

SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

ROBERT MCGOFF, PRESIDENT  
(Not present)

PATRICK ROGAN, VICE-PRESIDENT

WAYNE EVANS

JOSEPH WECHSLER

WILLIAM GAUGHAN

LORI REED, CITY CLERK

JAMIE MARCIANO, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

AMIL MINORA, SOLICITOR

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

3 MR. ROGAN: Roll call, please.

4 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Wechsler.

5 MR. WECHSLER: 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. McGoff.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: I make a motion to  
14 appoint Councilman Rogan as temporary  
15 chairperson for the Committee on Rules.

16 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

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

20 MR. EVANS: So moved.

21 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

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

24 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

25 MR. EVANS: Aye.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

2 MR. ROGAN: Aye. Opposed? The ayes  
3 have it and so moved.

4 Dispense with the reading of the  
5 minutes.

6 MS. REED: THIRD ORDER. 3-A. MINUTES  
7 OF THE SCRANTON FIREFIGHTERS PENSION  
8 COMMISSION MEETING HELD AUGUST 26, 2015.

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

11 MS. REED: 3-B. AGENDA FOR THE  
12 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION MEETING HELD  
13 SEPTEMBER 23, 2015.

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

16 MS. REED: 3-C. MINUTES OF THE  
17 NON-UNIFORM MUNICIPAL PENSION BOARD MEETING  
18 HELD AUGUST 26, 2015.

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

21 MS. REED: 3-D. MINUTES OF THE  
22 SCRANTON POLICE PENSION COMMISSION MEETING  
23 HELD AUGUST 26, 2015.

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

1 MS. REED: 3-E. AUDITED STATEMENT OF  
2 THE SCRANTON SEWER AUTHORITY FOR YEAR ENDING  
3 MARCH 31, 2015.

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

6 MS. REED: 3-F. TAX ASSESSOR'S  
7 REPORTS FOR HEARING DATES TO BE HELD OCTOBER  
8 16 AND OCTOBER 21, 2015.

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

11 MS. REED: 3-G. AGENDA FOR THE  
12 LACKAWANNA COUNTY TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE  
13 MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 24, 2015.

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

16 MS. REED: 3-H. MINUTES OF THE  
17 LACKAWANNA COUNTY TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE  
18 MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 26, 2015.

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

22 MR. WECHSLER: I have one, Mr. Rogan.  
23 The North Scranton Neighborhood Association  
24 Watch will be having it's Octoberfest on  
25 Saturday. It will be taking place from 6 to

1 10 at the Holy Rosary School auditorium.  
2 The ticket cost is \$15 which includes food,  
3 drink and entertainment. There will also be  
4 basket raffles and 50/50 and I went last  
5 year and it's a great event.

6 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else?

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, I have two. This  
8 Saturday, October 3, there will be a Crowley  
9 Park cleanup in Greenridge from 10 a.m. to 2  
10 p.m. Also, there will be an event Saturday,  
11 October 10, called Veteran's Stand Down from  
12 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lackawanna College,  
13 Scranton campus, 500 Jefferson Avenue.  
14 There is different services that will be  
15 available to veterans such as ID services,  
16 shelter, clothing, legal advice, medical,  
17 dental and vision care, benefits and claims  
18 assistance, employment assistance, drug and  
19 alcohol treatment services, spiritual care  
20 among many other different services, and if  
21 you would like to know more about this event  
22 you can contact Kevin Cope, the outreach  
23 assistant at 973-270-1103.

24 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Any other  
25 announcements?

1 MS. REED: FOURTH ORDER. CITIZENS'  
2 PARTICIPATION.

3 MR. ROGAN: Our first speaker tonight  
4 is Joan Hodowanitz.

5 MS. HODOWANITZ: Joan Hodowanitz,  
6 taxpayer and resident. I was very impressed  
7 by the presentation that DPW made during  
8 your informal caucus at 6 p.m. I would hope  
9 that one of you, perhaps you, Mr. Rogan, as  
10 acting president of council, can summarize  
11 for the public who did not hear that, how  
12 they explained what they were doing in terms  
13 of bids for the paving of streets. That is  
14 the kind of thing that I think the taxpayers  
15 need to hear about that it reassures us that  
16 they are providing proper stewardship of our  
17 taxpayer dollars, so if you could summarize  
18 that later.

19 Having said that, let's talk about  
20 the stewardship of the other dollars. By  
21 November 15 you will be receiving, I hope,  
22 the 2016 operating budget draft and what is  
23 of concern to me, and I think a lot of other  
24 taxpayers, is how reliable were the 2015  
25 projected figures of revenues and

1 expenditures and want them to be the figures  
2 we are going to see for 2016 and there are  
3 still a lot of shoes that need to drop, for  
4 example, the city has been working for  
5 several months now on the monetization of  
6 the Sewer Authority and the Parking  
7 Authority. Mr. Bulzoni himself said last  
8 week that the city needs to make at least  
9 \$50 million on the Sewer Authority to  
10 superfund the pension funds, so hopefully we  
11 will get some kind of information in the  
12 following weeks where we stand with that.

13 The issue with the double pensions,  
14 seven of the retirees receiving double  
15 pensions have made a decision that they will  
16 be paid until the end of the year with  
17 exception, of course, of Jimmy Connors and  
18 then going forward next year they will not  
19 receive a double pension, but what's going  
20 to go on and happen with the 28 other  
21 pensioners who are receiving double pensions  
22 that, indeed, is a lot of money.

23 What is the status of the some of  
24 our outstanding lawsuits, including the one  
25 from police and fire over their retiree



1 raises, and the lawsuit over rental  
2 registration legislation? Has the city come  
3 up with a contingency of what would it cost  
4 the city should they lose one or both  
5 lawsuits and how would that impact the 2016  
6 operating budget. I understand from Mr.  
7 Bulzoni last week that the municipal pension  
8 plans will probably not be placed under  
9 state management. This may cost us in the  
10 future in terms of continued mismanagement  
11 unless we can show the city that we are  
12 tightening up all ordinances related to the  
13 pensions. We haven't heard anything about  
14 the status of ordinance of the pensions.  
15 And the pension plans themselves next August  
16 we should be receiving Mr. DePasquale's next  
17 two-year audit of the municipal pension  
18 plans. Keep in mind that the stock market  
19 has taken a major hit this year. It's gone  
20 from a high of 18,351 points in May to  
21 today's closing of 16,273 points, so that's  
22 going to impact the asset valuation of those  
23 municipal pension plans, and what's that  
24 going to do to the distressed status of  
25 those plans? That will be coming out next

1 August.

2 What is the status of the city's  
3 attempts to obtain bond to pay the \$24  
4 million Court-ordered award to the unions?  
5 That should be factored into the 2016  
6 budget. I'd like to see how that is  
7 explained. That's been hanging for  
8 something like three years. So those are  
9 some of the things we need to know about.

10 The status of the LST tax since  
11 apparently we are coming up short in 2015  
12 and how that's going to be projected for  
13 next year. Rental registration fees, aren't  
14 those still stuck in escrow because of the  
15 lawsuit and, you know, you only got 45 days  
16 before they present you with a draft budget  
17 so if that's not resolved I want to see how  
18 they deal with that. And then so that's 45  
19 days before you see that budget.

20 The last the thing is I would still  
21 like to know when is SB & Company going to  
22 give us a status on the 2014 audit. Haven't  
23 heard anything on this side of the railing.  
24 Thank you.

25 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Bob Bolus.

1 MR. BOLUS: Good evening, Council.  
2 Bob Bolus, Scranton. Let's see, starting  
3 point here tonight. First of all, I would  
4 like to extend our best wishes to Bob McGoff  
5 for a speedy recovery and let him know our  
6 prayers go with him. You know, he is going  
7 through a hell of a thing right now and I  
8 know Bob is a fighter, we have fought here  
9 many, many times but we always left it  
10 inside of this building, it never extended  
11 outside of the room, and he is to be  
12 commended for that and I just hope  
13 everything goes well with him. I would like  
14 to see him back because I enjoy a good  
15 fight.

