

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

**March 11, 2015**

Easton, Pa  
Wednesday  
March 11, 2015  
6:00 p.m.

City Council met in stated session at the above date and time, in Council Chambers, located on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of City Hall, One South Third Street, to consider any business that may lawfully be brought before the body and for the presentation of the State of City Address by Mayor Panto.

The invocation was given by Mayor Panto 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 Hess, City Clerk, Joel Scheer, Assistant City Solicitor, and Glenn Steckman, City Administrator. There were eighteen other persons present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion of Mr. Brown and Ms. Mauro, 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 Dr. Ruggles and Mrs. Vulcano the February 25, 2015 Council Meeting minutes, as submitted, were approved by the following vote:

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

**RESOLUTION**

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution, recognizing the deaths of Lynne M. Stark a former member of the Zoning Hearing Board.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

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

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

Nays: None (0)

Council members spoke of Mrs. Starke's service to the City and their personal relationships with her and extended their sympathies to her family.

The City Clerk was directed to forward the Resolution to the Starke family.

**SWEARING IN NEW POLICE OFFICER**

At this time Aaron Kinnel was sworn in, by Mayor Panto, as the newest Police Officer.

**STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS**

At this time Mayor Panto presented his state of the City address. (See attachment).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**  
**(Agenda Items Only)**

There were no comments from the audience.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

On motion of Dr. Warner and Ms. Mauro, the following items were adopted by the following vote:

Bill 5, (Ordinance 5486), Amending Sections in Chapter 560, Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa. which amended different sections contained in Chapter 560.

Bill 6, (Ordinance 5487), Amending and adding sub-sections to Section 595, Zoning of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa., which amended wording in Section 594-234 A that would address the membership of the Zoning Hearing Board, add two alternate members to the Board, and add Section 595-234 C to the Chapter which addressed when an alternate member may vote on an item in front of the Hearing Board.

Resolution 41-2015, which approved the appointment of Rabbi Daniel Stein to the Zoning Hearing Board.

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

Nays: None (0)

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**REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL**

The following report was received by Council:

- (a) Easton Fire Department Monthly Report for February 2015.

Dr. Ruggles asked if a Fire Pumper was out of service because of the non-use report contained in the monthly Fire Report.

Mr. Steckman said that he would get back to Dr. Ruggles with an answer.

Mayor Panto accepted the above report on behalf of Council.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Mr. Brown, Chairman of the Finance Committee, spoke regarding legislation, for later in the meeting, regarding amending a section in Chapter 285, Fees, of the Code and amending the 2015 General Fund, the 2015 Debt Service Fund and the 2015 Recreation Fund Budget.

Mrs. Vulcano, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, reported that she had been in contact with Jarred Mast, who would give an update, to Council, on the permanent indoor market at a later date.

Dr. Warner, Chairman of the Planning Committee spoke regarding legislation, for later in the meeting regarding approving Planning's 2015 Annual Report.

Ms. Mauro, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, had no report

Dr. Ruggles, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, reported that he had attended a Council of Governments meeting and that amongst other things that had been discussed a Hazardous Materials recycling event was discussed.

Mr. Edinger, Chairman of the Administration Committee spoke regarding legislation that would be forthcoming, in the near future, regarding the Charter Study Commission to study amendments to the City Charter.

There was a short discussion between Council member and Attorney Scheer on this matter.

Mr. Scheer, Assistant City Solicitor, reported that before the meeting, Council had met in Executive Session and had discussed pending litigation.

Mayor Panto reported that he had attended a National League of Cities Conference and reported who he had met with and what had been discussed.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Bill 7, Amending Section 285-29 E, of Chapter 285, Fees, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa., was introduced by Mr. Brown and ordered processed for adoption.

This Bill would remove the words “(Note: After 90 days ticket goes to citation; see Magistrate).

A March 6, 2015 memorandum, regarding a 2015 Budget Amendment, was received from Chris Heagele, Finance Director.

