

1 SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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5 HELD:

6  
7 Monday, November 26, 2018

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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:

PATRICK ROGAN, PRESIDENT

TIM PERRY, VICE PRESIDENT

WAYNE EVANS

WILLIAM GAUGHAN

KYLE DONAHUE

LORI REED, CITY CLERK

JAMIE MARCIANO, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

AMIL MINORA, ESQUIRE - SOLICITOR

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

3 MR. ROGAN: Roll call, please.

4 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Perry.

5 MR. PERRY: Here.

6 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Donahue.

7 MR. DONAHUE: Here.

8 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

9 MR. EVANS: Here.

10 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Here.

12 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

13 MR. ROGAN: Here. Please dispense  
14 with the reading of the minutes.

15 MS. REED: THIRD ORDER. 3-A. MINUTES  
16 OF THE SCRANTON MUNICIPAL RECREATION  
17 AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING HELD OCTOBER 1,  
18 2018.

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

21 MS. REED: 3-B. AGENDA FOR THE CITY  
22 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD  
23 NOVEMBER 28, 2018.

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

1 MS. REED: 3-C. MINUTES OF THE  
2 SCRANTON FIREFIGHTERS PENSION COMMISSION  
3 MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 19, 2018.

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

6 MS. REED: 3-D. MINUTES OF THE  
7 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETINGS  
8 HELD OCTOBER 17 AND OCTOBER 24, 2018.

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

11 MS. REED: 3-E. MINUTES OF THE  
12 SCRANTON POLICE PENSION COMMISSION MEETING  
13 HELD OCTOBER 17, 2018.

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

16 MS. REED: 3-F. MINUTES OF THE  
17 COMPOSITE PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD OCTOBER  
18 17, 2018.

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

21 MS. REED: 3-G. AGENDA FOR THE  
22 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING  
23 HELD NOVEMBER 21, 2018.

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

1 MS. REED: 3-H. TAX ASSESSOR'S  
2 RESULTS REPORT FOR HEARING DATE HELD  
3 NOVEMBER 14, 2018.

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

6 Do any council members have  
7 announcements to make? I have a couple.  
8 Next Monday, December 3, at 5:30, we will  
9 hold a required public hearing to hear  
10 testimony from the city planner regarding  
11 items 6-L and 6-M on tonight's agenda.

12 And a reminder that bagged leaves  
13 will be collected the week of December 10.  
14 The DPW will be collecting leaves that week  
15 and not newspapers. Residents are  
16 encouraged to bag their leaves and anyone  
17 needing bags may pick those up at any fire  
18 station in the city or at DPW headquarters.

19 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'  
20 PARTICIPATION.

21 (The following speakers offered  
22 public comment as follows: Joan Hodowanitz  
23 spoke on city business. Marie Schumacher  
24 spoke on agenda items and city business.  
25 Tom Foley spoke on agenda items and city

1 business. Gerard Hetman spoke on matters of  
2 general concern. Les Spindler spoke on city  
3 business and matters of general concern.  
4 Ron Ellman spoke on matters of general  
5 concern. Jay Walsh spoke on matters of  
6 general concern. Dave Dobrzyn spoke on city  
7 business and matters of general concern.)

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

9 Motions.

10 MR. ROGAN: Mr. Perry, any motions or  
11 comments?

12 MR. PERRY: Yes, thank you. I only  
13 have one thing and it's just could wrap up a  
14 question that Ms. Jefferies had last week.  
15 We did get a speedy response back from Chief  
16 Graziano about the parking issues up in the  
17 Hill Section about they were just parking  
18 too close to intersections and this is the  
19 chief's response. He has directed the civil  
20 parking enforcement to increase their  
21 enforcement efforts in the Hill and  
22 specifically the intersections of Vine and  
23 Quincy, Vine and Clay, and Clay and Olive.  
24 So, hopefully, we get to remedy that and  
25 just seems like we just need some more

1 enforcement in that part of the city when it  
2 comes to parking too close to the corner  
3 because it does become an issue. I know  
4 there is other sections in the city that,  
5 you know, you just have that one  
6 intersection where it just becomes a blind  
7 intersection if there is it parked car there  
8 so the Chief has committed to more  
9 enforcement in that area and we should so  
10 that problem cleared up sooner rather than  
11 later, and I'll hold everything else for our  
12 agenda items tonight. Thank you.

13 MR. ROGAN: Mr. Donahue, any motions  
14 or comments.

15 MR. DONAHUE: Yes, just briefly,  
16 back in September Representative Flynn's  
17 Office had sent a letter to PennDOT  
18 regarding the intersection of Pittston  
19 Avenue and Orchard Sheet and the traffic  
20 signal being put in there. Over the  
21 weekend, there was another accident there on  
22 Friday, I believe it was.

23 So, Mrs. Reed, we would be able to  
24 forward this to -- this letter we got from  
25 PennDOT with a couple of these options to

1 the administration and ask them to explore  
2 these options to possibly put a light at  
3 Orchard and Pittston Avenue? And that's all  
4 I have. Thank you.

5 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Mr. Evans,  
6 any motions or comments.

