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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD:

Thursday, June 23, 2016

LOCATION:

Council Chambers

Scranton City Hall

340 North Washington Avenue

Scranton, Pennsylvania

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

- JOSEPH WECHSLER, PRESIDENT
- PATRICK ROGAN, VICE-PRESIDENT
- WAYNE EVANS
- WILLIAM GAUGHAN
- TIM PERRY
  
- LORI REED, CITY CLERK
- JAMIE MARCIANO, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK
- AMIL MINORA, SOLICITOR

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

3 MR. WECHSLER: Roll call, please.

4 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Perry.

5 MR. PERRY: Here.

6 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

7 MR. ROGAN: Here.

8 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

9 MR. EVANS: Here.

10 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Here.

12 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Wechsler.

13 MR. WECHSLER: Here. Before we  
14 begin the meeting this evening, a few months  
15 ago we requested an opinion from the city  
16 solicitor concerning the leachate line as it  
17 runs through Greenridge. Solicitor Shrive  
18 had asked for an additional week to respond  
19 after he received a letter from the  
20 Greenridge Neighborhood Association last  
21 week. Attorney Shrive has answered our  
22 question, and I'll skip through a lot of  
23 what he says, but the bottom line is that in  
24 his words it is the position of  
25 administration based upon review of all of

1 the aforementioned documents that the  
2 Keystone Sanitary Landfill is not in  
3 violation of the 1990 settlement agreement.

4 Furthermore, that the Scranton Sewer  
5 Authority was and at times legally  
6 authorized to issue an industrial waste  
7 water permit including the permit issued in  
8 December 2015 to correct what the Sewer  
9 Authority has determined to have been a  
10 clerical typographical error, which omitted  
11 the Monahan Avenue and Reeve Street line as  
12 permitted outflow. As such, the City of  
13 Scranton has no viable cause of action  
14 against Keystone Sanitary Landfill or the  
15 Scranton Sewer Authority and, therefore,  
16 will not be taking any legal action in this  
17 matter.

18 We received this prior to our  
19 meeting tonight and in caucus we spoke  
20 amongst ourselves to see what our position  
21 and reaction should be and our first  
22 reaction was we had a two-page letter that I  
23 received with not much backup or reference  
24 as to how the decision was reached. So we  
25 had requested our solicitor to contact

1 Solicitor Shrive to see if he can provide us  
2 with some background as to how he came to  
3 this decision. As a council, I'm sure  
4 members of will speak in comments later on.  
5 Based upon the information that we have seen  
6 and we have reviewed we are definitely in  
7 opposition to Mr. Shrive's opinion. From  
8 what I have seen, it's quite a clear case  
9 the other way, but I'm not an attorney, as  
10 we discussed before, it is up to the city  
11 solicitor to pursue any legal action. City  
12 council does not have that ability the, city  
13 solicitor represents the city in these type  
14 of cases, so we are going to digest the  
15 letter that we got this week, see if there  
16 is anymore information from Solicitor Shrive  
17 and as a body we will discuss what our  
18 options are as this situation goes forward.

19 So anyone that's here tonight is  
20 free to comment on this issue, but before we  
21 started the meeting I wanted you to be aware  
22 we have received the administration's  
23 opinion.

24 Dispense with the reading of the  
25 minutes.

1 MS. REED: THIRD ORDER. 3-A.  
2 MINUTES OF THE SCRANTON FIREFIGHTERS PENSION  
3 COMMISSION MEETING HELD MAY 11, 2016.

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

6 MS. REED: 3-B. MINUTES OF THE  
7 COMPOSITE PENSION BOARD MEETING HELD MAY 11,  
8 2016.

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

11 MS. REED: 3-C. MINUTES OF THE  
12 SCRANTON POLICE PENSION COMMISSION MEETING  
13 HELD MAY 11, 2016.

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

16 MS. REED: 3-D. MINUTES OF THE  
17 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING  
18 HELD MAY 11, 2016.

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

21 MS. REED: 3-E. AGENDA FOR THE  
22 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING  
23 HELD JUNE 15, 2016.

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

1 MS. REED: 3-F. CHECK RECEIVED IN  
2 THE AMOUNT OF \$2,262.00 FROM GOODWILL AT  
3 NORTH GERALD T. LANGAN APARTMENTS, WHICH IS  
4 PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR THE CITY OF  
5 SCRANTON.

6 MR. WECHSLER: Are there any  
7 comments? If not, received and filed.

8 MS. REED: 3-G. CONTROLLER'S REPORT  
9 FOR THE MONTH ENDING MAY 31, 2016.

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

12 MS. REED: 3-H. AGENDA FOR THE CITY  
13 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING HELD JUNE 22,  
14 2016.

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

17 MS. REED: 3-I. MINUTES OF THE  
18 SCRANTON-LACKAWANNA HEALTH AND WELFARE  
19 AUTHORITY'S REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD MAY  
20 19, 2016.

21 MS. REED: 3-J. 2015 COMBINED AUDIT  
22 REPORT FOR THE SCRANTON LACKAWANNA HEALTH  
23 AND WELFARE AUTHORITY.

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

1 Do any council members have  
2 announcements at this time?

3 MR. EVANS: I have one. There will  
4 be a secret garden tour Saturday, June 25,  
5 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Discover the hidden  
6 gem of the historical section of Scranton.  
7 Live music and more. Advance tickets are  
8 \$15, \$20 the day of it's presented by and  
9 for the Greenhouse Project.

10 MR. ROGAN: I have one as well, the  
11 next series in the West Side parks Sunday  
12 matinee concert series will be this Sunday,  
13 June 26 from 2 to 4 p.m. and it will be at  
14 the West Scranton Skate Park located at 1304  
15 Jackson Street in West Side. Music will be  
16 by the Fortunes. Bring the kids and enjoy a  
17 beautiful afternoon. Any questions, please  
18 contact Marge Marvin, and this is her e-mail  
19 address, it's BUBBLES335@comcast.net.

20 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you. Anyone  
21 else? No?

22 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'  
23 PARTICIPATION.

24 MR. WECHSLER: Joan Hodowanitz.

25 MS. HODOWANITZ: Joan Hodowanitz,



1 city resident and taxpayer. I want to  
2 publically thank Mr. Bulzoni who sent me a  
3 copy of the draft financial statements for  
4 the Parking Authority for calendar year,  
5 fiscal year 2015. I only made the request  
6 this morning, he happened to hear me make  
7 the request and he sent it through and I'm  
8 flabbergasted. I haven't gone through it  
9 yet, but I'm very appreciative that he took  
10 the time to do it.

11 I was a little bit put off this  
12 morning at the public hearing with the  
13 Scranton/Lackawanna Health and Welfare  
14 Authority on the Parking Authority and the  
15 lease agreement, I was the only member of  
16 the public there. I don't why that was  
17 because I know many, many people had  
18 concerns, but I did voice my concerns. I  
19 asked about the status of audited financial  
20 statements and they had nothing to say to  
21 me, but this is why Mr. Bulzoni was kind  
22 enough to send this forward.

23 I have another question which you  
24 might pursue, if memory serves, when we are  
25 building the Hilton and building the Casey

1 garage, didn't we make -- didn't the city  
2 make an agreement and MOU with the Hilton  
3 that they would have a dedicated number the  
4 parking spots and the same thing with  
5 Connell building, does anybody recall that?

6 MR. EVANS: I think there was  
7 something at the Hilton and I think there  
8 was some with the Casey as well.

9 MS. HODOWANITZ: I haven't had the  
10 time to go through all of the thousands of  
11 pages of documents that Mr. Lockwood linked  
12 onto the website, but does anybody know  
13 whether those would still be honored or  
14 those are gone with the wind?

15 MR. EVANS: Well, since the city  
16 still owns the property I think they would  
17 still be honored.

18 MR. HODOWANITZ: You think so?  
19 Okay. I made the comment this morning at  
20 the public hearing, which I was the public,  
21 that I understand the briefings and the  
22 reasoning explained about why we are selling  
23 the Electric City garage for \$1 to  
24 Mr. Basalyga, but I still have qualms, and  
25 here is why. In the county we have a

1 concept called the arm's length transaction  
2 and this states that when buyer and seller,  
3 in our case Mr. Basalyga and the city, come  
4 together on a sale and they try to agree on  
5 the price they each come to the transaction  
6 with no hidden agendas, they both are acting  
7 independently and they are on equal footing,  
8 but as I read the stories in the newspapers  
9 I wonder, you know, whether Mayor Courtright  
10 was partially motivated by reacting to the  
11 competition that Mr. Basalyga and his  
12 parking garage at the Market Place at  
13 Steamtown now pose, and was that part of the  
14 reasoning and the rationale that he was given  
15 this opportunity to buy the Electric City  
16 garage for \$1 and no other bids were sought.  
17 Consider a hypothetical city with  
18 hypothetical school board and on this  
19 hypothetical school board there is  
20 longstanding policy of hiring your friend --  
21 or your family and friends. Now, the family  
22 member hired may be the best teacher in the  
23 nation, but when you exclude all other  
24 competition and applications you are not  
25 doing the right thing, and that's how this

1 deal feels to me, that if you can't beat  
2 them, he is your competition, work out a  
3 deal like this, and you know the city has  
4 had that reputation, and I hate to see  
5 another precedent set because this will  
6 continue into the future, so that's one of  
7 my concerns and I wonder if anybody feels  
8 it.

9 And only other thing I want to say  
10 is the library in this city exists to serve  
11 the public. People say there is nothing for  
12 their kids to do during the summer. I just  
13 want to show you some things that the  
14 Library Express, second floor of the Market  
15 Place at Steamtown, is offering for children  
16 for free. This Saturday, at 2 p.m., a magic  
17 show. July 14, 2 p.m., amazing animals from  
18 the Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation Education  
19 Center. This is free. They are bringing in  
20 live a snake, a turtle, owl, hawk, falcon  
21 and other animals. Can I just finish these?  
22 Please call to register. July 28, 2 p.m.,  
23 skin and scales, reptile show, live  
24 alligators, tortoises, strange turtles,  
25 snakes, lizards, amphibians and other

1           vertebrates, all free. August 13, 3:30  
2           p.m., science tellers. They are going to  
3           come and show kids how to do all kinds of  
4           crazy science experiments, okay, and then  
5           all through the summer they have movie  
6           matinees that are free, and these are movies  
7           that are of interest to children, okay. So  
8           when people tell you there is nothing for  
9           your children to do during the summer, check  
10          with the children's library across the  
11          street from Lackawanna County and check with  
12          the Library Express. You know, we have  
13          these programs, they are free to the public  
14          and that's the only reason the library  
15          exists. Thank you.

16                   MR. WECHSLER: Fay Franus.

17                   MS. FRANUS: Fay Franus, Scranton.

18           I'd like to ask Mr. Evans through Mr.  
19           Wechsler, a question. In 2015 when Dave  
20           Bulzoni transferred -- when he borrowed the  
21           money to pay the MM0's for 2015, did he  
22           transfer funds from one department to  
23           another?

24                   MR. EVANS: Well, I have the  
25           information but not with me.

1 MS. FRANUS: Pardon me?

2 MR. EVANS: I have the information,  
3 but I don't have it with me.

4 MS. FRANUS: You must know the  
5 answer for that because I've asked you that  
6 before in the e-mails.

7 MR. EVANS: I provided that  
8 information to Mrs. Schumacher.

9 MS. FRANUS: Well, I'm not Mrs.  
10 Schumacher and she didn't get that  
11 information.

12 MR. EVANS: Yes, she did.

13 MS. FRANUS: She didn't get the  
14 information as to whether it was transferred  
15 from one department to the other.

16 MR. EVANS: Well, that was never  
17 asked after that so --

18 MS. FRANUS: Pardon me?

19 MR. EVANS: The information I  
20 provided her I provided her. I didn't get a  
21 follow up question.

22 MS. FRANUS: But, Wayne, I'm not  
23 her. I'm me. I don't live with Marie, I'm  
24 asking you did he transfer money from one  
25 department to the other.

