

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

August 24, 2016

Easton, Pa
Wednesday
August 24, 2016
6:00 p.m.

City Council met in stated session at the above date and time, in Council Chambers, located on the 3rd floor of City Hall, 123 South Third 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: Brown, Edinger, Melan, O'Connell, Ruggles, Vulcano, Panto (7)

Absent: None (0)

Also in attendance were Thomas A. Hess, City Clerk, William Murphy, City Solicitor, Joel Scheer, Assistant City Solicitor and Luis Campos, City Administrator. There were approximately sixty (60) other persons present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Yeas: Brown, Edinger, Melan, O'Connell, Ruggles, Vulcano, Panto (7)

Nays: None (0)

ACTION ON MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Edinger and Mr. Melan the August 10, 2016 Council Meeting minutes, as submitted, were approved by the following vote:

Yeas: Edinger, Melan, O'Connell, Ruggles, Vulcano, Panto, Brown (7)

Nays: None (0)

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

The next item on the Agenda was the presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Carl Faulkner III, upon his retirement, for his years of service as a member of the Easton Police Department.

The City Clerk read the Certificate, and all Council members spoke regarding Mr. Faulkner's service to the City and its Citizens and wished him well in future endeavors.

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Mr. Faulkner was presented with a framed Certificate.

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

The next items on the Agenda were two Certificates of Appreciation being presented to Eagle Scout candidates; Michael Couch and Wesley DeGiulio for their Eagle Scout projects at the Easton Urban Farm.

Both Mr. Couch and Mr. DeGiulio spoke regarding their projects; the building of above ground raised garden beds and the building of a drying shed.

Councilmembers thanked Mr. Couch and Mr. DeGiulio for their projects to assist the Urban Farms and for their dedication and drive to attain the rank of Eagle Scout.

RESOLUTION

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would honor the City's Youth Lacrosse Team.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Melan:

129-2016

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

Yeas: O'Connell, Ruggles, Vulcano, Panto, Brown, Edinger, Melan (7)

Nays: None (0)

Councilmembers congratulated the team on their success and dedication to the sport, and thanked the Coaches and parents for their dedication to the youth of the community.

Victor Scomillio, 370 Wedgewood Drive, Palmer Township, Coach of the team, presented the City with the trophies that the team had won in 2015 & 2016, and thanked Shawn Langen for founding the Lacrosse sport in Easton.

Frank Nestor, 205 E. Fairfield Avenue, a U11 Lacrosse Coach, thanked the Mayor, members of Council and the citizens of Easton for making the Lacrosse program possible and said that without their support the program would not be possible. .

PUBLIC COMMENT **Agenda Items Only**

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There were no comments or questions from the audience.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Bill 34, (Ordinance 5564), Amending Ordinance 5469, Amending Article III, Traffic Control Map, of Chapter 560, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa. This Bill added Sassafras Street between 8th Street and Oak Street to the list of streets for no parking on Tuesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for garbage pickup.

Resolutions 130-136-2016 which approved Certificates of Appropriateness for 56 S. 3rd, 106 S. 3rd, 46 S. 6th, 517 Ferry, 403 and 428 Northampton Streets.

Yeas: Panto, Brown, Edinger, Melan, O'Connell, Ruggles, Vulcano (7)

Nays: None (0)

REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL

There were no reports received by Council:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

Mrs. Vulcano, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, spoke regarding legislation which she would have for later in the meeting regarding supporting a grant application by the Easton Emergency Squad for the purchase of a new ambulance. She also reported that a Vacant Property Review committee had met at 5:00 p.m., and discussed blighted properties in the City.

Mr. Melan asked how many blighted properties there were in the city and what was happening with them. His questions were answered by Stephen Nowroski, Director of Codes.

Mr. O'Connell, Chairman of the Planning Committee, reported that the Planning Committee had met on August 23, 2016, to discuss the proposed changes and additions to the Comprehensive Plan. He said that there were a few more additions to the proposed changes which have been forwarded to the Planning and Codes departments for incorporation into the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Melan, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, had no report.

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Dr. Ruggles, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, spoke regarding legislation which he would have for later in the meeting, regarding approving a Right-of-Way Encroachment Agreement, requesting grants for improvements to Centre Square and Wood Avenue, approving a Management Agreement for an On-Site Lab at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, approving a Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Agreement, and approving a Site Preparation Agreement with Alfero Company.

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

Mr. Murphy, City Solicitor reported that after the meeting, Council would enter into an Executive Session to discuss Real Estate, Personnel and Litigation matters.

