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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

Thursday, October 29, 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

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. ROGAN: We will now turn it over
14 to Councilman Gaughan for a short
15 proclamation.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: We'd like to welcome
17 Caitlin Gaughan, who is a Scranton resident
18 and recent winner of the Baltimore marathon.
19 I'm told she ran here to city hall.

20 WHEREAS, the COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
21 SCRANTON is desirous of honoring "CAITLIN
22 GAUGHAN", daughter of Robert and Colleen
23 Gaughan and sister to five siblings; and

24 WHEREAS, "CAITLIN" is a 2004
25 Scranton High School graduate during which

1 time she was a successful member of the
2 Cross Country team and a University of
3 Scranton graduate; and

4 WHEREAS, "CAITLIN" was the top
5 female finisher in the 2015 CHAMPION 5K held
6 at PNC Field; and

7 WHEREAS, "CAITLIN" was the top
8 female finisher in the 2015 MVP Health Care
9 Half-marathon held in Rochester, New York;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, "CAITLIN" has successfully
12 completed the Boston Marathon four times;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, "CAITLIN" has been the
15 third female finisher twice at the Steamtown
16 Marathon; and

17 WHEREAS, on Saturday, October 17,
18 2015, while running in her tenth marathon,
19 "CAITLYN" was the top female finisher in the
20 Baltimore Marathon completing the 26.2 mile
21 course in two hours and 58 minutes.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that
23 on Thursday, October 29, 2015 Scranton City
24 Council wishes to congratulate "CAITLIN
25 GAUGHAN", her Family and Friends for her

1 outstanding achievements and extend our best
2 wishes for success in all future endeavors.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this
4 Proclamation be made a permanent part of the
5 Minutes of this Council, as lasting tribute
6 to "CAITLIN GAUGHAN".

7 MR. ROGAN: Do we have any motions?

8 MR. GAUGHAN: I would just like to
9 say that once again congratulate Caitlin
10 Gaughan and know that the proclamation was
11 at the request of President Bob McGoff, who
12 is also an avid runner so I'd like to thank
13 him for that.

14 I also would like to extend my
15 prayers for the 14-year-old girl that was
16 hit by a car in South Side this afternoon so
17 our prayers are with her and her family and
18 we wish her a speedy recovery. And that is
19 all I have. Thank you.

20 MR. ROGAN: Any motions Mr. Gaughan?

21 MR. GAUGHAN: Oh, yes, and a motion.
22 I make a motion to appoint Councilman Rogan
23 as temporary Chairperson for the Committee
24 on Rules.

25 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

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

3 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

4 MR. EVANS: Aye.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

8 MR. GAUGHAN: I make a motion to
9 appoint Councilman Evans as temporary
10 Chairperson for the Committee on the
11 Community Development.

12 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

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

15 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

16 MR. EVANS: Aye.

17 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

20 Please dispense with the reading of
21 the minutes.

22 MS. REED: THIRD ORDER. 3-A. TAX
23 ASSESSOR'S RESULTS REPORTS FOR HEARING DATES
24 HELD OCTOBER 6 AND OCTOBER 7, 2015.

25 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?

1 If not, received and filed.

2 MS. REED: 3- B. CHECK RECEIVED IN
3 THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 FROM HARRISON HOUSE
4 PERSONAL CARE HOME, WHICH IS PAYMENT IN LIEU
5 OF TAXES FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON.

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

8 MS. REED: 3-C. AGENDA FOR THE CITY
9 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING HELD OCTOBER 28,
10 2015.

11 MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
12 If not, received and filed.

13 Do any council members have
14 announcements at this time?

15 MR. WECHSLER: Yes, Mr. Rogan, I
16 have one. Just a continuation from last
17 week, I would to remind everyone that on
18 Sunday, November 1, St. John Neumann parish
19 will be holding their annual roast beef
20 dinner. Dinners will be served from 12 to 4
21 at Holy Redeemer's Church Hall and takeouts
22 will be available starting at 11 a.m. Thank
23 you.

24 MR. ROGAN: I have number of
25 announcements this week. First, please note

1 that Election Day is Tuesday, November 3,
2 and city hall will be closed on that day.
3 Please got out and exercise your right vote.

4 DPW will be also be off on Tuesday.
5 Refuse collection and paper recycling will
6 be delayed by one day next week.

7 This Saturday is Halloween, we want
8 to wish the children to enjoy a safe night,
9 but please be extra cautious while driving
10 in the neighborhoods, and also on Saturday
11 night, unfortunately, daylight savings times
12 end so please remember to turn your clock
13 back one hour and check your smoke alarms
14 and Co2 detectors.

15 Next, two announcements that I
16 received from State Representative Marty
17 Flynn's Office. The first one is home
18 heating help begins in the State of
19 Pennsylvania on November 2. As colder
20 weather moves, in the Low Income Home Energy
21 Assistance Program known as LIHEAP opens on
22 Monday, November 2. LIHEAP helps low income
23 families pay for their heating bills and
24 deal with heating emergencies such as broken
25 furnaces, fuel, shortages or utility

1 shutoffs. If you think you may be eligible
2 for these programs, please contact your
3 State Representative or State Senator's
4 office.

5 And secondly, college financial aid
6 information will now be available on-line
7 through the Pennsylvania Higher Education
8 Assistance Agency. This is a regarding a
9 number of grants, scholarships, loans and
10 other programs to help families pay for
11 college. And that is all.

12 MR. EVANS: Can I just make a brief
13 announcement, sorry. This is from the
14 Lackawanna Historical Society. On November
15 6 there will be a special promotional event
16 for the new board game version of Lackawanna
17 County Historical Society local history game
18 show "You Live Here, You Should Know This."

19 So we have been asked to provide a
20 game show team to play that evening, it's
21 going to be November 6 between 6 and 8
22 during the First Friday at the Library
23 Express at the Mall at Steamtown, so I guess
24 I'm probably going to ask you guys if you
25 want to join me because Joe and I were part

1 of the team that made it to the semi-finals
2 so if you can join us, and anybody else that
3 wants to come and watch it's going to be
4 very interesting and a lot of fun.

5 MR. ROGAN: And I will be looking
6 forward to it. I missed it last time, my
7 brother was graduating, but I love history
8 and it should be a good time.

9 MR. WECHSLER: We surprised
10 ourselves how smart we were to be honest
11 with you.

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

14 MR. ROGAN: The first speaker
15 tonight is Cara Seitzinger.

16 MS. SEITZINGER: Good evening,
17 council. Cara Seitzinger, city resident,
18 employee of the city, taxpayer, all of that.
19 I really am going to very brief. I spoke to
20 this body a couple of times relative to the
21 Delta Medix/Highmark issue, health insurance
22 issue. I come today to speak to you. I
23 have received a response from the
24 Pennsylvania Insurance Commission that I
25 think is important for council to know,

1 especially we are going into budget time and
2 I know you guys have your plate filled, I
3 really do.