1 MR. EVANS: I'll have to review my  
2 e-mail and documents --

3 MS. FRANUS: You don't know? You  
4 don't the answer to that question?

5 MR. EVANS: Not at this minute, no,  
6 I don't.

7 MS. FRANUS: Wow, that doesn't say  
8 too much for the Finance Chairman.  
9 Unbelievable.

10 MR. EVANS: Well, if you have the  
11 answer then why don't you tell me.

12 MS. FRANUS: I don't know the  
13 answer, that's why I'm asking you. That's  
14 why I have been asking you for months.

15 MR. EVANS: You haven't asked me  
16 that, Fay, at all.

17 MS. FRANUS: Weren't you sent the  
18 e-mail I sent you?

19 MR. EVANS: Ms. Schumacher was  
20 asking the question, I am dealing with her  
21 on this matter, not you, her.

22 MS. FRANUS: Who, Marie?

23 MR. EVANS: Yes.

24 MS. FRANUS: I'm another person in  
25 the city, I don't have a right to the answer

1 to a question?

2 MR. EVANS: Certainly. If you ask  
3 me a question I'll get it for you. I'll get  
4 you the answer.

5 MS. FRANUS: I'll send you an  
6 e-mail. I sent you a letter two weeks ago  
7 and said, "Did they transfer money from one  
8 department to the other," and you didn't  
9 answer me.

10 MR. EVANS: I stopped answering your  
11 e-mails because of the tone of your e-mails,  
12 that's why.

13 MS. FRANUS: Oh, you know the tone  
14 through a letter. So I don't -- I wonder  
15 what you do if you told another citizen --

16 MR. EVANS: I'll the answer the  
17 question --

18 MS. FRANUS: When? When you find  
19 out the answer?

20 MR. EVANS: When I find out the  
21 answer.

22 MS. FRANUS: Well, I hope that's  
23 soon, because you should have known it a  
24 long time ago. Now, as far as Dave Bulzoni,  
25 does he have his house on the market?



1 MR. EVANS: Yes, he does.

2 MS. FRANUS: I think every fireman  
3 and every policeman made to live in the City  
4 of Scranton shouldn't have to live in the  
5 city because if he can do it everybody can  
6 do it. You set a precedent and it's not  
7 right.

8 MR. EVANS: That's fine, that's your  
9 opinion.

10 MS. FRANUS: Pardon me?

11 MR. EVANS: That's fine, that's your  
12 opinion.

13 MS. FRANUS: Yeah, that's many  
14 people in the city, too.

15 MR. EVANS: Some of us have that  
16 opinion, believe it or not.

17 MS. FRANUS: What?

18 MR. EVANS: Some of us have that  
19 same opinion.

20 MS. FRANUS: Don't do anything about  
21 it. You give him a waiver for as long as he  
22 lives -- for as long as he has the job.

23 MR. EVANS: The waiver was  
24 contingent on him selling his house, putting  
25 his house on the market, when his house is

1 sold ---

2 MS. FRANUS: First of all, the  
3 waiver is illegal. We went to Court, the  
4 waiver was illegal so you want to go into  
5 that we will go into that. That was  
6 illegal, said Judge Mazzoni.

7 Now, is Attorney Shrive going to  
8 make an opinion on the leachate soon?

9 MR. WECHSLER: I just read the  
10 letter, you may have been in the hall.

11 MS. FRANUS: Pardon me?

12 MR. WECHSLER: I just read his  
13 letter, you may have been in the hall.

14 MS. FRANUS: Okay, thank you. Pat,  
15 I agree with you last week completely.  
16 Sorry, Bill, about the default of the SPA,  
17 that was the best thing that this council,  
18 not you, the other council ever did. That  
19 was, you know, Janet Evans stopped the  
20 nature of the blank check that was taken  
21 away. When they came into this caucus, if  
22 you go back and look at the minutes, they  
23 had a one-page budget and they were asked  
24 questions they couldn't account for one  
25 penny how that money that the city kept

1 giving them, they were borrowing, they  
2 couldn't account for any bit of the money  
3 that they received. Nothing. So why would  
4 this council or that council, rather, give  
5 them any more money just to blow any way  
6 they want. It's the best thing they ever  
7 did. And, Pat, I congratulate you for doing  
8 that.

9 Now, as far as Courtright, he should  
10 close up that leachate thing. He has the  
11 power to do it, he must be afraid of  
12 DeNaples.

13 Well, anyway, what about the  
14 caucuses in the back room? There was  
15 somebody in here last week you still don't  
16 want to have anybody come out here when they  
17 are in the back room? I don't mean your  
18 regular caucus, I mean when you have  
19 somebody in.

20 MR. WECHSLER: Did you see the work  
21 session on Tuesday?

22 MS. FRANUS: That was -- I'm not  
23 talking about that, I'm talking about the  
24 caucus. That was a good thing you had the  
25 work session, that was very good, but I'm

1 talking about last week when you somebody in  
2 the back room at the caucus or the week  
3 before. Somebody came in and they didn't  
4 come out here.

5 MR. WECHSLER: We are continuing to  
6 have caucuses, our caucus --

7 MS. FRANUS: I know. I mean, when  
8 you have guests in here.

9 MR. WECHSLER: Unless we feel --  
10 unless I feel it's appropriate to bring them  
11 out here they will continue to be in our  
12 office, yes.

13 MS. FRANUS: In other words, you are  
14 going to keep them in the back room so  
15 people don't hear what they say?

16 MR. WECHSLER: No, because they are  
17 going to come to our meetings and discuss  
18 issues with us directly. That's why they  
19 are back there.

20 MS. FRANUS: It's open to the  
21 public, you know that.

22 MR. WECHSLER: You answered your own  
23 question.

24 MS. FRANUS: I know, but it's not  
25 out here so the people home can see them



1 talk about anything pertaining to things  
2 other than council and yes, we can. You  
3 can't stop our freedom of speech. I'd like  
4 to see you try.

5 MR. WECHSLER: We are not. You are  
6 allowed to say whatever you want.

7 MS. FRANUS: Well, it says here you  
8 can only talk on council matters, it said  
9 pertaining to council.

10 MR. WECHSLER: That's been decided,  
11 yes. We decided everything anybody wants to  
12 say to this council was in the council  
13 minutes so we have been allowing it for  
14 years. Thank you.

15 Bob Bolus.

16 MR. BOLUS: Good evening, Council.  
17 Bob Bolus, Scranton. Regarding the Parking  
18 Authority and the garages and all of the  
19 nonsense that I sat here and listened to the  
20 other night, doesn't take a rocket scientist  
21 to understand what the heck was going on in  
22 here and I'm sure none of you guys have any  
23 idea or read all of those agreements. There  
24 were more lawyers here than people who knew  
25 what was going on and if you ask each one of

1           them there was a lot of confusion.

2                     Take the Electric City garage that  
3           is being sold to the county, are they going  
4           to pay to park there now or are we going to  
5           pick up that bill for the people from the  
6           City of Scranton footing the bill now for  
7           the county employees to park in that garage?

8                     Since you are taking over -- NDC is  
9           taking over the meters then we should only  
10          plow the center of the roads, let them plow  
11          from the curb out to the center because they  
12          are the ones receiving the income from the  
13          meters and they should be responsible for  
14          clearing the snow from the meter areas.  
15          Since we get nothing for it we shouldn't be  
16          digging in our pockets to remove the snow.

17                    I don't like the idea that Basalyga  
18          moved into the city. Everybody is bowing  
19          down to him. He got a heck of a deal, it's  
20          his money, he shot his big mouth off what he  
21          can buy and what he can do and can't do,  
22          \$450 million we are paying him to park cars  
23          plus 2.8 or whatever it is million to help  
24          him fix up a garage? It's the most  
25          ludicrous thing I have ever heard in my

1           life. You should have bought the mall  
2           instead of buying -- letting him buy it you  
3           could have got grants to fix everything up,  
4           but, no, like a bunch of idiots let this guy  
5           come into town and tell us what he is going  
6           to do. He is assessed at \$3 million, I  
7           brought it up more than once for the mall  
8           instead of the \$25 million he should be  
9           paying taxes to the people of this city, yet  
10          you want to take the people in this city and  
11          take their money and take it away from them.  
12          Aren't they hurting enough in this city with  
13          the stupidity that's been gone on, the  
14          mismanagement between the Sewer Authority  
15          and everything we are getting rid of and the  
16          confusion because he didn't want to deal  
17          with somebody? That's competition in  
18          business.

19                    You are businessman, Evans.  
20                    Wechsler, you are. We have been in  
21                    business, it's competition. If the people  
22                    who want to come in and buy it they could  
23                    have got the hell out of here. We don't  
24                    need them, okay, instead of giving our  
25                    assets away.





1           have a right to come in a speak because  
2           whether you like it or not maybe somebody in  
3           this audience or somebody out there where  
4           that camera is a hell of a lot smarter than  
5           we are and can interpret that thing and give  
6           you some insight and direction as where to  
7           go, and you shot that down by a dictatorship  
8           saying the public has nothing to say about  
9           it. It's our asset. Remember that. It's  
10          not yours, it's not everybody, it's all of  
11          ours and you shot that down and I found that  
12          very disappointing that you would go ahead  
13          and do something like that.

14                        I want to know the financial  
15          statements of Basalyga throwing millions of  
16          dollars around. Where is his money coming  
17          from and who is he getting it from? Have  
18          you asked that question? You are putting  
19          all your eggs in a basket, but you don't  
20          know whether they are going to crack or not.  
21          You have no clue of his financial stability  
22          in any way, shape or form. Since this is  
23          public, his records need to be made public.  
24          Are you going to do that before you sign off  
25          on this? He goes down to the toilet, we

1 don't go with him. We have all taken a  
2 sleigh ride with this mall from the day it  
3 was built.

4 Novembrino pool, you can't fix the  
5 pool but you can spend seven or eight  
6 million dollars, you are going to get \$28  
7 million and you are going to take over \$8  
8 million off that \$28 million to pay down  
9 your debt. Where does it make any sense?  
10 What you are doing is basically decreasing  
11 what we have in this city and increasing our  
12 debt. You are not going anywhere with this.  
13 Stand back and let this be understood, let  
14 them compete, but don't screw the people  
15 over because that's what's happening.

16 You know, the problem, it's not the  
17 responsibility of the people to pay  
18 Basalyga's problem. He has a parking  
19 garage, if you all remember when the garage  
20 was built there were booths there, they used  
21 to pay to go park. They want to go to  
22 Basalyga's garage let them park, but don't  
23 take \$5 million of our money and give it to  
24 him so the people can park there for free.  
25 That's not our problem. It's a business.

1 He has to pay to go.

2 You know, let him deal with it.

3 There is no place in Scranton for bullies  
4 and dictators and that's what we have here.  
5 Basalyga is a businessman, he knew what he  
6 was doing and --

7 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you.

8 MR. BOLUS: -- it's time for him now  
9 and this council in all fairness to the  
10 people of this city don't be misled by the  
11 nose and put the screws to the people in  
12 this city because you will go down in  
13 history as the destroyers of Scranton and  
14 it's future. Thank you.

15 MR. WECHSLER: Doug Miller.

16 MR. MILLER: Good evening, Council.  
17 Doug Miller, Scranton. Obviously, it's been  
18 quite some time since I have been here.  
19 Really haven't missed an awful lot. More of  
20 the same, Scranton as usual. In fact, the  
21 only thing I probably made the mistake of  
22 was not bringing, you know, popcorn and soda  
23 because all of this is just a show. I mean,  
24 it's like Hatchy Milatchy right here. And,  
25 you know, you take a look at this deal and

1           you ask yourself one question is it in the  
2           best interests of the residents of this  
3           city? And it absolutely isn't, and it just  
4           goes to show what incompetence really does  
5           to a community in dire straights. You are  
6           absolutely just killing it off once and for  
7           all. Absolutely nothing left. It's just  
8           really sad to be honest with you, but it all  
9           goes back to blaming the voters, the  
10          residents of this community who for decades  
11          have elected incompetent people, and we see  
12          where it's lead us today. There is no  
13          representation, it's about you, it's never  
14          been about us, and we will go back in time.  
15          You know, Wechsler doesn't like us talking  
16          about past councils, well, it's legacies  
17          that dictate where we are in the present so,  
18          yeah, we sure as hell are going to go back  
19          and look at the past because that track  
20          record has lead us to where we are today.

