

Minutes of the Council of the City of Easton, Pa.
January 28, 2015

Easton, Pa
Wednesday
January 28, 2015
6:36 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, and for a MS4 presentation.

The invocation was given by Mayor Panto followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Edinger, Mauro, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Panto (6)
Absent: Brown (1)

Also in attendance were Thomas A. Hess, City Clerk, William Murphy, and Glenn Steckman, City Administrator. There were thirteen other persons present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Mrs. Vulcano and Dr. Warner, the Agenda was approved by the following vote:

Yeas: Edinger, Mauro, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Panto (6)
Nays: None (0)

ACTION ON MINUTES

On motion of Dr. Ruggles and Dr. Warner the January 14, 2015 Council Meeting minutes, as submitted, were approved by the following vote:

Yeas: Edinger, Mauro, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Panto (6)
Nays: None (0)

RESOLUTION

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution recognizing the death of Phillip Dailey, a former City employee.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Ruggles:

13-2015

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

Yeas: Warner, Panto, Edinger, Mauro, Ruggles, Vulcano (6)
Nays: None (0)

The Clerk was instructed to forward the Resolution to the Dailey family.

MS4-PRESENTATION

Mr. David Hopkins, Director of Public Works, read a prepared statement, entitled "Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System". (See attachment)

Mayor Panto said that this was a serious issue that the Environmental Protection Agency was coming down on municipalities for. He said that other municipalities have enacted a Utility Tax for Storm Water Runoff and said that sooner or later it would come down to small City's such as ours.

Mr. Hopkins said that it was very difficult to see where the regulations were going, and said that he felt that in the future, Cities may be required to treat storm water runoff. He said that all of the City's 160 outfalls are constantly inspected and for runoff during dry weather, treated and other things and the EPA now are asking the City for their plan of action. .

There were no comments or questions from the audience.

PUBLIC COMMENT
(Agenda Items Only)

There were no comments from the audience.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Bill 1, (Ordinance 5482), Amending Ordinance 3763, Amending Part Five, Traffic Code, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa. This Bill makes N. 4th Street, from Northampton to Spring Garden Streets and S. 4th Street from Northampton to Ferry Streets two-way streets.

Bill 2, (Ordinance 5483), Fixing the Resident Tax Rate for all City purposes for the year 2015. This Bill levies a tax of \$5.00 on all inhabitants above the age of eighteen years

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Resolution 14-2015, which approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for installation of vinyl lettering to awning, window and door at 121 N. 3rd Street.

Resolution 15-2015, which approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for removal and replacement of a retaining wall and installation of fencing at 111 N. 4th Street.

Resolution 16-2015, which approved a Certificate of Appropriateness, to retain vinyl signs on the storefront window at 349 Ferry Street.

Resolution 17-2015, which approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for the removal of steel fire escape stair elements, installation of railings, deconstruction of new wood deck and replacement of the roof at 217 Spring Garden Street.

Yeas: Panto, Edinger, Mauro, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner (6)

Nays: None (0)

REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL

The following report was received by Council:

- (a) Monthly Fire Report for December 2014.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Brown, Chairman of the Finance Committee, was absent.

Mrs. Vulcano, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, reported that the annual Greater Easton Development Partnership meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the Nature Nurture Center.

Dr. Warner, Chairman of the Planning Committee, requested that an Administration Committee be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, to discuss the establishment of a Charter Commission to review the Charter and to offer any proposed amendments to the Charter.

Ms. Mauro, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, said that she would have a Public Safety Committee on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, to discuss the Glendon Fire Contract.

Dr. Ruggles, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, reported that on January 30, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., he would be holding a meeting with Non-Profits, Northampton County and Career Link Officials regarding job training for persons to assist them in gaining employment.

Mr. Edinger, Chairman of the Administration Committee said that he would have an Administration Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

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Mr. Murphy, City Solicitor, reported that before the meeting, Council had met in Executive Session and had discussed litigations, Pa Media LLC vs. the City of Easton and the Northampton County Sheriff's Association vs. the City of Easton.