4 Additionally, I had had, you know,
5 tossed around some ideas when Mark first had
6 his scope that we thought was going to be
7 clean about perhaps Delta Medix going out to
8 the public and getting some type of press as
9 far as social media or making a commercial.
10 I had said social media, obviously Facebook
11 was my first thought. I did not do that
12 because, obviously, on the 27th -- or the
13 24th we had some bad news and then the first
14 surgery. I just -- I need to let you all
15 know that I have created a Facebook page
16 called NEPA Supporters of Delta Medix. And
17 I did that for the reason that a few days
18 after the article appeared about Mark, which
19 was September 1, the day of his surgery, a
20 few days after that a gag order was placed
21 on Delta Medix. They are -- so people are
22 now calling asking about, you know, their
23 continuation of care or new care or making
24 appointments and simply put even to me they
25 can't speak to anybody. So the Facebook

1 page is a forum for that.

2 You know, Margo Sosnik is the CEO of
3 Delta Medix. She is obviously extremely
4 upset about the fact that she thinks, you
5 know, people -- the perception out there is
6 that the Delta Medix doctors, the Delta
7 Medix CEO simply don't care about their
8 13,000 plus employees and that really isn't
9 the case. They were told that there would
10 no further negotiations. They signed a
11 confidentiality agreement so when people do
12 call Delta Medix they won't get anywhere,
13 but through the Facebook page it's amazing
14 the amount of people that have reached out
15 to myself and my husband, one of which I'll
16 speak to about in a second, with questions
17 so I'm kind of trying to -- you know, when
18 I'm up making dinner at 4:30 in the morning
19 for when I get home from work I try and
20 field what I can, because as Mark had said
21 and I say, it's about more than us.

22 So to that it brings me to the fact
23 that one gentleman reached out to me from
24 California. This gentleman is UCLA
25 graduate. He is a business management

1 graduate who his name is Ben Quirk from
2 Quirk Health Care Solutions. I had posted
3 on -- because I'm just that kind of a girl,
4 posted the Delta -- or the letter from
5 Highmark -- or the Pennsylvania Insurance
6 Commission about Highmark. In that letter,
7 and I'm going to quote to you just one or
8 two lines from that letter: "Please be
9 advised your plan is administered by
10 Highmark Blue Cross of NEPA under a
11 self-funded contract and is not insurance
12 that is under the jurisdiction of the
13 Pennsylvania Insurance Commission."

14 This gentleman had contacted me and
15 said, "You better talk to your employer if
16 that's the case."

17 So I kind of tossed it around but I
18 think a lot of these questions Attorney
19 Minora is probably going to have to pose or
20 answer for you. The little I do know we do
21 have some SIR's throughout the City of
22 Scranton, and I had e-mailed Jessica Boyle
23 today, who is tremendous girl. If she
24 doesn't know the answer she is going to find
25 the answer and I think we have a real asset

1 in her for the City of Scranton, so I had
2 posed several questions to her and, you
3 know, again, I think that it's very
4 important that you all ask these questions,
5 but her one response specifically was that
6 was I asking was Highmark the third party
7 administrator. They are, in fact, the third
8 party administrator. In other words, the
9 city is either the insurance company
10 quote/unquote or we have to pay somebody to
11 administer the plan.

12 So it really comes into play because
13 for if that is the case, and I'm 99.9
14 percent sure that that is the case for us as
15 a city, the problem then becomes if there is
16 a stock loss for catastrophic or unplanned
17 medical the city would assume that
18 liability. In other words, the City of
19 Scranton will now have to pay insurance
20 bills that Highmark arbitrarily does not
21 cover.

22 Additionally, when I spoken to this
23 body the last time I talked about speaking
24 to the gentleman at Blue Cross Highmark and
25 he kept telling me back and forth yes, we

1 are Highmark, then he said, no, we are Blue
2 Cross. Jessica did confirm with me today in
3 writing that the merger does not take effect
4 until January of 2017, so we have a real --
5 I'm not trying to be difficult at all, I'm
6 just trying to inform you, inform the
7 public, I'm so grateful, again, for our
8 health insurance, there are so many things
9 that we have to get done here in the city
10 and I know this is low on the totem pole,
11 but it speaks to the issue of costs.

12 A couple other questions that I
13 have, there is only three four that I'm
14 going to ask you if, in fact, number one, do
15 we employ an administrator or are we the
16 administrator? That's number one. I have
17 asked, and you can do what you want to
18 obtain copies of all health insurance
19 contracts between the city insurance
20 carriers for the past five years, at the
21 very least, we had Aetna prior to Blue Cross
22 some years ago, and they are pretty much
23 obsolete in the area, determine the term for
24 each contract and cost paid each year.

25 I would suggest or ask you to

1 suggest that really urge the mayor, HR
2 director, BA, from signing any contract with
3 Highmark or any other party that can't give
4 us significant time tables and significant
5 contracts. Again, finally, have we obtained
6 quotes from other insurance carriers within
7 the area.

8 So I know I'm kind of jumbled here,
9 but really this was a spur of the moment
10 thing for me to come, but I really do think
11 it's an extremely important think. My
12 homework is self-funded, and I questioned
13 somebody from New Jersey and also the
14 California gentleman, with a company as big
15 as the City of Scranton you have to go to
16 self-funded. It is more cost effective to
17 do it that way, but now with this Highmark
18 issue in the picture, which the University
19 of Pittsburgh had their issues with it and I
20 think really, again, it something for the
21 state legislature, I think that we -- you
22 really need to take a quick close look and
23 have someone from Highmark -- the city is
24 probably one of their biggest accounts, so I
25 think it would behoove the Highmark

1 administration to really pinpoint and set
2 this up, you know, what their cost
3 reimbursement is because I know for sure,
4 and I'm sure that you gentleman would never
5 want an insurance executive to tell you what
6 test you can take, what doctor you can see,
7 what your quality of care should be.

8 So I thank you for your time, for
9 the extra time, and I have the questions if
10 somebody -- if you want me to send them to
11 the your e-mails I'll be happy to do that.

12 MR. ROGAN: Could you leave a copy
13 of those with Ms. Carrera?

14 MS. SEITZINGER: I would love to but
15 they are scribbled, but I can e-mail them to
16 your e-mails. I'll be happy to do that,
17 okay?

18 MR. ROGAN: Thank you for your
19 advocacy on this.

20 MS. SEITZINGER: Thank you so much.

21 MR. ROGAN: It's important to the
22 city.

23 MS. SEITZINGER: Thank you.

24 MR. ROGAN: Next speaker is Joan
25 Hodowanitz.

1 MS. HODOWANITZ: Joan Hodowanitz,
2 Scranton resident and taxpayer. I, too,
3 would urge all qualified registered voters
4 to get out and vote on November 3. We have
5 two key local elections, city council and
6 the county commissioners and we will only
7 get the government we deserve if we
8 participate in our elections.