16 One of the other issues that I have  
17 was that the commissioners have made a  
18 proposal of \$750,000 for the mall. It's  
19 time we get realistic in the City of  
20 Scranton. \$750,000 to a guy who is spending  
21 millions on everything else, millions for  
22 lights, buying properties for eight, nine  
23 hundred thousand dollars, building this  
24 building and that, why would we give him  
25 \$750,000? That \$750,000 the council should

1 stand up for this, it should go to the  
2 people in this county that actually need it  
3 to get going somewhere to help start a  
4 business and do the things that are  
5 important, and I think council should send a  
6 letter to the commissioners to reevaluate  
7 their position. You know, the man has a  
8 full pocket, he has no problem spending  
9 millions and millions of dollars, in fact,  
10 he has a benefit from the county, he has  
11 only been assessed three plus million  
12 dollars on that mall that he paid 5 1/2 for,  
13 putting a million dollars in lights which is  
14 6 1/2 million, not counting what else is  
15 going to be in there and he is paying a \$3  
16 million assessment on a 25, 30 million  
17 dollar investment? Let him pay the fair  
18 taxes. We didn't tell him to buy it, we  
19 didn't tell anyone to buy it, we looked at  
20 it and we had reasons which we walked away,  
21 which I quoted, nobody wanted to support a  
22 casino or sending a letter and I walked away  
23 from it. If I had bought it I would pay the  
24 taxes.

25 The amount of taxes should be

1           assessed fairly, which they are not, and  
2           that money should go to the people within  
3           the City of Scranton. We need to increase  
4           the tax base and the decrease the tax rate  
5           and this is not good business.

6                       Moving on to one of the main issues  
7           I have KOZ's and nonprofits should pay their  
8           fair share as well, but what's really,  
9           really upset me are the teachers. I think  
10          it's outrageous that these people could go  
11          out on a picket line, question what it's  
12          getting and want more and more and more from  
13          a city that's on the verge of bankruptcy.  
14          How much more do they think is left in this  
15          pocket? They work 180 or 185 days out of  
16          the year. Our company is seven days, 24  
17          hours. We pay taxes on our property, just  
18          like everybody else does. What are we  
19          supporting, let them work a full year like  
20          everybody else. When it snows they stay  
21          home. When they do this, they stay home.  
22          Do they realize the impact they are putting  
23          on not just the children that they have in  
24          here and Mrs. Boland said we're on strike,  
25          but I'm not against the children, Rose Mary

1 Boland, President of the Scranton Federation  
2 of Teachers said. Excuse me, who are you  
3 hurting? You are opening up food banks,  
4 begging for money to feed the kids that  
5 can't eat breakfast and lunch at the school  
6 because they don't have that at home. It's  
7 not about the children, the hell it isn't.  
8 It's everything about the children and that  
9 self-centered, egotistical people.

10 I respect teachers but the problem  
11 is they don't respect us. You know the  
12 handicap and the hardship we have in our  
13 businesses when our people have to stay  
14 home, keep people to watch their children  
15 while these people demand, extort from us  
16 more money, more pay for doing less. The  
17 opposite should be in effect. They should  
18 be getting less money, less benefits and  
19 falling in line with everybody else and  
20 guess what, if you don't want it what would  
21 Donald Trump say? You're fired. Leave the  
22 area. There are many, many people who are  
23 begging for jobs that will come in and work  
24 under a new contract and in the new contract  
25 tell Cy Douide who brought in all of this

1 nonsense that didn't have a relative that  
2 was a relative, all of this nonsense, he  
3 couldn't even speak his mind and say the  
4 truth, put a no strike clause in the  
5 contract that no matter what you don't like,  
6 what doesn't go your way you can't extort  
7 from us ever, ever again, you must work, and  
8 that's what this purpose is and that's what  
9 needs to be done in the City of Scranton.

10 We don't he'd need to be extorted,  
11 we don't have to have solidarity because  
12 remember the unions were created for an  
13 issue called safety to the miners that  
14 worked in unsafe conditions. Go back in  
15 history, go back in time, it wasn't meant to  
16 extort money out of a society just because  
17 you don't like what you are getting and when  
18 it snows you could keep your butts home and  
19 stay nice and warm while a lot of us have to  
20 go to work. That really sucks that this is  
21 going on and they should be ashamed of  
22 themselves, put their stupid signs down and  
23 get your butts back in the classroom, and as  
24 Mrs. Boland said, take care of the children  
25 because that's what this is all about. The

1 education, the instruction and the  
2 leadership of children that's something they  
3 haven't learned yet. Thank you.

4 MR. ROGAN: Thank you, Mr. Bolus.  
5 Doug Miller.

6 MR. MILLER: Good evening, Council.  
7 Doug Miller, Scranton. You know, they say  
8 sometimes in politics you don't always make  
9 the best of friends, but when you leave this  
10 chamber and step away from the political  
11 side of things you kind of put that off to  
12 the side and with that in mind I certainly  
13 would like to offer my thoughts to  
14 Mr. McGoff and his family at this time and I  
15 certainly wish him the best in his recovery.  
16 I certainly didn't always see eye-to-eye  
17 with him on a lot of issues in the city, but  
18 he had a passion for what he believed in and  
19 he fought for what he believed in whether or  
20 not I agree with him or not, and I'm sure he  
21 will carry that fighting attitude with him  
22 as he battles a disgusting disease. I've  
23 had family members that have battled it and  
24 it's an absolutely disgusting disease and my  
25 thoughts and prayers are with him and his



1 family at this time.

2 You know, as we kind of look ahead  
3 this time of year quickly approaching budget  
4 season this time, you know, you try to have  
5 an outlook as to where we are as a city  
6 moving forward into a new year ahead  
7 approaching us and, you know, once again  
8 it's really difficult to have any sort of  
9 optimism moving forward at this time, as I  
10 have said repetitively from this podium and,  
11 you know, you come to that conclusion and I  
12 come to that conclusion based on just what I  
13 have seen over the last two years, this new  
14 administration and this new council that  
15 have we put into place and it doesn't give  
16 you a good feeling because we haven't really  
17 seen any signs of moving forward, we haven't  
18 seen any creativity, we haven't seen any  
19 realistic solutions to think there is any  
20 light at the end of the tunnel. Through the  
21 years we have done a really good job of  
22 bringing in consultants and hiring firms to  
23 guide us along the way and give us  
24 recommendations, but not one time were we  
25 ever presented with a recommendation that

1 had any benefit to the residents of this  
2 community. It's either raising taxes and  
3 now the plan is to go ahead and move forward  
4 with selling the last remaining assets that  
5 the city possesses and I just have to take a  
6 step back and ask this council and ask this  
7 administration is that really the course of  
8 action we want to take? Just letting go of  
9 the last remaining assets that this  
10 community possesses, money making assets  
11 that we have had an ability to manage  
12 properly due to poor leadership, you know, a  
13 lot of incompetence and just people that we  
14 appoint to positions that are incapable and  
15 just unqualified of holding those positions,  
16 and this has gone on for decades. I mean,  
17 we can go back 10, 15, 20 years, it hasn't  
18 taken place overnight, but when you continue  
19 to just kick the same can down the road and  
20 expect to move forward, you know, it just --  
21 it's really just puzzles me as to how this  
22 council and this administration can really  
23 think we are even moving in the right  
24 direction.

25 And we brought a gentlemen in from

1 New Jersey who suggested tax increases and I  
2 think it's a pretty safe assumption to say  
3 that we are probably looking at, not  
4 probably we are definitely, it's definitive  
5 we are looking at another tax increase  
6 heading into next year, and when you just  
7 look around in this city and you see the  
8 amount of poverty, you know, we talk about  
9 the school district and the things that they  
10 are going through right now, you know, I  
11 have a lot of respect for the teachers and  
12 everyone involved and I hope it gets settled  
13 and resolved quickly because this is about  
14 the children, but keeping the children in  
15 mind look at the amount of the children in  
16 this community living on -- or the amount of  
17 children in the school district on free or  
18 reduced lunch and rely on those programs.  
19 Doesn't that really open our eyes and really  
20 just give you an education as to where we  
21 really are in this city?

22 I mean, that statistic in itself  
23 tells me where we are and it isn't good, but  
24 what have we done about it? Nothing. And  
25 it's hard for me to believe that anything

1 productive is going to take place moving  
2 forward because we haven't showing any signs  
3 of it. We implemented a recovery plan in  
4 2012 and we did a poor job of following  
5 through on a lot of those enhancements that  
6 were in that plan, whether we wanted to  
7 believe they were realistic or not. We put  
8 a plan together and we have an obligation to  
9 follow it, and we did a poor job of it. In  
10 fact, we reversed on a lot of those  
11 enhancements.

