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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

Thursday, December 14, 2017

LOCATION:

Council Chambers

Scranton City Hall

340 North Washington Avenue

Scranton, Pennsylvania

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

- JOSEPH WECHSLER, PRESIDENT
- PATRICK ROGAN, VICE-PRESIDENT
- WAYNE EVANS
- WILLIAM GAUGHAN
(NOT PRESENT)
- 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. Mr.

11 Wechsler.

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

14 MS. REED: THIRD ORDER. 3-A.

15 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
16 MEMBERS OF THE SCRANTON HOUSING AUTHORITY
17 HELD NOVEMBER 6, 2017.

18 MR. WECHSLER: Are there any
19 comments? If not, received and filed. Do
20 any council members have announcements at
21 this time?

22 MR. PERRY: Yes, I have one
23 announcement. The Lackawanna County
24 Commissioners put out another Code Blue for
25 anybody who has been outside, it is

1 absolutely freezing out there lately. Code
2 Blue was put into effect 8:00 on Tuesday,
3 and that's going to run until this Saturday,
4 the 16th. Code Blue, again, for us who
5 forget and don't want to remember, it's when
6 the forecasted temperature in Lackawanna
7 County, including wind chills, is expected
8 to reach 20 degrees Fahrenheit or lower. The
9 goal of this is to notify as many people as
10 possible about the cold and extreme
11 conditions and provide information related
12 to the health and wellness in cold weather,
13 and publicize locations of emergency
14 homeless shelters that are operated by area
15 social service agencies.

16 During a Code Blue alert, homeless
17 individuals can access emergency shelter at
18 following location: St. Anthony's Haven,
19 409 Olive Street, Scranton. Their hours are
20 7:30 p.m. to 8 a.m., and the Community
21 Intervention Center at 445 North Sixth
22 Avenue and that is 8 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
23 Thank you.

24 MR. EVANS: I have one, just to
25 remind everybody that you can still vote for

1 the 2018 PA river of the year by going to
2 pariveroftheyear.org and voting for the
3 Lackawanna river. That's all I have.

4 MR. WECHSLER: I did speak to
5 Councilman Gaughan today and he asked me to
6 read this statement: "I apologize for not
7 being able to attend tonight's meeting. I
8 am still recovering from unexpected
9 emergency surgery that I had last week. I
10 would like wish everyone a Merry Christmas
11 and Happy New Year."

12 And we all wish Mr. Gaughan a swift
13 and speedy recovery.

14 We would like to wish a Happy
15 Hannakuh to those celebrating this week.
16 May the festival of lights and blessing upon
17 you and all of your families.

18 Tonight's meeting will be council's
19 last meeting of 2017. Council will meet
20 again on Monday, January 1, at 10:30 a.m.
21 unless a special meeting would be necessary
22 before that date. Council will confer their
23 reorganization meeting on January 1 at 11
24 a.m.

25 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'

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PARTICIPATION.

MR. WECHSLER: Leslie Collins.

MS. COLLINS: Good evening, Council.

I'm Leslie Collins and I'm the executive director of Scranton Tomorrow. I would like to thank council for your consideration of the legislation that is on the agenda this evening in the amount of \$250,000 for the implementation of the downtown economic development strategy. I would also would like to thank you for your support the years for Scranton Tomorrow. Scranton Tomorrow is a nonprofit, nonpartisan community and economic development organization which was founded in 1992, and for more than two decades we have worked to address critical challenges facing the greater Scranton area.

Within the past decade, our organization has focused primarily on the downtown core business district as a State of Pennsylvania designated and nationally accredited Main Street organization. The national Main Street approach produces both tangible and intangible results. The strengthening of public participation

1 through grassroots driven initiatives, the
2 building of strong community partnerships
3 for the betterment of our region, and
4 providing advocacy and serving as a
5 community convenor and intermediary, all
6 intangible services very vital for forming a
7 cohesive downtown community. More tangible
8 outcomes including safe, clean and green
9 activities, small business promotions and
10 historic preservation efforts that we have
11 produced through our facade improvement
12 program all aim to rekindle
13 entrepreneurship.

14 Scranton Tomorrow has emerged as an
15 important ally to a community that faces
16 many challenges and guided by it's vision of
17 Scranton is a vital and vibrant urban center
18 of northeastern Pennsylvania.

19 Our organization has marshalled
20 resources to tackle old problems and to
21 embrace new and exciting opportunities.
22 Looking to the future we recognize that
23 maintaining a healthy central business
24 district is essentially to improving the
25 economic climate of the greater Scranton

1 region creating jobs and retaining and
2 attracting young people to our community are
3 critical.

4 Within the past year we have had the
5 pleasure of working very closely with the
6 City of Scranton, the national resource
7 network and community stakeholders in
8 developing a strategy serving as a catalyst
9 for a business improvement district. This
10 model, the group business improvement
11 district, has been proven to be successful
12 throughout the country and also serves as
13 the next step for the national Main Street
14 formula which we have undergone over the
15 last decade.

16 The plan includes items which are
17 outside of the realm of municipal duties.
18 The activities which would be undertaken
19 will come with the great work of the
20 municipal departments and will allow for
21 private public partnerships to drive and to
22 drive future economic development
23 activities.

24 We have recently successfully
25 secured a local share account, the LSA

1 funding grant, in the amount of \$115,000 to
2 be utilized solely for downtown
3 beautification purposes, and this process
4 will begin in the spring of 2018. We are
5 continuing to work diligently on applying
6 for additional grants for physical downtown
7 improvements, website design, downtown
8 branding events and all of the components
9 that go along with driving economic
10 structure.

11 We also continue to meet with
12 stakeholders within our community and
13 foundations in preparation of putting forth
14 the economic development strategy. Scranton
15 Tomorrow is energized by the tasks at hand
16 and we respectfully ask for your support for
17 this collaborative economic and development
18 initiative. Thank you.