Bill 8, Amending the 2015, General Fund, the 2015 Debt Service Fund and the 2015 Recreation Fund, contained in the 2015 City budget was introduced by Mr. Brown and ordered processed for adoption.

This Bill would amend Revenues and Expenditures contained in the 2015 Debt Service, the 2015 Recreation Fund and the General Fund budgets.

A March 5, 2015 memorandum, regarding a request for approval of an Annual Report was received from Carl Manges, Chief Planner.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve the adoption of the 2014 annual Report from the Planning Department.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

42-2015

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

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

Nays: None (0)

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The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would amend the Salary and Wage Resolution by increasing the salaries of the Human Resources Manager, the Codes Administrator, lowering the salary for the Supervisor of the Bureau of Property Maintenance and increasing the salaries of all Police (FOP) by 3%.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Edinger:

43-2015

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

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

Nays: None (0)

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

Mayor Panto reported that the preliminary 2016 Budget will be presented at the March 25, 2015 Council meeting.

Mr. Steckman reported when the new Human Resources Manger, the new Chief Codes Administrator and the new person in the Finance Department would start.

Dr. Warner asked where the City was at for the hiring of an in-house solicitor.

Mr. Steckman said that he would be working on the job description, which Council will have to approve. He said that once it is formulated he will forward it to the Mayor and Mr. Murphy to review and then proceed.

Kurt Raup, 818 West Union Blvd, Bethlehem Pa., spoke regarding Rail Service for the Lehigh Valley, and asked if the Mayor's of Allentown, Bethlehem and Easton has met on this matter.

Mayor Panto said that they had met, on a numerous issues, including this matter and were cautiously proceeding.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p. m. on motion of Dr. Warner and Mr. Brown by the following vote:

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

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Nays: None (0)

  
Thomas a. Hess, City Clerk

Most of you know that I was a history teacher. As the well-known historian William Shakespeare said “the past is prologue.” Our history influences and sets the context for the present and the path for our future. I lived through the good years of our city, the urban renewal years, the down years and now our renaissance years. Our future is bright --- brighter than anyone would have thought just 7 years ago.

To the people of Easton, thank you for giving me your trust and support. It has been a great privilege and a humbling responsibility.

To the many civic groups, organizations and other stakeholders, who have partnered with us, thank you for joining us on this journey. We are better when we work together.

To current and past city councils, thank you for your commitment and countless hours of service and leadership.

To city employees, thank you for your dedication and professionalism.

When I took office in 2008, Easton faced deep budget deficits; we were in the early intervention stages of Act 47; we had massive accounts receivable problems; tax increases, rising crime, violent gangs, a triple homicide just the month before inauguration and deeply ingrained cynicism and a perception that never painted Easton in a good light. The first few years were very difficult years. People refused to believe in our city, our efforts and our ability to succeed.

But I stand here today, proud to say that we were able to solve the large problems, including large budget deficits, out of control health care costs, lack of technology in city operations, an intermodal facility stalled by three Administrations, large and small vacant properties throughout the city, a former Silk mill that the city paid \$3.5 million with no plan of how it was going to be developed and we recruited professional individuals to fill senior management positions.

We have proven our ability to solve the big problems and now we have begun to use this same energy and passion for our city to grow a more prosperous city for all of our residents.

In the past Easton has not had the luxury to look ahead. We were in survival mode. Today the city is reversing decade-long trends and we are expanding our economy and investing in an improved quality of life for residents and for the first time in many decades our population is growing.

But if we're standing still, we're slipping and I'm not interested in being a caretaker. I'm not interested in maintaining the status quo. Our Administration wants **to build on our success, not rest on our laurels**. The vision, excitement, and momentum are in place to be an even better community.

I like to start by reporting **on public safety because it has always been and will always be our number one priority**. In 2008 our Administration voiced a strong commitment to work toward a “Clean & Safe” City. This commitment, shared across departments and neighborhoods, continued to shape the City’s daily operations in 2014. All City policy seeks to create a cleaner and safer City of Easton, with the “front-line” staff of the Easton Police Department, Easton Fire Department, Bureau of Codes & Inspections, and Bureau of Health and the Department of Public Works promoting “Clean & Safe” conditions throughout the City daily.