7 MR. EVANS: Yes, just briefly. So I  
8 note tonight's business is very important,  
9 but sometimes it just doesn't seem that  
10 important when it's measured by what's  
11 happening all around us. For my very brief  
12 comments tonight I would like to take a  
13 moment to mourn than the loss of another  
14 beautiful girl. She was taken last night  
15 from her family and her friends. I consider  
16 her parents among my very, very best friends  
17 and my heart is breaking for them. Another  
18 family left to deal with what has become a  
19 local and national epidemic and tragedy.  
20 When will it end? Another beautiful girl is  
21 gone. That's all I have.

22 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Mr. Gaughan,  
23 any motions or comments?

24 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, thank you. As  
25 some of you may have noticed, the sidewalks



1 are -- I don't know if they are closed  
2 officially yet around city hall, but we did  
3 receive correspondence from Mr. Bulzoni.  
4 They are doing an assessment of city hall to  
5 see what the deficiencies are and apparently  
6 structural engineers from the Highland  
7 Assessment regarding the large tower on top  
8 of city hall, their report is apparently  
9 going to conclude that the tower may be  
10 unsafe and they are recommending that the  
11 sidewalks being closed off until such time  
12 that the tower is repaired and made safe  
13 again.

14 So from Mr. Bulzoni he spoke with  
15 Drew Marcinkevitch from Highland Associates.  
16 He concurred and a formal advisement is  
17 forthcoming, so I'm assuming council will  
18 get a copy of that and then the Highland  
19 assessment of city hall we should be  
20 receiving within two to three weeks.

21 Last week we had sent a letter to  
22 the DPW about the 1500 block of Froud  
23 Avenue. There is a constant water runoff  
24 even a week after it rains and I talked  
25 about some of the issues there. I had a

1 chance to talk to some more neighbors in  
2 that area and the issue is extremely  
3 dangerous. So I would like, Mrs. Reed, if  
4 you can follow-up and if you get a chance to  
5 speak to the DPW director just to see if  
6 there is anything that they can do to help  
7 those people out.

8 Also, we received a letter from a  
9 resident of Morgan Manor Condominiums. I  
10 believe we received this complaint before,  
11 I'm not sure that there is anything that can  
12 be done, but if we can send something to the  
13 administration we have been getting a lot of  
14 complaints about the Morgan Highway up to  
15 the Morgan Manor, which is city-owned, being  
16 very dark because there is no lighting up  
17 there, so if we could submit this request  
18 and see what the administration can help out  
19 with that.

20 Also, Councilman Donahue and I had  
21 met last week with the mayor, the  
22 superintendent of schools, Director Cognetti  
23 and Director Gilmartin from the school  
24 district regarding our shared services  
25 committee. We will have a report that we'll

1 present to council I believe next week and  
2 this is a something that we have been  
3 working on now for quite some time, so we  
4 met with different department heads from the  
5 city and from the school district. Some of  
6 the items, I just want to go through some of  
7 the things that we talked about, that we can  
8 possibly work with the school district on.  
9 Delinquent tax collection, the payroll tax  
10 conversion, the real estate tax discount  
11 period. We did talk about the ten-year  
12 citywide LERTA that's on our agenda for  
13 improvements in new construction so the  
14 school district apparently is going to  
15 discuss this at their next meeting, so that  
16 they'll possibly be included in that. Our IT  
17 Departments, printer copier services and  
18 maintenance, health care, the HUP test,  
19 recycling, purchasing of pool supplies,  
20 chemicals, crosswalk safety and pothole  
21 repair, grant writing services, procurement  
22 card, complete count census committee and  
23 the Electric City Shock soccer field  
24 project.

25 So these are all things that we have

1           discussed over the last few months. Like I  
2           said, we will have a report to present to  
3           council with some of these items and then,  
4           you, in our meeting in seemed like the mayor  
5           and the superintendent were really on board  
6           with trying to accomplish some of these  
7           things so, again, that was very hopeful.

8                       Also, tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. at the  
9           Theatre at North there are plans, I'm sure  
10          everyone has seen it in the newspaper, to  
11          replace the Greenridge Street bridge off of  
12          North Main Avenue so there will be a meeting  
13          tomorrow at 6 p.m. at the Theatre at North.  
14          The project engineers and PennDOT will be  
15          available, they will be discussing the  
16          project. This project is going to effect a  
17          lot of people and a lot of businesses. If  
18          you read the newspaper today there is  
19          several options that are considering so  
20          anyone in this area that may be effected or  
21          is interested in learning what the options  
22          are you should attend this meeting tomorrow  
23          morning at 6 p.m. It is open to the public.

24                      Also, I forwarded this to Mrs. Reed  
25          earlier today, but I did receive a very

1           lengthy e-mail about the Keystone Rescue  
2           Mission which is on Olive Street. We have  
3           received complaints about that building and  
4           that establishment before. This gentleman  
5           had attached a video, an actual video clip  
6           to some of the things going on out there so  
7           I did forward that to Chief Graziano and  
8           waiting for a response from him on what  
9           might be able to be done.

10                   Also I received another concern from  
11           a resident in Minooka. The alley is escaping  
12           me right now but it's parallel to Birney  
13           Avenue. I have tried to help this gentleman  
14           out before to no avail. So, Mrs. Reed, I'll  
15           get you the alley and show you the  
16           information after the meeting but if we  
17           could send something to the DPW. This  
18           gentleman had sent me updated pictures and  
19           his yard is getting damaged from water  
20           runoff.