9 Before I came here tonight, I was
10 watching WNEP news and it came out with a
11 breaking story of the accident at the
12 intersection of Pittston Avenue and Maple
13 Street. According to their initial report,
14 understanding initial reports can often be
15 wrong, a 14-year-old female student,
16 probably from South Scranton Junior High
17 School, and a crossing guard were both hit
18 by a car. That is a very busy intersection
19 when school starts and gets out in the
20 afternoon. I know because I travel Pittston
21 Avenue every day and this is just one of the
22 many issues which hopefully if we had a
23 Director of Public Safety we could get a
24 better handle on.

25 All of the roads near our schools

1 should be looked at closely to make sure
2 that the students are as safe as they can
3 possibly be, so if you whisper anything into
4 Mr. Bulzoni's ear before he presents the
5 budget whisper Director of Public Safety.

6 What is status, if any, of the 2014
7 audit? Are we any closer to seeing a
8 product? No? Do we know whether or not
9 Rainey & Rainey has completed all of the
10 audit prep work? We were at 90 percent last
11 heard.

12 MR. EVANS: Yeah, they are nearly
13 done and then SB will be stepping in, but SB
14 has been getting this information all along
15 as well so they are further along than we
16 anticipated so I think we are going to get
17 this --

18 MS. HODOWANITZ: They are still
19 going to be behind the draft budget though?

20 MR. EVANS: Oh, of course, yeah.

21 MS. HODOWANITZ: Well, hopefully
22 next year they will be even faster.

23 When I was sitting in the caucus as
24 a fly on the wall one of the last things
25 spoken was an allusion to the LST going back

1 to Court, what was that all about?

2 MR. ROGAN: It's yearly. In order
3 to have the higher LST rate the Court need
4 to grant it on a yearly basis.

5 MS. HODOWANITZ: Because we are
6 distressed.

7 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

8 MS. HODOWANITZ: So we're going to
9 go back to Court to get \$156 LST for 2016 as
10 part of the operating budget?

11 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

12 MS. HODOWANITZ: Okay. Speaking of
13 the operating budget, you also mentioned
14 during a caucus you alluded to scheduling a
15 public hearing for November 19, can I assume
16 for that that you will be presented the
17 budget not later than November 12?

18 MR. ROGAN: It's just a proposed
19 budget at this point. We haven't --

20 MS. HODOWANITZ: That's the draft
21 budget, so you are expecting it
22 approximately November 12?

23 MR. EVANS: I would say so.

24 MS. HODOWANITZ: And probably a
25 public hearing on November 19; correct?

1 Please encourage, beg, besiege, coddle,
2 insinuate, offer, bribe to get that document
3 on the City's website. I understand stand
4 there is a copy in the library and on the
5 City Clerk's desk, but it's usually about
6 100 pages largely of spreadsheet information
7 and it is not practical to be either in the
8 library or at the desk just trying to
9 analyze that data. And at 25 cents a page
10 both at the library and here in city hall
11 that's an expensive proposition. I know
12 because I have had it Xeroxed before so if
13 you can get that done.

14 Any update on the Greenridge goop?

15 MR. ROGAN: There was one in the
16 newspaper today. I don't know it was in the
17 newspaper today or if was just breaking
18 news, but we also received -- there was a
19 press release I believe we all received, it
20 seems that they are saying it wasn't from
21 the leachate from the landfill.

22 MS. HODOWANITZ: We still got a
23 mystery dumper somewhere. And the update on
24 the leasing of the parking garages?

25 MR. ROGAN: We are still hoping to

1 have that done by year's end through city
2 council. We will be continuing to work with
3 the administration on that.

4 MS. HODOWANITZ: And the sale of the
5 Sewer Authority?

6 MR. EVANS: Nothing new on that.

7 MS. HODOWANITZ: The bond for the
8 \$24 million court award?

9 MR. EVANS: Nothing.

10 MS. HODOWANITZ: Well, i will be
11 back next week. Thank you.

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

15 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia, city
16 of Scranton. Fellow Scrantonians, as you
17 pointed out Tuesday is Election Day. I have
18 come to this podium many times saying your
19 government is your enemy, your weapon is
20 your vote. You have been surrendering your
21 vote. This is why we got the 100 percent
22 tax increase. I keep telling you, use your
23 brain and not your name. There is too many
24 people that vote their name instead of their
25 brain, and that's where we are. We have

1 good viable candidates within the city, but
2 they don't come forward, and that's the
3 problem. The party is very strong within
4 this city, the Democratic party we are
5 referring to. They have destroyed the
6 financial ability of the city. The
7 newspaper didn't help either. When the
8 Legion of Doom came before you 15 years ago
9 and told you that is what's going to happen
10 people just dismissed it. They pointed out
11 that Nay Aug looked real good up there, we
12 put a bridge up there across the creek, but
13 it looked like good.

14 Contract. Contract, contract,
15 contract and every one of them contracts
16 somebody probably did something for the
17 administration or for the party. You don't
18 give a contract out in this city unless you
19 get something back. Peters showed that to
20 you, Peters contract was lower you just
21 threw it away. You said well, I'm going our
22 approvement person who is getting the city
23 pension. How in the world could you do
24 that? But you did it, and you do it so many
25 times. You really don't care about the

1 people of the city, you care about
2 yourselves and there is no way out of it.

3 Mr. Evans, at least I can say you
4 came forward, you said you wanted to reduce
5 your taxes, but didn't get rid of the
6 mercantile and business privilege, I can
7 understand that. Everybody in the city
8 wants to get rid of the monkey off their
9 back with taxes and there is nothing we can
10 do about it because we let a group of people
11 control the city.

12 And the newspaper, I don't have no
13 respect for the newspaper at all even though
14 I do buy it. I read everything in it with a
15 grain of salt because of the fact is they
16 ridicule people that were making sense and
17 saying what was going to happen, and they
18 made fun of them, made fun of Janet, made
19 fun of anybody that tried to stop Mayor
20 Doherty from doing what he did, but he did
21 it with the help of the council. That's
22 where you say, Mr. McGoff, I'm glad he is
23 gone. McGoff sat there and did lot of
24 damage to the city. There is no question
25 about that, and he is not only bad he is

1 still is grabbing a salary. I came forward
2 and said you want to cut costs have a three
3 man council instead of five because the five
4 is no longer any value because it's not done
5 by a zone it's at large, so you can run that
6 counsel with three people as well as five
7 and save a few dollars. All of these things
8 could have come to fulfillment, but no one
9 really wanted it. The party is very strong.
10 You are willing to plagiarize th \$3 million
11 misappropriation knowing that we have to
12 come up with \$50 million to put into that
13 pension fund. That's the sad part of it.
14 They ruined their own pension and now we the
15 city, the people of Scranton, have to bail
16 them out. Is this right? No, it's not
17 right. I told you before you should call
18 for a special prosecutor to examine that
19 whole system and let their recommendations
20 come before you so you can wash your hand of
21 what was said. Well, we didn't do it the
22 special prosecutor came forward like with
23 Amoroso. You blame him for all the trouble
24 we are having because he had a recovery
25 plan. We all had recovery plans. A long

1 time ago we gave you plans to recover, but
2 instead you sold off assets then and you are
3 going to plan to sell off assets now.

