

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

April 14, 2010

Easton, Pa.
Wednesday
April 14, 2010
6:08 P.M.

City Council met in stated session, in Council Chambers, Room 514, 5th floor of City Hall, One South Third Street, 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: Kenneth Brown
Michael Fleck
Roger Ruggles
Sandra Vulcano
Elinor Warner
Jeffrey Warren
Salvatore J. Panto Jr. (7)

Absent: None (0)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Yeas: Brown, Fleck, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, Panto (7)

Nays: None (0)

ACTION ON MINUTES

The March 24, 2010 City Council meeting minutes were approved, as submitted, on motion of Mrs. Vulcano and Mr. Warren, by the following vote:

Yeas: Fleck, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, Panto, Brown (7)

Nays: None (0)

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CITIZENS RIGHT TO BE HEARD (Agenda Items Only)

There were no comments

REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL

The following report was received by Council:

(a) ESWA March 8, 2010 meeting minutes and the April 5, 2010 Engineer's Report.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Brown, Chairperson of the Administrative Committee spoke regarding legislation that would be before Council later in the meeting, thanked the Mayor for taking part in Census project on Saturday, April 10, 2010, and reported that the next Finance Committee meeting would be held on April 27, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Mrs. Vulcano, Chairperson of the Economic Development Committee spoke regarding legislation that would be before Council later in the meeting.

Dr. Ruggles, Chairperson of the Planning Committee, spoke regarding the last Planning Commission meeting on April 7, 2010 and related what had been discussed.

Mr. Warren, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, spoke regarding the April 13, 2010 Public Safety Committee meeting and related what had been discussed.

Dr. Warner, Chairperson of the Public Works Committee, reported that she would be attending the next quarterly Council of Government meeting, and said that the COG members would be discussing the possibility of hiring of a part-time Director. She spoke regarding this matter.

Council members made comments and asked questions regarding the proposed Director's position which were answered by Dr. Warner.

Dr. Warner reported that the next Public Works Committee meeting would be held on April 27, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, related what would be discussed, and spoke regarding legislation that would be before Council later in the meeting.

Mr. Fleck, Chairperson of the Administration Committee, reported that at the April 28, 2010 Council meeting workers from Sodexo would be in attendance to explain their situation and that he would also have a Resolution, regarding this matter, to review. He reported that the Administration Committee met on April 23, 2010, and related what had been discussed, and would be discussed at the May 11, 2010 Committee meeting.

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Mr. Murphy, City Solicitor reported that before the meeting, Council met in Executive Session and said that the litigation of Rosenberg vs. the City of Easton was discussed.

Ms. Knickerbocker, Assistant City Solicitor spoke regarding proposed legislation for amending the Business Privilege Tax Ordinance.

Mayor Panto, spoke regarding the Wolf School display in Council chambers, and reported that the ground breaking for the HOPE VI project would be on April 27, 2010, at 10:30 a.m., at the Castel Club, located at Kleinhans and Fredericks Streets. He also gave an update on Council's computers, and offered training for all Council members. He also spoke regarding legislation that would be before Council later in the meeting. He reported that the Victory Square project was awarded a grant in the amount of \$450,000 from the state.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill No. 12, Amending Sections in Article V, Business Privilege Tax, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa., was introduced by Mr. Brown and ordered processed for adoption.

This Bill would amend various sections in Article V, Business Privilege Tax Code.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve the Five-Year Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2010-2014 and the Fiscal Year 2010 Annual Action Plan.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mrs. Vulcano:

67-2010

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

Yeas: Brown, Fleck, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, Panto (7)

Nays: None (0)

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The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution that would authorize the Mayor and City Controller to sign a note and contract documents for the Section 108 loan guarantee.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mrs. Vulcano:

68-2010

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

Yeas: Fleck, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, Panto, Brown (7)

Nays: None (0)

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve a reappointment to the Board of Health.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mayor Panto:

69-2010

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

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

Nays: None (0)

The next item on the Agenda was a Resolution which would authorize the application for a DCNR grant.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

70-2010

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

Yeas: Vulcano, Warner, Warren, Panto, Brown, Fleck, Ruggles (7)

Nays: None (0)

A March 24, 2010 e-mail, regarding Agenda items for the April 14, 2010 meeting, was received from Gretchen Lippincott.

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The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve a sub-recipient agreement with the Redevelopment Authority.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mrs. Vulcano:

71-2010

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

Yeas: Warner, Warren, Panto, Brown, Fleck, Ruggles, Vulcano (7)

Nays: None (0)

An April 8, 2010 e-mail, regarding a Lead Grant Program sub-recipient agreement was received from Gretchen Lippincott.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve a sub-recipient agreement with the Redevelopment Authority.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mrs. Vulcano:

72-2010

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

Yeas: Warren, Panto, Brown, Fleck, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner (7)

Nays: None (0)

An April 7, 2010 memorandum, regarding City Council Agenda Items, was received from David Hopkins.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve an Agreement with the Easton Women's Softball League.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

73-2010

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

Yeas: Panto, Brown, Fleck, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren (7)

Nays: None (0)

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The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve an Engineering Agreement with Pennoni Associates.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

74-2010

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

Yeas: Brown, Fleck, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, Panto (7)
Nays: None (0)

An April 7, 2010 e-mail, regarding the Bushkill Trail, was received from Mayor Panto.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would name the Bushkill Creek Trail.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mayor Panto:

75-2010

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

Yeas: Fleck, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, Panto, Brown (7)
Nays: None (0)

An April 8, 2010 memorandum, regarding additional City Council Agenda Items, was received from David Hopkins.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve an Agreement with Contour Seats.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

76-2010

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

Yeas: Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, Panto, Brown, Fleck (7)
Nays: None (0)

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The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve an Agreement for Site Preparation with F. A. Rohrbach.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

77-2010

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

Yeas: Vulcano, Warner, Warren, Panto, Brown, Fleck, Ruggles (7)
Nays: None (0)

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve a Contract with Lipp Landscaping.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Ruggles:

78-2010

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

Yeas: Warner, Warren, Panto, Brown, Fleck, Ruggles, Vulcano (7)
Nays: None (0)

CITIZEN'S RIGHT TO BE HEARD

Richard Hieshetter, 304 W. Monroe Street, spoke regarding the proposed Rail Transportation facility. .

Mayor Panto made comments regarding Mr. Hieshetter's statements and invited him to attend the Railway presentation at the Hotel Bethlehem.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. on motion of Dr. Warner and Mrs. Vulcano by the following vote:

Yeas: Brown, Fleck, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, Panto (7)
Nays: None (0)

Thomas A. Hess, City Clerk