21                   Also, I had a meeting this week on  
22           something that we had discussed with the  
23           idea sessions in creating an internship  
24           opportunity between the University of  
25           Scranton and the city council office so I

1 will be meeting with Julie Cohen from the  
2 University of Scranton this week to further  
3 discuss that initiative. And that's all I  
4 have this week. Thank you.

5 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Just one  
6 quick comment on non-agenda items.  
7 Regarding the article and I think a couple  
8 of the speakers brought it up with the  
9 police and fire overtime. I do kind of want  
10 to echo what was mentioned by one of the  
11 speakers that, you know, when you see on the  
12 front page of the newspaper somebody making  
13 a six figure salary it may cause you pause,  
14 but also remember that these individuals in  
15 our police and fire department are out there  
16 risking their lives every day to keep us  
17 safe.

18 Not only that, when they are working  
19 overtime it is exactly that, overtime. Time  
20 that they are taking away from their  
21 families on nights and weekend or days and  
22 weekend depending on what shift they work  
23 and, obviously, if they are working extra  
24 hours they need to be compensated.

25 Personally, I support hiring more

1 officers and more firefighters as a way to  
2 cut down on overtime which provides better  
3 protection and also cuts down on the  
4 overtime costs. Now, I understand there is  
5 health care -- if you are hiring more people  
6 there is health care costs, there is pension  
7 costs so sometimes overtime can actually be  
8 less expensive than hiring additional  
9 employees.

10 The numbers are always large. They  
11 have actually gotten better, which was  
12 highlighted in the article since the new  
13 contracts were passed and, you know, I just  
14 want to reiterate that we appreciate all of  
15 the work of our police and firefighters. I  
16 know often times they don't get the  
17 appreciation that they deserve so I just  
18 wanted to mention that. And that's all.

19 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION - A  
20 RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER  
21 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND  
22 ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF  
23 SCRANTON AND THE SCRANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
24 WITH JOSEPH M. ALU AND ASSOCIATES TO PERFORM  
25 THE SCRANTON SINGLE TAX OFFICE INDEPENDENT

1           AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31,  
2           2017 AND DECEMBER 31, 2018.

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

6           MR. PERRY: So moved.

7           MR. EVANS: Second.

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

10          MR. PERRY: Aye.

11          MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

12          MR. EVANS: Aye.

13          MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

16          MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION – A  
17          RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER  
18          APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO APPLY FOR AND  
19          EXECUTE A GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF  
20          SCRANTON TO THE LACKAWANNA HERITAGE VALLEY  
21          NATIONAL AND STATE HERITAGE AREA PARTNERSHIP  
22          GRANT APPLICATION FOR CONSTRUCTION ON THE  
23          WENZEL TREEHOUSE REPAIRS IN THE AMOUNT OF  
24          \$1,000.00.

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



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

3 MR. PERRY: So moved.

4 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

7 MR. PERRY: Aye.

8 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

9 MR. EVANS: Aye.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

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

14 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.  
15 38, 2018 - AN ORDINANCE - APPROPRIATING  
16 FUNDS FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE CITY  
17 GOVERNMENT FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE  
18 FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2019 TO AND INCLUDING  
19 DECEMBER 31, 2019 BY THE ADOPTION OF THE  
20 GENERAL CITY OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE YEAR  
21 2019.

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

24 MR. PERRY: I move that 6-A pass  
25 reading by title.

1 MR. EVANS: Second.

2 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.  
4 Last week I posed a number of questions to  
5 the administration so we did put that in  
6 writing and send it to the mayor's office  
7 and copied Mr. Bulzoni. When Mr. Bulzoni  
8 came tonight he did present us with a  
9 lengthy list of responses so I obviously  
10 need more time since I'm just seeing this to  
11 take a look and ask any follow-up questions  
12 if need be, but I do appreciate the response  
13 to what looks like each one of my questions.

14 Just a general comment, and I  
15 mentioned this last week, but I still am  
16 concerned, and obviously there will be more  
17 light shed after I go through the answers to  
18 my questions from last week, but I do think  
19 we should invite the Pennsylvania Economy  
20 League into our caucus next week if  
21 possible, and I say that just I think it is  
22 a matter of the practice we should, since  
23 they are our recovery coordinator, but when  
24 they issued their letter to council, which  
25 they usually do, I look at the expenditures

1           and we are way over from what the planned  
2           projections were for 2019. I mentioned this  
3           last week but we are 106 percent over what  
4           the plan calls for in capital expenditures.  
5           We are \$7 million over total from what the  
6           plan called for in expenditures and what the  
7           proposed budget calls for. We are also  
8           nearly \$8 million over, actually nearly \$9  
9           million over what the plan called for in  
10          revenues and what the budget is proposing,  
11          but most importantly what concerns me is the  
12          expenditures. I do think that we need to  
13          have PEL in to discuss that and just their  
14          general outlook on the city's finances, so I  
15          would appreciate.

16                 In fact, I'd like to make a motion  
17                 that city council invite the Pennsylvania  
18                 Economy League in next week to discuss the  
19                 2019 budget.

