

Minutes of the Council of the City of Easton, Pa.
November 28, 2012

Easton, Pa
Wednesday
November 28, 2012
6:00 p.m.

City Council met in stated session at the above date and time, in Council Chambers, One S. Third Street to consider any business that may lawfully be brought before the body.

The invocation was given by Dr. Ruggles followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Brown, Fleck, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, Panto (Phone) (7)
Absent: None (0)

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 nine other persons present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Dr. Ruggles and Mr. Warren, the Agenda was approved by the following vote:

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

ACTION ON MINUTES

On motion of Dr. Warner and Mr. Fleck the November 14, 2012 Council Meeting minutes were approved as submitted by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution recognizing the death of William G. Fistler Jr. a retired Deputy Fire Chief in the Fire Department.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Warren:

164-2011

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

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

Nays: None (0)

Mayor Panto and Mr. Warren commented on Mr. Fistler's service to the City, its citizens and to his Country.

Mrs. Fistler was presented with a framed Resolution.

Debbie Markert, Mr. Fistler's daughter thanked Council for honoring her father, Chief John Bast for his assistance with funeral preparations, and spoke regarding her fathers service to the City and his family.

CITIZENS RIGHT TO BE HEARD – (Agenda Items Only)

There were no comments or questions from the audience.

REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL

There were nor reports received by Council:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Brown, Chairman of the Finance Committee spoke regarding legislation that he would have for later in the meeting regarding amending the 2012 General Fund, Unemployment and Wastewater budgets, for approving a Loan Agreement with the Hugh Moore Park and Museum, for amending fees in the Code, for fixing the Tax Rate for 2013, for amending parking meter fees and hours of operation, for approving the 2013 City budgets, and for amending the 2012 Debt Service Fund Budget.

Mrs. Vulcano, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee had no report.

Dr. Ruggles, Chairman of the Planning Committee, spoke regarding legislation that he would have for later in the meeting regarding approving COA's for nine properties in the Historic District.

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

Dr. Warner, Chairman of the Public Works Committee reported that a Public Works Committee meeting would be held on December 11, 2012 and that a Public Hearing would be held on a proposed Solar Ordinance.

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

Mr. Murphy, City Solicitor and Mr. Scheer had no reports.

Mayor Panto said that he fully endorsed the agreement with the U.S. Mayor Enterprises regarding deferred compensation and explained why, spoke regarding the loan to Hugh Moore Park and questioned Mr. Murphy on a proposed Certificate of Appropriateness for the old Bixler Building.

Mr. Steckman spoke regarding the agreement with the U.S. Mayor Enterprises.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill No. 42, (Ordinance 5378) Amending the 2012 General Fund Budget was adopted on motion of Mr. Brown and Mr. Fleck by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0)

Ordinance 5378 amends the 2012 General Fund Budget by increasing revenue and expenditures by \$28,500.

Bill No. 43, (Ordinance 5379) Amending the 2012 Unemployment Fund Budget was adopted on motion of Mr. Brown and Dr. Warner by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0)

Ordinance 5379 amends the 2012 Unemployment Fund Budget by increasing revenue and expenditures by \$7,500.

Bill No. 44, (Ordinance 5380) Amending the 2012 Wastewater Fund Budget was adopted on motion of Mr. Brown and Dr. Warner by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0)

Ordinance 5380 amends the 2012 Wastewater Fund Budget by increasing revenue and expenditures by \$255,000.

Bill No. 45, (Ordinance 5381) Approving a Loan Agreement between the City of Easton, Pa., and the Hugh Moore Historical Park Museum was adopted on motion of Mr. Brown and Mrs. Vulcano by the following vote:

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

Ordinance 5381 approves a Loan Agreement with the Hugh Moor Historical Park and Museum In., in an amount not to exceed \$550,000.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following Correspondence was received:

(a) Reverend Canon Andrew T. Gerns, regarding opposition to the increase of parking meter fees.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill 46, Amending Sections in Chapter 285, Fees, of the Code of the City of Easton was introduced by Mr. Brown and ordered processed for adoption.

