

1 SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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5 HELD:

6  
7 Thursday, November 16, 2017

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9 LOCATION:

10 Council Chambers

11 Scranton City Hall

12 340 North Washington Avenue

13 Scranton, Pennsylvania

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

JOSEPH WECHSLER, PRESIDENT

PATRICK ROGAN, VICE-PRESIDENT

WAYNE EVANS

WILLIAM GAUGHAN

TIM PERRY

LORI REED, CITY CLERK

KATHY CARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

AMIL MINORA, ESQUIRE - SOLICITOR

1 (Pledge of Allegiance recited and  
2 moment of reflection observed.)

3 MR. WECHSLER: Roll call, please.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

5 MR. PERRY: 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. Wechsler.

13 MR. WECHSLER: Here. Dispense with  
14 the reading of the minutes.

15 MS. REED: THIRD ORDER. 3-A.  
16 AGENDA FOR THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS  
17 MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 8, 2017.

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

20 MS. REED: 3-B. MINUTES OF THE  
21 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE  
22 SCRANTON HOUSING AUTHORITY HELD OCTOBER 2,  
23 2017.

24 MR. WECHSLER: Are there any  
25 comments? If not, received and filed.

1 MS. REED: 3-C. MINUTES OF THE  
2 SCRANTON FIREFIGHTERS PENSION COMMISSION  
3 MEETING HELD OCTOBER 18, 2017.

4 MR. WECHSLER: Are there any  
5 comments? If not, received and filed.

6 MS. REED: 3-D. MINUTES OF THE  
7 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING  
8 HELD OCTOBER 18, 2017.

9 MR. WECHSLER: Are there any  
10 comments? If not, received and filed.

11 MS. REED: 3-E. MINUTES OF THE  
12 SCRANTON POLICE PENSION COMMISSION MEETING  
13 HELD OCTOBER 18, 2017.

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

16 MS. REED: 3-F. MINUTES OF THE  
17 COMPOSITE PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD OCTOBER  
18 18, 2017.

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

21 MS. REED: 3-G. AGENDA FOR THE  
22 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING  
23 HELD NOVEMBER 15, 2017.

24 MR. WECHSLER: Are there any  
25 comments? If not, received and filed.

1 MS. REED: 3-H. CONTROLLER'S REPORT  
2 FOR MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2017.

3 MR. WECHSLER: Are there any  
4 comments? If not, received and filed. Do  
5 any council members have any announcements  
6 at this time?

7 MR. PERRY: Yes, I have one  
8 announcement. Guys, this will be the final  
9 announcement, just a reminder for Officer  
10 Chris Hallock's fundraiser which will be  
11 this Saturday. It's going to be at the FOP  
12 lodge, which is 401 Railroad Avenue. The  
13 time is 6:00 to 10:00. There will be food,  
14 drink, raffles. It's \$15 a person and  
15 tickets can be purchased at the door and,  
16 again, just a reminder Chris is a Scranton  
17 police officer who got diagnosed with a rare  
18 form of leukemia and him and his family are  
19 in need right now of our support, so let's  
20 please get out there on Saturday at the FOP  
21 lodge, 6:00 to 10:00 and show our support  
22 for him. Thank you.

23 MR. EVANS: I have one -- go ahead.

24 MR. ROGAN: I have two  
25 announcements. First one, just a brief one,

1 November 25 is small business Saturday so  
2 please go visit our small businesses in the  
3 city.

4 Secondly, Giovanni Piccolino, the  
5 owner of Buona's Pizza will once again be  
6 having a free Thanksgiving dinner for  
7 everyone in the City of Scranton. The  
8 dinner will be at Buona's Pizza on  
9 Thanksgiving from 12 to 2 p.m. The dinner  
10 will be served at the pizza shop. Anyone  
11 who would like a delivery, deliveries will  
12 be personally delivered by Giovanni from 8  
13 a.m. to 10 p.m. He asks people not to call  
14 the pizza shop if you need a delivery but to  
15 call him at his cell phone, and I'll read  
16 this number off. His phone number is  
17 570-468-6782. I'll read that again.  
18 570-468-6782 and I'd like to thank Giovanni  
19 Piccolino and the entire staff at Buona's  
20 for always giving to the community. The  
21 Thanksgiving dinner that he does as well as  
22 the Christmas dinner that Mr. Bolus does are  
23 just two great reminders of what a great  
24 community we have in the city so I want to  
25 thank Giovanni for doing that and anyone who

1 doesn't have anyone to be with on  
2 Thanksgiving feel free to go to his dinner  
3 or if you need a delivery give him a call.  
4 Thank you.

5 MR. EVANS: Okay. Well, I'm not  
6 going to repeat what Pat said because that's  
7 what I had as well, but I was going to add a  
8 little to it. Small Business Saturday will  
9 be held on Saturday, November 25, in  
10 downtown Scranton. There will be  
11 approximately 30 downtown businesses that  
12 will participate and each will hold an open  
13 house from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on that day. So  
14 remember for the holiday season and beyond  
15 to shop local and shop small and support all  
16 of our small businesses. That's all I have.

17 MR. WECHSLER: DPW workers will off  
18 for Thanksgiving holiday. Refuge and  
19 recycling collections will be picked up on  
20 Friday, November 24. City hall will be  
21 closed for the holiday on both Thursday, the  
22 23rd and Friday the 24th. City council will  
23 not be meet next week due to the holiday.  
24 We will resume or weekly meeting the  
25 following week on November 30. The week

1 following Thanksgiving, the week of November  
2 27, that will be no paper or red recycling  
3 that week. DPW will be conducting leaf  
4 pickup for the entire week with all  
5 available resources. Please bag your  
6 leaves, do not sweep them to the curb. Bags  
7 are available at the DPW building at 101  
8 Poplar Street on the following days:  
9 Mondays from 2 to 5, Wednesdays from 2 to 7,  
10 and Thursday from 2 to 5. If you have any  
11 questions, please call the DPW at  
12 570-348-4165.

13 This Saturday, November 18, is the  
14 25th annual Santa parade in the downtown.  
15 The parade begins at 9:30 at the corner of  
16 Franklin Avenue and Spruce Street and ends  
17 at courthouse square. Please be mindful of  
18 road closures as you are traveling through  
19 the downtown.

20 The Voluntary Action Center  
21 announces the Christmas Holiday Bureau is  
22 now open for scheduling interviews. The  
23 program provides limited financial  
24 assistance to low income families in  
25 Lackawanna County during the holiday season.



1 Family seeking assistance can call  
2 570-504-0244 for information and to schedule  
3 an interview. You may call weekdays from 9  
4 a.m. to 3 p.m. though November 22.

5 On Sunday, November 26, from 11 a.m.  
6 to 4 Buy Local Marketplace will be held in  
7 Scranton during our local business artisans  
8 and crafters. There is a \$2 admission fee.

9 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'  
10 PARTICIPATION.

11 MR. WECHSLER: Joan Hodowanitz.

12 MS. HODOWANITZ: Joan Hodowanitz,  
13 city resident and taxpayer. It's that time  
14 of year again November 28 through December 3  
15 at the Marketplace at Steamtown, second  
16 floor, right in front of the Crunch gym the  
17 Friends of the Scranton Public Library will  
18 be have their quarterly book sale. Now,  
19 this book sale comes right before Christmas  
20 and we sell hard and soft covered books for  
21 adults and children DVDs, CDs, audio books,  
22 all kinds of things. We charge one to two  
23 dollars and many of these books are in mint  
24 condition. I have gotten hardcover books  
25 that would have sold retail for \$60 for just

1           \$2. So I expect to see every one of your  
2           shiny faces there, especially those who you  
3           have munchkins, Bill, and I do hope you all  
4           have your Scranton Public Library cards for  
5           your children, also.

6                     Remember this all of the money we  
7           make on these book sales gets reinvested in  
8           the Scranton Public Library which serves the  
9           entire community and we own charge for  
10          library cards nothing, so support us.

11                    Also, you are all invited, the  
12          entire city is invited to a birthday party  
13          December 1, which is First Friday, from 6 to  
14          8 p.m. at the Lackawanna County Children's  
15          Library at 520 Vine Street, which is right  
16          next to the Albright Memorial Library and  
17          across the street from Lackawanna College.  
18          We are celebrating being in that building  
19          for 30 years, okay? The building itself is  
20          102 years old. If you have never been to  
21          the children's library, you are in for a  
22          treat. We are going to have all kinds of  
23          fun and prizes and games and cake and  
24          beverages and all of that good stuff that  
25          you would have at any decent birthday party,

1 but take a look at that facility and what we  
2 offer. It's not just paper books and paper  
3 magazines, it's DVDs and CDs. It's the  
4 early learning station computer system which  
5 has 60 instructional programs in both  
6 English and Spanish for our children.  
7 Teaches them reading, writing, science,  
8 math, art and music, okay? We have an  
9 indoor theatre which we give plays with  
10 puppets and we do storytelling. We have a  
11 computer lab which we teach both children  
12 and adults how to use a computer, all kinds  
13 of computer programs up to thing like Lego  
14 for Robotics, Minecraft Mania, all kinds of  
15 things. Word, Excel, anything you can think  
16 of, how to buy stuff on ebay, a wonderful  
17 thing.

18 A lot of the children come from  
19 homes that don't own a computer. Guess  
20 where they can go to learn to use a computer  
21 and have access to the computer to do their  
22 homework, children's Library. And, by the  
23 way, it's free okay. So maybe the Scranton  
24 School District is swirling down the drain,  
25 but you can still take your kids and get

1           them educated at the children's library so  
2           that's December 1, 6 to 8. The entire city  
3           is invited and I expect to see all your  
4           shiny little faces.

5                     Speaking of the shiny little faces,  
6           has anybody seen hide or hair of the  
7           Knowel's insurance list? I'm going to keep  
8           asking. If I have to shame the  
9           administration to let that thing go I will.

10                    Also, I went to the Pension Board  
11           meetings yesterday and I could not stay  
12           until the end on the consolidated Pension  
13           Board but when I left they were in executive  
14           session and they were discussing just before  
15           that the bid that they had for the  
16           independent medical examination coordinator.  
17           If you know, let me know during Fifth Order,  
18           did they hire the TPA? Do we have a third  
19           party administration for the disability  
20           pensions? I had hoped that they would make  
21           the vote, but I just didn't stay because I  
22           went off to the Prison Board meeting.

23                    And, finally, I really would love to  
24           see the results of the Arcadis study on the  
25           storm water management. If I recall when

1           that thing got passed they projected that it  
2           would be available in the October to  
3           November timeframe. Well, little Mickey is,  
4           you know, it's like November 16, you are not  
5           here next week, we are coming towards the  
6           end of the year can somebody please, you  
7           know, shake the bushes and see things come  
8           out because we really should see the results  
9           of that study. Yes, Bill?

10                   MR. GAUGHAN: I don't know if it  
11           took place, but there was a meeting  
12           scheduled from what I understand today in  
13           city hall between Pennsylvania American  
14           Water and the administration and Arcadis and  
15           that meeting needed to take place in order  
16           for Arcadis to complete the study. One of  
17           the things I have been concerned about, and  
18           I think I have said this publically, is the  
19           meeting is taking so long to take place.  
20           They have been -- Arcadis has been asking  
21           for this meeting apparently since as late as  
22           August or July so it goes all the way back  
23           to the summer. So for whatever reason I  
24           don't know, but I was going to ask tonight  
25           for a full report on that meeting and then,

1                   you know, whatever --

2                   MS. HODOWANITZ: Projected  
3 completion date.

4                   MR. GAUGHAN: Completion date.

5                   MS. HODOWANITZ: Yeah, because  
6 nobody has been working on the  
7 infrastructure this year as far as I know  
8 and I doubt anybody is going to be working  
9 it next year. Thank you.