19 MR. EVANS: Thank you.

20 MR. WECHSLER: Joan Hodowanitz.

21 MS. HODOWANITZ: Joan Hodowanitz,
22 Scranton resident and taxpayer. Any word on
23 the Knowel's insurance list?

24 MR. EVANS: You know, it's been
25 almost nine full months. I could have had a

1 baby in that amount of time.

2 MR. WECHSLER: I hope not, Joan.

3 MS. HODOWANITZ: Okay, but I'll keep
4 asking in January. How about the Arcadis
5 storm water management study, have we got
6 any kind of idea when that's going to
7 blossom into a product?

8 MR. WECHSLER: Sometime maybe first
9 quarter next year, maybe second quarter next
10 year.

11 MS. HODOWANITZ: Oh, good, God,
12 okay. I'm interested in the revitalization
13 of the downtown largely because of
14 self-interest because I live downtown and
15 have for 18 some years, but I've got to tell
16 you, I often feel bad for the residents of
17 the other sections of the city, the vast
18 majority of the Scranton taxpayers do not
19 live downtown like I do, and I sometimes
20 wonder if they don't feel that they don't
21 get equal an focus, and I understand that
22 the downtown is an economic driver, but
23 think of people like Mr. Young and his
24 odyssey on Wyoming Avenue. Think of the
25 projects that have languished over the years

1 like the Novembrino pool complex, things
2 like that. Sometimes I think that the other
3 sections of the city get short drift and I
4 don't know the answer because I know this
5 resources are limited and funds are limited,
6 but as we revitalize the downtown we
7 shouldn't ignore the fact that the burden of
8 the tax base is not downtown, it's in those
9 surrounding neighborhoods, o, I hope that in
10 2018 you can find some way of focusing on
11 that, also.

12 And, finally, Mr. Wechsler I know
13 this is your last council meeting, I want to
14 wish you well. I maybe didn't always agree
15 with you and your decisions, but I respect
16 the work you have done for the city and I
17 hope you continue to serve in some capacity
18 in the future. Thank you.

19 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you very much.

20 MS. HODOWANITZ: And I wish you all
21 a wonderful holiday, Happy Hanukah and a
22 Merry Christmas. If that's politically
23 incorrect too bad, and hopefully I'll see
24 you on January 1 for reorganization. Thank
25 you.

1 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you. Bring
2 your baby. Lenny Srebo.

3 MR. SREBRO: Good evening, Council.
4 Lenny Srebro, Scranton resident. I'd like
5 to put council stuff aside for a second
6 really and wish you a happy holidays. All
7 right, I came here actually to come down on
8 Bill Gaughan, not really, but I understand,
9 you know, like, he has got medical problems,
10 but I really did come to see him, I didn't
11 know he was sick. What I'm going after
12 right now is the commissioner, Laureen
13 Cummings, said she is in the process of
14 writing a letter to the mayor and if he
15 doesn't respond she wants to go there I'm
16 assuming she means his office. Well, about
17 a month ago Bill said the same thing, he was
18 upset about, you know, like, that nobody is
19 answering or nobody is giving any answers to
20 this and, you know, he said that he wanted
21 to go there if somebody doesn't get back to
22 him.

23 So we got two people, I'm hoping
24 that after he recovers, I understand the
25 medical problems he is having, I even have

1 him them myself, I have a fear of water, but
2 if somebody would get a message to him, you
3 know, that that's what I'm going after.

4 MR. WECHSLER: A message to who, Mr.
5 Gaughan?

6 MR. SREBRO: Yeah, but, you know,
7 I'd like to follow up on if he didn't get an
8 answer, you know, like he said he wanted to
9 go down there.

10 MR. WECHSLER: Well, he has been in
11 touch with the office on a daily basis,
12 Mrs. Reed will pass the message onto him if
13 he calls in.

14 MR. SREBRO: She'll pass the message
15 onto Bill?

16 MR. WECHSLER: Correct.

17 MR. SREBRO: All right. That's it.
18 Thank you.

19 MR. WECHSLER: Bob Bolus.

20 MR. BOLUS: Good evening, Council.
21 Bob Bolus, Scranton. On 7-C last week I had
22 raised some questions I had about it, I'd
23 like to applaud Leslie for coming in and
24 setting straight exactly what Scranton
25 Tomorrow is about and what they intend to do

1 and I think she very clearly justified the
2 spending of the \$250,000 which is going to
3 benefit the area, and I'm glad she came here
4 because we had doubts, I know I had a bunch
5 of them, and she did a great job on telling
6 us whether they are heading and what they
7 wanted to do and that was the questions,
8 like, what are we getting for our money, so
9 I think it was well worth her coming here
10 today and I think people appreciate the fact
11 of what they really can do and that they
12 didn't run and hide, she came right out here
13 in the open, so I'd like to wish her a Merry
14 Christmas and everything else and the group
15 that's going to do it. I hope they are
16 successful in their venture because we need
17 it.

18 One of the things I had was last
19 week was about the parking garages over at
20 the mall. I still want to know where our
21 VIP parking spaces are and that we are not
22 going to pay to go in and out of the mall
23 and I think there is an accountability to
24 has to be done and I would ask counsel to
25 send a letter and have Basalyga tell us

1 exactly what we got for our money. That's
2 something we haven't had so far and to share
3 the money that he took on St. Patrick's Day
4 back to the city and the citizens here
5 because those were our spaces. He has no
6 right to give them out to anyone else but
7 us.

8 The other thing I do have is it's a
9 little thing, but what is Christmas and what
10 does it really mean to everyone? Well, to
11 me for 24 years I've doing a Christmas
12 dinner here and I'm inviting, again, the
13 24th annual Bob Bolus senior Christmas Day
14 dinner that's held at St. Patrick's Church
15 on Jackson Street and it's from 12 to 6.
16 You don't need a reservation. All you need
17 to do is bring your appetite, bring yourself
18 and come and an enjoy the comradery and what
19 the spirit of Christmas means. It's an all
20 day buffet. If you attend the dinner you
21 take the takeout home.

