

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

June 24, 2014

Easton, Pa
Tuesday
June 24, 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, Warner, Warren, Panto (7)

Absent: None (0)

Also in attendance were Rita Messa, Assistant City Clerk, Joel Scheer, Assistant City Solicitor, and Glenn Steckman, City Administrator. There were eighteen 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, Warner, Vulcano, Ruggles, Edinger, Brown (7)

Nays: None (0)

ACTION ON MINUTES

On motion of Mrs. Vulcano and Dr. Warner, the June 11, 2014 Council Meeting minutes were approved, as submitted, by the following vote:

Yeas: Brown, Edinger, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, Panto (7)

Nays: None (0)

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the Death of Anthony J. Castronova

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

75-2014

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

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Yeas: Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, Panto, Brown, Edinger (7)
Nays: None (0)

Mrs. Castronova was presented with a framed Resolution.

Council members spoke words of condolences, their relationships with the Castronova family and regarding Mr. Castronova's service to the City and the community.

Ms. Dinine McGinley, Mr. Castronova's niece, thanked Council for the honor bestowed on her uncle and spoke regarding him.

PUBLIC COMMENT
(Agenda Items Only)

There were no comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Bill 19, (Ordinance 5466), Repealing Chapter 103, Park Commission, Hugh Moore, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa., and abolishing the Hugh Moore Park Commission, which repealed Chapter 103 of the Code in its entirety and abolish the Hugh Moore Park Commission.

Bill 20, (Ordinance 5467), An Ordinance repealing flood related definitions located in Article IV, Section 595-10 of the City of Easton Zoning Ordinance; repealing Section 595-137 through Section 595-146 of Article XXV, Flood Hazard (FH) overlay district of the City of Easton Zoning Ordinance and amending said Flood Hazard (FH) overlay district to reference a single-purpose Ordinance requiring all persons, partnerships, businesses, and corporations to obtain a permit for any construction or development; providing for the issuance of such permits; setting forth certain minimum requirements for new construction and development within areas of the City of Easton which are subject to flooding; and establishing penalties for any persons who fail, or refuse to comply with the requirements or provisions of this Ordinance, which repeals and amends certain sections in the Flood Plain codes.

Resolution 76-2014, which approved a Right-of-Way Encroachment Agreement between the City and Daniel Longo, for 612 Northampton Street.

Resolution 77-2014, which approved the appointment of Lynn Fraser to the Environmental Advisory Counsel.

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Resolution 78-2014, which approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for installation of signs at 22 N. 3rd Street.

Resolution 79-2014, which approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for installation of a new fire escape at 8 Centre Square.

Resolution 80-2014, which approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for installation of a sign and awning at 46 Centre Square.

Resolution 81-2014, which approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for installation of signs in windows at 140A Northampton Street.

Resolution 82-2014, which approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for installation of a window sign at 526 Northampton Street.

Mrs. Vulcano said that she had attended a function at the Hugh Moore park on Sunday, June 22, 2014, and related that the since the City has taken over the care of the park it looks very nice.

Mr. Steckman related that a lot of the ground work, at the park, is being done by summer help.

Yeas: Panto, Brown, Edinger, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren (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, reported that the Hump Day Celebration would be held on June 25, 2014, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and will take place on the 500 and 600 blocks of Northampton Street and explained what would take place.

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

Mr. Warren, Chairman of the Public Safety 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.

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Mr. Scheer, Assistant City Solicitor, reported that before the meeting Council had met in Executive session and discussed personnel matters.

Mayor Panto furnished Council with an update on the Parking Garage, and said that later in the meeting Council would be voting on the contracts for the construction of the new City Hall.

There was a brief discussion between Council members, the Mayor and Mr. Steckman regarding the parking garage completion date and when the garage would be open for use, and the date for the opening of City Hall.

Mayor Panto reported that he, Dr. Ruggles and Staff members, had attended the dedication of the new fountain in Nevin Park, reported that he had attended the US Conference of Mayors and the Municipal League convention, and spoke briefly regarding pension reform.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A June 23, 2014 memorandum, regarding a Right-of-Way Encroachment Agreement for 56 South Third Street was received from David Hopkins, Director of Public Works.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve a Right-of-Way Encroachment Agreement between the City and PAL Realty LLC, John C. Lorenzo and Mike Pichetto owners of 56 South Third Street

83-2014

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

Yeas: Warner, Warren, Panto, Brown, Edinger, Ruggles, Vulcano (7)

Nays: None (0)

An April 23, 2014 memorandum, regarding the Intermodal-Easton City Hall Bid Information was received from Mark Waddell.

