

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

February 10, 2016

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

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

The invocation was given by Mayor Panto followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Brown, Edinger, Melan, O'Connell, Ruggles, Vulcano, Panto (7)
Absent: None (0)

Also in attendance were Thomas A. Hess, City Clerk, and William Murphy, City Solicitor. There were twenty-four 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, O'Connell, Ruggles, Vulcano, Panto (7)
Nays: None (0)

ACTION ON MINUTES

On motion of Dr. Ruggles and Mr. O'Connell the January 27, 2016 Council Meeting minutes, as submitted, were approved by the following vote:

Yeas: Edinger, Melan, O'Connell, Ruggles, Vulcano, Panto, Brown (7)
Nays: None (0)

RECOGNIZING ED MCMURTRIE'S LIFETIME SUPPORT TO THE CITY'S YOUTH

At this time Mayor Panto said that he was going to present a citation to the McMurtrie family from State Representative Robert Freeman and a Proclamation from the City regarding Mr. McMurtrie's lifetime support to the City's Youth. Mayor Panto highlighted parts of the City's Proclamation. Mayor Panto also spoke regarding Mr. McMurtrie's dedication and service to the City and its youth.

Mr. Brown also spoke regarding Mr. McMurtrie's dedication to the City's youth.

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Scott Ransom, 741 Line Street, a little league football coach, presented an award, on behalf of the Easton Recreation Board, for Mr. McMurtrie's service as a midget football coach for over 50 year.

Edward Black, 3411 Freemansburg Avenue, thanked the Mayor and Council for the recognition shown for Mr. McMurtrie and said that it was an honor to serve the youth with him. Mr. Black spoke regarding the establishment of an Ed McMurtrie Foundation and spoke regarding up coming fund raising events for the Foundation.

John Beam, 311 Third Street, West Easton, Mr. McMurtrie's son-in-law, thanked the Mayor, Council, the Recreation Board and Mr. Black for the honor bestowed on Mr. McMurtrie and spoke regarding his dedication to the youth.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Agenda Items Only

There were no comments from the audience.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Brown and Mrs. Vulcano, the following item was adopted by the following vote:

Bill 4, (Ordinance 5538) An Ordinance providing revenues and appropriating specific sums to be required for the City Hall additional expenses during the fiscal year 2016, which provides Revenues and Expenditures in the amount of \$2,150,000 for the City Hall Additional Expenses fund.

Yeas: Vulcano, Panto, Brown Edinger, Melan, O'Connell, Ruggles (7)

Nays: None (0)

REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL

The following report was received by Council:

- (a) Fire department Monthly Report for December 2016.

Mayor Panto accepted the above report on behalf of Council.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Brown, Chairperson of the Finance Committee had no report.

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Mrs. Vulcano, Chairperson of the Economic Development Committee reported that she would be having a Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 with Kim Kmetz, from Main Street attending, to discuss the Peace Candle Lighting Ceremony Event, and reported that a West Ward Neighborhood Partnership Round Table meeting would be held on February 16, 2016, at 5:30 p.m., at the Easton Home, located at 10th and Northampton Streets.

Mr. O'Connell, Chairperson of the Planning and Code Committee had no report.

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

Dr. Ruggles, Chairperson of the Public Works Committee had no report.

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

Mr. Murphy, City Solicitor, reported that before the meeting Council held an Executive Session and that a Personnel matter and a Real Estate matter had been discussed.

Mayor Panto reported that Farmers Insurance Company and the Fisher Golkin Group have rented both remaining spaces on the south end of City Hall, and said that he had taken part in the Lehigh Valley Mayors Forum, earlier in the day, on sustainability and resiliency and said that he felt that Easton was comparable if not ahead of other municipalities. He congratulated Mr. Brown on being inducted into the Easton High School Hall of Fame at a banquet on April 16, 2016.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence received by Council:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill 5, Approving a Lease Agreement between the City of Easton Pa., and Joseph Herbert, was introduced by Dr. Ruggles and ordered processed for adoption.

This Bill would approve a Lease Agreement for the leasing of the property at 393 Island Park Road.

Bill 6, Approving a Five (5) Year Lease Agreement between the City of Easton, Pa. and Fisher Golkin Group, LLC. was introduced by Mayor Panto and ordered processed for adoption.

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This Bill would approve a five year Lease Agreement for the leasing of Suite 4 at 123 S. Third Street.

Bill 7, Approving a Five (5) Year Lease Agreement between the City of Easton, Pa. and F & G Insurance Agency, LLC, was introduced by Mayor Panto and ordered processed for adoption.

This Bill would approve a five year Lease Agreement for the leasing of Suite 5 at 123 S. Third Street.

A memorandum, dated January 28, 2016, regarding a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement was received from Scott Klabunde.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the National Joint Powers Alliance Accounts.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Ruggles:

29-2016

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

Yeas: Panto, Brown, Edinger, Melan. O'Connell, Ruggles, Vulcano (7)

Nays: None (0)

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve Five (5) Year consulting Services Agreement with TRIAD Associates to perform Community Consultancy duties.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. O'Connell:

30-2016

Dr. Ruggles asked a question regarding the cost of the Agreement for each year, which was answered by Tina Roseberry, Director of Planning.

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

Yeas: Brown, Edinger, Melan, O'Connell, Ruggles, Vulcano, Panto (7)

Nays: None (0)

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The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would appoint representatives to make requests for confidential information from Berkheimer Associates.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Brown:

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

Yeas: Edinger, Melan, O'Connell, Ruggles, Vulcano, Panto, Brown (7)

Nays: None (0)

PUBLIC COMMENT
(On any item)

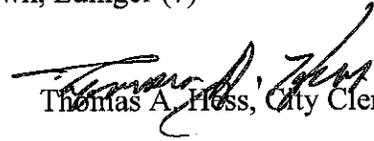
There were no remarks from the audience.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m., on motion of Dr. Ruggles and Mrs. Vulcano by the following vote:

Yeas: Melan, O'Connell, Ruggles, Vulcano, Panto, Brown, Edinger (7)

Nays: None (0)


Thomas A. Hess, City Clerk



CITY OF EASTON

PENNSYLVANIA

February 5, 2016

MEETING NOTICE

The meeting of Easton City Council has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 10, 2016, for general business.

The meeting will be held in Council Chambers, located on the 3rd Floor of City Hall, 123 S. 3rd Street, Easton, Pa. 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
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA

Stated Session
Wednesday
February 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 – January 27, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes
7. RECOGNIZING ED MCMURTRIE’S LIFETIME SUPPORT TO THE CITY’S YOUTH.
8. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)
9. CONSENT AGENDA
 - a. Bill 4, Providing Revenues and Appropriating Specific Sums to be required for the City Hall Additional Expenses Budget for the Fiscal Year 2016.
10. REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL
 - a. Fire Department Monthly Report for December 2016.
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
13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
14. NEW BUSINESS
 - (a) Introduction of Legislative Bills
 1. Bill 5, Approving a Lease Agreement with Joseph Herbert.
 2. Bill 6, Approving a Five Year Lease Agreement with the Fisher Golkin Group, LLC.
 3. Bill 7, Approving a Five Year Lease Agreement with F & G Insurance Agency, LLC.

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- (b) Resolution approving a Cooperative Purchasing Enrollment Agreement.
- (c) Resolution approving a contract with TRIAD.
- (d) Resolution appointing Liaisons to Berkheimer.

16. PUBLIC COMMENT – (Any Matter)

17. ADJOURNMENT