4 I'm not going to say much more
5 because there is no sense getting into it,
6 you are not going to change. Thank you.

7 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Is there
8 anyone else who would like to address
9 council?

10 MR. MORGAN: The first thing I have
11 here is, you know, a long time before I
12 started coming to those meetings there were
13 other people here. They talked about this
14 city, and they talked about the truth, and I
15 guess they didn't live long enough because
16 sooner or later you die and people just
17 forget what you said and we just keep going
18 down this path to -- we can't even say
19 self-destruction anymore because we have
20 already been destroyed so, you know, why
21 even waste your time using that.

22 But you know what I have here is,
23 Mr. Rogan, in 2012 the city could have filed
24 bankruptcy because it met all of the
25 requirements to do it and you were on

1 council at that time so maybe you can
2 explain to the residents of this city why
3 you didn't do it.

4 MR. ROGAN: We couldn't. In the
5 State of Pennsylvania if a municipality
6 files for bankruptcy it must be approved by
7 the state. Governor Corbett at the time it
8 was proven with Harrisburg that it would not
9 accept municipal bankruptcies.

10 MR. MORGAN: Did you petition the
11 state to do that?

12 MR. ROGAN: No, because by doing
13 that what would have happened to the City is
14 we would have the negative stigma of
15 bankruptcy in the banking community and the
16 community in general without the protections
17 of the bankruptcy law rights.

18 MR. MORGAN: So do you actually
19 think that any of the residents in this city
20 have any protection from the harm this
21 council and this government has done to it?

22 MR. ROGAN: Though bankruptcy?

23 MR. MORGAN: Through your
24 incompetence.

25 MR. ROGAN: Well, you mentioned

1 bankruptcy.

2 MR. MORGAN: No, I didn't, but I'm
3 just asking in that frame because evidently
4 you believe that --

5 MR. ROGAN: The voters ultimately
6 put us in these seats and they decide who
7 sits in these five seats and they will on
8 Tuesday decide who sits in two of the seats.

9 MR. MORGAN: The sad part is that
10 Pennsylvania doesn't have recall, and the
11 other sad part is that I'm amazed that we
12 can't bring an investigator in here who
13 looks at all of the legislation that this
14 council has passed and sit down with
15 councilmen and ask them what they know about
16 that legislation and when we find out you
17 don't know anything we take your house, your
18 bank account, your pretty suit, and we throw
19 you in jail because what's going on in this
20 country is absolutely a crime and, you know,
21 it probably seems funny to this council,
22 but, you know, you know, it's just beyond
23 belief how incompetent you are and you have
24 no excuse for it. You have accomplished
25 nothing as a body. Absolutely -- and you

1 are not the first ones and, you know, you
2 can criticize Janet for some of the things
3 she has done, but at least she stopped the
4 borrowing because that was the problem.

5 And, you know, the other thing I
6 have here is for Mr. Evans do you know how
7 the last American Anglican agreement was
8 terminated and who made the payment that
9 made it possible to terminate this
10 agreement?

11 MR. EVANS: No.

12 MR. MORGAN: So you want to go and
13 create another agreement and you have no
14 understanding of the last one of. Do you
15 have an understanding of that?

16 MR. EVANS: Well, I had some
17 understanding of it at the time, but I'm not
18 sure exactly what your question is.

19 MR. MORGAN: Well, they had to pay
20 money to terminate the agreement.

21 MR. EVANS: Right.

22 MR. MORGAN: Where did that money
23 come from?

24 MR. EVANS: The taxpayers.

25 MR. MORGAN: I think that maybe

1 before you vote on anything you should go
2 out and try to figure out where that money
3 came from.

4 MR. EVANS: Certainly.

5 MR. MORGAN: And the other thing is
6 I think you need to look at the old American
7 Anglican agreement and, you know, it helped
8 us last time, it's not going to help us this
9 time, okay, selling all of these assets.
10 You know, we have to ask ourselves what
11 would the city do if it actually had it's
12 parking revenue? What would the city do if
13 somebody that we sent to run the garages
14 actually did it? And, you know,
15 Mr. Scopelliti had good ideas to run that
16 authority but, you know, call it like you
17 will, like the previous speakers spoke, you
18 know, politics, but it's not just the
19 Democratic party that's done it, it's the
20 Republican party, too, because the
21 Republican party used to throw their own
22 candidates under the bus to please the
23 Democratic administration to get favors for
24 themselves, so this city has a real twisted
25 political history.

1 But the most twisted thing of all is
2 that we are going to elect two councilmen
3 soon and I just hope that some people would
4 have listened to David Burgerhoff because he
5 might be, and I know I asked you to run and
6 maybe you will do the right thing some day
7 and actually follow, you know, the dominoes
8 and come to the conclusion that, you know,
9 selling off the assets or monetizing them is
10 just a suicide mission, it's just
11 ridiculous. It's just beyond ridiculous,
12 okay? But at least he made statements that
13 he would have to see facts, and from what I
14 have seen of this council over an extended
15 period of time I think we voted on things
16 with no facts and it really didn't matter
17 because somebody told us how we were going
18 to do what we were going to do, and we're
19 the good soldiers, we're going to walk in
20 there and just do it. And when you ask
21 councilmen a question about anything that
22 has to do with this city, that's why I don't
23 ask questions here of council because I know
24 you can't answer them and why waste my time
25 asking questions that you can't answer and

1 in the end you will never come back and
2 answer. Thank you.

3 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Is there
4 anyone else who wishes to address council?

5 MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening, Council.
6 Dave Dobrzyn, resident. I noticed tonight
7 we didn't mention about the St. Cat
8 fundraiser, so if during motions maybe we
9 can get the time on it and interested in
10 possibly attending. By the way, I have
11 about \$1,000 spent on cleaning out cats from
12 South Scranton and neutering them, so, you
13 know, like ten cats, if they had four
14 survivors the last three years see what we
15 would have.

16 MR. ROGAN: I'll be sure to mention
17 it during motions.

18 MR. DOBRZYN: We would have more
19 cats than people, if we don't already.
20 Okay, I'm going to talk about policy
21 tonight. I watched the debates and just
22 certain things, and these people aren't
23 horrible people for stating such things,
24 but, you know, some times I have a question,
25 aren't you better off with some grumpy old

1 geezer like me or Andy paying our taxes with
2 no kids in the school system and, you know,
3 we pay quite substantially and paying all
4 our fees and such or a family with two kids
5 keeping in mind that two kids in that school
6 system cost \$25,000 per year. So I'm not
7 saying we should keep them out, but don't
8 speak of it like it's some kind of asset
9 like you would want kids hanging off the
10 front porch of every house in the town
11 because it's not economically sustainable.