21                         And, you know, it really cracks me  
22                         up that we have a mayor who sat on council  
23                         that was a part of excessive, massive  
24                         amounts of millions and millions of dollars  
25                         of borrowing and here he is today trying be

1 a big hero. I mean, it's really comical and  
2 we have had a lot of other incompetent  
3 people sit in these seats, and it's sad.  
4 It's actually quite pathetic.

5 The deal certainly doesn't pass the  
6 smell test. You certainly can't tell me  
7 that you have read the agreement and  
8 understand it in its entirety because you  
9 had attorneys here who interpret and review  
10 law who had a difficult time, but that's the  
11 track record that the elected officials in  
12 this community have. There is no looking  
13 into anything or looking at legislation and  
14 reviewing it and having a grasp of what you  
15 are voting on, you are told how to vote. It  
16 comes from the top. It comes from the  
17 higher ups. You are told how to vote.  
18 That's how it works. You are not voting in  
19 the interest of the residents of this city  
20 because if you were, you wouldn't be up here  
21 tonight preaching this tune.

22 Selling off every asset we have  
23 left, I mean, at this point there is nothing  
24 left. I mean, I guess next we might as well  
25 sell Nay Aug, sell city hall, we might as

1 well just sell everything off because that's  
2 the path that we are on. It's really just  
3 pathetic, and that's why I don't come here  
4 often because it gets to a point where it's  
5 just a waste of time. You are dealing with  
6 idiots in this city, and can't open up  
7 swimming pools, neighborhoods are just  
8 deplorable. I mean, this city, to be blunt,  
9 is a slum. You go outside of this city and  
10 you tell people where you are from, as I  
11 said before, they laugh at you, they think  
12 we are a joke. They know we have fools  
13 leading us and it's just really a sad state  
14 of affairs.

15 You know, we want to blame  
16 landlords, we want to blame all of wrong  
17 people for the problems in the  
18 neighborhoods. The money we pumped into the  
19 downtown, excessive amounts of money pumped  
20 into the downtown and nothing to show for it  
21 just total waste in this community.

22 I mean, the future of this city,  
23 honestly there is no future for this city  
24 and the advice I can give anybody young who  
25 we just had thousands of students in the

1 city graduate high school, the best thing I  
2 could tell you is get out of here, don't  
3 come back because there is no opportunity  
4 here. You are only fooling yourself. We  
5 have nothing to offer. Absolutely nothing  
6 to offer. There is no employment  
7 opportunity. As I said, you know, forget  
8 about housing and affordability in this  
9 community, it's just not happening. People  
10 are out of here. The only population you  
11 have left are the elderly and, you know,  
12 eventually when that population goes away  
13 what are you going to have left? The town  
14 is already a ghost town.

15 You know, I see here your Rules of  
16 Council, you know, it's real nice. Cute  
17 little rules here. It's just all silliness.  
18 It's all make believe. That's all this is  
19 here is make believe. You know, you were  
20 intimidated because I believe somebody came  
21 up here and talking about guns one week, I  
22 mean, are you kidding me? I mean, you know,  
23 grow up, please. You know, give me a break.

24 You know, it's just -- you can go on  
25 and on and on and as far as the default of



1 the Parking Authority, as I have said many  
2 times and I'll say this forever, it was the  
3 best thing that that council ever did. Pat  
4 voted on that as well, and I commend him for  
5 that even though I know now he goes back on  
6 it, but things change when you are carrying  
7 water, but that was the best thing that that  
8 council did because it eliminated them from  
9 being able to borrow. Took away that blank  
10 checkbook because remember, we had one-page  
11 Mickey Mouse budgets coming before council,  
12 no idea what was going on there.

13 So this city needs leadership, it  
14 needed it yesterday. I have no faith in you  
15 people whatsoever, no faith in the mayor, so  
16 I leave here tonight with the same attitude  
17 I've had before, I don't expect much and  
18 just feel really sorry for a lot of people  
19 in this community, but ultimately, you know,  
20 they let it happen, too, so it's where we  
21 are.

22 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you,  
23 Mr. Miller. Gary St. Fleur.

24 MR. ST. FLEUR: Good evening,  
25 Scranton City Council, citizens and actually

1           folks --

2                   MR. WECHSLER:   Could you please  
3           state your name for us, please?

4                   MR. ST. FLEUR:   My name is Gary St.  
5           Fleur.

6                   MR. WECHSLER:   Thank you.

7                   MR. ST. FLEUR:   As perhaps some of  
8           you know, my name is Gary St. Fleur.  I have  
9           lived in Scranton for one year.  Several of  
10          you have come to know me since then and if  
11          you haven't I think it's fair to say you  
12          will know me very well after I speak  
13          tonight.  I am here to speak for Scranton,  
14          both the citizens and businesses, who have  
15          no work, are overtaxed and otherwise taken  
16          advantage of for far too long.  We can joke  
17          about it, many have, printed in the paper  
18          every other week, complain about it to our  
19          friends and coworkers daily, but the reality  
20          is, is that Scranton taxes continue to rise  
21          while profits and real estate values  
22          continue to fall.  We have had enough, and I  
23          have come here tonight to say no more.  No  
24          more punitive taxes, no more corrupt  
25          government, no more doing nothing.

1                    Now, I understand what many of you  
2                    may be thinking, who is this guy, where is  
3                    he from, why does he care, why should we  
4                    listen to him? He is not from Scranton, and  
5                    perhaps some of these fears are coming from  
6                    a good place. No, I'm not from Scranton,  
7                    I'm from New York. I was born and raised in  
8                    flatbush in Brooklyn. My family comes from  
9                    a country called Haiti, the poorest country  
10                    in the western hemisphere. Through hard  
11                    work, sticking together we have taken  
12                    advantage of opportunities this country  
13                    provides. I was lucky enough to go to  
14                    school and graduate from college. I was an  
15                    accountant major from Brooklyn College but I  
16                    never found passion in it.

17                    It wasn't until I visited Haiti  
18                    after the earthquake in 2010 that I really  
19                    understood who I was. I volunteered my time  
20                    over in Haiti a month after the earthquake.  
21                    At that time, it was one of the top ten most  
22                    dangerous places on the planet. My friend  
23                    and I and used our time and knowledge to  
24                    build a change on the on a rear craft level.  
25                    We did the logistics, security profiling,

1 and made sure there was not one incident of  
2 the volunteer getting hurt. To date, we  
3 have over -- we have solicited trips of over  
4 200 volunteers and I have done work with  
5 Harvard and Yale.

6 That is when he realized that real  
7 change doesn't happen with one person.  
8 Folks, when I came to Scranton to work a  
9 year ago I was willing to wait on the  
10 potential of the city. Two hours are 50  
11 percent of the country. Beautiful outdoors,  
12 reasonable standard of living, then I heard  
13 about the way the government works. I was  
14 told that this place is the most corrupt  
15 place in America, and I read in the paper  
16 how 50 percent of the police department is  
17 on disability, and how 80 percent of the  
18 firemen are on disability, but they are able  
19 to find jobs other places despite being on  
20 disability.

21 The fire sale of the public assets.  
22 The dedicated list of sign makers that you  
23 must go to if you want to have a sign. The  
24 constant, constant barrage of licenses and  
25 permits businesses have to have in order to

1           operate.

2                       We have all heard this before over  
3           and over and again, we joke about it, we  
4           read it about and complain about it with our  
5           friends and coworkers, but now we are going  
6           to do something about it. I have in my hand  
7           a petition signed by several businesses in  
8           the City of Scranton. Over 70 individuals  
9           are fed up with the taxes levied on their  
10          businesses. 70 believe that business  
11          privilege tax and mercantile tax is unfair,  
12          unwarranted and punitive in nature. 70  
13          individuals refuse to pay it. 70  
14          individuals say no more. The business  
15          community in Scranton will no longer pay a  
16          privilege tax for the privilege of doing  
17          business in the city whose government cares  
18          so little about them and so much about  
19          lining the pockets of their friends and  
20          associates. The old way of government is  
21          outdated, corrupt and worst of all has  
22          little to invest in the future of Scranton.

23                       I am implore city council to lower  
24          taxes and make this a more attractive to  
25          outside investment. Only then will

1           Scranton's real potential will be seen.  
2           Only then will the business owners and the  
3           citizens see real growth and success, but if  
4           lowering taxes in City of Scranton business  
5           first is not done tonight then we'll do it  
6           ourselves. No more will Scranton business  
7           owners and citizens be taken advantage of by  
8           it's own government. My petition is clear,  
9           and the people of Scranton believe that is  
10          true, this place is the most corrupt place  
11          in America then they should move to abort  
12          it, they shouldn't pay a dime, they  
13          shouldn't pay anything until this government  
14          does what's right, thank you. Good night.

15                 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you. Samantha  
16          Maloney. I'm sorry, I think I mispronounced  
17          your last name, I'm sorry.

18                 MS. MALONEY: That's all right. It  
19          comes from my husband, so --

20                 MR. WECHSLER: Maloney.

21                 MS. MALONEY: Samantha Maloney.  
22          First, I want to thank you for listening and  
23          for thinking about the Greenridge leachate  
24          issue. I read in the paper that council was  
25          considering passing a resolution asking for

1 the landfill to voluntarily stop using the  
2 Greenridge line and I applaud you for  
3 considering this resolution. Thank you.

4 Additionally, I urge you to pass  
5 this resolution, and the sooner the better.  
6 Please include in your resolution not only a  
7 request for KSL to stop using the Greenridge  
8 line, but also for it to permanently seal it  
9 closed never to be used again. I say this  
10 because I was recently given a newspaper  
11 article from 1989, and I have a copy for  
12 you. I don't know if you can pass papers  
13 here, but I was surprised when I read it  
14 because I can't believe this was already  
15 discussed, heard in Court and resolved and  
16 25 years later here we are, it was all for  
17 not. It is especially disheartening to see  
18 that the Scranton Sewer Authority  
19 acknowledged in a letter written to the DEP  
20 that this issue has been going on for the  
21 last 20 years. You know, specifically that  
22 it's, you know, been passing through the  
23 Greenridge line for -- in and out for 20  
24 years. And, unfortunately, the Right-Hand  
25 Coalition and Nancy Kay Holmes are no longer

1 at the helm to guide us, but, however, it  
2 shines a light on the Scranton Sewer  
3 Authority and KSL and their complete  
4 disregard for the City of Scranton and the  
5 Courts, so let me be clear, the solution  
6 must be physical and it must be permanent.  
7 A sale that can be inspected and confirmed,  
8 if necessary, because if history tells us  
9 anything it tells us that nothing else would  
10 be effective or acceptable.

11 I'd also urge council to reach  
12 beyond the mayor, especially in light of  
13 what you showed to us today and seek  
14 additional information and resources to  
15 discuss this issue and to continue to  
16 develop a solution. As I highlighted in my  
17 letter to the mayor, it is a fact that the  
18 Greenridge line is combined sewer overflow  
19 as CSL and that spills raw sewage into the  
20 Lackawanna River which is protected by the  
21 Clean Water Act. Therefore, agencies such  
22 as that -- agencies that you as the elected  
23 representatives of the City of Scranton can  
24 and should talk to our agencies like the DEP  
25 and EPA, explain to them that you represent



1           your constituents and that you are seeking a  
2           solution that will not only help them, but  
3           also the State of Pennsylvania and the  
4           Chesapeake Bay.

5                         Due to the fact that the Scranton  
6           Sewer Authority has been the subject of a  
7           Clean Water Act violation in past, I think  
8           the DEP and the EPA would be receptive. To  
9           refresh your memory, the EPA sued the  
10          Scranton Sewer authority for discharging  
11          untreated sewage into the Lackawanna River  
12          and several small tributaries to  
13          Lackawanna Meadowbrook channel, Mr. Young's  
14          hole in his back yard that is one of them  
15          that was part of this lawsuit.