22 We also deliver to people. We are
23 delivering two meals to a family. Anybody
24 has more than that there then they can come
25 to the dinner and enjoy what it's about and

1 take a takeout home.

2 You don't need a reservation and
3 what you need to do is just call my office,
4 and I'll give you the number, it's area code
5 570-346-7659. And doesn't matter -- make a
6 difference who you are or what you are, it's
7 hoping that everyone who just doesn't want
8 to be home alone on Christmas and it's
9 something that when I started it I never
10 thought I would ever get to the magnitude it
11 is today, but we had over 3,000 people last
12 year, and I want to thank everybody that
13 participates in it, especially the people
14 that come to the dinner, and eat what we
15 prepare and volunteers that show up.

16 Just shows what Scranton is really
17 about and that kind of ties into Scranton
18 Tomorrow and the other thing of who we are
19 because we are doing things here that nobody
20 else is doing.

21 Just like I said with the mayor with
22 the spirit ride on the move over laws with
23 our first responders and everything else,
24 Scranton out of 140 cities is the only one
25 that gave the key to the city, and that was

1 remarkable and now after I raise the issue
2 and presented the key to the spirit riders
3 and the organization they are now making it
4 something that everybody else does in other
5 states they are asking them to do it, also.

6 And those are some of the things
7 that we have done around here and made a big
8 difference in who we are and what we are all
9 about. I know we all have our battles, but
10 one thing that we need to see on Christmas
11 Day we all put them aside and remember when
12 Christmas is about. It's about family, it's
13 about unity and it's about all of us
14 enjoying the one day where everyone is equal
15 and that's the most important thing that
16 goes on.

17 One thing I would like to say is,
18 I'm sorry Bill isn't here, I told him we
19 could have did the surgery for him and had
20 him in here a lot quicker, but from the
21 skunk family I want to wish him a Merry
22 Christmas, I really do, and I hope he has a
23 speedy recovery, you know what I mean? The
24 skunks are going to around a long time
25 whether he likes it or not, he is going to

1 have to engage them at one point or another,
2 but I think we have accomplished a lot.

3 Joe, you and I have had our battles,
4 but we can still walk outside the door and
5 shake hands and go forward. This is what
6 life is about, that's what we come here for,
7 this is the room that's built on debate and
8 that's what the intent is, everybody comes
9 and debates that they have to do, but in the
10 end we all hope that we follow a pattern
11 that rebuilds this city and makes it
12 stronger for future generations.

13 Again, I'd like to wish you all a
14 Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and if
15 you all get thrown out of the house you know
16 where to come for dinner. Thank you.

17 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you, Mr. Bolus.
18 Ron Ellman.

19 MR. BOLUS: May I give this? You
20 can put it on your site if you want and
21 might help out. Thank you.

22 MR. ELLMAN: Hello, Council. I wish
23 everybody a good new year and a Merry
24 Christmas. A few short -- you know, this
25 reminds me of a kangaroo with a pouch, I

1 like these kind of shirts. A few short
2 months ago Mr. Bulzoni was telling the city
3 that that downtown is in dire need of a half
4 million dollars, some grants, loan
5 forgiveness and tax incentives, and as far
6 as tax incentives, look at all of the people
7 downtown not paying taxes. The list is
8 unbelievable. Linden Street, Vine,
9 Jefferson, Madison, Wyoming, Lackawanna and
10 Spruce, what's being the jewel of the city
11 are living off the people, the other 99
12 percent of the people around here paying
13 their taxes.

14 Then last week Mr. McKenna wrote
15 this flowery article, all of a sudden people
16 are beating the doors down to live downtown
17 we need more apartments. We need the
18 streets cleaned. We need more bars and
19 restaurants. I haven't seen a street
20 sweeper on North Main Avenue probably 15
21 years, 12, 15 years. Everything that
22 everybody in government in this city does
23 it's for the 1 percent of the downtown.

24 Downtown is a dinosaur, people.
25 What was good then isn't necessarily good

1 now. The mall is a dinosaur, a mall is
2 supposed to be shops. Shops, not businesses
3 like classrooms and aquariums, shops where
4 you can buy things and they failed to do
5 that.

6 A couple of the years ago, two or
7 three years ago, I don't remember when, I
8 said just in a marketplace in that building
9 like they have at Allentown and Pottstown
10 it's informal and they are absolutely packed
11 every time I have been there. People they
12 just -- this one nobody -- it's just not
13 handled right.

14 Well, my friends, for every sunny
15 day nature balances it out with rain and in
16 our case snow, I guess, and just as the
17 weather can change fate can change, too. I
18 hope this coming government does well. I'm
19 even going to lift my hex on you, Wayne, for
20 the holidays anyway.

21 MR. EVANS: Thanks very much,
22 appreciate that.

23 MR. ELLMAN: But I wish everybody
24 the very best New Years.

25 MR. EVANS: Thank you.

1 MR. ELLMAN: Thank you. I got one
2 thing, if somebody knows how to housebreak a
3 puppy I wish you would tell me. I'm not
4 being very successful. He even seems to
5 avoid the paper that's all over the house.
6 Thank you.

7 MR. EVANS: Thank you. Merry
8 Christmas.

9 MR. WECHSLER: Dave Dobrzyn.

10 MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening, Council.
11 Dave Dobrzyn, resident. We have a little
12 bit of snow, I hope tomorrow is paper day in
13 upper South Side. I have a lot of stuff to
14 go and the next time I'll see it gone it's
15 probably around the first of the year so --

16 MR. WECHSLER: They took them down
17 on East Mountain, they took them all.

18 MR. DOBRZYN: All right great. I
19 try to recycle everything I can and, by the
20 way, my coffee grounds and stuff like that
21 go in the garden, you know. I mean, all of
22 that stuff, but it's really kind of -- I
23 don't want it there through the holidays.