12 I just don't see transparency in  
13 this government, you know, Mrs. Hodowanitz  
14 brought up a point tonight in regard to the  
15 caucus that took place and that's my biggest  
16 pet peeve since this present council seated  
17 itself, a lot of those issues as far as  
18 informing the public on what takes place  
19 could be avoided if we have them out here.  
20 I don't see the big deal and why we can't  
21 have, whether it's informal or not, a caucus  
22 out here. Why is that such an issue? We  
23 have cameras in here, cameras don't lie. I  
24 understand council members could come out  
25 and inform the public of what took place,

1 but why can't the residents of this city see  
2 it for their own eyes and to me I never  
3 understood that, I really don't. That was  
4 one the things from day one I lost a lot of  
5 respect for this council because of that.

6 Government is about transparency and  
7 being accountable with the people and you  
8 haven't shown that you can do that just yet  
9 and it's going to be certainly intersetting  
10 to see what this administration and this  
11 council does with this 2016 operating  
12 budget. Are we going to finally take time  
13 to sit down and go through this budget line  
14 item by line item and make the cuts  
15 necessary to better this city or are we just  
16 going to continue to play the political game  
17 and bow down to special interests and those  
18 who put us in these seats and give them what  
19 they want? I think ultimately we need to  
20 give what the residents want and they  
21 deserve better, and they have been screwed  
22 over year after year and they deserve a  
23 break because it's not fair to them. The  
24 city is dying and now is the time with the  
25 little time we have left to do everything we

1 can to save it. Thank you.

2 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Ron Ellman.

3 MR. ELLMAN: Hello, Council. I went  
4 to see Mr. McGoff, it didn't occur to me  
5 that I might have have set him back at the  
6 time, so I only hope that he is doing well.

7 I realize I'm just another pretty  
8 face that comes before you every week but  
9 there is one exception, these people out  
10 here give you such good suggestions and  
11 advice that you ignore, while I'm just a  
12 plagiarist. I repeat all of these little  
13 things that people tell me at the grocery  
14 store here and there, sometimes I want to  
15 say something for myself but I promise I  
16 would mention different little things. One  
17 of them I had a lady tell me she would  
18 rather have 10 or 15 dollars back than see  
19 \$750,000 more spent on downtown. You know,  
20 we had \$200,000 sidewalks and fronts, it  
21 didn't help. Now, we have nothing more than  
22 this was expected, a multi-millionaire  
23 that's probably overextended himself buying  
24 this white elephant and wants the taxpayers  
25 to get him out of it. This is a exactly

1           what we had with Mr. Boscov and Mr. Bolus  
2           just couldn't express my thoughts on this  
3           any better than he did.

4                       And another thing, one or two  
5           people, you are city codes that I've  
6           mentioned they are 40, 50, years old. It's  
7           time to go over them for God's sake. You  
8           are doing all of this paving and as soon as  
9           it's done it won't be the utilities tearing  
10          up the streets, it's going to be 80,000  
11          pound tractor trailers running up and down  
12          Main Avenue and the side streets. These  
13          streets, you know, that North Main Avenue  
14          used to be called Plank Road, that's how old  
15          it is, from the coal place up there by --  
16          off of Wells, Plank Road. Every time there  
17          is a pothole you could see the big old  
18          stones a few inches down. They are just --  
19          that's the only way is to remove that base  
20          and talk to one of these people paving it.  
21          They know this isn't going to last as long  
22          as trucks are -- tractor trailers aren't  
23          delivery vehicles but in this town it's a  
24          allowed.

25                       I think there is -- I see a Gress

1 truck running down those side streets by my  
2 house and I seen a Kane truck at night, they  
3 shouldn't be allowed, they just shouldn't.

4 You know, for the people that, the  
5 people that put you guys in those seats they  
6 have told me, yeah, you are not doing the  
7 worst job, but you not doing the best job  
8 but you guys are good at spending money  
9 anyway, but let me say this, there is no one  
10 wishes more than me that 50 years from now  
11 this council and this mayor will go down as  
12 the best the city ever had. I just -- I  
13 want to, believe me, gentlemen, I want you  
14 to fulfill that. I just -- Mr. Amaroso and  
15 Mr. Bulzoni and Mr. Cross these aren't three  
16 wise men, they are three false prophets.  
17 They are not saving this city. I don't know  
18 what it's going to take, but it's going to  
19 take more than them. Thank you.

20 MR. ROGAN: Is there anyone else who  
21 cares to address council?

22 MS. GAUGHAN: Good evening, ladies  
23 and gentlemen. My name is Mary Gaughan and  
24 I'm a current city resident. The first  
25 thing I'd like to say is I'd like to say how



1 nice it is to look at our council, these  
2 fine ladies, our solicitor, and the young  
3 lady that's next to him and this young lady  
4 and see that they have respect for the  
5 taxpayers in the way they are attired. I  
6 think when you see some of the other  
7 councils the people look like they are about  
8 to rake up the leaves or wash their cars,  
9 and I don't think anybody should talk in a  
10 way to denigrate the way the people look.

11 And then I come here to these  
12 meetings and I hear very great people talk  
13 about very big problems, but a wise Jewish  
14 philosopher said centuries ago, his name was  
15 Maimonides, he said to you cannot step in  
16 the same river twice. With that means to me  
17 is that it's a new time any time you put  
18 your foot in the river, so don't look  
19 backwards, look forward. Don't talk to the  
20 council about what other people did, didn't  
21 do, could have done, should have done.  
22 Let's talk about what we can do today.

23 And I see evidence on the city hall  
24 steps, cigarette butts, kudos to my good  
25 friend Patty Lawler in Clarks Summit, you

1           won't see that on her streets, and you won't  
2           see people flying through crosswalks and I  
3           don't think it's necessarily because the  
4           people may have a higher per capita income,  
5           I think it's because the police are paying  
6           attention. I agree with Commissioner of New  
7           York, Commissioner Benjamin Bratten, when he  
8           said that we have to institute a broken  
9           window policy. That means that they are  
10          supposed to look for the lower crimes so  
11          that eventually they will work up to the  
12          higher crimes. Why do I see people  
13          violating House Bill 286 passed in 2007  
14          regarding smoking? There shouldn't be this.  
15          People get on the bus in town and throw  
16          their cigarette butts on the sidewalk, I  
17          thought this was littering. The homeless  
18          people are lying on benches, I thought that  
19          was vagrancy and I think it's ashame that  
20          nobody helps these people.

21                   I also think it's ashame that they  
22                   have to put out and ask people who give  
23                   money to St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen  
24                   because there are so many children that rely  
25                   on the school program.

1                    Now, Mr. Rogan wanted to give  
2                    \$10,000 to Dress for Success. I saw they  
3                    had a \$40 or \$60 a plate gala at the  
4                    Radisson. Now, how about somebody having  
5                    something for the Catholic Social Services  
6                    for any of the religious denominations that  
7                    are helping to feed our poor? I think it's  
8                    a sin in this community that we have so many  
9                    people, as a previous speaker said, relying  
10                   on school lunches.

11                   My friend and I talked the other day  
12                   and we said what happened when we went to  
13                   school. I said, oh, we had neighborhood  
14                   schools, my mother packed my lunch or I went  
15                   home, and I said when I went to high school  
16                   and junior high school my mother packed my  
17                   lunch and I took it and at that time there  
18                   were no school buses, I had to walk a mile  
19                   to school. It didn't kill me.

20                   And I also think if the ordinances  
21                   were enforced the city coffers would have  
22                   money. And I also think that it's ashamed  
23                   that the people that collected the double  
24                   pensions now aren't collecting them, but  
25                   they don't have to be giving money back, I

1 think they brazenly robbed the City of  
2 Scranton taxpayers of money and they did it  
3 without a mask or a gun, and I think it's  
4 ashamed. How can they look in the faces of  
5 the elderly and the poor and collect two  
6 pensions, some of the elderly and poor who  
7 are deciding whether or not they are going  
8 to get their medicine, pay their electric  
9 bill or whatever, and they run up to mass  
10 and take communion, do whatever, shame on  
11 them. Thank you.

