

# **Minutes of the Council of the City of Easton, Pa.**

**August 10, 2016**

Easton, Pa  
Wednesday  
August 10, 2016  
6:00 p.m.

City Council met in stated session at the above date and time, in Council Chambers, located on the 3rd floor of City Hall, 123 South Third Street, Easton Pa. to consider any business that may lawfully be brought before the body.

The invocation was given by Mr. Brown followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ROLL CALL**

Present: Brown, Edinger, Melan, Panto (4)

Absent: O'Connell, Ruggles, Vulcano (3)

Also in attendance were Thomas A. Hess, City Clerk, William Murphy, City Solicitor, Tony Bassil, City Controller, and Luis Campos, City Administrator. There were seven (7) other persons present.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion of Mr. Brown and Mr. Melan the Agenda was approved by the following vote:

Yeas: Brown, Edinger, Melan, Panto (4)

Nays: None (0)

## **ACTION ON MINUTES**

On motion of Mr. Edinger and Mr. Melan the July 27, 2016 Council Meeting minutes, as submitted, were approved by the following vote:

Yeas: Edinger, Melan, Panto, Brown (4)

Nays: None (0)

## **RESOLUTION**

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which recognized the death of Charles Morrison a former member of Council, City Treasurer and Director of Accounts & Finance.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Edinger:

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The above Resolution was adopted on motion of Mr. Edinger and Mr. Brown by the following vote:

Yeas: Melan, Panto, Brown, Edinger (4)

Nays: None (0)

At this time, Mrs. Thomas Bougher, daughter of Mr. Morrison, was presented with a framed Resolution.

Mayor Panto spoke regarding Mr. Morrison's dedication to the City's Finance Department, his work ethic, and how he personally mentored the Mayor when he was first elected to office.

Mr. Brown and Mr. Melan expressed their sympathy to the Morrison family on their loss.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### **Agenda Items Only**

There were no comments or questions from the audience.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

On motion of Mr. Brown and Mr. Melan the following items was adopted by the following vote:

Resolutions 125-2016 & 126-2016 which authorized the application for Traffic Signal Improvements at N. 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Bushkill Drive and at N. 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Wood Avenue.

Resolution 127-2016 approved an Encroachment Agreement with Luan of Kosova, LLC for encroachment into the rights of way of Bank Street and Northampton Street.

Yeas: Panto, Brown, Edinger, Melan (4)

Nays: None (0)

### **REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL**

The following reports were received by Council:

- (a) Monthly Fire Reports for May, June and July 2016.
- (b) EAJSA March, April and May 2016 Meeting Minutes.

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Mr. Brown, Chairman of the Finance Committee, spoke regarding legislation which he would have, for later in the meeting, regarding amending the 2016 General Fund Budget, for

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establishing a budget for the Police Station Construction Fund and for declaring the intention of the City to incur debt.

Mr. Brown asked, Cassandra Williams, Finance Director to explain where the funds were being transferred from to establish the budget for the Police Station Construction Fund.

Mrs. Williams explained that the funds would be transferred from a reimbursement from the Long Term Debt.

Mrs. Vulcano, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, was absent.

Mr. O'Connell, Chairman of the Planning Committee, was absent.

Mr. Melan, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, had no report.

Dr. Ruggles, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, was absent.

Mr. Edinger, Chairman of the Administration Committee, had no report.

Mr. Murphy, City Solicitor had no report.

Mayor Panto had no report.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The following Correspondence was received by Council:

- (a) Lafayette College, letter informing the City of an application for a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant.
- (b) Delaware River Toll Bridge Commission, letter informing the City of Public Hearings on proposed toll adjustments.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Bill 32, Amending the 2016 General Fund Budget was withdrawn by Mr. Brown.

Bill 33, (Ordinance 5563) Providing revenues and appropriating specific sums to be required for the Police Station Construction Fund Budget, for the fiscal year 2016, was moved on motion of Mr. Brown and Mr. Melan.