12 And on re assessment, in 2007 Mike
13 Washo came before the taxpayers and accused
14 the majority commissioners of scheming large
15 tax breaks for both land owners, land that
16 sits and doesn't do very much and it's real
17 cheap to keep the tax alive it's just going
18 to just get kept and nothing will ever
19 happen with it, very possibly there might
20 some day be some environmental violations
21 because of it, for instance, like the steam
22 plant and we still don't know where that
23 other thing came from recently here, some
24 type of petroleum spill, and it was a
25 volatile compound that can being explosive

1 in the sewer so you don't even want to think
2 of what something like that can cause.

3 And a little deviation from city
4 issues, privatizing the prisons equal cash
5 for people. Nobody, nobody served the kind
6 of sentence that they should have served
7 over that Kids for Cash in Wilkes-Barre. No
8 one. A year? Give me a break. Give me a
9 break. How many lives did you ruin? Lucky
10 I'm not the judge, he would never see the
11 light of day.

12 And, finally, the state feeds off
13 our tax exempt city property through our
14 state constitutions and in my opinion
15 nothing is ever going to straighten out
16 until we address that and possibly a civic
17 group within Scranton that could raise some
18 money and get it into the Courts would be
19 better off than you people alienating the
20 government officials.

21 And on the Anglican, I would point
22 out that there is no citations and we were
23 fined \$2 million for the American Anglican
24 activities, but before we do anything with
25 that we need pension reform. We need to

1 keep it out of the hands that are going to
2 grant double pensions, we need it out of the
3 hands of people that are working next to
4 each other every day of the week because
5 that's just not proper. I don't want to
6 insult anybody, I have fire alarms all
7 throughout my house, fire extinguishers, and
8 I'm home so often I don't think I look like
9 the kind of guy you would like to mug
10 tonight, you know, and seeing as I'm home 99
11 percent of the time or somebody is home you
12 should see my wife at the trap shoot. Thank
13 you and have a good night.

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

17 MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening,
18 Council. Marie Schumacher. First question
19 tonight, when do you expect an answer from
20 the DEP on what measurements and the
21 readings from those measurements as a result
22 of the Sandone tire fire?

23 MR. ROGAN: You'd have to ask DEP.
24 We are waiting just as everyone else is.

25 MR. WECHSLER: We had requested the

1 information but they haven't gotten back to
2 us yet.

3 MS. SCHUMACHER: Have you followed
4 up and ask what the hold up is? I mean,
5 that's been weeks and weeks ago. Certainly
6 they know what they measured by now.

7 MR. WECHSLER: It is a scientific
8 study, it does take a little longer.

9 MS. SCHUMACHER: It's not a study,
10 it's measurements.

11 MR. WECHSLER: It is, but they have
12 to be analyzed.

13 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay. Let me just
14 read a few things I told you I would bring
15 this. One is from DEP, "Tire fires,
16 although infrequent, are serious situations
17 that are difficult to extinguish and
18 expensive to clean up. Oil that exudes into
19 brown and surface water as a result of tire
20 fires is a significant environmental
21 pollutant. In some cases, this may trigger
22 super fund cleanup status."

23 Certainly not in this instance
24 though. "Air pollution is also produced by
25 tire fires and emission may include

1 Polycycline aromatic hydrocarbons, benzines,
2 styrene, phenols and butadiene. For more
3 information on toxic pollutants generated by
4 tire fires go to EPA's toxic air pollution
5 website."

6 And from another source is,
7 "Emissions from open tire fires have been
8 shown to be more toxic than emissions from
9 an incinerator regardless of the type of
10 fuel. Airborne emissions from open tires
11 can have a serious impact on the health and
12 the environment."

13 I'll let you read them, I'll give
14 these to Kathy, but we need that
15 information, we don't need it yesterday we
16 need it now. We need to know what went into
17 our water and we need to know what went into
18 our lungs.

19 Then I wasn't going to talk about
20 this tonight, but I was downtown this
21 afternoon with my little charge and we were
22 crossing Lackawanna Avenue at Wyoming, and I
23 guess the question I have is why is there a
24 green light simultaneous with the walk sign,
25 a green light for those who are making a

1 left turn at Lackawanna Avenue and a walk
2 light at the same time? We almost got -- I
3 mean, it's a fact, it's green and we almost
4 got clipped by a guy. We had like 14
5 seconds left on the walk light and he wasn't
6 even going to slow down and so --

7 MR. EVANS: I certainly agree. I
8 think it's one of the worst intersections in
9 the city.

10 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, there are
11 others. I almost got hit the weekend of the
12 Italian festival at Mulberry and Jefferson.

13 MR. EVANS: Yeah.

14 MS. SCHUMACHER: And then one of
15 them crossing -- even worse crossing back
16 somebody had demolished the one to push when
17 you were going the direction of the Mercy
18 Hospital.

19 MR. EVANS: I think some of those
20 intersections like those they should do or
21 at least study what they do at the
22 University at Jefferson and Linden. They
23 stop all traffic at one time so pedestrians
24 can walk and that's --

25 MS. SCHUMACHER: Something needs to

1 be done that's for sure, and the other what
2 is -- I thought there were delivery times
3 for the trucks downtown. When you come
4 through here I time before 10:00 in the
5 morning there is trucks double parked all
6 over the place making deliveries and I'm
7 quite sure that we had a -- do we have a
8 regulation and I'm wonder if that's being --
9 if anybody ever checks on that.

10 MR. EVANS: We could find out, they
11 may, but I'm not sure.

12 MS. SCHUMACHER: Are we going to
13 have a shortfall in 2015? Pardon? Do you
14 know?

15 MR. EVANS: Well, these are just
16 projections so we don't know.

17 MS. SCHUMACHER: It's balanced?

18 MR. EVANS: We don't know at this
19 point, but we are still anticipating revenue
20 coming in so we don't know what the
21 shortfall is going to be.

22 MS. SCHUMACHER: But you are
23 assuming there will be one.

24 MR. EVANS: Well, I wouldn't say
25 that.

1 MS. SCHUMACHER: Oh, okay. And when
2 will we have information on this Scranton
3 Parking Authority issue?

4 MR. ROGAN: As soon as legislation
5 is -- as soon as the deal is finalized the
6 legislation is sent to council, the night it
7 is introduced we will have a public caucus
8 in council chambers.

9 MS. SCHUMACHER: A public caucus or
10 a public hearing?

11 MR. ROGAN: Public hearing in
12 council chambers.

13 MS. SCHUMACHER: How time will we
14 have to review that and who -- what mental
15 giant made the decision to make the lease to
16 a nonprofit.

17 MR. EVANS: That all will be
18 discussed here in council chambers.

19 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay. Thank you.

