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**June 13, 2012**

Easton, Pa  
Wednesday  
June 13, 2012  
6:00 p.m.

City Council met in stated session at the above date and time in Council Chamber, 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 to conduct three Public Hearings regarding requests to approve the transfer of a Distributor Liquor License, of a Restaurant Liquor License and regarding an application for an Economic Development Liquor License.

The invocation was given by Mr. Brown followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Brown, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, Panto (6)  
Absent: Fleck (1)

Also in attendance were Thomas A. Hess, City Clerk, Beth Knickerbocker, Assistant City Solicitor, and Glenn Steckman, City Administrator. There were approximately eighty other persons present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion of Mrs. Vulcano and Mr. Warren, the Agenda was approved by the following vote

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

**ACTION ON MINUTES**

On motion of Mr. Brown and Mr. Warren the May 23, 2012 Council Meeting minutes were approved, as submitted, by the following vote:

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

At 6:12 P.M., Dr. Ruggles opened the Public Hearing requested by Attorney George Baurkot regarding a request to approve an Intermunicipal Transfer of a Restaurant Liquor License from Portland Pa. to 650 Northampton Street.

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Dr. Ruggles read the following:

“This Hearing was requested by Attorney George Baurkot on behalf of his client Nakia, LLC for an intermunicipal transfer of a Restaurant Liquor License from Portland Pennsylvania to 650 Northampton Street. Attorney Baurkot is in attendance and will be allowed to address Council on this issue. After he has addressed Council, and has answered any questions that Council may have, the audience will be given a change to address Council on this issue; Attorney Baurkot.”

Attorney Baurkot asked Mrs. Nina Koorie owner of the proposed Restaurant at 650 Northampton Street to come forward to answer some questions that he would ask regarding the size of the proposed restaurant, the amount of seating that would be available for their customers, the menu, if there would be take out food, their proposed hours of operation, and what type of alcohol they would be selling, which she did.

Dr. Ruggles asked for any comments or questions from Council.

Mayor Panto asked if the eating establishment would be a diner type theme, which would serve breakfast and lunch.

Attorney Baurkot said that it would be a restaurant.

There were no further comments or questions from Council members.

Dr. Ruggles asked for any comments or questions from the Audience.

Becky Bradley, Director of Planning and Codes for the City of Easton, read a June 8, 2012 e-mail, entitled Liquor License Transfers, into the record. (Please see attachment).

Mr. Dennis Lieb, 1208 Chidsey Street, asked to speak.

Mayor Panto asked Assistant Solicitor Knickerbocker that if Mr. Lieb, who was also a member of the Planning Commission, spoke as a resident, on this matter, would he have to recuse himself from the Planning Commission discussions and voting on the matter of the proposed Restaurant at 650 Northampton Street.

Ms. Knickerbocker said that he may have to recues himself from the discussion at the Planning Commission hearing.

Mr. Dennis Lieb, 1208 Chidsey Street, said that he had been informed that ownership of a six-pack or restaurant liquor license and a distributor license by the same individual in the state is illegal, and the reason, the way he understood it, was not to be able to sell to your own retail outlet and undercut competition in a small geographic area. He said that the rumor was that the

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applicant for this Restaurant Liquor license were the same owners of the Beer Brothers Distributorship.

Attorney Baurkot said that the Beer Distributorship was owned by a close family relative, which had nothing to do with this proposed establishment. He said that the Liquor Control Board would not approve this if there was any kind of conflict.

Mayor Panto asked if the Liquor Control Board had approved the transfer.

Attorney Baurkot said that they had not and would not until receiving the approval from City Council. He said that even if Council approved the Transfer at this meeting, the proposed Restaurant still had to go in front of the City's Planning Commission and the Zoning Hearing Board.

There were no other comments or questions from the audience or Council.

Dr. Ruggles read the following:

“Later in the meeting a Resolution will be introduced and a vote will be taken on this matter.”

At 6:23 p.m., Dr. Ruggles closed the hearing.

