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SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

PUBLIC HEARING

IN RE: FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 52, 2011, VACATING THE
EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY AND ACCEPTING AND ORDAINING A NEW
RIGHT-OF-WAY TO WIDEN A PORTION OF MURPHY COURT TO
INCREASE IT'S RIGHT-OF-WAY TO 22 FEET.

HELD:

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

LOCATION:

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

CATHENE S. NARDOZZI- COURT REPORTER

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CITY OF SCRANTON COUNCIL:

JANET EVANS, PRESIDENT

PAT ROGAN, VICE-PRESIDENT

(Not present)

ROBERT MCGOFF

FRANK JOYCE

(Not present)

JOHN LOSCOMBE

NANCY KRAKE, CITY CLERK

CATHY CARRERA, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

BOYD HUGHES, SOLICITOR

1 MS. EVANS: I'd like to call this
2 public hearing to order. Roll call, please?

3 MS. CARRERA: Mr. McGoff.

4 MR. MCGOFF: Here.

5 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan. Mr.
6 Loscombe.

7 MR. LOSCOMBE: Here.

8 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Joyce. Mrs.
9 Evans.

10 MS. EVANS: Here. Notice is hereby
11 given that Scranton City Council will hold a
12 public hearing on Tuesday, September 13,
13 2011, at 6 p.m. in council chambers, second
14 floor, municipal building, 340 North
15 Washington Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

16 The purpose of said public hearing
17 is to hear testimony and discuss the
18 following: FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 52, 2011,
19 VACATING THE EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY AND
20 ACCEPTING AND ORDAINING A NEW RIGHT-OF-WAY
21 TO WIDEN A PORTION OF MURPHY COURT TO
22 INCREASE IT'S RIGHT-OF-WAY TO 22 FEET.

23 No one has signed the sheet to
24 address city council this evening, is there
25 anyone currently in the audience who cares

1 to speak on this particular piece of
2 legislation?

3 MR. WIENBERGER: Good evening.

4 MS. EVANS: Good evening.

5 MR. WEINBERGER: My name is Jerry
6 Wienberger and I'm representing the Penn
7 Security Bank. The purpose of the Murphy
8 Court expansion is to allow for the
9 development of a branch bank on a vacant lot
10 on Davis Street in Birney Avenue and Murphy
11 Court in order to accommodate the auto
12 traffic and safety vehicles needs to be
13 widened to 22 feet. This has already passed
14 by the City Planning Commission and we are
15 asking council to allow us to simultaneously
16 vacate the old ordinance, which is very
17 irregular in shape, and adopt an ordinance
18 creating a new Murphy Court, which is more
19 regularly shaped, and there is no cost to
20 the city. The purchaser of the bank will
21 bear all of the costs for the reconstruction
22 of the Court.

23 MS. EVANS: Thank you. Is there
24 anyone else who cares to address council?

25 MR. PASCALE: We are on the agenda,

1 I think, for a public hearing. I don't know
2 if now is the time to address it?

3 MS. EVANS: This public hearing
4 concerns Murphy Court.

5 MR. PASCALE: Okay.

6 MS. EVANS: Mr. Loscombe?

7 MR. LOSCOMBE: Yes, I just wanted
8 to, you know, last week I did state that I
9 had gone around to the neighbors and they
10 are all in favor of this project and I did
11 visit the site, and you are right it is an
12 irregular setup there, so I think it's going
13 to be a benefit for everybody and, you know,
14 I definitely am in favor of it.

15 MS. EVANS: If there are no further
16 comments, this public hearing is adjourned.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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

CATHENE S. NARDOZZI, RPR
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