

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

July 23, 2014

Easton, Pa
Wednesday
July 23, 2014
6:00 p.m.

City Council met in stated session at the above date and time, in Council Chambers, located on the 6th 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 the Mayor Panto followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

ACTION ON MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Brown and Mrs. Vulcano, the July 9, 2014 Council Meeting minutes were approved, as submitted, by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution recognizing the death of Earle W. Brotzman, a retired Fire Chief.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Warren:

96-2014

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

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

Nays: None (0)

All council members spoke regarding Chief Brotzman's service to our Country, City, and its citizens and said that he will be missed.

David Brotzman and Diane Koenig, son and daughter of Chief Brotzman were presented with a framed Resolution.

Mr. Brotzman thanked Council for the honor bestowed on his father and thanked the Mayor for everything that was done at his father's funeral.

PUBLIC COMMENT **(Agenda Items Only)**

Mr. Terrance Miller, 645 Ferry Street, a member of the City's Ethics Board, spoke regarding the lack of members on the Board which made it impossible to conduct a meeting for lack of a quorum, and gave suggestions on ways that members could be recruited.

Mayor Panto addressed Mr. Miller's concerns.

Mr. Warren questioned an Attorney's fee bill, for the Ethics Board, and wanted to know what his services were.

Mr. Miller and Mr. Steckman addressed Mr. Warren's concerns.

Dr. Ruggles spoke regarding the wording in some of the proposed Resolutions for approving Certificates of Appropriateness, and regarding approving the Certificates when certain items that were being done on the properties had not been completely approved.

Mayor Panto and Attorney Scheer addressed Dr. Ruggles' concerns.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Warren and Mrs. Vulcano the following items were adopted by the following vote:

Bill 21, (Ordinance 5468) Amending section 560-43, Blocking garage entrance, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa. which amends the section by adding the words, "other than the property owner or his/her designee", and taking out the words "opposite to" from the section.

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Resolution 97-2014, which approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for 26 N. 4th Street for replacement of windows and replacement/repair of sills and lintels.

Resolution 98-2014, which approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for addition of windows w/shutters on the north façade of the new second floor addition, construction of a flat Bilco sidewalk door in the front sidewalk and installation of a split system condensing unit on the new shed dormer east façade at 37 N. Bank Street.

Resolution 99-2014, which approved a Certificate of Appropriateness, for installation of a sign at 22 Centre Square.

Resolution 100-2014, which approved a Certificate of Appropriateness, for installation of a ramp railing at 24 Centre Square.

Resolution 101-2014, which approved a Certificate of Appropriateness, for installation of shutters at 237 Ferry Street.

Resolution 102-2014, which approved a Certificate of Appropriateness, for installation of a sign at 498 Washington Street.

Resolution 103-2014, which approved a Certificate of Appropriateness, for installation of a sign at 500 Washington Street.

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

Nays: None (0)

REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL

There were no reports received by Council:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Brown, Chairman of the Finance Committee, spoke regarding legislation that he would have for later in the meeting regarding amending the 2013 Health Benefits Fund Budget, and asked Mr. Heagele to provide Council with at second quarter City financial report, which he did.

Mrs. Vulcano, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, had no report, but requested an update on the Trolley which was given by the Mayor and Mr. Steckman.

Dr. Warner, Chairman of the Planning Committee, was not in attendance because of work obligations.

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Mr. Warren, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, had no report but spoke regarding parking problems on the 300 block of Pine Street caused by construction workers and company trucks.

There was a short discussion on this matter between Council members, Mayor Panto and Mr. Steckman.

Dr. Ruggles, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, spoke regarding legislation that he would have for later in the meeting regarding the distribution of funds that were realized from the estate of Louise Moore Pine, and for authorizing the destruction of three (3) city vehicles because of structural damage. Dr. Ruggles spoke regarding a "LIDAR" System that would assist the Police Department with Accident Reconstruction and Crime Scene investigations. He said that Lafayette College already has this system and that two Police Officers are going to Florida along with College employees for training on this system.