16                        In late 2012, early 2013 the EPA and  
17          the Sewer Authority developed a consent  
18          decree where the Scranton Sewer Authority  
19          was fined \$340,000, 340,000, and forced to  
20          develop a long-term CSL control plan or an  
21          LTCP. This LTCP plan was intended to  
22          eliminate a substantial percentage of the  
23          CSO's from the Scranton Sewer Authority  
24          system. This plant contains multiple CSO's  
25          along the Greenridge line as well as

1 estimated costs to bring to CSO's into line  
2 to the Clean Water Act. With this consent  
3 decree in mind and the information that I  
4 provided in my letter last week, increasing  
5 the flow of the Greenridge line is obviously  
6 against the intent of the consent decree and  
7 a possible violation. As a result, I think  
8 the DEP and the EPA would receptive to and,  
9 in fact, obligated to discuss this issue  
10 with you as well as developing a solution  
11 that could save us, the Scranton taxpayers,  
12 from additional fines and expenses and  
13 another potential lawsuit.

14 Best of luck to you as you continue  
15 to seek out a solution to permanently seal  
16 and close the KSL access to the Greenridge  
17 line. I, the Friends of Lackawanna, the  
18 Greenridge Neighborhood Association and lots  
19 of family and friends are available and  
20 willing to provide support and assistance  
21 where we can. Thank you.

22 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you very much.  
23 Is there anyone else who would like to  
24 address council?

25 MR. MORGAN: Good evening, Council.

1 Lee Morgan. You know, today I was going to  
2 talk about Judge Barrasse and Family Court  
3 and the guardian ad litem, but I think today  
4 I'm going to discuss this parking deal since  
5 there was more information in the newspaper  
6 today and it only points to one thing, like  
7 I said before, this is the worst possible  
8 deal we could have. If the Scranton Times  
9 article is correct, the Lackawanna Health  
10 and Welfare is going to borrow \$49 million,  
11 the city is going to borrow 47. If you add  
12 those together you get \$96 million to pay  
13 off \$53 million. It doesn't make any sense.  
14 None of this makes any sense. To go in and  
15 give the mall owner I'd say \$4 1/2 million  
16 up front is a little ridiculous, and then  
17 giving him \$2.85 million to fix a garage up  
18 that we won't know is also ridiculous, and  
19 on top of the \$4.5 million up front the  
20 article says that he is going to get \$19,000  
21 a month. Is that the mortgage on the mall?  
22 Is the city -- are the city residents paying  
23 the mortgage on the mall itself? I mean,  
24 it's just the most ridiculous thing I have  
25 ever seen in my life that the elected

1 government of this city has such contempt  
2 for the people who live here and struggle to  
3 survive, and you know the other slap in the  
4 face is that the people that are going to  
5 take the garage are a nonprofit. Where does  
6 it stop? Where is the tax revenue? Where  
7 is all of the revenue going to be generated  
8 here? And then we are talking about  
9 building more apartments in the downtown as  
10 the neighborhoods are in complete roll back.  
11 I mean, Doug Miller got up and here and  
12 talked about the city being a slum, my own  
13 kids said that. Not one of my children live  
14 in this city. Not one. Well, wait, one  
15 does. One lives in the city, but she wants  
16 to leave, and my point is I think it's time  
17 to start thinking about something else.

18 I think the city should seriously,  
19 and this council should seriously think of  
20 something else here today that's probably  
21 never been brought up in some ways. I mean,  
22 we've talked about privatizing the DPW but  
23 why don't we privatize the police, the fire,  
24 okay, the clerical union and the DPW and  
25 study how many people we need, hire a



1 feds are the state may have put into those  
2 projects? First doesn't matter, just like  
3 the South Side Sports Complex which was  
4 illegal to sell because it was built with  
5 Section 70 funds and it was a violation of  
6 law to sell it, and you still sold it, and  
7 in the end what happens is the residents of  
8 this city are on the hook for every  
9 incompetent thing that you do, and I want to  
10 say that, like I said last week, we sent a  
11 chimpanzee to space with a suit on, didn't  
12 mean he was an astronaut and just because  
13 you are sitting there and you were elected  
14 and you have a suit on doesn't mean you are  
15 representing anybody else other than your  
16 own very, very narrow view or the very  
17 narrow view of the people who tell you what  
18 to do because obviously this thing is out of  
19 control and how the state didn't come in  
20 here and take control of this city a long  
21 time ago, and you know the one question I  
22 think the residents of this city should  
23 really ask is how did the people in the PEL  
24 get their jog? How did that happen? And  
25 how can they have given such bad information

1 to people in our elected government to make  
2 such a mess of our city and cause the  
3 complete financial collapse of this city.  
4 The residents are out of the money and the  
5 neighborhoods are a mess. We are talking  
6 about building more rental units in the  
7 downtown. There are so many vacancies in  
8 our neighborhoods it's obscene and nobody  
9 will come here, and that all goes to you.

10 And, Mr. Evans, you are a  
11 businessmen and realtor, anybody who votes  
12 for this agreement is out of their mind, but  
13 then the only ones that are going to be  
14 suffering from these agreements are people  
15 who live here and they have nothing more to  
16 give and it just proves the disregard that  
17 you, the elected government of this city,  
18 has for people who elect you, and even for  
19 the people who don't elect you, but they are  
20 still residents here. Thank you.

21 MR. WECHSLER: Anyone else?

22 MR. SBARAGLIA: Andy Sbaraglia,  
23 citizen of Scranton. Fellow Scrantonians,  
24 they say lot of things saying you were  
25 incompetent and this and that, but you I

1 know you are not. Nothing happens by  
2 accident in Scranton. There is always a  
3 bottom line and it's always the money trail,  
4 follow the money trail and you will  
5 understand Scranton politics. We look at  
6 the parking garages, there is a lot of red  
7 flags there. There is more red flags than  
8 on the turnpike, but that's beside the  
9 point, the point is why was it even brought  
10 up? That's the sad part. We all know that  
11 the parking garages should never have been  
12 built but somebody wanted to run for office  
13 somewhere and that's why they were built.  
14 Money had to flow in through the party so  
15 the parking garages was a conduit. What  
16 happened with it? We could never fill them,  
17 we could never keep them, we could never  
18 repair them, but we are stuck with them.

19 Now, you in turn want to cut off our  
20 nose to spite our face. How many millions  
21 of dollars are you going to give away to get  
22 that \$20 million or \$21 million or whatever  
23 we finally get out of that, we are talking  
24 about all of parking fines, you want to know  
25 what they cost? This is a budget from 1912



1 (sic) and I can tell you what the fines  
2 were. Police fines \$346,000. Parking  
3 tickets, yellow, \$1 million. Parking  
4 tickets white \$35,500. That's just parking  
5 that you are giving away. Meter revenues  
6 are in here, too, they counted for \$1,400 --  
7 I mean, \$1,400,000. Whether that was true  
8 or not I don't know because the books are  
9 always cooked when it comes to these things,  
10 but we are talking about even reasonable  
11 over \$3 million a year in giveaways. Over  
12 four years that's \$120 million. You are  
13 generous. They should call you Santa Clause  
14 because that's exactly what you are. To  
15 even consider this is beyond me, but I don't  
16 know, like I say, follow the money trail. I  
17 always said that. You want to know how  
18 Scranton politics work follow the money  
19 trail and it will come to light because  
20 anybody that had common sense that wasn't  
21 really getting anything out of this other  
22 than voting for it doesn't make sense at  
23 all. It really doesn't because the damage  
24 you are doing to the city puts it on the  
25 verge of bankruptcy, and you know that and I

1 know that, so what do you want to believe  
2 or not I know not, but from what I heard,  
3 what I seen and what I really, really  
4 realization of it it's not a great deal.  
5 When somebody goes and says, "We got to  
6 borrow more money to buy it," and only when  
7 we can borrow the money is for you to give  
8 them a lease so they can borrow on the  
9 lease. That alone is a red flag and it  
10 shows something is wrong somewhere. When a  
11 person wants to come in and do business in  
12 Scranton he borrows some money but he  
13 usually has some capital. These people  
14 aren't using any of their capital and we are  
15 going to be stuck with a lot, a lot of bills  
16 and you know that and I know that and I hope  
17 you can run far enough away from the city  
18 that they don't remember your name.

19 MR. WECHSLER: Anyone else?

20 MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening, Council.  
21 Dave Dobrzyn, resident and taxes paid, and  
22 fees paid, dog license. After that, I don't  
23 need any help. Once again, now we have a  
24 mall that's flopped and we have parking  
25 garages that flopped, nobody is working and

1 here we have General Dynamics right in the  
2 middle of Scranton due to unfair trade packs  
3 and tank shells probably being made in  
4 another country is out right now so call  
5 your Congressman and that's a good part of  
6 our problem because no matter how much money  
7 you sink in and how much money you give up  
8 if people don't have money in their pockets  
9 the only time I go in a store is when I plan  
10 to buy something much don't press your luck  
11 and shove any extra down my throat because I  
12 have in mind what I want because that's what  
13 my budget is.

14 A few years ago I got hit with this  
15 local book, "Free Lunch" by David Cay  
16 Johnston with an "S" or a "T" rather and how  
17 the wealthiest American enrich themselves at  
18 government's expense and stick you with the  
19 bill, so if you haven't read it already it's  
20 available. It was available at the library.  
21 I lent one out, I liked it so much I bought  
22 it and for 20 bucks I lent it and somebody  
23 kept it, so I went out and bought it again  
24 as a reference source. The Yankee Stadium  
25 owner or Yankee team owner he got \$450

1 million worth of free New York City property  
2 to rebuild the Yankee Stadium.

3 Now, on that leachate line I would  
4 recommend to those people involved to go to  
5 anybody you can and get a lawyer and sue the  
6 Sewer Authority already because that should  
7 never have been, and a little history here,  
8 building these parking garages was foolish  
9 and that's all it did. Once again, it  
10 served corporate fare, people got parking  
11 garages built on their land, built above  
12 their place of business, I mean, it just  
13 goes on and on. So much for public private  
14 partnership.

15 And a little history lesson, along  
16 with the new teepel hopper at Nay Aug that  
17 we tore down a large -- fairly large  
18 dressing room and that's all it is, is a  
19 teepel hoppel and we paid lots of money for  
20 that. I mean, the police station was  
21 substandard the day it was occupied and it  
22 just goes on and on and on and this was  
23 under the last mayor. I voted for him twice  
24 and the third time I couldn't take it  
25 because I started to hear other things and

1 realizing other things like Buona Pizza.  
2 They tried to take it by eminent demain.  
3 The vacant lot next door what they told me  
4 when I was in there was sold for -- they  
5 paid -- the City paid \$35,000 more for that  
6 vacant lot than the going concern that paid  
7 taxes for 30 or 40 years. I remember John  
8 when he was -- or Frank when he was younger  
9 than Giovanni was right now, we used to go  
10 to the movie house across Lackawanna and  
11 stop over for a pizza at 12:30 at the night  
12 or whatever and/or a Sunday and it's just  
13 ashamed.

14 But, you know, now, then I started  
15 hearing other things like about Mayor  
16 Doherty he went down when they built the  
17 river trail, the rail trail, and he went  
18 down with the current -- not this police  
19 chief, but two police chiefs before and they  
20 threw homeless people's possessions into the  
21 river. That's to me, I mean, if that's a  
22 good Christian, I mean, hope I burn in hell,  
23 you know, if that's the actions of a good  
24 Christian.

25 And it's just constantly

1           condemnation policy. I had a friend with a  
2           broken pipe up in his bathroom, he wound up  
3           homeless because his hose was condemned. A  
4           broken pipe in the bathroom, give me a  
5           break, you know, and it just went on and on.  
6           KOZ's, the grants, they just get sucked up  
7           by people with ten times more money than  
8           what the grants are supposed to be written  
9           for so in retrospect I'm glad Mr. Doherty is  
10          down the road and probably the best thing  
11          that the last council ever did was to get  
12          rid of him. Thank you and have a great  
13          night.

14                   MR. WECHSLER: Anyone else?

15                   MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening.  
16           Marie Schumacher. First a few follow ups  
17           from prior weeks and then a request for  
18           information fro next week. Mr. Gaughan, do  
19           we know yet how many retention ponds the  
20           city owns?

21                   MR. GAUGHAN: No.

22                   MS. SCHUMACHER: Yes or -- no. Thank  
23           you. Do we have a date for when the storm  
24           water drain at Snook Street and Route 307  
25           will be repaired and do we have a plan for

1 and estimated start day for repairing the  
2 blocked storm water drain that runs along  
3 307 and causes the shoulder to collapse?

