

**Minutes of the Council of the City of Easton, Pa.**  
**June 22, 2011**

Easton, Pa  
Wednesday  
June 22, 2011  
6:00 p.m.

City Council met in stated session at the above date and time in the 6<sup>th</sup> floor Conference Room of City Hall, located at One South Third Street, Easton, Pa. to consider any business that may lawfully be brought before the body.

The invocation was given by Mrs. Vulcano followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

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

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion of Mrs. Vulcano and Dr. Ruggles 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 Dr. Ruggles and Mr. Warren the June 8, 2011 Council Meeting minutes were approved as submitted by the following vote:

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

**CITIZENS RIGHT TO BE HEARD (Agenda Items Only)**

There were no questions asked or comments made by the audience.

**REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL**

There were no reports received by Council.

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## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Mr. Brown, Chairman of the Finance Committee spoke regarding legislation that would be before Council later in the meeting, reported that a Finance Committee meeting would be held on July 12, 2011 and stated that the City's Debt picture would be discussed. Mr. Steckman and Mr. Heagele also spoke on what would be discussed at the Finance meeting.

David Hopkins, Director of Public Works spoke regarding why the proposed Resolution for forwarding \$200,000 to the Hugh Moore Park Trust and Commission to be used towards repair of the Lehigh River Bridge leading into the Park was time sensitive.

Mrs. Vulcano, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee reported that the City's 2011 CDBG allocations had been decreased from what the City had allocated. She said that at the July 13, 2011 Council meeting Council would make amendments to their allocations, reported that the next NID workshop meeting would be held on July 12, and reported that the Summer Nights program had begun at the playground at 12th and Ferry Streets.

Dr. Ruggles, Chairman of the Planning Committee spoke regarding legislation that would be before Council later in the meeting.

Mr. Warren, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee spoke regarding legislation that would be before Council later in the meeting, and also read and commented on two favorable e-mails that were received regarding the work and attitude of the Police Department.

Dr. Warner, Chairman of the Public Works Committee spoke regarding legislation that would be before Council later in the meeting, and reported that Chrin's request for a landfill had been reviewed by the Environmental Advisory Council and was now in front of the Planning Commission. She said that the proposed Recycling Facility would not accept animal waste.

Mr. Fleck, Chairman of the Administration Committee was absent.

Mr. Brown reported that he and Mr. Fleck had met and discussed the proposed Neighborhood Improvements District.

Mr. Murphy, City Solicitor, had no report.

Mr. Scheer, Assistant Solicitor, had no report.

Mayor Panto had no report, but said that he was disappointed with the Castle Doctrine Act.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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Bill No. 20, (Ordinance 5319) Amending Section 285-29, Fees – Vehicle and Traffic, Chapter 560 of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa., was adopted on motion of Mr. Warren and Dr. Ruggles by the following vote:

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

Ordinance 5319 removed the parking meter zone rates and City Parking Facilities rates from the Fee Schedule and placed them in their individual sections of the code.

Bill No. 21, (Ordinance 5320) Amending Chapter 560, Vehicles and Traffic Code of the City of Easton, was adopted on motion of Mr. Warren and Mrs. Vulcano by the following vote:

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

Ordinance 5319 amends numerous sections in Chapter 560 of the City Codes regarding Towing Companies, Handicapped Parking, Parking meters, and Parking meter rates and parking time limits.

Bill No. 22, (Ordinance 5321) Amending Ordinance 5289, 2010 Debt Service Fund, was adopted on motion of Mr. Brown and Mr. Warren by the following vote:

Ordinance 5321 amends the 2010 Debt Service Fund by increasing Revenues and Expenditures by \$3,609.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Council received the following correspondence:

(a) Mercedes Marquez, HUD, 2011 CDBG Allocations.

Dr. Ruggles made comments regarding items contained in the above letter.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A copy of a June 10, 2011 letter from James J. Holzinger to William K. Murphy regarding a Settlement Agreement and an Agreement of Lease between the City of Easton and Service Electric was received by Council.

Bill No. 23, Approving a Five (5) Year Agreement of Lease between the City of Easton and Service Electric Cable T.V., Inc. was introduced by Mr. Brown and ordered processed for adoption. .

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Dr. Ruggles asked questions regarding the payment of taxes by the City, which were answered by Mr. Steckman.

This Bill would approve a Five Year Agreement of Lease with Service Electric.

A June 14, 2011 memorandum regarding a Resolution for an encroachment was received from Stefanie Orange, Engineer Technician.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve a Right-of-Way Encroachment Agreement for the property at 220 West Kleinhans Street.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

73-2011

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

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

Nays: None

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve a Mutual Release and Settlement Agreement between the City and Service Electric.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Brown:

74-2011

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

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

Nays: None (0)

A June 14, 2011 letter, regarding Certificates of Appropriateness for 524 Northampton, 320 Ferry, 330 Ferry, 520-522 Church, 501 Northampton, 525 Northampton, and 43 S. 5<sup>th</sup> streets, and 22-24 Centre Square was received from Christine Ussler, AIA.

The next eight items on the Agenda were proposed Resolutions for approving Certificates of Appropriateness for the above addresses.

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There being no objections on any of the above proposed Resolutions and Certificates of Appropriateness all eight following proposed Resolutions were introduced by Dr. Ruggles and were adopted by one vote on motion of Dr. Ruggles and Mr. Brown by the following vote:

75-2011

76-2011

77-2011

78-2011

79-2011

80-2011

81-2011

82-2011

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

Nays: None (0)

A June 17, 2011 memorandum regarding a request to authorize the placement of a fourth reserved Handicapped Parking Sign on the 1400 block of Lehigh St., was received from Thomas A. Hess, Secretary to the Board of Health.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution that would authorize the placement of a fourth reserved Handicapped Sign on the 1400 block of Lehigh Street.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Ruggles

83-2011

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

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

Nays: None (0)

A June 17, 2011 e-mail regarding appointments and reappointments to City Authorities was received from Mayor Panto.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mayor Panto:

84-2011

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

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

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would authorize the forwarding of the sum of \$200,000 to the Hugh Moore Park Trust and Commission.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Brown:

85-2011

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

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

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve an Agreement with Recycle Rewards, Inc. for the Recycle Rewards Program.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

86-2011

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

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

**CITIZENS RIGHT TO BE HEARD**

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

Mr. Steckman furnished Council with a brief update on the collection of Per Capita Taxes and Utility Bills.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 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