10                  MR. WECHSLER: Andy Sbaraglia.

11                  MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia,  
12 citizen of Scranton. Fellow Scrantonians, I  
13 want to talk a little bit about the  
14 reassessment that you keep pushing. The  
15 truth is the city is being sued for  
16 oppression. It seems like we exceeded the  
17 tax owed amount on our reassessed value of  
18 properties so, hence, the only way to cure  
19 that was to have a reassessment, but who  
20 does the reassessment have? We all know the  
21 first year is neutral, but not the second  
22 and third or fourth. Who would make out in  
23 the reassessment? Lawyers and real estate  
24 people. They are the people who would make  
25 out the most. The rest of us are going to

1           lose. I don't know why you are pushing for  
2           a reassessment at this time. The truth is,  
3           you force the mayor to follow the state  
4           recommended guidelines for taxes, but you  
5           don't, you got your head in the sand and  
6           that's not right.

7                     You can't oppress the citizens  
8           anywhere. I told you when you all came out  
9           there to sit the first time to talk about  
10          oppression I talked about this many times, I  
11          kept pointing out Scranton is not Ireland  
12          and you are not the British, but you are  
13          doing the same thing to the Scrantonians as  
14          the British did to the people in Ireland and  
15          I don't know how you can stand to do that.  
16          You cannot oppress the people. You got to  
17          live within the means and the taxing body.  
18          You are not a separate state. You can't  
19          exceed the laws of Pennsylvania saying that  
20          we don't have to abide by them. We can  
21          oppress people as much as we want because we  
22          are a self-governing city. That's not  
23          right.

24                    Taxation is something attributed  
25          (sic) very seriously. This is the reason we

1 built this country on taxation without  
2 representation. You are representatives,  
3 true, but you are violating state laws and  
4 hope you could sit there and wait it out for  
5 two years while you go through the court  
6 system. This isn't right. This thing  
7 should be rammed right up to the Supreme  
8 Court and get a ruling one way or the other  
9 so we can say either you are legal or not  
10 legal. You have been oppressing the people  
11 or you haven't been oppressing the people,  
12 but I don't know how you can sit there and  
13 stand and not force the mayor to do that, to  
14 ask for a lousy reassessment. You have no  
15 trouble going to the courts, real fast  
16 (unintelligible), but oppression is more  
17 serious.

18 This is backbone of the whole  
19 democracy. You cannot oppress people and  
20 think they are going to stand idly by and  
21 take it. We are not. You got the lawsuits  
22 against you now, the only thing is you got  
23 for force this on to the Supreme Court and  
24 get a ruling one way or the other. A city  
25 that sits there and tries to avoid one way



1 or the other because you are going to have  
2 to make up for the taxes. Your budget  
3 doesn't say a thing about increasing taxes,  
4 it says no tax increase, but yet if we lose  
5 that lawsuit something got to be done.

6 You can't sit idly by as citizens of  
7 the city, you really can't, because you are  
8 effected by it the same as I'm affected by  
9 it, and I wish you would get off your high  
10 horses and force the mayor to do it. Thank  
11 you.

12 MR. WECHSLER: Marge Kravitz.

13 MS. KRAVITZ: Marge Kravitz,  
14 taxpayer. I want to know where is my money?  
15 Garbage tax is \$300 a year. I pay \$89 in  
16 May and \$89 in September. Well, I went  
17 Tuesday to pay off my 2016 tax, that's paid  
18 off, so I thought, well, let me put \$30 on  
19 my 2017 tax. Well, they told me I haven't  
20 paid anything on my 2017. I paid \$178  
21 already. So I'm like, oh, maybe I did make  
22 a mistake. So I went home and I checked my  
23 records and I paid it. I called the bank,  
24 double checked it. They said they cashed  
25 the check. They cashed the two checks, so

1                   where is my money?

2                   I mean, the lady in the office went  
3                   to that computer, to this computer, both  
4                   computers said I did not pay anything. So I  
5                   am on disability. I only get so much a  
6                   month and I pay \$226 a month for health  
7                   insurance, so could you tell me where my  
8                   money is? And there is five girls working  
9                   in the office and two of them are talking  
10                  about going to Lowe's to get light bulbs.  
11                  So she told -- she tells me to go to my bank  
12                  and get copies of my two checks, back and  
13                  front. So now I have to go to the bank  
14                  tomorrow to get copies and I have to pay for  
15                  the copies and I have to waste my gas to  
16                  come here again to prove I paid for the  
17                  garbage tax; is this right? I have to waste  
18                  my time, I have to pay for the copies, I  
19                  have to waste my gas and then I have pay  
20                  \$300 for a garbage tax. You know, are you  
21                  going to lower this garbage tax this year?  
22                  Nobody?

23                  MR. GAUGHAN: At this point, I don't  
24                  think -- there was an effort underway with  
25                  the recycling initiative to see if we could

1 move to a pay as you throw program so you  
2 would only pay for the amount of garbage you  
3 put out. Unfortunately, that study has not  
4 been completed yet. When Mr. Bulzoni was  
5 here last week he should said it would  
6 probably be done in the first quarter of  
7 2018. Unfortunately, at that point, we  
8 probably wouldn't be able to go back anyways  
9 because you would have to implement the  
10 program, so to be honest with you at this  
11 point it's probably go to stay at \$300.

12 MS. KRAVITZ: It's ashame because I  
13 can't afford it. I'm selling my house and  
14 I'm getting out hopefully next year and I  
15 don't know, I think this is terrible. I  
16 just want to know where my money went to.  
17 Did it go to another bill? Because I know  
18 last year it was \$4 million but they took  
19 from the garbage tax to pay other bills, but  
20 they can't tell me what bills they paid with  
21 it because we are in a lawsuit. Thank you.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you.

23 MR. WECHSLER: Lenny Srebro.

24 MR. SREBRO: Good evening, Council.  
25 Lenny Srebro, Scranton resident.

1           Mr. Gaughan, I want to thank you for last  
2           week just for speaking out, you know, for  
3           whatever it's worth and, you know, it's  
4           pretty good. It's like hope somebody is  
5           going to look into it.

6                     MR. GAUGHAN: We actually got -- not  
7           to cut you off, but we got an e-mail, the  
8           whole council did, from Kay Garvey, who is  
9           the mayor's secretary and the mayor did  
10          respond to the letter that we sent last week  
11          asking for the meeting between you, the city  
12          engineer and the DPW Director and the mayor  
13          to settle this issue, and the mayor stayed  
14          that he is going to be in contact with the  
15          DPW director for an update on everything as  
16          it stands at this point so that was his  
17          response. So we didn't get a clear answer  
18          on whether or not a meeting will be set up,  
19          but I will follow-up with the mayor on his  
20          e-mail to see if once he speaks with the DPW  
21          director hopefully that is soon that we can  
22          set a meeting up and get you some finality  
23          to this whole issue good or bad.

24                    MR. SREBRO: Okay. Yeah, even an  
25          answer, you know, instead of just a passing

1 the buck thing, but you know what? I do  
2 have to say that we have been in this  
3 position before with meetings being tried to  
4 be done and that's what happens is, okay, we  
5 are waiting for an answer once again, you  
6 know, when we could have the meeting and it  
7 doesn't come through our, you know, we had  
8 two meetings that were supposed to be come  
9 together but I know that last year one of  
10 them was, I even forget, maybe both of them  
11 were cancelled because of bad weather, but  
12 then see nothing happened after that.  
13 That's what I'm afraid of that, okay, now we  
14 are waiting for an answer again and here we  
15 go again the same thing.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: Mr. Gallagher, the DPW  
17 Director, did send us the bill that he had  
18 from when they went and cleaned the drain  
19 out previously, whenever that was. The way  
20 I envision this is just as I said before,  
21 obviously they did try to do something but  
22 it didn't work because you are still having  
23 the problem, so I envision this as a meeting  
24 between all of us to say the problem is  
25 still not solved, where do we go from here

1                   and then give us a solid timeline on what  
2                   needs to be done.

3                   MR. SREBRO: That's what I'd like to  
4                   hear a solid time so I'm wondering if we  
5                   don't hear from the mayor or everybody  
6                   putting this meeting together --

7                   MR. GAUGHAN: I will tell you this,  
8                   Mr. Srebro, if we do not hear from the mayor  
9                   by the end of next week on whether or not a  
10                  meeting will be set up I will personally go  
11                  with you to his office when I get out of  
12                  work and we will wait there until we get him  
13                  and we'll straighten this thing out.

14                 MR. SREBRO: Great.

15                 MR. GAUGHAN: If that's what we need  
16                 to do. I doubt it, I think the mayor will  
17                 get back and set up the meeting, I'm hopeful  
18                 anyways, but if not by the end of next week  
19                 I'll meet you down there and we'll speak to  
20                 him.

21                 MR. SREBRO: Wonderful and we'll go  
22                 from there.

23                 MR. GAUGHAN: Okay?

24                 MR. SREBRO: Thank you.

25                 MR. GAUGHAN: Thank you.

1 MR. WECHSLER: Les Spindler.

2 MR. SPINDLER: Good evening,  
3 Council. Les Spindler, city resident and  
4 homeowner and taxpayer. I wasn't here last  
5 week but I want to congratulate everybody  
6 who was victorious on election day,  
7 especially Mayor Courtright. It just shows  
8 that the majority of the people that voted  
9 in this city are confident that the city is  
10 going in the right direction and they spoke  
11 on election day.

12 Next, I want to talk about the  
13 budget. I was happy to see there is no tax  
14 increase for the second year in a row, which  
15 contradicts what some people said earlier  
16 this year that the only reason the mayor  
17 didn't raise taxes this is year is because  
18 it's an election year. Well, next year is  
19 not an election year and he didn't raise  
20 taxes so those people were only blowing  
21 smoke and being political and there is not  
22 going to be any borrowing this year. That's  
23 the first time since I can remember maybe  
24 since the Connor's administration that the  
25 city hasn't had to borrow money. And,

1           again, I think that's a good sign that the  
2           city is starting to turn a corner. With the  
3           mess the mayor was left in his first four  
4           years, I think he has done a fairly good  
5           job.

6                       And one thing I don't like is the  
7           garbage tax not being lowered. I have  
8           talking about this for years and years and  
9           years saying that it's illegal. We pay  
10          property taxes on our garbage picked up and  
11          this is a tax it's not a fee, a fee is  
12          something you pay and you get something in  
13          return. We don't get anything in return for  
14          paying that garbage tax. Like I said, we  
15          pay for that already. And you people said  
16          this earlier in year you are going to do  
17          something to lower the garbage tax.  
18          Obviously, you didn't do it, but you are  
19          voting okay for raises for people in the  
20          city. I mean, everybody deserves a raise,  
21          but I don't think they should be getting  
22          raises when the people are still getting it  
23          stuck to them with that \$300 tax and I own a  
24          double so I pay \$600. It's just wrong and  
25          something got to be done of the.



1                   Moving on, I was disappointed in  
2                   reading the paper a few days ago that last  
3                   Friday was Dave Bulzoni's last day with the  
4                   city. I think Dave, along with the mayor,  
5                   are two major parts to moving this city  
6                   forward. I worked with Dave for many years  
7                   in the financial institution. He is a very  
8                   smart, educated man and the city is going to  
9                   miss him dearly. I don't know who his  
10                  replacement is going to be but he has got  
11                  big shoes to fill and I wish Dave lots of  
12                  luck in his new endeavor.

13                 Next thing, the Family Dollar on  
14                 Main Avenue, I spoke about this quite a few  
15                 times, people are still coming out the wrong  
16                 way. I don't know what's going to happen,  
17                 but I know they were supposed to have done  
18                 something by now, obviously they didn't, but  
19                 --

20                 MR. ROGAN: That issue, I know we  
21                 did get a response from PennDOT, there  
22                 wasn't even an occupancy -- not an occupancy  
23                 permit but a road access permit issued and  
24                 more action was supposed to happen. If we  
25                 could follow-up on that because that is a

1           very dangerous intersection. There is  
2           actually no light.