Mayor Panto reported that Police Captain Scott Casterline would be retiring and would be working for the Easton Area School District, spoke regarding the recent ground breaking ceremony for the new Police Station, and spoke regarding the upcoming events at Lafayette week.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following Correspondence was received by Council:

- (a) Pa. Auditor General, Compliance Audit for the Aggregated Pension Trust Fund
- (b) Reise Furman, Thank-You card for allowing Police personnel to attend the Sports for Health Camp.
- (c) Joan Chelsen, Thank-You letter for sponsoring Police officers to attend the Sports for Health Camp.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

An August 15, 2016 memorandum, regarding Council Agenda Items was received from David Hopkins, Director of Public Works.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution for approving a Right-of-Way Encroachment Agreement with PAL Realty LLC, for encroachment into the public right-of-way onto S. 3rd Street.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Ruggles:

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

Yeas: Panto, Brown, Edinger, Melan, O'Connell, Ruggles, Vulcano (7)

Nays: None (0)

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would request a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant for improvements to Centre Square roadway and park improvements.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Ruggles:

137-2016

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

Yeas: Brown, Edinger, Melan, O'Connell, Ruggles, Vulcano, Panto (7)

Nays: None (0)

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would request a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant for improvements to Wood Avenue.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Ruggles:

138-2016

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

Yeas: Edinger, Melan, O'Connell, Ruggles, Vulcano, Panto, Brown (7)

Nays: None (0)

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve an Agreement for management of an on-site Lab at the Easton Waste Water Treatment Plant with Suburban Water Testing Labs, Inc.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Ruggles:

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

Yeas: Melan, O'Connell, Ruggles, Vulcano, Panto, Brown, Edinger (7)

Nays: None (0)

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve a Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Agreement with the Easton Area School District for the maintenance and operations of a stormwater control facility.

Then following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Ruggles:

140-2016

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

Yeas: O'Connell, Ruggles, Vulcano, Panto, Brown, Edinger, Melan (7)

Nays: None (0)

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve an Agreement for Site Preparation for construction of improvements to Hugh Moore Park.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Ruggles:

141-2016

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

Yeas: Ruggles, Vulcano, Panto, Brown, Edinger, Melan, O'Connell (7)

Nays: None (0)

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution in which the City shows support for the filing of a proposal for funds with Northampton County for the purchase of a new ambulance by the Easton Emergency Squad.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mrs. Vulcano:

142-2016

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

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Yeas: Vulcano, Panto, Brown, Edinger, Melan, O'Connell, Ruggles (7)
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 6:44 p. m. on motion of Dr. Ruggles and Mr. Brown by the following vote:

Yeas: Melan, O'Connell, Ruggles, Vulcano, Panto, Brown, Edinger (7)
Nays: None (0)


Thomas A. Hess
City Clerk



CITY OF EASTON

PENNSYLVANIA

August 19, 2016

MEETING NOTICE

A regular meeting of Easton City Council has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 24, 2016, for the transaction of regular business.

The meeting will be held in council Chambers, located on the third floor of City Hall, 123 S. 3rd Street and will begin at 6:00 p.m.

All meetings of City Council are open to the Public and are accessible to persons with disabilities.


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CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA

Stated Session
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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INVOCATION
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. ROLL CALL
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
6. ACTION ON MINUTES – August 10, 2016 Council Meeting minutes
7. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION – Carl Faulkner
8. CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION – Eagle Scouts Michael Couch and Nicholas DeGiulio.
9. RESOLUTION – Honoring the City’s Lacrosse Team
10. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)
11. CONSENT AGENDA
 - a. Bill 34, Amending Ordinance 5469, Traffic Control Map
 - b. Resolution approving a COA for 56 S. 3rd Street
 - c. Resolution approving a COA for 106 S. 3rd Street
 - d. Resolution approving a COA for 46 S. 6th Street
 - e. Resolution approving a COA for 517 Ferry Street
 - f. Resolution approving a COA for 403 Northampton Street
 - g. Resolution approving a COA for 428 Northampton Street
12. REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL
13. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
 - (a) Finance (Kenneth Brown)
 - (b) Economic Development (Sandra Vulcano)
 - (c) Planning and Code (David O’Connell)
 - (d) Public Safety (Peter Melan)
 - (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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14. CORRESPONDENCE
 - a. Pa. Auditor General, Compliance Audit for the Aggregated Pension Trust Fund.
 - b. Reise Furman, Thank You Card for allowing police to attend the Sports for Health Camp.
 - c. Joan Chelsen, Thank You Letter for sponsoring police officers to attend the Sports for Health Camp.
15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS,
16. NEW BUSINESS
 - (a) Resolution approving a Right-of-Way Encroachment Agreement with PAL Realty LLC.
 - (b) Resolution requesting a Grant for improvements to Centre Square.
 - (c) Resolution requesting a Grant for improvements to Wood Avenue.
 - (d) Resolution approving a Management of an On-Site Lab Agreement.
 - (e) Resolution approving a Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Agreement.
 - (f) Resolution approving an Agreement for Site Preparation with the Alfero Company.
 - (g) Resolution supporting a grant application by the Easton Emergency Squad.
17. PUBLIC COMMENT – (Any Matter)
18. ADJOURNMENT