

Minutes of the Council of the City of Easton, Pa.
June 10, 2015

Easton, Pa
Wednesday
June 10, 2015
6:00 p.m.

City Council met in stated session at the above date and time, in Council Chambers, located on the 6th floor of City Hall, One South Third Street, Easton Pa. to consider any business that may lawfully be brought before the body.

The invocation was given by Dr. Ruggles followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Brown, Edinger, Mauro, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Panto (Phone) (7)
Absent: None (0)

Also in attendance were Rita Messa, Assistant City Clerk, and William Murphy, City Solicitor. There were five other persons present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Yeas: Brown, Edinger, Mauro, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Panto (7)
Nays: None (0)

ACTION ON MINUTES

On motion of Mrs. Vulcano and Ms. Mauro the May 27, 2015 Council Meeting minutes, as submitted, were approved by the following vote:

Yeas: Edinger, Mauro, Ruggles, Vulcano, Panto, Brown (6)
Nays: None (0)
Abstain: Warner (1)

PUBLIC COMMENT
Agenda Items Only

There were no remarks from the audience.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Dr. Warner and Mr. Edinger the following items were adopted by the following vote:

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Bill No. 16, (Ordinance 5496), an Ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Easton, Pa., Chapter 560, Vehicles and Traffic, to add an Article providing for a Parking Ticket Appeals Process. This Bill abrogates and repealed Ordinance 5491, which was adopted on April 22, 2015 and replaced it with a new Parking Ticket Appeal Process Ordinance.

Resolution 105-2015 which authorized the destruction of Fire Department records.

Yeas: Panto, Brown, Edinger, Mauro, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner (7)

Nays: None (0)

REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL

There were no reports received by Council:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Brown, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that a Finance Committee was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, and the Alpha Building Fund was discussed. He spoke regarding legislation, which he would have for later in the meeting, for amendments to the 2015 General Fund, the 2015 Alpha Building Fund and the 2015 New City Hall Fund budgets.

Mrs. Vulcano, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, reported that the West Ward Neighborhood Partnership had met and discussed regarding the need for funds to keep the program going. She said that there needed to be a commitment of at least \$50,000 for a minimum of six years, and if that commitment was not made there was a possibility that the two employees cannot be kept past September of 2015. She said that the Mayor and Alan Jennings were working on this matter.

Dr. Warner, Chairman of the Planning Committee spoke regarding legislation which she would have for later in the meeting, regarding approving Construction Service agreements with C.E.B. LLC and Koorie Construction.

Ms. Mauro, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, reported that there would be a Public Safety Committee meeting on June 23, 2015. She reported that a proposed Bill which would have amended the streets for prohibiting truck traffic in the third ward had been removed from the Agenda prior to the meeting.

Dr. Ruggles, Chairman of the Public Works Committee reported that a Public Works Committee meeting had been held on June 9, 2015. He reported that it has been a very busy year for the Public Works department, and spoke regarding some of the ongoing projects.

Mr. Edinger, Chairman of the Administration Committee reported that the Administration Committee had met and that Health Care for post 65 retirees had been discussed. He

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reported that there would be another Committee meeting on June 23, 2015 to again discuss this matter and said that there would possibly be a Resolution, on this matter, for introduction at the June 24, 2015 Council meeting.

Mr. Murphy, City Solicitor had no report.

Mayor Panto reported on what had been happening with Pension reform in Harrisburg, spoke regarding a proposed Resolution, for the June 24, 2017 Council meeting, voicing support of Pension reform to be sent to the State Senators. He spoke regarding the receiving of bids for the proposed new Police Station and that they were still meeting with developers. He spoke regarding the developing of a draft Ordinance to address the Parklet matter being requested by Josh Palmer for Sette Luna. He said that this would be discussed at either the June 23rd Council Committee meetings or at the June 24th Council meeting. He also spoke regarding the pros and cons of a Pilot Program regarding this request. He said that he would also like to have a Public Hearing, regarding the Parklet program at the June 24th Council meeting. He spoke regarding the lawsuit against the City by Dieter Bros. regarding the installation of a 3,000 propane gas tank at their Bushkill Drive property. He reported that the invitations had not yet been sent for the grand opening of the new Parking Garage, to take place on Monday, June 22, 2015. He said that Council is being invited to do a walk through of the new City Hall on June 23, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no Correspondence received by Council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A June 5, 2016 memorandum regarding proposed 2015 budget amendments was received from Chris Heagele, Finance Director.

Bill 17, Approving the transfer of funds contained in the 2015 General Fund Budget, was introduced by Mr. Brown and ordered processed for adoption.

This Bill would approve the transfer of \$129,139.53 to account no. 101-5052-4383, City Rents of Bldg., from different expenditure funds contained in the 2015 General Fund Budget.

Bill 18, Amending the 2015 Alpha Building Fund Budget, was introduced by Mr. Brown and ordered process for adoption.

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This Bill would amend the 2015 Alpha Building Fund Budget by increasing Revenues and Expenditures by \$4,063,356.42.

Bill 19, Amending the 2015 New City Hall Fund Budget was introduced by Mr. Brown and ordered processed for adoption.

This Bill would amend the 2015 New City Hall Fund Budget by increasing Revenues and Expenditures by \$66,300.00.

A June 4, 2015 memorandum regarding contracts for construction services was received from Stephen Nowroski, Chief Codes Administrator.

The next items on the Agenda were proposed Resolutions which would approve Contracts for Construction Services with C.E.B. LLC, and Koorie Construction for minor property maintenance jobs on either City-owned or private properties with the City.

The following Resolutions were introduced by Dr. Warner:

107-2015
108-2015

Resolution 107-2015 was adopted on motion of Dr. Warner and Mrs. Vulcano and Resolution 108-2015 was adopted on motion of Dr. Warner and Mr. Brown by the following votes:

107-2015

Yeas: Edinger, Mauro, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Panto, Brown (7)

Nays: None (0)

108-2015

Yeas: Mauro, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Panto, Brown, Edinger (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 6:25 p. m. on motion of Mr. Edinger and Mr. Brown by the following vote:

Yeas: Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Panto, Brown, Edinger, Mauro (7)

Nays: None (0)

Rita Messa
Assistant City Clerk