20                 MR. DONAHUE: Second.

21                 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

22                 MR. ROGAN: I agree with having PEL  
23                 come in if we can. Obviously, we are not  
24                 giving them a ton of notice, but if they are  
25                 able to come in I certainly would support

1           that as well.

2                     Anyone else? All those in favor  
3 signify by saying aye.

4                     MR. PERRY: Aye.

5                     MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

6                     MR. EVANS: Aye.

7                     MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

10                    MR. GAUGHAN: The other thing, I have  
11 mentioned this really since I have been on  
12 council but, you know, just as a matter of  
13 practice, just so people understand, we are  
14 voting on a budget that is well over \$100  
15 million so I think, and I talked to  
16 Mr. Bulzoni earlier today about this and he  
17 agrees as well, moving forward we really  
18 should have budget work sessions leading up  
19 to the actual budget being placed on our  
20 agenda. You know, it's difficult to get the  
21 budget and then have three weeks, ask  
22 questions, get a response and then have to  
23 put your name on this budget within that  
24 time period. The school district has budget  
25 work sessions, other similarly sized

1 municipalities have budget work sessions  
2 really throughout the year so I think moving  
3 forward next year this council should  
4 request that. I think it would be very  
5 beneficial for all involved in the budget  
6 process. Thank you.

7 MR. EVANS: On that question, I have  
8 been a proponent of work session since I  
9 have been on council. I find them to be  
10 very effective so I certainly would support  
11 that and we could certainly start with the  
12 budget process.

13 MR. ROGAN: Just one brief comment,  
14 also in the letter that Councilman Gaughan  
15 cited, I'm going to read the whole thing, I  
16 think it's about three pages, a couple of  
17 the highlights from the coordinator of PEL  
18 it states, "According to interviews, this  
19 positive change is a measure of the city's  
20 project toward a continued and sustainable  
21 financial position to the future."

22 I know some will state concerns  
23 about rising costs, and just as when we do  
24 our budgets at home, unfortunately, costs  
25 are increasing for everyone, but the good

1 news is although costs are increasing by 7  
2 1/2 percent, revenues increased by 9.9  
3 percent, so our revenues are outpacing our  
4 cost increases which means one of two  
5 things. It means that we are balanced or it  
6 means we are actually collecting too much  
7 money and then you look to start to reduce  
8 taxes.

9           Regarding the large increase for  
10 capital expenditures, I think this is long  
11 overdue after decades of neglect and it's  
12 not the fault of previous councils or  
13 previous mayors, the city just does not have  
14 the money to invest in infrastructure. The  
15 city was worried about keeping the lights on  
16 and providing basic services. Because we  
17 are in a much better position financially  
18 now, we can put that investment into  
19 infrastructure. You have seen it with the  
20 road paving program over the last number of  
21 years. The streetlight program. It's no  
22 secret city hall needs a massive overhaul.

23           There is a number of other issues,  
24 roads and bridges are still not what they  
25 should be in the city, so as far as the

1           infrastructure spending, you know, I think  
2           we need to even spend more on  
3           infrastructure. Obviously, it needs to be  
4           done in a measured approach and I think we  
5           are on the right path but there is still a  
6           lot of work to do on the infrastructure  
7           side, not only what the residents see but  
8           also what they don't see. Equipment for our  
9           police and firefighters, our DPW as well  
10          with new plows and, you know, we are  
11          starting to see the results of a number of  
12          these items so there are with any budget  
13          pluses and minuses and it's nice to see  
14          these figures laid out, but it is good that  
15          our projected revenues are outpacing  
16          projected expenditures which is a very good  
17          sign.

18                 Anyone else? All those in favor  
19                 signify by saying aye.

20                 MR. PERRY: Aye.

21                 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

22                 MR. EVANS: Aye.

23                 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

1 MS. Reed: 6-B. READING BY TITLE -  
2 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 39, 2018 - AN  
3 ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.  
4 6, 1976 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED)  
5 IMPOSING A TAX FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES  
6 ON THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY SITUATE  
7 WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON; PRESCRIBING AND  
8 REGULATING THE METHOD OF EVIDENCING THE  
9 PAYMENT OF SUCH TAX; CONFERRING POWERS AND  
10 IMPOSING THE DUTIES UPON CERTAIN PERSONS,  
11 AND PROVIDING PENALTIES", BY IMPOSING THE  
12 RATE OF THE REALTY TRANSFER TAX AT TWO AND  
13 TWO TENTHS PERCENT (2.2%) FOR CALENDAR YEAR  
14 2019 AND THE SAME SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE  
15 AND EFFECT ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

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

18 MR. PERRY: I move that Item 6-B  
19 pass reading by title.

20 MR. EVANS: Second.

21 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

22 MR. EVANS: On the question.

23 According to Mr. Bulzoni's accounting of it,  
24 and I had this conversation with him prior  
25 to, we have actually exceeded budget



1 expectations in Year 2015, 2016, 2017, and I  
2 fully expect us to meet the budget line item  
3 this year as well so I think our strategy is  
4 working, people are starting to buy houses  
5 in Scranton again. I had a report from the  
6 Greater Scranton Board of Realtors for the  
7 last 12 months so I'll just go over it  
8 briefly just to give you an idea of what I  
9 think is happening. New listing are up .050  
10 percent that's good news because the market  
11 is tightening up. Pending sales are up 7  
12 percent, this is for the last 12 months,  
13 closed sales are up almost 5 percent. The  
14 median sale price for a house in the  
15 Scranton area is up 20 percent and the  
16 average sale price in Scranton is up to 17  
17 percent. Also, days on market is down by 25  
18 percent, so we are trending in the right  
19 direction.