12 MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Is there  
13 anyone else who cares to address council?

14 MR. MORGAN: Good evening, Council.  
15 Well, one of the first things I have here  
16 tonight is, you know, I'm in my mid-50's and  
17 I'm just extremely happy that I grew up in a  
18 time when America was at its pinnacle of its  
19 power and employment was great and everybody  
20 was living good, but I think the people in  
21 this country long ago started voting in a  
22 very foolish way, and they allowed just  
23 people that never should have been allowed  
24 in public office to get there. For lack of  
25 a better terminology I would say that weh

1 have allowed a lot of floor flushers to  
2 elected to either judgeships and government  
3 in numerous different positions and it's  
4 really come back to haunt us, and in my  
5 opinion America is on its way down, and not  
6 because Donald Trump says so because, look  
7 it, I respect Mr. Trump and he is a  
8 presidential candidate, but look where our  
9 city is over all this time because, you  
10 know, it's nice to wear pretty little suits,  
11 but suits don't think, and the average  
12 person on the street, as Mr. Miller brought  
13 up and the paper has brought forward, so  
14 many children in this community are below  
15 the poverty level it's obscene, well, it's  
16 beyond obscene, and to elect public  
17 officials who wants to move community  
18 development money around into another  
19 project at the Novembrino pool when the city  
20 itself is collapsing is beyond ridiculous.

21 You know, you hear the radio talk  
22 about people who got jobs or their family  
23 members got jobs because they were elected  
24 to an office, but we elect people -- well,  
25 we really don't elect people to serve us

1           because obviously if you were serving the  
2           people who elected you we wouldn't be like  
3           this. You know, you take a look at  
4           Congressmen and Senators you can't even get  
5           in to see them, they are terrified of the  
6           people they represent they have done such a  
7           terrible job.

8                         And judges, look it, they are done  
9           in an armed camp town here in prison in  
10          their own courthouse, okay? That's the kind  
11          of problems we have in America now because  
12          we have lost sight of one thing reality, and  
13          the reality is we have elected very arrogant  
14          public officials who don't know what public  
15          means. Selling the South Side Sports  
16          Complex, moving money around, shuffling it  
17          all over the place, borrowing a tone of  
18          money and know you can't pay it back and  
19          play games with the pension plans, this  
20          isn't only here in Scranton but this is  
21          across the whole country. The whole country  
22          is broke. The war going on between the  
23          Democrats and Republicans just not in  
24          Harrisburg but across the country they are  
25          fighting for supremacy of what? Public

1 education is nothing like it was when I was  
2 a kid, we actually were educated, and I  
3 wholeheartedly mean that. And public  
4 education now, you know, you can't blame the  
5 teachers where public education is because  
6 the politicians brought it there and the  
7 administrators, they are all tied together,  
8 it's all a great party for the people that  
9 are connected, but for the average person,  
10 and not just the people on social security,  
11 let's talk about wage earners who are paying  
12 \$600 a week in taxes, I happen to be one of  
13 them. Paying \$600 in taxes a week every  
14 single week, and you know what I get for  
15 that? Nothing. And I have no complaint  
16 with somebody getting food stamps or welfare  
17 because I know that the politicians sent  
18 their jobs to other countries so the rich  
19 people could get richer, and pound the  
20 living hell out of the average living person  
21 and make them work for less and this pipe  
22 dream that the Republicans and the Democrats  
23 present as legitimate government, you know,  
24 I would be a little scared about what's  
25 going on in our country now because they are

1 killing police officers all over this  
2 country because so many times police  
3 officers have been found to be guilty of a  
4 crime and the Court sent them home and now  
5 there seems to be some questions about the  
6 assassination or the shooting of the state  
7 trooper now because we got two district  
8 attorneys fighting over whether we are going  
9 to allow that information public because one  
10 district attorney thinks it will do a  
11 terrible disjustice to all of the people  
12 that served in the state police, so my  
13 quesiton is what drove this man to shoot a  
14 state policeman? Why don't we have a right  
15 to know what's taking place in our own  
16 country?

17 And, you know, like I said, it's  
18 nice to look at the public officials that  
19 are dressed nice, but look at the people in  
20 the street who can't pay their taxes and you  
21 are selling their homes. Somebody else is  
22 isn't selling their homes and the sale of  
23 the parking garages and the Sewer Authority,  
24 that just proves one more point, just how  
25 incompetent and dysfunctional this city



1 government is and the political system.

2 Thank you.

3 MR. ROGAN: Thank you.

4 MS. SCHUMACHER: Good evening,  
5 Council, Marie Schumacher. First, I'd like  
6 to ask council to give us information on the  
7 environmental impact of both the tire  
8 interno and the mystery fluid in the  
9 leachate overflow line, specifically, what  
10 was measured and what were the measurements?  
11 Both of those had toxic, volitile organic  
12 components and I think we need to know. I  
13 know I was awakened in my house by the smell  
14 from the tire fire, I would like to know, so  
15 if one of you, whoever is the proper person  
16 would please get that information I would be  
17 most appreciative.

18 Two weeks ago, Mr. Rogan said that  
19 you would have an answer on the timeliness  
20 of subpoenaing the double pension fiasco  
21 folks, but I was not here last week when you  
22 were to have that information so I would  
23 like to ask for the answer to that tonight  
24 in 25 words are less, can we go forward?

25 MR. ROGAN: It was addressed last

1 week. I can mention it again, Attorney  
2 Minora did contact the state police and  
3 basically what we were told is the  
4 investigation is still ongoing and that was  
5 pretty much the extent of the conversation  
6 that Attorney Minora had with the police.

7 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, you mean the  
8 state police?

9 MR. ROGAN: Correct.

10 MS. SCHUMACHER: Well, maybe somebody  
11 can explain it at some point, not on my  
12 time, but why we have to wait for them if  
13 deals are being made now and maybe they  
14 could be changed if we had all of the facts  
15 now, it might make a difference but, anyway,  
16 that's it.

17 I saw the rebid of the Engine 10  
18 firehouse roof in the paper, and if you will  
19 recall last year before you went on your  
20 month's recess I gave you a bunch of  
21 position papers, I think there were four or  
22 five, one of which dealt with that firehouse  
23 and the possible placement of it down on  
24 Meadow Avenue, or even on Moosic Street we  
25 are having -- and you can go back and pull

1           it out if you still have it, if not, you can  
2           ask me and I can send you another one, but  
3           it's safer according to the firemen  
4           themselves to go uphill than it is to go  
5           downhill. They could go to either side of  
6           the mountain faster, they could get to other  
7           places a lot faster, especially when they  
8           move across the Harrison Avenue bridge, and  
9           think we before we make that huge investment  
10          we should look at the benefits of that.

11                        Now, I would like to move on, as I  
12          said, I have been going to do with the  
13          recovery plan and what was in it, I don't  
14          know how far I'll get, but we were supposed  
15          to get a matrix and Mr. McGoff had requested  
16          it and we never got it apparently or it's  
17          never been made public, but actually the  
18          revised recovery plan that you approved in  
19          February of 2015 has it pretty well  
20          categorized so I'd like to start going  
21          through the things and make my comments.  
22          The ones that were supposed to be done  
23          immediately upon the adoption of the 2015  
24          revised recovery plan were included, first,  
25          the implementation of the increase in the

1 City's local service tax. Now, that was  
2 accomplished, but I have been hearing now we  
3 are not going to meet the budget because of  
4 not knowing that the date was for the final  
5 quarter would be in January and wouldn't get  
6 booked in this year, but as I recall the LST  
7 tax was only included in the budget for  
8 April through December because they thought  
9 it would take the three months to get it  
10 through the courts, but when we actually  
11 went through the courts we got the  
12 permission to go back to January 1 so we got  
13 an extra quarter in and one quarter is going  
14 out, so if we are going to be under by a  
15 quarter's worth of -- a quarter of the  
16 year's worth of taxes I don't understand  
17 that. I think that should have been a wash,  
18 the month that we got paid in the first  
19 quarter and we are not getting paid in the  
20 second quarter or the final quarter should  
21 have washed one out.

22 It's also disappointing that neither  
23 the budget preparers or the budget  
24 approvers, that being you folks, didn't  
25 factor in the fact that the payment date for

1 the final quarter is in the following year.  
2 So, I mean, I know it's an oversight, but I  
3 hope that doesn't happen again.

4 And then moving onto the second one,  
5 consider the application for Act 47 Grant  
6 assistance, may I do these two?

7 MR. ROGAN: Sure.

8 MS. SCHUMACHER: Thank you, I guess  
9 I'll be a lot of weeks probably into the  
10 budget season, there were two that were  
11 supposed to be done immediately, one was to  
12 review the feasibility of and to provide  
13 options for the creation of a municipal  
14 solid waste collection authority or combined  
15 purpose authority and the other was to  
16 review the feasibility of the creation of a  
17 storm water management authority either in  
18 connection with the actions relative to the  
19 Scranton Sewer Authority or separately as an  
20 independent authority. Did either of those  
21 happen within the first 120 days?

