

Minutes of the Council of the City of Easton, Pa.
December 28, 2011

Easton, Pa
Wednesday
December 28, 2011
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 One 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, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, (Phone), Panto (7)
Absent: Fleck (1)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Mrs. Vulcano and Mr. Warren the Agenda was approved by the following vote:

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

ACTION ON MINUTES

On motion of Dr. Warner and Mr. Brown the December 14, 2011 Council Meeting minutes were approved, as submitted, by the following vote:

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

CITIZENS RIGHT TO BE HEARD (Agenda Items Only)

There were no remarks from the audience.

PRESENTATION OF THE PRELIMINARY 2013 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Mayor Panto read the attachment.

There were no questions or comments from Council members or the audience.

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REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL

There were no reports received.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

Mrs. Vulcano, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee spoke regarding legislation that she would have for later in the meeting regarding approving the filing of a revised amendment to a State Grant for the Intermodal Facility.

Dr. Ruggles, Chairman of the Planning Committee spoke regarding legislation that he would have for later in the meeting regarding approving Certificates of Appropriateness for five (5) properties.

Mr. Warren, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee spoke regarding legislation that he would have for later in the meeting regarding amending the traffic code for Stop Signs and No Parking Zones for the Pierce Street Parking Lot project..

Dr. Warner, Chairman of the Public Works Committee had no report.

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

Mr. Murphy, City Solicitor, had no report.

Assistant Solicitor Scheer had no report.

Mayor Panto handed out requests from Organizations requesting funding for Special Events, asked Council to review them, and then Council could approve funding in February. He reminded Council members that the Reorganization meeting was scheduled for January 3, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., spoke about naming David Rose the official Town Crier for the City of Easton, and explained why he made that choice, and informed Council that sometime in January or February the Administration would provide Council and the Public with an update on the Intermodal Transportation Facility.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

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

Nays: None (0)

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CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence received.

NEW BUSINESS

A December 21, 2011 e-mail regarding a request to amend the traffic code was received from Officer Robert Jones.

Bill 41, Amending Article III, Traffic Control Map of Chapter 560, Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa., was introduced by Mr. Warren and ordered processed for adoption.

This Bill would amend the Traffic Code by adding a Stop Sign at Catherine and Pierce Streets, a Stop sign at the East exit of Pierce Street Parking Lot, a Stop sign at the West exit of the Pierce Street Parking Lot, and create two No Parking zones on the North side of Pierce Street

A December 20, 2011 letter regarding Certificates of Appropriateness was received from Christine Ussler, AIA.

The next five items on the Agenda were five proposed Resolutions for approving Certificates of Appropriateness for renovations of the façade and installation of a ramp at 34 S. 2nd, installation of a sign at 116 S. 3rd, installation of a light fixture at 219 N. 3rd, renovation of the facades at 432-436 Northampton Street, and renovation of the façade at 542 Northampton Streets.

All Five proposed Resolutions were voted upon by one vote, there being no opposition to this way from Council members.

The following Resolutions were introduced by Dr. Ruggles:

180-2011
181-2011
182-2011
183-2011
184-2011

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

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

Nays: None (0)

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A December 20, 2011 memorandum, regarding a Radio/Camera Maintenance Contract was received from Police Chief Lawrence Palmer.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve a Radio/Camera Maintenance Contract between the City of Easton and Industrial Communications Co. for 2012.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Warren:

185-2011

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

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

Nays: None (0)

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve the filing of a revised amendment to the Intermodal Facility, LANTA/Easton Parking Authority RACP #ME 300-364.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mrs. Vulcano:

186-2011

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

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

Nays: None (0)

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There were no remarks from the audience.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m. on the motion of Mr. Brown and Mr. Warren by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0)

Thomas A. Hess, City Clerk