks
17 ago on revenue that has been collected with
18 the new civilian parking enforcement
19 program, \$300,000 was the amount that was
20 expected to be collected. The program, if
21 you remember, was launched on March 27 of
22 this year. As of October 8, the total
23 revenue received by the city has been
24 \$113,250. The civilian parking tickets
25 issued to date are \$8,080, including 1,148

1 warnings that were issued for wrong way
2 violation, and I'd like to thank Chief
3 Graziano for this information.

4 I was extremely pleased to learn
5 that a well-attended meeting was held this
6 week in the Poconos aimed at reviving a
7 Scranton to New York City passenger train
8 service. The potential economic impacts of
9 high speed rail service in our city would be
10 tremendous. As it stands now we are only
11 connected to New York City by one congested
12 and dangerous highway and a few commercial
13 bus lines leaving us clamoring for another
14 way. High speed rail service would promote
15 economic development by creating jobs and
16 boosting tourism which, as we know, we
17 desperately need. It would also promote
18 environmental stewardship and infrastructure
19 rehabilitation.

20 In addition to providing Scranton
21 with a viable transportation alternative to
22 a heavily congested interstate, the high
23 speed rail project would improve access to
24 jobs by linking our region with New York
25 City and New Jersey business hubs. I want

1 to thank our Congressman Matt Cartright to
2 try and reinvigorate this whole project. If
3 my colleagues would be in agreement I would
4 like city council to send a letter to
5 Congressman Cartright, State Senator John
6 Blake, State Secretary of Transportation
7 Leslie Richards, and federal transit
8 administration acting administrator Theresa
9 McMillan pledging our support and urging
10 them to commit permanent funding for this
11 project.

12 I did send an e-mail and I discussed
13 it with Councilmen Evans to Gerry Cross from
14 PEL asking for an update on all items in our
15 recovery plan and the progress that is being
16 made as Mrs. Schumacher has asked for the
17 past few weeks. Mr. Cross did respond that
18 he should have something at this week's PEL
19 meeting so hopefully he will have that and
20 able to move on that.

21 In the caucus tonight we did discuss
22 the letter that Mr. Mulligan had sent all of
23 us as president of the Greenridge
24 Neighborhood Association concerning the
25 emergency preparedness plan for buildings in

1 the city that store hazardous materials such
2 as tires and oil and this is all regarding
3 the Sandone tire fire, so we are discussing
4 it in our caucus and we are committed to
5 making sure that we do move on this item and
6 make sure that we have all of the warehouses
7 in the city and old buildings in the city
8 have plans and the firemen and police en in
9 our city know what kind of things are being
10 stored in there so we don't run into that
11 problem again, so we will be discussing this
12 as we move forward. Thank you.

13 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Just two
14 brief comments tonight. One that I did
15 mention when Mr. Hetman was speaking,
16 regarding the county budget we are certainly
17 all happy that there is no tax increase this
18 year, but there is a dire need for
19 reassessment in Lackawanna County. For
20 instance, just taking a look at some of the
21 assessments and comparing them to properties
22 within the city I know of a two-unit
23 property in South Scranton with a total tax
24 bill of less than \$1,000. Just a few blocks
25 over is a similar two-unit with a tax bill

1 of over \$3,000. Now, obviously there is
2 something wrong with this picture. I
3 encourage everybody to go on the County's
4 website and take a look at your tax
5 assessment and your tax bill and compare it
6 to your neighbor's because the tax system in
7 Lackawanna County currently is very unfair.
8 There is no standard calculation for land.
9 There are many lots in the city that are
10 being taxed at a higher rate than other lots
11 that are larger in size which certainly
12 makes no sense when you are talking just on
13 the land tax.

14 On the improvements, there is a
15 little more room to negotiate down there
16 because there is one house might have maybe
17 much further improved than another house,
18 the number of fireplaces in the home,
19 different items are used in that calculation
20 when it was done 40 years ago, but there is
21 a dire need for a reassessment within
22 Lackawanna County to have a fair tax system.

23 Through the last 40 years since the
24 last assessment took place, just take a look
25 at how neighborhoods are changed and how

1 properties have changed and all of the
2 changes within -- specifically within the
3 city but in the county at large so in order
4 to have a fair tax it's something that
5 desperately needs to be done.