24 Don't forget to tune into
25 DCReport.org online, a lot of interesting

1 things on it. One of the things that
2 occurred it me, I know it's a national
3 issue, why don't we start granting a few tax
4 breaks for corporations that raise their
5 wages so people don't have money in the
6 pocket. You are not going to have any
7 economy anyway. You can have all of the
8 stores you want but if the stuff sits there
9 on the shelf it's not doing any good and if
10 you have 300 houses on your roster that's
11 not help for your business so we really need
12 to look at the type of wages people are
13 being paid and they are working people and
14 80 percent of the people that collect food
15 stamps or SNAP, if you want to call it that,
16 and Obama care and so forth they are working
17 people, so they just don't have enough to go
18 around.

19 I guess it was last week we had the
20 people in about the gerrymandering and I
21 think my idea is a little better with the
22 straight line geographic to take in the
23 necessary amount of people, however, at any
24 rate we also have -- I spoke to a lady about
25 Pennsylvania back with Obama and she was 88

1 years old, she lived this Carbondale and she
2 went down for her photo ID and it was -- she
3 didn't know better, but it was the day that
4 all of the high schoolers come in to get
5 their photo idea license, so it was like
6 standing in line at 88 years old for two
7 hours and finally get your photo ID. She
8 couldn't stay and, fortunately, she was
9 allowed to vote, but we have to stop the
10 silliness here. If everybody just got a
11 little friendlier, they could get themselves
12 elected.

13 PA America Water, 11 percent, that's
14 kind of concerning. I was opposed to years
15 back when they came up with that law that we
16 are going to do be paying or cool the socks
17 out in the country, occupied by a lot of
18 wealthier people hanging out in the country
19 driving forever and then they want their
20 water services subsidized. Well, when it
21 comes to us poor people in Scranton forget
22 about it, you know, that's not acceptable so
23 some consumer group took it to court. We
24 should have took the law to Court to begin
25 with and forgot about all of this. I hope

1 things turn out all right, but it doesn't
2 look good.

3 And we have a state representative
4 that is from -- represents part of Scranton
5 in the paper every day that he is not
6 showing up in Harrisburg and I would
7 appreciate it if some of the officials from
8 Scranton called him and please try to find
9 it in his heart to show up and take a vote.

10 For instance, he missed a vote on
11 the gas line or the Marcellus shale gas and
12 when those pipelines go in they can
13 distribute it here or they can take it to
14 the Chesapeake Bay or somewhere else,
15 liquify it and sell it to China if they
16 want, so it may not -- we have had some fair
17 gas prices originally, but some day they may
18 not be so fair. They may be based on a
19 world market. Thank you and have a nice
20 holiday. Merry Christmas, even from a
21 doubting Thomas here.

22 MS. SCHUMACHER: Evening. Marie
23 Schumacher. I'd like to start by requesting
24 that since you are going it be off for two
25 weeks in December that you all end tonight's

1 meeting before you adjourn by singing us a
2 Christmas carol. I think that would be
3 appropriate.

4 MR. WECHSLER: You don't think we
5 tortured you enough this year?

6 MS. SCHUMACHER: 7-C. You know,
7 going back in time, the 70's there was a big
8 urban renewal program. In the 90's, there
9 was another program for downtown. In the
10 first decade of this century we spend a
11 bundle downtown, and I would like to know
12 you are getting the materials for the double
13 pension to find out what went wrong and
14 change things. I don't think you should be
15 handing out a quarter of a million dollars
16 until you can tell us why, what's going to
17 be different this time? This is four
18 separate -- this will be the fifth
19 investment in the downtown. Why did the
20 others fail? Why do we need another one so
21 fast? I think those are important
22 questions, so I would like to hear those.

23 I would also like to maybe during
24 Fifth Order if the pension issue with the
25 investment, if the pensions have not been

1 revised to your liking would you please tell
2 the public what it is that needs to be done
3 yet to make it acceptable to get that money
4 transferred into the pension fund? That
5 would be appreciated certainly, and another
6 thing that would be nice to close out is the
7 issue of the trash. I do not understand two
8 things, and maybe you could tell us tonight
9 who is doing this study that is supposedly
10 being done? The agency we can follow-up
11 with that and then I don't understand why
12 the recyclables, all of which we taxpayers
13 buy and put out to the curb and pay to have
14 it picked up, why the proceeds of that do
15 not go into the trash fund, into the same
16 account as our \$300 or I don't know is still
17 going to \$300 next year or is the same thing
18 going to apply that you get 10 percent off?

19 MR. EVANS: Yes, the discount will
20 still apply next year.

21 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay, but I think
22 that would help to reduce it further and I
23 think all of the proceeds from the recycling
24 should go back into that account. Are we
25 going to be changing -- either changing the

1 Home Rule Charter or are we going to just
2 keep ignoring the fact that it exists and we
3 are mishandling the way the trash is -- the
4 trash deposits are made for the fees and the
5 dispersals?

6 MR. EVANS: I'm not sure. I don't
7 think.

8 MS. SCHUMACHER: Maybe we can have
9 that answer in January. It's important. If
10 are you not going to do it, I think it
11 should be done, but if you are not going to
12 do it then change it. As a matter of fact,
13 I think the new council, one of the things
14 we have to start, it's certainly been a lot
15 more than five years before we reviewed the
16 Home Rule Charter, I think it's time that we
17 have a Home Rule Charter review because not
18 everything is going the way it should be, I
19 don't think.

20 Have any of the newly created
21 positions for next year been advertised and
22 if so where?

23 MR. EVANS: I'm not aware of
24 anywhere.

25 MS. SCHUMACHER: Could we find out

1 or ask at least?

2 MR. EVANS: Sure.

3 MS. SCHUMACHER: And then the
4 parking board, Mr. Wechsler, last week you
5 said something about before -- I thought you
6 said before the meeting there is going to be
7 something?