4 MR. GAUGHAN: I just sent that  
5 request ins when you asked me and I haven't  
6 heard anything back yet.

7 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay. One  
8 additional item for you, last week you  
9 mentioned several council executive sessions  
10 that were held regarding the Parking  
11 Authority, would you please during Fifth  
12 Order tell me precisely how many executive  
13 meetings there were?

14 MR. GAUGHAN: Three or four. When I  
15 said -- maybe I misspoke when I said  
16 several, at least three or four.

17 MR. WECHSLER: They have all been  
18 advertised.

19 MS. SCHUMACHER: Now, one for the  
20 Finance Chair. The Court award account in  
21 the Controller's May report shows an \$18,375  
22 paid to S & P Global Ratings. I went to the  
23 Prothonotary's Office to get more -- or  
24 their website to get more information and I  
25 couldn't find anything in the judgment

1 section or the general index, so maybe next  
2 week you can explain how a Court award  
3 without any Court records comes to be.

4 MR. EVANS: I'll send that request  
5 to the mayor's office he can decide where  
6 it's going to go.

7 MS. SCHUMACHER: Thank you. What is  
8 the status of the contract with the clerical  
9 union?

10 MR. EVANS: From my knowledge there  
11 is some conversations, but I don't think  
12 it's any further than that.

13 MS. SCHUMACHER: They are currently  
14 working without a contract for how many  
15 months?

16 MR. EVANS: I think the contract was  
17 over at the end of this year. Yeah, I think  
18 contract is up at the end of 2016 if I'm not  
19 mistaken.

20 MS. SCHUMACHER: I thought it was  
21 2015. No?

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

23 MS. SCHUMACHER: I appreciate that,  
24 and then for the Ms. Maloney's paper that  
25 convinced you all last week, or most of you



1           anyway, that the right thing to do was to  
2           seal that thing off could that be put on the  
3           website so we can all read it.

4                   MR. WECHSLER: That's up to the  
5           administration. I'm not sure they are going  
6           to put that up. It is available, we can  
7           give you a copy of it, but I don't think the  
8           city will put it on the website especially  
9           since they issued an opinion that we  
10          disagree with.

11                   MR. EVANS: Plus it's a private  
12          citizen so --

13                   MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay. Now, onto  
14          the convoluted contract, could someone up  
15          there explain to me the difference between  
16          the numbers tossed around last night for  
17          rehabbing the garages and those of the  
18          Desmond report from last year which are much  
19          lower and would certainly if accurate and we  
20          pay for it, so I assume they are an accurate  
21          and reliable company, would put a totally  
22          different light on this entire process?

23                   MR. EVANS: What was the  
24          discrepancy? Do you know what was it was?

25                   MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, the Electric

1 City garage?

2 MR. EVANS: Yeah. Can I have this  
3 or is this yours?

4 MR. ROGAN: I will say this, I know  
5 they used a conservative approach on the  
6 numbers and that number is not -- we are  
7 forking over, you know, writing a check for  
8 the amount. It will be escrowed as --

9 MS. SCHUMACHER: Yeah, I heard that,  
10 but this is still -- this is a game changer  
11 and they are all in the report which I'm  
12 sure you have access to.

13 Now, since NDC and it's local  
14 subsidiaries are obviously not purely  
15 charitable organizations may we assume that  
16 property taxes will be paid on each and  
17 every of those garages?

18 MR. EVANS: Well, they are leasing  
19 them to the City of Scranton so the Parking  
20 Authority still owns all of those  
21 properties.

22 MS. SCHUMACHER: I think there is  
23 some case law that says --

24 MR. EVANS: Well, we'll have to find  
25 out if that applies here, but I know the

1           only that I'm aware of that will pay taxes  
2           is the Electric City garage.

3                       MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay. Now, at the  
4           kick off of this convoluted agreement it was  
5           noted that NDC's familiarity with Scranton  
6           included securing federal funding for the  
7           former mall at Steamtown and more recently,  
8           of course, provided for capitol for the  
9           Northern Light Espresso Bar and the Big Chew  
10          tent rental, and then suddenly any  
11          connection with the old Steamtown Mall just  
12          disappeared and then I found that very  
13          curious and I wondered why and then at the  
14          meeting the other night when Mr. Mark said,  
15          if I may finish this, he said that, "An  
16          important part of their effort is the  
17          repopulation of Steamtown Mall, which is in  
18          his words is biggest real estate investment  
19          in downtown Scranton."

20                      I think we should be looking out for  
21          our citizens and our taxpayers and not a  
22          person who doesn't even live in the city.  
23          Thank you.

24                      MR. WECHSLER: Thank you. Anyone  
25          else?

1 MR. ELLMAN: Ronnie Ellman. Thank  
2 you. I just I'd like to thank Dave Thomas  
3 for an extraordinary car show that his  
4 volunteers and his members put on and I  
5 think it's a credit to the city. I was  
6 wondering why the city can't prorate  
7 business licenses because they sure have a  
8 lot more vendors than we get, but I don't  
9 have an idea how any of that works.

10 And you might not think this is  
11 funny, but I go to 10 or 12 car shows during  
12 the summer and bathrooms, there are not  
13 enough bathrooms, and this place was full of  
14 them but I heard several comments thanking  
15 them for that. When you are 70 or 80 years  
16 old and you drink gallons of lemonade that's  
17 a necessity.

18 And I'd like to say about the  
19 landfill, I'm not involved in for or against  
20 the expansion, I don't want to have to pay  
21 to have my garbage man take it all the way  
22 down to Higgins, and that's where this is  
23 coming to. These people want it closed  
24 because some people made a choice of buying  
25 houses built on slag piles across from a

1 standing landfill and they are going to drag  
2 us into this and the next thing we know  
3 council will be using tax dollars somehow or  
4 other in this argument. This is a their  
5 issue and we need to keep out of it, and  
6 like I said, I don't care how it is. It  
7 doesn't mean nothing to me except it's not  
8 hard to see where it's going, and I had a  
9 whole page on here that just shadowed what  
10 Mr. Bolus says. This is just senseless to  
11 the people of this city to give away the  
12 parking garages then in turn it's bringing  
13 in for decades 348,000 or something and 60  
14 free parking places if they are needed. This  
15 is just -- you people just tearing this city  
16 apart. You are helping destroy it. We are  
17 going to have unGodly rates from the sewer  
18 authority deal.

19 And I say one of the best things  
20 that ever happen to this city was getting  
21 rid of the Parking Authority and every week  
22 you guys are on Mr. Rogan's back about this.  
23 What were we supposed to do, just let them  
24 people rape us year after year after year  
25 with high salaries and expenses and

1 buildings and now we are stuck with it all,  
2 and one of the best things if we didn't get  
3 any credit would be better off that we are  
4 now borrowing \$31 million and any time you  
5 turn around is nothing about waste around  
6 here.

7 Like I said, I'm not trying to  
8 offend all of these ladies that came, but  
9 these do-gooders are going to drag Scranton  
10 into something that's not going to end well  
11 for us. Thank you.

12 MR. WECHSLER: Anyone else?

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

14 Motions.

15 MR. WECHSLER: Mr. Perry?

16 MR. PERRY: Yes, a couple of things.  
17 First, I want to say thank you to all of the  
18 volunteers that came out to the annual  
19 Devine Mercy and St. Joe's picnic. It was a  
20 great time. I saw some familiar faces that  
21 were here today actually that showed up at  
22 the picnic. I, myself, was there on Friday.  
23 I wasn't able to on Saturday, but Friday was  
24 an absolutely great day. Any true  
25 successful fundraiser is directly related to

1 the volunteers and volunteers there are  
2 second to none, so I just want to say thank  
3 you.

4 In regards to the Greenridge  
5 leachate issue and the decision by the  
6 administration not to pursue any legal  
7 action, yeah, I'm an untrained eye, I'm not  
8 a lawyer, but I am a citizen and I do  
9 represent citizens and, you know, I need  
10 more. I need more from the administration  
11 than just a letter a page and a half that  
12 says we won't pursue any legal action.

13 I thought that Mrs. Maloney wrote  
14 and crafted and submitted a very convincing  
15 argument with some good issues and I would  
16 like to hear from the administration  
17 directly to comment on those issues. Again,  
18 I can't speak legally on this, but to my eye  
19 there seemed to be good points. So, you  
20 know, let's have some more substance to the  
21 reason why the people in Greenridge aren't  
22 going to get any satisfaction from the city.  
23 That's where I stand on that. And as  
24 Mr. Wechsler said, this council will take  
25 this next week to deliberate over this issue

1 and see if there is anything that we  
2 possibly can do to further push this  
3 because, you know, we are not done with this  
4 yet as a body.

5 Other news, Mrs. Schumacher, I do  
6 apologize that I got your e-mail late on the  
7 21st, but I am actively looking for those  
8 answers that you gave you, I actually have  
9 them with me today and I hope to have --  
10 I'll give you direct answers when I get them  
11 and I'll also, you know, come back here next  
12 Thursday with some more answers. I'll  
13 hopefully have everything answered for you.

14 And if anybody has any -- the final  
15 vote will be a week today, my e-mail is  
16 TPerry@scrantonpa.gov. If you submit a  
17 question based on this complex deal, which  
18 it is complex, I would be more than happy to  
19 do your legwork and try to give you some  
20 answers to those. It's a very intricate  
21 situation that we have going on right now  
22 with the sale and lease of some of these  
23 garages. That's all. Thank you.

24 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you.

25 Mr. Rogan?



1 MR. ROGAN: Yes, very briefly  
2 regarding the leachate issue, we did just  
3 receive this letter two minutes prior to our  
4 caucus beginning so I want to look it over a  
5 little bit and speak to the city solicitor  
6 before offering any comments on that.

7 I want to thank a bunch of  
8 department heads actually, I had a flurry of  
9 citizens' requests that were resolved very  
10 favorably in these past week, and also have  
11 to thank our city clerk for submitting them  
12 on my behalf. I was contacted by a resident  
13 in South Scranton regarding a dangerous tree  
14 on the 500 block of Cherry Street. The city  
15 forester, Tony Santoli, was out there right  
16 away on the spot and Jack Liptai, one of our  
17 housing inspectors, contacted the owner of  
18 the property very quickly so I thank them  
19 for their hard work and very quick turn  
20 around on that issue.

21 Also, I'd like to thank our pave cut  
22 inspector John Hazzouri for the same day  
23 resolution to an issue in the East Scranton  
24 area where there was some pave cuts that  
25 were being done and there were a number of

1 questions. That was also resolved very  
2 quickly and also our DPW director, Denny  
3 Gallagher, for taking care of an issue  
4 regarding getting a handicapped for a woman  
5 in the Tripp Park neighborhood who was in  
6 dire need of that sign and waiting far too  
7 long. So I'd like to thank all of those  
8 department heads and city employee for their  
9 great work on those requests.

10 And, finally, anyone who has driven  
11 in the downtown over last few weeks have  
12 noticed the milling for the paving program  
13 has begun in downtown Scranton. Anyone who  
14 has driven through the downtown knows that  
15 these roads were some of the most deplorable  
16 condition throughout the city. This is  
17 something that's long overdue and I know I  
18 have -- I'm sure my colleagues have also had  
19 many compliments from citizens throughout  
20 the city regarding this paving program that  
21 I know all of us on the board were very  
22 proud to vote and to push forward and we're  
23 finally starting to see some of the results.  
24 Main Avenue is now -- the Scranton section  
25 is now paved, PennDOT paved most of the

1 state portion, but I am trying to convince  
2 the PennDOT representatives to finish the  
3 one stretch near the old Junior High School,  
4 so the paving program is moving along  
5 greatly and I'm very excited to see paving  
6 in the downtown which hasn't happened in  
7 quite sometime. That is all for tonight.  
8 Thank you.

9 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you. Mr.  
10 Evans?

