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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

JANET EVANS, PRESIDENT

FRANK JOYCE, VICE-PRESIDENT

ROBERT MCGOFF

PAT ROGAN

JOHN LOSCOMBE

NANCY KRAKE, CITY CLERK

KATHY CARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

BOYD HUGHES, SOLICITOR
(Not present.)

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

3 MS. EVANS: Roll call, please.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

5 MR. MCGOFF: Here.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

7 MR. ROGAN: Here.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: Here.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

11 MR. JOYCE: Here.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

13 MS. EVANS: Here.

14 MS. KRAKE: THIRD ORDER. 3-A. TAX

15 ASSESSOR'S REPORT, FINAL RESULTS FROM

16 APPEAL HOEARING HELD JUNE 20, 2012.

17 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?

18 If not, received and filed.

19 MS. KRAKE: 3-B. CHECKS RECEIVED

20 FROM THE SINGLE TAX OFFICE IN THE AMOUNTS OF

21 \$13,924.83, \$12,649.68, AND \$400,767.62 ON

22 JULY 11, 2012.

23 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?

24 If not, received and filed.

25 MS. KRAKE: 3-C. AUDIT STATUS FROM

1 ROBERT ROSSI & CO. AS OF JULY 12, 2012.

2 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?
3 If not, received and filed.

4 MS. KRAKE: 3-D. APPLICATIONS ALONG
5 WITH THE DECISIONS RENDERED BY THE ZONING
6 HEARING BOARD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2012.

7 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?
8 If not, received and filed.

9 MS. KRAKE: 3-E. MINUTES OF THE
10 COMPOSITE PENSION BOARD'S REGULAR MEETING
11 HELD JUNE 27, 2012.

12 MS. EVANS: Are there any comments?
13 If not, received and filed. Do we have any
14 clerk's notes this evening?

15 MS. KRAKE: No, Mrs. Evans.

16 MS. EVANS: Thank you, Mrs. Krake.
17 Do we have any announcements? Mrs. Krake?

18 MS. KRAKE: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'
19 PARTICIPATION.

20 MS. EVANS: Our first speaker is
21 Andy Sbaraglia of the.

22 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia,
23 citizen of Scranton. Fellow Scrantonians,
24 your 6-A here where you want to transfer
25 from the neighborhood police patrols,

1 neighborhood police vehicles and so forth
2 and so on, why are we doing this? 6-A and
3 why is it on the agenda when you have 30
4 days to appeal this thing to the block grant
5 people? You have a 30-day period to appeal
6 this. You have it on the agenda, that was
7 in the paper about two weeks ago. Usually
8 you wait for the appeal to be made before
9 this goes on the agenda.

10 MR. ROGAN: Mr. Sbaraglia, I could
11 follow-up with Linda Aebli again. I did
12 communicate with her today regarding that
13 legislation. The reason for the transfer,
14 as many people have known, because the mayor
15 reduced the compliment of the police force
16 under 140 we were ineligible to use
17 neighborhood police patrol funds for this
18 year.

19 Now, Ms. Aebli did inform me that
20 there is \$150,000 in the neighborhood police
21 patrol set aside from other years so the
22 city could be able to be reimbursed on
23 January 1, 2013, for two officers. Now,
24 that is assuming that the compliment is kept
25 above 140 for next year, but I can follow-up

1 with Ms. Aebli on your question as well.

2 MR. SBARAGLIA: But the question is
3 why is it on the agenda before the appeal
4 process? That's why I want to ask. You
5 have 30 days from when this was placed in
6 the newspaper to write to your community
7 development program people. You got two
8 weeks and it's on the agenda and it's going
9 to be passed before you even got time for
10 public comment on it and it has to go all
11 the way to them people not to you. That's
12 what I said, why are we always rushing these
13 things?

14 MS. EVANS: Then perhaps, Mr. Rogan,
15 you might want to table this legislation
16 tonight until such time as we get it cleared
17 up.

18 MR. ROGAN: We could either table it
19 or we could vote on it this week and if we
20 have don't have anything figured out next
21 week we can table it. Whatever everyone
22 wants to do. Either way, I will follow-up
23 with Linda on that.

24 MR. SBARAGLIA: Yes, because if you
25 got 30 days to comment on something to the

1 people down there from block to block grants
2 then after that 30-day period is over then
3 you should be voting on this. You don't put
4 the cart before the horse. This is how this
5 -- this is why we are in trouble, all the
6 time we are in trouble, all the way back.
7 We are going to be in trouble no matter what
8 when you go through with this sort of
9 Recovery Plan we are going to be in trouble.

10 When the banks told you you had to
11 do certain things before they would okay
12 your loan and I said, "Hey, you are going to
13 give money to the Parking Authority, why
14 don't you request their resignation as one
15 of the conditions just like they do to you?"

16 They setup all kind of conditions,
17 but you didn't do it. Actually, if you did
18 it they would have took it from their
19 sinking fund and they would have said, "We
20 are not going to resign, we are going to use
21 our own sinking fund," but we would have had
22 \$1 million in the kitty that we don't have
23 now.

24 I mean, you are dealing with a man
25 that could have been in tamdy (ph) up there

1 in New York in the good days of Tamdy and he
2 could have worked the system. The man knows
3 how to work the system. People really don't
4 know how the system works. They don't want
5 to bother with the system. They figure that
6 the Democratic party or the Republican party
7 or whoever is looking out for the people,
8 but that's not true. The parties are
9 looking out for the parties, not for the
10 people that they are supposed to represent.
11 That's why we got in trouble.

12 Them first councilmen, them ten
13 councilmen that proceeded you, look what
14 they did. I mean, even our parking, I got
15 the legislation home on parking revenue for
16 the Parking Authority from the meter revenue
17 where they have requested that all of the
18 meter revenue be put into a backup for the
19 Parking Authority. That's a piece of
20 legislation, too. That hasn't been
21 rescinded. You got all kind of letters of
22 credit that they okayed. That was
23 ridiculous, idiotic, but there was no
24 choice. They had the majority and they can
25 pass the legislation. What it did to the

1 people. They could care less about it.
2 They looked out for themselves. There is no
3 way you can't tell me all them councilmen
4 that preceded you were looking out for the
5 peep. They were looking out for themselves
6 some way or another.

7 I'm not even going to get into CECCO
8 they got so many contracts with the city, I
9 don't want to get into it. That's another
10 branch of government that you should be
11 looking into that. That's where we are. If
12 you really want to go back I can go all the
13 way back to when this mayor took office and
14 Jimmy left \$3 million in the account and
15 what happened, why we don't have the money
16 in the account? Why don't we have the money
17 from the golf course in the account? Where
18 did that money go? That was sucked up in
19 the budget transferred from something that
20 was totally there for the parks. Why are
21 all of the pools closed, but Nay Aug where
22 you have to pay to use it? Why is that?

23 You have got to look and actually he
24 make demands on everybody that's in there.
25 If you think they are wrong get up there and

1 say, "You are wrong. You got to -- you
2 should be doing this."

3 They may not do it, but at least
4 it's on the agenda that you did try to do it
5 and that's all you really can do. You
6 cannot do anything with the authorities, we
7 know that, but you got to attack them.
8 Thank you.

9 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Les
10 Spindler.

11 MR. SPINDLER: Good evening,
12 Council. Les Spindler, city resident and
13 homeowner and taxpayer.

14 MR. LOSCOMBE: Good evening.

15 MR. SPINDLER: Last Sunday I opened
16 up the Times-Tribune and I got the best
17 laugh I've had in years. Opened up the
18 paper and saw this ad put in by the National
19 Firefighters Union about Mayor Doherty. For
20 anybody that didn't see it, I don't know why
21 Andy had the camera on here and I have the
22 side one, but for the folks that can't see
23 it at home, it was a classic ad and it's all
24 the truth. He is making Scranton the
25 laughing stock of America. Chris Doherty is

1 is the reason why we are in the shape we are
2 now and all of these problems. I hope
3 everyone saw this and pays attention when it
4 comes to election time next year.

5 On June 9 I wrote a letter in the
6 editorial to the Doherty newsletter, of
7 course, they didn't put it in because I
8 asked some serious questions and they don't
9 want to know, but I will read it here, and
10 this was before the decision today that they
11 are going to get full pay.

12 "Mayor Chris Doherty is paying all
13 the union employees minimum wage saying the
14 city doesn't have the money to pay them
15 more. Well, I have two questions. Is the
16 mayor also paying his highly paid
17 administration minimum wage, and if the city
18 is in such bad shape where did the money
19 come on to put on the fireworks show at Nay
20 Aug Park on June 30? It seems like when the
21 mayor wants to do something he comes up with
22 the money to do it, yet he won't pay the
23 people who keep our city safe, the money he
24 is contractually obligated to."

25 This wasn't in the paper. Moving

1 on, I have another story about a pit bull
2 attack. This was in the Citizens Voice
3 today, it was also on Channel 16 news
4 tonight. "Officer attacked by two pit
5 bulls, shoots both dogs." Police shot two
6 pit bulls, one fatally, outside 696 Front
7 Street in Nanticoke Wednesday, according to
8 police. An officer responded to a complaint
9 of two pit bulls on the loose, was attacked
10 by both dogs and bitten on the upper right
11 leg. The bite was shortly after getting out
12 of his car."

13 I'm not going to read the whole
14 article, but it's just more proof how
15 dangerous these dogs are. The one dog was
16 killed and the other one was wounded, I
17 don't know if it survived or not, but just
18 time after time after time we read these
19 terrible stories about pit bulls.

20 Okay, moving on. Last Saturday in
21 the Doherty newsletter I read an article
22 about the "U" giving the city an early
23 contribution and the Doherty newsletter
24 makes a big deal out of it and goes on. Big
25 deal, they give us the \$175,000 they always

1 give us four months early. Wow. They
2 probably have taken more properties off the
3 tax rolls than that \$175,000. They should
4 be giving us a heck of a lot more than that.

5 And I had a question, but I see
6 Attorney Hughes isn't here, but I brought
7 this up a few weeks ago, if they don't pay
8 us their fair share are we legally obligated
9 to provide them with the services that we
10 do? Maybe we should just stop providing
11 them the services until they give us what
12 they should, but I don't know if that's
13 legally possible.

14 Another question, I think Councilman
15 Loscombe brought this up last week, we
16 haven't had a Recovery Plan since 2005 and
17 Mayor Doherty was allowed to borrow all of
18 those years up until this year. Now, what
19 changed this year? I would love to ask the
20 banks that question. Mr. McGoff, maybe when
21 you go to these banks ask them about stuff.

22 MR. MCGOFF: I'm sorry, I didn't
23 hear you.

24 MR. SPINDLER: Of course, you were
25 probably sleeping as usual.

1 MR. MCGOFF: I'm sorry, I didn't
2 hear you.

3 MR. SPINDLER: I think I'm speaking
4 pretty loud and you were able to hear if you
5 were paying attention.

6 MR. MCGOFF: If you don't care to
7 ask again.

8 MR. SPINDLER: Well, how come we
9 haven't had a Recovery Plan since 2005 and
10 now we haven't -- we haven't had to have a
11 Recovery Plan up until now? Why do we need
12 a Recovery Plan this year when we haven't
13 had one for seven years. Mayor Doherty was
14 able to borrow like crazy? Put that
15 question to the banks.

16 MR. MCGOFF: You should.

17 MR. SPINDLER: I'm not --

18 MR. MCGOFF: It's your question.

19 MR. SPINDLER: I'm not the elected
20 official, you are. You were voted to
21 represent us, I wasn't.

22 MR. MCGOFF: I provided you with my
23 thoughts the last two weeks.

24 MR. SPINDLER: That proved a lot. I
25 got a question about the Parking Authority,

1 the July 7 deadline has come and gone,
2 that's another question I had for Attorney
3 Hughes, and as far as I know Mr. Scopelliti
4 still has his job. Attorney Hughes almost
5 assured us that if they didn't meet all of
6 their defaults by then they would taken over
7 and they haven't been.

8 MS. EVANS: Mr. Spindler, I have
9 spoken with Attorney Hughes regarding this
10 topic and action is progressing in a timely
11 fashion. There have been quite a number of
12 matters to be reviewed, particularly the
13 numbers of agreements made among all of the
14 parties. So, you know, I can't -- I can't
15 comment further and tell you exactly -- I
16 can't name names, I can't --

17 MR. SPINDLER: But it's still
18 possible.

19 MS. EVANS: -- because on the advice
20 of Solicitor Hughes I have been directed not
21 to do that.

22 MR. SPINDLER: Okay, but it's still
23 possibly they can be taken over?

24 MS. EVANS: The wheels are turning.

25 MR. SPINDLER: Okay. Thank you.

1 One last thing I have here, probably
2 everyone is aware of it that Mulberry Street
3 is paved from Dunkin Donuts all the way up
4 except for this block right here, does
5 anybody know why? Someone did tell me that
6 they are doing work on this block, I don't
7 know if that's true or not, but it's been
8 like that for probably three weeks. I would
9 think they would get the work done and get
10 that block blacktopped. It seems very
11 strange to me. Thank you for your time.

12 MS. EVANS: Thank you. And Bernie
13 Bassacco.

14 MS. BASSACCO: Good evening,
15 Council. Bernie Bassacco, Scranton
16 resident. I continue down with my journey
17 through Scranton getting more signatures
18 and, got an additional 200. Corruption, no
19 show mayor, crooks, no accountability, calls
20 for resignations, calls for FBI
21 investigations of city hall. Ten-year
22 audit. All nonprofits need to contribute
23 more. Somebody must be pocketing the money.
24 Where is all of the money going? No
25 accountability. Insane tax increase. Over

1 burdened school taxes. Over and over and
2 over the same comments from hundreds of
3 taxpayers.

4 Comments are mostly geared toward
5 the mayor, however, there is no shortage of
6 comments for city council as well. One
7 person wanted me to deliver a message to
8 Mrs. Evans, I hope I get this right, the
9 gist of the comment, she said that you are
10 always talking about her budget, her budget,
11 and the budget that they are now working
12 under is actually your budget and it tell
13 short. I think I got that comment right.

14 But another irate woman questioned
15 the mayor doesn't know where he is getting
16 the money, well, where does he think the
17 people, especially seniors are going to come
18 up with the money? People ask, what
19 happened with the \$2 million from the sale
20 of the golf course, as the other gentleman
21 mentioned, and other money that was found
22 from the meters. If taxes are increased the
23 mayor will carelessly spend and waste it as
24 in the past and then there will be a cry for
25 more money. There is never enough money

1 because there is no accountability.

2 Some other comments people made
3 throughout the city, too many absentee
4 landlords, the KOZ properties were a big
5 mistake, now they are going to become a big
6 problem. If you live in the Greenridge and
7 the Hill Section near Nay Aug you don't have
8 to worry about anything.

9 Another person said, "There is no
10 way I can afford more taxes," and I just
11 caught as she was leaving for work. She
12 said, "Witness me, 73 years old and I'm
13 rushing off to work, I can't afford to
14 retire."

15 Parents are upset because their
16 children are leaving the area. Tax
17 increases, if that 78 goes through, that's
18 insane. More money for them to waste and
19 fill up their friends' pockets. How can
20 they expect people, and I believe this is
21 for the city workers, how can they expect
22 people making less than them to pay more
23 taxes to pay for their health care. That's
24 a big issue, because the people -- there is
25 people working for minimum wage, as we all

1 know, and they got to buy their own
2 insurance. They don't have free health
3 care.

4 Oh, I approached one gentleman in
5 his front yard, a young man and he said to
6 me, I told him what I was doing and he said,
7 "Oh, did you know Scranton and Lackawanna
8 are in the top five?"

9 And I looked at him, I was waiting
10 for the rest of it, and he said, "For
11 corruption." He said, "Lackawanna County
12 and Scranton are in the top five."

13 I guess he read it in a magazine or
14 online or something. There is so many
15 people out there that are unemployed. One
16 woman is getting a six cent raise after
17 eight years. She pays her on insurance and
18 she cannot afford to be paying for city
19 worker's insurance. Those days are over
20 with she said. Free health care is a thing
21 of the past, the taxpayers are broke.