At 6:24 p.m. Dr. Ruggles opened the Public Hearing requested by Attorney George Baurkot for the transfer of a Distributor Liquor License, and read the following:

“This Hearing was requested by Attorney George Baurkot on behalf of his client VRAJ, Inc., for an Intermunicipal Transfer of a Distributor Liquor License from the Township of Lower Saucon to 222 Northampton Street. Attorney Baurkot is in attendance and will be allowed to address Council on this issue. After he has addressed Council, and has answered any questions that Council may have, the audience will be given a chance to address Council on this issue.

Dr. Ruggles then called Attorney forward to address Council.

Attorney Baurkot explained that this was a Distributor Liquor License, and did not allow for the purchase and consumption of alcohol on the premises and that it was strictly for retail sale of beer by the case. Attorney Baurkot asked Mr. Jagdish Desai, owner of Jacks Market 222 Northampton Street to come forward to speak to Council.

Mr. Desai said that he was applying for this license to be able to sell beer and said that the beer would only be sold by the case for taking from the store and said that there would be no consumption on the premises.

Dr. Warner asked if there was any off street parking available for his customers.

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Mr. Desai said that there was a City owned metered parking lot next to his store.

Dr. Warner asked how the customers would get the cases of beer from his store to their vehicles.

Attorney Baurkot said that there was also metered parking available on the street in front of the store, and the lot next to the premises.

Dr. Warner asked if the store had shopping carts.

Mr. Desai said that they did.

Dr. Warner asked how the carts would be controlled.

Mr. Desai that that the customers would return the carts to the store, and to make sure he or one of his employees would be outside to assure the cart got back to the store, or they would take the case(s) to their customer's vehicle.

Attorney Baurkot said that the store could hire someone for just that purpose.

Mayor Panto said that Mr. Baurkot was representing this individual who has had numerous contacts with the City regarding Code Violations, Illegal apartments, and a number of other issues. He said that this was an interesting request for a Distributorship that does not have off street parking available. He said that he had a serious issue with this request, and was not aware of, until this request was made, the inadequate handling of municipal waste, failure to maintain valid waste recycling hauler, and illegal apartments, for which he was found guilty. He said that he had a concern with offering a business owner more opportunities to violate City Codes.

Attorney Baurkot asked Mr. Desai what he had done to correct the garbage problem.

Mr. Desai said that he had employed Cressman Garbage or Hauling to address his garbage and recycling.

Mayor Panto said that this business is in a great location, that a lot of persons from out of state come to the location to purchase cigarettes, and said that the City receives a lot of complaints and concerns regarding those people double parking, and blocking the driveway to the City parking lot, just to run in for cigarettes, and said that he believed that double parking, which has not been corrected as of this time, would only get worse with the selling of cases of beer at this location. He asked how this was going to be corrected with the selling of cases of beer and persons double parking to get close to the establishment so that they will not have to carry the cases very far.

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Attorney Baurkot said that employees of the store could encourage customers to use the parking lot next to the store.

Mr. Warren asked how they were going to encourage or educate the people to use off street parking.

Attorney Baurkot said that when a customer enters the store the employee will tell them not to illegally park, tell them not to do it again and tell them where they can park legally.

Mr. Warren asked why this has not been done to this date with cigarette customers.

Mr. Desai said that is being done, but that the persons do not heed what they were being told.

Mr. Brown said that it would be to his best interest to have someone outside of the establishment making sure that this does not happen. He said that Council understood that Mr. Desai was trying to make his business grow, but that Council had to be concerned with the citizens who walk the streets and cross the streets, and had to look at the whole picture.

Attorney Baurkot said that Mr. Desai intended to address those concerns if this application was approved, and would hire more persons so that waiting time would be minimized.