3           MR. SPINDLER: Yeah.

4           MR. ROGAN: When Brunetti's was  
5           there it was always painted "One way" on the  
6           building and people like us who live in West  
7           Side our whole life we know that, but people  
8           from out of town or just -- they don't know.  
9           So you can't even fault the drivers a lot of  
10          times, they just don't know.

11          So if we could send a follow-up to  
12          PennDOT and, unfortunately, this one is a  
13          PennDOT road so the city -- there is nothing  
14          the city can do, but it's a dangerous  
15          situation that the state needs to address.

16          MR. SPINDLER: Okay, something I  
17          mentioned last time I was here and I have  
18          mentioned for 11 or 12 years now dangerous  
19          doing legislation. I think it's time the  
20          people have to do something. I'm sure you  
21          heard about the tragedy two weeks ago at  
22          Petsmart for that tiny dog was ripped to  
23          shreds by a pit bull and I hear people say,  
24          oh, pit bulls turn the are not bad dogs,  
25          it's how they are trained and how they're

1 brought up. Well, I told you my dog was  
2 attacked by two pit bulls once and I did a  
3 lot of research on them, pit bulls were  
4 bread to fight in pits in England and that's  
5 where the name pit bull comes from. I'm  
6 sure you're all unaware that that's not the  
7 real name of the dog. It's called an  
8 American Stafford terrier. They are  
9 dangerous dogs, fighting is in their blood  
10 and if I was that woman that owned that poor  
11 dog that was killed I would be suing  
12 Petsmart. There is total negligence on  
13 their part. There is no way a pit bull  
14 should have been able to run loose the way  
15 it did, and I hope that woman sues for every  
16 penny she can get from Petsmart.

17 But, again, you people have to do  
18 something. You don't lower the garbage fee  
19 like you said you would, you don't do  
20 anything about dangerous dogs, I'm going to  
21 borrow a line from the Auditor General what  
22 he said to school board, I'm going to clean  
23 it up a little, it's time for people get  
24 your head's out of your butts and do  
25 something for this city, for the taxpayers

1 of this city before a young child is injured  
2 or killed by one of these dangerous dogs.

3 Thank you for your time.

4 MR. WECHSLER: Gerard Hetman.

5 MR. HETMAN: Good evening, Council.  
6 Gerard Hetman from the Lackawanna County  
7 Commissioner's Office. To begin this  
8 evening, a public meeting on the master plan  
9 for what we call the Riverfront park project  
10 will take place on Tuesday, November 28, at  
11 5 p.m. at the Steamtown National Historic  
12 Site in the theatre in the historic site  
13 building. The Riverfront park is the former  
14 UGI lot on Cliff Street adjacent to the  
15 Steamtown National Historic Site. The  
16 working title for this project for a little  
17 while once it was announced was the  
18 Boomerang park, but we kind of discourage  
19 use of that term at least for the moment so  
20 we call it the Riverfront park project.

21 MR. EVANS: Gerard, I actually liked  
22 the Boomerang park name better instead of  
23 Riverfront.

24 MR. HETMAN: A lot of folks do, but  
25 we've gotten told directly right from the

1 top at least at the moment so we have moved  
2 away from that, but the meeting will provide  
3 a public overview of the master plan process  
4 and will allow for public input and we have  
5 gotten several requests in our office and I  
6 believe several people have spoken to  
7 council, including here at council meetings,  
8 about ideas they have and items that they  
9 want to see preserved from a nature  
10 standpoint in terms of conservation and also  
11 from a historic standpoint in terms of city  
12 and local history. All of those ideas are  
13 welcomed in the process and is meetings a  
14 chance to address those directly to the  
15 groups involved with the park developments.  
16 For any more information contact Bill Davis,  
17 our Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation,  
18 at 570-963-6764 or by e-mail at  
19 Davisw@lackawannacounty.org.

20 Next, we have a bunch of Christmas  
21 and holiday-themed events here so I'm going  
22 to go through the list. The Lackawanna  
23 Heritage Valley santa train, better known as  
24 Christmas in a small town, takes place on  
25 Saturday, December 2. It wraps up with a

1 stop at Steamtown National Historic site at  
2 3:00 p.m. Great development we have seen, I  
3 think this is our fourth year of having it  
4 end at Steamtown in the national park. A  
5 lot of folks really like it and they come  
6 from near and far to check out santa at the  
7 park. Believe it or not, we had it next  
8 door in the parking lot which is now the  
9 memorial center location, not that many  
10 people would come out for the few years that  
11 it was there, but once you say it's at  
12 Steamtown, that's the draw.

13 Before it stops in Steamtown, it  
14 actually starts up in Carbondale and it runs  
15 from Archbald, Jessup, Olyphant and Dickson  
16 City. There is a stop at each location, but  
17 it wraps up with the big one at Steamtown  
18 and we have seen several hundred folks come  
19 out there, families and children of all  
20 ages. We will have music and refreshments,  
21 live music and visits from santa at each  
22 stop. It's really neat to see santa show up  
23 right at the historic site on a locomotive,  
24 really great afternoon.

25 The county Christmas tree lighting

1           on Thursday, November 30, 6 p.m. at  
2           courthouse square on the North Washington  
3           Avenue side of the building. There will be  
4           a brief ceremony featuring live Christmas  
5           music and refreshments.

6                     Also, the Scranton Made Holiday  
7           Marketplace at the Globe Store will take  
8           place on Friday, with the opening on Friday,  
9           December 1, 5:00 p.m. We will have the  
10          public lighting of the building. If you  
11          drive by there today you will see a lot of  
12          decorations are up and are going up, so we  
13          are having a public lighting in the open  
14          marketplace December 1 on First Friday at  
15          5:00 p.m.

16                    The Holiday Marketplace is going to  
17          be open Friday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.,  
18          Saturday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, 11  
19          a.m. to 5 p.m. That's, of course, the first,  
20          second and third, it's just that weekend for  
21          those hours.

22                    The annual Festival of Trees opening  
23          reception, once again, the Festival of Trees  
24          benefiting Toys for Tots takes place on  
25          Friday, December 8, 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

1 at the Marketplace at Steamtown. The cost  
2 is \$20 per person. All proceeds benefiting  
3 Toys for Tots. The trees will be displayed  
4 during normal Marketplace hours until  
5 January 9.

6 Also, on Toys for Tots, the Electric  
7 City Trolley Museum will run it's Toys for  
8 Tots trolley on Friday, November 24. There  
9 is a free trolley ride for all children who  
10 bring a new unwrapped toy to the trolley  
11 museum that day. It's a normal cost of  
12 admission of \$10 for the trolley ride for  
13 any adults that come to them. The trolley  
14 ride is 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m. and 3  
15 p.m.

16 And last, but not least, the Trolley  
17 Museum holiday celebration takes place on  
18 Saturday, December 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
19 Children will be able to ride the trolley  
20 with santa as part of the \$10 admission fee.  
21 Also featuring food, live music, ornament  
22 making and other activities. There is a  
23 number of other excursions without the  
24 celebration of the trolley museum that run  
25 with santa and the trolley for the months of



1 November and December. The trolley museum  
2 does a lot during the Christmas holiday  
3 season with santa clause and other holiday  
4 events. For any questions or for a full  
5 lineup please call the Trolley Museum at  
6 570-963-6590, and that's all we have. Are  
7 there any questions or comments from  
8 council? Great. Thank you, folks.

9 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you. Ron  
10 Ellman.

11 MR. ELLMAN: Council, Andy made such  
12 a fine talk, it's ashame you people -- you  
13 people hear but you don't listen and these  
14 people must fear facts because they seem to  
15 avoid them. They don't answer questions  
16 like yours.

17 Mr. Rogan, I'm not going to fight  
18 with you, I'm just saying that your claim  
19 last week about Mrs. Cummings using scare  
20 tactics without merit that was atrocious. I  
21 find her very compassionate for the people  
22 of this city and very concerned and goes out  
23 of her way on issues, whereas, you people  
24 just seem -- just find us repulsive out  
25 here, you have no interest. You are

1           drinking water all of the time and going to  
2           the bathroom and looking at your computers,  
3           you should listen to everybody that gets up  
4           here like Les and Andy, all of these people  
5           have something to contribute. They are  
6           taking their time which can't be replaced  
7           and it's gone forever.

8           You want to see tactics I'm going to  
9           give you one right now. Last week,  
10          Mr. Evans, your threat, I guess I could say,  
11          about using our money to sue us was to me  
12          that was a scare tactic. It sure didn't  
13          help you on reelection time I'll tell you.  
14          I think you committed some suicide with it  
15          myself.

16          MR. EVANS: That's not meant to be a  
17          scare tactic.

18          MR. ELLMAN: Do you remember -- do  
19          you know what you said last week up there?

20          MR. EVANS: What?

21          MR. ELLMAN: Have you seen a tape of  
22          your talking last week?

23          MR. EVANS: No, I don't watch the  
24          tapes.

25          MR. ELLMAN: You said that, I don't

1           have it exactly, but said that we have lost  
2           over 50 million years not having the  
3           reassessment -- you said first tens of  
4           millions of dollars, then you said hundreds  
5           of millions of dollars have been lost  
6           because of no reassessment.

7           MR. EVANS: Of assessed value.

8           MR. ELLMAN: What does that mean?  
9           I'm talking about it.

10          MR. EVANS: Well, assessed value is  
11          when your property has an assessed value and  
12          you multiply that by the millage rate and  
13          that's your tax rate. So if we lost  
14          hundreds of million of dollars than that  
15          equates to probably a substantial amount of  
16          tax dollars.

17          MR. ELLMAN: Yeah, sure it does.  
18          But where did that money come from? It came  
19          from a raise in taxes over and over and over  
20          again. That's exactly where it came from.  
21          It didn't come from anywhere else. It came  
22          from the reassessment being allowed by law,  
23          the millage to go up and up and up. I know  
24          this was just -- you know, that it wasn't  
25          physical that we are talking about, but

1           that's it and if you about through with this  
2           nonsense against a Democratic vote this is  
3           exactly what you are going to allow, the  
4           taxes going up and up and up --

5           MR. EVANS: No.

6           MR. ELLMAN: You got the school  
7           board, the county and the city that can  
8           raise the millage as much as they want over  
9           the years. And you yourself you are talking  
10          about let's just say the next 50 years you  
11          are talking about \$100 million.

12          MR. EVANS: That's in loss assessed  
13          valuation. That's not tax dollars. In  
14          fact, we would have had more tax dollars and  
15          probably would have avoided tax increases  
16          had we done that.

17          MR. WECHSLER: You are backing up  
18          now. You said last week we lost tens of  
19          millions of dollars.

20          MR. EVANS: Of assessed valuation;  
21          that's correct.

22          MR. ELLMAN: Well, I know this is  
23          what we could have lost.

24          MR. EVANS: Right. No, we actually  
25          lost, yeah. That's true.

1 MR. ELLMAN: I think you are wrong.

2 MR. EVANS: Well, that's certainly  
3 your prerogative.

4 MR. ELLMAN: As a taxpayer I can say  
5 I'm ashamed of you. I think it's just a  
6 shameful disgrace to that chair what you  
7 have done up there to the people of this  
8 city and you talk about scare tactics. What  
9 the hell do you call threatening to sue us  
10 with our own money? This mayor just had the  
11 most viscous, dirtiest vial campaign and it  
12 was unnecessary, but if Mr. Mulligan had  
13 denounced this reassessment he would have  
14 won by a landslide. I guarantee you he  
15 would have. There is no doubt about it.

