

**Minutes of the Council of the City of Easton, Pa.**  
**November 10, 2015**

Easton, Pa  
Tuesday  
November 10, 2015  
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. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, Mauro, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Panto (7)  
Absent: None (0)

Also in attendance were Thomas A. Hess, City Clerk, William Murphy, City Solicitor and Glenn Steckman, City Administrator. There were twenty-eight other persons present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion of Mrs. Vulcano and Dr. Ruggles, 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 Mr. Brown and Mrs. Vulcano the October 28, 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)

**PRESENTATION**  
**NEW POLICE STATION**

Mayor Panto presented Council with a background on the Study for a location of a New Police Station and the pro and cons of the different locations that were considered.

Mr. Lou Pektor, Ashley Development, 59 Main Street, Bethlehem, Pa., went over what his organization has done and will do regarding the development of the New Police Station which will be located on N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street at the site of the old Easton Express Building, which included the building history, giving a physical description of the building, a showing of the zoning

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district map, tax parcel information, an aerial site of the property, proposed external evaluation, and proposed financial terms for the New Police Station, a proposed site layout and floor plans for the station.

Police Chief Scalzo and Patrick Motley went over the proposed floor plans in more detail.

Council members asked questions and made comments regarding the size of the proposed station compared to the exiting station, regarding all of the considered sites, etc., which were answered by Mr. Pektor, Chief Scalzo, Mr. Motley and Mayor Panto.

After the discussion it was the consensus of Council to move forward with the Letter of Intent to be approved at the November 24, 2015 Council meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**  
**Agenda Items Only**

There were no comments from the audience.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

On motion of Dr. Ruggles and Mr. Brown the following items were adopted by the following vote:

Bill 46, (Ordinance 5523) Approving the transfer of funds in the 2011 Bond Fund Budget, which approved the transfer of \$29,750 from Account No. 153-5052-437228, N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Parking Lot Improvements to Account 153-5000-4740, Machinery.

Bill 47, (Ordinance 5524) Amending Article III, Traffic Control Map, of Chapter 560, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa., which approved the erection of a Stop Sign for Eastbound traffic on Lehigh Street at S. 11<sup>th</sup> Street.

Bill 48, (Ordinance 5525) Amending the 2015 Capital Projects Fund Budget, which approved the amendment of the 2015 Capital Projects Fund Budget by increasing Revenues and Expenditures by \$40,000.

Bill 49, (Ordinance 5526) Amending the 2015 Parks & Open Space Fund Budget, which approved the amendment of the 2015 Parks & Open Space Fund Budget by increasing Revenues and Expenditures by \$40,000.

Bill 50, (Ordinance 5527) Providing Revenues and Appropriating Specific Sums to be required for the 2015 Software Lease Fund Budget which established a 2015 Software Lease Fund Budget with \$347,900 for Revenues and Expenditures.

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Bill 51, (Ordinance 5528) Providing Revenues and Appropriating Specific Sums to be required for the 2015 Taxable Bond Fund Budget which established a 2015 Taxable Bond Fund Budget with \$765,000 for Revenues and Expenditures.

Bill 52, Providing Revenues and Appropriating Specific Sums to be required for the 2015 Tax-Exempt Bond Fund Budget, which established a 2015 Tax-Exempt Bond Fund Budget with \$3,925,000 for Revenues and Expenditures.

Resolution 175-2015, which approved a Stipulation of Counsel for property located at 500 Washington Street.

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

**REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL**

The following report was received by Council.

- (a) Monthly fire report for October 2015.

The Mayor accepted the above report on behalf of Council.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

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

Mrs. Vulcano, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, reported that the West Ward Neighborhood Partnership Steering Committee will meet on Monday, December 7, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. and reported that a West Ward Neighborhood Partnership Economic Development Business Roundtable meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2015, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Easton Home located at 10<sup>th</sup> and Northampton Street.

Dr. Warner, Chairman of the Planning Committee, reported that the Rental Licensing Task Force will meet, in Council Chambers, on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. and told what was anticipated to be discussed and would be done.

Ms. Mauro, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, had no report, but recognized the Fire Department who had distributed winter coats to needed children at the City's elementary schools.

Dr. Ruggles, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, spoke regarding legislation which he would have for later in the meeting, regarding approving a Turnback agreement with the

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Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for Wood Avenue from Northampton Street to N. 13<sup>th</sup> Street.

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

Mr. Murphy, City Solicitor had no report.

Mayor Panto reported that the City had received some gifts from visiting dignitaries from China, reported that the New City Hall dedication was well attended and that some things must still be completed, reported that the Bacon Fest was well attended by City residents and out of town persons. He reported that City Hall would be closed on Veterans Day, November 11, 2015 and spoke regarding the Veterans Day Ceremonies that would take place at Hackett's Park.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was received by Council:

- (a) Lloyd Johnson's family, thank-you note.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A November 2, 2015 memorandum, regarding requesting approval of the amended Fire Civil Service Rules and Regulations, was received from Fire Chief John Bast.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve the amended Fire Civil Service Rules and Regulations dated November 2015.

The following Resolution was introduced by Ms. Mauro:

176-2015

The above Resolution was adopted on motion of Ms. Mauro and Dr. Warner by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0)

A November 6, 2015 memorandum, regarding a Wood Avenue turnback, was received from David Hopkins, Director of Public Services.

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The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve a Turnback Agreement, for Wood Avenue, between the City and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Ruggles:

177-2015

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

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

Nays: None (0)

**PUBLIC COMMENT**  
**(On any item)**

Mrs. Susan Eagle, 124 S. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, spoke regarding a reserved Handicapped Parking Space, on S. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, which has not been used for at least five (5) months, and asked that it be temporarily removed until the person, who was issued the space, comes back home, which will allow other persons to park in the space thus alleviating a problem with parking on her block.

The City Clerk said that he would contact the person, who was issued the space, and find out what her condition is and when she expects to be back home and driving.

Steve Elchert, 120 S. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, also spoke regarding the parking problem on S. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, and the City Clerk explained how he could apply for a Handicapped Parking Space.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m., on motion of Mr. Brown and Dr. Ruggles by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0)

Thomas A. Hess  
City Clerk