20 By taking action like this I think  
21 we will continue to do that. I'm going to  
22 actually talk to Mr. Bulzoni and see if we  
23 can get some harder numbers on where we are  
24 this year because maybe we can actually even  
25 look at another modest reduction for 2019.

1 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else? I would  
2 just agree with every single Councilman  
3 Evans just said.

4 All those in favor signify by  
5 saying aye.

6 MR. PERRY: Aye.

7 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

8 MR. EVANS: Aye.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

12 MS. REED: 6-C. READING BY TITLE -  
13 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 40, 2018 - AN  
14 ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.  
15 7, 1976, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED)  
16 IMPOSING A MERCANTILE LICENSE TAX OF 2 MILLS  
17 FOR THE YEAR 1976 AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER  
18 UPON PERSONS ENGAGING IN CERTAIN OCCUPATIONS  
19 AND BUSINESSES THEREIN; PROVIDING FOR ITS  
20 LEVY AND COLLECTION AND FOR THE ISSUANCE OF  
21 MERCANTILE LICENSES; CONFERRING AND IMPOSING  
22 POWERS AND DUTIES UPON THE TAX COLLECTOR OF  
23 THE CITY OF SCRANTON; AND IMPOSING  
24 PENALTIES", BY IMPOSING THE MERCANTILE  
25 LICENSE TAX AT ONE (1) MILL (.001) FOR

1 CALENDAR YEAR 2019 AND THE SAME SHALL REMAIN  
2 IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ANNUALLY  
3 THEREAFTER.

4 MR. ROGAN: You've heard reading by  
5 title of Item 6-C, what is your pleasure?

6 MR. PERRY: I move that Item 6-C  
7 pass reading by title.

8 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

11 MR. PERRY: Aye.

12 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

13 MR. EVANS: Aye.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

17 MS. REED: 6-D. READING BY TITLE -  
18 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 41, 2018 - AN  
19 ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.  
20 8, 1976, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED)  
21 PROVIDING FOR THE GENERAL REVENUE BY  
22 IMPOSING A TAX AT THE RATE OF TWO (2) MILLS  
23 UPON THE PRIVILEGE OF OPERATING OR  
24 CONDUCTING BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON  
25 AS MEASURED BY THE GROSS RECEIPTS THEREFROM;

1           REQUIRING REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT OF THE  
2           TAX AS CONDITION TO THE CONDUCTING OF SUCH  
3           BUSINESS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND  
4           COLLECTION OF SUCH TAX; PRESCRIBING SUCH  
5           REQUIREMENTS FOR RETURNS AND RECORDS;  
6           CONFERRING POWERS AND DUTIES UPON THE TAX  
7           COLLECTOR; AND IMPOSING PENALTIES", BY  
8           IMPOSING THE BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX AT THE  
9           RATE OF ONE (1) MILL (.001) FOR CALENDAR  
10          YEAR 2019 AND THE SAME SHALL REMAIN IN FULL  
11          FORCE AND EFFECT ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

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

14                 MR. PERRY: I move that Item 6-D  
15                 pass reading by title.

16                 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

19                 MR. PERRY: Aye.

20                 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

21                 MR. EVANS: Aye.

22                 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

25                 MS. REED: 6-E. READING BY TITLE -

1 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 42, 2018 – AN  
2 ORDINANCE – AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.  
3 11, 1976, ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE (AS  
4 AMENDED) ENACTING, IMPOSING A TAX FOR  
5 GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES IN THE AMOUNT OF  
6 TWO PERCENT (2%) ON EARNED INCOME AND NET  
7 PROFITS ON PERSONS, INDIVIDUALS,  
8 ASSOCIATIONS AND BUSINESSES WHO ARE  
9 RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, OR  
10 NON-RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, FOR  
11 WORK DONE, SERVICES PERFORMED OR BUSINESS  
12 CONDUCTED WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON,  
13 REQUIRING THE FILING OF RETURNS BY TAXPAYERS  
14 SUBJECT TO THE TAX; REQUIRING EMPLOYERS TO  
15 COLLECT THE TAX AT SOURCE; PROVIDING FOR THE  
16 ADMINISTRATION, COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT  
17 OF THE SAID TAX; AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR  
18 THE VIOLATIONS”, BY RE-ENACTING THE  
19 IMPOSITION OF THE WAGE TAX AT TWO AND FOUR  
20 TENTHS (2.4%) PERCENT ON EARNED INCOME FOR  
21 RESIDENTS AND ONE (1%) PERCENT ON EARNED  
22 INCOME FOR NON-RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF  
23 SCRANTON, FOR WORK DONE, SERVICES PERFORMED  
24 OR BUSINESS CONDUCTED WITHIN THE CITY OF  
25 SCRANTON FOR THE YEAR 2019 AND THE SAME