8 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

9 MS. SCHUMACHER: So if the regular
10 meeting starts at 6:00 that means --

11 MR. WECHSLER: No, it will published
12 days before. There is going to be a report
13 days before this SPA meeting so that the
14 documents can be reviewed by the public.

15 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, the meeting
16 is scheduled for next Tuesday and you
17 haven't seen anything yet?

18 MR. WECHSLER: No, not yet.

19 MS. SCHUMACHER: Now, you are the
20 representative on that board, who will and
21 the representative next year?

22 MR. WECHSLER: The way it's
23 established is it's the mayor, the
24 controller and the council president.

25 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay. Thank you.

1 I don't understand the problem, what is our
2 insurance premium based on if not the
3 properties and capital that we have to
4 ensure? Are we not paying it? What
5 happened to the insurance? I mean, if we
6 don't have a list of what's being insured
7 how can we know that we are paying the
8 proper premium?

9 MR. EVANS: Well, we have a list we
10 just haven't seen it yet because it's still
11 circulating I guess throughout the
12 departments for final okay to make sure
13 there is no errors in that final list.

14 MS. SCHUMACHER: That's going on too
15 long. Somebody needs to --

16 MR. EVANS: Totally agree with that.

17 MS. SCHUMACHER: -- light a fire.

18 MR. EVANS: I agree.

19 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay, I hope
20 everybody has a blessed Christmas and a
21 beautiful white Christmas and healthy new
22 year.

23 MR. EVANS: Okay. Thanks. You,
24 too.

25 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia,

1 citizen of Scranton. Fellow Scrantonians,
2 too I wish everybody a happy holiday before
3 I get into this. As you know, the water
4 company is planning to charge us 11 percent
5 instead of the 1.9 percent like you so
6 touted and everybody -- politician got up
7 and said this the best thing to go. They
8 are going to do this, they're going to do
9 that, they had no intentions of doing that.
10 You plan to ask the Sewer Authority to file
11 lawsuit for breach of contract with the
12 water company, okay. I didn't think you
13 would answer.

14 Tell me the truth, how much is
15 Bockavitz (ph) for leasing the Electric City
16 garage? You are on the board, you should
17 know the amount they are being paid? Don't
18 answer that either.

19 MR. WECHSLER: No, this is your
20 comment period, Mr. Sbaraglia.

21 MR. SBARAGLIA: I know that. It
22 doesn't matter, you're not going to answer
23 it anyway.

24 MR. WECHSLER: This is your comment
25 period. It's not my question and answer

1 period.

2 MS. SBARAGLIA: I know. Why answer
3 people's problems?

4 MR. WECHSLER: Because this is not
5 the place for it from that podium. It won't
6 be the place come January either. This is
7 your comment period. It's not question and
8 answer period. Continue.

9 MR. SBARAGLIA: I think you are all
10 involved in a cover up. You should have
11 known that the water company couldn't do
12 what they planned to do and you touted it
13 before the people of Scranton. Somebody
14 told a lie. I know you are not going to
15 answer who told the lie because you don't
16 like the answer people's problems anyway.

17 MR. WECHSLER: That's the best.
18 That's not true.

19 MR. SBARAGLIA: So you don't have to
20 worry about that.

21 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Sbaraglia, we
22 have been helping people with problems for
23 four years here.

24 MR. SBARAGLIA: The man back here
25 has been having a problem for the last three

1 years --

2 MR. WECHSLER: And we helped him the
3 best we can, so I will not sit here and hear
4 you say that my colleagues don't help
5 people. That is a false statement.

6 MR. SBARAGLIA: You didn't help him.

7 MR. WECHSLER: That's a falsehood.

8 MR. SBARAGLIA: You didn't help the
9 city.

10 MR. WECHSLER: Continue.

11 MR. SBARAGLIA: I don't care what
12 person you might have helped, I know you
13 helped Bockavage if that's what you are
14 referring to.

15 MR. WECHSLER: No, we are referring
16 to the people that came here with problems
17 we helped them.

18 MR. SBARAGLIA: But yet you weren't
19 out to help the citizens of Scranton.

20 MR. WECHSLER: Yes, we have.

21 MR. SBARAGLIA: What are you going
22 to do about the 1.9? I know you don't have
23 to answer it, don't answer it now.

24 MR. WECHSLER: That's the
25 Pennsylvania Utility Commission.

1 MR. SBARAGLIA: I don't care what
2 they Home Rule Charter say, we don't have to
3 do what the state says -- and they are suing
4 the state telling them that and we don't
5 have to do that.

6 MR. WECHSLER: The Pennsylvania
7 American is have to --

8 MR. SBARAGLIA: We are a Home Rule
9 Charter, we don't have to abide by state
10 laws. This is what you said, and this is
11 what the administration said and we are
12 suing for that, too, so how you can sit
13 there and tell them that that is' this or
14 that, it's not.

15 You have sitting there and done what
16 you consider doing people favors. Maybe you
17 do did a lot of favors.

18 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Sbaraglia, you
19 are way off base tonight.

20 MR. SBARAGLIA: What do you call
21 that? Is that a favor you are going to give
22 the man?

23 MR. WECHSLER: We tried to help Mr.
24 Srebro?

25 MR. SBARAGLIA: Did you help him?

1 MR. WECHSLER: As best we could.

2 Yes, we did.

3 MR. SBARAGLIA: Yeah. No.

4 MR. WECHSLER: Yes, we did.

5 MR. SBARAGLIA: How?

6 MR. WECHSLER: As best we could. We
7 had a team out there, they tried to help
8 him, it didn't work. He went onto someone
9 else now, maybe some else can help. That
10 was his decision.

11 MR. SBARAGLIA: It's your job to
12 help the citizens, not anyone else.

13 MR. WECHSLER: We did.

14 MR. SBARAGLIA: It's your job. The
15 four of yous. You should turn over
16 backwards and frontwards, you should go out
17 there with an auger if you have to and bring
18 out his pipe if that's what his problem is.
19 I have sat and watched you tear the citizens
20 of the city. The parking garages was a
21 fiasco, you can cover it up anyway you can.
22 Why there isn't a federal investigation,
23 I'll never know.

