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#### Hard News Scenario:

At last night's meeting, the city council voted in favor of raising sales taxes, which will cost the average tax payer about \$75 extra each year.

Councilwoman Wilma Rudolph, who proposed the tax raise, said, "The city desperately needs this money or there is a chance that we'll have to start laying off workers next year."

Mayor Ray Sadecki was against the tax raise stating, "The people are taxed too heavily now. I don't believe they want this."

The council voted 5-2 in favor of the raise, with Bill Mazeroski and Mayor Sadecki being the only ones against it.

The Metropolitan Zoning Commission proposed a rezoning project, which would mean the relocation of a cemetery in the 2800 block of Forbes Street so a supermarket could take its place.

The council voted on the relocation after hearing from some of the residents of Forbes Street, most of whom were outraged at the proposal.

One resident said, "We've been fighting this thing for two years now...I can promise you that we will mount a campaign to recall any council member who votes for this thing."

The council voted 5-2 against the relocation.

Mazeroski made a proposal to license morticians in the city, which would cause them to pay a \$150 fee each year.

After hearing from some local morticians, the council voted to table the proposal and Sadecki adjourned the meeting.