11 MR. EVANS: Thank you. On the  
12 leachate issue, of course I'm not happy with  
13 the result and the opinion by the solicitor  
14 but it wasn't totally unexpected. As was  
15 mentioned here before, we are going to take  
16 next week and try to figure out what we can  
17 do legally and if there is an option for us,  
18 but we certainly are willing to work with  
19 the Greenridge neighbors, Friends of  
20 Lackawanna to somehow move this forward  
21 because we believe, again, we are not  
22 attorneys, but I still believe that Ms.  
23 Maloney's chronological letter really put it  
24 in perspective. Even though we felt that  
25 way before, we felt all along this is

1 something that should be severed, sealed and  
2 stopped, so we are going to see what we can  
3 do within the guidelines of what our  
4 solicitor will allow us to do.

5 A couple of comments from the  
6 speakers tonight, there was one of the  
7 speakers talked about the business privilege  
8 and mercantile tax, no one has railed  
9 against that tax more than the city council,  
10 specifically myself, so I think people need  
11 to actually pay attention to what we are  
12 saying before they say something at the  
13 podium because we are very pro-business.  
14 Our actions speak louder than many words  
15 that are said.

16 Also, for all of us, we are not  
17 incompetent, we are not corrupt, and we are  
18 not cooking the books. We are here because  
19 we believe in the city, we still care and  
20 that's -- we are always going to do what's  
21 right for the city. I get a little tired of  
22 the same adjectives and adverbs every single  
23 week. It's not right. You just can't throw  
24 like corruption and corrupt around like it's  
25 candy. It's not right. It's not who we are

1 and we will continue to do what we think is  
2 right for all of the citizens.

3 Finally, on a positive note, and  
4 it's hard to stay positive sometimes, but on  
5 a positive note if any of you have been near  
6 the old Harrison Avenue bridge this week you  
7 may have noticed that it was yarn bombed  
8 again and it looks great and it's bigger and  
9 better and brighter than it was last year,  
10 so I'd like to thank the volunteers who were  
11 part of that project, some who work in my  
12 real estate office, Nell Donnelly-Boyle and  
13 her daughter Molly. Mike Miglioria, Andy  
14 Schaffer, Paul Marks, Nancy Evans and myself  
15 well as the ladies that put together the  
16 yarn and crocheted all yearlong to put those  
17 flowers up, Dawn Iuzzi, Susie Connors and  
18 Cathy Ungvarsky. So I really appreciate all  
19 of the hard work you do. If you get a  
20 chance to drive by the Harrison Avenue  
21 bridge take a look at what we did and maybe  
22 you will have a day where you will actually  
23 smile and say, hey, things are doing -- we  
24 are doing pretty well in Scranton, we are  
25 doing our best and there are people out

1           there every day volunteering to make the  
2           city a better place, and I'll discuss the  
3           parking issue when we get to the agenda  
4           items.

5                         MR. WECHSLER: Thank you, Mr. Evans.  
6           Mr. Gaughan?

7                         MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, thank you. Just  
8           a few items. First of all, I was able to  
9           read through Attorney Shrive's letter  
10          briefly, because there is not much in it,  
11          you know, this is a bad joke to me this  
12          letter. We have waited weeks and weeks and  
13          weeks and we went back and forth on this  
14          issue and this is what we get? It's a joke.  
15          So this tells me that the mayor and his  
16          administration -- first of all, we don't  
17          know where the mayor stands on the issue,  
18          and secondly, it tells me he doesn't care  
19          about the residents of Greenridge and those  
20          affected by this issue. We need leadership.  
21          This is one of the most important issues in  
22          the City of Scranton and this two-page  
23          letter doesn't tell me anything other than  
24          the administration wants to pawn this off on  
25          the neighborhood group or somebody else so,

1           you know, we need to find an alternative way  
2           working with the neighborhood association  
3           and Friends of Lackawanna to attack this  
4           issue and to make sure that this line is  
5           sealed off and we don't have to deal with  
6           this ever again.

7                         In regards to the former property  
8           that housed a dry cleaners in the 300 block  
9           of Pittston Avenue that was recently  
10          mentioned in the newspaper, I know that the  
11          Licensing and Inspections Department said  
12          that they are looking for money to tear it  
13          down. I think we need to research and  
14          investigate and maybe there are already  
15          doing this, any existing state or federal  
16          programs that deal with environmental issues  
17          like this there will be money there and we  
18          need to move fast because this is a huge  
19          public safety issue for the residents in  
20          that area.

21                        I received an e-mail about an issue  
22          of One Cross Drive on East Mountain. There  
23          is large holes opening up in front of the  
24          gentleman's house there and in front of his  
25          driveway. He has been filling it for the

1 last few years but they've gotten  
2 progressively worse and drainage in that  
3 area is an issue, so I'll ask that the city  
4 engineer and the DPW take a look at that  
5 problem.

6 I ask this week for an update on the  
7 quality of life ticket program. I'd like to  
8 know how many tickets have been issued so  
9 far this year and what amount has been  
10 collected.

11 We did receive a draft letter from  
12 the Law Department regarding the Young  
13 property on Wyoming Avenue. That letter  
14 should be going out soon so we can finally  
15 begin emergency work on that project.

16 The signs for the Young Lungs  
17 program that will displayed in our parks  
18 should be delivered by mid-July according to  
19 Tony Gallanti from the American Lung  
20 Association so that was good news.

21 And I have asked for more  
22 information in week on the Rockwell Avenue  
23 bridge project and what exactly the reason  
24 is for the delay in getting that project  
25 finished. Now the timeline has moved into



1 next year. The information that was  
2 provided was sort of vague so I'm still not  
3 sure what has exactly has pushed the project  
4 back and, of course, residents in that area  
5 are extremely frustrated. I asked last week  
6 if correspondence be sent to the Recreation  
7 Authority regarding the Authority paying for  
8 a police officer to patrol Nay Aug Park. I  
9 still haven't received a response yet so I  
10 would like that correspondence to be sent  
11 again and I'd like an answer before next  
12 week's meeting. I believe that this should  
13 be part of the regular duty of whoever is  
14 patrolling that area and in the past it's  
15 always been done that way so I haven't  
16 gotten clarification on exactly what's going  
17 on there.

18 Also, I have not received any  
19 response from Mayor Courtright regarding any  
20 efforts made to try to keep the Governor's  
21 Northeast Regional office from leaving the  
22 Oppenheim building downtown and relocating  
23 to Pittston. I also sent a letter to  
24 Governor Wolf asking him fro an explanation  
25 on what the reason was. I was disappointed

1 to find out that one of the Governor's  
2 contributors owns the building the office  
3 moved to in Pittston. So this is in my  
4 opinion is a total slap in the face to the  
5 City of Scranton, the largest city in the  
6 northeast, and to have a regional office  
7 move down to Pittston and this be the reason  
8 or one of the reasons is completely  
9 unacceptable. Thank you.

10 MR. WECHSLER: Thank you. Just a  
11 few comments, just to touch basically on  
12 what we spoke about earlier at the meeting,  
13 Mr. Gaughan talks about leadership required  
14 and city council has been the ones that have  
15 provided leadership on this issue since the  
16 first problem began out there in September.  
17 There has been so many problems with this  
18 line. I can't go into everything that's  
19 been said here, but we are going to continue  
20 to provide leadership on this issue to come  
21 to a positive resolution when this line is  
22 closed permanently. The landfill, as we  
23 discussed, has other alternatives. There is  
24 holding tanks at the landfill, the dedicated  
25 line operates without any problem so I do

1 believe that in the best interest of the  
2 citizens of Scranton this line should be  
3 closed. We don't want a situation where we  
4 look back and say, boy, we missed the boat,  
5 that line should have been closed we don't  
6 want to have something comes up that happens  
7 in other parts of the country where elected  
8 officials are actually looking at jail time  
9 for not doing their duty, so we will be  
10 pursue this as best we can as a council, and  
11 as we spoke in caucus we are all on the same  
12 page on this.

13 In regards to the parking issue as  
14 it was discussed, we all have been reviewing  
15 these documents and as was explained we are  
16 not attorneys, we not financiers, we are not  
17 any of this at all, but to me the bottom  
18 line comes down to this fact that this deal  
19 passes. Currently the city owes \$53  
20 million. When the deal is concluded we will  
21 owe \$32 million, plus we will have garages  
22 repaired and investment in the downtown that  
23 we cannot make with money that we have.  
24 This area is not in a government zone, I  
25 can't get any OECD help, so we are investing

1                   what we can into this area.

2                   Sometimes I feel as though  
3                   I'm waking up in a different world all of  
4                   the time. When I go downtown I see people  
5                   downtown. I'm not sure if our critics on  
6                   council spend the time downtown that I do  
7                   walking through the mall, going down to the  
8                   restaurants. Last week Mr. Rogan talked  
9                   about the fundraiser downtown. To me, there  
10                  is a lot of quality of life downtown and I  
11                  don't know if I'm, as I've been called  
12                  tonight a fool, maybe I'm a fool for  
13                  believing that the downtown is an active  
14                  place. My mother used to tell me I'm smart,  
15                  maybe she was wrong. She is gone, she can't  
16                  defend herself either.

17                  Just a couple of other comments, the  
18                  question was asked last week if we are going  
19                  to complete the funding for the judgment  
20                  bond issue and that has all been completed,  
21                  and it's been quite successful for the city.  
22                  We have been able to go out and get it  
23                  completed in a short timeframe to meet the  
24                  requirements. From what I understand,  
25                  Scranton has not been issued a debt since

1           2012 and at that time the yields were 7.58.5  
2           percent. At this time, the issued debt we  
3           had an average yield of approximately 4  
4           percent and that's something for our city  
5           who has been in the financial despair,  
6           whether you agree with the default or it was  
7           good thing or a bad thing, you can't argue  
8           with the results. The results of it were we  
9           were knocked out of the financial community  
10          and now we are back in.

11                   I received a correspondence  
12           detailing how City Bank stepped into this  
13           program and they say something that I think  
14           all of us here should do. It says, "Just  
15           take a moment to enjoy the tremendous  
16           response investors gave the city today. The  
17           deal represents a true milestone in the  
18           City's recovery and your efforts and  
19           cooperation through the process have been  
20           invaluable."

21                   Mr. Gaughan and I spoke to Mr.  
22           Bulzoni today and we expressed to him that  
23           we weren't sure if we were going to make  
24           that June 30 date. You know, my opinion  
25           government moves at a certain speed and the

1 deadline of June 30 really isn't the speed  
2 that government moves at so this got  
3 completed, it's another thing behind us, so  
4 'm quite happy with that.

5 Tonight we didn't receive any  
6 questions about audit prep, I was ready for  
7 some answers so I'll give them anyway. The  
8 audit prep work I believe the letter that I  
9 received here they are 25 steps for audit  
10 prep work, 21 have been completed, four  
11 outstanding issues that are still to be  
12 worked on, and according to the  
13 correspondence I received they will be  
14 working on those this week so they have  
15 submitted the work papers to us before a  
16 completed sessions so the audit prep is  
17 proceeding. That's all I have tonight.  
18 Thank you.

19 MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
20 A RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF PAUL BERNARDI,  
21 306 EDWARD DRIVE, CLARKS SUMMIT,  
22 PENNSYLVANIA, 18411, AS A MEMBER OF THE FIRE  
23 PENSION COMMISSION, EFFECTIVE JUNE 16, 2016.  
24 MR. BERNARDI WILL BE REPRESENTING THE  
25 RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS ON THE COMMISSION FOR A

1 FIVE (5) YEAR TERM WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE  
2 16, 2021.

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

6 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

7 MR. EVANS: Second.

8 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?

9 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on this question,  
10 these two gentlemen are representatives for  
11 the retired firefighters. They have come  
12 from a list that have been put up from the  
13 retired firefighters, and as such  
14 Mr. Bernardi is listed as Clarks Summit, but  
15 as a retired firefighter he is no longer  
16 required to live in the city so he can still  
17 be an active participant on the board.

18 All those in favor of introduction  
19 signify by saying aye.

20 MR. PERRY: Aye.

21 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

22 MR. EVANS: Aye.

23 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

1 MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
2 A RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF BERNARD  
3 GARVEY, 601 MERIDIAN AVENUE, SCRANTON,  
4 PENNSYLVANIA, 18504, AS A MEMBER OF THE FIRE  
5 PENSION COMMISSION, EFFECTIVE JUNE 16, 2016.  
6 MR. GARVEY WILL BE REPRESENTING THE RETIRED  
7 FIREFIGHTERS ON THE COMMISSION FOR A FIVE  
8 (5) YEAR TERM WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 16,  
9 2021.