Last year the Easton Police Department reported a 5.24% decrease in crime in 2014, the 7<sup>th</sup> straight year of decreasing crime. Most importantly, the rate of serious crimes dropped 10.80%, while the rate of lesser crimes dropped 2.42%. Overall police calls for service decreased by 7.10%. Police overtime expenditures declined as well for the second consecutive year, reaching the second-lowest level in 20 years. These statistics illustrate a professional, committed, effective, community-minded Police Department, and led to high marks from the United States Department of Justice in 2014. This professionalism played out again with the incident today.

The Police Department adopted several computer technologies improving access to information for both officers and the public. In addition to our in-car computers, all officers received iPads, allowing them to prepare reports, query crime databases, and gather photo and video evidence in the field. A newly launched departmental Facebook page has already proven valuable in sharing information with the public.

The Easton Fire Department set an impressive standard for professionalism, training and credentials. This standard begins with leadership and extends through the ranks. Thanks to the diligence and selflessness of the Fire Department, residents can expect safety even when faced with emergency situations. The Fire Department responded to 1,612 emergency and non-emergency calls in 2014, with an average response time of just 4 minutes and 17 seconds. Newly installed gas detectors on fire trucks allowed firefighters to determine the levels of combustible gases, oxygen, and carbon monoxide upon arriving at a fire. Out of \$14,602,600 of property involved in fire in 2014, only \$608,930, or approximately 4%, was lost.

The City did not witness any fire-related fatalities in 2014. Post response investigations noted a total of 300 fires, with 235 unintentional, 23 intentional, 12 caused by equipment failure, 1 caused by an act of nature, and 29 of undetermined or other causes. The Easton Fire Department continued to ensure that Eastonians could trust the safety of their lives and properties. In addition to fire calls the Fire Department continues to provide First Response to medical calls assisting the Easton Emergency Squad.

The Planning and Codes Department provides the vision, permitting, inspection and enforcement of building codes and land development proposals in the city. Last year saw the commencement of the adaptive re-use of the former Governor Wolf School and Phase II of the Pomeroy building into market rate apartments as well as the 10 new residential units on E. St. Joseph Street development, the Lafayette College School of Media and Film, Simon Silk Mill Phase II and the Hogtown building were a few of the larger projects that received final approval from the Planning Commission in 2014.

The Planning Department and Planning Commission also continued their work on the update of the city's Comprehensive Plan and the final public session was held on Monday evening. Hundreds of volunteer hours were expended soliciting comments, ideas and reactions to what our residents want our city to be in 10 and 20 years.

In 2014, Codes staff reviewed over 2,200 permit applications and issued over 2,100 permits. The City's partnership with CodeMaster Inspection Services supplemented the capacity of the Codes staff. In 2014, CodeMaster completed 41 residential and 140 commercial plan reviews, and 1,287 residential and 908 commercial inspections.

The City of Easton has become celebrated as a “foodie town” throughout the Lehigh Valley and beyond. The Bureau of Health issued 196 such licenses in 2014. Health staff completed 178 routine inspections, 29 follow-up inspections, 13 opening inspections, and 3 change of ownership inspections. Compared to the volume of meals served, the volume of complaints was extremely low; only 3 complaint inspections and 3 emergency response inspections were necessary in 2014. This low figure suggests that the Bureau of Health’s diligence ensures ongoing compliance, reducing poor sanitary practices which may generate complaints and is complimentary to the restaurant owners themselves who strive to maintain their high sanitary standards.

The City of Easton’s diverse and historic building stock is one of its greatest assets, and maintaining the quality of buildings and housing is essential to ensuring positive perceptions of the City. The various programs of the Bureau of Codes & Inspections promote proper building maintenance in the City, keeping properties – and, most importantly, their occupants – safe. Last year, Codes & Inspections staff responded to 2,690 complaints and issued 1,118 violations.