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

Mr. Murphy, City Solicitor, reported had no report.

Mr. Scheer, Assistant Solicitor furnished Council with an update on a request, by Dieter Bros., to be allowed to install 30,000 gallon tanks, to store propane gas, on their Bushkill Drive property.

Mayor Panto reported that he would like to schedule an opportunity either on August 27, 2014 or September 2, 2014 for the Architect, who was undertaking the interior design of the New City Hall, to come and make a presentation on that matter to Council and allow Council to either approve the design and materials or to recommend changes.

Mayor Panto also spoke regarding the need for a policy for what would be allowed and not allowed on and in the Public Right-of Ways.

Dr. Ruggles also spoke regarding a construction fence in the right-of-way at Snyder and Third Street.

Mayor Panto spoke regarding Special Events in the City and how the events have placed a burden on the overtime budget. He said that a Policy was being worked on that if the event is sponsored by the City or a City Agency then the City would provide services. He said that if the event was not sponsored by the City or one of its agencies then the organizer would have to pay for City services or properties such as the amphitheatre, public works, Police, Fire or other bureau or department assistance.

CORRESPONDENCE

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There was no correspondence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A July 10, 2014 memorandum, regarding City Council Agenda Items, was received from David Hopkins, Director of Public Works.

Bill 22, Amending Article III, Traffic Control Map, of Chapter 560, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Code of the City of Easton Pa., was introduced by Dr. Ruggles and ordered processed for adoption.

This Bill would amend the Traffic Control map by removing streets from parking postings to assist with garbage pickup

Bill 23, Amending the 2013 Health Benefits Fund Budget, was introduced by Mr. Brown and ordered processed for adoption.

This Bill would amend the 2013 Health Benefits Fund Budget by increasing Revenues and Expenditures by \$456,883.68.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve the distribution and disbursement of funds from the estate of Louise Moore Pine.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Ruggles:

104-2014

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

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

Nays: None (0)

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would authorize the destruction of three (3) City vehicles because of structural damage.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Ruggles:

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

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

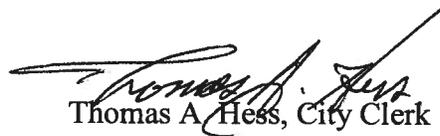
PUBLIC COMMENT
(On Any Item)

There were no comments from the audience.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p. m. on motion of Mr. Warren and Dr. Ruggles by the following vote:

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


Thomas A. Hess, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA

Stated Session
Wednesday
July 23, 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 – July 9, 2014 Council Meeting
7. RESOLUTION – Recognizing death of Earle Brotzman
8. PUBLIC COMMENT – (Agenda Items Only)
 - (a) Board of Ethics
9. CONSENT AGENDA
 - (a) Bill 21, Amending Section 560-43, Blocking garage entrance, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa.
 - (b) Resolution Approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for 26 N. 4th Street
 - (c) Resolution Approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for 37 N. Bank Street (aka 24 N. 3rd Street)

 - (d) Resolution Approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for 22 Center Square
 - (e) Resolution Approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for 24 Center Square
 - (f) Resolution Approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for 237 Ferry Street
 - (g) Resolution Approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for 498 Washington Street
 - (h) Resolution Approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for 500 Washington Street
10. REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL
11. 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.)

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12. CORRESPONDENCE
 13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 14. NEW BUSINESS
 - (a) Introduction of Legislative Bills
 1. Bill 22, Amending Chapter 560 - Traffic Control Map of the City of Easton (No Parking)
 2. Bill 23, Amending 2013 Health Benefits Fund Budget
 - (b) Resolution authorizing the distribution of funds per the will of Louise Moore Pine
 - (c) Resolution authorizing destruction of three (3) City vehicles
 15. PUBLIC COMMENT – (Any Matter)
 16. ADJOURNMENT
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