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1	SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING	
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7	Monday, February 11, 2019	
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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 (Not present) KYLE DONAHUE 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. ROGAN: Roll call, please.
4	MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.
5	MR. PERRY: Here.
6	MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.
7	MR. DONAHUE: Here.
8	MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.
9	MR. EVANS: Here.
10	MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan. (Not
11	present.) Mr. Rogan.
12	MR. ROGAN: Here. Dispense with the
13	reading of the minutes. Actually, hold that
14	thought. I think there is going to be a
15	motion.
16	MS. EVANS: I'd like to make a
17	motion to table item 7-A.
18	MR. PERRY: Second.
19	MR. ROGAN: On the question? All
20	those in favor signify by saying aye.
21	MR. PERRY: Aye.
22	MR. DONAHUE: Aye.
23	MR. EVANS: Aye.
24	MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
25	have it and so moved. Please dispense with

1	the reading of the minutes.
2	MS. REED: THIRD ORDER. 3-A. TAX
3	ASSESSOR'S RESULTS REPORT FOR HEARING DATE
4	HELD JANUARY 30, 2019.
5	MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
6	If not, received and filed.
7	MS. REED: 3-B. CHECK RECEIVED N
8	THE AMOUNT OF \$21,780.00 FROM COMMONWEALTH
9	OF PA FOR 2016 ACT 47 GRANT REIMBURSEMENT
10	FOR 2018.
11	MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
12	If not, received and filed.
13	MS. REED: 3-C. MINUTES OF THE
14	LACKAWANNA COUNTY LAND BANK MEETING HELD
15	JANUARY 11, 2019.
16	MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
17	If not, received and filed.
18	MS. REED: 3-D. AGENDA FOR THE
19	LACKAWANNA COUNTY LAND BANK MEETING HELD
20	FEBRUARY 8, 2019.
21	MR. ROGAN: Are there any comments?
22	If not, received and filed. Do any council
23	members have announcements to make?
24	MR. EVANS: I have one. The first
25	meeting of the newly formed Downtown

Scranton Residents Association will take place, Wednesday, February 20, at 6:00 p.m. at the Leonard at 335 Adams Avenue in downtown Scranton.

MR. ROGAN: I have a couple of announcements. Colts buses will run on snow routes tomorrow, Tuesday, February 12.

Share ride services will operate under the inclement weather policy found on Colts snow route page picking up essentially trips only. With weather conditions expected to worsen throughout the day tomorrow please check the Colts website, Facebook page and news stations for updates on Colts service.

Next Monday, February 18, city hall will be closed in observation of President's Day. Councils next Wednesday will held Monday, February 25.

DPW crews will be working next week on the 18th. Refuse and red recycling will be on schedule next week.

MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION.

(The following speakers offered public comment as follows: Joan Hodowanitz

spoke on city business. Ron Ellman spoke on matters of general concern. Bob Bolus spoke on city business and matters of general concern. Jay Walsh spoke on matters of general concern. Dave Dobrzyn spoke on matters of general concern. Marie Schumacher spoke on city business.)

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

MR. PERRY: Just a couple of quick things. In the last couple of weeks I have been talking to some neighbors of the mission house, I know they were here in December and they were having some issues with just some bad activity around their neighborhood so if we could, Mrs. Reed, could we send another letter to Chief Graziano to see if he had a plan or if he was able to do a step up of police presence in that area from time to time based on all of that information that we sent out in the original e-mail?

And, also, I don't believe we heard back from Mr. Hinton on our request to see -- to make sure that the mission house

was operating in full compliance and while the mission house and other facilities like that are needed in the city, it's also a responsibility of not only us but the facilities themselves to run it correctly and that's what we are trying to do here. We are just trying to make this a win-win. We want the people in the mission house to get all of the help they need whenever they need it, but at the same time be respectful to the community that these places are in and that's kind of what we are trying to go for right here.

Also, Mrs. Schumacher brought up the rescheduling meeting of Chief Graziano. I did have something I would like to add to that but I know it will be a good a chance, we'll have the chief and the D.A. in the same room. I would like them to bring their opinion on the decriminalization of marijuana and if they have one much. It's something that's been talked about recently, it's been something that's been brought up in the past and it's been something that is done in other cities, so I want to just hear

from them. They are the two biggest players in this and it really doesn't happen without their backing and their -- I want them to bring them experience to the table because if there is any two people in the city that have the best of the best insight on that issue it would be Chief Graziano and D.A. Powell.