The Bureau of Codes & Inspections revamped its procedures for Buyer Notification Inspections in 2014. These inspections accompany all transfers of real estate within the City, and require that life and safety issues connected to the property be addressed upon the transfer. The Bureau of Codes and Inspections completed 362 Buyer Notification Inspections in 2014.

Over half of Easton’s residents rent their housing. The Rental Licensing & Inspection Program is central to this essential effort of maintaining safe apartments. Every rental unit in the City must be licensed annually and is subject to inspection every four years or upon a complaint by a tenant. In 2014, staff issued 4,732 rental unit registrations and completed 2,183 inspections, ensuring the safety and habitability of the City’s rental units and tenants.

The City continued its vacant property registration program in 2014. All vacant property owners are required to register their property, as well as identify a manager within 30 miles of the City, responsible for its maintenance. To discourage prolonged vacancies, the program also includes registration fees that escalate with the length of vacancy. 209 properties were registered in 2014, bringing the total vacant property registry to 320 properties. Vacant properties that threaten the public health, safety, and general welfare through persistent neglect and code compliance issues are addressed through the Certification of Blight process.

The City of Easton invests in capital activities with an eye toward both the City’s current and long term sustainability. A strong financial picture and a healthy real estate development market equal a resilient City. The Department of Finance continued an ongoing record of skillful fiscal management. The City’s 2013 audit revealed a General Fund surplus of over \$336,000 – the sixth consecutive year with a surplus. The City also maintained its “A+” Standard & Poor’s credit rating. Our vigorous collection program managed to collect \$2.2 million in past due utility bills and real estate taxes.

The City increased the convenience and efficiency of utility bill, real estate tax, and parking fine payment processing, adopting lock box payment processing and introducing credit card payment. New options were introduced for parking ticket payment, allowing recipients to pay fines online or via a payment kiosk in City Hall. The Department of Finance hopes to continue adopting new payment technologies in 2015, increasing convenience for both tax and bill payers and the City.

The Bureau of Information Technology plays an essential role in optimizing efficiencies through technology. 2014 was a very productive year for the Bureau. Online systems were implemented for recreation registration and parking ticket payment. City facilities received Internet and phone infrastructure upgrades saving more than \$70,000 annually. The City contracted with third-party firms for bulk mailing, payroll processing reducing costs and increasing efficiencies. A third party firm was also retained to implement a comprehensive software solution to streamline the Bureau of Codes.

The Department of Public Works continued its program of diligent maintenance of road, storm water, and sewer infrastructure in 2014, ensuring the seamless receipt of public services by City of Easton residents. The City became a more walkable place in 2014, with the installation of crossing countdown timers at intersections, the planting of more than 200 new street trees, and new lighting under the US-22 N. 3rd Street underpass. The intersection of Northampton and 15th Streets received new signals, and traffic signals along Northampton Street were recalibrated. Guardrails received repairs along North Delaware Drive (PA-611), Glendon Avenue, and N. 14th Street, and a stone retaining wall along PA-611 North was rebuilt. The Department of Public Works coordinated planning and studies for the conversion of N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street to two-way traffic, improvements to Centre Square, and the reconfiguration of the US-22 / Wood Avenue / N. 13th Street intersection. Additionally, a new soccer/lacrosse field was built at Heil Park the design phase for a major upgrade at Hugh Moore Park was completed and construction will start this year.

Hugh Moore Park held the first Haunted Park event in October and was so successful it will be held and expanded again this year.

To encourage additional recycling city participating in our Recycle Bank program. Residents who earned 1,000 points were awarded a certificate for one month of free trash and recycling worth \$30. More than 400 residents took advantage of the credit.

The Department of Economic and Community Development continues to oversee and attract tens of millions of dollars of new investment in our real estate, both commercially and residentially. The last seven years has seen unprecedented investment in the City of Easton, and 2014 was no exception to this trend. The public and private sectors initiated a range of projects that promise to make the City more exciting and livable. Downtown Easton alone witnessed over \$9.3 million in combined public and private investment in the past year – a figure that does not even count the myriad of additional projects occurring in the City's neighborhoods.