22 Another single mother, two kids, she
23 said she lives on a job at a little bit more
24 than seven and a quarter and she said
25 that's -- "I have a budget. I have to live

1 under it."

2 A man worked for \$18 an hour, he now
3 works for \$9 an hour. He said no one was
4 feeding him hamburgs and hot dogs down at
5 the courthouse when he lost the job and had
6 to look for another one. He said, "I had to
7 adjust my budget. I had to live with what I
8 was making. It was half of what I used to
9 make and I had to adjust my budget. My wife
10 and I, she had to go out and get a job, and
11 we just have to stick within that budget."

12 The seven and a quarter, thank God
13 for these people it's back to what it should
14 be and they got the 2 percent raise, and
15 that was temporary and we all knew they
16 would eventually get, you know, what their
17 contract was. But, you know what, this is a
18 reality for people in this area, seven and a
19 quarter an hour. It's a reality for a lot
20 of people in the country and they just --
21 they live with that budget, you know, they
22 make due.

23 Oh, there was a great idea this
24 morning, and I know it won't happen because
25 you really have to have everyone doing it,

1 but some man he said, "I have a great idea,"
2 he said, "You know what? I paid my taxes,
3 and I'll pay them when I get them next year,
4 but anything over what I am paying this year
5 they are not going to get. "

6 And if everybody in the city would
7 do that then they might get the message if
8 they go up that 78 percent and, you know,
9 there is lot of extra money. What's going
10 to happen with that money? It's going to
11 disappear, just like we said the golf money
12 disappeared and so many other things, where
13 is it going? Who is keeping accountability.

14 And just one more quick thing, I'm
15 sure everybody saw about two weeks ago our
16 illustrious legislators in Harrisburg have
17 given themselves another huge pay increase
18 and also their health benefits are more
19 which we'll -- you know - they have \$150 per
20 diem to buy themselves lunch and a hotel
21 once in awhile, and if they can't afford
22 lunch and a hotel room now and then on a
23 \$82,000 salary then they shouldn't be
24 running our government, and that goes for
25 the deadbeat politicians in Washington, DC.,

1 too. Some say, "Oh, well, I'll give it back
2 to charity."

3 Well, if they can afford to give it
4 to charity, maybe they shouldn't be getting
5 it in the same place. The charity is the
6 taxpayers, they are the ones that need the
7 money. If they can give it away to charity
8 then they shouldn't be getting it, and I
9 really don't know how they give themselves
10 this luxury of a huge increase and, you
11 know, all of these fringe benefits when
12 people, some people can't even get food on
13 the table or gas in their tank and I say
14 shame on them. I don't know how they do it,
15 sleep at night. Thank you.

16 MS. EVANS: Before I call up the
17 next speaker I just want to respond to the
18 comment that directed toward me regarding
19 the budget. I do not have a budget. The
20 mayor each year in compliance with the Home
21 Rule Charter sends this council his proposed
22 budget. At that time, the council can amend
23 the budget. Now, the mayor in his proposed
24 budget included, for example, refinancing.
25 The mayor now likes to say we did that, but

1 we did not. That was included in his
2 budget. We increased the amount of
3 financing because the administration asked
4 us to do so.

5 As for the unfunded debt borrowing,
6 the mayor and his administration were trying
7 to secure that since September of 2011 and
8 we have letters from the mayor showing that
9 he asked for that unfunded debt borrowing to
10 be increased up to, I forget what the dollar
11 amount was now, but council cooperated with
12 the administration for the first time since
13 2010 in developing the budget. And as a
14 result, you know, I have said this before,
15 obviously no good deed goes unpunished
16 because now the mayor has time and again,
17 "This is council's budget."

18 Well, frankly, that's a lie. This
19 is a city budget and council cooperated and
20 council will be very, very careful about any
21 cooperation concerning a budget in the
22 future as a result.

23 Our next speaker is Ozzie Quinn.

24 MR. QUINN: Ozzie Quinn, Scranton
25 Taxpayers' Association. Good evening.

1 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

2 MR. JOYCE: Good evening.

3 MR. QUINN: Andy brought up 6-A, the
4 reading of that title, I just want to say
5 that I believe that's part of the audit
6 that's outstanding and I think that \$480,000
7 I know it's mandated for handicapped curbs
8 and all of that, but that's a half a million
9 dollars and that could go a lot further
10 towards some kind of a housing
11 rehabilitation for some of the people who
12 are --since of omission that the mayor has
13 committed since he took office by
14 eliminating the rehabilitation.

15 When you start reconstructing roads,
16 that's political. Mostly that stuff is all
17 political stuff. You do that when you are
18 going to be running for mayor again, and
19 also the fact that that's where all of the
20 kickbacks are and I would be very careful
21 when you get this, I'm sure there will be
22 change orders and stuff that comes up and
23 they will say, we underbid, okay? Thank
24 you.

25 I also want to say that in regards

1 to underbidding, when the Muni, the Muni was
2 supposed to be bid out and it was bid out
3 and the mayor didn't bid it out. As a
4 matter of fact, he got an emergency
5 certificate and had an auction, okay,
6 because he didn't like the -- he didn't want
7 to do it that way because when their offers
8 came in at first he wasn't -- he didn't like
9 the offers so the -- a new person got the
10 award that was only \$200,000 more, but under
11 an emergency certificate and that's where
12 that money goes, that money was supposed to
13 go. I looked at the minutes and that was
14 supposed to go into the recreation fund and
15 we would be able to have the swimming pools
16 opened up right now if that was still there,
17 but he blew it.

18 And you know what, the Scranton
19 Times also blew it. Now, the Scranton Times
20 is down there saying for those who were
21 screwed their pay have a free lunch on us.
22 Rock 107. Rock 107 is Shamrock
23 Communications, which is the Scranton Times.
24 The nerve of those people. After all of
25 these years. This hasn't happen overnight

1 this here position we are in, this happened
2 because not only our because of our tax
3 base, because of the mismanagement and
4 overspending by the mayor and every budget
5 the Scranton Times never come up and
6 questioned anything about this stuff. You
7 saw that on the Muni and you saw it in the
8 sense of omission, there was no housing
9 rehabilitation, our neighborhoods are shot,
10 what did the Scranton Times do? Nothing.

11 Janet, if you were the mayor they
12 would be on you -- on your case it would be
13 so bad I think you would probably have a
14 nervous breakdown, you know, that's how it
15 is.

16 MS. EVANS: Yes.

17 MR. QUINN: They are playing games
18 and this is in May 2001 when the mayor ran
19 in the primary, contributions by the
20 Scranton Times for Mayor Doherty. Now, you
21 people get -- you people are getting blamed
22 by the Scranton Times, they brought you back
23 into the picture for this here \$16 million,
24 okay, for blowing it for the banks and
25 stuff, you know? And, you know, it's not

1 right for you people to be backed in here.

2 Mrs. Evans, I remember way back when
3 you coined those words the Doherty debt and
4 you forewarned them and nobody, nobody, they
5 sat here, all of those reporters, I can name
6 them, and not one of them questioned you.
7 Maybe they did, I don't know, but I'm sure
8 the editor didn't do a thing, knocked
9 everything out. They let this man just go
10 and do whatever he wanted to do for 11
11 years. He spent and spent and spent and
12 mismanaged and he comes up with a Recovery
13 Plan and the Recovery Plan he already
14 sold -- he sold storm water pipes, we don't
15 even own, and he finds \$3 million that he
16 didn't know what was there, what kind of a
17 government are we running here?

18 And how can they have the audacity,
19 the Scranton Times or anybody else, to blame
20 it on you four people? It is beyond my
21 understanding, okay? It just burns me up
22 when I see this. If you follow government,
23 as I have followed it through the years, I
24 know what's happening, I know what's going
25 on because of the fact that all you got to

1 do is put the pieces together and you can
2 see it.

3 I remember Jimmy Connors was mayor
4 and he was wrapped day by day, day by day
5 poor Jimmy, okay, and as soon as -- May,
6 before the election, before the mayor was
7 elected, they were contributing to Mayor
8 Doherty his campaign.

9 Now, how can you honestly say that
10 these people are getting a fair shake if the
11 Times is paying for Doherty to be the mayor?
12 You would have be to a fool to think you are
13 going to get a fair shake. Thank you very
14 much.

15 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Our next
16 speaker is Lisa Marino.

17 MS. MARINO: Good evening, Council.
18 May I approach?

19 MS. EVANS: Yes.

20 MS. MARINO: As you guys are
21 perusing those pictures, they were taken
22 five days after the city pool opened. They
23 are pictures from the women's bathroom.
24 When you get to see them all I guess they
25 are going to pretty much speak for

1 themselves. It's a living disgrace. The
2 pool was deeded to the city and not only was
3 it deeded to the city, I never had an issue
4 with so much as they had to have a fee to
5 get in. They put the slides in, my daughter
6 was young then and I thought it was
7 wonderful, but it was a few dollars, even
8 though I didn't agree with it I was still
9 happy that I had a pool five blocks from my
10 house. It's \$5 a person. It's a -- that's
11 a disgrace literally, and it is a disgrace
12 that I wouldn't even take a dog into that
13 bathroom.

14 If you look at those pictures, those
15 pictures were taken at 3:00 in the afternoon
16 five days after that pool opened, and it is
17 still in the same condition. Not all of the
18 pictures reflect what the bathroom is now,
19 some are a little worse, if that's humanly
20 possible.

21 With that being said, I was going up
22 to the pool to see my best friend's little
23 boy swim. Fully clothed, as I am right now,
24 not in this outfit, I was denied access into
25 that pool just to sit there for possibly an

1 hour and a half just to watch him swim. Not
2 to swim, not to take my sneakers off, not to
3 put my feet in the pool, just to watch him
4 swim, denied access in. That wasn't a
5 problem a few years ago, but it's becoming a
6 problem now, and as I stood there to go into
7 the bathroom and to come back out they let a
8 whole family in that were there for the
9 exact same reason, and there was four of
10 them with their little child.

11 I mean, I don't really have a lot to
12 say. I'm not here to bash completely. I
13 just think my pictures speak for themselves.
14 I wish everybody in the gallery could see
15 them. I mean, what can you really say? I
16 will say this, that I have been there enough
17 times to make these statements and they are
18 completely true. I get to that pool at
19 11:30, these lifeguards don't come in until
20 it is time for that pool to open, and I can
21 assure you on more than 50 occasions that
22 pool has not opened until ten after 12,
23 quarter after 12 and that's a fact.

24 I mean, I don't know, I'm not that
25 old, but I have a job, I'm there 20 minutes,

1 a half an hour early. I realize these are
2 people that are a lot younger than me, they
3 still have responsibility. I mean, it's in
4 the budget that they are to be paid and they
5 are to be paid for the time that pool opens
6 to the time their shift is over.

7 And another thing, for the people
8 who allow their kids to go to the people
9 pool and use it as a DayCare, I know that
10 that cannot be stopped, I realize that, but
11 when we have our lifeguards there the
12 lifeguards need to do a better job. When
13 lifeguard is coming off the chair the other
14 lifeguard that is there, their replacement
15 should be facing the pool, not texting, not
16 on the phone, not talking about the party
17 they were at the night before. Their eye
18 should be trained on that water because it
19 only takes a minute for a little boy or girl
20 to go under, and we know that a few years
21 back that almost happened. That's pretty
22 much what I have to say.

23 MS. EVANS: Do you care to add to
24 that?

25 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: No.

1 MS. MARINO: Thank you.

2 MS. EVANS: Thank you very much.

3 Mrs. Krake, if we could send a letter,
4 please, to actually -- would we be able to
5 keep those pictures?

6 MS. MARINO: Yes, you can keep them.

7 MS. EVANS: Because if you give them
8 to Mrs. Krake, I'd like you to send a letter
9 with a copy to the mayor to Mr. Dougher, the
10 Recreation Authority, and if we can maybe
11 watch the meeting again or get the
12 transcript because I'd like to actually
13 quote -- use the quotes on comments that
14 were made tonight regarding the condition of
15 the pools -- or the pool house, the
16 tardiness of the lifeguards and their
17 occasional inattention to the swimming
18 population. All these problems need to be
19 addressed immediately, not a month from now
20 when the season is over. Thank you.

21 Our next speaker is a Gerard Hetman.

22 MR. HETMAN: Good evening, Council.

23 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

24 MR. HETMAN: Gerard Hetman from the
25 Lackawanna County Department of Community

1 Relations. First I would just note this
2 evening's showing of Rocky, this evening's
3 scheduled showing of the movie Rocky as part
4 of the drive-in downtown outdoor movie
5 series on courthouse square, has been
6 postponed due to possible inclement weather.
7 The makeup date will be Thursday, August 9,
8 at 9 p.m., also on courthouse square.

9 Again, this evening's showing of
10 Rocky on courthouse square as part of the
11 drive-in downtown outdoor movie series has
12 been postponed until Thursday, August 9, at
13 9 p.m. due to possibly inclement weather
14 this evening. On that same note, we are
15 happy to announce that ET is the winning
16 movie in the online poll to determine the
17 fifth and now not final movie in the
18 drive-in downtown movie series, so next
19 Thursday, July 26, ET will be shown at 9
20 p.m. on courthouse square. Bring your
21 blankets, your lawn chairs and certainly
22 enjoy the movie.

23 Keeping with courthouse square
24 theme, our noon concert series, the next
25 installment will be tomorrow, Friday

1 afternoon, July 20, with Jim Cohen and
2 Friends starting at noon on the Linden
3 Street side of courthouse square. Then
4 Saturday evening the next installment in the
5 Saturday evening concert series will be
6 Polka night featuring Joe Stanke and the
7 Cadets with Mike Magden from 6:00 p.m. to 8t
8 p.m., also on the courthouse square, as part
9 of the Saturday evening concert series.

10 Over the last few weeks we have
11 talked about several of the events going on
12 during the week of August 3 through 5 in
13 downtown Scranton, including the 3 on 3
14 basketball tournament, First Friday, and
15 also the Jazz Festival, upcoming Jazz
16 Festival, which I mentioned last week.
17 Keeping with those events, we have two other
18 events that our department has since been
19 made aware of, which we would like to
20 mention. The first is the annual Ramadan
21 Tent and Turkish Cultural Exhibitions,
22 taking place on Friday evening, August 3, on
23 courthouse square, at the intersection of
24 North Washington Avenue and Linden Street.
25 The celebration will consist of a concert

1 with the group Wind of Anatolia. Also,
2 other crafts, calligraphy, arts and crafts
3 cultural events will take place from 5 p.m.
4 to 10 p.m. RSVP for the events if possible
5 by e-mailing CALVEYC@LackawannaCounty.org or
6 by calling Chris Calvey at 570-963-6590,
7 extension 106. That's 570-963-6590,
8 extension 106.

9 And also that same weekend taking
10 place Sunday, August 5, at 5:30 p.m., actor
11 and comedian Elon Gold will perform at the
12 Scranton Cultural Center. At that same
13 event there will be a celebration of Jewish
14 ethnic foods available. I don't have any
15 contact information for this. There was
16 none on the release we were given, but I
17 will n certainly follow-up on it next week
18 and make the public aware of the best way to
19 get information regarding the event, but it
20 will be taking place the same weekend as the
21 events that I previously mentioned in just a
22 few weeks.

23 I'll pass on some notes from our
24 Parks and Recreation Department of
25 Lackawanna County. The Lackawanna County

1 Commissioners annual Junior Golf Tournament
2 will take place on August 10, 11 and 12 at
3 the Scranton Municipal Golf Course. There
4 is no entrance fee, however, there is a
5 green fee which is payable to the Scranton
6 Municipal Golf Course, 1099 Golf Club Road,
7 Mt. Cobb, PA, 18436. Information and
8 registration can be taken care of by
9 contacting the Parks and Recreation
10 Department at 570-689-2686. That's
11 570-689-2686.

