

Minutes of the Council of the City of Easton, Pa.
October 28, 2009

Easton, Pa.
Wednesday
October 28, 2009
6:00 P.M.

City Council met in stated session, in Council Chambers, Room 514, 5th 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: Pamela Panto
Roger Ruggles
Sandra Vulcano
Elinor Warner
Jeffrey Warren
Salvatore J. Panto Jr. (6)

Absent: Kenneth Brown (1)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Mayor Panto and Mrs. Vulcano, the Agenda was amended, by adding a proposed Resolution, that would approve a Developers Agreement, by the following vote:

Yeas: P. Panto, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, S. Panto (6)

Nays: None (0)

Becky Bradley, Director of Planning and Codes explained why the proposed Resolution was needed at this time.

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

Yeas: Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, S. Panto, P Panto (6)

Nays: None (0)

ACTION ON MINUTES

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The October 14, 2009 Council meeting, and Public Hearing minutes were approved, as submitted, on motion of Dr. Warner and Mrs. Panto by the following vote:

Yeas: P. Panto, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, S. Panto, (6)

Nays: None (0)

CITIZENS RIGHT TO BE HEARD (Agenda Items Only)

Drew Anderson, 611 Brodhead Street spoke regarding proposed Bill 83 which addressed parking around March School.

REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL

The following reports were received by Council:

- (a) ESWA September 21, 2009 meeting minutes.
- (b) Easton Fire Department Monthly Report for September 2009.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Brown, Chairperson of the Administrative Committee was absent.

Mrs. Vulcano, Chairperson of the Economic Development Committee spoke regarding legislation that would be before Council later in the meeting.

Mrs. Panto, Chairperson of the Planning Committee spoke regarding legislation that would be before Council later in the meeting.

Mr. Warren, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee spoke regarding legislation that would be before Council later in the meeting.

Dr. Warner, Chairperson of the Public Works Committee spoke regarding legislation that would be before Council later in the meeting, and reported that the Public Works Committee would meet on November 11, 2009 at 4:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, and related what would be discussed.

Dr. Ruggles, Chairperson of the Strategic Planning Committee had no report.

Mr. Murphy, City Solicitor, reported that before last night's Budget Review session, Council had met in an Executive Session and had discussed the Sollman litigation.

Ms. Knickerbocker, Assistant City Solicitor spoke regarding the proposed Resolution for approval of a Stipulation of Counsel.

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Mayor Panto thanked the Solicitors and all involved in the Hub Cap Store litigation, reported that Lafayette College had purchased the old Grube Service Station and had already demolished it, reported that several newspapers were in town to get the citizens response to the World Series games, and reported that earlier in the day he held a press conference regarding the building of an Intermodal Parking Facility on S. Third Street.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill No. 76, (Ordinance 5221), Amending Ordinance No. 3976, Amending Article III, Traffic Control of the City of Easton, Pa., was adopted on motion of Mr. Warren and Dr. Warner by the following vote:

Yeas: P. Panto, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, S. Panto (6)
Nays: None (0)

Ordinance 5221 amends Ordinance 3976 by authorizing the erection of Stop Signs at Marquis Street and Clinton Terrace and at Pennsylvania Avenue and Paxinosa Avenue.

Bill No. 77, (Ordinance 5222), Approving the transfer of property from the City of Easton to the Easton Suburban Water Authority was adopted on motion of Dr. Warner and Mr. Warren by the following vote:

Dr. Ruggles asked a question concerning the ownership of the property at the end of the term of the agreement which was answered by Mr. Murphy.

Yeas: Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, S. Panto, P. Panto (6)
Nays: None (0)

Ordinance 5222 approves the transfer of the Davis Street Pumping Station property from the City of Easton to the Easton Suburban Water Authority.

Bill No. 78, (Ordinance 5223), Amending Article III, Traffic Control Map of Chapter 560, Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa., was adopted on motion of Mr. Warren and Mrs. Panto by the following vote:

Yeas: Vulcano, Warner, Warren, S. Panto, P. Panto, Ruggles (6)
Nays: None (0)

Ordinance 5223 amends the Traffic Control map by repealing a Limited Time Parking Zone on N. 12th Street.

Bill No. 79, (Ordinance 5224), Amending Section 560-54, Parking Restrictions for Street Cleaning, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa., was adopted on motion of Dr. Warner and Dr. Ruggles by the following vote:

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Yeas: Warner, Warren, S. Panto, P. Panto, Ruggles, Vulcano (6)
Nays: None (0)

Ordinance 5224 amends Section 560-54 by adding the location of Larry Holmes Drive-East side, Parking Facility to the Tuesday's Street Sweeping Program.

Bill No. 80, (Ordinance 5225), Amending Article III, Traffic Control Map of Chapter 560, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa., was adopted on motion of Dr. Warner and Mrs. Panto by the following vote:

Yeas: Warren, S. Panto, P. Panto, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner (6)
Nays: None (0)

Ordinance 5225 creates a 3-Hour Parking Limit Monday-Friday in the Larry Holmes Drive-East Side Parking Facility.

