

**Minutes of the Council of the City of Easton, Pa.**  
**January 22, 2014**

Easton, Pa  
Wednesday  
January 22, 2014  
6:00 p.m.

City Council met in stated session at the above date and time, in Council Chambers, located on the Sixth floor of City Hall, to consider any business that may lawfully be brought before the body.

The invocation was given by Dr. Ruggles, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Also in attendance were Rita Messa, Assistant City Clerk, William Murphy, City Solicitor, Joel Scheer, Assistant City Solicitor and Glenn Steckman, City Administrator. There were fourteen other persons present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

**ACTION ON MINUTES**

On motion of Mr. Brown and Mrs. Vulcano, the January 2, 2014 and January 8, 2014 Council Meeting minutes were approved, as submitted, by the following vote:

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**  
**(Agenda Items Only)**

There were no comments from the audience.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

On motion of Dr. Warner and Mrs. Vulcano the following items, on the Consent Agenda,

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were adopted by the following vote:

Bill 1, (Ordinance 5448), Amending a Sub-Section in Chapter 560-10 B, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa., which adds a new sub-section 560-10 B (6) regarding immobilization of vehicles to the City Codes.

Bill 2, (Ordinance 5449), Amending the 2013 Health Benefits Fund Budget, which increases revenues and expenditures in the 2013 Health Benefits Fund budget by \$223,659.45.

Resolution 18-2014 which approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for installation of a new roof, gutters, windows, door and repair of soffit at 140 Nevin Terrace.

Resolution 19-2014 which approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for installation of 2 windows in the existing boarded up openings at 321 Northampton Street.

Resolution 20-2014 which amended the 2014 Salary and Wage Resolution for changing of positions in the Bureau of Motors and the Bureau of Collection Systems.

Resolution 21-2014 which approved reappointments and an appointment to different Authorities, Boards and Commissions.

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

**REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL**

The following report was received by Council:

(a) Easton Fire Department Monthly Report for December 2013.

Vice Mayor Ruggles accepted the above report on behalf of Council.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Mr. Brown, Chairman of the Finance Committee, had no report.

Mrs. Vulcano, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee reminded everyone that it was Restaurant Week in the City and encouraged everyone to patronize the different restaurants in the City.

Dr. Warner informed everyone that Restaurant Week has been extended due to the inclement weather.

Dr. Warner, Chairman of the Planning Committee, had no report.

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Mr. Warren, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, reported that the Public Safety Committee meeting for January 21, 2013 was canceled due to inclement weather. He said that back in November Parking Fees and Fines were discussed and Council members had questions on the amount of fines for different violations.

Mr. Steckman distributed a handout that showed the current Parking Violations Fees and Penalties. He also distributed another handout that showed the Administration's recommendations or increasing some of the penalties.

Council members commented, asked questions, and gave recommendations regarding some of different fines and penalties.

Mr. Steckman and Police Lieutenant Matthew Lohenitz spoke on this issue and addressed Council's concerns.

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

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

Mr. Murphy, City Solicitor and Mr. Scheer Assistant Solicitor, had no report.

Mayor Panto was absent.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence received by Council.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Bill 3, (Ordinance 5450), Authorizing the sale and leaseback of the City's Public Works Complex to the Easton Municipal Authority for \$3,220,000.00 was moved and seconded by Mr. Brown and Mrs. Vulcano.

Mr. Brown asked Mr. Heagele, the City's Finance Director to furnish Council with a brief overview regarding proposed Bill 3.

Mr. Heagele, Finance Director, Gary Pulcini, a representative of Valco Capital, David Unkovic, and Tim Horstmann, representatives of McNees, Wallace & Nurick, LLC, Bond Counsel, and Mr. Steckman gave a short overview on the reason why this note needed to be refinanced, spoke regarding the financial analysis of this matter, the savings realized by refinancing, reviewed the proposed Ordinance on this matter, and commented on the compliance on the Debt issues.

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Council made comments and asked questions regarding this issue, and directed that the words "Deputy Mayor" be changed to read "Vice Mayor" throughout the proposed Bill.

Bill 3, (Ordinance 5450), was adopted on motion of Mr. Brown and Mrs. Vulcano by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0)

Ordinance 5450 authorizes the sale and leaseback of the City's Public Works Complex to the Easton Municipal Authority.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**CITIZENS RIGHT TO BE HEARD**

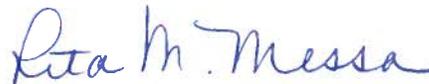
There were no comments or questions from the audience.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p. m. on motion of Dr. Warner and Mr. Warren by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0)



Rita Messa, Assistant City Clerk



CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA

Stated Session  
Wednesday  
January 22, 2014  
6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INVOCATION
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. ROLL CALL
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
6. ACTION ON MINUTES – January 2, 2014 Reorganization Meeting and January 8, 2014 Council Meeting
7. PUBLIC COMMENT – (Agenda Items Only)
8. CONSENT AGENDA
  1. Bill No. 1, Amending Section 560-10 B, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa.
  2. Bill No. 2, Amending the 2013 Health Benefits Fund Budget.
  3. Resolution approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for 140 Nevin Terrace.
  4. Resolution approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for 321 Northampton Street.
  5. Resolution amending the 2014 Salary and Wage Resolution.
  6. Resolution approving Appointments and Reappointments to ABC’s.
9. REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL
  - (a) Easton Fire Department Monthly Report for December 2013.
10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
 

(a) Finance	(Kenneth Brown)
(b) Economic Development	(Sandra Vulcano)
(c) Planning	(Elinor Warner)
(d) Public Safety	(Jeffrey Warren)
(e) Public Works	(Roger Ruggles)
(f) Administration	(James Edinger)
(g) Report of City Solicitor	(Attorney William Murphy)
(h) Report of Mayor	(Salvatore J. Panto Jr.)
11. CORRESPONDENCE
12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  1. Bill 3, Authorizing the sale and leaseback of the City’s Public Works Complex to the Easton Municipal authority for \$3,220,000.



13. NEW BUSINESS  
(a) Introduction of Legislative Bills.
14. PUBLIC COMMENT – (Any Matter)
15. ADJOURNMENT