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

22 MS. GAUGHAN: I would. Good
23 evening. My name is Mary Gaughan and I'm a
24 current resident of the city. I wasn't
25 going to say anything tonight, but when

1 Marie Schumacher brought up about almost
2 getting hit by a car we all know that a
3 woman was killed by a car in the
4 intersection in front of Boscov's. I really
5 think that Chief Graziano should speak to
6 his officers because the people drive around
7 the City of Scranton like they are on a wild
8 mouse ride. Just zip, zip, zip, zip, and
9 they pay no attention to people crossing the
10 street and the last time I knew the law said
11 that pedestrian had the right-of-way. It
12 doesn't mean you have the right-of-way to
13 jaywalk, it means you have the right-of-way
14 to cross in areas so marked.

15 And if anybody wants to go on
16 Lackawanna Avenue across from the
17 Renaissance 500 and use that crosswalk I
18 have news for you, there are signs up there
19 but they are not being adhered to at all,
20 and I have seen people drive, I don't have
21 anything to calculate it with, but appears
22 to me that they are driving faster on
23 Lackawanna Avenue sometimes than they are
24 allowed to on 81.

25 And I think the city could be

1 enriched because there certainly must be
2 some sort of a law that they are breaking.
3 And Marie is right, you have the pedestrian
4 with the right-of-way and you also have the
5 vehicle with the right-of-way and a vehicle
6 with the right-of-way he should cross and is
7 unaware that you have 20 seconds left on
8 that ridiculous time clock. They are just
9 going to run over you or blow the horn or do
10 something, but I think that people in the
11 city should monitor the way the people
12 drive. They have terrible driving habits
13 and some of them appear to not have an
14 ability to parallel park, which they must
15 have demonstrated when they received their
16 driving license. They park with the front
17 of their cars in towards the curb and the
18 rear out in the middle of the road and it
19 seems as if when the light is changing they
20 step on the gas so God forbid that you
21 should adhere to the lights in your favor
22 because they are really trying to squeeze
23 the limit out of that yellow, and I think
24 it's time that attention was paid, and a
25 woman lost her life because we people aren't

1 paying attention. Thank you, gentlemen.

2 MR. ROGAN: Thank you.

3 MR. EVANS: Have we ever sent
4 anything to the chief or the traffic
5 division to look at that intersection? Can
6 we do that, send a letter?

7 MR. WECHSLER: I'll have something
8 in motions on that.

9 MR. EVANS: Okay.

10 MR. UNGVARSKY: Good evening, city
11 council. Last night I attended a meeting
12 for the Hill Neighborhood Mr. Wechsler was
13 also there addressing the people in
14 attendance. He spelled out pretty much what
15 was going to happen with the parking
16 garages. It seems like it's already a cut
17 deal. Perhaps tonight he can tell us and
18 you can elaborate on just what is -- I
19 understand it's going to be a 40-year deal
20 and we are going to be responsible in the
21 end for the maintenance of it, in other
22 words, the repair to the garages whatever
23 they may need. It will be deducted from
24 what they pay us. Perhaps we'll get a heads
25 up on what's going on. Thank you.

1 MR. EVANS: Thank you. He knows
2 more than I do.

3 MR. ROGAN: The parking deal hasn't
4 been finalized as of yet, there is a basic
5 framework that has been provided to all of
6 us on council, but there isn't a final deal
7 as of yet.

8 MR. UNGVARSKY: We know it's not
9 finalized of yet, but it's already pretty
10 much a done deal. You know what's in the
11 agreement --

12 MR. EVANS: No, we don't.

13 MR. UNGVARSKY: You have a good idea
14 of what's in the agreement.

15 MR. EVANS: No, we don't. I don't.

16 MR. UNGVARSKY: Somebody did.

17 MR. WECHSLER: The information that
18 was provided last night was from the website
19 that was published when the deal was first
20 announced.

21 MR. UNGVARSKY: Okay. Explain that
22 then to us, it's good to know something
23 about it and I'm sure you gentlemen have
24 been discussing it.

25 MR. ROGAN: All of the information

1 that was on the website has also been
2 reported in the newspaper as well pretty
3 extensively.

4 MR. UNGVARSKY: In other words, we
5 are going to get stonewalled again. You
6 people sit up there, you take the questions
7 and you sit there and sit there and never
8 say anything to the people about what's
9 going on. So far this year this council has
10 not voted down a single thing that's gone on
11 the agenda. Everything that's been proposed
12 you people have voted for.

13 MR. ROGAN: Thank you.

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

15 MOTIONS.

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

18 MR. WECHSLER: Just to clarify, I
19 did attend the Hill Neighborhood Association
20 last night and I did mention some
21 information that is available on the
22 website. That website was published about a
23 month ago, I believe, for preliminary
24 information for everyone to read. It's
25 available to everyone who is interested in

1 seeing it, so there wasn't -- there is no
2 deal, we are still waiting to hear about it,
3 there is a framework for a deal and that's
4 about where we are at so the information
5 that was discussed last night is available
6 on the website and it's known. No one is
7 hiding it or stonewalling it or anything
8 like that.

9 The comments that were made this
10 evening about the pedestrian problems in the
11 City of Scranton showed their head again
12 together when another pedestrian was struck
13 on Lackawanna Avenue and Penn Avenue today.
14 Once I heard about this I immediately
15 contacted Mayor Courtright who contacted
16 Chief Graziano and we discussed the
17 immediate need for a study of the crosswalks
18 in downtown Scranton. Parts of the study,
19 also, would have to be to contact PennDOT as
20 well because some of the crosswalks are
21 maintained by the state and some of them are
22 the responsibility of the city, but this is
23 something that we are going to have to get a
24 handle on because it's just happening way
25 too often.

1 I occasionally walk in downtown
2 Scranton, also, and to me the traffic -- the
3 crosswalks are confusing to me as well, so
4 we do need an upgrade on that.

5 And I did speak to Leslie Collins
6 today, we are trying to put something
7 together as an educational format for
8 pedestrians and drivers in the city to make
9 some improvements to stop this problem.

10 As also was discussed tonight the
11 DEP has determined that the chemical mixture
12 of the ooze that was determined in the
13 recent spill but the identification of the
14 dumpster has not been identified yet, but
15 the mix that they have been determined
16 should help us to understand and limit the
17 amount of companies or individuals that have
18 access to those types of chemicals.

19 The bigger problem was, once again,
20 as was brought forth the potential problems
21 with the leachate line. The Sewer Authority
22 and landfill still need to review their
23 procedures for reporting on how and why then
24 the line is used. Both parties must be
25 responsible to reestablish a confidence that

1 we can have that the citizens know that the
2 line is being properly used and does not
3 represent a threat to our community.

