

Minutes of the Council of the City of Easton, Pa.
January 12, 2011

Easton, Pa
Wednesday
January 12, 2011
6:00 p.m.

City Council met in stated session at the above date and time in the 6th Floor Conference Room of City Hall, One 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: Brown, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner (Phone), Warren, Panto (6)
Absent: Ruggles (1)

Also in attendance were Thomas A. Hess,. City Clerk, Joel Scheer, Assistant Solicitor, and Glenn Steckman, City Administrator There were three other persons present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Brown and Mr. Warren the agenda was approved by the following vote:

Yeas: Fleck, Panto, Warren, Warner, Vulcano, Brown (6)
Nays: None (0)

ACTION ON MINUTES

On motion of Mrs. Vulcano and Mr. Warren the December 22, 2010 Council Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted by the following vote:

Yeas: Brown, Fleck, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, Panto, (6)
Nays: None (0)

CITIZENS RIGHT TO BE HEARD (Agenda Items Only)

There were no remarks from the audience.

REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL

The following report was received by Council:
(a) Monthly Fire Report for December 2010.

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ACCEPTING REPORTS ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL

Mayor Panto accepted the report on behalf of Council.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Brown, Chairman of the Finance Committee spoke regarding legislation that would be before Council later in the meeting and reported that a Finance Committee meeting would be held on January 25, 2011.

Mrs. Vulcano, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, had no report.

Mayor Panto reported that he and other City employees went to Harrisburg and met with officials regarding grants for the City.

Dr. Ruggles, Chairman of the Planning Committee was absent.

Mr. Warren, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee spoke regarding legislation that would be before Council later in the meeting and reported that a Public Safety meeting would be held on January 25, 2011.

Dr. Warner, Chairman of the Public Works Committee had no report.

Joel Scheer, Assistant City Solicitor had no report.

Mayor Panto spoke regarding legislation that would be voted on, later in the meeting, regarding the reconstruction of the 6th floor of City Hall.

Mr. Steckman, City Administrator reported on the employees who took advantage of the early retirement incentive, said that the City will be hiring for some positions, spoke regarding some other retirements forthcoming next year, and regarding a recent resignation in the Codes Department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill No. 57, Approving a Tower Site Option and Ground Lease Agreement with Pegasus Tower Company was brought back from the table on motion of Mr. Brown and Mr. Fleck by the following vote:

Yeas: Vulcano, Warner, Warren, Panto, Brown, Fleck (6)

Nays: None (0)

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Bill No. 57, (Ordinance 5296) Approving a Tower Site Option and Ground Lease Agreement with Pegasus Tower Company was adopted on motion of Mr. Brown and Mr. Fleck by the following vote:

Ordinance 5296 approves a Tower Site Option and Ground Lease Agreement with Pegasus Tower Company

Yeas: Fleck, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, Panto, Brown (6)

Nays: None (0)

Bill No. 59, (Ordinance 5297) Approving a “Load/Unload” zone in the 600 block of Northampton Street was adopted on motion of Mr. Warren and Dr. Warner by the following vote:

Yeas: Warner, Warren, Panto, Brown, Fleck, Vulcano (6)

Nays: None (0)

Ordinance 5297 approved a Load/Unload zone in front of 645 Northampton Street.

Bill No. 60, (Ordinance 5298) Approving an amendment to the 2010 Recreation Fund Budget was adopted on motion of Mr. Brown and Dr. Warner by the following vote:

Yeas: Warren, Panto, Brown, Fleck, Vulcano, Warner (6)

Nays: None (0)

Ordinance 5297 amended the 2010 Recreation Fund Budget by increasing Revenues and Expenditures by \$15,000.

Bill No. 61, (Ordinance 5298) Amending Chapter 110, Pension, of the Code of the City of Easton was adopted on motion of Mayor Panto and Mr. Brown by the following vote:

Yeas: Panto, Brown, Fleck, Vulcano, Warner, Warren (6)

Nays: None (0)

Ordinance 5298 amended Chapter 110 Pension, of the City’s Codes in various sections.

CORRESPONDENCE

Northampton County Controller, independent auditor’s report on for District Court 03-2-09.

NEW BUSINESS

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An e-mail was received from the Weed and Seed Site Coordinator, Laura Accetta regarding a request to accept a PCCD grant.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a PCCD Grant for Weed and Seed.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Warren:

1-2011

The above Resolution was adopted on motion of Mr. Warren and Mr. Fleck by the following vote:

Yeas: Brown, Fleck, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, Panto (6)

Nays: None (0)

A December 29, 2010 e-mail, regarding a Resolution for Street Lighting, was received from David Hopkins.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution authorizing removal of Cobrahead Street Lights, and replacement with Ornamental Street Lights on Bushkill Street and North 3rd Street.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

2-2011

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

Yeas: Fleck, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, Panto, Brown (6)

Nays: None (0)

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution for Street Lighting located along College Avenue

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner

3-2011

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

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Yeas: Vulcano, Warner, Warren, Panto, Brown, Fleck (6)
Nays: None (0)

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution for Street Lighting located within Phase Two of the HOPE VI area.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

4-2011

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

Yeas: Warner, Warren, Panto, Brown, Fleck, Vulcano (6)
Nays: None (0)

A January 5, 2011 Memorandum, regarding City Council Agenda items, was received from David Hopkins.

The next four items on the Agenda were proposed Resolutions which would approve Agreements for Site improvements on the 6th floor of City Hall.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

5-2011

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

Yeas: Warren, Panto, Brown, Fleck, Vulcano, Warner (6)
Nays: None (0)

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

6-2011

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

Yeas: Panto, Brown, Fleck, Vulcano, Warner, Warren (6)
Nays: None (0)

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

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7-2011

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

Yeas: Brown, Fleck, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, Panto (6)

Nays: None (0)

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

8-2011

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

Yeas: Fleck, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, Panto, Brown (6)

Nays: None (0)

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would amend the 2011 Salary and Wage Ordinance by deleting and adding positions in the Labor Pool, Highway Bureau and the Bureau of Parks and Recreation and by increasing the hourly rate for a particular laborer in the Labor Pool.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

9-2011

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

Yeas: Vulcano, Warner, Warren, Panto, Brown, Fleck (6)

Nays: None (0)

Mrs. Vulcano asked when the funds for outside Special Events was going to be discussed.

Mayor Panto said that all Council members had received the Organization's request, that he would like the requests discussed at the January 25, 2011 Finance Committee meeting, and the recommendations to come before Council at the February 9, 2011 Council meeting.

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There were no comments at this time.

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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m. on the motion of Mr. Fleck and Mrs. Vulcano by the following vote:

Yeas: Panto, Warren, Warner, Vulcano, Ruggles, Brown (6)

Nays: None (0)

Thomas A. Hess, City Clerk