

Minutes of the Council of the City of Easton, Pa.
September 23, 2014

Easton, Pa
Tuesday
September 23, 2014
6:00 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, 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: Brown, Edinger, Ruggles, Warner, Panto (5)
Absent: Vulcano (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 eight other persons present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Yeas: Panto, Warner, Ruggles, Edinger, Brown (5)
Nays: None (0)

ACTION ON MINUTES

On motion of Dr. Ruggles and Dr. Warner, the September 10, 2014 Council Meeting minutes were approved, as submitted, by the following vote:

Yeas: Brown, Ruggles, Warner, Panto (4)
Nays: None (0)
Abstain: Edinger (1)

PUBLIC COMMENT
(Agenda Items Only)

There were no remarks from the audience.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Resolution 127-2014, which approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for installation of signs at 170 Northampton Street.

Resolution 128-2014, which approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for installation of a sign at 456 Northampton Street.

Resolution 129-2014, which authorized the Administration, to sell, by auction, City-owned vehicles.

Resolution 130-2014, which approved an Agreement with Walter Bukowski, for auctioneer services.

Resolution 131-2014, which approved a Developers Agreement and a Storm Water Runoff Control Facilities and Maintenance Agreement with the Housing Authority of Easton.

Resolution 132-2014, which approved a Developers Agreement and a Storm Water Runoff Control Facilities and Maintenance Agreement with Lafayette College.

Yeas: Panto, Brown, Edinger, Ruggles, Warner (5)

Nays: None (0)

REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL

The following report was received by Council:

- (a) Monthly Fire Department Report for August 2014.

Dr. Ruggles spoke about the dramatic increase in Emergency Responses by comparison for 2013 & 2014.

Mayor Panto accepted the report on behalf of Council.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Brown, Chairman of the Finance Committee, spoke regarding legislation that he would be presenting, later in the meeting, regarding declaring the intention of the City of Easton to incur debt and to reimburse funds, and to approve MMO's for the PMRS and City managed pension funds.

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Mrs. Vulcano, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, was absent.

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

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, informed Council that the DiGirolomo litigation had been dismissed.

Mr. Scheer, Assistant City Solicitor gave an update on the Dieter Bros. litigation.

Mayor Panto asked Mr. Murphy questions on outside organizations requiring access to the tower property on College Hill, which Mr. Murphy and Mr. Steckman answered.

Mayor Panto informed the public and congratulated Mr. Heagele, Finance Director on receiving the Lehigh Valley Business Journal's Chief Financial Officer Turn Around Specialist Award.

Mayor Panto said that all contracts, for the construction of the New City Hall, have been signed, and that they are all 100% Union contracts.

Mayor Panto reported that the Police Department's Special Response Unit had been requested to assist in search, and did so, in the Poconos, for the person responsible for the killing of a Pennsylvania State Police Officer.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received by Council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A September 18, 2014 memorandum, regarding a reimbursement Resolution for emergency Mattes Lane repairs, was received from Chris Heagele, Director of Finance.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would declare the intention of the City to incur debt in connection with the payment of the cost of a City Capital Project and

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to reimburse various City funds or accounts for expenditure made towards the cost of the project.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Brown:

133-2014

Dr. Warner asked when the possible borrowing of money, for the reimbursement, would be done.

Mr. Heagele said within the next 15 months.

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

Yeas: Panto, Brown, Edinger, Ruggles, Warner (5)

Nays: None (0)

A September 19, 2014 memorandum, regarding 2015 PMRS MMO's, was received from Chris Heagele, Finance Director.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which certified the 2015 PMRS managed Pension Funds' MMO's.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Brown:

134-2014

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

Yeas: Brown, Edinger, Ruggles, Warner, Panto (5)

Nays: None (0)

A September 19, 2014 memorandum regarding 2015 Aggregated Pension Fund MMO's was received from Chris Heagele, Finance Director.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would certify the 2015 City Managed Pension Funds.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Brown:

135-2014

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

Yeas: Edinger, Brown, Ruggles, Warner, Panto (5)

Nays: None (0)

Mayor Panto and Mr. Steckman spoke on the lack of Pension Reform not coming from the State and Governor's Office, and the impact on the City's future budgets. .

PUBLIC COMMENT
(On any item)

There were no comments from the audience.

Mayor Panto congratulated the Easton Housing Authority on receiving approval for their proposed development on E. St. Joseph Street.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p. m. on motion of Dr. Warner and Mr. Brown by the following vote:

Yeas: Panto, Warner, Ruggles, Edinger, Brown (5)

Nays: None (0)

Thomas A. Hess, City Clerk