24 MR. WECHSLER: Because there is
25 nothing there.

1 MR. SBARAGLIA: No, there is
2 something there. When you sell a garage for
3 a dollar that was bringing \$300,000 and then
4 you release it something is wrong somewhere
5 and that's the truth. It's no lie. You
6 can't cover up something like that.

7 MR. WECHSLER: That's why there is
8 no investigation, Mr. Sbaraglia, there is
9 nothing wrong there.

10 MR. SBARAGLIA: No, the right
11 people ain't being called. I've asked for a
12 federal investigation. The FBI is the only
13 one that can really come in and do --

14 MR. WECHSLER: Did you contact them?
15 Did you contact the FBI?

16 MR. SBARAGLIA: I shall because
17 that's the only thing to save the city.

18 MR. WECHSLER: There is nothing
19 there.

20 MR. SBARAGLIA: We can't let you
21 yous continually run the city down into
22 nothingness. Thank you.

23 MR. EVANS: Merry Christmas.

24 MR. WECHSLER: Anyone else?

25 MS. JEFFRIES: Norma Jeffries,

1 Scranton resident. I wasn't going to talk
2 again tonight, just came to observe and to
3 wish Mr. Wechsler the best going forward,
4 but I couldn't sit here when the gentleman
5 was saying about that you haven't done
6 anything for the city because I know both
7 things that I have come to the city about
8 have been taken care of, and I know that
9 when I ride around in the Hill section and I
10 can see the street signs I'm very pleased,
11 and other people have said the same thing
12 that the street sites are there.

13 Last week when I was here because of
14 the road conditions and the repairs to the
15 city, I had very good positive results of
16 that, and I don't have my paper with me, but
17 they did put me in touch with Pennsylvania
18 611 or 711 or something like that, and they
19 were very helpful and they did come and take
20 care of some issues of cars being splashed
21 and dirtied up because they had some big
22 holes and you would wash your car the one
23 day and it would be dirty the next, but they
24 did come and fix that this week so when I
25 hear the gentlemen saying that about the

1 city I do -- I just had to say something
2 that I have had positive responses for
3 anything that I have come to you for and I
4 do thank you for that.

5 And I am working on another project
6 and, Mr. Wechsler, you won't be here because
7 it's taking more time than I thought, but
8 hopefully by next year I'll have another
9 project that I'm working on, but I do like
10 to come with facts and figures when I do
11 come.

12 So I do thank you and for that and
13 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you
14 all.

15 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you. Anyone
16 else?

17 MS. REED: FIFTH ORDER. 5-A.
18 MOTIONS.

19 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Perry?

20 MR. PERRY: Yes. Thank you,
21 Mr. Wechsler. A couple of brief items to
22 touch on, some housekeeping from last week.
23 I just want to thank Mr. Santoli for getting
24 out to Maple Street that quick response, he
25 was out there the next day to take a look at

1 that tree. That has been marked for removal
2 and that situation will be taken care of.

3 Also, Mrs. Jeffries, I got a
4 follow-up from the city engineer about that
5 road work on making it more publically
6 known. He thinks it's very feasible to do a
7 public notice. He thinks that's the best
8 way to get it out there for most people just
9 to put a public notice on the roadway that's
10 being done when it comes into this office.
11 So that should help get the word out there
12 when it's going to be done.

13 What else do I have on here, I just
14 went to throw my get wells out to
15 Mr. Gaughan. He is having a road to
16 recovery I wish him a speedy recovery.

17 And I also want to send out a deep
18 heartfelt thank you to Mr. Wechsler. Joe,
19 you served with great honor and hard work
20 since I have been here, and I know even
21 before I have been here.

22 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you.

23 MR. PERRY: You're a testament to
24 what the job means to the city and means to
25 us as a colleagues. You have been nothing

1 but supportive to us and I know that via
2 e-mails, phone calls, texts he was always
3 available to me and he is going to be missed
4 sorely.

5 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you.

6 MR. PERRY: Very much proud to call
7 you a colleague and even more so proud to
8 call you my friend, so thank you very much,
9 Joe, you really have helped me grow in this
10 position so thank you.

11 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you.

12 MR. PERRY: And, finally, I just
13 want to send out a very Merry Christmas to
14 everybody out there and a happy and safe new
15 year, and again, it's been a Lackawanna or
16 serving this year and I can't wait to come
17 back in January and get some more stuff
18 done. So thank you very much.

19 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Rogan?

20 MR. ROGAN: Yes. Just a couple of
21 brief items. First, the housekeeping item,
22 a memo was sent out down to inform the
23 public, council will be meeting on January 1
24 as was mentioned for our reorganization.
25 Our first regularly scheduled meeting will

1 be on January 8, which is a Monday. Council
2 meetings will be on Mondays next year at
3 6:00 p.m. A caucus will proceed every
4 meeting at 5:15. So our caucuses are going
5 to be a little bit longer, the meetings are
6 going to begin at 6:00.

7 One citizen's request I want to
8 mention, I was contacted by a business owner
9 who has a furniture company and he had a
10 delivery crew go out on Theodore Street in a
11 box truck and anyone that knows Theodore
12 Street and the railroad bridge there is in
13 very poor condition, and even worse, that
14 bridge is only 11 foot 2 inches. Most box
15 trucks are 11 foot 6. Now, this is actually
16 pretty common throughout the city, there is
17 a number of other bridges that are much
18 smaller, but this one has no markings. So
19 as the driver drove up there was no
20 indication that bridge was too low for his
21 truck to fit under so, of course, when he
22 drove to it the top of the truck went away.
23 And to make matters worse, it was a snowy
24 day and another resident driving down the
25 hill slid into the truck so it was a real

1 disaster over there.