Bill No. 81, (Ordinance 5226).Amending Sub-Section 56-13 D, of Section 56-13, Budget Adoption Procedure of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa., was adopted on motion of Dr. Warner and Mrs. Vulcano by the following vote:

Yeas: S. Panto, P. Panto, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren (6)
Nays: None (0)

Ordinance 5226 repeals Sub-Section 5613-D in its entirety.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received by Council.

NEW BUSINESS

An October 20, 2009 email, regarding a 15 minute parking zone for the 200 block of Cattell Street was received from Mr. Warren.

Bill No. 73, 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 create a "15 Minute Parking Zone" in front of 222 Cattell Street.

Bill No. 82, An Ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Easton by adding a new Chapter 372, to be entitled "Newsrack" to the Code of the City of Easton, Pa., was introduced by Mrs. Panto and ordered processed for adoption.

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This Bill would amend the Code by adding a Chapter for the control and regulations of Newsracks in the City.

An October 21, 2009 memorandum, regarding F.A. March School Parking was received from Police Chief Lawrence Palmer.

Bill No. 83, 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 Map by creating a “No Parking Zone” on the east side of the 400 block of Reeder Street, and a No Parking Zone” in the 200 block of Monroe Street at the driveway to the F.A. March School.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution that would establish policy for Persons, Corporations, Partnerships, Consultants, Contractors, or similar business providers to do business with the City.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner.

198-90

A lengthy discussion was conducted between Council members, Mr. Steckman, Mr. Heagele and Mr. Murphy on the proposed Resolution.

On motion of Mayor Panto and Dr. Warner, the above Resolution was amended in the following way, by the following vote:

By adding the following to the Resolution:

“WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Easton, encourages strong fiscal oversight; and

“WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Easton feels strongly that the City should not do business with companies, or individuals who owe the City money.

and by adding the following to the beginning of the NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, “that the Administration will provide as much due diligence, as possible, to assure that any”

Yeas: Warren, Warner, Vulcano, Ruggles, P. Panto, S. Panto (6)

Nays: None (0)

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

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Yeas: S. Panto, P. Panto, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren (6)
Nays: None (0)

An October 9, 2009 memorandum, regarding a Handicapped Parking Sign Waiver was received from Thomas Hess, Secretary for the Board of Health.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution that would approve the placement of a third Residential Handicapped Parking Sign on the 1st unit block of South 8th Street.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mrs. Panto:

199-2009

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

Yeas: P. Panto, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, S. Panto (6)
Nays: None (0)

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve the Consolidated Plan 2009-2014 and the Annual Action Plan for the FY 2010 CDBG Program.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mrs. Vulcano:

200-2009

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

Yeas: P. Panto, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, S. Panto (6)
Nays: None (0)

An October 22, 2009 memorandum, regarding a request to approve a User Agreement was received from Thomas A. Hess, Secretary for the Board of Health.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve a User Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mrs. Panto:

201-2009

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

Yeas: Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, S. Panto, P. Panto (6)
Nays: None (0)

An October 21, 2009 memorandum, regarding City Council Agenda Items, was received from David Hopkins, Director of Public Works.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution that would approve a Contract with Miller Brothers for the Larry Holmes Drive Decorative Lighting Replacement project.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

202-2009

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

Yeas: Vulcano, Warner, Warren, S. Panto, P. Panto, (6)
Nays: None (0)

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution that would approve a 2-year Extension Agreement with KMK Land Associates.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

203-2009

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

Yeas: Warner, Warren, S. Panto, P. Panto, Ruggles, Vulcano (6)
Nays: None (0)

An October 21, 2009 memorandum, regarding approval of a Contract for Secure Our Schools Vendor, was received from Police Chief Larry Palmer.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve a Master Purchase Agreement with Let's Think Wireless, LLC.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Warren:

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204-2009

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

Yeas: Warren, S. Panto, P. Panto, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner (6)

Nays: None (0)

An October 19, 2009 letter, regarding the City of Easton vs. Revenue Appeals Board – Morgan Hill Tank Project, was received from Beth A. Knickerbocker, Assistant City Solicitor.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution that would approve a Stipulation of Counsel.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

205-2009

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

Yeas: S. Panto, P. Panto, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren (6)

Nays: None (0)

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution that would approve a Developers Agreement.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mayor Panto:

206-2009

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

Yeas: P. Panto, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, S. Panto (6)

Nays: None (0)

CITIZEN'S RIGHT TO BE HEARD

Mayor Panto informed everyone that cleaning of the Alpha Building windows would begin on Thursday, October 29, 2009, and he recognized an Easton High School Student that was in attendance.

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Drew Anderson, 611 Brodhead Street, thanked Council for aggressively moving forward to address financial matters within the City.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m. on motion of Mrs. Vulcano and Dr. Ruggles, by the following vote:

Yeas: P. Panto, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Warren, S. Panto (6)

Nays: None (0)

Thomas A. Hess, City Clerk