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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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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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