16 And, Lenny, let me say you can break  
17 into Fort Knox before you would get to see  
18 the mayor. You have a better chance. Thank  
19 you.

20 MR. WECHSLER: Anyone else? Hi.  
21 You just need to state your name and  
22 address, please?

23 MR. CONNOLLY: Mike Connolly, 229  
24 North Garfield Avenue, Scranton,  
25 Pennsylvania.

1 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you.

2 MR. CONNOLLY: 18504. Let me make  
3 this thing work correctly. I think a couple  
4 of you know who I am. First off, I wanted  
5 to apologize to Liza at the OECD. I have  
6 had a major problem with the house that I  
7 purchased from Lackawanna Neighborhood, I  
8 think that --

9 MR. PERRY: Mr. Connolly, I'm sorry,  
10 if you could just step back a little bit  
11 from the mic, it's too loud.

12 MR. CONNOLLY: Because I can't hear  
13 back there. I don't know, can you guys hear  
14 me?

15 MS. HODOWANITZ: Yeah.

16 MR. CONNOLLY: Okay. Yeah, no  
17 problem, I am a bit loud. Anyway, and they  
18 helped me immensely to solve this problem.  
19 It wasn't really their problem but they did  
20 solve it, a couple of folks up here are  
21 aware of it and I think I accidentally kind of  
22 pissed Liza off and I just wanted to  
23 publically apologize to her.

24 The other thing I wanted to say,  
25 this is a beautiful city we have here, it's

1           plagued with problems, we can hear it from  
2           these folks, but, you know, there is a  
3           couple of ways, I'm not from here, I have  
4           been here for a couple of years, all I see  
5           is opportunity here when I drive around.  
6           Some people don't look up enough, they don't  
7           realize, you know, I mean, I was that way  
8           where I used to live.

9                       This city needs a film commission.  
10          It costs \$15,000 a day to film in New York  
11          that's why a lot of film companies not only  
12          film but television productions companies go  
13          to Canada because it's cheaper. There is  
14          every aspect of every city whether it could  
15          be South Carolina, New York City, wherever,  
16          here in Scranton. This is something that  
17          needs to be looked at. I have a way to do  
18          this and it would cost next to nothing.  
19          This is something I think really needs to be  
20          looked at, it could bring a lot of revenue  
21          into this city. That includes hotels, it  
22          includes, you know, restaurants, and all  
23          sorts of other things that go with it.

24                      The other thing is it's -- there is  
25          a problem with trying to get ahold of you

1 gentlemen and it's the gatekeepers. It's  
2 really hard to get through to get the  
3 message to you guys. The mayor, like this  
4 gentlemen said, is almost impossible.

5 There is another problem with  
6 contractors in this city that think that we  
7 need to address and have an education on how  
8 not to get ripped off by contractors who ask  
9 for deposits because once it gets passed  
10 that it's a civil action so someone who  
11 gives someone their hard earned money has to  
12 end up going to Court to get it and chances  
13 are they are going to get payments on it. I  
14 had a situation that happened to me and,  
15 luckily the police handled it, thank  
16 goodness for the Scranton Police and they  
17 tack care of it.

18 There was one more thing that I had  
19 and it's a good thing, I just have to find  
20 it, I'm not used to this phone. I'll do  
21 this real quick. I hope you guys are having  
22 a fun time up there. Give me one more  
23 second. I really think that the film  
24 commission is something that really needs to  
25 be looked at and, like I said, it's not



1 something that expensive.

2 The street signs in the city is a  
3 total embarrassment. I mean, if you look  
4 poor, you are poor. I am poor, you know, I  
5 live in a HUD house. I have a way of  
6 getting these street signs fixed, the bent  
7 on the stop sign that actually is red and  
8 white that you can see where to stop because  
9 the liability for this stuff is insane. You  
10 know, Lafayette up by our area it's been  
11 bent for two years. It's not even green  
12 anymore but I know of a way to put a program  
13 together to fix all of those things that  
14 would cost the city hardly anything. There  
15 is a way to utilize people who work in the  
16 city or people who are looking to work in  
17 the city to handle these kind of situations  
18 and I would love to meet with some of you.

19 I have another issue that's more  
20 personal that I would like to meet with you  
21 that has to do with the city, and on that I  
22 thank you for your time and I thank you for  
23 your work. I know it's not easy to be up  
24 there listening to people yelling at you all  
25 day. I was married, so I know.

1 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Connolly, just  
2 before you go, I appreciate all your  
3 comments and I like your enthusiasm, but I  
4 will disagree that we are hard to get ahold  
5 of. I will disagree with you there.

6 MR. CONNOLLY: Well, the two times--

7 MR. WECHSLER: Excuse me, one  
8 second, I know you have never tried to get  
9 ahold of me, but Mrs. Reed is in the office,  
10 Ms. Carrera is the office, if you get  
11 messages to them they will get to us.

12 MR. CONNOLLY: And I just want to  
13 give you an example, sir, I don't mean to  
14 argue with you, but they -- both of these  
15 folks some time ago I tried to get ahold of  
16 Mr. Rogan for quite a long time and every  
17 time I called in to get ahold of him I had  
18 to go through the gatekeepers and explain  
19 the situation and then was, well, let me get  
20 back to you, no one would get back, on and  
21 on and on. I had talked to you about this,  
22 Paul, this was over a year ago. I have been  
23 trying to get ahold of you because after  
24 trying to get ahold of the mayor like this  
25 gentlemen was saying back there it was

1 almost -- I still didn't -- I have never  
2 been able to get ahold of him. So I don't  
3 mean any disrespect to anyone, but it isn't  
4 that easy.

5 MR. WECHSLER: Yeah, well --

6 MR. CONNOLLY: It wasn't for me.  
7 I'll just speak for me.

8 MR. WECHSLER: Mrs. Reed is in the  
9 office, Mrs. Carrera is in the office and --

10 MR. CONNOLLY: Well, I hope that you  
11 got more out of what I said than --

12 MR. WECHSLER: I appreciate all your  
13 good ideas and I'm anxious to hear about  
14 them. Thank you.

15 MR. CONNOLLY: Thanks.

16 MR. WECHSLER: Anyone else?

17 MS. SCHUMACHER: Before I pick up on  
18 my budget questions where I left off,  
19 Mr. Wechsler, what about our parking  
20 meeting?

21 MR. WECHSLER: I still haven't heard  
22 yet.

23 MS. SCHUMACHER: There are how many  
24 weeks left in this year? Didn't somebody  
25 say last week it has to be held this year?

1 MR. WECHSLER: That was my  
2 understanding. That's my understanding.

3 MS. SCHUMACHER: And do they have to  
4 give legal notice?

5 MR. WECHSLER: I don't think so.  
6 It's a private company, unless the Parking  
7 Authority has the meeting, it's a Parking  
8 Authority meeting then it has to public, but  
9 this NDC is a private-owned company.

10 MS. SCHUMACHER: Yeah. Well, I mean  
11 some of the things that are happening with  
12 parking are -- I would really like to hear  
13 from the horse's mouth what's going on.

14 MR. WECHSLER: I agree. We have  
15 been working with them to try and get  
16 answers as well.

17 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay. Picking up  
18 where left off I believe. Okay, yeah, what  
19 asset is to be sold in 2018 for \$1,000 and  
20 what asset was sold from 2017 for \$2 1/2  
21 million? It's in the budget.

22 MR. EVANS: I'll check on it.

23 MS. SCHUMACHER: Where is the  
24 justification for increasing the amount of  
25 revenue for market based revenue by \$49,000

1           when we have yet to receive any revenue on  
2           this line item?

3                   MR. GAUGHAN: I have the same  
4           similar questions as you and I'm was posing  
5           them in the caucus so I don't have answer to  
6           that.

7                   MS. SCHUMACHER: Will the estimated  
8           \$60,000 of liquid fuels funds fully repay  
9           the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank paving  
10          loan and if not what will be the balance?  
11          How about the payment of \$785,000 of liquid  
12          fuels funds, will that fully pay off the  
13          street light lease?

14                   Specifically, what roadways will be  
15          resurfaced with the \$875,000 in the newly  
16          designated program?

17                   MR. EVANS: I don't think that list  
18          has been developed yet, but we'll work on  
19          those questions for you.

20                   MS. SCHUMACHER: Does anybody up  
21          there have the procedure? Do we have an  
22          official formal procedure for which streets  
23          are going to be done, and as I asked earlier  
24          in the other caucus -- or the public  
25          hearing, does anybody even keep a log

1                   because I know one of them that was done  
2                   last time was done in the prior five years.

3                   MR. GAUGHAN: I can answer that  
4                   because I did -- you asked this question a  
5                   long time ago.

6                   MS. SCHUMACHER: I did.

7                   MR. GAUGHAN: I did pose it the  
8                   administration, I don't believe that from  
9                   what based what they said there is a formal  
10                  process that they go through. From what  
11                  they explained to me, the mayor, the DPW  
12                  Director, I can't remember who else is  
13                  involved but, you know, they apparently ride  
14                  around the city, look at the streets that  
15                  are -- you know, that they feel are in bad  
16                  shape and then compile their own lists.

17                  MS. SCHUMACHER: I have my own ideas  
18                  on how it happens, but they differ quite a  
19                  bit from yours.

20                  MR. GAUGHAN: That's what I was  
21                  told.

22                  MR. WECHSLER: Just to add to that,  
23                  we have people come here to council and  
24                  that's how some them ran into it.

25                  MS. SCHUMACHER: I mean, I'm not

1 going to go there tonight, maybe another  
2 night though. Okay, how much of the public  
3 safety capital expense budget of \$350,000 is  
4 for the Serrenti facility? What is the  
5 narrative that explains the BA's bank fees  
6 of \$87,250 in 2017 going down to \$11,000 in  
7 2018, but the 2017 actuals through September  
8 are \$210,046? To me, that makes no sense.  
9 Does anybody know? Have you looked? Have  
10 you reviewed the budget?

11 MR. GAUGHAN: If I can just make one  
12 comment, Mrs. Schumacher, I have some of the  
13 same questions as you, we just got the  
14 budget last Wednesday which, I mean, I have  
15 my own issues with that based on Mr. Bulzoni  
16 then coming the next day so it was difficult  
17 to prepare questions and have a meaningful  
18 discussion with him, but some of the  
19 questions that you are asking, here's my  
20 list here. I have some of the same ones so  
21 I can't answer those because I don't know  
22 and it wasn't really detailed in the  
23 narrative.

24 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, I certainly  
25 get that feeling of a rubber stamp because

1           you already are ready to impose the fees on  
2           the budget which has yet been passed, and I  
3           don't know, something is -- the cart is  
4           before the horse. Thank you.

5           MR. EVANS: Thank you.

6           MR. WECHSLER: Anyone else?

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

8           MOTIONS.

9           MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Perry?

10          MR. PERRY: Yes, thank you,  
11          Mr. Wechsler. A couple of brief things, a  
12          follow-up from last meeting. The fire  
13          account question that was brought up from  
14          Mr. Srebro and I believe it was Ms.  
15          Hodowanitz, we got -- thank you to Deputy  
16          Chief Mr. Lucas, he got back to us, that  
17          account raised \$43,705 in 2016. Up until  
18          20, throughout October, we had raised  
19          \$31,827. Mrs. Reed, if we could do a  
20          follow-up question to Mr. Lucas, does this  
21          account have special allocations on how we  
22          can use that money? Like, is it for  
23          equipment or does that go right into the  
24          Fire Department's general fund? That would  
25          be the only follow-up I have with that.