12 Also, the Lackawanna County Parks
13 and Recreation Department will host a
14 cheerleading clinic, All Star Cheer Academy,
15 Friday and Saturday, August 17 and 18, for
16 girls ages 6 to 14. There is a limit of 45
17 girls in the clinic. Further information
18 can be obtained by contacting 963-6764.
19 That's 570-963-6764.

20 And last, but not least, Live Nation
21 and the Toyota Pavillion at Montage Mountain
22 in partnership with the Lackawanna County
23 Arts and Cultural Department is seeking
24 sculptures to display at their first annual
25 Peach Music festival presented by the Allman

1 Brothers band to be held August 10 and 12 at
2 the Toyota Pavillion and the Sno Cove Water
3 Park. Ten artists will be selected to have
4 their sculptures on display for a temporary
5 exhibit on the festival grounds. Artists
6 can get more information by contacting Tyler
7 Williamson from Live Nation at
8 TYLERWILLIAMSON@LIVENATION.COM, or you can
9 visit the festival's website at
10 WWW.THEPEACHMUSICFESTIVAL.COM. That's all
11 we have for this evening.

12 MS. EVANS: Mr. Hetman, I just have
13 one question, regarding all of the wonderful
14 special events that are conducted at
15 courthouse square, who is responsible for
16 the cleanup afterwards?

17 MR. HETMAN: We can certainly get
18 you a breakdown of that, Mrs. Evans. If you
19 let me work on that tomorrow I will
20 certainly contact you with the complete
21 breakdown. I'm not sure if it's the
22 participants or county agencies, but we can
23 certainly get that for you and will contact
24 you as soon as possible with the accurate
25 and complete information on those events.

1 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

2 MR. HETMAN: No problem. Thank you.

3 MS. EVANS: Our next speaker is Doug
4 Miller.

5 MR. MILLER: Good evening, Council.
6 Doug Miller, Scranton. I'd just like to
7 begin tonight with a few questions, two of
8 them are issues we have had in the past.
9 I'll start off with an issue we have been
10 having the last item of weeks and that's
11 dealing with the fire works up at Nay Aug.
12 It's a question we have been asking, we just
13 can't seem to get a straight answer. We
14 keep saying, you know, we believe this, we
15 believe that, to be honest with you at this
16 point I'm not concerned about what we
17 believe, you know, I want fact. So I'll ask
18 again tonight, two weeks later, do we know
19 how much the Nay Aug Park fireworks show
20 cost us and how was this paid for?

21 MR. ROGAN: We still haven't
22 received a response from the administration.

23 MR. MILLER: And how long do we
24 expect them to answer a simple question as
25 to how much fireworks cost? I don't

1 understand how that's such a difficult thing
2 to ask.

3 MR. ROGAN: Judging by their track
4 record, they probably won't.

5 MR. MILLER: Oh, believe me, I'm not
6 surprised. It's just amazing, it really is,
7 that we can't get an answer to a simple
8 question as to how much fireworks cost.
9 It's just, you know, banging your head
10 against the wall. The second question is,
11 it's a concern of a resident that I spoke to
12 earlier in the week, regarding the electric
13 city sign, there was a question as to how
14 much this cost to operate the lights, the
15 electric city sign, and how we are paying
16 for this. That's something I think we would
17 like to get an answer to as well.

18 MR. ROGAN: Mr. Miller, actually we
19 probably spoke to the same person, I will
20 put that request in tonight as well.

21 MR. MILLER: Very good. And finally
22 an issue that was raised last week that I
23 had failed to respond to when I came up to
24 the podium regarding Chief Davis and his use
25 of city vehicles for personal use while on

1 the clock, taking noncity employees out to
2 lunch and discuss future campaigns. I think
3 there needs to some sort of punishment. I
4 know, Councilman Loscombe, you were going to
5 look into this matter and try to resolve it.
6 It was totally inappropriate. I think the
7 vehicle should be taken away from him and I
8 think we need to get right down to the
9 bottle of this.

10 Moving on, you know, I thought
11 Mr. Quinn made a lot of good points tonight
12 regarding, you know, what's been going on
13 here. I am pleased to hear the city
14 employees will be paid in full tomorrow due
15 to some tax revenue that we has come in over
16 the past few weeks, but obviously there is
17 still concerns going forward as to how we
18 make payroll two weeks from now and beyond
19 that. This is an issue that we have to deal
20 with, of course, because of the mayor's
21 incompetence and it's truly unfortunate.

22 But, you know, it's kind of -- I
23 find it quite comical that we have the
24 Scranton Times downtown, Rock 107, owned by
25 the Times Shamrock, downtown giving out free

1 lunches to all the city employees. For ten
2 years they sat back and not one time did
3 they ever hold the mayor accountable for his
4 actions, and yet they are downtown as if
5 they are doing us a favor by handing out
6 lunches. I just think it's totally a
7 complete joke. And, you know, you have a
8 campaign finance report right here from
9 2001, I appreciate Mr. Quinn letting me
10 bring it up, that he came prepared tonight,
11 and it's in here, the contributions from the
12 Scranton Times. So, of course, they are
13 going to protect their master and they are
14 not going to say a word. You know, they are
15 just as guilty as he is, I believe, it's my
16 opinion.

17 Moving onto the Recovery Plan, as I
18 have stated on numerous occasions from this
19 podium, I don't believe we should consider a
20 plan with a 78 percent tax increase, and I
21 know council won't allow that to happen.
22 Obviously, it's a burden on the taxpayers
23 who I believe have suffered enough already.
24 We need realistic solutions and, you know,
25 this council has those solutions, but

1 unfortunately time and time again they are
2 ignored, they have fallen on deaf ears and I
3 think it's time the mayor turns his hearing
4 aid up a couple of notches and takes your
5 concerns into consideration because you have
6 offered quite a bit, and I think if he, you
7 know, took the time to actually sit down and
8 take a look at them he would see that they
9 truly are in the best interest both today
10 and, you know, later on down the road.

11 But I still am to this day am
12 completely puzzled as to why the banks need
13 to see a Recovery Plan as it hasn't been an
14 issue for seven years and all of a sudden
15 now it is. You know, we heard last week
16 comments that no bank is going to talk to
17 the city. Well, why? It's very simple. I
18 don't understand why it's so complex.

19 And then we have a business
20 administrator upstairs who does business by
21 sending out e-mails. I mean, I have never
22 heard anything so comical in my life.
23 That's not way you do business
24 professionally. What is that a complete
25 joke? This isn't a circus. The

1 professional thing to do is pick up the
2 phone and call the bank or better yet go in
3 person and lay out your plan. You don't
4 send out e-mails. I mean, what is that? I
5 don't understand where we are going here.
6 You know, I just think, again, it's a case
7 of Mr. McGowan maybe being a little
8 overwhelmed. I truly don't believe he is
9 even competent enough to be in that position
10 and he is also just as much to blame as
11 well.

12 But it does raise serious questions
13 as we have talked about collusion going on,
14 you know, in part by DCED and PEL and the
15 banks. Why are they refusing to sit down
16 with the city and discuss some sort of a
17 loan? As I said, it's never been an issue
18 before and I don't understand. I just can't
19 understand why it's an issue now. It makes
20 no sense as all. The city has assured that
21 it would -- it will pay back any loan taken
22 out, and I just think that it's, you know,
23 like I said, I think there is some serious
24 questions that need to be raised, and like I
25 said, it's a just doesn't make a whole lot

1 of sense.

2 But just in conclusion here, you
3 know, we are the laughing stock of the
4 nation, we made national news, you know, the
5 mayor has come forward and he has pointed
6 the finger at everybody but himself. You
7 know, we have people that come up here each
8 week and they talk about bankruptcy.
9 Bankruptcy is not the solution. I think we
10 need to get that out of our head. We need
11 realistic solutions that address the issues.
12 It's not bankruptcy.

13 We need to move forward with a
14 forensic audit, and I want to commend
15 council for raising that issue and
16 suggesting that we make it part of a
17 Recovery Plan because until we have a
18 forensic audit done that's going to take a
19 look at ten years worth of spending and that
20 accounts for every dime that's been spent,
21 we are never really going to get a full
22 understanding or full picture as to where we
23 truly are financially. We need to account
24 for every pencil and every eraser.

25 And, like I said, I commend you for

1 raising that issue and making -- trying to
2 make that part of the Recovery Plan because
3 that's something that should have been done
4 a long time ago and as far as the mayor's
5 finger pointing goes, you know, when a
6 forensic audit is done and we see the truth
7 audits don't lie and the truth will come
8 out. Thank you. Our next speaker --

9 MR. JOYCE: Mrs. Krake.

10 MS. EVANS: Oh, I'm sorry, go ahead,
11 Mr. Joyce.

12 MR. JOYCE: That's okay. Mrs.
13 Krake, if we could please resend
14 Mr. Miller's request on how much the
15 fireworks cost it would be greatly
16 appreciated, and the electric city sign, I'm
17 not 100 percent sure how much it cost per
18 month, but from what I have heard in the
19 past it's somewhere in the five to 1,000
20 dollar range and, of course, the city does
21 pay for that.

22 MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening. Dave
23 Dobrzyn, resident of Scranton, taxes paid,
24 fees paid. Okay, I have a message for the
25 Times' readers and outside communities, I

1 don't agree with the publication, especially
2 the editorial department, and they are
3 constantly denying and misrepresenting the
4 facts. Many outside readers feel a 100
5 percent tax increase is warranted. I have
6 been talking to people on a political basis
7 on the phone for a political organization
8 this last several months and Scranton comes
9 up very often. They feel this as their
10 taxes are higher.

11 And I'd like to point out that many
12 people will be faced with 10, 15, 30 percent
13 of their income if retired and just because
14 your taxes go up don't mean that your boss
15 gives you a raise. It's really crazy what
16 some upper income communities would pay in
17 taxes as compared to us, and don't forget
18 that we put up with a lot of problems to
19 live here, too, that don't exist in the
20 (unintelligible.)

21 Now, the 113th district, which is
22 Mr. Murphy's especially brings our average
23 median income up to 44-K from 30 to 34-K,
24 somewhere like that, that takes like grants
25 away and everything in West Side and

1 Providence. I mean, I wouldn't exactly call
2 Providence a stylish upscale community. We
3 receive promises of these economic
4 activities with nonprofits such as the
5 colleges and so forth and, you know, to date
6 now it's 300 parking spaces. 120 extra to
7 the Hilton for free and it's given for tax
8 free for American society and we pay the
9 bill. Outsourcing lowers all our income tax
10 takings. Our city administration relies on
11 outside campaign monies. Why? Could it be
12 contracts to the people within their
13 communities, and a little suggestion there
14 maybe they should just give that money to
15 the Scranton deficit fund. Do us a little
16 favor for a change.

17 The revenue share returned, I mean,
18 \$3.1 million was returned, we still have
19 rolling brownouts on fire departments. Tax
20 exempts are loaded on us by a lot of these
21 representatives and state senators.
22 Freebies for everyone. Don't worry, the
23 cash cows will pay.

24 Further, wage tax delays. Five
25 months for turnover to cash strapped

1 communities. How much of a budget hole
2 thanks to state assembly and our governor
3 corporate, I mean, Corbett. No recovery
4 until all the cards are on the table for
5 this year.

6 And I have an answer for Chris Kelly
7 why they cannot answer my friend Marie
8 Schumacher's questions as council because
9 the mayor doesn't tell them anything that's
10 accurate anyway, so they would just be
11 spreading around rumors if they said
12 anything about it.

13 And I'd also like once again, and
14 this is the last time I'll say it, it's
15 about the fireworks and the Nay Aug Park
16 Authority please resign. If you can't
17 announce them in the paper don't send me the
18 bill. Thank you very much, Park Authority.
19 Just please find somewhere to go.

20 And now, our Sewer Authority is
21 faced with a lot of money and that is
22 federal regulations and it has to be done a
23 certain way. Well, we have a bore hole in
24 Old Forge that poisons the river completely
25 from the old mines. If they didn't have

1 that bore hole it would flood our basements
2 even up as far as West Side and so forth.
3 So, you know, nobody wanted to do anything
4 for Scranton years ago why do they want to
5 tell us and give us all their opinions now.

6 And the golden parrot Enbridge
7 company, corporation from Canada, they have
8 a tar sand, we have been hearing a lot about
9 tar sand, they have a leaky pipe for ten
10 years that blew up, made the Kalamazoo River
11 in Michigan unusable for two years and it's
12 still polluted all hell. And this audit
13 with Bain Capital they are still outsourcing
14 jobs. That's pretty important so thanks a
15 lot and have a good night and don't forget,
16 bawk, bawk, bawk.

17 MS. EVANS: Is there anyone else who
18 cares to address council?

19 MS. ROSKY: Good evening, Council.
20 Mary Ann Rosky, homeowner and city taxpayer
21 and trying to be proud to live in this city,
22 but not going so well. Anyway, I do have to
23 comment, which I don't like to go as low as
24 some people at the Times do, but I will have
25 to attack Chris Kelly once again and, you

1 know, now we are slouching, mumbling, angry,
2 nimrods. That's what we are called
3 according to Chris Kelly in Sunday's paper.
4 So we will take that, okay, because not
5 everybody is as classy as a Sir Kelly. He
6 should be here. He is a coward, and I would
7 like to have him come forth and call names
8 instead of hiding behind the newspaper, so
9 the quote was, "Speakers are now angry,
10 slouching, mumbling nimrods."

11 That's what he called us. Okay. So
12 the way I see is his behavior with the paper
13 is questionable. He has First Amendment
14 Rights as well, but it's questionable. And,
15 also, small minds, small words, that kind of
16 thing, so you kind of know where these words
17 are coming from and his low blows also show
18 the mentality, and so we can just leave him
19 at that, although, I want to say that my dog
20 is not worthy of the newspaper for Chris
21 Kelly to urinate on or to crap on.

22 I will never give them a penny. I
23 will never -- I don't even read the paper
24 unless it's given to me about what's going
25 on with Chris Kelly or this city because

1 everything is a lie and I don't want to read
2 about it and when I read it on Sunday I was
3 very aggravated.

4 Okay, onto -- where am I going with
5 this now? Okay, we have -- I said it
6 before, the police officers, thank God they
7 will be getting their full pay, but it's
8 funny how it's like lost and found with this
9 city. You know, when they come begging for
10 money and they don't get it right on that
11 time or they do get it, I should say, then
12 they find money, so all of a sudden before
13 the mayor's hearing July 24 on the contempt
14 charge all of a sudden \$2 million so we have
15 enough to pay, there is enough to pay our
16 city workers this time, okay. Lost and
17 found.

18 He is -- I just -- that SPA, give
19 them a million dollars and they find -- what
20 did they find, \$3 million I believe it was
21 that they had somewhere and to me it's very
22 collusional that had they found it.

23 And also the policemen and the
24 firemen, I believe that they will not get
25 their pay retroactive, that is my opinion,

1 and they will never see that pay. They will
2 fight and fight, they will never, ever see
3 that pay, just as our a few officers that
4 have gone to Iraq, I believe, and returned
5 back in 2006 they had never received their
6 pay and they were police officers from this
7 city. What does that tell you about the
8 mayor? Of course he has no respect for the
9 city, he has no respect for this council
10 because you are not "yes, sir" people, you
11 are not pocket players, and he has no
12 respect for his country, the troops from
13 this city that worked in this city fought
14 for our country and got no back pay, no pay
15 from him. So these poor police and firemen,
16 I hate to bring it down on them, but they
17 are not going to be paid it's my opinion.
18 They won't get retroactive pay.

19 I do not want a 78 percent tax
20 increases, neither do a lot of other
21 taxpayers. We don't want our garbage fee
22 raised. I don't think it should be at \$189
23 or \$178, as it is a year, and what we are
24 paying for this city we get nothing. We are
25 getting nothing. All we can count on is our

1 police and our firemen because you know what
2 they didn't stand in line to get a free
3 lunch, as they should have, because they
4 don't have time. They didn't get a lunch
5 hour. They can't say, "Well, we are going
6 to go down for a half our, let's all meet
7 down there for lunch," they don't get that
8 time. If they can grab a sandwich on the
9 run or they have to brown bag it that's what
10 they do.