This investment and the residential units associated with them promise to grow the housing stock in the City of Easton. The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission projects the City of Easton will gain over 7,000 residents by 2040, reaching a population of approximately 34,000. Growing our population not only benefits our neighborhoods but also allows for new dollars so that existing residents' taxes and fees can remain flat. In 2014 additional population provided for an additional increase of \$200,000 in trash and sanitary sewer revenue alone. The LVPC also released their findings that of the 62 municipalities in the Lehigh Valley, Easton leads all others in growth in the 25 – 35 age group.

Infrastructure construction at the Simon Silk Mill progressed and was nearly complete by the end of the year. Once this infrastructure work is complete, construction will begin on the initial round of apartments, offices and commercial spaces (Phase II). Phase III, proposing additional apartment and office development, received approvals from the Easton Planning Commission and Easton Zoning Hearing Board in 2014. The Simon Silk Mill project promises

to extend the Easton “Renaissance” outward, creating a lively node of urban fabric in the City’s West Ward.

The department enjoyed an active year of developing high-quality housing. Environmental remediation work was completed at 118 – 120 Northampton Street and these buildings will be sold to a private developer for redevelopment into apartments in 2015. The Redevelopment Authority sold renovated homes at 686 Pine Street and 940 Ferry Street to owner occupants in 2014. Renovation projects ongoing included 617 Ferry Street, 842 Ferry Street, 676 Pine Street, and 1209 Bushkill Street. We also continued our partnership with the nonprofit Lehigh Valley Community Land Trust in 2014, breaking ground on a new construction townhouse development on Pine Street. The Easton HOME dollars provided rehabilitation loans for 27 low-moderate income owner occupants and 14 residential energy efficiency grants our targeted area in our West Ward neighborhood. In addition we completed 20 total rehab projects with an additional 3 currently in progress. These smaller projects provide the impetus for more people to get involved such as those that participated in the front porch program of the West Ward Neighborhood Partnership.

Easton is a city of rich diversity. We are artists, innovators and established business leaders, educators, manufacturers, and retailers. We are visionaries. We are risk-takers who start small businesses and flood the city with entrepreneurial potential. We are workers with a rich labor tradition of standing in solidarity with each other. We are engaged citizens, active in improving our neighborhoods and our environment. We are dedicated educators and hardworking public servants. We are immigrants from all across the globe, making the promise of the American dream a reality each and every day. And so much more -- we are a city too diverse to completely describe.

We are also a city that shares a common vision. We want our city to be clean and safe for all. We want our city to be affordable for all, and to provide opportunities for people of all backgrounds to live in the city, raise a healthy family, and lead a productive, fulfilling life. We all want our city to be vibrant, with clean and healthy communities, active livable neighborhoods, and a thriving economy that grows from the center out and the out to the center. We want an interconnected city, where people and goods can move from place to place safely and sustainably and without being bottled up in traffic. And we want an innovative, accountable city government that delivers on its public commitments smartly and transparently, while harnessing the power of technology.

Easton works best when we work together, when we focus on the goals we share in common rather than the differences that may divide us. Through collaboration, and with a focus on practical solutions rather than politics, on innovation rather than ideology, together we can realize this vision and make Easton a safe, affordable, vibrant and interconnected city for all. I am honored and humbled to serve the people of Easton as Mayor.

Our City is becoming the envy of the region and we’re getting better every day! Crime is down, our credit rating is up, exciting businesses are moving in, new parks are being built, we’re investing in our infrastructure, and our population is growing. There is a lot to be hopeful for, I am excited for what our future holds.

Our success is being recognized beyond the Valley. Last year we received several prestigious awards including:

2014 Pennsylvania Green Park Award for Sullivan Park. The Simon Silk Mill’s vision for a mixed use community around the arts and creative industries received major regional recognition

in October when the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission named the Winner of the Lehigh Valley Award for *Revitalization Project* and the Karl Stirner Arts Trail received Honorable Mention for the Parks category. Fodor's named BaconFEST one of the Top 300 Festivals in the World. Pennsylvania Horticultural Society community Greening Award was given to the Urban Farm and Community Gardens in West Ward. Fire Chief John Bast received his accreditation as a Chief Fire Officer and Deputy Fire Chief John Price is accredited as a Deputy Fire Officer. Chris Heagele received the Lehigh Valley Business Journal's CFO of the Year for Best Turnaround Specialist, and I received two awards all related to the success of our city including Government Official of the Year from Preservation Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania Diversity Networks LGBT Community Leader.

