

1 SCRANTON CITY COUNCIL

2 PUBLIC HEARING

3
4 IN RE: FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 56 2019 AUTHORIZING
5 THE INSTALLATION OF "NO PARKING" SIGNS ALONG THE
6 NORTHERLY AND SOUTHERLY SIDE OF BROADWAY STREET ALONG
7 THE BICYCLE LANES IN THE VICINITY OF THE TRAIL
8 CROSSINGS NEAR THE UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON SPORTS
9 COMPLEX THAT WERE INSTALLED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
10 LHVA SCRANTON SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

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13 HELD:

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15 Monday, March 4, 2019

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17 LOCATION:

18 Council Chambers
19 Scranton City Hall
20 340 North Washington Avenue
21 Scranton, Pennsylvania

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1 MR. ROGAN: I'd like to call this
2 public hearing to order. Our microphones
3 are actually out so we need a little extra
4 volume today. This public hearing is
5 specifically regarding no parking signs on
6 Broadway Street, so I know there are some
7 people that signed in for this. Our regular
8 meeting starts at 6:00 this is, again, just
9 regarding that.

10 Roll call, please?

11 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Perry.

12 MR. PERRY: Here.

13 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Donahue.

14 MR. DONAHUE: Here.

15 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Evans.

16 MR. EVANS: Here.

17 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Gaughan.

18 MR. GAUGHAN: Here.

19 MS. CARRERA: Mr. Rogan.

20 MR. ROGAN: Here.

21 MS. REED: The purpose of said
22 public hearing is to hear testimony and
23 discuss the following:

24 FILE OF THE COUNCIL NO. 56 2019
25 AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF "NO PARKING"

1 SIGNS ALONG THE NORTHERLY AND SOUTHERLY SIDE
2 OF BROADWAY STREET ALONG THE BICYCLE LANES
3 IN THE VICINITY OF THE TRAIL CROSSINGS NEAR
4 THE UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON SPORTS COMPLEX
5 THAT WERE INSTALLED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
6 LHVA SCRANTON SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

7 MR. ROGAN: As I mentioned, the
8 sign-in sheet a lot of people that signed in
9 here wish to speak on general issues so
10 anyone that would like to address council
11 regarding no parking on Broadway.

12 MS. FRANUS: The mics aren't
13 working?

14 MR. ROGAN: No, there's a circuit
15 out. They're trying to straighten it out.

16 MS. FRANUS: I am definitely in favor
17 of "No Parking" signs. I myself ride a bike
18 and many others do as well and when the
19 University of Scranton put the field in they
20 have also -- they widened the sidewalks so
21 that instead of having two cars going
22 one-way and two going the other way there
23 would only be enough room for one car one
24 way and another car another way.

25 So when the University of Scranton

1 has it's ball games people have been parking
2 right in front of the field. You know, the
3 bike lane is right in front of the field,
4 right next to the field, and all of those
5 cars that park there on either side they
6 fill right up and sometimes the University
7 of Scranton has their buses there and that's
8 illegal to start with. They are not
9 supposed to park their buses there but they
10 do, but there is always cars there and there
11 is no place for one bike.

12 So when you have those cars parked
13 there then the cars trying to come down the
14 street or up the street at the same time and
15 it's this tight, tight squeeze because you
16 have those cars there that aren't supposed
17 to be parked there giving it less room than
18 you should and it's not right because it's a
19 bike lane and people don't have any place to
20 go, you know, it's a bike lane and they are
21 taking that away from the bikers. And
22 that's a big trail for biking and for
23 jogging and the bike lanes is very
24 important.

25 And, like I said, they widened the

1 sidewalk so there is less road room for cars
2 to park so they absolutely should put no
3 parking there but it should be enforced
4 because they have were told the University
5 of Scranton was told about not parking cars
6 there and they still did it. They knew they
7 weren't supposed to and they didn't care
8 because when we talked to them about it they
9 just hurry up and called, they made an
10 announcement, "Hurry, move the car, the
11 police are coming." They knew but they
12 didn't care so you could put the signs there
13 but you must enforce the law.

14 So please do put those signs there.
15 It's very important for the bikers and for
16 the just the general public. A person was
17 killed at that intersection crossing the
18 street, a jogger, so it's very important.
19 Thank you.

20 MR. ROGAN: Thank you.

21 MR. SANTASIERO: Good evening. My
22 name is Dan Santasiero and I live at 306
23 Third Avenue and the corner of Broadway way
24 and I'm here to complain about the parking.
25 As that woman just stated, I do have a

1 packet here that I prepared for everybody on
2 council if I could pass it?

3 MR. ROGAN: Sure.

4 MR. SANTASIERO: Pass it out to you,
5 and I'm working with Tom Welby on this
6 project and he sent Lori a letter. He is
7 not going to be able to make it tonight so
8 he asked me -- it's okay to approach?

9 MR. ROGAN: Absolutely.

10 MR. SANTASIERO: That's the letter
11 to Lori. If you look and see the letters
12 and then you will see photographs of the
13 problems that the neighbors are having. We
14 have been complaining since December 16 when
15 this project started and the University of
16 Scranton kept telling us they are going to
17 do something about it. The final meeting we
18 had they said it wasn't their problem no
19 more it belonged to the City of Scranton and
20 the City of Scranton needed to control the
21 parking by signs, so at that point we met
22 with Mr. Graziano at the University's
23 complex and showed him the pictures. You
24 could see where the buses are on the
25 intersections on the walkways. I just don't

1 want to see anybody get hurt over there
2 number one.

3 Number two, they said they stopped
4 the buses from coming onto the side streets.
5 As of Saturday afternoon at 5:30, I have a
6 new video, it shows the bus coming across
7 the bridge to pick the players up, turning
8 into my street and then backing out into
9 traffic and then pulling over. First of
10 all, that's not what this deal was all
11 about. It's a beautiful complex and it's
12 very nice, but I don't think our
13 neighborhood should have to suffer because
14 of these problems that they are having and
15 nobody wants to address them and it's very
16 frustrating at this point. So I'm just
17 asking you again, and the neighbors are
18 asking, if there is anything we can do to
19 help us out.

20 And I don't see that on the agenda
21 here tonight, we are just talking about the
22 no parking in front of it. When we talked
23 to Mr. Graziano he was going to include the
24 side street.

25 MS. REED: Actually, I spoke with

1 the chief, we sent correspondence down,
2 Chief Graziano, on December 19 when he
3 received your petition for permanent
4 parking, but tonight the Chief said that he
5 did review it and he coordinated with the
6 engineering department who is looking at it
7 right now.

8 MR. ROGAN: So there are two
9 separate issues, no parking and permanent
10 parking is still being looked into it in the
11 engineer department but it's not --
12 (unintelligible.)

13 MR. SANTASIERO: Time is getting
14 late now and the fields are starting to get
15 used and we are having problems already and
16 it's only February or early March so once
17 the school districts and everybody starts
18 using it it gets to a point where myself and
19 my neighbors can't get in and out of our
20 driveways because once you back out of the
21 driveway you can't turn left, you can't turn
22 right, and the street is not wide enough to
23 get an emergency vehicle. It's 29 feet from
24 curb to curb. Average parking is probably 8
25 or 9 feet for each car off the curb. That

1 doesn't leave much to get a fire truck up to
2 the building so I appreciate whatever you
3 can do. Thank you.

4 MR. ROGAN: Is there anyone else who
5 would like to address the parking
6 legislation specifically? If not, this
7 meeting 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.

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