6 And the other item Mr. Evans touched
7 on just briefly is Crunch Fitness who has
8 announced they will opening a 30,000 square
9 foot facility within the mall and the
10 archway in the bridge over Lackawanna
11 Avenue, and I believe I have been told the
12 same thing that Councilmen Evans was that it
13 will be an open plan whereas if you are
14 driving down you will see an active gym
15 right on top of the mall in that area and
16 those in the gym can look down and see the
17 city, so it's something that we are
18 definitely looking into, we looking forward
19 to seeing it opening.

20 They are looking at a March 2016
21 opening, they will be hopefully taking
22 applications at the end of this year so
23 that's very good news for the mall and for
24 the city.

25 And finally, a number of people

1 brought up to the double pensions again, and
2 I agree. We need to find out how these were
3 awarded. I have in the past asked Attorney
4 Minora to reach out to the state police who
5 was conducting the investigation to get a go
6 ahead for council to conduct our own
7 hearings and possibly subpoena key members,
8 people that were involved with the pensions
9 being awarded at that time. It's something
10 that I'm certainly not going to give up on.
11 Obviously, we have to let the state police
12 do their job, hopefully there will be an
13 answer as to when they are done
14 investigating or a report may be released
15 now as was the case with the tax office.
16 Whether something criminal or not criminal
17 happened that's certainly not the job of
18 city council to investigate, that's the job
19 of law enforcement, but how and why millions
20 of taxpayer dollars were wrongly given out
21 certainly is a function of city council and
22 that's something I'm hoping that we can take
23 up in the very near future, and that is all
24 for tonight.

25 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION - A

1 RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF PEDRO L. ANES,
2 900 JAMES AVENUE, SUITE 5216, SCRANTON,
3 PENNSYLVANIA, AS A MEMBER OF THE HUMAN
4 RELATIONS COMMISSION, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER
5 16, 2015. MR. ANES IS BEING APPOINTED TO A
6 THREE (3) YEAR TERM THAT WILL EXPIRE ON
7 SEPTEMBER 16, 2018.

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

11 MR. WECHSLER: So moved.

12 MR. EVANS: Second.

13 MR. ROGAN: On the question? All
14 those in favor of introduction signify by
15 saying aye.

16 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

17 MR. EVANS: Aye.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

21 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION - A
22 RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF LISA J.
23 STANVITCH, 1813 SWETLAND STREET, SCRANTON,
24 PENNSYLVANIA, 18504 AS A MEMBER OF THE HUMAN
25 RELATIONS COMMISSION, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER

1 23, 2015. MS. STANVITCH IS BEING APPOINTED
2 TO A THREE (3) YEAR TERM THAT WILL EXPIRE ON
3 SEPTEMBER 23, 2018.

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

7 MR. WECHSLER: So moved.

8 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

12 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

13 MR. EVANS: Aye.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

17 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION - A
18 RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
19 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND
20 ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH D.G. NICHOLAS
21 COMPANY TO PROVIDE THE CITY BULK OIL
22 DELIVERED FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2016
23 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016.

24 MR. ROGAN: At this time I'll
25 entertain a motion that Item 5-D be

1 introduced into its proper committee.

2 MR. WECHSLER: So moved.

3 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

7 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

8 MR. EVANS: Aye.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

12 MS. REED: 5-E. FOR INTRODUCTION - A
13 RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
14 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND
15 ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH KEYSTONE QUARRY,
16 INC. TO PROVIDE THE CITY 2000 TON (MORE OR
17 LESS) ANTI-SKID SAND FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER
18 25, 2015 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2016.

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

22 MR. WECHSLER: So moved.

23 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

1 saying aye.

2 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

3 MR. EVANS: Aye.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

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

8 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.
9 123, 2015 - AN ORDINANCE - CLOSING AND
10 VACATING A PORTION OF JONES COURT, BETWEEN
11 BEECH STREET AND MAPLE STREET.

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

14 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Chairman, I move
15 that Item 6-A pass reading by title.

16 MR. EVANS: 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 MS. REED: 6-B. READING BY TITLE -
25 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 124, 2015 - AN

1 ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 92,
2 1994 (AS AMENDED) ENTITLED "ESTABLISHING A
3 RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT PILOT PROGRAM FOR
4 CERTAIN ELIGIBLE RESIDENTIAL AREAS AS
5 DEFINED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN POWERS
6 AND DUTIES FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR OF SAID
7 PROGRAM WHO SHALL BE DESIGNATED BY THE
8 MAYOR; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION
9 OF THE SAID ORDINANCE", BY DELETING THE 700
10 BLOCK OF MONROE AVENUE FROM THE STREETS
11 DESIGNATED AS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
12 PERMIT PARKING PROGRAM AND THAT PERMIT
13 PARKING SIGNS BE REMOVED FROM THE 700 BLOCK
14 OF MONROE AVENUE.