2 So I have some pictures and I'm
3 going to send to our city clerk, I want to
4 ask if we can send an urgent memo to the DPW
5 to get signage up there, going I believe
6 it's one direction there is a very small
7 sign, but going the other direction there is
8 no signage and at all stating that the
9 bridge is a low clearance and that box
10 trucks will not fit under and this wasn't a
11 tractor trailer. This was a furniture
12 delivery truck going to deliver to one of
13 our residents, so hopefully that's something
14 that can be taken care of immediately before
15 this happens again.

16 I'd like to echo what Mr. Perry
17 mentioned and thank Councilman Wechsler for
18 his leadership and support over these last
19 four years. I think we voted together at
20 least -- almost every time, maybe once or
21 twice we differed, so if it wasn't for
22 Council President Wechsler's leadership the
23 city would not be in the position that it
24 was in to have no tax increases the last two
25 years and be on the verge of leaving Act 47

1 distressed status. So I want to commend him
2 and the next council president will
3 certainly have large shows to fill.

4 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you, Mr. Rogan.

5 MR. ROGAN: Finally, I would like to
6 wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a
7 Happy Hanukkah to those in the Jewish faith
8 and a Happy New Year to everyone.

9 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Evans?

10 MR. EVANS: Thank you. A couple of
11 brief comments as well. First, I want to
12 comment briefly on State Representative
13 Carrollo's action on the house floor this
14 week. I have known State Representative
15 Mike Carroll for quite a few years now and I
16 will tell Mike's actions this week in
17 Harrisburg as it related to Representative
18 Haggerty's record of absences speaks volumes
19 to the person that I know. Mike is an
20 individual of the upmost character an
21 integrity and the constituents of the 118th
22 district are very lucky to have him as their
23 rep. To my knowledge, Representative
24 Carroll was the first person to speak out on
25 this issue in Harrisburg and it takes a very

1 special person to speak out when everyone
2 around you is silent.

3 But I would also like to thank State
4 Reps Mallory and Slossburg for their action
5 on the floor following Representative
6 Carroll's lead. I would also like to
7 recognize Representative Flynn for his
8 comments in expressing his frustration over
9 this situation.

10 As was mentioned before, this is our
11 last meeting before the holiday break so I
12 would like to wish everyone a Happy Hanukah
13 and Merry Christmas, and for everyone else,
14 a Happy Festivus. That's a little Seinfeld
15 slang.

16 MR. PERRY: For the rest of us.

17 MR. EVANS: But seriously, for those
18 of us who have been lucky enough to have
19 friends and family around us for the
20 holidays, for those who are lucky enough to
21 be able to give others -- to others during
22 the holiday season, please take some time to
23 think of those less fortunate and pay it
24 forward whenever you can.

25 And finally tonight I want to

1 recognize, because it is the last meeting we
2 will have with Councilman President Joe
3 Wechsler. Joe, it's been a pleasure serving
4 with you the past three plus years. I hope
5 everyone who is listening tonight
6 understands the sacrifices you have made for
7 our city, but not only to serve our city but
8 to serve our city in the right way, and it
9 is my hope that we will work together long
10 into the future as we continue to try to
11 effect positive change.

12 To me, you are the very definition
13 of a public servant and a community leader
14 and I know that as you move forward you will
15 stay involved with me as you always have, I
16 would expect nothing less. So, again, Joe,
17 it's been a pleasure and thank you for your
18 leadership. That's all I have.

19 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you, Mr. Evans.
20 This evening my comments are going to quite
21 brief and really what they're going to
22 amount to is just a thank you for everyone I
23 have been able to work with for the past
24 four years. Our city council staff, who are
25 here every day and answering questions and

1 solving problems, are fantastic to work
2 with. Lori Reed, Kathy Carrera. When I
3 hear people say that we don't answer
4 questions and we don't provide any service I
5 can just take a look at Lori's calendar and
6 take a look at Kathy's calendar. I'll be
7 honest with if you, if you want to get
8 something done in Scranton if you have a
9 problem you are better off calling the City
10 Clerk's Office or Kathy Carrera's desk or
11 contact a Councilman directly.

12 We do listen to comments at the
13 podium, but it is quite difficult to answer
14 questions as they are sprung on you live. I
15 have tried to answer every question that's
16 ever been asked from that podium, but when
17 you spring questions in a "Gotcha, I got
18 you" it doesn't work for the person asking
19 the questions or it doesn't work for the
20 councilmen either.

21 Recently, we have applied a method
22 of even dealing with the administration and
23 providing them questions ahead of time when
24 we have caucuses, because as I have been
25 saying all along for the past two years is

1 that the answers are more important than the
2 questions. There is a lot of issues that
3 have been just questions that have been
4 thrown out to stir up the pot and really
5 nobody even cared what the answers were
6 going to be. It was just a matter of
7 attacking someone or just as I would like to
8 say stirring of the pot.

9 The amount of people that we have
10 helped through the council office and
11 through the gentlemen that I work with, a
12 lot of them you will never hear and you will
13 never hear of the people that we helped get
14 a pothole fixed, a curb fixed, you know, get
15 some yards cleaned up and things like that.
16 A lot of stuff happens that you never hear
17 of and to be honest with you we never take
18 credit for it because we are not here to
19 take credit, we are here to help the
20 citizens and we do that as well.

21 So I'd like it thank Mr. Perry,
22 Mr. Rogan, Mr. Evans, especially Mr. Gaughan
23 in his absence, this council has raised the
24 level of constituent service to a greater
25 level than any other council that I have

1 ever worked with, and I have been working
2 with councils for 25 years. I just didn't
3 plop down in the seat, I was a neighborhood
4 activist and neighborhood president for 25
5 years before I got here. So I know how this
6 operation works and I know where we get our
7 results and where we don't get results.