1                   Secondly, staying with public  
2                   safety, I just want to send out a huge thank  
3                   you to the Scranton Police Department,  
4                   specifically the Drug Unit, they had one of  
5                   the biggest if not the biggest drug busts in  
6                   the city's history on Monday night. It was  
7                   an ongoing 36-hour investigation with two  
8                   different teams around the clock working on  
9                   this and it was a ton of nasty stuff that  
10                  they recovered. I'm sure you have seen some  
11                  of it in the paper and let me just tell you,  
12                  a lot of those people working on that it was  
13                  non-stop and that's to their credit and, you  
14                  know, as soon as I tried to get them a phone  
15                  call for congratulations they said, you  
16                  know, they weren't looking for it. They  
17                  already have two other things that they are  
18                  working on right now. So, you know, we are  
19                  very fortunate to have a strong department  
20                  out there keeping us as clean as we are. Do  
21                  we have our crime? We do, but I tell you  
22                  these guys aren't quitting, they are out  
23                  there making busts and they are taking the  
24                  bad guys off the street one at a time.  
25                  There might be another one right behind

1           them, but they are ready and, you know, I  
2           can't say enough for them going out every  
3           day and not knowing if they are going to  
4           come home and see their families again. So,  
5           again, they are better people than so I just  
6           want to say thank you.

7                       As far the budget, as we all kind of  
8           talked about, we are still delving into it.  
9           The biggest question that I have with it  
10          that I am going to be researching this week  
11          are basically what comes around every time  
12          when we are basing 2018 numbers on 2017  
13          numbers that are incomplete we just want to  
14          make sure we are doing. So the forth  
15          quarter actuals that are coming in as we  
16          speak right now how are they comparing with  
17          our fourth quarter estimates is if we take a  
18          look at the budget the 2017 it's just  
19          incomplete and it looks like there is a lot  
20          of gaps in it, but we might have money  
21          that's filtering in, we might be okay, but  
22          before we go ahead and take a final vote on  
23          this budget I want to make sure that 2017  
24          estimates are actually in line with the  
25          actuals because that's when we are basing

1           2018 numbers off of, so there is a couple  
2           and, again, we have talked about many of  
3           them here tonight and before the budget  
4           meeting earlier today.

5                   I'll touch a little bit, I wasn't  
6           going to, but reassessment was brought up.  
7           Reassessment isn't something that the City  
8           of Scranton elected or, you know, just came  
9           out of thin air. Reassessment it's the job  
10          of the county to take care of reassessment.  
11          It's not an option. I'm not sure when it  
12          came to light that reassessment could or  
13          can't be done. Reassessment has to be done.  
14          If it's not done today or this year, well,  
15          when is it going to be done? Are we talking  
16          about 75 years since we have been  
17          reassessed? Reassessment needs to happen.  
18          Is it expensive? Is it necessary?  
19          Absolutely. I have been the one that was  
20          talking about reassessment for awhile,  
21          Mr. Evans has been the spearhead of this  
22          council on it, it's not an option. It needs  
23          to happen and it's for all of us. It's to  
24          keep equity in taxable property that's what  
25          it's for.

1                   I think Mr. Spindler is gone right  
2                   now, we touched about the dangerous dogs the  
3                   last couple of weeks, if you put a bill in  
4                   front of me that puts stricter and more  
5                   stringent penalties on dog owners I'll sign  
6                   it. If you want me to get behind on leash  
7                   laws, I'm behind it. What I won't get  
8                   behind is segregating out certain types of  
9                   animals as dangerous or not dangerous. Any  
10                  animal not taken care of the right way could  
11                  be dangerous, so I'm not for that slippery  
12                  slope of singling one animal out over the  
13                  other. I believe it's the responsibility of  
14                  the owner, and I am all for strict ownership  
15                  laws. I will -- I don't think they can be  
16                  strict enough, but what I won't do is just  
17                  go in favor of segregating out different  
18                  types of animals because I don't believe  
19                  that's where it's at. And with that, that's  
20                  all I have for today.

21                 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you Mr. Perry.  
22                 Mr. Rogan?

23                 MR. ROGAN: Yes, just one very brief  
24                 item. I know we talked a little bit about  
25                 the last few weeks about the school district

1           and the possibility of shared services  
2           committee the city is working closer  
3           together. I did speak with the mayor this  
4           week. I do know that the mayor and the  
5           school board president discussed this  
6           already, so there are discussions already  
7           between the city and the school district  
8           regarding working -- more cooperation or  
9           working together to try most efficiently use  
10          our resources, so I am glad that the mayor  
11          and the school board president did meet to  
12          discuss shared services and I think that's a  
13          good first step. Looking forward to  
14          continuing those discussions and hopefully  
15          we can have a formal committee formed in the  
16          near future. That is all for tonight.  
17          Thank you.

18                 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you, Mr. Rogan.  
19                 Mr. Evans?

20                 MR. EVANS: Thank you. I didn't  
21                 plan on speaking about reassessment so all  
22                 I'm going to say on that subject is I stand  
23                 by everything I said last week and the week  
24                 before and the week before and the week  
25                 before, and the month before and the year

1 before and the year before that. It is  
2 amazing how a false narrative can carry  
3 through that some people have been steering,  
4 but we know better than that.

5 So I'm only going to talk about one  
6 subject tonight. I'd like to take a moment  
7 in honor of Bob McGoff once again by saying  
8 a few words. This Sunday, November 19, is  
9 the second anniversary of Bob's passing, and  
10 the following were his words from a city  
11 council meeting on a subject that sadly too  
12 many of us have come to know. Bob said in  
13 motions, "Just one thing I would like to  
14 mention. I would just like to say that I  
15 know all of us have been effected in some  
16 way by this insidious disease and I would  
17 just encourage anyone that knows someone who  
18 is fighting this or dealing with treatments  
19 involved with cancer to be a friend. One of  
20 the things that happens to cancer patients  
21 and those under treatment, depression is a  
22 very significant aspect of it, and believe  
23 it or not simply sitting down and talking  
24 with people, watching a television show,  
25 bringing dinner, and having something to eat

1 with them goes a long way to helping people  
2 deal with that. And I would just encourage  
3 that you know someone please be a friend and  
4 be part of the helping process."

5 These personal words of wisdom and  
6 sincerity are from someone who understood  
7 the importance of even the smallest  
8 gestures. Someone we always will respect  
9 and they are worth mentioning once again in  
10 his memory. That's all I have tonight.  
11 Thank you.

12 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you, Mr. Evans.  
13 Mr. Gaughan.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, thank you. Just  
15 to kind of piggyback on what Mr. Evans said,  
16 this is kind of a somber day for this body  
17 because we are all colleagues of Mr. McGoff  
18 and close with him and it was just amazing  
19 to me to see the struggle that he went  
20 through but how he faced it, how courageous  
21 he faced it, and it's amazing to me how many  
22 people, I don't know one person that isn't  
23 somehow effected by cancer but I never saw  
24 it up close, I never saw somebody struggle  
25 with it up close like Mr. McGoff did and he

1           just did it with such bravery, such class  
2           and such courage. So like I said, today is  
3           a somber day but it's also a day that we us  
4           up here and hopefully all of you at home  
5           that knew Mr. McGoff and follow these  
6           meetings remember him for the man that he  
7           was.

8                       I would like to update everybody on  
9           the situation with the Greenridge senior  
10          apartments that I have been talking about  
11          for the past few weeks. I had chance to  
12          meet with the executive director on the Area  
13          Agency on Aging, Mr. Jason Kavulich, and  
14          Bill Browning, who was the Human Services  
15          Director of Lackawanna County, so I met with  
16          him this week at the administration --  
17          County administration building regarding the  
18          complaints that I have received and this  
19          council has received about the apartments.  
20          So we had a very fruitful discussion and  
21          they suggested that a meeting be set up  
22          between the aging and the residents of this  
23          apartment complex to discuss their concerns  
24          and to review their rights as senior  
25          citizens. So I am in the process of trying



1 to coordinate this meeting. Mr. Kavulich  
2 said they would bring along two of their  
3 attorneys who specialize in elder law and  
4 they are interested to listen to their  
5 concerns and try to come to some kind of  
6 solution.

7 They did explain to me because they  
8 did their own research, as we have been  
9 doing over the last few weeks and,  
10 unfortunately, within the LERTA application  
11 and the legislation there was no rent  
12 control provisions in that. In other words,  
13 it didn't say that even though they billed  
14 it as senior affordable housing, there was  
15 nothing in there that said you couldn't go  
16 above a certain rate so that was  
17 unfortunate, but I'm hopeful that this  
18 meeting will provide some kind of answers to  
19 these senior citizens who are obviously  
20 having a lot of difficulty.

21 I did send a letter September 25, we  
22 sent another one November 1 to Mr. Shrive,  
23 executive director of the Scranton Sewer  
24 Authority, you know, I'm hoping to get a  
25 response. I asked were RFPs issued for all

1 of the mad dated work performed by the  
2 Scranton Sewer Authority between December  
3 2015 and December 2016 and I also asked for  
4 a list of the companies that performed the  
5 mandated work assigned by the Authority.

6 I also sent a letter September 25  
7 and again November 1 to our city solicitor,  
8 Attorney Eskra, and I'm interested in  
9 finding out if one of the attachments to the  
10 previous legislation that we had passed,  
11 specifically attachment E regarding the  
12 cleaning contract that was recently passed  
13 by this council, disclosures by current  
14 contractors, it was the first time that I  
15 had ever seen this attached to any  
16 legislation so I was asking if that was a  
17 new document, maybe I missed something, and  
18 if it is new will it be used in the future  
19 for all vendors and contractors that will be  
20 submitted to city council for approval.

21 So I am hopeful that they are  
22 getting this correspondence and they will  
23 respond with an answer.

24 I also wanted an update from the  
25 Business Administrator's Office on their

1 effort to work with opendot.gov. This was  
2 discussed previously over the last few  
3 months with this council. Opendot.gov, and  
4 I'm a big believe in this because I think it  
5 would be very helpful, they easily share  
6 financial and performance data to  
7 communicate status, improve alignment and  
8 proactively identify budget areas for  
9 attention. They transform raw data into  
10 intuitive charts, graphs and more to drive  
11 accountable and approve understanding among  
12 the public and staff alike. Opendot.gov is  
13 used in other communities, it empowers  
14 citizens and businesses with open data to  
15 improve the community, find new business  
16 opportunities and more importantly to  
17 increase citizen participation.

18 So what this website would do would  
19 allow the citizens to have a greater  
20 understanding of our budget in real time as  
21 data is implemented and inputted. So I  
22 would like an update on that because I know  
23 that was something that they were working  
24 on.

25 As I mentioned to Mrs. -- or Ms.

1           Hodowanitz rather, I'm pretty sure a meeting  
2           was held today between Pennsylvania Water  
3           and the Arcadis regarding the storm water  
4           study so I would like an update on their  
5           assessment and then find out, you know, a  
6           timeline on when was report is going to be  
7           complete.

8                     One of the other things that I want  
9           to briefly mentioned, and I have talked  
10          about this before and I intend to bring it  
11          up to the mayor to see if there is something  
12          we can maybe start in 2018, when you are  
13          looking at what other cities do in regards  
14          to the blight, I don't think we need to  
15          reinvent the wheel. The approach that  
16          Scranton has taken over the last, you know,  
17          couple of years is to condemn a house, to  
18          knock it down, to send an inspector out to  
19          give a quality of life ticket. Other cities  
20          take a completely different approach and  
21          while they still do those things they come  
22          up with -- or Boston, rather, came up with  
23          something called the Boston Shines Program  
24          and I think that the City of Scranton should  
25          try to model it after the City of Boston.

1 Boston has a bigger population, they are  
2 different, obviously, in many ways than the  
3 City of Scranton, but one of the things that  
4 they have done is neighborhood cleanup  
5 efforts that are coordinated by the city,  
6 which I have been a proponent of since I  
7 started on council. So they are looking at  
8 revitalizing neighborhoods one block at  
9 time.