1           SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT  
2           ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

3           MR. ROGAN: You've heard reading by  
4           title of Item 6-E, what is your pleasure?

5           MR. PERRY: I move that Item 6-E  
6           pass reading by title.

7           MR. EVANS: Second.

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

10          MR. PERRY: Aye.

11          MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

12          MR. EVANS: Aye.

13          MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

16          MS. REED: 6-F. READING BY TITLE -  
17          FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 43, 2018 - AN  
18          ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.  
19          78, 2017, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FILE OF THE  
20          COUNCIL NO. 100, 1976, ENTITLED "AN  
21          ORDINANCE (AS AMENDED) LEVYING GENERAL AND  
22          SPECIAL TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1977", BY  
23          SETTING THE MILLAGE FOR THE YEAR 2019 AND  
24          THE SAME SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND  
25          EFFECT ANNUALLY THEREAFTER" BY AMENDING

1 SECTION 1 REVERTING BACK TO THE MILLAGE  
2 RATES FROM 2016 WHICH ARE .232521 MILLS LEVY  
3 ON LAND AND .050564 MILLS LEVY ON ALL  
4 BUILDINGS AND BY ELIMINATING THE DEDICATED  
5 MILLAGE FOR DEBT SERVICE CONTAINED IN  
6 SECTION 2 AND REPLACING THE DEDICATED  
7 MILLAGE FOR DEBT SERVICE WITH A DEDICATED  
8 DEBT PERCENTAGE OF 32% OF REAL ESTATE TAX  
9 REVENUES COLLECTED ON A CURRENT YEAR BASIS.

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

12 MR. PERRY: I move that Item 6-F  
13 pass reading by title.

14 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

17 MR. PERRY: Aye.

18 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

19 MR. EVANS: Aye.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

23 MS. REED: 6-G. READING BY TITLE -  
24 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 44, 2018 - AN  
25 ORDINANCE - CREATING AND ESTABLISHING

1 SPECIAL CITY ACCOUNT NO. 02.229636 ENTITLED  
2 "SSA PENSION" FOR RECEIVING FUNDS FROM THAT  
3 PART OF THE SALE OF THE SCRANTON SEWER  
4 AUTHORITY PROCEEDS USED FOR THE PENSION  
5 OBLIGATION NOTE (TAXABLE SERIES OF 2018) AND  
6 THE DISBURSEMENT OF PAYMENTS ON THE PENSION  
7 OBLIGATION NOTE (TAXABLE SERIES OF 2018).

8 MR. ROGAN: You've heard reading by  
9 title of Item 6-G, what is your pleasure?

10 MR. PERRY: I move that Item 6-G  
11 pass reading by title.

12 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

15 MR. PERRY: Aye.

16 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

17 MR. EVANS: Aye.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

21 MS. REED: 6-H. READING BY TITLE -  
22 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 45, 2018 - AN  
23 ORDINANCE - CREATING AND ESTABLISHING  
24 SPECIAL CITY ACCOUNT NO. 02.229637 ENTITLED  
25 "SSA FUNDS" FOR RECEIVING THE REMAINING



1 BALANCE OF FUNDS FROM THE SALE OF THE  
2 SCRANTON SEWER AUTHORITY FOR DISBURSING FOR  
3 FUTURE CITY PROJECTS.

4 MR. ROGAN: You've heard reading by  
5 title of Item 6-H, what is your pleasure?

6 MR. PERRY: I move that Item 6-H  
7 pass reading by title.

8 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

11 MR. PERRY: Aye.

12 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

13 MR. EVANS: Aye.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

17 MS. REED: 6-I. READING BY TITLE -  
18 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 46, 2018 - AN  
19 ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.  
20 138, 2017 AN ORDINANCE "AUTHORIZING THE  
21 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS  
22 TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A PENSION TRUST  
23 AGREEMENT WITH THE COMPOSITE PENSION BOARD  
24 TO HOLD APPROXIMATELY \$22,910,531.56 OF THE  
25 PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE ASSETS OF THE

1 SCRANTON SEWER AUTHORITY IN TRUST UNTIL SUCH  
2 TIME AS PENSION REFORMS HAVE BEEN ENACTED"  
3 BY PERMITTING THE CITY TO TRANSFER FUNDS  
4 REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THE ORIGINAL TRUST  
5 AGREEMENT TO THE COMPOSITE PENSION BOARD  
6 THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF NONELECTORAL DEBT IN  
7 A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY  
8 \$22,910,531.56.

9 MR. ROGAN: You've heard reading by  
10 title of Item 6-I, what is your pleasure?

11 MR. PERRY: I move that Item 6-I  
12 pass reading by title.

13 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

16 MR. PERRY: Aye.

17 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

18 MR. EVANS: Aye.

19 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

22 MS. REED: 6-J. READING BY TITLE -  
23 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 47, 2018 - AN  
24 ORDINANCE - CREATING AND ESTABLISHING  
25 SPECIAL CITY ACCOUNT NO. 02.229638 ENTITLED

1 "STREET LIGHTING LEASE RESERVE FUNDS" FOR  
2 THE RECEIPT AND DISBURSEMENT OF STREET  
3 LIGHTING LEASE RESERVE FUNDS.