4 Some of the questions that are being
5 asked to us we don't have the answers for.
6 It's up to the DEP and the Sewer Authority.
7 These are technical issues that have to be
8 reviewed and some studies take quite awhile
9 to complete. We are pursuing this, we
10 constantly ask questions about it, but we
11 only -- there is only a couple of agencies
12 that can answer our questions so we are
13 pursuing this, and as soon as we find
14 something out we have been relaying it to
15 the citizens. That's all I have.

16 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Mr. Evans,
17 do you have any motions or comments?

18 MR. EVANS: Thank you. I'll be
19 very, very brief tonight. I would like to
20 urge everyone to vote next Tuesday, November
21 3, it is Election Day and remember, I'm
22 going to borrow line from Joan, she said it
23 before, by not participating you only get
24 the government that we deserve. So please
25 be part of the process and part of the

1 solution by voting. Franklin D. Roosevelt
2 once said, "Nobody will ever deprive the
3 American people of the right to vote except
4 the American people and the only way they
5 can do that is by not voting."

6 So, again, please take a few minutes
7 out of your busy day next Tuesday and vote.
8 Thank you very much and have a good evening.

9 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Mr. Gaughan,
10 any motions or comments?

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, thank you, just a
12 few. I have been asking for a few months
13 now for an update on the savings from both
14 the police and the fire contracts that were
15 passed last January and February. The mayor
16 proposed a \$4 million annual savings from
17 each of these contracts and I'd like to know
18 if we are going to meet that savings and how
19 we are tracking these savings.

20 I have sent numerous correspondence
21 to the mayor's office without any reply. I
22 continue to ask about this because I think
23 it's extremely important, especially as we
24 are quickly approaching budget time. The
25 mayor extended these contracts for four

1 years and touted that they would save the
2 taxpayers a significant amount of money. I
3 just want to see where the savings are. So
4 hopefully next week we will get some kind of
5 response from the mayor.

6 We did receive a letter from a
7 concerned citizen, it was addressed to
8 Mr. Rogan and I'd like to read it. It says,
9 "Dear Mr. Rogan, I am shocked to think that
10 Mayor Courtright and Chief Graziano would
11 allow political signs of a current office
12 holder to be stored and displayed on public
13 property. I have enclosed pictures for your
14 review. The storage and display of these
15 signs are violations of the city's ethics
16 policy and the Hatch Act."

17 And the building she is referring to
18 is the training division building on Ash
19 Street, a former firehouse, and she did
20 provide pictures of signs of Mayor
21 Courtright when he ran for office, so I
22 would like to send correspondence to the
23 mayor and ask for an explanation to see if
24 we can get some kind of answer on this. It
25 is very concerning if that is the case so I

1 with like to investigate this and see what
2 the explanation is. And the letter goes on
3 the end of the letter and says, "What could
4 possibly be more important, ethics or
5 politics?"

6 So I appreciate the letter from
7 this concerned citizen and I will look into
8 this and hopefully we will have an answer by
9 next week from Mayor Courtright.

10 MR. ROGAN: I can actually answer
11 those now if you would like.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Hold on, just let me
13 finish and then you can speak. I have also
14 requested in the caucus tonight that when we
15 do receive the budget next week that the
16 mayor present it and explain it in front of
17 city council at a public caucus and we are
18 sending -- did discuss sending
19 correspondence to the mayor asking him to be
20 present when the budget is presented. And
21 that is all I have this week. Thank you.

22 MR. ROGAN: First to address the
23 issue that was brought up, I did receive
24 that letter and there was a radio show host
25 that was talking about this issue as well,

1 despite what's mentioned in letter about
2 signs being displayed they certainly aren't
3 being displayed on city property. What's
4 been explained to me that the police
5 department when they do shooting exercises
6 they use old political signs often from
7 previous campaigns, and I know looking at
8 the pictures you can't tell so much in the
9 picture in the black and white that we
10 received, but there were multiple candidates
11 signs from the past elections in storage,
12 not displayed, obviously, they are used for
13 target shooting. Personally I think using
14 recycled materials is a good use of money if
15 that's the reason, but they should be
16 blacked out or, you know, some kind of white
17 put on them prior to being stored, but that
18 was the answer on that issue.

19 Another end of it was brought up, I
20 forget to mention this during announcements,
21 and the St. Cats group will be have a
22 fundraiser Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the
23 St. Mary's Center. It's \$15 for an adult
24 and \$5 fro children under 12. There will be
25 a 50/50, a DJ and raffles. Our office did

1 contact neighboring boroughs regarding
2 copies of the ordinances regarding stray
3 cats, but the difficulty is the cats aren't
4 licensed so it's hard to prove if a cat is a
5 stray or if it's somebody's pet, and the
6 city's animal control officer is not a
7 humane officer to enforce statewide laws,
8 but I encourage everyone to support the St.
9 Cats' group because they are doing a great
10 job with their program to help control the
11 stray cat populations within our
12 neighborhoods. What they do is they -- it's
13 trap, neuter and release, TNR program and
14 they trap stray cats, neuter them so they
15 can't reproduce and then they are released
16 back to the area where they are living, but
17 it stops the reproduction, which is most
18 important.

19 And finally, the Parking Authority
20 deal was mentioned, as Councilmen Wechsler
21 mentioned there hasn't been a deal finalized
22 yet and as soon as there is you will be the
23 first to know. When we had our first
24 meeting regarding the possible deal with the
25 Parking Authority the first thing that all

1 of us asked was that when a deal is
2 finalized that it's presented to the public
3 at a city council meeting, and the
4 administration quickly agreed to that
5 because this is the very large deal and it's
6 very significant to the future course of the
7 city so we need to make sure that we get it
8 right, that the public is made aware of
9 what's going on, and the website that
10 Councilmen Wechsler mentioned and the
11 newspaper articles as well has put out
12 information on the entire Parking Authority
13 debacle from too many garages being built to
14 SPA default to where we currently are and it
15 certainly is a long, sad story of how we got
16 there and where we are now with assets that
17 -- some may call them assets, but actually
18 they are liabilities because they cost more
19 money to maintain and operate than we are
20 bringing in revenue, so something certainly
21 needs to be done on that front.

22 And, finally, as Councilmen Evans
23 mentioned and I mentioned at the beginning
24 of the meeting, Tuesday is Election Day and
25 I encourage everyone to go out and vote and

1 make their voice heard. There are numerous
2 important elections at the local level and
3 it's unfortunate that the voter turnout many
4 years, especially in the local elections, is
5 20, 30, 40 percent, when the local elections
6 effect you and I more than national
7 elections do. So it is very important to
8 come out and vote in the local elections,
9 especially city council, county
10 commissioner, statewide judge elections.
11 There is number of races on the ballot and
12 I'd like to encourage everyone to go out and
13 vote, and that is all. Thank you.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: I'd like to add one
15 thing, I understand the explanation that
16 they are using the political signs for
17 target practice, but I still would like an
18 explanation from the mayor and the
19 administration on what went on and these
20 pictures that were taken because I think
21 it's important, especially for this
22 concerned citizen, that she gets an official
23 explanation from the mayor, and I also would
24 hope in the future that the police
25 department can find something better for

1 target practice than political signs. I
2 just don't think that's proper, and that's
3 all I have. Thank you.