10 The interesting thing they do is  
11 something called a Love your Block main  
12 grant program. They work with the  
13 neighborhood groups, they work with the  
14 neighbors to plan park and block cleanups so  
15 there is an organized effort which I think  
16 has been missing in the City of Scranton  
17 over the last number of years. There is  
18 also something on the city's website where  
19 you can actually submit a request to host a  
20 cleanup in your neighborhood park or on your  
21 block and then the city helps determine the  
22 best project, there is an online form that  
23 you have to fill out.

24 So there is a number of the  
25 different things here, I won't go through

1 all of them, but I am going to try to meet  
2 with the mayor on this to see if it's  
3 something that we can investigate and try to  
4 accomplish in 2018.

5 Also, just an update on Smart City  
6 Media, there is an attempt to set up a  
7 meeting at some point in December to get  
8 this project going. It was kind of a rider  
9 on the street lighting project. The meeting  
10 is going to be held and review the system  
11 features, detailed program objectives  
12 associated with the kiosk project and one of  
13 the great things about this is that we are  
14 going to get revenue from this program and  
15 that may fund the program, as I just  
16 previously mentioned, so we will be excited  
17 to get started on that.

18 Just an update on the street  
19 lighting project, all power issues have been  
20 taken care of as of November 13. The  
21 fixture on Railroad avenue has been replaced  
22 and they are working towards a complete  
23 close out of the project. So it is still  
24 going on, they are in the very final phases  
25 of it. The 500 block of Lackawanna Avenue

1 retrofit is being scheduled along with the  
2 Davis Street area, and according to the  
3 report any outstanding deficiencies are  
4 being taken care of.

5 And that's I will have this week.  
6 Thank you.

7 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you,  
8 Mr. Gaughan. In regards to some issues that  
9 were brought up today, the presentation was  
10 made of the IEM, it was made to the Pension  
11 Board, no vote was taken on that. They are  
12 doing some more review on that, hopefully  
13 something will get done with that by the end  
14 of the year, but no vote was taken this  
15 week.

16 The questions regarding the budget,  
17 I mean, we received our budget, we have all  
18 questions, the questions come from the  
19 public. City council right now we don't  
20 have answers to those questions because we  
21 just received the budget, so many of the  
22 questions that are submitted to us we are  
23 going to forward those to the administration  
24 because they will have the answers, we don't  
25 have the answers for that.

1                   One concern that I have, there was  
2                   some talk about some realignment within DPW,  
3                   part of the questions I have is how many  
4                   people are going to be assigned to storm  
5                   water management because independent of the  
6                   Arcadis study, the city still and always was  
7                   responsible for storm water management.  
8                   Always was. They were assisted by at that  
9                   time the Sewer Authority so the city has  
10                  always been responsible for storm water  
11                  management but the city is not responsible  
12                  for the entire storm water management,  
13                  Pennsylvania American Water is still  
14                  responsible for the combined sewer system.  
15                  So as you drive through the city and you see  
16                  these green lines identifying SSA that's  
17                  Pennsylvania American Water Company putting  
18                  that out there.

19                 So the city is responsible for just  
20                 storm water only. We have always been  
21                 responsible for that, so I am anxious to see  
22                 what personnel are going to assigned for  
23                 that duty from the DPW, and they have been  
24                 doing it right now and I would like to see  
25                 more of a prescribed/SRAOEUBD plan for that.



1                   The last couple of weeks we have  
2                   been given the county a hard time, but I  
3                   would like to give the county a compliment  
4                   this week, Mr. Hetman. I saw yesterday, I  
5                   think it was yesterday in the paper they are  
6                   planning on paving North-South Road.  
7                   Councilman Rogan had brought that up a few  
8                   weeks ago about businesses having a huge  
9                   investment in the industrial park over there  
10                  and the County is stepping up and doing the  
11                  paving over there on North-South Road and we  
12                  appreciate that tremendously.

13                 This week I attended two community  
14                 meetings, Mr. Evans attended the one with me  
15                 NRN is a -- we had a meeting concerning the  
16                 program for developing some improvements  
17                 into downtown Scranton. It was a meeting of  
18                 community leaders and members of Scranton  
19                 Tomorrow. Very positive meeting, a lot of  
20                 community leaders that are pushing their  
21                 support of down town Scranton, hopefully  
22                 this will bear some fruit for us as we move  
23                 on down the road.

24                 Today I attended a luncheon with the  
25                 representatives from Geisinger Health

1           System, Geisinger I'm not sure if you saw in  
2           the paper Scranton is going to be part of a  
3           study, they are determined to make Scranton  
4           the healthiest city in America. I  
5           appreciate the courage on doing that, they  
6           are making a huge investment within the city  
7           of Scranton, collecting data and using that  
8           data to help improve the health of the  
9           residents of Scranton and I appreciate them  
10          for their help.

11                   Just one comment, you noticed this  
12          week members of the council and council  
13          staff were wearing our purple ribbons in  
14          honor on pancreatic cancer month. This area  
15          has become a hotbed for people suffering  
16          from pancreatic cancer. We talked about the  
17          suffering that Mr. McGoff had, not from that  
18          but from cancer in general, and we do want  
19          to show our support for people who are going  
20          through it and families that are dealing  
21          with it and people that are trying to  
22          research a cure for pancreatic cancer. I  
23          appreciate everything that they do. That's  
24          it.

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

1 AN ORDINANCE – AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL  
2 NO. 6, 1976 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS  
3 AMENDED) IMPOSING A TAX FOR GENERAL REVENUE  
4 PURPOSES ON THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY  
5 SITUATE WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON;  
6 PRESCRIBING AND REGULATING THE METHOD OF  
7 EVIDENCING THE PAYMENT OF SUCH TAX;  
8 CONFERRING POWERS AND IMPOSING DUTIES UPON  
9 CERTAIN PERSONS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES",  
10 BY IMPOSING THE RATE OF THE REALTY TRANSFER  
11 TAX AT TWO AND TWO TENTHS PERCENT (2.2%) FOR  
12 CALENDAR YEAR 2018 AND THE SAME SHALL REMAIN  
13 IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ANNUALLY  
14 THEREAFTER.

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

18 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

19 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

23 MR. PERRY: Aye.

24 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

25 MR. EVANS: Aye.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

2 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The  
3 ayes have it and so moved.

4 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
5 AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL  
6 NO. 7, 1976, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS  
7 AMENDED) IMPOSING A MERCANTILE LICENSE TAX  
8 OF 2 MILLS FOR THE YEAR 1976 AND ANNUALLY  
9 THEREAFTER UPON PERSONS ENGAGING IN CERTAIN  
10 OCCUPATIONS AND BUSINESSES THEREIN;  
11 PROVIDING FOR ITS LEVY AND COLLECTION AND  
12 FOR THE ISSUANCE OF MERCANTILE LICENSES;  
13 CONFERRING AND IMPOSING POWERS AND DUTIES  
14 UPON THE TAX COLLECTOR OF THE CITY OF  
15 SCRANTON; AND IMPOSING PENALTIES", BY  
16 IMPOSING THE MERCANTILE LICENSE TAX AT ONE  
17 (1) MILL (.001) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018 AND  
18 THE SAME SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND  
19 EFFECT ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

20 MR. WECHSLER: At this time, I'll  
21 entertain a motion that Item 5-C be  
22 introduced into its proper committee.

23 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

24 MR. EVANS: Second.

25 MR. WECHSLER: On the question? All

1           those in favor of introduction signify by  
2           saying aye.

3                   MR. PERRY:   Aye.

4                   MR. ROGAN:   Aye.

5                   MR. EVANS:   Aye.

6                   MR. GAUGHAN:   Aye.

7                   MR. WECHSLER:   Aye.   Opposed?   The  
8           eyes have it and so moved.

9                   MS. REED:   5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
10          AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL  
11          NO. 8, 1976, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS  
12          AMENDED) PROVIDING FOR THE GENERAL REVENUE  
13          BY IMPOSING A TAX AT THE RATE OF TWO (2)  
14          MILLS UPON THE PRIVILEGE OF OPERATING OR  
15          CONDUCTING BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON  
16          AS MEASURED BY THE GROSS RECEIPTS  
17          THEREFROM; REQUIRING REGISTRATION AND  
18          PAYMENT OF THE TAX AS CONDITION TO THE  
19          CONDUCTING OF SUCH BUSINESS; PROVIDING FOR  
20          THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF SUCH TAX;  
21          PRESCRIBING SUCH REQUIREMENTS FOR RETURNS  
22          AND RECORDS; CONFERRING POWERS AND DUTIES  
23          UPON THE TAX COLLECTOR; AND IMPOSING  
24          PENALTIES", BY IMPOSING THE BUSINESS  
25          PRIVILEGE TAX AT THE RATE OF ONE (1) MILL

1 (.001) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018 AND THE SAME  
2 SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT  
3 ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

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

7 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

8 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

12 MR. PERRY: Aye.

13 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

14 MR. EVANS: Aye.

15 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

18 MS. REED: 5-E. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
19 AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL  
20 NO. 11, 1976, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS  
21 AMENDED) ENACTING, IMPOSING A TAX FOR  
22 GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES IN THE AMOUNT OF  
23 TWO PERCENT (2%) ON EARNED INCOME AND NET  
24 PROFITS ON PERSONS, INDIVIDUALS,  
25 ASSOCIATIONS AND BUSINESSES WHO ARE

1 RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, OR  
2 NON-RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON,  
3 FOR WORK DONE, SERVICES PERFORMED OR  
4 BUSINESS CONDUCTED WITHIN THE CITY OF  
5 SCRANTON, REQUIRING THE FILING OF RETURNS BY  
6 TAXPAYERS SUBJECT TO THE TAX; REQUIRING  
7 EMPLOYERS TO COLLECT THE TAX AT SOURCE;  
8 PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, COLLECTION  
9 AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE SAID TAX; AND  
10 IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS", BY  
11 RE-ENACTING THE IMPOSITION OF THE WAGE TAX  
12 AT TWO AND FOUR TENTHS (2.4%) PERCENT ON  
13 EARNED INCOME FOR RESIDENTS AND ONE (1%)  
14 PERCENT ON EARNED INCOME FOR NON-RESIDENTS  
15 OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, FOR WORK DONE,  
16 SERVICES PERFORMED OR BUSINESS CONDUCTED  
17 WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON FOR THE YEAR  
18 2018 AND THE SAME SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE  
19 AND EFFECT ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

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

23 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

24 MR. EVANS: Second.

25 MR. WECHSLER: On the question? All

1           those in favor of introduction signify by  
2           saying aye.

3                   MR. PERRY:   Aye.

4                   MR. ROGAN:   Aye.

5                   MR. EVANS:   Aye.

6                   MR. GAUGHAN:   Aye.

7                   MR. WECHSLER:   Aye.   Opposed?   The  
8           eyes have it and so moved.

9                   MS. REED:   5-F. FOR INTRODUCTION –  
10          AN ORDINANCE – AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL  
11          NO. 78, 2017, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FILE OF  
12          THE COUNCIL NO. 100, 1976, ENTITLED "AN  
13          ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) LEVYING GENERAL  
14          AND SPECIAL TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1977",  
15          BY SETTING THE MILLAGE FOR THE YEAR 2018 AND  
16          THE SAME SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND  
17          EFFECT ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY AMENDING  
18          SECTION REVERTING BACK TO THE MILLAGE RATES  
19          FROM 2016 WHICH ARE .232521 MILLS LEVY ON  
20          LAND AND .050564 LEVY ON ALL BUILDINGS AND  
21          BY ELIMINATING THE DEDICATED MILLAGE FOR  
22          DEBT SERVICE CONTAINED IN SECTION 2 AND  
23          REPLACING THE DEDICATED MILLAGE FOR DEBT  
24          SERVICE WITH A DEDICATED DEBT PERCENTAGE OF  
25          32% OF REAL ESTATE TAX REVENUES COLLECTED ON



1 A CURRENT YEAR BASIS.

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

5 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

6 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

10 MR. PERRY: Aye.

11 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

12 MR. EVANS: Aye.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

16 MS. REED: 5-G. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
17 AN ORDINANCE - CREATING AND ESTABLISHING  
18 SPECIAL CITY ACCOUNT NO. 02.229623 ENTITLED  
19 "STREET PAVING" FOR THE RECEIPT AND  
20 DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FROM THE DEFEASANCE OF  
21 THE 2012 SERIES A AND B BONDS WITH SEWER  
22 SALE PROCEEDS AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE FUNDS  
23 FOR PAVING STREETS THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF  
24 SCRANTON.