So, if Shakespeare was right and the past is prologue, how will our successful recent past help plan our future?

Our goals for this year first and foremost must be to continue our commitment to Clean and Safe. We need to strengthen and engage our greatest assets -- our neighborhoods. We've seen success with our housing rehab program and that program must not only continue, it needs to be expanded.

We must provide a Culture of Clean and increase our code enforcement and hold negligent property owners accountable. To that end I am recommending to City Council that the Codes Department be segregated from the Planning and Zoning Department and the Chief Code Officer actually become a sitting Director. The associates in the codes department work diligently to make our city cleaner but we need to put a full court press on negligent property owners. Our new software and laptops will give the code officers the tools to be more efficient and therefore increase the number of inspections and follow up. We will also be evaluating the Quality of Life Ticket program used by other cities like Allentown and Reading.

We must continue to further a climate for private investment and manage our finances in a manner that continues to hold the line on taxes and fees while streamlining the efficiency of the delivery of our services.

Funding for the West Ward Neighborhood Partnership expires this year and it is imperative that this program continues. Significant strides have been made over the last ten years and now is not the time to quit. Alan Jennings and I are working on the funding aspect of the program.

This year we will be several major economic development projects come on line this year including Lafayette College's Film and Media School on North Third Street; City Hall and our much-needed new Parking Garage and Silk.

Lastly, we have to work on rebranding our city. We need to tell the world about the quality of life we have in Easton and reduce the cynicism that still exists, even by some of our own residents. We have evolved into a place that people want to visit. And we have evolved into place that people and businesses want to be a part of. Crayola invested millions of dollars in our city and now attracts more than 400,000 people annually. And the Sate Theatre, once having to explain where it was, now has the tag line, "Big City Entertainment...Easton style."

Members of City Council The State of our City is vital, resurgent and strong, and we are moving in the right direction. But there is much more to be done.

Thank You.



# CITY OF EASTON

## PENNSYLVANIA

March 6, 2015

### MEETING NOTICE

The Regular meeting of the Easton City Council has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2015 for general business and for the presentation of the State of the City Address by Mayor Panto.

The meeting will be held in Council Chambers, located on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of City Hall, One South Third 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  
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA

Stated Session  
Wednesday  
March 11, 2015  
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 – February 25, 2015 Council Meeting.
7. RESOLUTION – Recognizing deaths of Lynne M. Starke
8. SWEARING IN NEW POLICE OFFICER: Aaron Kinnel
9. STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS
10. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)
11. CONSENT AGENDA
  1. Bill 5, Amending Sections in Chapter 560, Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa.
  2. Bill 6, Amending and adding sub-sections to Section 595, Zoning, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa.
  3. Resolution approving appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board.
12. REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL
  - (a) Easton Fire Department Monthly Report for February 2015.
13. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
  - (a) Finance (Kenneth Brown)
  - (b) Economic Development (Sandra Vulcano)
  - (c) Planning (Elinor Warner)
  - (d) Public Safety (Melanie Mauro)
  - (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.)
14. CORRESPONDENCE

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15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
16. NEW BUSINESS
  - (a) Introduction of Legislative Bills
    1. Bill 7, Amending Section 285-29 E of Chapter 285, Fees, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa.
    2. Bill 8, Amending the 2015, General Fund, the 2015 Debt Service Fund and the Recreation Fund contained in the 2015 Budget.
  - (b) Resolution Adopting the 2014 Annual Report.
  - (c) Resolution amending the 2015 Salary and Wage Resolution
17. PUBLIC COMMENT – (Any Matter)
18. ADJOURNMENT