22 MR. EVANS: They are being pursued,  
23 the grants are being pursued, I don't think  
24 we got them yet, but they are being pursued.

25 MS. SCHUMACHER: They were

1 submitted?

2 MR. EVANS: Well, PEL -- yeah, PEL  
3 was involved with pursuing those grants.

4 MS. SCHUMACHER: So we haven't  
5 received --

6 MR. EVANS: I'll find out for you if  
7 they're actually --

8 MS. SCHUMACHER: Okay, and maybe  
9 after we can -- have some information for me  
10 after. Thank you.

11 MR. EVANS: Yeah.

12 MR. DOBRZYN: Good evening. Dave  
13 Dobrzyn, resident, taxes paid and fees paid,  
14 dog license. Once again I haven't brought  
15 the issue up for a few weeks, but call  
16 Congress at 1-202-224-3121 senators or  
17 representatives and tell them to nix the  
18 Transpacific partnership. We have enough  
19 joblessness and homelessness and  
20 bankruptcies due to lack of wage taxes  
21 coming in to go around already.

22 Also, call the White House at  
23 1-202-456-1111 and say the same because,  
24 like I said, for 35 years we have been  
25 hearing about how great the economy is going

1 to get and they seem to come up with the  
2 numbers but they don't up with the jobs.

3 Now, a few weeks ago I took a bunch  
4 of old computers and such down to the  
5 recycling center, and I'd like to mention  
6 that I met somebody in the music store one  
7 day and he had just gotten out of prison,  
8 the county prison, and he was down the  
9 recycling center and he had an infection on  
10 his arm and he mentioned about the food and  
11 to be honest with you he kind of looked like  
12 he had had just gone through Holocaust so  
13 they could always -- the commissioners could  
14 always feel free to beef up the food for  
15 those guys if they are willing to work.

16 One other thing I haven't mentioned  
17 in awhile, one person on council said that  
18 they have a job that they cannot mention  
19 this but Steamtown is getting beaten up  
20 every year in Congress, they are here, they  
21 are tax exempt, they are supposed to be  
22 attracting business for a vibrant downtown  
23 and it's about time council get in touch  
24 with your representatives and tell them that  
25 cuts every year are not acceptable. It's

1 really important -- it was supposed to be a  
2 hub of the city and instead, well, they are  
3 struggling along.

4 And the Serrinity Center, the only  
5 thing I would like to caution is if there  
6 should be some kind of environmental study  
7 on that property make sure we don't have to  
8 remove ten feet of soil before we move onto  
9 it and make any kind of use of it because  
10 the US military has a habit of being a  
11 little bit of a dirty business and they  
12 quite frequently, for instance, up at  
13 Tobyhanna, Tobyhanna State Park I'm sure  
14 everybody should remember, it has been  
15 closed off and on for years, to pick up old  
16 artillery shells that still can explode on  
17 people so it's just -- it's important that  
18 it be environmentally sound, that it's not  
19 on our tab some day. The federal government  
20 did it, let them clean it up first.

21 I'd also like to mention reverse  
22 mortgage info, if the city could get some  
23 kind of a way of getting this for people  
24 that aren't paying their bills and they are  
25 willing to pay reverse mortgage to do so, I



1 think it would be a great help. Tax sales  
2 just don't drive and a lot of people aren't  
3 able to pay their bills with the money they  
4 have coming in.

5 On animal control, there is some  
6 confusion there, what happened with Street  
7 Cats and do we have an animal control  
8 officer currently?

9 MR. EVANS: Yeah, I have seen the  
10 animal control officer around quite a bit.

11 MR. DOBRZYN: We do?

12 MR. EVANS: Yeah.

13 MR. DOBRZYN: Okay, because some  
14 neighbors have been asking me about stuff  
15 and, I mean, I have taken care of quite a  
16 few animals with the Street Cat business and  
17 I can't afford to take them anymore. In  
18 fact, I had one come in my yard and it was  
19 sick and I fed it and for a couple of times  
20 and got it to a vet and it turned out it had  
21 feline disease that other animals could  
22 catch so \$130 later she was put out of her  
23 misery but, you know, too many cats are  
24 being born again, once again it's the end of  
25 the summer and they are growing up. Thank

1           you and have a good night.

2                   MR. ROGAN: Thank you. Is there  
3 anyone else who would care to address  
4 council?

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

6                   MR. ROGAN: Councilman Wechsler, do  
7 you have any motions or comments?

8                   MR. WECHSLER: Yes, I have two.  
9 First of of all, I'd like to congratulate  
10 the organizers of the two veterans affairs  
11 that happened on Saturday with the Minooka  
12 Notre Dame Club and Minooka legion and their  
13 flag pole was raised on Saturday and it was  
14 a great combination of community effort by  
15 many local groups and it will be a lasting  
16 tribute to the veterans from the Minooka  
17 area.

18                   Also, I'd like to congratulate the  
19 organizers of the Vietnam memorial that  
20 established and dedicated on Saturday at the  
21 courthouse. I was impressed by the amount  
22 of people that turned out for that affair  
23 and I hope it will be a lasting memory to  
24 those who have served the area.

25                   A concern was raised tonight about

1 the discharge of the sewer system and I'm  
2 also very concerned about that and a lot it  
3 has to do with I'm not sure why there was so  
4 much confusion about the discharge. First  
5 the Keystone Sanitary Landfill confirmed  
6 that it did release treated leachate into  
7 the combined system, but when the liquid was  
8 described as being black the landfill  
9 officials said it could not be from their  
10 system. How can one be sure what is flowing  
11 into the system? Later, landfill officials  
12 stated that they have some idea of who the  
13 culprit is. All users are supposed to be  
14 registered. Was the discharging party the  
15 registered user or someone else that had  
16 access to the system that is not registered?

17 The articles that were in the paper  
18 this week described that the landfill is  
19 permitted to discharge 250,000 gallons of  
20 treated leachate per day, and by landfill  
21 estimates they discharged about 80,000. My  
22 question there is who is keeping track of  
23 the amounts that are discharged, any  
24 assistance that the stories around saying  
25 that an alternate line was used, not the

1 normal dedicated line, once again, I  
2 question who monitors the different lines  
3 and when they are used and who is monitoring  
4 the total flow?

5 I think that the residents of  
6 Scranton should be kept up-to-date on this  
7 investigation. I also think that the  
8 discharging party should be fined and forced  
9 to make restitution to the effected  
10 citizens. This incident does bring into  
11 concerns about the landfill as it currently  
12 exists and also the possibility of its  
13 future operations. I think this issue is  
14 something that we are going to have become  
15 more involved in the fact that this leachate  
16 is running through the city as it has for  
17 many years. I'm very concerned that if this  
18 black liquid didn't have a smell to it we  
19 might never know that it went through the  
20 system so I also agree that we should pursue  
21 just the investigation because it is going  
22 to be part of our neighborhood forever, this  
23 treatment system. So, like I said, I'd just  
24 like to make sure that the investigation is  
25 completed and that all responsible parties

1 are held accountable. Thank you, Mr. Rogan.

2 MR. ROGAN: Thank you, Councilman  
3 Wechsler. Councilman Evans, do you any  
4 motions or comments?

5 MR. EVANS: Brief comments, a recent  
6 public caucus on the 2016 action plan for  
7 block grant funding, I noticed that the city  
8 was not funding first time homebuyers  
9 program. My first thought was an error and  
10 to have our city clerk correspond with OECD  
11 for further clarification. Much to my  
12 surprise, it was not an error. Apparently,  
13 this decision was made because there money  
14 left over from the previous years and  
15 because homes aren't selling and many of  
16 those that are contracted for sale are not  
17 passing the required inspections needed  
18 prior to closing and, therefore, aren't  
19 closing at all. For those reasons the  
20 administration felt we should not continue  
21 to fund the program for the 2016 plan year.