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

13 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

14 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

18 MR. PERRY: Aye.

19 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

20 MR. EVANS: Aye.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

24 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION - A  
25 RESOLUTION - ADOPTING AND IMPLEMENTING THE



1 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES RELATING TO  
2 COMPLIANCE WITH CONTINUING DISCLOSURE  
3 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON,  
4 LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

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

8 MR. ROGAN: So moved.

9 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

13 MR. PERRY: Aye.

14 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

15 MR. EVANS: Aye.

16 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

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

20 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.  
21 37, 2016 - AN ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE  
22 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS  
23 TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO CONCESSION  
24 ARRANGEMENTS WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
25 PROPERTIES, SCRANTON, INC. (THE

1 "CONCESSIONAIRE") WITH RESPECT TO METERED  
2 PARKING IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON (THE "CITY")  
3 AND THE GARAGES OWNED BY THE PARKING  
4 AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON,  
5 PENNSYLVANIA (THE "AUTHORITY") PURSUANT TO  
6 THE SCRANTON METERED PARKING SYSTEM  
7 CONCESSION AND SERVICES AGREEMENT (THE  
8 "METERED SYSTEM CONCESSION AGREEMENT") AND  
9 SCRANTON PARKING FACILITIES SYSTEM  
10 CONCESSION AND LEASE AGREEMENT (THE  
11 "FACILITIES CONCESSION AGREEMENT"), AND TO  
12 AUTHORIZE CERTAIN ACTIONS AND ANCILLARY  
13 AGREEMENTS CONTEMPLATED BY THE METERED  
14 SYSTEM CONCESSION AGREEMENT AND THE  
15 FACILITIES CONCESSION AGREEMENT.

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

18 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-A  
19 pass reading by title.

20 MR. EVANS: Second.

21 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?

22 MR. EVANS: On the question, I'm  
23 going to take this opportunity to talk about  
24 the parking issue a little bit. It's become  
25 increasingly clear that default of the

1           Parking Authority and the transition for  
2           receiver has created a situation that has  
3           the city boxed in with very few options. We  
4           certainly can't go back because the ability  
5           to borrow money or rebuild aging parking  
6           garages is not an option for the city.  
7           Piling more debt on top of more debt to  
8           operate a system that is bleeding losses  
9           makes no sense. To paraphrase a children's  
10          story, Humpty Dumpty has fallen off the wall  
11          and no one is going to put him back together  
12          again. To double down on a government  
13          parking model makes little sense. We simply  
14          don't belong in the parking business because  
15          government run parking, however well  
16          intentioned, has brought us to where we are  
17          today, boxed in and broke. Is this the best  
18          deal? Of course not, but the best deal does  
19          not exist because when others hold all of  
20          cards this is what you get. You lick your  
21          wounds, hope you learn from mistakes of the  
22          past, and you move on hopefully leaner and  
23          certainly less in debt.

24                           Bill Conaway put it best at our  
25                           Tuesday work session in this situation it

1 was like a city was handcuffed, tied in a  
2 straight jacket, shackled and hanging upside  
3 down in a Houdini tank. The complaints  
4 about mall parking make for good sound  
5 bites, but the reality is this deal doesn't  
6 happen without that arrangement. Complaints  
7 about the sale of the Electric City garage,  
8 again, while it may make for good  
9 conversation at a coffee shop, the deal  
10 doesn't happen without that agreement. If  
11 the EC garage was sold separately to anyone  
12 it would be in direct competition to NDC and  
13 the financing for this deal and this deal  
14 itself doesn't happen.

15 So while I appreciate all of the  
16 input and comments we have gotten, good and  
17 bad, what I have not heard though all of the  
18 noise is an alternative solution. While  
19 this deal will continue to be vetted, I am  
20 confident this city council is taking the  
21 right approach in our attempts at fact  
22 finding and our pursuit of understanding  
23 this truly complex package, and I'm also  
24 confident with all factors considered at  
25 this moment in time this is the right thing

1 to do, this is the only thing to do. That's  
2 al I have for now.

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

5 MR. PERRY: Aye.

6 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

7 MR. EVANS: Aye.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

11 MS. REED: 6-B. READING BY TITLE -  
12 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 38, 2016 - AN  
13 ORDINANCE - ATTACHED IS AN ORDINANCE OF THE  
14 CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON,  
15 LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING  
16 AND DIRECTING ISSUANCE OF ITS GENERAL  
17 OBLIGATION NOTES, SERIES OF 2016 (THE  
18 "NOTES") IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT  
19 NOT TO EXCEED \$47,000,000 PURSUANT TO THE  
20 ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
21 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, KNOWN AS THE  
22 LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT DEBT ACT, WITH THE  
23 PROCEEDS, TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR AND TOWARD  
24 THE COSTS OF A PROJECT CONSISTING OF: (1)  
25 REFUNDING ALL OF THE CITY'S OUTSTANDING

1 LEASE RENTAL DEBT REPRESENTED BY THE CITY'S  
2 GUARANTY OF THE PARKING AUTHORITY OF THE  
3 CITY OF SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA'S GUARANTEED  
4 PARKING REVENUE BONDS, SERIES OF 2004,  
5 GUARANTEED PARKING REVENUE BONDS, SERIES OF  
6 2006 AND GUARANTEED PARKING REVENUE BONDS,  
7 SERIES OF 2007 (COLLECTIVELY, THE "*REFUNDED*  
8 *BONDS*"), (2) FUNDING RENOVATIONS TO VARIOUS  
9 FIRE STATIONS LOCATED IN THE CITY, AND (3)  
10 PAYING THE COSTS RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF  
11 THE NOTES; FINDING A PRIVATE SALE BY  
12 NEGOTIATION TO BE IN THE BEST FINANCIAL  
13 INTERESTS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT;  
14 DETERMINING THAT SUCH DEBT SHALL BE  
15 NONELECTORAL DEBT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
16 UNIT; ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FOR PURCHASE OF  
17 SUCH NOTES, AND AWARDING SUCH NOTES, AND  
18 SETTING FORTH RELATED PROVISIONS; PROVIDING  
19 THAT SUCH GENERAL OBLIGATION NOTES, WHEN  
20 ISSUED, SHALL BE GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE  
21 LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT; FIXING THE  
22 SUBSTANTIAL FORM, DENOMINATIONS, NUMBERS,  
23 DATE, MATURITY DATES, YIELDS, INTEREST  
24 RATES, INTEREST PAYMENT DATES, REGISTRATION  
25 PROVISIONS, PLACE OF PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL,

1 MATURITY AMOUNT AND INTEREST; AUTHORIZING  
2 EXECUTION OF SUCH NOTES AND AUTHENTICATION  
3 THEREOF; PROVIDING COVENANTS RELATED TO  
4 PAYMENT OF DEBT SERVICE AND PLEDGING THE  
5 FULL FAITH, CREDIT AND TAXING POWER OF THE  
6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT IN SUPPORT THEREOF;  
7 CREATING A SINKING FUND AND A CLEARING  
8 ACCOUNT; APPOINTING AGENTS AND  
9 PROFESSIONALS; AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION  
10 OF BOND INSURANCE; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING  
11 SPECIFIED OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
12 UNIT TO DO, TO TAKE AND TO PERFORM CERTAIN  
13 SPECIFIED, REQUIRED, NECESSARY OR  
14 APPROPRIATE ACTS AND THINGS; RATIFYING PRIOR  
15 ADVERTISEMENT AND DIRECTING FURTHER  
16 ADVERTISEMENT; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF  
17 EXPENSES; AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF A  
18 PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND FINAL  
19 OFFICIAL STATEMENT; PROVIDING COVENANTS  
20 RELATED TO CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AND  
21 COMPLIANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNAL  
22 REVENUE CODE; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES  
23 OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INsofar AS THE SAME  
24 SHALL BE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

25 MR. WECHSLER: You've heard reading

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

2 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-B  
3 pass reading by title.

4 MR. EVANS: Second.

5 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?

6 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question.  
7 You know, within all of bonds we are taking  
8 out we are taking out an additional \$1.75  
9 million for firehouse renovations. It had  
10 come to my attention last week when  
11 Councilman Perry had mentioned that within  
12 this \$1.75 million we may also use part of  
13 that to build a structure for the police  
14 department behind police headquarters so my  
15 first question is what are the plans for  
16 this structure? What does it entail? What  
17 is the cost estimate? I think we should  
18 know that before we take a final vote on  
19 this.

20 Also, if you look at the \$1.75  
21 million if you renovate the firehouses and  
22 you build a police structure if there is  
23 money left over what will be done with that  
24 money? I asked at the public works session  
25 and nobody really had a straight answer.



1           Would we have to amend or, you know, do  
2           something to spend the extra money? What I  
3           don't want to happen is that any of the  
4           money left over becomes a blank check for  
5           the mayor and the administration on any of  
6           the pet projects that they would like to do.  
7           I just want more clarification on this part  
8           of the deal before we move forward for final  
9           vote next week.

10                   MR. EVANS: I guess my question  
11           would be is as projects are identified would  
12           they come back to us for any approval?

13                   MR. GAUGHAN: And I asked that  
14           question and they said they weren't sure. I  
15           mean, and I definitely want more information  
16           about the structure for the police  
17           department. How much does that cost? Has  
18           there been an estimate and are there plans?  
19           I have no idea so, like I said, before we  
20           move forward I think we should have further  
21           clarification because, like I said, I mean,  
22           I would not want this to be a blank check  
23           for, you know, the mayor to use next year  
24           for whatever he wants, I don't think that's  
25           appropriate.

1 MR. WECHSLER: All those in favor  
2 signify by saying aye.

3 MR. PERRY: Aye.

4 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

5 MR. EVANS: Aye.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

9 MS. REED: 6-C. READING BY TITLE -  
10 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 39, 2016 - AN  
11 ORDINANCE - EXTENDING THE TERM OF EXISTENCE  
12 OF THE PARKING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF  
13 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA (THE "AUTHORITY") TO  
14 FIFTY (50) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF ENACTMENT  
15 OF THIS ORDINANCE; DIRECTING THE PUBLICATION  
16 OF NOTICE OF ENACTMENT HEREOF AND OF INTENT  
17 TO FILE A CERTIFIED COPY HEREOF, TOGETHER  
18 WITH PROOFS OF PUBLICATION OF SUCH NOTICE,  
19 WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, AND  
20 DIRECTING SUCH FILING, ALL PURSUANT TO THE  
21 PARKING AUTHORITY LAW; AND REPEALING  
22 INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, OR  
23 PARTS THEREOF.

24 MR. WECHSLER: You've heard reading  
25 by title of Item 6-C, what is your pleasure?

1 MR. ROGAN: Mr. Chairman, I move  
2 that Item 6-C pass reading by title.

3 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

6 MR. PERRY: Aye.

7 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

8 MR. EVANS: Aye.

9 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

12 MS. REED: 6-D. READING BY TITLE -  
13 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 40, 2016 - AN  
14 ORDINANCE - REPEALING FILE OF THE COUNCIL  
15 NO. 30, 2012 (AS AMENDED) ENTITLED "IMPOSING  
16 A TAX FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES ON  
17 OPERATORS OF PARKING SPACES AT THE RATE OF  
18 FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%) UPON EACH PARKING  
19 TRANSACTION AND ESTABLISHING ANNUAL LICENSE  
20 PROCEDURES AND FEES AND PROMULGATING THE  
21 RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING RULES AND  
22 REGULATIONS ON PARKING TRANSACTIONS PURSUANT  
23 TO THE LOCAL TAX ENABLING ACT 53 PA. C.S.A.  
24 6901 ET SEQ AND FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 30,  
25 2014 WHICH AMENDED FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.

1 30, 2012.

