

Minutes of the Council of the City of Easton, Pa.
August 12, 2015

Easton, Pa
Wednesday
August 12, 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 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 A. Hess, City Clerk, William Murphy, City Solicitor, Joel Scheer, Assistant City Solicitor and Glenn Steckman, City Administrator. There were eleven other persons present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Brown 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 Dr. Ruggles and Dr. Warner the July 22, 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)

RESOLUTION

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution recognizing the death and service to the City of John D. Mundy a former Police Officer.

The following Resolution was introduced by Ms. Mauro:

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

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

Nays: None (0)

All Council persons expressed their condolences to the Mundy family, and thanked them for Mr. Mundy's years of service to the City and its citizens.

Mrs. Mundy was presented with a framed Resolution.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Agenda Items Only

There were no remarks from the audience.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Dr. Ruggles and Dr. Warner the following items was adopted by the following vote:

Bill 29, (Ordinance 5509) Amending Article III, Traffic Control Map of Chapter 560, Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa., which creates a No Parking zone on the East side of N. 3rd Street, sixty (60') feet south of the intersection with Bushkill Street.

Bill 30, (Ordinance 5510) Amending Section 285-40 F, Police Department, of Chapter 285, Fees, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa., increases the cost of Meter Covers from \$8.00 to \$15.00 per day.

Bill 31, (Ordinance 5511) Amending Sections contained in Chapter 531, Tax Abatements, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa., amends sections by deleting the words "Treasurer" and "City Administrator" and replacing them with "Director of Finance or their designee".

Resolution 134-2015, which approves a Stipulation of Counsel for property designated as L9SE1B-28-18 0310, aka 610-12 Northampton Street.

Resolution 135-2015, which authorizes the Police Department to apply for a Pennsylvania Department of Transportation grant for the Expanded DUI Enforcement Program in the amount of \$20,000.00.

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

Nays: None (0)

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REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL

The following reports were received by Council.

- (a) Easton Area Joint Sewer Authority, April, May and June 2015 meeting minutes.

Mayor Panto accepted the above reports on behalf of Council.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Brown, Chairman of the Finance Committee, spoke regarding legislation that he would have for later in the meeting regarding authorizing and directing the incurring of non-electoral debt through the issuance of a General Obligation Bond, authorizing a Lease with Fulton Bank and for amending the 2015 Capital Projects and Debt Service Funds. Mr. Brown also wished Mr. Heagele well and good luck in his future endeavors. (Mr. Heagele is scheduled to leave City Employment on August 14, 2015).

Mrs. Vulcano, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, reported a West Ward Neighborhood Association Roundtable meeting would be held on August 18, 2015 at 8:00 a.m., at the Easton Home, located at 10th and Northampton Street. She said that Dawn Ferrante, Director of Economic Development, would be the guest speaker.

Dr. Warner, Chairman of the Planning Committee, spoke regarding legislation that she would have for later in the meeting regarding adopting the 2009 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code and amending sections contained in Chapter 435, Property Maintenance and Housing Standards.

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

Dr. Ruggles, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, spoke regarding legislation that he would have for later in the meeting regarding approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to begin treatment and suppression activities for the Emerald Ash Borer, and regarding authorizing the Department of Public Services to apply for a Pa. DCNR grant in the amount of \$20,000 for maintaining street trees.

Dr. Ruggles reported that he would be holding a training session, at the Police Department, regarding the LIDAR system and invited Council members to the session.

Mr. Edinger, Chairman of the Administration Committee, reported that an Administrative Committee meeting had been held on August 11, 2015 and the full-time Assistant City Solicitor position had been discussed and would be discussed again at the August 25, 2015 Council Committee meeting.

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Mr. Murphy, City Solicitor reported that before the meeting Council had held an Executive Session and had discussed current litigations.

Mayor Panto spoke regarding Mr. Heagele's service to the City as Finance Director, said that he would be missed, and wished him success in his future endeavors.

Mayor Panto said that for the next Council meeting he hoped to have a Resolution limiting the time that makeshift memorials could stay on public property where a person was killed or died. He said that his recommendation would thirty (30) days, but he said that this would be further discussed at the August 26, 2015 Council Committee meeting.

Mayor Panto said that he has been invited to the Governor's office, on Friday, August 14, 2015, to discuss Pension Reform.

Mayor Panto also reported that he has received a complaint regarding the flying of unmanned drones in neighborhoods around residence windows, and also regarding fires on private properties in Chimineas.

Ms. Mauro said that the above two items could be discussed at a Public Safety Committee meeting on August 25, 2015.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following Correspondence was received by Council:

- (a) Joan Chelsen, thank-you letter for Police participation in the Spots for health Camp.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A July 24, 2015 memorandum, concerting the removal of two fifteen minute parking signs was received from Lt. Matthew Lohenitz.

Bill 32, Amending Article III, Traffic Control Map, of Chapter 560, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa. was introduced by Ms. Mauro and ordered processed for adoption.

This Bill would amend the Traffic Control Map by removing 15 Minute Parking Zones from in front of 1223 and 1229 Butler Streets.

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Bill 33, An Ordinance of the City of Easton, Pa., adopting the 2009 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code and Amending Sections contained in Chapter 435, Property Maintenance and Housing Standards, was introduced by Dr. Warner and ordered processed for adoption.

This Bill would adopt the 2009 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code and amend sections in Chapter 435, Property Maintenance and Housing Standards, of the Code of the City of Easton.

Bill 34, An Ordinance to authorize and direct the incurring of non-electoral debt through the issuance of a General Obligation Bond, was introduced by Mr. Brown and ordered processed for adoption.

This Bill would authorize and direct the incurring of non-electoral debt through the issuance of a General Obligation Bond series of 2015 in the maximum principal amount of \$6,292.00.

An August 5, 2015, memorandum regarding a proposed 2015 Budget Amendment was received from Chris Heagele, Director of Finance.

Bill 36, Amending the 2015 Capital Projects Fund was introduced by Mr. Brown and ordered processed for adoption.

This Bill would amend the 2015 Capital Projects Fund Budget by increasing Revenues and Expenditures by \$173,293.15

An August 6, 2015, memorandum regarding a proposed 2015 Debt Service Fund Budget was received from Chris Heagele, Finance Director.

Bill 37, Amending the 2015 Debt Service Fund was introduced by Mr. Brown and ordered processed for adoption.

This Bill would amend the 2015 Debt Service Fund by increasing Revenues and Expenditures by \$44,980.69.

A July 29, 2015 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 Intergovernmental Agreement, with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to begin treatment and suppression activities for the Emerald Ash Borer.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Ruggles:

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Ms. Mauro questioned the date of April 1, 2015 that was on the Agreement.

On motion of Dr. Ruggles and Mr. Brown, the above Resolution was amended by changing the date from April 1, 2015 to August 12, 2015 by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0)

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

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

Nays: None (0)

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would authorize the Department of Public Works to apply for a Pa. Department of Conservation and natural Resources grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 for maintaining street trees.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Ruggles:

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

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

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 6:38 p.m. on motion of Mr. Brown and Mrs. Vulcano by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0)

Thomas A. Hess
City Clerk