

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

**May 11, 2016**

Easton, Pa  
Wednesday  
May 11, 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. Third 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: Edinger, Melan, O'Connell, Ruggles, Vulcano, Panto (6)

Absent: Brown (1)

Also in attendance was Thomas A. Hess, City Clerk, and William Murphy, City Solicitor. There were sixteen other persons present.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion of Dr. Ruggles and Mr. Melan, the Agenda was approved by the following vote:

Yeas: Edinger, Melan, O'Connell, Ruggles, Vulcano, Panto (6)

Nays: None (0)

## **ACTION ON MINUTES**

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

Yeas: Edinger, Melan, O'Connell, Vulcano, Panto (5)

Nays: None (0)

Abstain: Ruggles (1)

## **RESOLUTION**

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which recognized the death of Matthew Celia, a former City employee.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Ruggles:

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

Yeas: Melan, O'Connell, Ruggles, Vulcano, Panto, Edinger (6)

Nays: None (0)

Council members spoke of Mr. Celia's service to the City and its citizens and of personal relationships with Mr. Celia.

Mrs. Celia was presented with a framed Resolution.

## **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

At this time Samuel Lobb, a retired Police Lieutenant was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for his years of service to the City and its citizens.

## **RECOGNIZING YEARS OF SERVICE**

At this time Leeanna Sloyer was presented with a clock in recognition of her 40 years of service to the City.

Mayor Panto spoke regarding Mrs. Sloyer's service to the City and its employees.

Mrs. Sloyer thanked the City for the honor bestowed on her.

## **PRESENTATION**

Donald Cunningham, Executive Director of the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation gave a presentation regarding the Corporation and the City of Easton and regarding Economic Development in the Lehigh Valley and in the City.

Council members made comments on the presentation and asked questions, which were answered by Mr. Cunningham.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT** **AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

On motion of Mrs. Vulcano and Dr. Ruggles, the following items were adopted by the following vote:

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Resolution 73-2016, which designated Cassandra Williams as the City's Pension Administrator.

Resolution 74-2016, which approved an appointment and reappointments to ABC's.

Resolution 75-2016, which designated Fire Chief John Bast as the City's designee to apply for financial assistance for the January 2016 Jonas Snowstorm.

Yeas: Panto, Edinger, Melan, O'Connell, Ruggles, Vulcano (6)

Nays: None (0)

### **REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL**

There were no reports received by Council.

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Mr. Brown, Chairperson of the Finance Committee was absent.

Mrs. Vulcano, Chairperson of the Economic Development Committee, reported that the West Ward Economic Development Committee will meet on May 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. and said that Director Roseberry will attend. She reported that the CACLV Board will meet on May 18, 2016 at 3:30 p.m., at City Hall.

Mr. O'Connell, Chairperson of the Planning and Code Committee spoke regarding the revised schedule for the Comprehensive Plan planning tasks. (See attachment).

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

Dr. Ruggles, Chairperson of the Public Works Committee reported that a Public Works Committee meeting will be held on May 24, 2016 to discuss Public Works summer projects.

Mr. Edinger, Chairperson of the Administration Committee reported that interviews, of City Administrator candidates, continue.

Mr. Murphy, City Solicitor, reported that, after the meeting, Council would meet in Executive Session to discuss personnel and pending litigation.

Finance Director Cassandra Williams presented Council with a Budget-to-Actual Report for the General Fund Budget.

Mayor Panto spoke regarding the installation of automatic door openers for the front doors of City Hall, regarding the success of the new indoor Farmers Market, the Johnson and Johnson

event that was held earlier in the week, regarding the first homicide of 2016 which happened earlier in the week, regarding the need to amend the Project Labor Agreement, and regarding the towing of vehicles from private property.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence received.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Bill 20, Amending Section 560-10 B (4), of Article V, Impounding, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa., was introduced by Mr. Melan and ordered processed for adoption.

This Bill would amend and delete words in Section 560-10 B (4) of Article V, Impounding.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed resolution which would proclaim the week of May 15-21, 2016 as Emergency Services Week.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Melan

76-2016

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

Yeas: Ruggles, Vulcano, Panto, Edinger, Melan, O'Connell (6)

Nays: None (0)

A May 4, 2016 memorandum, regarding Council Agenda Items was received from David Hopkins, Director of Public Works.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve an Agreement for Site preparation for the resurfacing of Bushkill Drive.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Ruggles

77-2016

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

Yeas: Vulcano, Panto, Edinger, Melan, O'Connell, Ruggles (6)

Nays: None (0)

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The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve a lease agreement with the Easton Area Neighbor Center for the premises located at 902 Philadelphia Road.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Ruggles:  
78-2014

A discussion, between Council members, was held regarding wording in the agreement.

After the discussion the following words were added to the end of Number 10 in the agreement:

“but for primary and general election.”

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

Yeas: Panto, Edinger, Melan, O’Connell, Ruggles, Vulcano (6)

Nays: None (0)

## PUBLIC COMMENT

(On any item)

There were no comments from the audience.

## ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m., on motion of Mrs. Vulcano and Mr. Edinger by the following vote:

Yeas: Melan, O’Connell, Ruggles, Vulcano, Panto, Edinger (6)

Nays: None (0)

  
Thomas A. Hess, City Clerk



# CITY OF EASTON

## PENNSYLVANIA

May 6, 2016

### MEETING NOTICE

The meeting of Easton City Council has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 2016, for general business.

The meeting will be held in Council Chambers, located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of City Hall, 123 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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  
May 11, 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 – April 27, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes
7. RESOLUTION – Recognizing the death of Matthew Celia.
8. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION – Samuel Lobb
9. RECOGNIZING YEARS OF SERVICE – Leanna Sloyer  
Linda Male
10. PRESENTATION – Donald Cunningham Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corp.
12. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)
13. CONSENT AGENDA
  1. Resolution appointing Pension Administrator
  2. Resolution approving appointment and reappointment to ABC's
  3. Resolution designating person to apply for financial assistance for the January 2016 Jonas Snowstorm.
14. REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL
15. 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.)
16. CORRESPONDENCE

-Over-

17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

18. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Introduction of Legislative Bills

1. Bill 20, Amending Section 560-10 B (4), of Article V, Impounding, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa.

(b) Resolution declaring Emergency Medical Services Week.

(c) Resolution approving an Agreement for Site Preparation.

(d) Resolution approving a Five (5) year Lease Agreement.

19. PUBLIC COMMENT – (Any Matter)

20. ADJOURNMENT