15 MR. ROGAN: You've heard reading by
16 title of Item 6-B, what is your pleasure?

17 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Chairman, I move
18 that Item 6-B pass reading by title.

19 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

22 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

23 MR. EVANS: Aye.

24 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

25 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes

1 have it and so moved.

2 MS. REED: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR
3 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE -
4 FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 196, 2015 -
5 RATIFYING AND APPROVING OF THE EXECUTION AND
6 SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE
7 CITY OF SCRANTON, ON BEHALF OF LACKAWANNA
8 COLLEGE TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
9 ACTING THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING
10 AUTHORITY FOR A LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT,
11 PURSUANT TO THE PA RACE HORSE DEVELOPMENT
12 AND GAMING ACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$434,175.00
13 FOR THE PROJECT TO BE KNOWN AS "STREET AND
14 FAÇADE IMPROVEMENTS AT 401 ADAMS AVENUE AT
15 LACKAWANNA COLLEGE" LOCATED IN SCRANTON,
16 PENNSYLVANIA. AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
17 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS OF THE CITY
18 OF SCRANTON TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF
19 SUCCESSFUL, AND EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A
20 LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT CONTRACT AND
21 COMMITMENT LETTER WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF
22 PENNSYLVANIA TO ACCEPT AND UTILIZE THE GRANT
23 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$434,175.00 AWARDED BY THE
24 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR SUCH
25 PROJECT.

1 MR. ROGAN: What is the
2 recommendation of the Chair for the
3 Committee on Finance?

4 MR. EVANS: As Chairperson for the
5 Committee on Finance, I recommend final
6 passage of Item 7-A.

7 MR. ROGAN: Is there a second?

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Second.

9 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

10 MR. WECHSLER: Yes, Mr. Rogan, I
11 will be abstaining from this vote.

12 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else? Roll call,
13 please.

14 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

15 MR. EVANS: Yes.

16 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

18 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

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

21 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION BY
22 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES- FOR ADOPTION -
23 RESOLUTION NO. 197, 2015 - AMENDING
24 RESOLUTION NO. 167, 2015, A RESOLUTION
25 ENTITLED "AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER

1 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO GRANT A
2 SPECIAL ENCROACHMENT PERMIT TO THE 16TH
3 WARD, LLC TO OPERATE AN OUTDOOR RESTAURANT
4 AT 306 PENN AVENUE, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA"
5 IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE DIMENSIONS OF THE
6 OUTDOOR SEATING AREA TO COMPLY WITH THE
7 PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD
8 REGULATIONS.

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

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-B legally and lawfully adopted.

24 MS. REED: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION
25 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES- FOR ADOPTION -

1 RESOLUTION NO. 198, 2015 - APPOINTMENT OF
2 JESSICA L. BOYLES, ESQUIRE, OF SCRANTON,
3 PENNSYLVANIA, TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF
4 HUMAN RESOURCES/ASSISTANT BUSINESS
5 ADMINISTRATOR EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015.
6 ATTORNEY BOYLES WILL BE REPLACING REBECCA
7 MCMULLEN WHO TOOK ANOTHER POSITION WITH THE
8 CITY.

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

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-C legally and lawfully adopted.

24 MS. REED: 7-D. FOR CONSIDERATION
25 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES- FOR ADOPTION -

1 RESOLUTION NO. 199, 2015 - APPOINTMENT OF
2 PATRICK J. HUGHES, 15 FAWNWOOD DRIVE,
3 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18504 AS A MEMBER OF
4 THE BOARD OF THE SCRANTON SEWER AUTHORITY
5 EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015. MR. HUGHES WILL
6 BE REPLACING JESSICA L. BOYLES, ESQUIRE WHO
7 RESIGNED SEPTEMBER 29, 2015. MR. HUGHES
8 WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF ATTORNEY
9 BOYLES, WHOSE TERM IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE ON
10 DECEMBER 31, 2016.

11 MR. ROGAN: As temporary Chair for
12 the Committee on Rules, I recommend final
13 passage of Item 7-D.

14 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

15 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll
16 call, please?

17 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Wechsler.

18 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

19 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

20 MR. EVANS: Yes.

21 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

23 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

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

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

MR. WECHSLER: Motion to adjourn.

MR. ROGAN: This meeting is
adjourned.

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

CATHENE S. NARDOZZI, RPR
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