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

4 MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-D  
5 pass reading by title.

6 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

9 MR. PERRY: Aye.

10 MR. ROGAN: Aye.

11 MR. EVANS: Aye.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

15 MS. REED: 6-E. READING BY TITLE -  
16 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 41, 2016 - AN  
17 ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.  
18 91, 2002 "AN ORDINANCE AS AMENDED PROVIDING  
19 FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PARKING METER ZONES  
20 WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON; ESTABLISHING  
21 HOURS OF OPERATION; PROVIDING FOR THE  
22 INSTALLATION OF METERS AND PARKING METER  
23 RATES; AUTHORIZING THE ENFORCEMENT OF  
24 PARKING ORDINANCES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES  
25 FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF" BY AMENDING SECTION

1 3(A) TO REFLECT THE CHANGE IN HOURLY RATES.

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

4 MR. ROGAN: Mr. Chairman, I move  
5 that Item 6-E pass reading by title.

6 MR. EVANS: Second.

7 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?

8 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I'd just like to  
9 mention, because I know a lot of the  
10 questions weren't heard that clearly at our  
11 meeting on Tuesday, regarding the rates and  
12 regarding any changes to the parking system  
13 they are all spilled out within the  
14 agreement. The initial, it was an increase  
15 of 25 cents on the meters, and a reduction  
16 on the garages from approximately \$94 to  
17 \$90. Further increases will be paced at the  
18 rate of inflation, and most importantly the  
19 biggest concern I had throughout this entire  
20 process was new meters being added. We have  
21 been assured that meters will not -- through  
22 this agreement will not be added any  
23 commercial districts and neighborhoods. For  
24 instance, Main Avenue in West Scranton, the  
25 Providence area in North Scranton where

1           there are a number of business owners that  
2           were very concerned with this agreement that  
3           there would now be meters where there  
4           weren't before, so this agreement only  
5           affects downtown parking areas where there  
6           are existing meters. There may be  
7           additional meters added in the downtown  
8           area, but not in the business districts  
9           throughout the city.

10                   MR. WECHSLER: Yes, and one  
11           interesting thing that came up while we were  
12           at the meeting, and this is something that  
13           this council has been pursuing for awhile,  
14           we talked about snow removal in the city  
15           because it will become a much more important  
16           issue now that an outside company is  
17           managing those. Representatives from the  
18           MBA and NDC both agreed that they would  
19           provide off street parking in snow  
20           emergencies for the city to be able to get  
21           out and plow snow from the streets so it's  
22           something that we have been asking the  
23           receiver for about three years now and if  
24           there is -- I believe they are, if they are  
25           men of their word they said that's something

1           that they would be able to start this  
2           winter. I was very encouraged by that.

3                   All those in favor signify by saying  
4           aye.

5                   MR. PERRY: Aye.

6                   MR. ROGAN: Aye.

7                   MR. EVANS: Aye.

8                   MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

11                   MS. REED: 6-F. READING BY TITLE -  
12          FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 42, 2016 - AN  
13          ORDINANCE - AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE  
14          CODE OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON (THE "CODE"),  
15          CHAPTER 439 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC BY ADDING  
16          AND DELETING LANGUAGE IN SECTIONS 439-12,  
17          439-25, 439-26, 439-27, 439-29, 439-29.1,  
18          439-41, 439-43, 439-45, 439-48, 439-51,  
19          439-52, 439-53, 439-54, 439-60 AND 439-61.

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

22                   MR. ROGAN: I move that Item 6-F  
23          pass reading by title.

24                   MR. EVANS: Second.

25                   MR. WECHSLER: On the question? All

1           those in favor signify by saying aye.

2                   MR. PERRY: Aye.

3                   MR. ROGAN: Aye.

4                   MR. EVANS: Aye.

5                   MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

8                   MS. REED: 6-G. READING BY TITLE -  
9           FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 43, 2016 - AN  
10          ORDINANCE - AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE  
11          CODE OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, CHAPTER 439  
12          VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, BY ADDING AND DELETING  
13          LANGUAGE IN SECTION 439-28 ENFORCE ON-STREET  
14          PARKING REGULATIONS.

15                  MR. WECHSLER: You've heard reading  
16          by title of Item 6-G, what is your pleasure?

17                  MR. ROGAN: Mr. Chairman, I move  
18          that Item 6-G pass reading by title.

19                  MR. EVANS: Second.

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

22                  MR. PERRY: Aye.

23                  MR. ROGAN: Aye.

24                  MR. EVANS: Aye.

25                  MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.



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

3 MS. REED: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR  
4 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES -  
5 FOR ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 31,  
6 2016 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND  
7 ENTER INTO THE AGREEMENT OF  
8 INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AND MEMORANDUM  
9 OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE  
10 LACKAWANNA COUNTY LAND BANK, COUNTY OF  
11 LACKAWANNA, CITY OF SCRANTON AND SCRANTON  
12 SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR LAND BANK ACQUISITION  
13 AND RESTORATION OF BLIGHTED, VACANT,  
14 ABANDONED AND TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTIES.

15 MR. WECHSLER: As Chairperson for  
16 the Committee on Rules, I recommend final  
17 passage of Item 7-A.

18 MR. ROGAN: Second.

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

21 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Perry.

22 MR. PERRY: Yes.

23 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

24 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

25 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

1 MR. EVANS: Yes.

2 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

3 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

4 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

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

8 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION BY  
9 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION - FILE  
10 OF THE COUNCIL NO. 32, 2016 APPROVING AND  
11 AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN  
12 PROPERTIES BY EMINENT DOMAIN, DEED IN LIEU  
13 OF CONDEMNATION, AGREEMENT, OR OTHERWISE OF  
14 ANY AND ALL RIGHTS, LICENSES, PERSONAL  
15 PROPERTY, EASEMENTS, INTERESTS, OR TITLES IN  
16 REAL ESTATE AND/OR STRUCTURES REQUIRED IN  
17 ORDER TO OBTAIN FEE SIMPLE TITLE TO SAID  
18 PROPERTIES TO COMPLETE THE LACKAWANNA RIVER  
19 LOCAL FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT.

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

23 MR. ROGAN: Second.

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

1 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Perry.

2 MR. PERRY: Yes.

3 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

4 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

5 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

6 MR. EVANS: Yes.

7 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

9 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

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

13 MS. REED: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION BY  
14 THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - FOR  
15 ADOPTION - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 33, 2016  
16 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER  
17 APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO APPROVE THE  
18 USE OF THE SCRANTON HOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
19 (SHAP) AS AN INCENTIVE FOR PROSPECTIVE  
20 HOMEBUYERS TO PURCHASE SINGLE FAMILY HOMES  
21 WITHIN THE CITY OF SCRANTON.

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

25 MR. ROGAN: As Chairperson for the

1 Committee on Community Development, I  
2 recommend final passage of Item 7-C.

3 MR. EVANS: Second.

4 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?

5 Roll call, please?

6 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Perry.

7 MR. PERRY: Yes.

8 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

9 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

10 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

11 MR. EVANS: Yes.

12 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

14 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

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

18 MS. REED: 7-D. FOR CONSIDERATION  
19 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -  
20 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 34, 2016 - AMENDING  
21 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 21, 2016 AN  
22 ORDINANCE ENTITLED "DEFINING AND AUTHORIZING  
23 TAX EXEMPTIONS FROM REAL PROPERTY TAX IN  
24 ORDER TO IMPROVE DETERIORATING REAL PROPERTY  
25 IN CERTAIN AREAS IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON,

1 ESTABLISHING AN EXEMPTION SCHEDULE AND  
2 PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING EXEMPTIONS, AND  
3 PROVIDING FOR NON-PERMISSIBLE EXEMPTIONS AND  
4 LIMITING AMENDMENT THERETO" BY AMENDING  
5 SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE TO CHANGE THE  
6 RESPONSE TIME FOR APPROVALS BY THE SCHOOL  
7 DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON AND  
8 LACKAWANNA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
9 FROM THIRTY (30) DAYS TO NINETY (90) DAYS.

10 MR. WECHSLER: As Chairperson for  
11 the Committee on Rules, I recommend final  
12 passage of Item 7-D.

13 MR. ROGAN: Second.

14 MR. WECHSLER: On the question? I  
15 just want to note on the question we were  
16 told that the school board will be voting on  
17 this Monday evening. Roll call, please?

18 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Perry.

19 MR. PERRY: Yes.

20 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

21 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

22 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

23 MR. EVANS: Yes.

24 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

25 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

1 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

2 MR. WECHSLER: Yes. I hereby  
3 declare Item 7-D legally and lawfully  
4 adopted.

5 MS. REED: 7-E. FOR CONSIDERATION BY  
6 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION - FILE  
7 OF THE COUNCIL NO. 35, 2016 - AMENDING FILE  
8 OF THE COUNCIL NO. 22, 2016, AN ORDINANCE  
9 ENTITLED "DEFINING AND AUTHORIZING TAX  
10 EXEMPTIONS FROM REAL PROPERTY TAX IN ORDER  
11 TO STIMULATE RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND  
12 OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITY IN CERTAIN AREAS IN  
13 THE CITY OF SCRANTON, ESTABLISHING AN  
14 EXEMPTION SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURES FOR  
15 OBTAINING EXEMPTIONS, PROVIDING FOR  
16 NON-PERMISSIBLE EXEMPTIONS AND LIMITING  
17 AMENDMENT THERETO" BY AMENDING SECTION 10.  
18 EFFECTIVE DATE TO CHANGE THE RESPONSE TIME  
19 FOR APPROVALS BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE  
20 CITY OF SCRANTON AND LACKAWANNA COUNTY BOARD  
21 OF COMMISSIONERS FROM THIRTY (30) DAYS TO  
22 NINETY (90) DAYS.

23 MR. WECHSLER: As Chairperson for  
24 the Committee on Finance, I recommend final  
25 passage of Item 7-E.

1 MR. ROGAN: Second.

2 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?

3 Roll call, please?

4 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Perry.

5 MR. PERRY: Yes.

6 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

7 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

8 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

9 MR. EVANS: Yes.

10 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

11 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

12 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

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

16 MS. REED: 7-F. FOR CONSIDERATION  
17 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -  
18 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 36, 2016 - AMENDING  
19 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 57 OF 1996 (AS  
20 AMENDED), ENTITLED "DEFINING AND AUTHORIZING  
21 TAX EXEMPTIONS FROM REAL PROPERTY TAX IN  
22 ORDER TO STIMULATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT  
23 IN CERTAIN AREAS IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON,  
24 ESTABLISHING AN EXEMPTION SCHEDULE AND  
25 PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING EXEMPTIONS,

1 PROVIDING FOR NON-PERMISSIBLE EXEMPTIONS,  
2 AND LIMITING AMENDMENTS HERETO" BY AMENDING  
3 SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE TO CHANGE THE  
4 RESPONSE TIME FOR APPROVALS BY THE SCHOOL  
5 DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON AND  
6 LACKAWANNA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
7 FROM THIRTY (30) DAYS TO NINETY (90) DAYS.

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

11 MR. ROGAN: Second.

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

14 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Perry.

15 MR. PERRY: Yes.

16 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

17 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

18 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

19 MR. EVANS: Yes.

20 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

21 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

22 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

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



1 MS. REED: 7-G. FOR CONSIDERATION  
2 BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES - FOR ADOPTION -  
3 RESOLUTION NO. 47, 2016 - AUTHORIZING THE  
4 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS  
5 TO APPROVE THE BOND COMPLIANCE POLICIES AND  
6 PROCEDURES FOR THE TAX EXEMPT STATUS OF  
7 TAX-EXEMPT BONDS OR NOTES ISSUED FOR ITS  
8 BENEFIT.

9 MR. WECHSLER: As Chairperson for  
10 the Committee on Rules, I recommend final  
11 passage of Item 7-G.

12 MR. ROGAN: Second.

13 MR. WECHSLER: On the question?  
14 Roll call, please?

15 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Perry.

16 MR. PERRY: Yes.

17 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

18 MR. ROGAN: Yes.

19 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

20 MR. EVANS: Yes.

21 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

22 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

23 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Wechsler.

24 MR. WECHSLER: Yes. I hereby  
25 declare Item 7-G legally and lawfully

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

MR. ROGAN: Motion to adjourn.

MR. WECHSLER: Meeting adjourned.

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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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