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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

PUBLIC HEARING

IN RE: FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 72, 2009 - PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND DEDICATION AS PUBLIC ROADS WILLIAMSBURG LANE, NORFOLK WAY, ROANOKE LANE, ARLINGTON WAY, CHESTERFIELD LANE AND HUNTINGTON WAY, AS WELL AS ALL THE STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM UNDERLYING SAID STREETS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY; ALL OF THE AFOREMENTIONED IMPROVEMENTS BEING LOCATED IN THE KEYSER TERRACE SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA; ALSO AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO ACCEPT FOR THE SUM OF ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) AND TO RECORD IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS AT THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS FOR LACKAWANNA COUNTY A DEED FOR THE AFORESAID PUBLIC STREETS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

HELD:

Tuesday, June 30, 2009

LOCATION:

Council Chambers
Scranton City Hall
340 North Washington Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

MR. ROBERT MCGOFF, PRESIDENT

MS. JUDY GATELLI, VICE-PRESIDENT

(Not present.)

MS. JANET E. EVANS

MS. SHERRY FANUCCI

MR. WILLIAM COURTRIGHT

MS. KAY GARVEY, CITY CLERK

MR. NEIL COOLICAN, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

MR. AMIL MINORA, SOLICITOR

1 MR. MCGOFF: Roll call, please.

2 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Evans.

3 MS. EVANS: Here.

4 MR. COOLICAN: Mrs. Gatelli. Ms.
5 Fanucci. Mr. Courtright.

6 MR. COURTRIGHT: Here.

7 MR. COOLICAN: Mr. McGoff.

8 MR. MCGOFF: Here. The purpose of
9 said public hearing is to hear testimony and
10 discuss the following: FILE OF COUNCIL NO.
11 72, 2009 - PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND
12 DEDICATION AS PUBLIC ROADS WILLIAMSBURG
13 LANE, NORFOLK WAY, ROANOKE LANE, ARLINGTON
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Speakers, Marie Schumacher.

MS. SCHUMACHER: Yes. I'd just like assurance from you that the planning department has reviewed what's been done up there and the city engineer has reviewed the actual work and that we are not assuming a developer's liability and --

MR. MCGOFF: I was going to answer that.

MS. SCHUMACHER: Go ahead.

MR. MCGOFF: We have received from the city engineer, Mr. Swanson, a letter saying that everything was in order and that we may proceed.

MS. SCHUMACHER: And there's no liability to the taxpayers then? Okay. Well, if we have a decent engineer that should be accurate.

MR. MCGOFF: Yes.

MS. SCHUMACHER: Thank you.

MR. MCGOFF: Ron Ellman.

MR. ELLMAN: I wasn't going to say nothing and then I decided -- I stood right here or sat out there and listened to people from the subdivision come in here and

1 complain how bad the sewage system was and
2 now we are going to take over a troublesome
3 and problematic venture to relieve the
4 owner, it doesn't make sense. And I talked
5 to somebody last week that told me, you
6 know, that nothing has been corrected there.
7 The basin is still overflowing, all of that.
8 I just -- just somebody tell me one
9 advantage of taking over this for a dollar,
10 you know? They want to get rid of it. It's
11 like trying to trade-in a used car that's no
12 good, you know. Am I thinking wrong?

13 MR. MCGOFF: All of the things that
14 the residents asked to have taken care of
15 were taken care of by the developer.

16 MR. ELLMAN: When I say in the paper
17 last week I made a phone call and they told
18 me it was still -- this is the exact words,
19 it was still problematic. I'm not trying
20 to, you know, to be a problem in this, but
21 these people don't pay taxes anyway so why
22 should we assume all of these problems up
23 there.

24 MR. COURTRIGHT: Oh, they pay taxes,
25 Ron.

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MR. ELLMAN: Pardon me?

MR. COURTRIGHT: They pay taxes.

MR. ELLMAN: I didn't hear you.

MR. COURTRIGHT: They pay taxes.

MR. ELLMAN: I'm sorry then. I think I'm stereotyping this whole city almost with this KOZ problem, but I still don't see why we are assuming a responsibility when there is something wrong with this system. Like I said, I phoned last week and they said there was. Thank you.

(Whereupon while Mr. Ellman was talking Ms. Fanucci enters council chambers.)

MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else?

MR. SBARAGLIA: I'm not going to say much on the project. Billy, you were into it in-depth. If you approve it, it must be okay. Thank you.

MR. MCGOFF: Anyone else? This public hearing is closed.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I hereby certify that the proceedings and evidence are contained fully and accurately in the notes of testimony taken by me at the hearing of the above-captioned matter and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the same to the best of my ability.

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