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Lastly, there is an issue that we have been dealing with for awhile on Ferdinand Street and Church Avenue, it's just standing water that's been happening and the residents there are happy that the drain and the sewage issue was fixed with the cleaning out, but we did send a letter way back when to DPW and it was a milling issue and it wasn't going to happen this year -- or in 2018, it just 2018 books were closed on all paving. I just want to see if that was planned to get on this year's budget or if it's not would it be included and would it need a full scope of road It's just basically some milling and some repaying to fix the pitch of that street in order to run the water correctly

into the storm drain and then if we can get a response back if that's the case I don't know it's going to need something from the engineering department or if it's just a simple fix, but if we can get answers to that I would appreciate it. That's all I have today. Thank you.

MR. ROGAN: Thank you, Mr. Perry.
Mr. Donahue, any motions or comments?

MR. DONAHUE: Yeah, just a couple of things. Just to respond to a couple things Marie brought up real quick. With regards to recycling, I think the problem there is you have the same operator that runs the recycling center that runs the landfill so it doesn't provide any incentive to the operator to recycle more recyclables so I think that needs to change moving forward, we need to figure out ways for that to change.

With regards to the mayor, I have called on him multiple times to make a statement and he still hasn't done that so I agree with you 100 percent on that, too.

Mrs. Reed, I have gotten a couple of calls

about potholes on the bottom of East

Mountain Road and Wintermantle Avenue so

would we be able to pass that along to DPW

to maybe go up there and patch them up?

Myself and Councilman Evans had a meeting with PennDOT on Friday regarding the intersection of Pittston Avenue and Orchard Street, hopefully we could come to an amicable agreement on that corner because it is a pretty dangerous intersection according to a lot of the data that the chief brought along with him.

Also, I had a couple of calls about issues with speed of cars coming off
Boulevard Avenue onto Columbia Street in front of Robert Morris so would you be able to pass that along to Chief Graziano?

And just to agree with Councilman Perry, I really do think it's time to have a discussion with the D.A. and the chief about marijuana decriminalization. I think there is valid points on both sides, but I think it would be valuable to have that discussion. That's all I have tonight. Thank you.

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

MS. EVANS: Very briefly. On the decriminalization of marijuana, I have been calling for that meeting for quite awhile so I'm very encouraged by the conversation tonight so hopefully Chief Graziano and D.A. Powell will be able to prepared for that discussion as well. I would like to announce that we will be holding a work session next Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. in city council chambers to discuss the results of the Blight Task Force. We will go over the multi-faceted plan with a goal to implementation on many of the strategies developed at those meetings. So, again, we will be meeting in council chambers Tuesday, February 19, at 6:00 p.m. for that work session. And that's all I have.

MR. ROGAN: Just two brief items.

The homelessness was brought up, and I did receive a memorandum from the mayor. This meeting was taking place -- the timing kind of got thrown off from some of our meetings with a couple of items getting changed, but

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it's been reported that there currently isn't a shelter in the city when it gets cold because of a couple of shelters did close so this memorandum states that Weston Field will be available for use as a homeless shelter by Keystone Mission in adverse weather conditions when the temperature is below 15 degrees and when they anticipate having to shelter 20 or more The facilities will be open individuals. for the Keystone Mission from 9 p.m. until 7 The Keystone Mission will be required to have adequate staff on hand for the entire duration of the stay and the rules, regulations for the mission will be implemented and enforced. Following the departure of shelter guests, Director Fallon will have his staff and rec staff clean the gymnasium and restrooms so that was just part of an update on this ongoing issue that's going on as well.

And, secondly, I just want to mention we did receive this flyer from Neighbor Works which is one of the best organizations we have in our city for

helping homeowners and this program
particularly for homeowners who are 60 and
older, modest income who need a helping
hand. This summer between June 24 and 28
volunteer groups will be working in the city
on projects, again, at no cost such as porch
repair and construction, steps repairs,
interior and exterior painting, solar power
security lights, weatherization and
wheelchair ramp repair or construction.

As I mentioned it's for older homeowners, 60 or older. For a one-person household the income limit is around \$37,000. For a two-person household it's \$42,500 and for a three-person household it's \$47,750. The deadline to apply is March 15, so anyone who is interested in applying for this program if they need some -- if they are older and need some work done on their house free of charge you can contact the Lackawanna County Area Agency on Aging at 570-963-6740 and request a Neighbor Works referral for the summer of 2019 project.

And I do want to give a thank you to

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Neighbor Works, they have been one of the best partners that the city has in our county in helping people achieve homeownership through the program that Councilman Evans and myself put together and also for those who are older who want to remain in their homes, adaptions for people who are older but need, you know, a helping hand, need ramps put in, need, you know, different lifts, and they have been a great asset and Scranton has a very large population of senior citizens so anyone that's out there that needs a little help on their home if you are over 60 and you meet these income guidelines please get in touch with the Area Agency on Aging or Neighbor Works. And that is it all.

MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION —
AN ORDINANCE — AUTHORIZING INSTALLATION OF
NO PARKING SIGNS ALONG THE NORTHERLY AND
SOUTHERLY SIDES OF BROADWAY STREET ALONG THE
BICYCLE LANES IN THE VICINITY OF THE
TRAIL CROSSINGS NEAR THE UNIVERSITY OF
SCRANTON SPORTS COMPLEX THAT WERE INSTALLED
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LHVA SCRANTON

1 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT. MR. ROGAN: At this time, I'll 2 3 entertain a motion that Item 5-B be introduced into its proper committee. 4 5 MR. PERRY: So moved. MR. EVANS: Second. 6 7 MR. ROGAN: On the question? A11 8 those in favor signify by saying aye. 9 MR. PERRY: Aye. 10 MR. DONAHUE: Aye. 11 MR. EVANS: Aye. 12 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes 13 have it and so moved. 14 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -A RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF MARY PAT 15 16 DEFLICE, 1322 SCHLAGER STREET, SCRANTON, 17 PENNSYLVANIA, 18504, TO THE POSITION OF 18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND 19 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 20 MS. DEFLICE WILL BE REPLACING LINDA 21 AEBLI WHO IS RETIRING EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 28, 2019. 22 23 MR. ROGAN: At this time, I'll 24 entertain a motion that Item 5-C be 25 introduced into its proper committee.

1 MR. PERRY: So moved. MR. EVANS: Second. 2 3 MR. ROGAN: On the question? A11 those in favor of introduction signify by 4 5 saying aye. MR. PERRY: Aye. 6 7 MR. DONAHUE: Aye. 8 MR. EVANS: Aye. 9 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes have it and so moved. 10 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION -11 12 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY 13 14 OF SCRANTON TO SIGN AND SUBMIT THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 15 16 ("PENNDOT") APPLICATION FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL 17 APPROVAL FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL PERMIT NOS. W4064, W4065 & W4066 MULBERRY STREET (SR 18 19 3027) AND MONROE AVENUE/HITCHCOCK 20 COURT/QUINCY AVENUE ASSOCIATED WITH THE 21 UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON'S PROJECT TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF THE EXISTING 22 23 PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS. 24 MR. ROGAN: At this time, I'll 25 entertain a motion that Item 5-D be

1 introduced into its proper committee. MR. PERRY: So moved. 2 3 MR. EVANS: Second. MR. ROGAN: On the question? A11 4 those in favor signify by saying aye. 5 MR. PERRY: Aye. 6 MR. DONAHUE: Aye. 7 8 MR. EVANS: Aye. 9 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes 10 have it and so moved. MS. REED: 5-E. FOR INTRODUCTION -11 12 A RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE 13 AND ENTER INTO AN ADDENDUM TO THE AGREEMENT 14 BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON AND THE 15 CITY OF SCRANTON FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE 16 17 IN PAVEMENT LED CROSSWALK WARNING LIGHTS ON 18 MULBERRY STREET DATED APRIL 21, 2016. 19 MR. ROGAN: At this time, I'll 20 entertain a motion that Item 5-E be 21 introduced into its proper committee. 22 MR. PERRY: So moved. 23 MR. EVANS: Second. 24 MR. ROGAN: On the question? 25 those in favor of introduction signify by

1	saying aye.
2	MR. PERRY: Aye.
3	MR. DONAHUE: Aye.
4	MR. EVANS: Aye.
5	MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
6	have it and so moved.
7	MS. REED: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A.
8	READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.
9	55, 2019 - AN ORDINANCE – AUTHORIZING THE
10	SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION TO ACQUIRE
11	RIGHT-OF-WAYS NECESSARY FOR THE MULTI-BRIDGE
12	PROJECT DOCUMENT NO. 04M173.
13	MR. ROGAN: You've heard reading by
14	title of Item 6-A, what is your pleasure?
15	MR. PERRY: Mr. Chairman, I move
16	that Item 6-A pass reading by title.
17	MR. EVANS: Second.
18	MR. ROGAN: On the question? All
19	those in favor signify by saying aye.
20	MR. PERRY: Aye.
21	MR. DONAHUE: Aye.
22	MR. EVANS: Aye.
23	MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
24	have it and so moved.
25	MS. REED: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A.

PREVIOUSLY TABLED. 1 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION 2 BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -3 FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 53, 4 2019 - APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE 5 SUBMISSION OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON'S OFFICE 6 OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S FIVE 7 8 YEAR REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF) PLAN AS 9 REQUIRED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, 10 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA). 11 MR. ROGAN: What is the 12 recommendation of the Chair for the 13 Committee on Community Development? 14 MR. DONAHUE: As Chair for the 15 Committee on Community Development, I 16 recommend final passage of Item 7-B. 17 MR. EVANS: Second. 18 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Ro11 19 call, please? 20 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry. 21 MR. PERRY: Yes. 22 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue. 23 MR. DONAHUE: Yes. 24 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans. 25 MR. EVANS: Yes.