Mayor Panto reported that he, Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Mauro, the City Engineer, represented the City at the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission on Monday, January 26, 2015 and made a presentation and the City's request for a request for a \$50,000,000 grant, from the new Transportation Bill for the complete upgrade to the 13th Street interchange for traffic, pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Informed Council that the Director of Planning and Codes, Mr. George Kinney has resigned and will be going and working for the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, said that Pa. Senate Bill 4 was moving forward, and asked Council to contact Senator Lisa Boscola and Representative Freeman to oppose this Bill. He said that municipalities across the state are opposing this proposed Bill. He said that the Bill would expand the Tax Exempt properties including hospitals and it is an expansion far beyond the traditional colleges, churches and schools.

Mayor Panto said that every four years the Council had to adopt an ordinance which would set the Salary and Wages for the elected officials for the next four years. He said that the last time that this was done, Council created a Compensation Committee, and asked Council members to submit two or three different names, and he would submit names, for persons recommended to sit on this Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no Correspondence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A memorandum, dated January 23, 2015, regarding a proposed 2014 Budget amendment was received from Chris Heagele, Director of Finance.

Bill 3, Amending the 2014 Unemployment Insurance Fund was introduced by Salvatore J. Panto Jr., and ordered processed for adoption.

This Bill would amend the 2014 Unemployment Insurance Fund by increasing revenues and expenditures by \$3,609.08.

A memorandum dated January 23, 2015, regarding an amendment to the 2015 Salary and Wage Resolution, was received from Chief Carl Scalzo.

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The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would amend the 2015 Salary and Wage Resolution by increasing the number of Lieutenants from 5 to 6 and decreasing the number of Sergeants from 8 to 7.

The following Resolution was introduced by Ms. Mauro:

18-2015

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

Yeas: Vulcano, Warner, Panto, Edinger, Mauro, Ruggles (6)

Nays: (0) None

A memorandum, dated January 22, 2015, regarding City Council Agenda items was received from David Hopkins, Director of Public Works.

The next items, on the Agenda, were proposed Resolutions which would authorize and direct the Mayor to submit Applications for Traffic Signal Approval to the Pa. Department of Transportation for the intersections of 4th and Ferry and 4th and Northampton Streets

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Ruggles:

19-2015

On motion of Dr. Ruggles and Dr. Warner the above proposed Resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Warner, Panto, Edinger, Mauro, Ruggles, Vulcano (6)

Nays: None (0)

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Ruggles:

20-2015

Yeas: Panto, Edinger, Mauro, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner (6)

Nays: None (0)

A memorandum, dated January 23, 2015, regarding a Reimbursement Resolution for City Software Investments, was received from Chris Heagele, Finance Director.

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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 City Capital Projects, and to reimburse various City funds or accounts for expenditures made towards the cost of the projects.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mayor Panto:

21-2015

Dr. Ruggles had questions on using reserve funds and then borrowing to pay back the funds, which were answered by Mr. Heagele, Finance Director.

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

Yeas: Edinger, Mauro, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Panto (6)

Nays: None (0)

PUBLIC COMMENT
(On any item)

Robert Trotner, of 1910 Bayard Street, Bethlehem, Pa., as a representative of a grassroots organization, "represent.us" spoke to Council, while a fellow representative, Lou Shupe, passed out a copy of a Resolution, regarding a proposed Resolution, which they would like Council to adopt in the future, regarding removing the influence of money on our national, state, and local political system, and said that they would be in contact with the Mayor regarding this matter.

Susan Warman, 124 N. 8th Street, spoke to Council regarding a problem with a Tractor Trailer parking in their residential neighborhood.

Mayor Panto and Police Chief Scalzo spoke regarding her concerns.

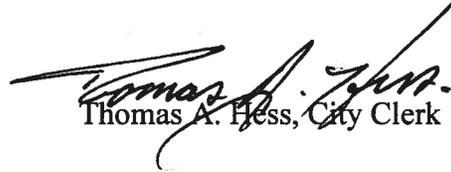
Anthony Marraccini, 525 Ferry Street, Apt. 1, asked questions regarding the costs for the traffic signals for 4th and Ferry Street and 4th and Northampton Street, which were answered by Mayor Panto and Mr. Hopkins, asked questions regarding the Hooper House, at 5th and Northampton Street which were answered by Mayor Panto, and also reported the parking problem still existed on the 200 block of Northampton Street.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p. m. on motion of Ms. Mauro and Dr. Ruggles by the following vote:

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Yeas: Mauro, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Panto, Edinger (6)
Nays: None (0)


Thomas A. Hess, City Clerk



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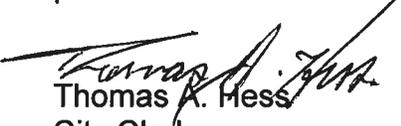
January 23, 2014

MEETING NOTICE

The Regular meeting of the Easton City Council has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 28, 2015 for general business.