4 MR. ROGAN: You've heard reading by  
5 title of Item 6-J, what is your pleasure?

6 MR. PERRY: I move that Item 6-J  
7 pass reading by title.

8 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

11 MR. PERRY: Aye.

12 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

13 MR. EVANS: Aye.

14 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

17 MS. REED: 6-K. READING BY TITLE -  
18 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 48, 2018 - AN  
19 ORDINANCE - CREATING AND ESTABLISHING  
20 SPECIAL CITY ACCOUNT NO. 02.229639 ENTITLED  
21 "HIGHMARK HEALTHCARE RESERVE" FOR THE  
22 RECEIPT OF HIGHMARK HEALTHCARE FUNDS AND  
23 DISBURSEMENT OF THESE FUNDS FOR CITY OF  
24 SCRANTON HEALTHCARE COSTS.

25 MR. ROGAN: You've heard reading by

1 title of Item 6-K, what is your pleasure?

2 MR. PERRY: I move that Item 6-K  
3 pass reading by title.

4 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

7 MR. PERRY: Aye.

8 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

9 MR. EVANS: Aye.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

13 MS. REED: 6-L. READING BY TITLE -  
14 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 49, 2018 - AN  
15 ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.  
16 21, 2016 AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "DEFINING AND  
17 AUTHORIZING TAX EXEMPTIONS FROM REAL  
18 PROPERTY TAX IN ORDER TO IMPROVE  
19 DETERIORATING REAL PROPERTY IN CERTAIN AREAS  
20 IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON, ESTABLISHING AN  
21 EXEMPTION SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURES FOR  
22 OBTAINING EXEMPTIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR  
23 NON-PERMISSIBLE EXEMPTIONS AND LIMITING  
24 AMENDMENT THERETO" TO EXPAND THE ELIGIBLE  
25 AREAS, INCREASE THE DURATION OF EACH

1 EXEMPTION, AND TO LIFT THE CAP ON EACH  
2 EXEMPTION.

3 MR. ROGAN: You've heard reading by  
4 title of Item 6-L, what is your pleasure?

5 MR. PERRY: I move that Item 6-L  
6 pass reading by title.

7 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

10 MR. PERRY: Aye.

11 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

12 MR. EVANS: Aye.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

16 MS. REED: 6-M. READING BY TITLE -  
17 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 50, 2018 - AN  
18 ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.  
19 22, 2016 AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "DEFINING AND  
20 AUTHORIZING TAX EXEMPTIONS FROM REAL  
21 PROPERTY TAX IN ORDER TO STIMULATE  
22 RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND OTHER BUSINESS  
23 ACTIVITY IN CERTAIN AREAS IN THE CITY OF  
24 SCRANTON, ESTABLISHING AN EXEMPTION SCHEDULE  
25 AND PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING EXEMPTIONS,

1 PROVIDING FOR NON-PERMISSIBLE EXEMPTIONS AND  
2 LIMITING AMENDMENT THERETO" IN ORDER TO  
3 EXPAND THE ELIGIBLE AREAS, INCREASE THE  
4 DURATION OF EACH EXEMPTION, AND TO LIFT THE  
5 CAP ON EACH EXEMPTION.

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

8 MR. PERRY: I move that Item 6-M  
9 pass reading by title.

10 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

13 MR. PERRY: Aye.

14 MR. DONAHUE: Aye.

15 MR. EVANS: Aye.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

19 MS. REED: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR  
20 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY  
21 DEVELOPMENT - FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF THE  
22 COUNCIL NO. 37, 2018 - AUTHORIZING THE  
23 TRANSFER OF A VACANT PARCEL OF PROPERTY  
24 OWNED BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO THE  
25 LACKAWANNA COUNTY LAND BANK IN ACCORDANCE

1 WITH THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION  
2 AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE LAND BANK,  
3 LACKAWANNA COUNTY, CITY OF SCRANTON AND  
4 SCRANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, PROPERTY MORE  
5 COMMONLY KNOWN AS 2935-2937 PITTSTON AVENUE,  
6 SCRANTON, PA 18505.

7 MR. ROGAN: What is the  
8 recommendation of the Chair for the  
9 Committee on Community Development?

10 MR. DONAHUE: As Chairperson for the  
11 Committee on Community Development, I  
12 recommend final passage of Item 7-A.

13 MR. PERRY: Second.

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

16 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Perry.

17 MR. PERRY: Yes.

18 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Donahue.

19 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

20 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

21 MR. EVANS: Yes.

22 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

24 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

25 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare

1 Item 7-A legally and lawfully adopted.

2 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION BY  
3 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES – FOR ADOPTION -  
4 RESOLUTION NO. 86, 2018 – AUTHORIZING THE  
5 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS  
6 TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF  
7 UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF  
8 SCRANTON AND LOCAL UNION NO. 60 OF THE  
9 INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS,  
10 AFL-CIO.

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

14 MR. PERRY: Second.

15 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

16 MS. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question,  
17 I had questions about 7-B and 7-C from last  
18 week. The labor counsel and the Human  
19 Resources director came into our caucus and  
20 my questions were answered so I will be  
21 voting yes on both pieces.