8 City council, we are here every week
9 and I'd like to say I think we are the only
10 form of government that faces the public
11 live every Thursday night, now every Monday
12 night. Without any preparation we don't
13 know what's going to be said at the podium,
14 what type of question, what type of problem
15 and we have to deal with it here either if
16 we can right here or get into it the next
17 day with the council staff. Solicitor
18 Minora is a great help to us as well.

19 And I'm disappointed that in my last
20 meeting I have to hear someone say that we
21 didn't do any help here. I can't believe
22 that someone would say that. You can't be
23 anymore wrong than that. This council has
24 driven to help a lot of people. Mr. Srebro
25 we didn't have any access yet, we are still

1 working on that. Mr. Young had a problem,
2 that's getting resolved. We got streets
3 paved that have never been paved before. We
4 have just done a lot of things that aren't
5 appreciated and to question our integrity
6 and to question our ability that's really
7 misplaced.

8 The FBI is welcome to come in here
9 at any time and if they had wanted to they
10 would have been. The Auditor General has
11 been here. The auditor General has been
12 down at the Scranton School District, so I
13 would invite any investigation to come in
14 this building.

15 And the one thing I'm not going to
16 miss is having my integrity questioned as I
17 sit here. That's not fair and it's not
18 right. I don't question anyone else's
19 integrity and I think to say that is an
20 insult to the people that work every day and
21 I think that was a low blow. That's all I
22 have.

23 MS. REED: 5-B. NO BUSINESS AT THIS
24 TIME.

25 SIXTH ORDER. 6-A. NO BUSINESS AT

1 THIS TIME.

2 SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR
3 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE -
4 FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 134,
5 2017 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
6 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO APPROVE THE
7 TRANSFER OF TWO MILLION (\$2,000,000.00)
8 DOLLARS FROM ACCOUNT NO. 01.101031 (FNCB
9 BANK-SEWER CLEARING ACCOUNT) TO ACCOUNT NO.
10 01.100000 (PNC BANK-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT)
11 FOR THE NECESSARY CAPITAL BUDGET FUNDING FOR
12 2018.

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

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

19 MR. ROGAN: Second.

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

22 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

23 MR. PERRY: Yes.

24 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

25 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

1 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

2 MR. EVANS: Yes.

3 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

4 MR. WECHSLER: Yes. I hereby
5 declare Item 7-A legally and lawfully
6 adopted.

7 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION
8 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -
9 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 135, 2017 -
10 APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF A RESTAURANT
11 LIQUOR LICENSE OWNED BY CBTB, LLC, D/B/A
12 CORNER BISTRO CURRENTLY IN SAFE KEEPING WITH
13 THE PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD
14 FORMERLY USED AT 76-78 SOUTH MAIN STREET,
15 CARBONDALE, LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
16 18407 FOR USE AT 429 NORTH MAIN AVENUE,
17 SCRANTON, LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
18 18504 AS REQUIRED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR
19 CONTROL BOARD.

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

23 MR. ROGAN: Second.

24 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?
25 Roll call, please?

1 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

2 MR. PERRY: Yes.

3 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

4 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

5 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

6 MR. EVANS: Yes.

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

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

11 MS. REED: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION
12 BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT -
13 FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 136,
14 2017 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
15 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO ALLOCATE
16 \$250,000 FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS ON
17 A MATCHING BASIS TO SCRANTON TOMORROW TO
18 FURTHER THE PROSPECTS OF ECONOMIC
19 REVITALIZATION IN THE DOWNTOWN SECTION OF
20 THE CITY OF SCRANTON.

21 MR. WECHSLER: What is the
22 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
23 Committee on Community Development?

24 MR. ROGAN: As Chair for the
25 Committee on Community Development, I

1 recommend final passage of Item 7-C.

2 MR. ROGAN: Second.

3 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?

4 Roll call, please?

5 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

6 MR. PERRY: Yes.

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

8 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

10 MR. EVANS: Yes.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

12 MR. WECHSLER: Yes. I hereby

13 declare Item 7-C legally and lawfully
14 adopted.

15 MS. REED: 7-D. FOR CONSIDERATION
16 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY - FOR
17 ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 137, 2017
18 - ESTABLISHING A "NO PARKING ZONE" ALONG THE
19 NORTHERLY SIDE OF GREEN RIDGE ST (S.R.6011)
20 BEGINNING APPROXIMATELY 150 FEET WEST FROM
21 ITS INTERSECTION WITH PENN AVENUE AND
22 CONTINUING 80 FEET TO ALLOW FOR SIGHT
23 DISTANCE FOR A PROPOSED DRIVEWAY BY MR.
24 GEORGE JENKINS FOR A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 921
25 GREEN RIDGE ST.

1 MR. WECHSLER: What is the
2 recommendation of the Chairperson for the
3 Committee on Public Safety?

4 MR. PERRY: As Chairperson for the
5 Committee on Public Safety, I recommend
6 final passage of Item 7-D.

7 MR. ROGAN: Second.

8 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?
9 Roll call, please?

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

11 MR. PERRY: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

13 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

15 MR. EVANS: Yes.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

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

20 MS. REED: 7-E. FOR CONSIDERATION
21 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -
22 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 138, 2017 -
23 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
24 CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A
25 PENSION TRUST AGREEMENT WITH THE COMPOSITE

1 PENSION BOARD TO HOLD APPROXIMATELY
2 \$22,910,531.56 OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE
3 OF THE ASSETS OF THE SCRANTON SEWER
4 AUTHORITY IN TRUST UNTIL SUCH TIME AS
5 PENSION REFORMS HAVE BEEN ENACTED.

6 MR. WECHSLER: As Chairperson for
7 the Committee on Rules, I recommend final
8 passage of Item 7-E.

9 MR. ROGAN: Second.

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

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

13 MR. PERRY: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

15 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

17 MR. EVANS: Yes.

18 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

19 MR. WECHSLER: Yes. I hereby
20 declare Item 7-E legally and lawfully
21 adopted.

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

24 MR. ROGAN: Motion to adjourn.

25 MR. WECHSLER: Meeting adjourned.

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