11 So I hope that that continues that
12 they will continue to get their pay and I
13 don't believe that they will because \$2
14 million, if I'm not mistaken is two
15 payrolls, so where does it go after that?
16 Will it be lost and found again? And I
17 would think that this should go up right
18 next to Mayor Connors' picture once Doherty
19 leaves office. This is what belongs up
20 there because he has a made a joke of this
21 city for ten years, and he was given a
22 chance time after time and time again.

23 Excuse me, can I have one more
24 second, Mr. Joyce, I wanted to ask you a
25 question?

1 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

2 MS. ROSKY: When you were throwing
3 out figures -- not throwing out, but you
4 gave great figures on what revenues were
5 taken in by the University, Allied, CMC and
6 a few other in expenses.

7 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

8 MS. ROSKY: Now, the University with
9 them taking in \$227 million can they not,
10 can DCED inform them that they are to pay
11 more to the city because they are getting
12 our police and firemen and they are not --
13 they should not be getting any of our help
14 whatsoever.

15 MR. JOYCE: By state law DCED can't
16 require them to pay anything to the city.

17 MS. ROSKY: Can anybody require them
18 to pay more?

19 MR. ROGAN: No.

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: Not at this time.

21 MR. JOYCE: No, because of their
22 nonprofit status.

23 MS. ROSKY: Well, can -- well, how
24 can we get them to help? We are giving them
25 our services -- I'm sorry, we are giving

1 them our services, I don't know, and the
2 fireworks I would like to know once again
3 how much they cost the city up at Nay Aug.
4 Thank you.

5 MR. JOYCE: Thank you. Does anyone
6 else wish to address council?

7 MR. SLEDENZSKI: Jackie.

8 MR. LOSCOMBE: Chrissy.

9 MR. SLEDENZSKI: What's cooking,
10 Jack?

11 MR. LOSCOMBE: Nice hat.

12 MR. SLEDENZSKI: Jack, up a little
13 higher, Jack? Up a little bit?

14 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yeah.

15 MR. SLEDENZSKI: Hey, Jack, you know
16 what next week is, don't you? Next Monday.

17 THE COURT: What's Monday?

18 MR. SLEAZES: (Unintelligible.) Next
19 Monday. I wish him good luck. Chris, come
20 home safe, buddy. Behave. Be careful out
21 there, will you.

22 MR. JOYCE: Does anyone else wish to
23 address council?

24 MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening,
25 Council. Marie Schumacher.

1 MR. JOYCE: Good evening.

2 MS. SCHUMACHER: I have more
3 questions tonight. First, does anyone have
4 a copy of the assumed pension payout for the
5 next decade they could provide to me?

6 MR. JOYCE: I don't have a copy of
7 it right now, but I do know that the MMO,
8 minimum municipal obligation, is projected
9 to go up starting next year.

10 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay. May I assume
11 that the first year of the revised Recovery
12 Plan will be the 2013 budget and there will
13 be no further submittal from the mayor later
14 this year?

15 MR. JOYCE: Ideally, the first year
16 of the 2013 -- or the first year of the
17 Recovery Plan should be the 2013 budget.
18 That's ideally, yes.

19 MS. SCHUMACHER: But will it or
20 won't it? I mean --

21 MR. JOYCE: There still will be a
22 budget that's submitted from the mayor in
23 2013.

24 MS. SCHUMACHER: But it will be
25 identical to the 2013 revised Recovery Plan

1 plan then, no?

2 MR. JOYCE: It should be in
3 agreement with the revised Recovery Plan,
4 yes.

5 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay. Now, there
6 has been a lot of talk from the solicitor,
7 who is not here again tonight, and where is
8 the solicitor and where has he been, does
9 anybody --

10 MR. ROGAN: I did receive a phone
11 call from Attorney Hughes on Friday, I got a
12 voice mail, I tried calling him back to
13 actually discuss some of the Parking
14 Authority issues and he did say that he
15 would be out of town.

16 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay. It just was
17 custom in the past when the solicitor was
18 absent there was somebody instead if
19 something came up. But there has been -- he
20 brought it up initially about the restricted
21 assets of the Scranton Parking Authority and
22 then, Pat, you have talked about it, it's
23 been in the paper and it was on page 25 of
24 the city's 2010 audit, it was in the audit
25 of the Scranton Parking Authority, their

1 2010 budget -- or their 2010 audit came up
2 and it was posted like about a year ago and
3 so I don't understand why nobody knew that
4 so I would like to ask, how many of you have
5 actually read the audit? Anybody willing to
6 --

7 MR. MCGOFF: I looked at it, but I'm
8 not as astute with numbers as you are, so I
9 probably would not, you know, be aware of --

10 MR. ROGAN: I would say we try to --
11 I think pretty much all of us read over
12 everything we get, but every week there is a
13 stack this thick.

14 MS. SCHUMACHER: Yeah, but, I mean,
15 we make this big thing about not getting the
16 audit and how important it is and I would
17 certainly think that each council member
18 would make take the time to read it and if
19 there were questions ask those questions and
20 get the answers. That's why it's important.
21 I mean, otherwise, it's sort of -- anyway.
22 Enough said on that.

23 Next, since the -- well, on April
24 26, I'll do this one first, Mr. Ferrario
25 stood at this podium and asked questions

1 about the parking -- the paid parking tax
2 that was going to be voted on that night and
3 then the 24th of May Mr. Boccardo was here
4 and threatening to sue, do we know what
5 response has been given to both of those
6 gentlemen regarding the issues that they
7 raised? I guess that means the answer is,
8 no, we don't know? Has anybody --

9 MR. ROGAN: I would just state again
10 I voted against it because of those issues
11 being raised and not having the information
12 at the time, but I haven't received
13 anything, I don't believe anyone else has
14 either.

15 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, I just wonder
16 did anybody get a list, I noted in the paper
17 that the mayor said those bills had gone
18 out, do we have a list of the recipients of
19 those bills?

20 MR. JOYCE: I don't have a list of
21 all of the recipients, but I could certainly
22 ask for one.

23 MS. SCHUMACHER: I would like to see
24 that. Thank you. Now, since the Parking
25 Authority term of existence expires in 2016

1 will their shortfall be included in the 2013
2 to 2016 operating budget of the city and
3 then determination made in 2016 what will
4 happen if they will be reauthorized or what
5 will happen to the Parking Authority?

6 That's why I was hoping that Attorney Hughes
7 would be here this evening because I know he
8 is up on all of that and I don't know the
9 ramifications with respect to debt, what
10 happens, but I do know that the term of
11 existence expires at 50 years, and according
12 to their audit report they are last
13 authorized in 1966, so it will be 2016.

14 MS. EVANS: As we all know the city
15 is responsible for the debt of the Scranton
16 Parking Authority.

17 MS. SCHUMACHER: Yep.

18 MS. EVANS: So the responsible thing
19 to do is to include in the operating budget
20 payments that we need to be made. However,
21 at this point that cannot be determined
22 because there can be changes at the Scranton
23 sewer Authority that will effect --

24 MS. SCHUMACHER: Not sewer
25 Authority, Parking Authority.

1 MS. EVANS: I'm sorry, the Parking
2 Authority that will effect that dollar
3 amount.

4 MS. SCHUMACHER: But the worst case
5 would be covering their forecasted
6 shortfalls that will require the city to
7 step in, so I would think the prudent thing
8 would do to take the worst case and hope for
9 something else.

10 And then a recent Sunday Times'
11 article noted what the taxpayers have been
12 telling the school board, and not getting
13 too much of a concerned response, but when
14 you meet with them have you discussed
15 anything or have they discussed with you on
16 the impact of their contributions to their
17 pension fund going from roughly \$6 1/2
18 million a year this year to \$19 million in
19 five years and how they plan to cover that
20 without --

21 MS. EVANS: No.

22 MS. SCHUMACHER: I just -- you know,
23 I thought the whole purpose of the three of
24 the bodies to whom we pay taxes was to sort
25 of level out so we didn't have these massive

1 -- I mean, covering that is going to be very
2 difficult and, you know, you people are
3 going to be raising taxes and who knows what
4 the county is going to do and I hope that
5 you are facing those issues that the well is
6 tapped.

7 MS. EVANS: The last meeting that
8 was conducted, I believe, was primarily to
9 discuss a countywide sales tax and it also
10 involved representatives from neighboring
11 counties, so that perhaps a joint effort
12 among Lackawanna County, Monroe and Luzerne
13 County would be made to lobby the
14 legislators for approval of a sales tax.

15 MS. SCHUMACHER: For -- you mean,
16 for the elimination of the school property
17 tax or just for added revenue, if I may
18 indulge the time?

19 MS. EVANS: I don't know that it was
20 for the elimination of the school tax, no.

21 MS. SCHUMACHER: Because otherwise,
22 I would, I mean, I would strongly urge you
23 to not go ahead. I believe it was Senator
24 Blake who had that wonderful brainstorm that
25 I believe provided all of the revenue that

1 we collected in the city, and it was my
2 understanding if the paper was correct that
3 the only -- the only way they could impose
4 that tax is if he they had a distressed city
5 within the county limits, and so the county
6 was getting a big cut and we were getting
7 something like 14 percent, which would be a
8 drop in the bucket, so I would certainly be
9 against that and for the school property tax
10 elimination.

11 MS. EVANS: Well, actually, the
12 figures presented by the county to the city
13 and all in attendance show that the city
14 would receive \$5.4 million.

15 MS. SCHUMACHER: And do you have the
16 number of that bill, do you recollect that?

17 MS. EVANS: From the sales tax.

18 MS. SCHUMACHER: From the 1 percent
19 sale tax increase, so that was Senator
20 Blake's bill?

21 MS. EVANS: I don't -- I would
22 assume so.

23 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay. Was that for
24 a single year?

25 MS. EVANS: Yes.

1 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay. Thank you.

2 MR. LOSCOMBE: Thank you.

3 MS. EVANS: Is there anyone else who
4 cares to address council?

5 MR. JOYCE: Before the next speaker,
6 Mrs. Krake, could we please send a request
7 out to the Treasury Department to ask for a
8 list of all of the recipients of parking tax
9 bills in accordance with Mrs. Schumacher's
10 request? Thanks.

11 MR. BECK: Good evening, Council.
12 Wayne Beck, city taxpayer. I wasn't going
13 to speak tonight, but a couple of the
14 comments were made by Mrs. Schumacher, I
15 also went back and looked at the audit from
16 the Parking Authority, I think ending in
17 December 31st of 2010 I believe it was, and
18 it did show that there was three point some
19 million dollars in a restricted investment
20 account, and it appears to me that that
21 money has to be maintained -- you have to
22 maintain at least an amount sufficient to
23 cover one-year's bond repayments.

24 MR. JOYCE: That is correct.

25 MR. BECK: I think that -- that's

1 correct?

2 MR. JOYCE: That's correct.

3 MR. BECK: If that is correct and it
4 wasn't -- the SPA Didn't have the money to
5 pay the last bond issue when they came here
6 for the million dollars, couldn't they have
7 used that money, which they eventually I
8 think did and replaced it, but I think
9 rather than come here and create a panic
10 could that money have been used at that time
11 voluntarily to repay that, the bond payment
12 that was due at that time?

13 MS. EVANS: Well, they did use the
14 reserve fund to make payment and then the
15 reserve fund had to be replenished, and if
16 it were not, according to one of the
17 agreements that Solicitor Hughes has
18 reviewed, if the city -- well, the city is
19 responsible for the debt, so if the reserve
20 fund had not been replenished then the city
21 would have been sued immediately for those
22 funds, and the city then did not have the
23 available funding to make payment then it
24 would be made through a court-ordered tax
25 increase.

1 MR. BECK: But if they had used that
2 money and then come to the city to look for
3 it they would have not been immediately
4 determined to be in default of the bond
5 issue, it would have made the deadline for
6 the bond payment and then the city would
7 have to reimburse it or it would continue to
8 be held in the fund?

9 MS. EVANS: I don't know the answer
10 to that question. I would have to ask
11 Solicitor Hughes, but I am thinking that it
12 could be the case of whenever you have
13 dipped into the reserve fund and it's not
14 replenished that's considered a default.
15 You are in default by using the reserve fund
16 to make payment.

17 MR. BECK: So it's just a matter of
18 who you pay and when. The last question is,
19 is it still in the Recovery Plan, I haven't
20 had a chance to look at the revised Recovery
21 Plan, for the sale of the parking meters to
22 the SPA and if it is if -- even if the city
23 were to pledge the future revenues from the
24 meters as repayment, the whole idea behind
25 them would be to get the \$6 1/2 million now

1 immediately, where is the money coming from
2 if they can't meet the million dollar bond
3 payment?

4 MS. EVANS: Well, they would have
5 to -- and, yes, the answer is it is still
6 included in the mayor's Recovery Plan, and
7 even as we speak tonight and council has
8 been trying to work with the administration
9 to produce a realistic plan, it's still
10 remains. It had been listed previously
11 under 2014 mandates, but since it was
12 discovered that the storm water conveyance
13 system could no longer be used as a source
14 of revenue and that, incidentally, had been
15 plugged into 2012, that created a \$5 million
16 hole so now they had moved the sale or the
17 lease of the parking meters from 2014
18 mandates right into 2012 to cover that hole.

19 Now, as you said, the Parking
20 Authority has no money to purchase or lease
21 these meters. They would have to obtain
22 financing to do so and in order for that to
23 occur the city, once again, would have to
24 pledge it's full faith and credit, it's
25 taxing powers, in other words, to guarantee

1 that loan. Now, that's not going to happen
2 because I'm quite sure that no one on this
3 council is agreeable. In fact, if we go
4 back in time to when all of this discussion
5 of the sale of meters began, I think maybe
6 in September of 2011, council is on record
7 in opposition time and again to that sale.

8 Now, what makes even -- well, I
9 should say in addition, what appears to make
10 equally less sense or lacks sense, I should
11 say, is the fact that if the city is
12 responsible for their debt, the city is
13 going to lose an annual revenue stream of
14 parking meters and now we have the Parking
15 Authority trying to borrow let's say \$7
16 million, and perhaps you could tell us, if
17 you are borrowing \$7 million you are
18 probably going to be repaying almost double
19 that in principal and interest through the
20 years, that will add to the debt of the
21 Parking Authority and ultimately the City of
22 Scranton and no parking meter program is
23 going to be able to bridge the gap of an
24 already \$100,000 -- or \$100 million in debt
25 with, you know, the additional whatever this

1 would be, you know, I'm assuming maybe
2 between six and seven million in principal
3 that would be borrowed, plus interest over
4 the term of the loan. So it's -- it really
5 is an irrational suggestion.

6 MR. BECK: Is there any kind of a
7 worst case scenario built into these figures
8 that we are talking about because evidently
9 we don't have a bond rating, the city
10 doesn't have a good bond rating, so the costs
11 of the bonds are going to be on the high
12 side.

13 MS. EVANS: Yes, they will.

14 MS. BECK: Are the figures that are
15 being used are they rational? I haven't
16 seen those either.

17 MS. EVANS: Now, for which
18 situation?

19 MR. BECK: For any borrowing,
20 whether it be the Parking Authority that
21 didn't have the payment or the city that
22 can't make payroll.

23 MS. EVANS: When we had Brian
24 Koscelansky in and Ryan McGowan for a public
25 caucus that concerned the \$9.85 million

1 unfunded debt borrowing and the refinancing
2 for the city. Instead of that being let's
3 say approximately \$16 million, the
4 legislation was for up to \$26 million and
5 that would be because of all of the fees and
6 interest costs involved, and I believe, I
7 don't know if anyone else remembers this, I
8 believe they listed the interest rate at
9 10.5 percent.