22 While that might be a pragmatic  
23 approach to a bad situation, I would  
24 approach this differently. A program that  
25 has helped dozens and dozens of low to

1 moderate income families achieve the dream  
2 of home ownership needs to grow and not  
3 contract. When the housing market is  
4 stalled and homes are not being purchased at  
5 an acceptable level, that is when we need to  
6 double down on first time homebuyers. The  
7 city needs to not only aggressively market  
8 the program, it needs to create outreach  
9 programs to think outside of the box and  
10 create additional incentives for home  
11 ownership with an ultimate goal of  
12 establishing a long and qualified list of  
13 potential homeowners or homebuyers that can  
14 then be moved from applicant to homeowner.

15 We have a choice but maybe we are at  
16 a tipping point where our destiny is either  
17 to be a city made up primarily of renters or  
18 do we change course and do everything in our  
19 power to change lives, change blocks, change  
20 neighborhoods and make our city one where  
21 home ownership truly matters. That's all I  
22 have for tonight. Thank you.

23 MR. ROGAN: Thank you, Councilman  
24 Evans. Councilman Gaughan, do you have any  
25 motions or comments/.

1 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, thank you. Just  
2 to piggyback on what Mr. Evans said, I agree  
3 with him 100 percent I used to work in the  
4 OECD for about three years and for a short  
5 period of time I worked with the first time  
6 homebuyers program and it does change  
7 people's lives, I saw it firsthand, so when  
8 this comes back up and we have those numbers  
9 in front of us I think we need to take a  
10 good, hard look at making sure we can fund  
11 that program because it's very important  
12 here in the city.

13 I would like to say most of you  
14 probably noticed we have new lights in  
15 council chambers. I'd like thank Paul  
16 O'Hora, our maintenance manager in city  
17 hall, they are new LED lights, so a little  
18 bit of a change here as everybody has  
19 noticed.

20 Also, I'd like to thank the Scranton  
21 Cultural Center for letting the city use  
22 their lift to install those lights so I'd  
23 like to thank them.

24 Mr. Wechsler had mentioned the  
25 leachate problem that had been in the news

1           and I couldn't agree with him more. With  
2           the support of my colleagues, I would to  
3           send a letter to the Scranton Sewer  
4           Authority and DEP asking for all  
5           documentation relating to their  
6           investigation of a recent odor in Greenridge  
7           that may be related to discharge treated  
8           leachate that runs under Greenridge to the  
9           South Scranton Sewer Treatment Plant. I  
10          have been contacted by numerous residents in  
11          that area who are extremely upset by what  
12          they had to endure last week because of that  
13          foul smell. This is unacceptable. Our  
14          residents should not have to put up with  
15          this so I agree 100 percent with Councilmen  
16          Wechsler, I do think we need to get more  
17          involved with this and I would like to  
18          be updated on this investigation.

19                 So with my colleagues support,  
20          Mrs. Reed, if we could send a letter to the  
21          Scranton Sewer Authority and DEP and ask to  
22          be updated on this investigation. Thank  
23          you.

24                 In our caucus, as it was mentioned,  
25          we had Denny Gallagher, our DPW director,



1 Dave Lapotka, who is an engineer for Luther  
2 and Bowen, and John Pocius, who is our city  
3 engineer, concerning the 2015 paving  
4 project. We got a 2 1/2 million dollar loan  
5 from the state and the paving project was  
6 supposed to take place this summer.  
7 However, things have changed.

8 The first three phases were bid out,  
9 there are four phases of the paving program.  
10 The problem is that the bids came back 20 to  
11 25 percent higher than the city had  
12 anticipated. We were on track with those  
13 bids to be about \$2 1/2 million over our  
14 original anticipated budget. The reason for  
15 this is that construction companies are tied  
16 up with other major paving programs in the  
17 state and in this area. One example is  
18 PennDOT's paving project on Main Avenue.  
19 Just to give you an example of that, for  
20 phase three we only had one bidder, one  
21 construction company that bid on that  
22 project. So, in essence, all of the costs  
23 went up.

24 So Mr. Pocius, Mr. Gallagher and Mr.  
25 Lapotka explained to us in the caucus that

1 the new plan is to rebid the paving program  
2 as in one phase, all of the streets  
3 combined, and they are going to bid out this  
4 project in January or February of 2016.  
5 They believe that the bids will be much  
6 lower, which will help us, meet both our  
7 budget deadline and they also believe that  
8 there will be more bidders. They do not  
9 want to lose any streets that are on the  
10 list so that is the reason that this is  
11 being done. So I'm sure some people will be  
12 disappointed because they had anticipated  
13 seeing these streets paved in the summer and  
14 in the fall of this year, but we will be  
15 waiting until next year to get this done for  
16 those reasons that I had just mentioned.

17 While Mr. Pocius was in the caucus  
18 we asked for an update on the Rockwell  
19 Avenue bridge project. Everything is on  
20 track, we should be seeing some movement up  
21 there in the next week or two and everything  
22 is on track to be finished by next year, so  
23 that was good.

24 Mrs. Reed, if you could please send  
25 a letter, another letter, to the mayor

1            requesting an update on the \$1 million  
2            savings that were proposed from the police  
3            and fire contracts. I would like a  
4            breakdown of exactly how much we have saved  
5            from those contracts since January. I have  
6            asked for this repeatedly and I never get an  
7            answer. As we are approaching budget time,  
8            I think it's important to know if we are on  
9            track to hit these savings that the mayor  
10           had touted.

11                        I have already requested an update  
12                        on how much revenue we have received from  
13                        thecivillian parking enforcement program and  
14                        I would like a request to be sent again to  
15                        the administration for an update on that.  
16                        And that is all I have this week. Thank  
17                        you.

18                        MR. ROGAN: Thank you, Councilmen  
19                        Gaughan. A couple of quick comments, I'm a  
20                        little under the weather so I'll be very  
21                        brief, and all these items were already  
22                        mentioned. As you can see, we probably look  
23                        a little bit different on the TV, and as my  
24                        colleague mentioned, there are new LED  
25                        lights in council chambers so the coloring

1 is a little bit different but they are very  
2 energy efficient so they are saving the  
3 taxpayers money and they use less  
4 electricity so we are benefiting the  
5 environment as well. So I'm sure it will  
6 take a couple of weeks for I know at least  
7 for us to get used to them, but long-term  
8 it's something that's good for the city and  
9 good for the environment as well.

10 Regarding the paving, I would like  
11 to thank DPW Director Denny Gallagher and  
12 city engineer John Pocius for the  
13 presentation that we received today. As we  
14 mentioned, this was a -- this delay,  
15 although, we would like to see these streets  
16 paved today this delay will hopefully enable  
17 us to pave the entire list that we are  
18 hoping to get done and it is a very smart  
19 decision by the administration long-term to  
20 get that those bids out as a package when  
21 the demand for blacktop and the demand for  
22 paving is much lower next year.

23 Fortunately, as you see throughout  
24 the city and throughout our area there are  
25 lot of other paving projects that are

1           currently underway, most notably and most  
2           important to myself and my neighbors is the  
3           West Scranton Main Avenue project that has  
4           been in dire need of repair for many years  
5           as well as the Scranton Expressway, which is  
6           nice and smooth to ride on now.

7                           And, finally, Councilman Evans  
8           mentioned the homebuyer program, and I agree  
9           wholeheartedly that this is something that  
10          needs to be funded, and I couldn't have said  
11          it better myself, we need to double down we  
12          or triple down on the homebuyers program  
13          within the City of Scranton to make it  
14          easier for that couple or that family that  
15          just needs that little bit of extra  
16          assistance to buy their home. The match for  
17          the down payment and help with closing costs  
18          is what gets many first time homebuyers over  
19          the edge from being stop renting and  
20          sometimes the higher amount per month  
21          renting than owning a home that they are  
22          building equity and they will own for the  
23          rest of their lives and be hopefully in the  
24          city the rest of their lives so that is a  
25          very important program that certainly needs

1 to be funded and I think it's something we  
2 can all work on to try to find some funding  
3 for that. And I do know where I can find  
4 \$10,000, but I don't think I have any  
5 agreement on that, but in all seriousness it  
6 is a very good program that needs to be  
7 funded and that is all I have for tonight.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: I have two additional  
9 things really quick, I forgot to mention, in  
10 the caucus, I know I have gotten a ton of  
11 calls about this from people in North  
12 Scranton, Mary Street is going to be paved,  
13 all of Mary Street from West Market Street  
14 all the way to Rockwell Avenue. It's been  
15 cut up really bad and people have complained  
16 about it, so Mr. Gallagher did assure us  
17 that it will be paved.