This Bill would amend numerous fees throughout the Fee Schedule in the City Codes.

Bill 47, Fixing the Tax Rate for all City Purposes for the year 2013 was introduced by Mr. Brown and ordered processed for adoption.

This Bill would set the Tax Rate for 2013 at 24.95 Mill on each dollar of assessed valuation.

Bill 48, Amending 560, Attachment 1- City of Easton, Table 1: Meter-Zones of Chapter 560, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Codes of the City of Easton, Pa., was introduced by Mr. Brown and ordered processed for adoption.

This Bill would amend the attachment by increasing meter rates, times of enforcement and days of operation.

Bill 49, Providing Revenues and Appropriating Specific Sums to be required for the City Budget during the Fiscal Year 2013.

This Bill would approve the 2013 City budgets.

Bill No. 50, Amending the 2012 Debt Service Fund Budget was introduced by Mr. Brown and ordered processed for adoption.

This Bill would amend the 2012 Debt Service Fund Budget by increasing revenues and expenditures by \$143,119.83.

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A November 19, 2012 letter regarding Certificates of Appropriateness was received from Christine Ussler, AIA.

The next items on the Agenda were nine proposed Resolutions which would approve Certificates of Appropriateness for nine properties in the Historic District.

The following Resolutions were introduced by Dr. Ruggles:

165-2012
166-2012
167-2012
168-2012
169-2012
170-2012
171-2012
172-2012
173-2012

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

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

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve a City Administrative Agreement with the U. S. Mayor Enterprises Inc. for a deferred compensation program.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Fleck:

174-2012

On motion of Mr. Fleck and Dr. Warner the above Resolution was amended by removing the City Controller as a required signer of the agreement because no funds were being expended, by the following vote:

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

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

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

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Nays: None (0)

CITIZENS RIGHT TO BE HEARD

Mr. Chris Horten, 212 Ridgewood Road, introduced himself as a student from Easton High School and said that he was attending the meeting for Mr. Geiger's History Class.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p. m. on the motion of Dr. Warner and Mr. Fleck by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0)

Thomas A. Hess, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL
TENTATIVE AGENDA

Stated Session
Wednesday
December 12, 2012
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 – November 28, 2012 Council meeting minutes.
7. PUBLIC HEARING – Application by the Redevelopment Authority for an Anchor Building Grant.
8. CITIZENS RIGHT TO BE HEARD – (Agenda Items Only)
9. REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL
10. ACCEPTING REPORTS ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL.
11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
 - (a) Finance (Kenneth Brown)
 - (b) Economic Development (Sandra Vulcano)
 - (c) Planning (Roger Ruggles)
 - (d) Public Safety (Jeffrey Warren)
 - (e) Public Works (Elinor Warner)
 - (f) Administration (Michael Fleck)
 - (g) Report of City Solicitor (Attorney William Murphy)
 - (h) Report of Mayor (Salvatore J. Panto Jr.)
12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - (a) Action on Legislative Bills
 1. Bill 46, Amending Sections in Chapter 285, Fees of the Code of the City of Easton.
 2. Bill 47, Fixing Tax Rate for Year 2013.
 3. Bill 48, Amending Parking Meter Zones
 4. Bill 49, Providing Revenues and Appropriating Specific Sums to be required for the City Budgets during the Fiscal year 2013.
 5. Bill 50, Amending the 2012 Debt Service Fund Budget.
13. CORRESPONDENCE

14. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Approving an Application to DCED.(R)
- (b) Approving an Application to U.S. Economic Development Administration (R)
- (c) Approving a Cooperative Agreement with the Redevelopment Authority.(R)
- (d) Approving a Contract with Univar USA Inc.(R)
- (e) Approving a Contract with Polydyne Inc.(R)
- (f) Approving a Contract with Premier Magnesia LLC.(R)
- (g) Approving a Contract with Neo Solutions Inc.(R)
- (h) Approving Salary/Wages for 2013.(R)
- (i) Approving appointments and reappointments to ABC's.(R)

14. CITIZENS RIGHT TO BE HEARD - On any matter.

15. ADJOURNMENT