Mr. Warren said that the Public Safety Committee had met, earlier in the year, to specifically meet to address the concerns about the parking and quality of life issues, which have been adversely affecting the 200 block of Northampton Street. He said that from that meeting the Police Department was going to do its best to make sure that there was no double parking or illegal parking specifically on the south side of Northampton Street. He said that it did not seem that Mr. Desai's business had done anything to help alleviate those public safety issues in that block. He said that when he read the list of City complaints regarding, which were validated, the business and property at 222 Northampton Street, with no heat, the selling of single cigarettes, holes in the sidewalk, complaints of expired food, general cleanliness and maintenance of the business, complaints of trash and large objects being outside of the business for extended periods of time, the use of public trash receptacles for the disposal of tenant and store trash, complaints of lack of recycling and no contract with a trash hauler, the adding of signs to the business without permits, the establishment of illegal apartments, water runoff from the property to an adjacent property, weeds and complaints of the overall operation of the business including loitering. He said that if there was loitering and double parking in this area there were so many individuals coming to the City that there were concerns for the public safety of these individuals. He said that he could not approve this application for if these problems were happening with cigarette sales they would still be happening with the sale of cases of beer.

Attorney Baurkot said that most of the complaints that Mr. Warren addressed had been

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corrected.

Mr. Warren said that with the information provided to Council by the Codes Department he did not believe that Jack's Market had been a good steward of the City.

Attorney said that Mr. Desai would give his word that it would improve, and said that the apartment had been vacated, and would remain vacant, and tenants that were causing some of the problems were evicted, said that someone would be kept outside at all times to help with the parking problems, and if problems continued the City could cite Mr. Desai.

Mr. Warren said that it would be his hope that Mr. Desai would have a plan of action to educate his customers.

Mr. Desai said that if the City would place a sign in front of his property then that space could be open for only customers to his store.

Dr. Warner said that after hearing the complaints it gave her cause to think about granting this property a liquor license to sell six packs, and said that this license was for the selling of cases and gave her a whole different set of concerns. She said that she did not care if the store was going to post people outside the store, they did not know where their customers were going to park, and she did not want people wandering around a central business district carrying cases of beer.

Becky Bradley, Director of Planning and Codes read a memorandum, (see attached), regarding the codes file which contained violations regarding 222 Northampton Street.

Ms. Bradley said that the City had understood that this application was for the sale of six packs and not for cases of beer. She said that would require additional zoning authorization, because it would be a change of use.

Mayor Panto said that he knew that the applicant did not need approval to sell retail six packs but that the sale of cases required more authorization.

Ms. Bradley said that it would be the recommendation of the staff of the Planning and Codes Department to disapprove the application, because they believed that there is a pattern of health, building code and zoning violations directly associated with the operation and maintenance of Mr. Desai's business and property and that the addition of beer sales may bring additional violations to the Codes.

Mayor Panto asked Attorney Knickerbocker if Council denied the transfer of the Distributor License was there an appeal process.

Attorney Knickerbocker and Attorney Baurkot said that there was.

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Mrs. Vulcano said that along with customer parking, there would also be parking needed for beer distributor trucks to deliver the beer to the store.

Attorney Baurkot again spoke regarding what Mr. Desai had done to address the Code violations for his property.

Mr. Brown said that what Mr. Desai had done was reactive and should have been proactive.

Dr. Ruggles asked for any comments or questions from the audience.

Karen Miller, 32 S. Sitgreaves Street said that the establishment of a beer distributorship in the downtown would lower property values, good property buyers and tenants would not come to downtown, quality businesses would not come to downtown, traffic congestion and illegal parking would get worse, undesirable persons would come into the neighborhood, garbage and littering would increase which would draw rodents and insects, underage drinking would increase, more people would come to downtown only to purchase their beer and then transport it through the City. She said that a good quality grocery store was needed in downtown and not a beer distributorship.

Curt Ehly, President of the Easton Business Association, read a statement, see attached, from the Easton Business Association.

Curt Ehly, 305 W. Monroe Street said that the downtown needed a clean and viable Grocery Store, which Jack's Market could become. He said that this requested Distributor License could also allow the selling of kegs of beer, not just cases of beer, and in the future, if allowed, liquor.

Mrs. Desai, wife of Jadish spoke regarding the population of downtown residents who would be needed to allow her grocery business to flourish. She said that many apartments were empty, and that sometimes she had to throw out unsold and expired groceries because the population was not there to buy her goods. She also spoke regarding placement of her garbage, and her experience in living in downtown.

Attorney Baurkot said that if the applicant was approved for the Distributor license it did not mean that he would also be allowed to sell liquor other than beer. He said to sell liquor you would need another type of license. He said that in Pennsylvania a liquor store could not sell beer. He also said that Mr. Desai would restrict the sales only to cases of beer and not kegs.

Barbara Whiteside, 29 S. Sitgreaves Street also said that the downtown needed a quality grocery store for the purchase of items for her family and other residents. She said that she had spoken with the Desai's and had asked for that and it has not come to fruition.

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Anthony Marraccini, 134 Spring Garden Street, and a business owner at 213 Northampton Street, said that he had a serious issue with how the applicants operate their store. He spoke regarding Police complaints at the store's location including a weapons call resulting with an argument between a store employee and a patron, spoke regarding the other complaints at the business, and spoke regarding what will happen in the neighborhood if beer sales were allowed, and said that he was in opposition of approving the request for the transfer of the license.

Attorney Baurkot said that if violations continued to occur, the Liquor control Board would address them with the Desai's, and their license would be revoked.

Mayor Panto asked for a show of hands from the audience for those opposed to approving this license transfer. From a show of the hands, over a majority of those in attendance were opposed.

There were no further comments or questions from Council members and the audience.

Dr. Ruggles read the following:

“Later in the meeting a Resolution will be introduced and a vote will be taken on this matter”.

Dr. Ruggles closed the hearing at 7:05 p.m.

At 7:05 p.m. Mrs. Vulcano opened the Public Hearing regarding a request to approve an application for an Economic Development Liquor License. She read the following:

“This Hearing was requested by Juan Carlos Paredes of Mesa Restaurant Inc, to request that Council approve an application for an Economic Development Liquor License for 42 South Third Street the now Tex Mex Restaurant. Mr. Paredes is in attendance and will be allowed to address Council on this issue. After he has addressed Council, and has answered ay questions that Council may have, the audience will be give a chance to address Council on this issue.”

Mrs. Vulcano called Mr. Paredes forward to address Council.

Nalisha Pahir Garcia said that along with her husband Isaac Garcia, they are the owners of 42 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street along with the Tex Mex restaurant at that address for the last four and one-half years. She said that she had to sell the restaurant and that Mr. Paredes and his family will be taking over the restaurant. She said that Mr. Paredes owned several restaurants in Quakertown, Bethlehem and throughout the United States. She said that they were in attendance to request approval for an Economic Development Liquor License for the Restaurant which would be serving alcohol if the license was approved.

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Mayor Panto thanked Ms. Garcia for bringing Mr. Paredes and his operation to the City, and welcomed Mr. Paredes to the City, and said that with Mr. Paredes' reputation he had no problems approving this Economic Development Liquor License.

Mrs. Vulcano asked if there would be a full bar at the restaurant.

Ms. Garcia said that there would.

There were no further comments or questions from Council.

Becky Bradley, Director of Planning and Codes, said that Ms. Garcia had always complied with the Codes of the City, and related that she had eaten at two of Mr. Parades' restaurants and said that they were excellent and believed that they were very well managed and would be a very good addition to the City.

Mrs. Vulcano said that she was informed by Director Longenbach that she also had eaten at Mr. Paredes' restaurants and was very impressed with them.

Curt Ehly, 305 W. Monroe Street spoke regarding the Economic Development Liquor License and said that he believed that this business would be a wonderful addition to the City.

There were no other comments or questions from audience or Council.

Mrs. Vulcano said that later in the meeting a Resolution would be introduced and a vote would be taken on this matter.

At 7:14 p.m. Mrs. Vulcano closed the hearing.

**CITIZENS RIGHT TO BE HEARD**

Mr. Warren said that representatives from the Valley against Sex Trafficking were in attendance and would be providing a presentation to Council.- He said that the organization was a newer non-profit which was established in 2011 and were going around to different communities engaging law enforcement communities and their overall goal was to reduce, curb and eliminate Sex Trafficking here in the Lehigh Valley. He said that approximately 100,000 young children are the victims of Sex Trafficking on an annual basis in the United States.