On motion of Mr. Brown and Mr. Melan Bill 33, was amended by changing the account number 124-1000-39201 to 124-2000-35811 and by changing the description from "Transfer from General Fund to "Reimbursement from Long Term Debt, by the following vote:

Yeas: Brown, Panto, Melan, Edinger (4)

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Nays: None (0)

On motion of Mr. Brown and Mr. Melan Bill 33, Providing revenues and appropriating specific sums to be required for the Police Station construction Fund Budget, as amended, was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Edinger, Melan, Panto, Brown (4)

Nays: None (0)

**NEW BUSINESS**

Bill 34, Amending Ordinance 5469, Amending Article III, Traffic Control Map, of Chapter 560, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa. was introduced by Mr. Melan and ordered processed for adoption.

This Bill would add Sassafras Street between 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Oak Street to the list of streets for no parking on Tuesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for garbage pickup.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution declaring the intention of the City of Easton to incur debt in connection with the payment of the cost of a City Capital Project, and to reimburse various city funds or accounts for expenditures made towards the cost of the project.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Brown:

128-2016

There was a discussion, between Council members and Mr. Campos, the City Administration on the maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for the purposes of reimbursing the city for the cost of the Project.

On motion of Mayor Panto and Mr. Melan, the above Resolution was amended by increasing the maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued from \$100,000 to up to \$500,000, by the following vote:

Yeas: Panto, Melan, Edinger, Brown (4)

Nays: None (0)

On motion of Mr. Brown and Mr. Edinger, the above amended Resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Brown, Edinger, Melan, Panto (4)

Nays: None (0)

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**(On any item)**

Thomas Weber, 915 Porter Street, expressed his concerns regarding the statue of Christopher Columbus in Riverside Park, said that it should be removed and gave reasons why he felt that way.

Mr. Weber also requested that the Police Department should be demilitarized and also gave reasons why he felt that way.

Council members spoke to Mr. Weber's concerns and thanked him for expressing his opinions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p. m. on motion of Mr. Brown and Mr. Melan by the following vote:

Yeas: Melan, Panto, Brown, Edinger (4)

Nays: None (0)

  
Thomas A. Hess  
City Clerk



# CITY OF EASTON

## PENNSYLVANIA

August 5, 2016

### MEETING NOTICE

A regular meeting of Easton City Council has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 10, 2016, for the transaction of regular business.

The meeting will be held in council Chambers, located on the third floor of City Hall, 123 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and will begin at 6:00 p.m.

All meetings of City Council are open to the Public and are accessible to persons with disabilities.



Thomas A. Hess  
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CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA

Stated Session  
Wednesday  
August 10, 2016  
6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INVOCATION
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. ROLL CALL
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
6. ACTION ON MINUTES – July 27, 2016 Council Meeting minutes
7. RESOLUTION – Death of Charles Morrison
8. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)
9. CONSENT AGENDA
  - (a) Resolution authorizing an application for Traffic Signal Improvements at N. 13 Street and Bushkill Drive.
  - (b) Resolution authorizing an application for Traffic Signal Improvements at N. 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Wood Avenue.
  - (c) Resolution approving an Encroachment Agreement with Luan of Kosova, LLC
10. REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL
  - (a) Monthly Fire Reports for May, June and July 2016.
  - (b) EAJSA March, April and May 2016 Meeting Minutes.
11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
  - (a) Finance (Kenneth Brown)
  - (b) Economic Development (Sandra Vulcano)
  - (c) Planning and Code (David O’Connell)
  - (d) Public Safety (Peter Melan)
  - (e) Public Works (Roger Ruggles)
  - (f) Administration (James Edinger)
  - (g) Report of City Solicitor (Attorney William Murphy)
  - (h) Report of Mayor (Salvatore J. Panto Jr.)
12. CORRESPONDENCE
  - (a) Lafayette College Letter informing City of an application for a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant.
  - (b) Delaware River Toll Bridge Commission, Letter informing City of Public Hearings on proposed toll adjustments.

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13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS,
  - (a) Action on Legislative Bills
    1. Bill 32, Amending the 2016 General Fund Budget
    2. Bill 33, Providing Revenues and Appropriating Specific Sums to be required for the Police Station Construction Fund Budget for the fiscal year 2016
  
14. NEW BUSINESS
  - (a) Introduction of Legislative Bills
    1. Bill 34, Amending Ordinance 5469, Traffic Control Map.
  - (b) Resolution declaring the intention of the City to incur debt.
  
15. PUBLIC COMMENT – (Any Matter)
  
16. ADJOURNMENT