1 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan. MR. ROGAN: Yes. 2 I hereby declare 3 Item 7-B legally and lawfully adopted. MS. REED: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION 4 BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -5 FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 54, 6 2019 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER 7 8 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO DISBURSE SIX 9 THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,000.00) FROM THE UDAG REPAYMENT ACCOUNT INTO WHICH URBAN 10 11 DEVELOPMENT ACTION GRANTS (UDAG) REPAYMENTS 12 ARE DEPOSITED. THIS WILL COVER THE CITY OF SCRANTON'S SHARE OF COSTS FOR THE UNITED 13 14 NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS OF NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA TO ADMINISTER THE CONTINUUM OF 15 16 CARE FOR LACKAWANNA COUNTY DURING THE PERIOD 17 JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019. 18 MR. ROGAN: What is the recommendation of the Chair for the 19 20 Committee on Community Development? 21 MR. DONAHUE: As Chair for the 22 Committee on Community Development, I 23 recommend final passage of Item 7-C. 24 MR. PERRY: Second. 25 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Ro11

1	call, please?
2	MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.
3	MR. PERRY: Yes.
4	MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.
5	MR. DONAHUE: Yes.
6	MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.
7	MR. EVANS: Yes.
8	MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.
9	MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare
10	Item 7-C legally and lawfully adopted.
11	MS. REED: 7-D. FOR CONSIDERATION
12	BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION
13	-RESOLUTION NO 97, 2019 - APPOINTMENT OF
14	JOSEPH J. EARYES, 138 LAKEVIEW DRIVE,
15	SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18505, AS A MEMBER
16	OF THE HOUSING APPEALS REVIEW BOARD
17	EFFECTIVE JANUARY 22, 2019. MR. EARYES IS
18	BEING APPOINTED TO A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM
19	WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JANUARY 22, 2024.
20	MR. ROGAN: As Chairperson for the
21	Committee on Rules, I recommend final
22	passage of Item 7-D.
23	MR. PERRY: Second.
24	MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll
25	call, please?

MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry. 1 MR. PERRY: Yes. 2 3 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue. MR. DONAHUE: Yes. 4 5 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans. MR. EVANS: Yes. 6 7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan. 8 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare 9 Item 7-D legally and lawfully adopted. MS. REED: 7-E. FOR CONSIDERATION 10 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -11 12 RESOLUTION NO. 98, 2019 - APPOINTMENT OF KELEENA MCNICHOLS, 1310 CORNELL STREET, 13 14 SCRANTON, PA, 18504 AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE SCRANTON SEWER AUTHORITY 15 16 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 18, 2019. MS. MCNICHOLS 17 WILL BE REPLACING GOPAL PATEL WHO RESIGNED 18 DECEMBER 21, 2018. MS. MCNICHOLS WILL FILL 19 THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF GOPAL PATEL, WHOSE 20 TERM IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE ON JANUARY 4, 21 2022. 22 MR. ROGAN: As Chairperson for the 23 Committee on Rules, I recommend final 24 passage of Item 7-E. 25 MR. PERRY: Second.

1 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Ro11 call, please? 2 3 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry. MR. PERRY: Yes. 4 5 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue. MR. DONAHUE: Yes. 6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans. 7 8 MR. EVANS: Yes. 9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan. 10 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare 11 Item 7-E legally and lawfully adopted. 12 MS. REED: 7-F. FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -13 14 FOR ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 99, 2019 -ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE 15 16 HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD 17 ("HARB") AND APPROVING THE CERTIFICATE OF 18 APPROPRIATENESS FOR POCONO SIGN COMPANY, 19 1979 SCRANTON CARBONDALE HIGHWAY, BLAKELY, 20 PA 18447, FOR SIGNAGE WORK TO BE COMPLETED 21 ON THE FRONT EDIFICE OF THE EVERHART MUSEUM, 22 SITUATED AT 1901 MULBERRY STREET, SCRANTON, 23 PA 18510. 24 MR. ROGAN: What is the 25 recommendation of the Chair for the

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1	Committee on Community Development?
2	MR. DONAHUE: As Chair for the
3	Committee on Community Development, I
4	recommend final passage of Item 7-F.
5	MR. PERRY: Second.
6	MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll
7	call, please?
8	MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.
9	MR. PERRY: Yes.
10	MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.
11	MR. DONAHUE: Yes.
12	MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.
13	MR. EVANS: Yes.
14	MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.
15	MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare
16	Item 7-F legally and lawfully adopted.
17	If there is no further business,
18	I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.
19	MR. PERRY: Motion to adjourn.
20	MR. ROGAN: Meeting adjourned.
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## CERTIFICATE

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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CATHENE S. NARDOZZI, RPR OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER