

**Minutes of the Council of the City of Easton, Pa.**  
**October 14, 2015**

Easton, Pa  
Wednesday  
October 14, 2015  
6:10 p.m.

City Council met in stated session at the above date and time, at St. Pauls Lutheran Church, located at 610 W. Berwick 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, Mauro, Ruggles, Vulcano, Panto (5)  
Absent: Brown, Warner (2) (both work commitments)

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Yeas: Vulcano, Mauro, Ruggles, Edinger, Panto (5)  
Nays: None (0)

**ACTION ON MINUTES**

On motion of Mrs. Vulcano and Dr. Ruggles the September 30, 2015 Council Meeting minutes, as submitted, were approved by the following vote:

Yeas: Panto, Edinger, Ruggles, Mauro, Vulcano (5)  
Nays: None (0)

**PUBLIC COMMENT**  
**Agenda Items Only**

There were no comments from the audience.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

On motion of Dr. Ruggles and Mr. Edinger the following items were adopted by the following vote:

Bill 43, (Ordinance 5520), Amending Subsection 39-3, Time and place for holding meetings, of Chapter 39, Council Rules and Regulations, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa. This Ordinance amends the current City Hall address to the New City Hall address, 123 S. Third Street, in Subsection 39-3

Bill 44, (Ordinance 5521), Amending Article III, Traffic Control Map of Chapter 560, Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa. This Ordinance approves the creation of two (2) "30 minute" parking zones in front of 715 Walnut Avenue.

Resolution 160-2015 which authorized an auction of City owned items on November 7, 2015.

Resolution 161-2015 which approved an Agreement with Walter Bukowski for auctioneer services.

Resolution 162-2015 which authorized the loaning of City owned furniture to the Easton Employees Credit Union.

Resolution 163-2015 which authorized the donation of City owned furniture to the Greater Easton Development Partnership.

Resolution 164-2015 which approved a reappointment and appointments to Authorities, Boards or Commissions.

Resolution 165-2015 which authorized a petition with the Court for an appointment of James Sampson Jr. to the Hugh Moore Park Charitable Trust.

Council members asked questions on the cost for the Auctioneer's clerks, the date of the auction, minimum bids for items and absent bidders, which were answered by Mayor Panto, Mr. Steckman and Mr. Murphy

Yeas: Panto, Edinger, Mauro, Ruggles, Vulcano (5)

Nays: None (0)

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**REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL**

The following report was received by Council.

- (a) 2014 Liquid Fuels Tax Fund Audit.

Mayor Panto accepted the above report on behalf of Council.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

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

Mrs. Vulcano, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, reported that a Committee meeting had been held on October 13, 2015 and that Ms. Dawn Ferrante, Director of Economic Development, gave a presentation on the Indoor Farmers Market.

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

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

Dr. Ruggles, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, reported that he had spoken with Mr. Steckman and he was informed that Council would receive updated Budget Sheets to show year to date revenues and expenditures.

Mr. Steckman said that the sheets would show up to September 30, 2015.

Mr. Edinger, Chairman of the Administration Committee, had no report.

Mr. Murphy, City Solicitor reported that before the meeting Council had held an Executive session and had discussed a Real Estate issue.

Mayor Panto reported that the Kiwanis Club had presented John Hartman with the Fire Fighter of the year award, reported that a Temporary Restraining Order filed by the Rock Church, to have the City's prosecution of Code Violations against the Church stopped, had been dismissed and the Church's suit against the City was now before the State Court, that a hearing on the violations is scheduled for November 12, 2015, reported that a neighborhood fundraiser and blood drive would be held on October 17, 2015, from 11:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m., at Centennial playground, to secure monies to build a Skate/Bike park in the City in memory of Koury Ketrow and Linda Ketrow, gave an update on the new City Hall and said that there would be a public open house on October 31, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. till 4:00 p.m.

Mrs. Vulcano said that she was very pleased with the new City Hall.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no Correspondence received by Council:

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Bill 45, (Ordinance 5522), an Ordinance to authorize and direct the incurring of non-electoral debt through the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$13,015,000 was adopted on motion of Mrs. Vulcano and Dr. Ruggles by the following vote:

Mr. Gary Pulcini gave Council an update on the Bond Sales that took place earlier in the day and the Bond Purchase Agreement in general.

Mr. David Unkovic went over the above Bill in detail.

Council members made comments and asked questions about the Bond and regarding future investments for a new Police Station and Parking Garage which were answered by Mr. Pulcini and Mr. Unkovic.

Yeas: Mauro, Ruggles, Vulcano, Panto, Edinger (5)

Nays: None (0)

**NEW BUSINESS**

An October 7, 2015 e-mail, regarding a Department of Public Works agenda item, was received from David Hopkins, Director of Public Works.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve a Right-of-Way Encroachment Agreement with PAL Realty LLC, for property located at 56 S. Third Street.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Ruggles:

166-2015

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

Ms. Mauro asked a question on an existing exposed pipe at the property.

Dr. Ruggles said that he would check on this and get back to her.

Yeas: Panto, Edinger, Mauro, Ruggles, Vulcano (5)

Nays: None (0)

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## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**(On any item)**

Melody Rodgers, 842 W. Berwick Street asked for the installation of an outlet on an electrical pole located at Pioneer Playground for their use when the Playground is being used for community happenings. She also requested the installation of a 4 Way Stop Sign at the intersection of Iron and Berwick Streets because of persons speeding and not stopping at the Stop Signs.

Timothy Reilly, 320 W. Nesquehoning Street, spoke regarding the need for crosswalks across Smith Avenue, a vacant building located on the 300 block of W. Nesquehoning Street that is in need of repairs, and said that parks on the Southside of the City also need attention as is being done in other parts of the City.

Mayor Panto and Dr. Ruggles addressed their concerns.

There were no other comments from the audience.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m. on motion of Mrs. Vulcano and Dr. Ruggles by the following vote:

Yeas: Mauro, Ruggles, Vulcano, Panto, Edinger (5)

Nays: None (0)

Thomas A. Hess  
City Clerk