10 MR. JOYCE: You are correct. I
11 believe that's what it was.

12 MS. EVANS: And so, yes, they are
13 high interest rates.

14 MR. BECK: Thank you.

15 MS. EVANS: Is there anyone else who
16 cares to address council?

17 MR. KRAKE: 5-A. MOTIONS.

18 MS. EVANS: Mr. McGoff, do you have
19 any comments or motions tonight?

20 MR. MCGOFF: Please. First of all,
21 I did say to someone I would find out what
22 the cost of the fireworks was and I must
23 admit that I neglected to do that. I will
24 make a call and hopefully have that
25 information for next week's meeting.

1 Second of all, somebody mentioned
2 something about Chief Davis again. I did
3 speak with Chief Davis and, in fact, he was
4 at lunch at the Birney Plaza in Moosic. He
5 said that he uses the city vehicle because
6 he is on-call during the day, actually
7 on-call at all hours, and as far as what his
8 conversation was about, I don't know and I
9 don't know how anyone else would know unless
10 they are there with him conversing or spoke
11 to the person that he was having lunch with.
12 So if that's a violation of some kind I
13 would think that it's somewhat of a rather
14 minor infraction.

15 Secondly, a mention was made that
16 the business administrator only uses e-mails
17 to converse. That's a rather gross --
18 grossly misconstrued what the business
19 administrator does. Mr. McGowan has been
20 working diligently with the lending
21 community since the beginning of the year to
22 try and arrange financing and, you know, has
23 done due diligence in his job.

24 I have been involved in at least two
25 conference calls with him with the banking

1 community and I know that I have been at a
2 number of meetings with the banking
3 community, so to characterize him as only
4 using e-mails and that's the way he is does
5 business would be a gross injustice to him.

6 Also, again, I don't want to be an
7 apologist for the University of Scranton,
8 but we seem to criticize the University of
9 Scranton no matter what they do. They
10 provided the city with payment in lieu of
11 taxes before, you know, they came to the
12 city and made that payment before they
13 usually make the payment because we were in
14 a cash shortage and they are one of the few
15 tax exempts in the city that actually does
16 provide payment in lieu of taxes.

17 Again, we may quibble about the
18 amount, but to criticize them for, you know,
19 making a payment I think is somewhat
20 ludicrous. I think we should, you know,
21 thank them for making the payment early and,
22 you know, again, hope that perhaps in the
23 future they will make a larger payment in
24 lieu of taxes.

25 Another item that we have -- as far

1 as the sales tax is concerned, I did miss a
2 meeting at the Commissioner's Office
3 concerning the sales tax and I had a copy of
4 the legislation with me last week and I must
5 have taken it out of my bag, I do not have
6 it to answer the questions to what the
7 proposed distribution was of the funding,
8 but I believe there is another meeting
9 scheduled for this coming Monday and I
10 believe it's also concerning the sales tax.
11 I do plan to attend, I know Mrs. Krake was
12 at the last meeting and if there is anything
13 to report on that, anything I will be more
14 than happy to do that next Thursday at the
15 meeting.

16 Another thing that had come up was
17 the rental registration, it came up last
18 week and we talked about the fact that there
19 has been some confusion as to what position
20 was supposed to be funded or provided for
21 doing the rental registration program. In
22 the legislation we provided for a rental
23 registration coordinator, in the budget I
24 believe we provided for a rental
25 registration assistant, one was going to be

1 determined by us, whether it was a
2 professional service or how we were going to
3 do it, and I believe the intent of the
4 rental registration assistant was to be a
5 union position, one of the housing
6 inspectors or someone in that office.

7 I would like at this point, if we
8 could, to give some clarification to that
9 and perhaps request of the Human Resources
10 Department to put it out to -- I don't know
11 whether it's bid or if that's the proper
12 term, for the rental registration assistant
13 so that this position could be filled and if
14 we could perhaps provide a brief job
15 description for that position so that it can
16 be put out to the union for bid. I don't
17 know whether we want to discuss the job
18 description now or whether it's something
19 that --

20 MR. ROGAN: I thought we did that at
21 one point.

22 MR. MCGOFF: We talked about -- I
23 don't think that we ever actually provided a
24 job description for it. I know we talked
25 about -- I think we talked about a job

1 description for the rental registration
2 coordinator, but that we never came to a
3 conclusion on it and it was never actually
4 put out to bid. That would be outside of
5 the union.

6 MS. EVANS: I don't think though
7 it's within our scope of authority to write
8 the job descriptions. That would be the job
9 of the HR Office.

10 MR. MCGOFF: Well, I know in the
11 past when we talked about this that we had
12 talked about what we wanted that position to
13 do or, you know, to be.

14 MS. EVANS: Coordinate. Because the
15 position appears in the budget, has been in
16 the budget.

17 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

18 MS. EVANS: It wasn't placed into
19 the budget by council, and there had been, I
20 thought, an employee who held that position
21 and then resigned.

22 MR. MCGOFF: I have a recollection
23 of someone that was doing that and then they
24 went back to doing whatever their normal
25 duties were.

1 MS. EVANS: That maybe the person
2 who resigned, departed and then --

3 MR. MCGOFF: But I guess then what,
4 maybe what I'm asking is, should we go to HR
5 and ask that that be, you know, immediately
6 put out to bid? And my thoughts were that
7 as a union position that basically some of
8 the things that we need to do is what we
9 have talked about before is compile a data
10 base, mail correspondence and record
11 payments. You know, kind of the three basic
12 things to do and then perhaps it may be late
13 in the year to actually get a coordinator,
14 but perhaps we can start thinking about
15 something for the beginning of 2013 so that
16 it can be done or if anyone thinks that we
17 can get that done for 2012 then I'd be more
18 than happy to do that.

19 MS. EVANS: I think they really, in
20 my opinion anyway, this should have been
21 done a long time ago.

22 MR. MCGOFF: Yes, it should have.

23 MS. EVANS: But since it hasn't then
24 I think it needs to be done as soon as
25 possible so that person is prepared in 2013

1 to get this show on the road properly.

2 MR. ROGAN: I believe the
3 legislation might have to be amended as well
4 because I know there was a date for payment
5 for this year and I don't think the city
6 could ask the people to pay a bill they
7 never received.

8 MS. EVANS: Right.

9 MR. ROGAN: So I think that will
10 have to be done, too. And also one of the
11 other things I brought up last week that was
12 given to everyone was the Shenandoah one
13 strike you're out law that I would like to
14 look into as well for drug dealers.

15 MR. JOYCE: Right. To add to
16 Mr. Rogan's comments, there was a -- there
17 were also penalties for nonpayment as well
18 so that would have to be amended. And I
19 agree that this job position sudden be
20 filled, but what I'm thinking if it's
21 already in the budget, and I know it's been
22 in the budgets for the past few years,
23 wouldn't there be a job description on file
24 in the HR Office already?

25 MS. KRAKE: Just as my experience

1 with being past president of the clerical
2 union, there should be someone in this job
3 right now because they are paying being paid
4 for that line item in the budget, and for
5 someone to be in this job the director
6 should have composed a job description in
7 conjunction with the Human Resources Office
8 and agreed to by the clerical union and the
9 person should be doing that work, but if
10 someone is not being directed to do that
11 then it goes back on the department head,
12 and I think council has given so many
13 directions as to do that work it should be
14 quite obvious how to complete that.

15 MS. EVANS: Um-hum.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Again, I'll try and --
17 I will speak with Human Resources and with
18 LIPS to see if we can get this implemented
19 as soon as possible, or at least that one
20 position and then we can discuss the others.

21 And lastly, just to comment about
22 the budget that Mrs. Evans mentioned
23 earlier, I do remember that when the budget
24 for 2012 was presented and approved everyone
25 seemed to be happy to claim credit for the

1 2012 budget, in fact, we were praising, you
2 know, people for constructing the budget and
3 now all of a sudden nobody wants to have
4 ownership of it. I think that's a little
5 bit strange. And also council was never
6 asked to include the unfunded debt in the
7 budget. As a matter of fact, I believe
8 that -- I believe that council was advised
9 by PEL and DCED and the business
10 administrator that the unfunded debt should
11 not be used as revenue in the budget, so
12 when we did include it that was our decision
13 to put that in the budget.

14 MS. EVANS: Mr. McGoff, did you have
15 any conversations with those individuals
16 back in November and December over the
17 unfunded debt?

18 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

19 MS. EVANS: And the -- well, that's
20 quite contradictory to the conversations had
21 between other council members and those
22 individuals. In fact, it's the exact
23 opposite. And actually, you know, you did
24 not do any work on the budget, whereas,
25 there were council members who were and they

1 were in touch with Mr. McGowan daily and
2 with Mr. Cross on numerous occasions.

3 MR. MCGOFF: Um-hum, and they
4 advised council to not include it in the
5 budget --

6 MS. EVANS: No, they did not.

7 MR. MCGOFF: -- as unfunded debt.
8 Well, in speaking recently with those
9 persons that --

10 MS. EVANS: Oh, recently --

11 MR. MCGOFF: -- is what they --

12 MS. EVANS: Recently that's their
13 memory and that's very convenient.

14 MR. MCGOFF: And notes that they
15 have, yes.

16 MS. EVANS: Well, you know, the last
17 think I'll say on that, and then I'm going
18 to drop it is, that's a city budget and I'm
19 not saying that we didn't work on it. I
20 have often times stated that, yes, we did,
21 but in cooperation with the administration
22 for the first time, so if you want to point
23 the finger of blame, point it at the people
24 who are now denying having worked on that
25 issue, and in so doing what's going to

1 happen is that this council will not repeat
2 that action for a 2013 budget.

3 If we are going to be held
4 accountable for joint drafting and joint
5 efforts, well, if we are going to be held
6 accountable in the future we will be
7 accountable for solely our own work.

8 And I'm sorry, Mr. Rogan.

9 MR. ROGAN: Not a problem.

10 MS. EVANS: Comments and motions?

11 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. A few
12 comments and then a few motions as well.
13 First, I believe it was mentioned by a few
14 speakers, I guess we just should just
15 discuss it now before we get to the voting
16 portion of the meeting, Item 6-A, would
17 everyone prefer to vote on that this week or
18 table it? As I said, I will be in touch
19 with Linda tomorrow. Is there a consensus
20 on what everyone would like to do on that?

21 MS. EVANS: I think since you are
22 the chair of the committee that you make the
23 decision on that.

24 MR. ROGAN: I have no problem voting
25 on it this week, if we don't have the

1 answers next week then we can table it if
2 that's acceptable to everyone.

3 MS. EVANS: Yes.

4 MR. ROGAN: Next, and since it's
5 been going on for a long time, the last two
6 years actually, the concept of the mayor's
7 budget versus council's budget, and although
8 I did submit suggestions to the budget I
9 wasn't in contact with Mr. McGowan as much
10 as Mr. Joyce was, but I was copied on a lot
11 of those e-mails, and I do remember seeing,
12 sometimes a few times daily, e-mails going
13 back between the two of them on different
14 issues. Now, I'd have to go back and pull
15 e-mails from almost a year ago now, but I do
16 know that it's not a sole budget done by the
17 city council. The mayor's budget was sent
18 down and that was basically used as a
19 platform and the items that council did not
20 like were taken out and others were put in,
21 and regarding the unfunded debt I remember
22 very clearly sitting down with the mayor
23 when he asked me to either support the
24 unfunded debt or to do the parking meters
25 and I told him straight up that I think, as

1 we all did, the parking meters were
2 absolutely off the table, and I'll address
3 that a little bit later on as well, and I
4 said I would go along with the unfunded debt
5 only if the assurance was given that this
6 was the end of the line for borrowing, the
7 last borrowing, and the mayor did give the
8 assurance and I did vote for it.

9 But now the mayor is saying, well,
10 this was council's idea. It wasn't. You
11 know, the mayor was all for it as well and
12 he basically said we have two options, which
13 one? He didn't say he opposed it, but now
14 that, you know, we have -- things have
15 happened, payless -- almost payless paydays
16 for employees, minimum wage, backed up
17 health care and other bills, now the mayor
18 all of a sudden it's council's budget. It's
19 not council's budget, it's not the mayor's
20 budget, it's the city's budget.

21 And with the Recovery Plan I have a
22 feeling the same thing will happen. If
23 council amends the mayor's Recovery Plan or
24 however it plays out, I don't know how it's
25 going to play out, I have a feeling if it

1 works the mayor is going to say, "Well, this
2 is mine and I did that."

3 If it doesn't work, it was
4 council's. When, in fact, at the end of the
5 day it's not going to be either or. I
6 agree, as I stated last week, I understand,
7 and I think we all do as a council, as
8 individuals, that not every one of us is
9 going to see everything we want in there and
10 I think we all have principal things if they
11 are not included or if things are included
12 would cast a "no" vote, I think one of them,
13 as was mentioned before, was the parking
14 meters, but it's going to have to be a
15 collaboration between council the mayor.
16 That's what I have been advocating for
17 months now that the mayor comes and we all
18 sit down and discuss it. I know a letter
19 was sent last week and Mr. Joyce mentioned
20 it before the meeting, no reply again from
21 the mayor, so we have to see how the mayor
22 chooses to proceed.

23 A couple more issues that were
24 brought up. I am glad to see that the city
25 employees will be receiving full payroll

1 this pay period. I'm sure it comes as a
2 relief to the city employees that have
3 mortgages and bills to pay. As I stated,
4 until the crisis is resolved I will not be
5 cashing my check. Hopefully it will be
6 resolved soon and the city employees will
7 get not only full pay, but the back that
8 they were owed from the pay period that
9 didn't materialize.

10 Next, I want to bring it up, and
11 this has been an ongoing issue with the
12 Scranton Parking Authority, and there was an
13 article in the paper today actually, and
14 there are two things I wanted to mention.
15 One was a quote that was in there that was
16 mine that was off a little bit of what I --
17 and Mr. Lockwood and I were going back and
18 forth and I was in the car and it was a long
19 conversation, but it said, "Mr. Rogan claims
20 it is "absolutely untrue" that, if council
21 did not guarantee the SPA debt the
22 inevitable result would be a lawsuit and a
23 tax increase."

24 I was speaking of the tax increase
25 not necessarily the lawsuit. It would have

1 gone up to the Court, and the bottom line is
2 it at the end of the day is it the city have
3 to pay if they don't have money on-hand to
4 pay? Absolutely. No one is denying that.
5 Do I want to see it placed into receivership
6 and competent management? Absolutely. I
7 think we are all on the same page with that,
8 but we have a different route to get there.

9 This is the part that really
10 concerns me, and as I stated last week when
11 I read off the numbers in the SPA reserve
12 fund and, as I stated, the balance as of
13 December 31, 2010, was \$3,232,145. On June
14 30, 2012, that increased to \$4,344,087, so
15 that's an increase of approximately \$1.1
16 million, which is actually more money than
17 the city had to pay to bail them out.

18 In the article today when
19 Mr. O'Brien was asked by the Scranton Times
20 how that reserve fund increased by a million
21 dollars when they came to the city crying
22 poverty saying they can't afford to pay
23 their bills, his response was, "There could
24 be a lot of explanations, but I assume it's
25 growth investments and fund transfers."

1 Now, growth investments would assume
2 approximately a 33 percent increase over two
3 years, which I think anyone who understands
4 the markets rarely happens, and if it does
5 it's like you are involved in a Ponzi
6 scheme, you are just at the beginning of it
7 before the bottom falls out, so I highly
8 doubt in less than two years a million
9 dollars could have been made on a \$3 million
10 investment.

11 The other item that it could be is
12 funds transfer, which is the one I think is
13 more likely. Now, if, as Mr. O'Brien
14 states, there is a minimum that needs to be
15 kept on-hand, I would assume that the
16 minimum would be the lower amount, the \$3.2
17 million or they would have been in violation
18 all along by not having the higher amount in
19 the account.

20 So if they had the \$3.2 million in
21 the account all along that was needed to
22 keep the reserve fund intact, why then
23 increase it by \$1.1 million when you can't
24 pay your bills, when you are coming to the
25 city taxpayer to ask us to pay your bill?