The meeting will be held in Council Chambers, located on the 6th floor of City Hall, One South Third 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.


Thomas A. Mess
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA

Stated Session
Wednesday
January 28, 2015
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 – January 14, 2015 Council Meeting.
7. RESOLUTION – Recognizing the death of Phillip Dailey
8. MS4 PUBLIC PRESENTATION – David Hopkins
9. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)
10. CONSENT AGENDA
 1. Bill 1. Amending Ordinance 3763, Amending Part Five, Traffic Code, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa.
 2. Bill 2, Fixing the Tax Rate for all City Purposes for the year 2015.
 3. Resolution approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for 121 N. 3rd Street.
 4. Resolution approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for 111 N. 4th Street.
 5. Resolution approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for 349 Ferry Street.
 6. Resolution approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for 217 Spring Garden Street.
11. REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL
 - (a) Monthly Fire Report for December 2014.
12. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
 - (a) Finance (Kenneth Brown)
 - (b) Economic Development (Sandra Vulcano)
 - (c) Planning (Elinor Warner)
 - (d) Public Safety (Melanie Mauro)
 - (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.)
13. CORRESPONDENCE

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14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Introduction of Legislative Bills

1. Bill 3. Amending the 2014 Unemployment Insurance Fund Budget.

(b) Resolution amending the 2015 Salary and Wage Resolution.

(c) Resolution Authorizing application for Traffic Signal Approval at 4th and Ferry Streets.

(d) Resolution Authorizing application for Traffic Signal Approval at 4th and Northampton Streets.

(e) Resolution declaring the intention to incur debt and to reimburse various City Funds.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT – (Any Matter)

16. ADJOURNMENT



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Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Public Meeting Document:

The purpose of this presentation is to help foster public awareness regarding the City's implementation of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) as part of our efforts to comply with the Federal Phase II Stormwater Management Program.

Federal stormwater management regulations require the City of Easton and others in urbanized areas across Pennsylvania to apply for, and maintain, a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to discharge stormwater from the City's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4).

To assist Pennsylvania municipalities, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has issued a General Permit for MS4s. The General Permit is a statewide permit with uniform conditions pertinent to every MS4 that applies for and receives approval for coverage. Applying for this permit constitutes indication to DEP that the City intends to implement a program of stormwater management.

PADEP has prepared a guidance document entitled *The Stormwater Management Protocol* which can be used by municipalities to meet their permit requirements. The City of Easton adopted this protocol on March 24th, 2004 as its stormwater management plan. The *Protocol* contains DEP's recommended and approved approach to each component of the program.

The federal regulations establish six categories of Minimum Control Measures (MCM's) that must be implemented by all permittees. The six MCM categories are as follows:

- Public Education and Outreach,
- Public Participation and Involvement,
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination,
- Construction Site Runoff Control
- Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment, and
- Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations and Maintenance

Each municipality subject to the regulation must implement a stormwater management program that contains each of the MCM's. Currently, the City is in substantial compliance with the requirements of this program.

To put these new requirements in context, EPA has promulgated two phases of stormwater permit regulations in the past 10 years. Phase 1 covers large and medium municipalities (as well as industrial activities, including construction over five acres). This was implemented in Pennsylvania beginning in 1992. Phase II of the federal storm water regulations expanded in 2003 to cover smaller, urbanized areas including the City of Easton.

If a permittee commits to implementing the provisions of the Protocol, it does not need an independent review and approval of its stormwater management program by DEP. The City of Easton will continue to participate in this program and adhere to established permit limits, schedules, and measurable goals. Currently, the Easton Public Works Department conducts semi-annual inspection and sampling at 116 stormwater outfalls that surround the City on three regulated bodies of water, the Delaware River, the Lehigh River, and the Bushkill Creek.