25 MR. WECHSLER: At this time, I'll

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

3                   MR. ROGAN:    So moved.

4                   MR. EVANS:    Second.

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

8                   MR. PERRY:    Aye.

9                   MR. ROGAN:    Aye.

10                  MR. EVANS:    Aye.

11                  MR. GAUGHAN:  Aye.

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

14                  MS. REED:    5-H.  FOR INTRODUCTION -  
15                  A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
16                  OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE  
17                  AND ENTER INTO A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BY  
18                  AND BETWEEN THE MARTZ GROUP AND THE CITY OF  
19                  SCRANTON PERTAINING TO THE MAINTENANCE OF  
20                  SIX (6) SIGNS TO BE INSTALLED ALONG  
21                  LACKAWANNA AVENUE FOR THE INTERMODAL  
22                  TRANSIT CENTER PARKING.

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

1 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

2 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

6 MR. PERRY: Aye.

7 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

8 MR. EVANS: Aye.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

12 MS. REED: 5-I. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
13 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
14 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE  
15 AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL  
16 SERVICES WITH THOMAS J. MCLANE AND  
17 ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE PROFESSIONAL DESIGN  
18 AND ENGINEERING SERVICES TO PREPARE  
19 DOCUMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A BASKETBALL  
20 COURT, LABYRINTH AND RELATED RECREATION SITE  
21 IMPROVEMENTS AT CROWLEY PARK.

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

25 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

1 MR. EVANS: Second.

2 MR. WECHSLER: On the question? All  
3 those in favor of introduction signify by  
4 saying aye.

5 MR. PERRY: Aye.

6 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

7 MR. EVANS: Aye.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

9 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The  
10 ayes have it and so moved.

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

12 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.  
13 124, 2017 - AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE  
14 ISSUANCE OF TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION  
15 NOTES, SERIES OF 2018 IN THE AGGREGATE  
16 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,750,000;  
17 PROVIDING FOR THE DATE, INTEREST RATE,  
18 MATURITY DATE, REDEMPTION PROVISIONS,  
19 PAYMENT AND PLACE OF PAYMENT IN RESPECT OF  
20 THE NOTES; ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL ATTACHED  
21 HERETO AS EXHIBIT "B" FROM THE FINANCIAL  
22 INSTITUTION NAMED THEREIN FOR THE PURCHASE  
23 OF THE NOTES; NAMING A SINKING FUND  
24 DEPOSITARY/PAYING AGENT; AUTHORIZING THE  
25 PROPER OFFICERS OF THE CITY TO EXECUTE AND

1 DELIVER THE NOTES AND CERTAIN OTHER  
2 DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATES IN CONNECTION  
3 THEREWITH; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE  
4 PREPARATION, CERTIFICATION AND FILING OF THE  
5 NECESSARY DOCUMENTS WITH THE  
6 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC  
7 DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF  
8 PENNSYLVANIA; SETTING FORTH A FORM OF THE  
9 NOTES.

10 MR. WECHSLER: You've heard reading  
11 by title of Item 6-A, what is your pleasure?

12 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-A  
13 pass reading by title.

14 MR. EVANS: Second.

15 MR. WECHSLER: On the question? All  
16 those in favor signify by saying aye.

17 MR. PERRY: Aye.

18 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

19 MR. EVANS: Aye.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

21 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The  
22 ayes have it and so moved.

23 MS. REED: 6-B. READING BY TITLE -  
24 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 125, 2017 - AN  
25 ORDINANCE - APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE

1 EXPENSES OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT FOR THE  
2 PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF  
3 JANUARY, 2018 TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31,  
4 2018 BY THE ADOPTION OF THE GENERAL CITY  
5 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE YEAR  
6 2018.

7 MR. WECHSLER: You've heard reading  
8 by title of Item 6-B, what is your pleasure?

9 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-B  
10 pass reading by title.

11 MR. EVANS: Second.

12 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?

13 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.  
14 Based on my initial review of the budget I  
15 do have several questions, some of which I  
16 discussed with my colleagues back in the  
17 caucus tonight. The first question that I  
18 have for the administration is taking a look  
19 at the recommendations in the three-year  
20 exit plan I'd like to ask which of these  
21 recommendations are underway already just to  
22 give us a list of those, which of those  
23 recommendations are expected to be completed  
24 in 2-18 just to give us a general update and  
25 timeline. A comprehensive update on the

1 status of those recommendations.

2 One of my initial concerns is that  
3 the expenditures proposed by the city in  
4 2018 are \$91,692,110. The exit plan  
5 projections are \$88,184,000 for a difference  
6 of about 4 percent, so \$3 million so  
7 according to PEL's letter we are almost 118  
8 percent over capital expenditures, so my one  
9 question I did pose this in the caucus, and  
10 I'd like clarification on this, for all of  
11 the increases in capital expenditures where  
12 are we -- are we reimbursing that in the  
13 budget through the proceeds from the sale of  
14 the Sewer Authority and how is that going to  
15 work or are we just taking it out of the  
16 budget? So where are we using the Sewer  
17 Authority proceeds where we are increasing  
18 all of these capital expenditures.

19 Under departmental earnings  
20 narrative, it says that there will be a  
21 redefinition of the enacting ordinance  
22 defining procedures for utility companies,  
23 interactions with the city which should  
24 create a more effective program. I would  
25 like to ask for a timeline on this. What

1 does this redefinition include because we  
2 did revamp the old ordinance, we have had  
3 numerous discussions on a pave cut  
4 ordinance, so I just wanted to know what  
5 this redefinition would include and why  
6 isn't the program effective now. We were  
7 told by the administration months ago that  
8 it was going pretty well.

9 I also brought in up in the caucus  
10 the real estate transfer tax, we are  
11 lowering this again by two-tenths of a  
12 percent and I just have an initial concern  
13 about whether or not we are going to be able  
14 to hit our revenue projection, which is  
15 around \$3 million similar to what it was in  
16 2017. Mr. Evans said he was going to  
17 provide more data to back up that claim so  
18 I'd appreciate that for November 30.

19 I'd also like an update on the  
20 civilian parking enforcement program from  
21 Chief Graziano, \$197,500 was budgeted in  
22 2017, we are not -- I don't think we are  
23 going to hit that budget projection and in  
24 2018 we are only budgeting \$100,000. I did  
25 notice in the budget that there are going to



1 be two SIT clerks in those positions so I  
2 would just like a historical update on this  
3 program because two years ago it was  
4 promoted that it was going to be really  
5 successful and bringing in a lot of money so  
6 I would like to know or receive an update on  
7 that program.

8 Also, I'd like an update on the  
9 quality of life program from Licensing and  
10 Inspections Department, we have kind of  
11 gotten that in dribs and drabs. 2017 we  
12 were budgeting \$42,500, 2018 we are only  
13 budgeting \$35,000 to collect in quality of  
14 life tickets, but we are adding a housing  
15 inspector so I'd like to get the rationale  
16 behind that.

17 Keeping with the pave cut ordinance  
18 under departmental earnings, this is one  
19 thing I didn't understand, under the line  
20 item for pave cuts for the gas company we  
21 budgeted \$251,910 in 2017, as far as August  
22 30 we have collected nothing, and in 2018 we  
23 are budgeting \$195,000 so I'd like to know  
24 why we have haven't collected anything yet  
25 as of August 30 this year, and I'd like to

1 know how the \$195,000 figure was arrived at  
2 for 2018.

3 The mayor's proposing to make the  
4 Parks and Recreation specialist position a  
5 full-time position at \$49,000 up from  
6 \$32,000. I would like to know if there is  
7 going to be additional responsibilities for  
8 the \$17,000 increase and I would like to see  
9 a copy of a job description for that  
10 position and all of the other positions that  
11 have been added to the budget.

12 Under the Business Administrator's  
13 Office, I would like to know if we have an  
14 estimate on how hiring the health insurance  
15 administrator will effect the projected 5 to  
16 10 percent increase this clerical and  
17 non-union health insurance.

18 In the Human Resources budget, and I  
19 did mention this last week when Mr. Bulzoni  
20 was here and he did refer me to the Law  
21 Department, so I would like an explanation  
22 from the Law Department if they could  
23 provide one on the increase of 23.6 percent  
24 in cost related to the city's property and  
25 casualty insurance and settlements

1 associated with law office activity, so I  
2 would like to get more detail on that and  
3 what exactly that activity was.

4 Under Licensing and Inspections, it  
5 says that the department will provide a more  
6 user friendly method of permit issuance and  
7 payment, I would like to get a timeline on  
8 that if that's possible for 2018.

9 Under the Police Department, the  
10 overtime is over budget by \$133,360 as of  
11 September 30. I would like to know how much  
12 of that overtime is reimbursable. Capital  
13 expenditure increase of \$160,000, the  
14 reasoning being sidewalk replacement at  
15 police headquarters for safety reasons and  
16 apparently the city's insurance risk manager  
17 is requiring this. I would like a little  
18 bit more background on this because I was  
19 under the impression that a few years ago  
20 the one of the unions stepped up and  
21 replaced the sidewalks out in front of the  
22 headquarters if I'm not mistaken at little  
23 to no cost, I think they provided the labor  
24 so I would like more of an explanation on  
25 this on why those -- what happened to the

1 sidewalks.

2 Also, under the Police Department,  
3 the other salary is budgeted at \$401,00 for  
4 2018. This is a large increase from the  
5 2017 budget figure of \$267,00, so I'd like a  
6 clarification on what the other salary  
7 constitutes and why the large increase.

8 The Fire Department budget there is  
9 an increase in overtime from 250,000 in 2017  
10 to 275,000, not a large increase, but I  
11 would like to know the reasoning behind that  
12 figure.

13 Also, the narrative says that the  
14 budget funds the remaining costs of  
15 firehouse improvement -- the firehouse  
16 improvement project above the \$1.5 million  
17 that was given last year, and also replaces  
18 concrete pads and sidewalks at each of the  
19 firehouses. I would like to know what the  
20 remaining costs include and are the sidewalk  
21 replacements and concrete pads necessary, so  
22 a little bit more clarification on that.

23 Also, under the Fire Department,  
24 other salary 2017 is budgeted at \$285,000.  
25 As of September 30, we have spent \$423,000,

1           roughly \$423,000 for an over budgeted figure  
2           of \$137,299 so I'd like to know why that is,  
3           and under other salary in 2018 we are  
4           budgeting that \$450,000 so, again, I would  
5           like to know the reasoning for that.

6                     \$300,000 under DPW for the  
7           Novembrino Pool Complex, so that's coming  
8           out of the budget. I mentioned this in the  
9           beginning of my questioning and I'd like to  
10          know if we are going to be taking some of  
11          the proceeds from the Sewer Authority money  
12          and using that towards the \$300,000.

13                    Under boards, commissions and  
14          nonprofits, we are going to install  
15          sidewalks at Mt. Pleasant development site  
16          for \$50,000 and a \$10,000 annual  
17          contribution to the Scranton Plan. Again,  
18          I'd like a little more background on this  
19          and is the donation for the sidewalks  
20          necessary and why couldn't other funding  
21          have been provided?