1 So either -- and I'll also mention,
2 I know it was in the audit, there was not
3 one mention of a reserve fund in I would say
4 probably an hour and half long caucus that
5 we had with numerous questions with Mr.
6 Scopelliti and Mr. Kelly and other members,
7 and I think part of that is because
8 Mr. Kelly wouldn't let Mr. Scopelliti answer
9 any of Attorney Hughes' questions.

10 Now, I am happy that he finally
11 resigned, that was absolutely a conflict,
12 I'm glad that they have a new solicitor,
13 Mr. O'Brien, haven't had any conversations
14 with him as of yet, hopefully it turns out
15 to be better than the previous solicitor,
16 but the question has to be answered of why
17 was \$1.1 million put into that fund or if
18 the investments made \$1.1 million why wasn't
19 that taken out of the fund to pay the debt
20 instead of coming to the city?

21 MS. EVANS: Well, if I can just jump
22 in, I would like to know where the \$1.1
23 million came from.

24 MR. ROGAN: Absolutely.

25 MS. EVANS: Because you have a huge

1 gap there, you know, between December 31,
2 2010, and June 30, 2012. So what happened
3 between January 1, 2011, and May 2012? But
4 in addition to that, something that occurred
5 to me as you were speaking was that during
6 that time period they took another loan out,
7 which you will remember we did not guarantee
8 through I believe Landmark Bank. I can't
9 remember the dollar amount on that.

10 MR. JOYCE: I think it was \$2.95
11 million.

12 MS. EVANS: And, you know, there
13 have been numerous attempts made to attached
14 that, in fact --

15 MR. ROGAN: Try to get the city to
16 back it.

17 MS. EVANS: Right. That was
18 attached to a TAN.

19 MR. ROGAN: I remember.

20 MS. EVANS: In 2012 and that fell
21 through then because we are not going to
22 guarantee that debt. Now, the more you peel
23 the layers back here on this onion, if you
24 will, the more questions you have. The more
25 pieces aren't fitting together.

1 MR. ROGAN: Absolutely. And, you
2 know, I know that the Scranton Times keeps
3 stating that, you know, I am advocating for
4 default, it's not default as to say that we
5 are not paying our bills, there is no
6 accountability there. We can't let the
7 current management of the Parking Authority
8 stay there another day. That's why I
9 opposed it.

10 Also, we still to this day have not
11 received the answers from the council
12 members and our solicitor for Mr. Scopelliti
13 at the caucus. Now, you would think
14 somebody who came to us begging for money
15 and who very likely will be coming back
16 begging again for money, and I'll tell you
17 right now I'm not voting for it again if Mr.
18 Scopelliti and the same crew is in charge,
19 you would think they would be a little more
20 willing to provide us with the information
21 that we need, and it's -- exactly, the
22 budget was never sent as well.

23 MS. EVANS: Remember, we voted that
24 down.

25 MR. ROGAN: Absolutely, and the

1 questions Attorney Hughes had and all of us,
2 and I remember very clearly when I asked Mr.
3 Scopelliti one question I said, "How do you
4 expect us to make this vote without the
5 proper information?"

6 And all he could say was,
7 "Mr. Rogan, I understand."

8 He doesn't understand because if
9 that was the case he would have called each
10 one of us or called our clerk the next day
11 and provided the information, but that's not
12 the case.

13 Obviously, there is an extra million
14 dollars floating around that the Parking
15 Authority now has and the city does not.

16 So that being said, I would like to
17 make a motion requesting that the Scranton
18 Parking Authority repays the City of
19 Scranton \$1,035,948.50.

20 MS. EVANS: I second that. We have
21 a motion on the floor and a second, on the
22 question?

23 MR. ROGAN: Yes, I think I just
24 stated pretty clearly the point of the
25 motion. There is obviously, as I said, an

1 extra million dollars floating around of
2 city taxpayer dollars that the Parking
3 Authority now has and no explanation where
4 it went. And, also, the legislation in the
5 past wasn't even implemented legally because
6 that legislation called for a wire transfer
7 from the city to the bank when, in fact. It
8 went from the city to the bank back to a
9 trust fund. So it wasn't even implemented
10 by the letter of the law. So that's why I'm
11 making this motion.

12 MS. EVANS: Anyone else on the
13 question?

14 MR. MCGOFF: Since we don't know
15 what the source of this supposed million
16 dollars --

17 MR. ROGAN: It's not a supposed
18 million dollars, it's in their own letter.

19 MR. MCGOFF: Since we don't know the
20 source, do we know whether they can make
21 that payment back to the city? Do we know
22 if they are allowed, if that is money that
23 can be used to repay the city?

24 MS. EVANS: Maybe if you want to
25 amend the motion to say whatever funds are

1 contained, whatever monies are contained in
2 the reserve fund above and beyond those
3 required by law or contract to be in that
4 fund shall be returned to the city.

5 MR. ROGAN: And that's fine. The
6 bottom line is they were either -- if the
7 minimum for the reserve fund is \$3.2 million
8 --

9 MR. MCGOFF: I understand.

10 MR. ROGAN: They either have extra
11 money now for it or they were in violation
12 all along of being a million dollars short
13 so they are coming to us looking for the
14 money.

15 MS. EVANS: Because they may have
16 wanted to make payment to Landmark.

17 MR. ROGAN: And that may be very
18 well true because they know the city didn't
19 back that debt so they placed money into the
20 reserve fund to pay debt that isn't backed
21 by the city, using our money to pay the city
22 backed debt, and it's just a giant scam of
23 fact of the Parking Authority. It's a scam
24 and the taxpayers were had for a million
25 dollars.

1 MS. EVANS: Would someone -- well,
2 would you like to amend the motion?

3 MR. ROGAN: Could I amend my own
4 motion?

5 MS. EVANS: Well, perhaps someone
6 else will make a motion to amend.

7 MR. LOSCOMBE: I would make a motion
8 to amend Mr. Rogan's motion according to
9 what Mrs. Evans has added that.

10 MS. EVANS: Do we have a second?

11 MR. JOYCE: Second.

12 MS. EVANS: Just to repeat that,
13 that the Scranton Parking Authority would
14 return to the City of Scranton any moneys in
15 its reserve account above and beyond what is
16 required to be maintained in the reserve
17 fund in accordance with contracts.

18 MR. ROGAN: So it would read, "I
19 would like to make a motion requesting the
20 Scranton Parking Authority to repay the City
21 of Scranton \$1,035,948.50 or any excess
22 funds in the DSRF reserve fund what is
23 required to be kept -- above what is
24 required to be kept by contract."

25 MS. EVANS: All those in favor

1 signify by saying aye.

2 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

3 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

4 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

5 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

6 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
7 have it and so moved. So now it goes back
8 to the original motion. Anyone else on the
9 question?

10 MR. MCGOFF: I would just like to
11 have more information about the amount of
12 funding before I would vote yes to do this.

13 MR. JOYCE: From what I recall from
14 speaking to Solicitor Hughes in regard to
15 the DSRF, debt service reserve fund, it's
16 required that a full year's worth of bond
17 payments are to be in that fund. Now, I'm
18 not exactly sure off the top of my head what
19 the full year amount of the SPA bond
20 payments are, I would have to see their
21 budget to actually know that off the top of
22 my head, it may be somewhere in the 3 to 4
23 million dollar range, I assume, but I have
24 no problem with voting "yes" for this
25 because we are asking for anything in

1 addition of what's required to be in there
2 to be returned back to the city.

3 MR. ROGAN: And I would just say
4 again if the amount is \$4.3 million that
5 means they broke the contracts for all of
6 this time by only had 3.2 million in there.

7 MR. JOYCE: Unless their bond
8 payments were lower in 2010 when the last
9 audit was done.

10 MR. ROGAN: We will see what comes
11 back to the city, but hopefully the
12 taxpayers will get some of that million
13 dollars back.

14 MS. EVANS: I think Solicitor Hughes
15 has said that the total bond payments grow
16 each year going forward, at least in this
17 time period.

18 MR. ROGAN: You would think they
19 would reduce?

20 MS. EVANS: That's right, but it's
21 out to about for the 35 million that's out
22 to about 2034, so we are still relatively at
23 the beginning of this because it was
24 approved in 2007, and the years he was
25 citing, I believe, those that we are

1 currently looking at in the revised Recovery
2 Plan. Okay. On the motion, all those in
3 favor signify by saying aye.

4 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

5 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

6 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

7 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed?

8 MR. MCGOFF: No.

9 MS. EVANS: The ayes have it and so
10 moved.

11 MR. ROGAN: Thank you I'm very happy
12 that I finally had a motion pass in these
13 past two weeks. Next, as was mentioned by
14 myself and some speakers last week, and it
15 turned into a little bit of a heated meeting
16 about overtime, I did -- Mrs. Krake did
17 provide me with overtime numbers for the
18 past year and I was reviewing them by the
19 department. You know, I do think it's
20 important that city council be provided
21 overtime numbers not only by department, but
22 my employee.

23 So I would like to make a motion
24 requesting itemized departmental overtime by
25 employee for all of 2011 and 2012 from the

1 heads of all city departments, and I have
2 all of the city departments listed from the
3 website.

4 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

7 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

8 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

9 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

10 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

11 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
12 have it and so moved.

13 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. And I would
14 also like to make a motion requesting that
15 all departments heads submit monthly
16 itemized department overtime records by
17 employee for all city departments to city
18 council.

19 MS. EVANS: We have a motion on the
20 floor, is there a second?

21 MR. JOYCE: Second.

22 MS. EVANS: On the question?

23 MR. MCGOFF: Is this moving forward?

24 MR. ROGAN: Yes. The first motion
25 was for the past.

1 MR. MCGOFF: This is for the future.

2 MR. ROGAN: This is monthly for the
3 future, that way we can keep a tab on where
4 the overtime is going. And the street
5 sweeper was an issue that was brought up
6 last week, if we had it in front of us on a
7 monthly basis we could monitor how often
8 it's been used. You know, we can see if it
9 was called out every Saturday for the last
10 six months or if it has not. So I
11 definitely think it would be a good tool to
12 keep council more informed and the public
13 more informed.

14 MS. EVANS: All those in favor
15 signify by saying aye.

16 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

17 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

18 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

19 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

20 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
21 have it and so moved.

22 MR. ROGAN: Thank you, and just a
23 few more comments on other issues that were
24 brought up, the idea of a sale's tax was
25 brought up, I do oppose this idea. I do

1 think it will hurt business in the area.
2 For instance, two and a half years ago I
3 purchased a car from Burne Pontiac at the
4 time right in the city. If there was a 1
5 percent sales tax identified on that vehicle
6 you can bet I would be driving a couple of
7 counties away to purchase it from another
8 dealer because a big purchase like a car, I
9 think it was around \$18,000 for my used car,
10 that's \$180, the 1 percent right there, so
11 it would be worth the \$40 in gas to save the
12 city extra money. So I do worry about that
13 especially with the big ticket purchases.

14 MR. MCGOFF: You may want to look
15 into that because I asked about that as well
16 and they said in Philly or Allegheny county
17 it's a sales use tax and no matter where you
18 bought the car once it was registered, if
19 you registered it in Lackawanna County
20 that's where you would pay the sales tax of
21 1 percent. So you may want to --

22 MR. ROGAN: So you would be taxed no
23 matter where you purchased it. Okay.

24 MR. MCGOFF: So you may want to --

25 MR. ROGAN: Yeah, And this is the

1 same type of issue as when the smoking ban
2 was brought up, and whether you opposed or
3 supported the smoking ban, obviously it hurt
4 the local businesses because you can drive
5 to another community to go to a bar and
6 smoke or if is not imposed that way you can
7 drive to another community to purchase big
8 ticket items such as a vehicle or even
9 furniture could be a couple of thousand
10 dollars there could be a savings there, so
11 that's something.

12 And the rental registration, as we
13 discussed and, Mr. McGoff, you know, if you
14 want to work together on that or all of us,
15 however you want to do it, I would really
16 like to see that one-strike law for the drug
17 dealers included with that. I mentioned it
18 last week, I had a lot of positive support
19 from the community and I know the leaders in
20 other communities, Shenandoah was the one
21 recently in the news, they have been -- from
22 speaking with them they have been inundated
23 with calls of support from the people, so
24 it's definitely something I think they could
25 tighten up the law even a little bit more.

1 Finally, the sale of the parking
2 meters, and Mrs. Evans spoke to it and I
3 agree with the discussion you had, and
4 basically what would happen if the parking
5 meters are sold to the Parking Authority is
6 this: The city would agree to sell the
7 meters to the Authority. The Authority
8 would then go out and get borrowing, six to
9 seven million dollars, which would then be
10 backed by the city, so if the Parking
11 Authority defaulted on that debt not only
12 would the city not own have the parking
13 meters any more, we would owe the \$6 million
14 that we received from the meters plus the
15 interest. And with the track record of this
16 Parking Authority there would be absolutely
17 no oversight for city council.

18 Selling the parking meters is
19 probably the dumbest -- especially in this
20 manner. If it was sold to say a private
21 company that was going to say, "Here, here
22 is \$20 million and then we are done with
23 it," even though I still wouldn't support
24 that, that would make a lot more sense than
25 basically selling them to yourself to borrow

1 money that you will have to pay but you lose
2 your asset. It's absolutely ridiculous to
3 go down that route of selling these meters
4 to the Authority.

5 That and the tax increase, the 78
6 percent, there is absolutely no way these
7 items are going to pass with city council.
8 We disagree on some issues, but there is
9 some things that are just common sense and
10 one of them was the sale of the meters
11 basically to yourself with borrowed money,
12 and it absolutely wouldn't work. It would
13 be a train wreck if we sold the parking
14 meters to the Authority.

15 So that is all I have for now, and I
16 will comment on agenda items when they come
17 up.

18 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Councilman
19 Loscombe, do you have any --

20 MR. ROGAN: Mrs. Evans, I apologize,
21 I do have one more thing. Just some
22 citizens' requests. The two of them were
23 1505 Washburn Street, I know that Chief
24 Duffy, and I know he is leaving but one of
25 the things he has been pushing is advocating

1 against junk and couches and things of that
2 nature being on porches, because it's a fire
3 hazard. I did receive information that at
4 1505 Washburn Street there is junk on the
5 porch, they can be a fire hazard, and
6 actually 1506 Washburn Street there has been
7 a dumpster, I didn't get a chance to drive
8 by, on the side of the home or in the road
9 for three months, which seems to be an
10 excessive amount of time. I know in the
11 downtown if a dumpster is placed at the
12 meter parking they have to pay the full rate
13 of what the meters would have generated.

14 So, Mrs. Krake, could we please send
15 those to Licensing and Inspections as well
16 as the police department. And I do believe,
17 I apologize to the residents, I do have in
18 my pile of paperwork some more requests and
19 I will get them. Thank you.

20 MS. EVANS: Thank you. And, now,
21 Councilman Loscombe, do you have any motions
22 or comments?

23 MR. LOSCOMBE: Believe it or not,
24 I'm going to pass this evening.

25 MS. EVANS: Okay. And, Councilman

1 Joyce, do you comments or motions?

2 MR. JOYCE: Yes. Over the past week
3 I have been working on the revised Recovery
4 Plan. Late Tuesday afternoon business
5 administrator, Ryan McGowan, sent me a
6 Recovery Plan worksheet with various
7 mandates. I have reviewed the worksheet for
8 the revised Recovery Plan in its entirety
9 and posed some initial questions to our
10 business administrator, so progress is being
11 made.

12 As other council members have
13 alluded to, this is not my plan and everyone
14 is not going to get everything that they
15 want, but I would like to see participation
16 of other council members in drafting the
17 Recovery Plan. I know that from speaking to
18 Councilwoman Evans that she spoke to the
19 Mayor Doherty a number of times and offered
20 some suggestions for the plan. What I would
21 like to see is other council members offer
22 their input.