18 Also, it was brought up tonight and  
19 last week by our business administrator and  
20 I would like, Mrs. Reed, if you could, to  
21 send the administration requests about an  
22 update on what our plan is for these pension  
23 ordinances. If we are not going -- if the  
24 Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System, as  
25 Mr. Bulzoni pointed out last week, he

1           doesn't think that they are going to be able  
2           to take our plan and merge it into theirs  
3           then we need to have a back up plan. What  
4           are we going to do? If we are going to talk  
5           about monetization of the Sewer Authority  
6           and superfunding the pensions, let's make  
7           sure as, Mr. Evans always comments on, we  
8           fix the problem first before we just add  
9           money into something that is just going to  
10          be wasted away probably in another five or  
11          ten years, so we need to be extremely  
12          cautious, so I would like to know exactly  
13          what is going on with the pension  
14          ordinances. I have asked this months ago, I  
15          haven't gotten an answer I would like an  
16          update on that because it is very  
17          concerning. Thank you.

18                       MS. REED: 5-B. FOR INTRODUCTION -  
19                       AN ORDINANCE - AMENDING FILE OF THE COUNCIL  
20                       NO 72, 2015, AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AMENDING  
21                       FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 58, 2014, AN  
22                       ORDINANCE ENTITLED "GENERAL CITY OPERATING  
23                       BUDGET 2015" BY ESTABLISHING SEPARATE "03"  
24                       FUND ACCOUNTS TO DEFINE ACTUAL LIQUID FUEL  
25                       EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE "03" FUND

1           DESIGNATION; BY REDESIGNATING FUNDS FROM  
2           CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND  
3           DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING, INSPECTIONS AND  
4           PERMITS ACCOUNTS LISTED BELOW TO THE "03"  
5           ACCOUNTS; THE DEPARTMENT, BUREAU AND LINE  
6           ITEM DESCRIPTION WILL REMAIN THE SAME" TO  
7           AUTHORIZE AN INCREASE OF THE REVENUE  
8           AVAILABLE IN THE LIQUID FUEL EXPENDITURE  
9           LINE ITEMS FOR SALT AND STREET LIGHTING AS  
10          LISTED BELOW.

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

14                   MR. WECHSLER: So moved.

15                   MR. EVANS: Second.

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

19                   MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

20                   MR. EVANS: Aye.

21                   MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

24                   MR. EVANS: Second.

25                   MS. REED: 5-C. FOR INTRODUCTION - A



1 RESOLUTION - RATIFYING AND APPROVING OF THE  
2 EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT  
3 APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON, ON  
4 BEHALF OF THE UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS  
5 (UNC)/UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY  
6 DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (UNCDC), TO THE  
7 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ACTING THROUGH  
8 THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY FOR A  
9 LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT, PURSUANT TO THE  
10 PA RACE HORSE DEVELOPMENT AND GAMING ACT IN  
11 THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000.00 FOR THE PROJECT TO  
12 BE KNOWN AS "THE MARKET PLACE ON CEDAR"  
13 LOCATED IN SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

14 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE  
15 CITY OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO  
16 ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF SUCCESSFUL AND EXECUTE  
17 AND ENTER INTO A LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT  
18 CONTRACT AND COMMITMENT LETTER WITH THE  
19 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA TO ACCEPT AND  
20 UTILIZE THE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF  
21 \$500,000.00 AWARDED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF  
22 PENNSYLVANIA FOR SUCH PROJECT.

23 MR. ROGAN: At this time I'll  
24 entertain a motion that Item 5-C be  
25 introduced into its proper committee.

1 MR. WECHSLER: So moved.

2 MR. EVANS: Second.

3 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes, on the question, I  
5 would just like to thank UNC for their  
6 efforts here on Cedar Avenue. Anybody who  
7 travels on Cedar Avenue can see the work  
8 that has been done by United Neighborhood  
9 Centers and a complete transformation of  
10 lower South Side because of that. This  
11 project is key in becoming and acting as a  
12 catalyst to improve the public image of the  
13 South Side, the image of Cedar Avenue, and  
14 promotes economic development and this will  
15 be an anchor really and a destination hub  
16 for the Cedar Avenue corridor so I give my  
17 full support for this project, and hopefully  
18 they get the funding and will continue to  
19 improve South Side.

20 MR. EVANS: I would like to concur.  
21 This is great project, actually it was part  
22 of an application for OECD funding, but to  
23 make the cut somehow the 500 block of the  
24 Cedar Avenue is no longer low to mod, go  
25 figure that out, but it's a great project as

1 part of what could be the long-term iron  
2 cultural district stretching all the way  
3 from Bogart Place to Lackawanna Avenue all  
4 the way to the 600 block of Cedar Avenue, so  
5 it is, Councilman Gaughan said, it's a key  
6 project to the continued revitalization of  
7 that area of South Side,

8 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else? All those  
9 in favor of introduction signify by saying  
10 aye.

11 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

12 MR. EVANS: Aye.

13 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

16 MS. REED: 5-D. FOR INTRODUCTION - A  
17 RESOLUTION - ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF  
18 THE HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD  
19 ("HARB") AND APPROVING THE CERTIFICATE OF  
20 APPROPRIATENESS FOR BART NOVAK'S  
21 CONSTRUCTION, INC., 523 FELLOWS STREET,  
22 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18504 FOR THE  
23 INSTALLATION OF A TEN (10) POUND HARD BOARD  
24 OVER SHEET METAL 8'X3' SIGN TO BE MOUNTED  
25 ABOVE THE ENTRANCE AT 534 LACKAWANNA AVENUE,

1 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

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

5 MR. WECHSLER: So moved.

6 MR. EVANS: Second.

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

10 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

11 MR. EVANS: Aye.

12 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

15 MS. REED: 5-E. FOR INTRODUCTION - A  
16 RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF MARY CLARE  
17 KINGSLEY, 150 SOUTH EVERETT AVENUE,  
18 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18504, AS A MEMBER  
19 OF THE BOARD OF THE SCRANTON HOUSING  
20 AUTHORITY. MRS. KINGSLEY WILL BE REPLACING  
21 CHARLOTTE LEDBETTER WHOSE TERM IS SCHEDULED  
22 TO EXPIRE SEPTEMBER 27, 2015. MRS. KINGSLEY  
23 WILL BE APPOINTED TO A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM  
24 EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 27, 2015 AND WHICH WILL  
25 EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2020.

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

4 MR. WECHSLER: So moved.

5 MR. EVANS: Second.

6 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

7 MR. GAUGHAN: On the question, I  
8 would like to congratulate Mrs. Kingsley on  
9 her appointment and also thank Charlotte  
10 Ledbetter for her service to the Scranton  
11 Housing Authority and also to the community.  
12 Mrs. Ledbetter is very active member of our  
13 community, so I'd like to thank her again.  
14 Thank you.

15 MR. ROGAN: All those in favor of  
16 introduction signify by saying aye.

17 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

18 MR. EVANS: Aye.

19 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

22 MS. REED: 5-F. FOR INTRODUCTION - A  
23 RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF REV. DR. HOWARD  
24 T. WOODRUFF, 205 MADISON AVENUE, SCRANTON,  
25 PENNSYLVANIA, 18503 AS A MEMBER OF THE HUMAN

1 RELATIONS COMMISSION, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER  
2 24, 2015. REV. WOODRUFF IS BEING APPOINTED  
3 TO A THREE (3) YEAR TERM THAT WILL EXPIRE ON  
4 SEPTEMBER 24, 2018.

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

8 MR. WECHSLER: So moved.

9 MR. EVANS: Second.

10 MR. ROGAN: On the question?

11 MR. WECHSLER: Yes, Mr. Rogan, on  
12 the question, Reverend Woodruff is another  
13 great appointment for this commission, but I  
14 have spoken to several of the appointees and  
15 I am discovering that I believe that is  
16 going to be up to council and to the  
17 administration to make sure that this  
18 committee becomes a truly functioning  
19 committee.

20 I think also part of this is going  
21 to be required that the new commission is  
22 going to have be able to hire an attorney.  
23 The last time that this group was put  
24 together it never got off the ground and,  
25 once again, I think it's incumbent upon city

1 council and the administration to make sure  
2 that that does not happen again.