22 MR. ROGAN: I'd like to thank both  
23 of those individuals for coming in and  
24 recognize all of the hard work that they do  
25 to bring legislation like this forward what



1 will ultimately save the city money. Roll  
2 call, please.

3 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Perry.

4 MR. PERRY: Yes.

5 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Donahue.

6 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

7 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

8 MR. EVANS: Yes.

9 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

10 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

11 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

12 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare  
13 Item 7-B legally and lawfully adopted.

14 MS. REED: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION BY  
15 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -  
16 RESOLUTION NO. 87, 2018 - AUTHORIZING THE  
17 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS  
18 TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF  
19 UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN LOCAL LODGE 2462 AND  
20 THE CITY OF SCRANTON AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
21 OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON REGARDING THE SINGLE  
22 TAX OFFICE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT.

23 MR. ROGAN: As Chairperson for the  
24 Committee on Rules, I recommend final  
25 passage of Item 7-C.

1 MR. PERRY: Second.

2 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll  
3 call, please?

4 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Perry.

5 MR. PERRY: Yes.

6 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Donahue.

7 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

8 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

9 MR. EVANS: Yes.

10 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

12 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

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

15 MS. REED: 7-D. FOR CONSIDERATION BY  
16 THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – FOR  
17 ADOPTION – RESOLUTION NO. 88, 2018 –  
18 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE  
19 CITY OFFICIALS FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO  
20 ENTER INTO A LOAN TO GRANT AGREEMENT AND  
21 MAKE A LOAN/GRANT FROM THE CITY OF  
22 SCRANTON’S BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY LOAN TO  
23 GRANT PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 150.45 IN AN  
24 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$140,000.00 TO  
25 RIZZO-FRYZEL DENTAL GROUP, PLLC, DBA

1 (ELECTRIC CITY DENTISTRY) TO ASSIST AN  
2 ELIGIBLE PROJECT.

3 MR. ROGAN: What is the  
4 recommendation of the Chair for the  
5 Committee on Community Development?

6 MR. DONAHUE: As Chairperson for the  
7 Committee on Community Development, I  
8 recommend final passage of Item 7-D.

9 MR. PERRY: Second.

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

12 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Perry.

13 MR. PERRY: Yes.

14 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Donahue.

15 MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

16 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

17 MR. EVANS: Yes.

18 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

19 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

20 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

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

23 MS. REED: 7-E. FOR CONSIDERATION BY  
24 THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS – FOR ADOPTION  
25 – RESOLUTION NO. 89, 2018 – AUTHORIZING THE

1 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS  
2 TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A MULTI-BRIDGE  
3 ("BRIDGE BUNDLING") PROJECTS AGREEMENT BY  
4 AND BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
5 ACTING THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
6 TRANSPORTATION ("DEPARTMENT") AND THE CITY  
7 OF SCRANTON ("CITY OF SCRANTON") FOR  
8 COMMONWEALTH'S PERFORMANCE OF CITY OF  
9 SCRANTON-OWNED BRIDGE PROJECTS.

10 MR. ROGAN: What is the  
11 recommendation of the Chair for the  
12 Committee on Public Works?

13 MR. GAUGHAN: As Chairperson for the  
14 Committee on Public Works, I recommend final  
15 passage of Item 7-E.

16 MR. PERRY: Second.

17 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question,  
19 I had questions about this last week as  
20 well. We did receive a response from our  
21 city solicitor -- or not city solicitor,  
22 city engineer, John Pocius. He said that  
23 once this resolution is passed tonight it  
24 will be sent back to PennDOT and fully  
25 executed. That's when PennDOT will start

1 the design consultant selection process.

2 The city in essence is turning the complete  
3 control of those bridges over to PennDOT.

4 So, as I mentioned last week, that would be  
5 West Lackawanna Avenue bridge over the  
6 railroad, Elm Street bridge over the  
7 Lackawanna River, North Main avenue bridge  
8 over Leggett's Creek and the Parker Street  
9 bridge over the Lackawanna River.

10 The selection of a design consultant  
11 should be completed by next summer  
12 hopefully, three or four years usually for  
13 design, hopefully construction will begin  
14 after that. Mr. Pocius said that each  
15 bridge will probably be on a different  
16 schedule so construction could start in five  
17 years. This project is extremely important.  
18 As everybody knows, our bridges are not in  
19 the best of shape so the state picking up 95  
20 percent of the tab on this is a huge help.

21 I did ask Mr. Bulzoni prior to the  
22 meeting tonight how the city was going to  
23 account for the 5 percent match that we are  
24 going to be required to pay which will be  
25 \$1.1 million roughly and this was included

1           in our capital budget so that is accounted  
2           for. Thank you.

3                   MR. ROGAN: Anyone else? Roll call,  
4           please?

5                   MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Perry.

6                   MR. PERRY: Yes.

7                   MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Donahue.

8                   MR. DONAHUE: Yes.

9                   MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

10                  MR. EVANS: Yes.

11                  MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

12                  MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

13                  MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

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

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

18                  MR. PERRY: Motion to adjourn.

19                  MR. ROGAN: Meeting adjourned.

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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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