23 I know initially from looking over
24 the plan and just from, you know, some of
25 the comments that were made here tonight,

1 one sticking point may be the sale of the
2 parking meters to the Scranton Parking
3 Authority, as I think we all agree. From
4 previous discussions at council meetings, I
5 know that no one was in favor of this. So
6 with this in mind, I would like all council
7 members to really take a long look at the
8 worksheet that our BA Ryan McGowan has sent
9 to us and offer realistic suggestions for
10 amendments.

11 And, you know, when I say realistic
12 solutions or suggestions for amendments, it
13 would be best if, you know, don't provide
14 just a suggestion without a figure that
15 accompanies it, do a study or something that
16 has been discussed fully with Mayor doherty
17 because, obviously, he has to agree to some
18 of these things as well.

19 With this in mind, I would ask that
20 council members provide me with their
21 suggestions by next Tuesday, July 24.

22 Last week I reported that we had
23 some troubling news from our business
24 administrator, Ryan McGowan, meaning that
25 the parking tax bills were not sent out.

1 The parking tax is a new tax that's an
2 integral part of the 2012 operating budget
3 as amended. As per PEL's recommendation
4 \$500,000 in new revenue was budgeted for
5 this tax. I would like to report that I did
6 receive an e-mail from Ryan McGowan, our
7 business administrator, over the past week
8 and he informed me that parking tax bills
9 have now been sent out. Though I'm
10 appreciative that parking tax bills were
11 finally sent out, I'm still upset that it
12 has taken this long. This is something that
13 should have been done already and with the
14 delay in sending out parking tax bills I'm
15 still hoping that the \$500,000 in revenue
16 that was budgeted, as suggested by PEL and
17 the administration, despite the delay is
18 fully realized.

19 While we are on the topic of revenue
20 to report, tax collector, Bill Courtright,
21 has submitted a check to the city which was
22 received yesterday. The check was in the
23 amount of \$253,477.16. This amount
24 consisted of \$15,477,36 in delinquent real
25 estate taxes and \$237,988 in current 2012

1 real estate taxes.

2 Another source of revenue that the
3 city realized over the past week was
4 \$175,000 contribution from the University of
5 Scranton, which was a PILOT, payment in lieu
6 of taxes. While I would like to thank the
7 University of Scranton for their
8 contribution, the \$175,000 contribution is
9 just a small part of their budget and I
10 would encourage the mayor to consider asking
11 more from the University.

12 As I reported last week, the
13 University of Scranton's total revenue for
14 the 2010 tax year was \$227,883,304 while
15 they had \$185,038, 781 in expenses.
16 \$175,000 is merely a small part of their
17 expenses when looking at how much money the
18 University is bringing in on an annual
19 basis.

20 Also, in addition to contributing
21 more to the city and hoping that other local
22 colleges and universities will contribute to
23 the city this year, such as Marywood, who
24 took in \$93,226,4111 in total revenue in
25 2010, Lackawanna County College, who took in

1 \$21,697,146 in revenue and in 2010 Johnson
2 College who took in \$9,037,101 in revenue in
3 2010.

4 I'm also hoping that other
5 nonprofits, such as Allied Services, who
6 took in \$37,833,662 in total revenue would
7 contribute, and the former CMC Hospital, now
8 Geisinger, who took in \$164,189,392 in
9 revenue would contribute to the city.

10 It behooves the mayor to immediately
11 approach these other nonprofits and seek
12 assistance since we are in such a financial
13 crisis.

14 MS. EVANS: If I could interrupt one
15 second?

16 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

17 MS. EVANS: I believe, you know, as
18 Mr. McGoff said, we are all grateful that
19 the University made it's payment for
20 contribution to the city early this year,
21 but I would give credit for that to
22 Councilman Joyce whose discussion of the
23 nonprofits and their tax returns during last
24 week's meeting coincided remarkably with the
25 early payment by the University of Scranton.

1 In addition, although, I did not
2 have access to the 990 tax returns of the
3 seven largest nonprofits, I computed on the
4 basis that in 2010 the University of
5 Scranton, for example, their budget would
6 have been \$250,000. Now, \$175,000
7 represents I believe .0007 percent of that
8 budget. So, you know, that is a miniscule
9 amount to be contributing to a city that's
10 teetering on the verge of the bankruptcy.

11 And, you know, the same principal is
12 going to apply to each the other six, most
13 of whom have contributed nothing, other than
14 calling themselves local economic engines,
15 but financially have contributed nothing to
16 the city. I know that we are working on a
17 formula for nonprofit payments in lieu of
18 taxes to the City of Scranton to be placed
19 in the city's Recovery Plan. I'm sorry,
20 Mr. Joyce.

21 MR. JOYCE: That's okay. While we
22 are on the subject of audits, well, we were
23 on the subject of audits before, we were
24 speaking about the SPA, Scranton City
25 Council has yet to receive an audit status

1 report from our business administrator, Ryan
2 McGowan, as requested five weeks ago. As of
3 last week, according to some correspondence
4 from Rossi & Rossi, there are a number of
5 outstanding items that still need resolution
6 before the 2011 audit can be completed and
7 subsequent exit conference can be held, and
8 perhaps at that exit conference, when it is
9 held, the question could be brought up about
10 the SPA debt service reserve fund and how it
11 grew and perhaps we could see what it was in
12 2011 and if that million dollars was there
13 then.

14 But anyhow, according to the
15 previous audit status report that was
16 submitted by BA Ryan McGowan, there were a
17 number of open items that were to be
18 completed by now and an exit conference was
19 projected to be held in mid-July.
20 Obviously, this isn't going to occur since
21 mid-July has essentially passed.

22 Accordingly, Mrs. Krake, can you
23 please contact Mr. McGowan and ask him for a
24 status report for the 2011 audit.

25 And I do have some citizens'

1 requests. The first deals with Kane Street
2 in Minooka, residents have voiced their
3 concern to Scranton City Council that there
4 are huge potholes on Kane Street that need
5 to be filled. Residents fear that the
6 situation is causing some dangerous
7 circumstances since motorists are veering in
8 the opposite lane to avoid the potholes.

9 Mr. Krake, can you please contact
10 Director Dougher and just ask him to handle
11 this situation the best way that he sees
12 fit.

13 And North Scranton residents have
14 informed council's office of various
15 problems occurring on 1209 Providence Road,
16 which is a home owned by an absent landlord
17 who refuses to do anything about the
18 property. Residents are concerned that the
19 property has become a haven for illegal
20 activity and may not be able to code up.

21 Mrs. Krake, with this in mind, can
22 you please contact Director Seitzinger and
23 acting chief Graziano and ask him to look
24 into the situation and handle it in the best
25 way they see fit.

1 And just a reminder from the
2 citizens' participation portion of the
3 meeting, if we can resend Mr. Miller's
4 request for how much the fireworks show cost
5 the city, and also requests a list of
6 recipients of parking tax bills according to
7 Ms. Schumacher's request. And that's all I
8 have for tonight.

9 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Good
10 evening. On tonight's agenda in Fifth Order
11 are the contracts for Scranton police and
12 firefighters. Current contracts will expire
13 on December 31, 2014. The agreements
14 council will introduce shortly will extend
15 and modify the current contracts through
16 2017 thereby providing stability in the City
17 of Scranton and its public safety employees
18 and safety and security to all city
19 residents.

20 In addition, they will save Scranton
21 taxpayers at least \$15 million from Court
22 awards. Among the provisions included in
23 both contracts is a change to health care.
24 Currently police and firefighter union
25 members do not contribute any monies to

1 their health care. The agreements will
2 require police and firefighters to
3 contribute 3 percent of the base salary on a
4 pretax basis of a second year employee. The
5 second year base salary is 100 percent of
6 the contract salary rate after one year of
7 training.

8 According to Pennsylvania Economy
9 League estimates, the second year base
10 salary for police is \$59,495 and for fire
11 \$64,133 in 2013 it will rise through 2017 to
12 \$65,461 and \$70,564 respectively. The
13 combined police and fire health care
14 contributions will result in annual health
15 care expenditure reductions of an estimated
16 \$435,751 in 2013, which increases to
17 \$476,331 in 2016. In 2017, the health care
18 contribution rate will increase to 3.5
19 percent, thereby, increasing estimated
20 health care expenditures reductions to
21 \$565,444.

22 Also, the agreements cap new
23 bargaining unit members longevity payments
24 at 5 percent of base salary upon reaching 20
25 years of service. Payments remain unchanged

1 for current bargaining unit members.

2 In addition, both agreements provide
3 an annual base salary increase of 1.75
4 percent on January 1 of each year from 2015
5 through 2017, and contain bring back and no
6 future layoff provisions for police and fire
7 personnel who are laid off in 2011. The no
8 future layoff clause in each contract will
9 retain the same number of police and fire
10 through 2017 for the safety and protection
11 of the people of Scranton.

12 Unfortunately, Mayor Doherty
13 wouldn't negotiate and settle public safety
14 contracts throughout the last ten years
15 which, as we all know, ultimately lead to
16 the Supreme Court decision in favor of the
17 Scranton police and fire at a cost of over
18 \$30 million. Mayor Doherty himself
19 estimated the cost during one of our phone
20 discussions at somewhere between 32 to 34
21 million. It wasn't until the mayor was
22 slapped with this multi-million dollar loss
23 that he agreed to negotiate with public
24 safety unions in good faith.

25 Now, in 2012 city council helped to

1 hammer out an agreement between the city and
2 it's police and firefighters that saves the
3 taxpayers a minimum of \$15 million and
4 institutes increased employee health care
5 contributions. I wish to thank the
6 mediators, particularly Mr. Jack McNulty,
7 Mayor Doherty, the negotiation teams of the
8 Scranton police and fire departments and, of
9 course, Councilman Loscombe and Joyce who
10 joined me, and Mr. Loscombe who later
11 substituted for me during these contract
12 negotiations.

13 Next, Solicitor Hughes and I have
14 been working to secure funding for the 2012
15 budget shortfall since the administration
16 made it clear several weeks ago that they
17 would no longer do so. We have a few
18 interested organizations, but I cannot name
19 them or comment further at this time on the
20 advice of our council solicitor. I will
21 report to the public as soon as I have solid
22 news.

23 In the mean time, however, I have
24 been working on a revised Recovery Plan in
25 cooperation with the mayor. Council hopes

1 to have it wrapped up by the August 15
2 deadline in the event that we could not
3 secure funding from the outside source.

4 Additionally, the mayor's proposed
5 78 percent tax increase will be dramatically
6 reduced. As was discussed previously, the
7 biggest sticking point regarding the revised
8 Recovery Plan is the lease or sale of the
9 city-owned parking meters and, you know, it
10 goes without saying the proposed tax
11 increases. Now, the sale or lease continue
12 to be included in the mayor's Recovery Plan,
13 although, all council members are on record
14 in opposition to the lease or sale of the
15 meters. The SPA would need to borrow over
16 \$6 million in order to lease or purchase the
17 meters from the city. That borrowing would
18 require the guarantee of the city in the
19 form of the full taxing powers of the city.
20 The city would also lose an annual permanent
21 revenue source while the Parking Authority
22 would increase it's debt to approximately,
23 well, \$113 million. Since the SPA already
24 cannot meet it's financial obligations
25 parking will have -- or, excuse me, parking

1 meter revenue will never bridge that gap,
2 particularly, since the SPA will have
3 increased it's debt by borrowing to lease or
4 purchase the parking meters.

5 It is quite simply the Doherty
6 administration's irrational attempt to fill
7 their \$5 million hole. Additional tax hikes
8 to fill this hole are also out of the
9 question.

10 When the administration proposes a
11 realistic solution we should have a Recovery
12 Plan to present to the public in DCED.

13 I will also submit citizens'
14 requests for a ban on tractor trailer
15 traffic on Grove street, repair of concrete
16 which is jutting into the air next to the
17 sewer cover at the corner of Prescott Avenue
18 and Mulberry Street and replacement of the
19 street sign for Fig Street.

20 And just one final note, I keep
21 rethinking what our first speaker this
22 evening, Mr. Sbaraglia, had said regarding
23 the Scranton Parking Authority that we
24 should have insisted on the resignation of
25 Mr. Scopelliti or I don't know whether you

1 also meant the board of directors, and
2 though that's certainly something we all
3 would have liked to have done and it sounds
4 wonderful, it's the ideal in this situation,
5 I think we are all realistic enough to know
6 that that wouldn't have happened because
7 Scranton Parking Authority has basically
8 thumbed its nose at Scranton City Council
9 for many years. And as I pointed out to
10 Mr. Rogan earlier, they don't even have a
11 budget currently. City council voted down
12 their 2012 budget and Mr. Scopelliti nor the
13 board of directors ever submitted a budget
14 for council's reconsideration. So I believe
15 that the Parking Authority will better
16 answer to higher financial powers than it
17 will to Scranton City Council and they won't
18 be able to refuse nor will the city. And
19 that's it.

20 MS. KRAKE: 5-B. AUTHORIZING THE
21 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE
22 CITY OF SCRANTON TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A
23 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN
24 LOCAL UNION NO. 60 OF THE INTERNATIONAL
25 ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS AND THE CITY OF

1 SCRANTON FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS JANUARY 1,
2 2008 TO DECEMBER 31, 2017.

3 MR. LOSCOMBE: I would like to make
4 a motion to amend Item 5-B by deleting the
5 following:

6 "AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
7 APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF
8 SCRANTON TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A
9 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN
10 LOCAL UNION NO. 60 OF THE INTERNATION
11 ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS AND THE CITY OF
12 SCRANTON FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS JANUARY 1,
13 2008 TO DECEMBER 31, 2017.

14 WHEREAS, the City of Scranton,
15 through its proper officials and agents, has
16 heretofore negotiated a Collective
17 Bargaining Agreement with the City of
18 Scranton Fire Department; and

19 WHEREAS, it is necessary that said
20 Agreement be approved by the Council of the
21 City of Scranton and executed by the Mayor
22 of the City of Scranton.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY
24 THE COUNCIL OF TE CITY OF SCRANTON as
25 follows:

1 1. That the said Collective
2 Bargaining Agreement referred to above, a
3 copy of which is attached and made a part
4 hereof as though fully set forth, is hereby
5 approved and ratified by the Council of the
6 City of Scranton.

7 2. That the Mayor and City Clerk
8 are hereby authorized to execute on behalf
9 of the City of Scranton the Collective
10 Bargaining Agreement referred to above, a
11 copy of which is attached as aforesaid and
12 made a part hereof as though fully set
13 forth. The City Clerk is hereby and
14 herewith authorized and directed to attest
15 to the execution of this contract on behalf
16 of the City of Scranton.

17 3. The Contract, as fully executed,
18 shall be dated as of its date of execution
19 which shall be effective retroactive to
20 January 1, 2008, and expires by its terms on
21 December 31, 2017."

22 And inserting: "Ratifying AND
23 APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND
24 BETWEEN THE CITY OF SCRANTON AND
25 FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL UNION NO. 60 OF THE

1 INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS
2 (IAFF).

3 WHEREAS, the Firefighters Local
4 Union No. 60 of the International
5 Association of Firefighters (IAFF), has
6 filed numerous grievances against the City
7 of Scranton for alleged violations of the
8 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the
9 IAFF and the City of Scranton; and

10 WHEREAS, in an effort to resolve
11 these grievances and other potential
12 grievances and litigation facing the City of
13 Scranton with regard to the IAFF labor
14 matters, the City of Scranton and the IAFF
15 have entered into a Settlement Agreement;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the Settlement Agreement is
18 attached hereto and incorporated herein by
19 reference as Exhibit "A"; and

20 WHEREAS, the terms of this
21 Settlement Agreement include a requirement
22 that said agreement is ratified by Council.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY
24 THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON that the
25 Settlement Agreement by and between the City

1 of Scranton and the Firefighters Local Union
2 NO. 60 of the International Association of
3 Firefighters is hereby ratified and
4 approved.