22                    The Scranton Tomorrow budget, we are  
23          giving a \$75,000 contribution, so that  
24          Scranton Tomorrow could be the downtown  
25          economic development coordinator and I have

1           said this before, I don't necessarily  
2           disagree with this, but I would like to know  
3           what we are now paying OECD for in some  
4           respects anyways. Is the OECD taking on  
5           less responsibility because in the budget  
6           that position is due for a raise, so I'd  
7           like an answer to that.

8                     Under the Human Resources budget,  
9           stationery and office supplies we see an  
10          increase from \$500 in 2017 to \$25,000 in  
11          2018. There is a reason for this cost.  
12          It's for equipment acquisition associated  
13          with the department safety and environmental  
14          review which is authorized by the City  
15          Safety Committee which I think is a good  
16          thing, but I would like clarification on or  
17          if they know this yet what kind of equipment  
18          we are purchasing for that amount.

19                    In the License and Inspections  
20          Department, again, there is an increase in  
21          the demolition program from \$35,000 to  
22          \$65,000 because of greater activity.  
23          Through September 30, and this number could  
24          have increased obviously, but we have only  
25          spent \$12,540 on the demolition program so

1 I'd like an update on the progress of the  
2 demolition program using money from the  
3 budget and not OECD and the rationale of  
4 this whole program and that increase and is  
5 there a targeted approach to this program.

6 Also, one of the interesting things  
7 that I noticed in the budget was the  
8 professional services is going from \$7,500  
9 to \$15,000 mainly because they are going to  
10 do an energy efficiency evaluation of the  
11 DPW facility. I'd like an update on this,  
12 more information and exactly what it entails  
13 and if they know yet what kind of savings we  
14 might see from that program.

15 I see Mrs. Jefferies in the back  
16 there, there is an increase in sign and  
17 paint material from \$12,500 to \$50,000, so  
18 obviously there is going to be more of a  
19 focus on replacing the street signs  
20 throughout the city, at least that's what  
21 I'm assuming from looking at that.

22 So my question there is is there a  
23 new sign program, what is the methodology  
24 behind this increase, how is the department  
25 approaching the replacement signs throughout

1 the city, are they keeping an inventory, are  
2 they doing it by neighborhood, is there  
3 documentation of all of this so I would like  
4 an update on that because I'm interested in  
5 it myself and I think it's a hot topic  
6 throughout the city.

7 Under the Highways Department there  
8 was an increase in parks and recreation  
9 supplies from zero dollars in 2017 to  
10 \$62,000 in 2018 so I'd like to know the  
11 reason for that.

12 Garage increase in capital  
13 expenditures to \$25,000, I'd like to get  
14 more details and explanation on that.

15 For contingency we are increasing  
16 from 2017 we had \$585,000 and now we are  
17 going to have \$705,799.10 for 2018 so I  
18 would like an explanation behind that  
19 increase, and the Court award increase from  
20 2017 was \$200,000 and we are budgeting  
21 \$350,000 in 2018 so I would like an  
22 explanation behind that as well.

23 And there is many other questions  
24 that I have in here that -- or  
25 clarifications I should say rather, but I



1 will be submitting this to the  
2 administration, and just to end my comments  
3 what I would hope for in the future, and Mr.  
4 Evans had mentioned this to me earlier and I  
5 think it would be beneficial. You have to  
6 remember, you know, Mrs. Schumacher was  
7 asking us direct questions. We only  
8 received the budget last Wednesday. I'm  
9 assuming the election played a role in that,  
10 then Mr. Bulzoni came Thursday, which we  
11 appreciated, but at least from my  
12 perspective I didn't have enough time to  
13 come up with all of these questions and, you  
14 know, my need for further clarification on  
15 this budget. So in the future, and  
16 Mr. Evans had proposed this as well, I would  
17 like to see a work session where we sit  
18 around that table for two or three hours,  
19 however long, so we can go through all of  
20 this stuff in detail because we have vote on  
21 it.

22 So I think moving forward that would  
23 be a little bit more of a planning and  
24 questioning so we have the business  
25 administrator in front of us and any other

1 department heads, I think would be very  
2 helpful and that's all I have. Thank you.

3 MR. WECHSLER: All those in favor  
4 signify by saying aye.

5 MR. PERRY: Aye.

6 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

7 MR. EVANS: Aye.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

9 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The  
10 ayes have it and so moved.

11 MS. REED: 6-C. READING BY TITLE -  
12 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 126, 2017 - AN  
13 ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER  
14 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND  
15 ENTER INTO A TRAIL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT  
16 BETWEEN THE CITY OF SCRANTON AND LACKAWANNA  
17 HERITAGE VALLEY AUTHORITY FOR THE  
18 MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF THE LACKAWANNA  
19 RIVER HERITAGE TRAIL (THE "TRAIL").

20 MR. WECHSLER: You've heard reading  
21 by title of Item 6-B, what is your pleasure?

22 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6 --

23 MS. REED: "C."

24 MR. ROGAN: "C" pass reading by  
25 title.

1 MR. WECHSLER: "C".

2 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

5 MR. PERRY: Aye.

6 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

7 MR. EVANS: Aye.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

9 MR. WECHSLER: Aye. Opposed? The  
10 ayes have it and so moved.

11 MS. REED: 6-D. READING BY TITLE -  
12 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 127, 2017 - AN  
13 ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER  
14 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE  
15 DEED CONVEYING TITLE FROM THE CITY OF  
16 SCRANTON PARKING AUTHORITY TO THE CITY OF  
17 SCRANTON, THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 100 REAR  
18 SOUTH WASHINGTON AVENUE, SCRANTON,  
19 PENNSYLVANIA TO THE CITY OF SCRANTON, AS  
20 MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED  
21 HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

22 MR. WECHSLER: You've heard reading  
23 by title of Item 6-D, what is your pleasure?

24 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-D  
25 pass reading by title.

1 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

4 MR. PERRY: Aye.

5 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

6 MR. EVANS: Aye.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

10 MS. REED: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR  
11 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES -  
12 FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 121,  
13 2017 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER  
14 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND  
15 ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH GAR  
16 MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION ("GAR") TO EXTEND  
17 THEIR CURRENT LEASE WHICH IS SET TO EXPIRE  
18 ON NOVEMBER 28, 2017 FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR  
19 FOR A PORTION OF THE BASEMENT OF CITY  
20 HALL TO BE USED AS EXHIBIT AND MEETING  
21 SPACE.

22 MR. WECHSLER: As Chairperson for  
23 the Committee on Rules, I recommend final  
24 passage of Item 7-A.

25 MR. ROGAN: Second.

1 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question,  
3 I was disappointed last week that I made a  
4 motion to extend this lease for five years,  
5 you know, as I have said previously and I  
6 won't expand on this because I think I made  
7 my point, I do think that it's beneficial to  
8 have the Civil War Museum to stay in city  
9 hall and we find other areas for storage and  
10 we do even more to promote the museum so I  
11 was disappointed with that, but I am glad  
12 that they are staying for at least another  
13 year and I'm hoping that during that year we  
14 can find other places for storage and work  
15 to keep the museum in the basement of city  
16 hall. Thank you.

17 MR. EVANS: On the question, I'll  
18 give my reasons for voting for this. I'm  
19 going to support the legislation for a  
20 one-year lease but I will continue to  
21 advocate for a long-term lease for the  
22 museum to stay in city hall. This yields a  
23 better chance of achieving that result if we  
24 spend the next year working together with  
25 the administration and the operators of the

1 museum to get that result so I'll be voting  
2 "yes".

3 MR. WECHSLER: Roll call, please?

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

5 MR. PERRY: Yes.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

7 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

9 MR. EVANS: Yes.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

13 MR. WECHSLER: Yes. I hereby  
14 declare Item 7-A legally and lawfully  
15 adopted.

16 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION BY  
17 THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION -  
18 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 122, 2017 - AMENDING  
19 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 65, 2016, AN  
20 ORDINANCE ENTITLED "GENERAL CITY OPERATING  
21 BUDGET 2017" BY TRANSFERRING \$14,499.00 FROM  
22 ACCOUNT NO. 01.401.13090.4299  
23 (NON-DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES CONTINGENCY)  
24 TO ACCOUNT NO. 01.020.00000.4201 (OFFICE OF  
25 THE CITY CLERK/CITY COUNCIL-PROFESSIONAL

1 SERVICES) TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR  
2 THE PAYMENT OF FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS  
3 THROUGH THE 2017 BUDGET PERIOD.

4 MR. WECHSLER: What is the  
5 recommendation of the Chairperson for the  
6 Committee on Finance?

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

10 MR. ROGAN: Second.

11 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?  
12 Roll call, please?

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

14 MR. PERRY: Yes.

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

16 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

17 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

18 MR. EVANS: Yes.

19 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

21 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

22 MR. WECHSLER: Yes. I hereby  
23 declare Item 7-B legally and lawfully  
24 adopted.

25 MS. REED: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION BY

1 THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - FOR ADOPTION -  
2 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 123, 2017 - AMENDING  
3 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 65, 2016, AN  
4 ORDINANCE ENTITLED "GENERAL CITY OPERATING  
5 BUDGET 2017" BY TRANSFERRING \$200,000.00  
6 FROM ACCOUNT NO. 01.401.13090.4299  
7 (NON-DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES CONTINGENCY)  
8 TO ACCOUNT NO. 01.051.00082.4448 (DEPARTMENT  
9 OF LICENSING, INSPECTIONS & PERMITS-BUREAU  
10 OF BUILDINGS PAWC-WATER) TO PROVIDE  
11 SUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF  
12 PAWC-WATER INVOICES THROUGH THE 2017 BUDGET  
13 PERIOD.

14 MR. WECHSLER: What is the  
15 recommendation of the Chairperson for the  
16 Committee on Finance?

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

20 MR. ROGAN: Second.

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

23 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

24 MR. PERRY: Yes.

25 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.



1 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

2 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

3 MR. EVANS: Yes.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

7 MR. WECHSLER: Yes. I hereby  
8 declare Item 7-C legally and lawfully  
9 adopted.

10 MS. REED: 7-D. FOR CONSIDERATION  
11 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -  
12 RESOLUTION NO. 208, 2017 - AUTHORIZING THE  
13 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS  
14 TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO AN ADDENDUM TO THE  
15 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SCRANTON AND CC  
16 CLEANING SERVICES FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES  
17 FOR SCRANTON CITY HALL AND THE SCRANTON  
18 POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

19 MR. WECHSLER: As Chairperson for  
20 the Committee on Rules, I recommend final  
21 passage of Item 7-D.

22 MR. ROGAN: Second.

23 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?

24 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.  
25 I voted against the original contract on

1           September 29, this is just an addendum to  
2           the contract so to be consistent with my  
3           original vote I'll be voting "no" on this as  
4           well.

5                   MR. WECHSLER: Roll call, please?

6                   MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

7                   MR. PERRY: Yes.

8                   MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

9                   MR. ROGAN: Yes.

10                  MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

11                  MR. EVANS: Yes.

12                  MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

13                  MR. GAUGHAN: No.

14                  MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

15                  MR. WECHSLER: Yes. I hereby  
16           declare Item 7-D legally and lawfully  
17           adopted.

18                       Before we adjourn, just to remind  
19           everyone there is no meeting next week so  
20           I'd like to wish everyone a Happy  
21           Thanksgiving and enjoy your families. If  
22           there is no further business, I'll entertain  
23           a motion to adjourn.

24                   MR. ROGAN: Motion to adjourn.

25                   MR. WECHSLER: Meeting adjourned.

C E R T I F I C A T E

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

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