Bec Sullivan and Heather Evans founders of the Valley against Sex Trafficking made a presentation to Council and the audience regarding the problem of Sex Trafficking, their Organization, and the goals of the organization and said that they needed a unified response from all communities in the Lehigh Valley.

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Mr. Warren said that in 2011, Council voted on a Resolution urged the County of Northampton to look into the establishment of a Human Trafficking Response Team, and said that he had a meeting with the County Executive who was extremely supportive of starting the process of establishing this team sometime in the future.

Steve White, 933 Ferry Street, spoke regarding the proposed Community Bill of Rights which he was in support of, and asked Council to support this proposed Bill.

Dennis Lieb, 1208 Chidsey Street asked if there was going to be further discussion on this proposed Bill later in the meeting or at this time, and explained why this Bill of Rights was authored and asked Council to review the Bill and to support it.

Gershon Hincson, 29 S. Sitgreaves Street, said that he was unaware of this proposed Bill and said that he would need more time to review it and to make sure nothing is missed.

Mayor Panto said that he would like to have much more local control on what the City could do over many things that the State controls at this time, but needed more time to review the proposed Bill and what it would mean for the citizens and the community.

Lynn Holden, 325 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, asked to read the proposed Bill out loud to the audience so that they knew what it said.

Dr. Warren said that the proposed Bill was on the City's Web Site and that copies would also be made for public distribution.

**REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL**

The following reports were received by Council:

- (a) Monthly Fire Reports for March and April 2012

Mayor Panto accepted the above reports on behalf of Council.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Mr. Brown, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that a Finance Committee meeting had been held on June 12, 2012 and that the Commuter Tax had been discussed. He said that a Public Meeting, to get public input, regarding the Commuter Tax would be held on Monday July 16, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. He spoke regarding legislation that he would

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have for later in the meeting regarding approving the transfer of funds in the 2011 General Obligations Capital Fund Budget.

Mrs. Vulcano, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee spoke regarding legislation the she would have for later in the meeting regarding approving a Cooperative Agreement with the Greater Easton-Development Partnership and for approving an application of an Economic Development Liquor License.

Mrs. Vulcano reported that she had attended the Vacant Property Review Committee and said that three more properties, 1225 Lehigh Street, 814 Spruce Street, and 697 Prospect Avenue have been determined to be blighted, and now those properties will go in front of the Planning Committee for their determination.

Dr. Ruggles, Chairman of the Planning Committee, spoke regarding legislation that he would have for later in the meeting, regarding approving intermunicipal transfers of a Restaurant and Distributor Liquor Licenses, and for authorization to enter into a partnership agreement with Lehigh Valley Sustainability Consortium and a sub-recipient agreement with the LVEDC.

Mr. Warren, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, reported that the Public Safety Committee would meet on June 26, 2012 and said that some of the issues that had been discussed at the summit between Northampton County and the City of Easton would be discussed.

Dr. Warner, Chairman of the Public Works Committee spoke regarding legislation that she would have for later in the meeting regarding approving a transfer of Funds in the 2011 General Obligation Capital Fund Budget, approving a Contract with the Easton Aquatic Club, authorizing the upgrading of an existing street light, approving an Agreement with the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor regarding a re-vegetation project, and said that she would move to table proposed Bill 24 which would establish a Community Bill of Rights for the City. Council members decided that a Public meeting on the Community Bill of Rights issue would be held on Monday, June 25, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. and that the proposed Bill would be brought back from the table on July 11, 2012.

Mr. Fleck, Chairman of the Administration Committee was absent, but Mayor Panto reported that Mr. Fleck had scheduled a meeting, for Council, regarding Council Administrative Rules and Regulations sometime in August.

Ms. Knickerbocker, Assistant Solicitor, reported that before the meeting, Council had met in Executive Session and that possible litigation and a litigation settlement had been discussed.

Mayor Panto spoke regarding legislation that he would have for later in the meeting regarding appointments and re-appointments to different Authorities, Boards and Commissions.