5 MR. ROGAN: Second.

6 MS. EVANS: On the question?

7 MR. LOSCOMBE: Just on the question,
8 I think maybe just to clarify some of the
9 language, but, you know, Mrs. Evans
10 explained basically how we got there and I
11 do commend the ladies and gentlemen of our
12 police and fire departments after ten years
13 of labor unrest and a Supreme Court ruling
14 that could have been significant to sit
15 down, and I believe it was at Mrs. Evans'
16 request that we all got together and worked
17 something out, these ladies and gentlemen
18 are residents and taxpayers in this city
19 they have been fighting a fight for over ten
20 years and it looks like it continues right
21 now. But, you know, I really applaud them
22 for making the concession that they have
23 made as residents and employees of the city
24 and showing their service, the service that
25 they provided everyone on a daily basis.

1 And, you know, and just one
2 addition, people who question the
3 significant increases and stuff like that,
4 specifically on the fire department end,
5 previously the firefighters worked what they
6 call a 42-hour workweek, there were four
7 shifts, now they are working 54-hour work
8 shift in three shifts, so that's where there
9 is a significant difference in pay, too,
10 because there is additional hours in a
11 workweek on the fire department end of it,
12 so just to clarify that a little bit.

13 MS. EVANS: And I just wanted to add
14 the reason for the amendment was that I had
15 requested our office to draft the
16 legislation, and the reason was that we
17 wanted to have these contracts included in a
18 revised Recovery Plan, and since we are
19 trying to put one together according to the
20 deadline presented by the state for its
21 purchase, if you want to call it that, of a
22 Recovery Plan at \$2.25 million, we needed to
23 get this moving along and, as I said, I
24 directed the office to draft the legislation
25 based on previous contract legislation found

1 in council's office.

2 However, today the legislation
3 actually arrived from Attorney Paul Kelly
4 and the city's legal department and so after
5 conferring with the unions and the legal
6 department, it was decided that because the
7 content of both pieces of legislation
8 remains the same, specifically, the contract
9 contained therein remains the same, council
10 would amend its wording of the legislation
11 to substitute the wording or the language of
12 the legislation presented by Attorney Paul
13 Kelly to council today.

14 So it actually has no effect on the
15 contract itself, it's just a change in the
16 way in which the legislation is headed, by
17 that I mean the heading provided to it, and
18 the whereas paragraphs contained in the
19 first two pages.

20 Is there anyone else on the
21 question? All those in favor of the motion
22 signify by saying aye.

23 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

24 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

25 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

1 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

2 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
3 have it and so moved.

4 At this time I'll entertain a motion
5 that Item 5-B, as amended, be introduced
6 into its proper committee.

7 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

8 MR. JOYCE: Second.

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

12 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

13 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

14 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

15 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

16 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
17 have it and so moved.

18 MS. KRAKE: 5-C. AUTHORIZING THE
19 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE
20 CITY OF SCRANTON TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A
21 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN E.B.
22 JERMYN LODGE NO. 2 OF THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF
23 POLICE AND THE CITY OF SCRANTON FOR THE
24 CALENDAR YEARS JANUARY 1, 2008 TO DECEMBER
25 31, 2017.

1 MR. LOSCOMBE: At this time I would
2 to make a motion to amend Item 5-C by
3 deleting the following:

4 "AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
5 APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF
6 SCRANTON TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A
7 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN E.B.
8 JERMYN LODGE NO. 2 OF THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF
9 POLICE AND THE CITY OF SCRANTON FOR THE
10 CALENDAR YEARS JANUARY 1, 2008, TO DECEMBER
11 31, 2017.

12 WHEREAS, the City of Scranton,
13 through its proper officials and agents, has
14 heretofore negotiated a Collective
15 Bargaining Agreement with the City of
16 Scranton Police Department; and

17 WHEREAS, it is necessary that said
18 Agreement be approved by the Council of the
19 City of Scranton and executed by the Mayor
20 of the City of Scranton.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY
22 THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON as
23 follows:

24 1. That the said Collective
25 Bargaining Agreement referred to above, a

1 copy of which is attached and made a part
2 hereof as though fully set forth, is hereby
3 approved and ratified by the Council of the
4 City of Scranton.

5 2. That the Mayor and City Clerk
6 are hereby authorized to execute on behalf
7 of the City of Scranton the Collective
8 Bargaining Agreement referred to above, a
9 copy of which is attached as aforesaid and
10 made part hereof as though fully set forth.
11 The City Clerk is hereby and herewith
12 authorized and directed to attest to the
13 execution of this contract on behalf of the
14 city of Scranton.

15 3. The Contract, as fully executed,
16 shall be dated as of its date of execution
17 which shall be effective retroactive to
18 January 1, 2008, and expires by its term on
19 December 31, 2017."

20 And inserting: "RATIFYING AND
21 APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND
22 BETWEEN THE CITY OF SCRANTON AND E.B. JERMYN
23 LODGE NO. 2. OF THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF
24 POLICE.

25 WHEREAS, the E.B. Jermyn Lodge No. 2

1 of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), has
2 filed numerous grievances against the City
3 of Scranton for alleged violations of the
4 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the
5 FOP and the City of Scranton; and

6 WHEREAS, in an effort to resolved
7 these grievances and other potential
8 grievances and litigation facing the City of
9 Scranton with regard to the FOP labor
10 matters, the City of Scranton and the FOP
11 have entered into a Settlement Agreement;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, the Settlement Agreement is
14 attached hereto and incorporated herein by
15 reference as Exhibit "A"; and

16 WHEREAS, the terms of this
17 Settlement Agreement include a requirement
18 that said Agreement is ratified by Council.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY
20 THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON that the
21 Settlement Agreement by and between the City
22 of Scranton and E.B. Jermyn Lodge No. 2 of
23 the Fraternal Order of Police is hereby
24 ratified and approved."

25 MR. ROGAN: Second.

1 MS. EVANS: On the question? All
2 those in favor of the motion signify by
3 saying aye.

4 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

5 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

6 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

7 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

8 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
9 have it and so moved.

10 At this time I'll entertain a motion
11 that Item 5-B be introduced into its proper
12 committee.

13 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

14 MR. JOYCE: Second.

15 MS. EVANS: On the question? All
16 those in favor of introduction signify by
17 saying aye.

18 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

19 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

20 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

21 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

22 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
23 have it and so moved.

24 MS. KRAKE: SIXTH ORDER. 6-A.

25 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 48,

1 2012 - AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF
2 COUNCIL NO. 83, 2009, FILE OF COUNCIL NO.
3 40, 2010 AND FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 53, 2011
4 ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
5 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE
6 CITY OF SCRANTON TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY
7 ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE CONSOLIDATED
8 SUBMISSION FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND
9 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS TO BE FUNDED UNDER THE
10 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
11 PROGRAM, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME)
12 PROGRAM AND EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (ESG)
13 PROGRAM", BY TRANSFERRING \$480,320.84 FROM
14 THE NEIGHBORHOOD POLICE PATROL, 10-96,
15 NEIGHBORHOOD POLICE PATROL, 11-96, AND
16 NEIGHBORHOOD POLICE PATROL VEHICLES, 11-96.2
17 TO PROJECT 12-04 RECONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND
18 HANDICAP CURB CUTS.

19 MS. EVANS: You've heard reading by
20 title of Item 6-A, what is your pleasure?

21 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-A
22 pass reading by title.

23 MR. JOYCE: Second.

24 MS. EVANS: On the question?

25 MR. ROGAN: Yes. If any other

1 council members have any questions at all
2 regarding this legislation or any residents,
3 please either e-mail me or give me a call
4 and get it to me and I will be in touch with
5 Linda on this legislation. As I stated
6 earlier, the reason for the transfer out of
7 the neighborhood police patrol money is
8 because it can't be used because the mayor
9 didn't have a compliment of police. There
10 is money set aside for next year, hopefully
11 with these contracts in place we will be
12 able to use federal money for police
13 neighborhood police patrols next year. It
14 will be a big help in low to moderate income
15 neighborhoods in Scranton.

16 MS. EVANS: And as long as they are
17 able to have Ms. Aebli determine why council
18 would have passed the legislation prior to
19 the deadline for the public comment period.

20 MR. ROGAN: Absolutely.

21 MS. EVANS: Thank you. All those in
22 favor signify by saying aye.

23 MR. MCGOFF: Aye.

24 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

25 MR. LOSCOMBE: Aye.

1 MR. JOYCE: Aye.

2 MS. EVANS: Aye. Opposed? The ayes
3 have it and so moved.

4 MS. KRAKE: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A.

5 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON
6 FINANCE FOR ADOPTION -FILE OF COUNCIL NO.

7 44, 2012 -

8 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
9 CITY OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO
10 ACCEPT AND DISBURSE GRANT FUNDS IN THE
11 AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00 FROM SANOFI PASTEUR U S
12 PHILANTHROPY DIVISION FOR THE CITY OF
13 SCRANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR
14 SCRANTON POLICE SPECIAL OPERATIONS GROUP.

15 MS. EVANS: What is the
16 recommendation of the Chair for the
17 Committee on Finance?

18 MR. JOYCE: As Chairperson for the
19 Committee on Finance, I recommend final
20 passage of Item 7-A.

21 MR. ROGAN: Second.

22 MS. EVANS: On the question?

23 MR. JOYCE: Yes. I would like to
24 just thank Sanofi Pasteur for their
25 contribution.

1 MS. EVANS: Roll call, please?

2 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

3 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

5 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

6 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

7 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

9 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

11 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare
12 Item 7-A legally and lawfully adopted.

13 MS. KRAKE: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION
14 BY THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
15 FOR ADOPTION -FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 45,
16 2012 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER
17 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO APPLY FOR AND
18 EXECUTE A GRANT APPLICATION AND IF
19 SUCCESSFUL A GRANT AGREEMENT AND ACCEPT THE
20 FUNDS RELATED THERETO THROUGH THE OFFICE
21 OF ATTORNEY GENERAL COMMUNITY DRUG ABUSE
22 PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF
23 \$1,000.00.

24 MS. EVANS: What is the
25 recommendation of the Chair for the

1 Committee on Community Development?

2 MR. ROGAN: As Chairperson for the
3 Committee on Community Development, I
4 recommend final passage of Item 7-B.

5 MR. JOYCE: Second.

6 MS. EVANS: On the question? Roll
7 call, please?

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

9 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

10 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

11 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

13 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

15 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

16 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

17 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare
18 Item 7-B legally and lawfully adopted.

19 MS. KRAKE: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION
20 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY FOR
21 ADOPTION -FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 46, 2012 -
22 AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 33, 2012
23 ENTITLED
24 "ESTABLISHING A NO PARKING ZONE IN THE 900
25 BLOCK OF NORTH WASHINGTON AVENUE (S.R. 3023)

1 ON THE WESTERN MOST SIDE OF SAID STREET
2 PURSUANT TO THE HIGHWAY OCCUPANCY PERMIT
3 APPLICATION OF THE COMMONWEALTH MEDICAL
4 COLLEGE FROM SR 3023 SEGMENT 0090 OFFSET
5 1000 TO SR 3023 SEGMENT 0090 OFFSET 1219 FOR
6 A DISTANCE OF TWO HUNDRED NINETEEN (219)
7 FEET" TO CORRECT THE INCORRECTLY IDENTIFIED
8 SEGMENT NUMBERS OF SR 3023.

9 MS. EVANS: What is the
10 recommendation of the Chair for the
11 Committee on Public Safety?

12 MR. LOSCOMBE: As Chairperson for
13 the Committee on Public Safety, I recommend
14 final passage of Item 7-B.

15 MR. JOYCE: Second.

16 MS. EVANS: On the question? Roll
17 call, please?

18 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

19 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

20 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

21 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

22 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

23 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

24 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

25 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

1 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

2 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare
3 Item 7-C legally and lawfully adopted.

4 MS. KRAKE: 7-D. FOR CONSIDERATION
5 BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS FOR
6 ADOPTION -FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 47, 2012 -
7 PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION AND
8 DEDICATION OF MCCARTHY STREET AS A PUBLIC
9 STREET IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON,
10 PENNSYLVANIA.

11 MS. EVANS: What is the
12 recommendation of the Chair for the
13 Committee on Public Works?

14 MR. MCGOFF: As Chair for the
15 Committee on Public Works, I recommend final
16 passage of Item 7-D.

17 MR. JOYCE: Second.

18 MS. EVANS: On the question? Roll
19 call, please?

20 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

21 MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

22 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

23 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

24 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

25 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes.

1 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

2 MR. JOYCE: Yes.

3 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

4 MS. EVANS: Yes. I hereby declare
5 Item 7-D legally and lawfully adopted.

6 MS. KRAKE: 7-E. FOR CONSIDERATION
7 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES FOR ADOPTION
8 -RESOLUTION NO. 27, 2012 - APPOINTMENT OF
9 JAMES SCANLON, 929 RICHMONT STREET,
10 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18509, AS A MEMBER
11 OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION FOR AN ADDITIONAL
12 FIVE (5) YEAR TERM. MR. SCANLON'S CURRENT
13 TERM EXPIRES ON JULY 12, 2012 AND HIS NEW
14 TERM WILL EXPIRE ON JULY 12, 2017.

15 MS. EVANS: As Chair for the
16 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
17 passage of Item 7-E.

18 MR. ROGAN: Second.

19 MS. EVANS: On the question?

20 MR. ROGAN: Has anyone received a
21 resume? I looked long and hard through the
22 backup and I didn't see any.

23 MR. LOSCOMBE: I didn't see any.

24 MR. ROGAN: Okay.

25 MR. MCGOFF: Was a request sent to

1 both of the individuals for 7-E and 7-F?

2 MS. KRAKE: Yes.

3 MS. EVANS: I believe so, I saw
4 them.

5 MR. ROGAN: Yes, we had sent that.

6 MR. MCGOFF: When was it sent and
7 what was the date they were asked to respond
8 by?

9 MR. JOYCE: I know that the date
10 they were asked to respond was by today,
11 July 19, and I'm not sure, Mrs. Krake, do
12 you know exactly when those requests were
13 sent?

14 MS. KRAKE: Friday.

15 MR. MCGOFF: Friday.

16 MS. EVANS: Anyone else on the
17 question? Roll call, please?

18 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

19 MR. MCGOFF: No.

20 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

21 MR. ROGAN: No.

22 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

23 MR. LOSCOMBE: No.

24 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

25 MR. JOYCE: No.

1 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

2 MS. EVANS: No. I hereby declare
3 Item 7-E is not legally and lawfully
4 adopted.

5 MS. KRAKE: 7-F. FOR CONSIDERATION
6 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES FOR ADOPTION
7 -RESOLUTION NO. 28, 2012 - APPOINTMENT OF
8 ELMER J. NALEVANKO, 1000 RICHMONT STREET,
9 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18509, AS A MEMBER
10 OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION FOR AN ADDITIONAL
11 FIVE (5) YEAR TERM. MR. NALEVANKO'S CURRENT
12 TERM EXPIRES ON JULY 12, 2012 AND HIS NEW
13 TERM WILL EXPIRE ON JULY 12, 2017.

14 MS. EVANS: As Chair for the
15 Committee on Rules, I recommend final
16 passage of Item 7-F.

17 MR. ROGAN: Second.

18 MS. EVANS: On the question?

19 MR. MCGOFF: Yes, just maybe an
20 explanation, my questions for the prior
21 piece of legislation were to determine if,
22 in fact, these gentlemen had ample time to
23 reply, and I believe it's a simple request
24 that council has made in the past and it
25 seems as though, you know, sufficient time

1 was given for them to provide a simple
2 resume.

3 MS. EVANS: Anyone else on the
4 question? Roll call, please?

5 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

6 MR. MCGOFF: No.

7 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

8 MR. ROGAN: No.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Loscombe.

10 MR. LOSCOMBE: No.

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce.

12 MR. JOYCE: No.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mrs. Evans.

14 MS. EVANS: No. I hereby declare
15 Item 7-F is not legally and lawfully
16 adopted.

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

19 MR. JOYCE: Motion to adjourn.

20 MS. EVANS: This meeting is
21 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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