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The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve an Agreement with C.C. Construction Services for general contractor services at 123 S. 3rd Street at a cost not to exceed \$9,777,000.00.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mrs. Vulcano:

84-2014

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

Yeas: Warren, Panto, Brown, Edinger, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner (7)

Nays: None (0)

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve an Agreement with H.T Lyons for HVAC services at 123 S. 3rd Street, at a cost not to exceed \$1,674,700.00.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mrs. Vulcano:

85-2014

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

Yeas: Panto, Brown, Edinger, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren (7)

Nays: None (0)

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve an Agreement with MBR for plumbing services at 123 S. 3rd Street, at a cost not to exceed \$624,000.00.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mrs. Vulcano:

86-2014

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

Yeas: Brown, Edinger, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, Panto (7)

Nays: None (0)

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve an Agreement with West Side Electric for electrical services at 123 S. 3rd Street, at a cost not to exceed \$874,770.00.

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The following Resolution was introduced by Mrs. Vulcano:

87-2014

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

Yeas: Edinger, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, Panto, Brown (7)

Nays: None (0)

A June 20, 2014 memorandum, regarding a Trolley purchase and operation was received from W. Glenn Steckman, City Administrator.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would give the City Administrator and the Director of Public Works permission to proceed with the purchase of a Trolley.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Ruggles:

88-2014

Mr. Steckman handed out some information on the Trolley that the City was looking at, regarding equipment on the trolley, pictures of the trolley, and a bid opening report where City Tours Inc., was the only bidder at a bid price of \$57,500.00, and the Trolley Stops proposed route.

Mr. Steckman spoke regarding the trolley, spoke regarding where the funds were coming from to make the purchase, to ship the Trolley to the City, from Texas, and to send a City employee to inspect it.

Council members made comments and asked questions regarding who would be driving the Trolley once it was purchased, what the cost of purchasing and for operating the trolley would be, if there would be a charge for riding the trolley, estimate of ridership, and the selling of advertisements inside the trolley Mr. Steckman and Mayor Panto addressed Council's questions, and spoke regarding the use of the trolley for special events and for taking and bringing people from the National Canal Museum and the Canal Boat.

Mr. Brown asked for an explanation on where the funds were used which were put aside for the proposed skate park. Dr. Warner, Mayor Panto and Mr. Heagele said that the funds were used for projects in other parks.

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Dr. Warner said that Council was asked to approve an annual expense without having a real plan in place; she said that she would vote for this Resolution, but felt that it would be better to have more of a management plan available to review before voting.

Mr. Warren said that he believed that he felt that there also needed a plan of action, but that he felt that this was a good idea and would also vote in support of this Resolution.

Yeas: Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, Panto, Brown, Edinger (7)

Nays: None (0)

PUBLIC COMMENT
(On Any Item)

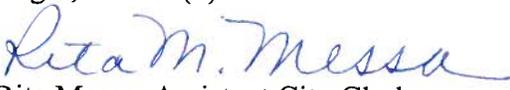
Mr. Thomas Campbell Jr., 1124 W. Allen Street, Allentown, Pa., general manager of Ginny's Bistro, located at 612 Northampton Street, thanked the City for accepting their business and everyone who supported them, the property owners, and the Mayor and Mrs. Vulcano, and stated that he would be more than willing to advertise their business in the trolley if given the opportunity.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p. m. on motion of Dr. Warner and Mr. Brown by the following vote:

Yeas: Panto, Warren, Warner, Vulcano, Ruggles, Edinger, Brown (7)

Nays: None (0)


Rita Messa, Assistant City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA

Stated Session
Tuesday
June 24, 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 – June 11, 2014 Council Meeting
7. RESOLUTION – Recognizing the Death of Anthony J. Castronova
8. PUBLIC COMMENT – (Agenda Items Only)
9. CONSENT AGENDA
 - a. Bill 19, Repealing Chapter 103, Park Commission, Hugh Moore, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa., and abolishing the Hugh Moore Park Commission.
 - b. Bill 20, Repealing Flood Related definitions located in Article IV, §595-137 through §595-146. of Article XXV, Flood Hazard overlay district of the City of Easton Zoning Ordinance and amending said Flood Hazard Overlay District.
 - c. Resolution approving a Right-of-Way Encroachment Agreement with Daniel Longo.
 - d. Resolution approving appointment of Lynn C. Fraser to the Environmental Advisory Council.
 - e. Resolution approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for 22 N. 3rd Street.
 - f. Resolution approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for 8 Centre Square.
 - g. Resolution approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for 46 Centre Square.
 - h. Resolution approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for 140A Northampton Street.
 - i. Resolution approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for 526 Northampton 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) Resolution approving a Right of Way/Encroachment Agreement w/John Lorenzo
 - (b) Resolution approving Agreement with C.C. Construction Services for 123 S. 3rd St.
 - (c) Resolution approving Agreement with H. T. Lyons for HVAC for 123 S. 3rd St.
 - (d) Resolution approving Agreement with MBR Plumbing services for 123 S. 3rd St.
 - (e) Resolution approving Agreement with West Side Hammer Electric for 123 S. 3rd St.
 - (f) Resolution giving permission to purchase 2008 Trolley
15. PUBLIC COMMENT – (Any Matter)
16. ADJOURNMENT