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Dr. Warner asked if all the people on the Resolution had been contacted. Mayor Panto said that the people on the Resolution were contacted or they had contacted the City.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence received by Council:

**NEW BUSINESS**

A June 7, 2012 memorandum regarding a proposed Budget Amendments for Council Consideration was received from Director Heagele.

Bill No. 23, Approving the Transfer of Funds within the 2011 GO Bond Capital Fund Budget, was introduced by Dr. Warner and ordered processed for adoption.

This Bill would approve the transfer of \$49,579 within the 2011 GO Bond Capital Fund Budget.

Bill No. 24, Establishing a Community Bill of Rights for the City of Easton, Pa., was tabled on motion of Dr. Warner and Mr. Brown, until July 11, 2012, by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0)

A May 30, 2012 memorandum regarding City Council Agenda Items was received from Director David Hopkins.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve an Agreement with the Easton Aquatic Club for the use of Heil Pool.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

79-2012

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

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

Nays: None (0)

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The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution that would authorize the upgrading of a Street Light on Highland Boulevard.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

80-2012

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

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

Nays: None (0)

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve appointments and reappointments to various Authorities, Boards, and Commissions.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mayor Panto:

81-2012

The above Resolution was amended by removing Dr. Pat Vulcano's appointment to the Vacant Property Review Committee on motion of Mayor Panto and Mr. Brown by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0)

The above amended Resolution was adopted on motion of Mayor Panto and Mr. Brown by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0)

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve an Agreement with the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, Inc. for implementation of the Hugh Moore Park Invasive Plant Management program.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

82-2012

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, Ruggles (6)  
Nays: None (0)

A June 4, 2012 e-mail regarding a Keystone communities grant for 3<sup>rd</sup> Street businesses – cooperative agreement resolution for City Council was received from Director Longenbach.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve a cooperative agreement with the Greater Easton Development Partnership.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mrs. Vulcano:

83-2012

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

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

A June 7, 2012 e-mail regarding Sustainable Communities Agreements was received from Director Bradley.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve the entering into a partnership agreement with the Lehigh Valley Sustainability Consortium and a sub-recipient grant agreement with the LVEDC.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Ruggles:

84-2012

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

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

A June 1, 2012 letter, regarding a request for a Public Hearing for the transfer of a Distributor Liquor License was received from Attorney George Baurkot.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve the Intermunicipal Transfer of a Distributor Liquor License to 222 Northampton Street.

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

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Yeas: None (0)

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

A June 1, 2012 letter, regarding a request for a Public Hearing for the transfer of a Restaurant Liquor License to 650 Northampton Street was received from Attorney George Baurkot.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve the transfer of a Restaurant Liquor License to 650 Northampton Street.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Ruggles:

85-2012

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

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

Nays: None (0)

A June 4, 2012 request for Council to approve an Economic Development Liquor License for use at 42 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, was received from Juan Carlos Paredes.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve the applicant's request for an Economic Development Liquor License.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mrs. Vulcano

86-2012

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

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

Nays: None (0)

### **CITIZENS RIGHT TO BE HEARD**

Salvatore Pugliese, 2225 Hackett Avenue, spoke regarding problems at his property at 13<sup>th</sup> and Elm Street which have occurred over the last couple of years with Easton Auto Body, and complained that he was getting no cooperation from the City.

Mayor Panto responded to Mr. Pugliese's comments.

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Lynn Holden, 325 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, read out loud proposed Bill 24.

Matt Munsey, 101 Northampton Street, spoke in support of the proposed Community Bill of Right.

Mr. Warren responded to some of Mr. Munsey's remarks.

Laini Abraham, 207 Church Street, spoke in support of the proposed Bill of Rights, and also spoke regarding a member of the audience that was told to sit down or he would be considered a security threat.

Council members and the City Clerk asked for the name of the person who had done this but Ms. Abraham did not know and the person to whom it was suppose to happen to had left the meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. on the motion of Mr. Brown and Mrs. Vulcano by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0)

Thomas A. Hess, City Clerk