4 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION -
5 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
6 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE
7 AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PETROLEUM
8 TRADERS CORPORATION TO PROVIDE 80,000
9 GALLONS (MORE OR LESS) LOW SULFUR DIESEL
10 FUEL TO THE CITY OF SCRANTON DEPARTMENT OF
11 PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2016
12 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016.

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

16 MR. WECHSLER: So moved.

17 MR. EVANS: Second.

18 MR. ROGAN: On the question? All
19 those in favor of introduction signify by
20 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: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -
2 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF
3 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY
4 OF SCRANTON TO SIGN AND SUBMIT THE
5 PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
6 ("PENNDOT") APPLICATION FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL
7 APPROVAL FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL PERMIT NOS.
8 40032, 10166 & 40123 FOR THE MODIFICATION OF
9 THE EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT PITTSTON
10 AVENUE AND ELM STREET, MAIN AVENUE AND
11 SCHIFF'S DRIVEWAY/JOHNSON TECHNICAL
12 INSTITUTE DRIVEWAY, AND MERIDIAN AVENUE AND
13 LUZERNE STREET.

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

17 MR. WECHSLER: So moved.

18 MR. EVANS: Second.

19 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question,
21 I appreciate this money coming from PennDOT,
22 this will be at no cost to the city. I
23 spoke about it last week. The upgrades are
24 be intended to increase safety by providing
25 better visibility of the signaling equipment

1 to motorists and pedestrians and also
2 converting the equipment to LED technology
3 will substantially reduce energy costs.

4 Thank you.

5 MR. ROGAN: All those in favor of
6 introduction signify by 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: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A. NO
13 BUSINESS AT THIS TIME.

14 SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR
15 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
16 WORKS FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 205,
17 2015 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
18 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND
19 ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH KEYSER VALLEY
20 AUTO WRECKERS, INC. TO PROVIDE TOWING
21 SERVICES FOR CITY OWNED VEHICLES FOR THE
22 PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31,
23 2016.

24 MR. ROGAN: What is the
25 recommendation of the Chair for the

1 Committee on Public Works?

2 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for the
3 Committee on Public Works, I recommend final
4 passage of Item 7-A.

5 MR. WECHSLER: 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-B legally and lawfully adopted. 7-A.
17 I apologize.

18 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION
19 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS FOR
20 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 206, 2015 -
21 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
22 CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A
23 CONTRACT WITH SANDONE TIRE TO PROVIDE NEW
24 TIRES FOR CITY OWNED VEHICLES FOR THE PERIOD
25 JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016.

1 MR. ROGAN: What is the
2 recommendation of the Chair for the Public
3 Works?

4 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for the
5 Committee on Public Works, I recommend final
6 passage of Item 7-B.

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-B legally and lawfully adopted.

19 MS. REED: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION BY
20 THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS- FOR ADOPTION
21 - RESOLUTION NO. 207, 2015 AUTHORIZING THE
22 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS
23 TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH
24 SANDONE TIRE TO PROVIDE RETREAD TIRES FOR
25 CITY OWNED VEHICLES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY

1 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016.

2 MR. ROGAN: What is the
3 recommendation of the Chair for the
4 Committee on Public Works?

5 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for the
6 Committee on Public Works, I recommend final
7 passage of Item 7-C.

8 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

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

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

12 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

14 MR. EVANS: Yes.

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

17 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

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

20 MS. REED: 7-D. FOR CONSIDERATION
21 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES- FOR ADOPTION -
22 RESOLUTION NO. 208, 2015 - APPOINTMENT OF
23 REV. KATHRYN SIMMONS, 635 ADAMS AVENUE,
24 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18510 AS A MEMBER OF
25 THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, EFFECTIVE

1 OCTOBER 14, 2015. REV. SIMMONS IS BEING
2 APPOINTED TO A THREE (3) YEAR TERM THAT WILL
3 EXPIRE ON OCTOBER 14, 2018.

4 MR. ROGAN: As temporary Chair for
5 the Committee on Rules, I recommend final
6 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. 209, 2015 - APPOINTMENT OF
22 RABBI MOSHE SAKS, 520 CLAY AVENUE, APARTMENT
23 100, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18510 AS A
24 MEMBER OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION,
25 EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 14, 2015. RABBI SAKS IS

1 BEING APPOINTED TO A THREE (3) YEAR TERM
2 THAT WILL EXPIRE ON OCTOBER 14, 2018.

3 MR. ROGAN: As temporary Chair for
4 the Committee on Rules, I recommend final
5 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 - FOR CONSIDERATION
19 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY- FOR
20 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 210, 2015 -
21 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
22 CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO AN
23 AGREEMENT SETTING FORTH THE TERMS AND
24 CONDITIONS BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF
25 SCRANTON AND TOYOTA OF SCRANTON TO ACCEPT

1 THE DONATION OF A NEW 2015 TOYOTA TACOMA
2 TRUCK TO BE USED BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON
3 FIRE DEPARTMENT AS AN ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF
4 VEHICLE.

5 MR. ROGAN: What is the
6 recommendation of the Chair for the
7 Committee on Public Safety?

8 MR. WECHSLER: As Chairperson for
9 the Committee on Public Safety, I recommend
10 final passage of Item 7-F.

11 MR. EVANS: Second.

12 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll
13 call, please?

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

15 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

17 MR. EVANS: Yes.

18 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

19 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

20 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

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

23 MS. REED: 7-G. FOR CONSIDERATION BY
24 THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT- FOR
25 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 211, 2015 -

1 ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE
2 HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD
3 ("HARB") AND APPROVING THE CERTIFICATE OF
4 APPROPRIATENESS FOR 402 NORTH WASHINGTON,
5 LLC, 124 NORTH MAIN AVENUE, SCRANTON,
6 PENNSYLVANIA 18504 FOR THE FOLLOWING
7 ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS: REPAIR OF ORIGINAL
8 WINDOWS, REPAIR/REPLACEMENT OF DOUBLE HUNG
9 ARCH TOP WINDOWS WITH INSULATED GLASS,
10 INSTALLATION OF NEW PAINTED WOOD FAÇADE WITH
11 RAISED PANEL DETAIL AND MOLDING, PAINT WOOD
12 AND GLASS DOORS AND INSTALL NEW INSULATED
13 GLASS AT 324-326 PENN AVENUE, SCRANTON,
14 PENNSYLVANIA.

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

18 MR. EVANS: As temporary Chairperson
19 for the Committee on Community Development,
20 I recommend final passage of Item 7-G.

21 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

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

24 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

25 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

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MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

MR. EVANS: Yes.

MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare
Item 7-G legally and lawfully adopted.

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.

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