3 MR. ROGAN: Anyone else? All those  
4 in favor of introduction signify by saying  
5 aye.

6 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

7 MR. EVANS: Aye.

8 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

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

12 READING BY TITLE - FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO.  
13 121, 2015 - AN ORDINANCE - PROVIDING FOR AN  
14 AGREEMENT OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION  
15 FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF A  
16 MULTI-MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY THE  
17 CITY OF SCRANTON AND THE ADJACENT  
18 MUNICIPALITIES OF: THE BOROUGHS OF: CLARKS  
19 GREEN, CLARKS SUMMIT, DALTON, DUNMORE AND  
20 THE TOWNSHIPS OF GLENBURN, NEWTON, SOUTH  
21 ABINGTON, WAVERLY, AND WEST ABINGTON.

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

24 MR. EVANS: Mr. Chairman, I move  
25 that Item 6-A pass reading by title.

1 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

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

4 MR. WECHSLER: Aye.

5 MR. EVANS: Aye.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: Aye.

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

9 MS. REED: SEVENTH ORDER. 7-A. FOR  
10 CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES FOR  
11 ADOPTION - RESOLUTION NO. 185, 2015 -  
12 APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT J. PALMITESSA, 730  
13 NORTH LINCOLN AVENUE, SCRANTON,  
14 PENNSYLVANIA, 18504 AS ALTERNATE NO. 1  
15 MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR  
16 THE CITY OF SCRANTON. MR. PALMITESSA WILL BE  
17 REPLACING CHARLIE SPANO WHOSE TERM EXPIRED  
18 ON JULY 1, 2015. MR. PALMITESSA'S TERM WILL  
19 COMMENCE IMMEDIATELY AND EXPIRE ON JULY 1,  
20 2020.

21 MR. ROGAN: As temporary Chairperson  
22 for the Committee on Rules, I recommend  
23 final passage of Item 7-A.

24 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

25 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll



1 call, please?

2 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Wechsler.

3 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

4 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

5 MR. EVANS: Yes.

6 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

7 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

8 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

9 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare  
10 Item 7-A legally and lawfully adopted.

11 MS. REED: 7-B. FOR CONSIDERATION BY  
12 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES- FOR ADOPTION - FILE  
13 OF THE COUNCIL NO. 186, 2015 RE-APPOINTMENT  
14 OF ROBERT GATTENS, 528 ORCHARD STREET,  
15 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18505 AS ALTERNATE  
16 NO. 2 MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS  
17 FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON. MR. GATTENS' TERM  
18 EXPIRED ON JULY 1, 2015 AND HIS NEW TERM  
19 WILL EXPIRE ON JULY 1, 2020.

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

23 MR. WECSHLER: Second.

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

1 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Wechsler.

2 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

3 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

4 MR. EVANS: Yes.

5 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

6 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

7 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

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

10 MS. REED: 7-C. FOR CONSIDERATION BY  
11 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES- FOR ADOPTION -  
12 RESOLUTION NO. 187, 2015 - APPOINTMENT OF  
13 PAUL J. STRUNK, 3 CROSS DRIVE, SCRANTON,  
14 PENNSYLVANIA, 18505 AS A MEMBER OF THE HUMAN  
15 RELATIONS COMMISSION, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER  
16 16, 2015. MR. STRUNK IS BEING APPOINTED TO A  
17 THREE (3) YEAR TERM THAT WILL EXPIRE ON  
18 SEPTEMBER 16, 2018.

19 MR. ROGAN: As temporary Chair for  
20 the Committee on Rules, I recommend final  
21 passage of Item 7-C.

22 MR. WECSHLER: Second.

23 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll  
24 call, please?

25 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Wechsler.

1 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

2 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

3 MR. EVANS: Yes.

4 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

5 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

6 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

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

9 MS. REED: 7-D. CONSIDERATION BY  
10 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES- FOR ADOPTION -  
11 RESOLUTION NO. 188, 2015 - APPOINTMENT OF  
12 ALEXANDER LESTER, 621 LARCH STREET,  
13 SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, 18509 AS A MEMBER OF  
14 THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, EFFECTIVE  
15 SEPTEMBER 16, 2015. MR. LESTER IS BEING  
16 APPOINTED TO A THREE (3) YEAR TERM THAT WILL  
17 EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2018.

18 MR. ROGAN: As temporary Chair for  
19 the Committee on Rules, I recommend final  
20 passage of Item 7-D.

21 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

22 MR. ROGAN: On the question? Roll  
23 call, please?

24 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Wechsler.

25 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

1 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

2 MR. EVANS: Yes.

3 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

4 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

5 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

6 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare

7 Item 7-D legally and lawfully adopted.

8 MS. REED: 7-E. FOR CONSIDERATION BY  
9 THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE- FOR ADOPTION -  
10 RESOLUTION NO. 189, 2015 - RATIFYING AND  
11 APPROVING OF THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF  
12 THE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF  
13 SCRANTON, ON BEHALF OF THE EVERHART MUSEUM,  
14 TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ACTING  
15 THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY  
16 FOR A LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT, PURSUANT TO  
17 THE PA RACE HORSE DEVELOPMENT AND GAMING ACT  
18 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$210,000.00 FOR THE PROJECT  
19 TO BE KNOWN AS "EVERHART MUSEUM SAFETY  
20 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT" LOCATED IN SCRANTON,  
21 PENNSYLVANIA. AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
22 OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS OF THE CITY  
23 OF SCRANTON TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF  
24 SUCCESSFUL, AND EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A  
25 LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT CONTRACT AND

1 COMMITMENT LETTER WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF  
2 PENNSYLVANIA TO ACCEPT AND UTILIZE THE GRANT  
3 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$210,000.00 AWARDED BY THE  
4 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR SUCH  
5 PROJECT.

6 MR. ROGAN: What is the  
7 recommendation for the Chairperson for the  
8 Committee on Finance?

9 MR. EVANS: As Chairperson for the  
10 Committee on Finance, I recommend final  
11 passage of Item 7-E.

12 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

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

15 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Wechsler.

16 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

17 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

18 MR. EVANS: Yes.

19 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

20 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

21 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

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

24 MS. REED: 7-F. FOR CONSIDERATION BY  
25 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES- FOR ADOPTION -

1 RESOLUTION NO. 190, 2015 - AMENDING  
2 RESOLUTION NO. 181, 2015 ENTITLED  
3 "AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE  
4 CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A  
5 CONTRACT WITH TRIBEN INSURANCE SOLUTIONS,  
6 INC. TO PROVIDE INSURANCE SERVICES FOR THE  
7 CITY OF SCRANTON LIFE, DISABILITY AND DENTAL  
8 INSURANCE FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR PERIOD FROM  
9 MARCH 1, 2015 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2019" TO  
10 CORRECT THE INSURANCE SERVICES PROVIDED BY  
11 TRIBEN INSURANCE SOLUTIONS, INC. TO LIFE AND  
12 DISABILITY INSURANCE ONLY AND TO CHANGE THE  
13 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CONTRACT TO A FOUR (4)  
14 YEAR PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1, 2015 THROUGH  
15 SEPTEMBER 30, 2019.

16 MR. ROGAN: As temporary Chairperson  
17 for the Committee on Rules, I recommend  
18 final passage of Item 7-F.

19 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

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

22 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Wechsler.

23 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

24 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

25 MR. EVANS: Yes.

1 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

2 MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

3 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

4 MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare  
5 Item 7-F legally and lawfully adopted.

6 MS. REED: 7-G. FOR CONSIDERATION BY  
7 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES- FOR ADOPTION -  
8 RESOLUTION NO. 191, 2015 - AUTHORIZING THE  
9 MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS  
10 TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH  
11 DELTA DENTAL OF PENNSYLVANIA TO PROVIDE  
12 INSURANCE SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF SCRANTON  
13 DENTAL INSURANCE FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR PERIOD  
14 FROM OCTOBER 1, 2015 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30,  
15 2019.

16 MR. ROGAN: As temporary Chairperson  
17 for the Committee on Rules, I recommend  
18 final passage of Item 7-G.

19 MR. WECHSLER: Second.

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

22 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Wechsler.

23 MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

24 MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Evans.

25 MR. EVANS: Yes.

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MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Gaughan.

MR. GAUGHAN: Yes.

MS. MARCIANO: Mr. Rogan.

MR. ROGAN: Yes. I hereby declare  
Item 7-G legally and lawfully adopted.

If there is not further business,  
I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

MR. WECHSLER: Motion to adjourn.

MR. ROGAN: 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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