

Minutes of the Council of the City of Easton, Pa.
January 2, 2014

Easton, Pa.
Thursday
January 2, 2014
6:00 P.M.

The Organization meeting of City Council was held on the above date in Council Chambers, One South Third Street, Easton, Pa.

Certificates of Election were received prior to the meeting certifying that the below-named officials were duly elected to their respective offices:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Office</u>
James Edinger	City Council
Roger Ruggles	City Council
Sandra Vulcano	City Council

NOTE: The oath of office was administered immediately prior to the organization meeting to the following elected officials:

- (a) James Edinger - By City Clerk Thomas A. Hess
- (b) Roger Ruggles - By Mayor Salvatore J. Panto Jr.
- (c) Sandra Vulcano - By City Clerk Thomas A. Hess

The organization meeting was called to order by Mayor Panto.

The invocation was offered by Reverend Susan Ruggles, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Kenneth Brown
James Edinger
Roger Ruggles
Sandra Vulcano
Elinor Warner (Phone)
Jeffrey Warren (6:10 p.m.)
Salvatore J. Panto Jr. (7)

Absent: None (0)

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

CITIZENS RIGHT TO BE HEARD - (Agenda Items Only)

There were no remarks from the Audience.

Mayor Panto asked if there were any remarks from the newly elected and reelected officials.

Mrs. Vulcano thanked the voters for showing their confidence by electing her to another term. She said that it has been an honor to serve the citizens for three terms, said that it has been an honor to work with the City Administration, Council, the City employees and volunteers and looked forward to serving her fourth term.

Dr. Ruggles said that it was a great time to be on City Council, said many different things were happening in the City and felt that that was a result of many dedicated persons working within the City, and said that it was a pleasure to serve in that type of environment. He thanked all the people who work for the City and have contributed and have worked as volunteers on the many different projects that are taking place in the City.

Mr. Edinger thanked the voters who elected him to office, said that it was an honor to be chosen to be one of the people to serve the City, and looked forward to working with the other Council members to move the City forward.

ELECTION OF VICE MAYOR

Mayor Panto called for nominations for the position of Vice Mayor.

Mr. Brown and Mr. Edinger nominated Roger Ruggles for the position of Vice Mayor.

Dr. Ruggles accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

On motion of Mrs. Vulcano and Mr. Brown, the nominations for Vice Mayor were closed by the following vote:

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

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On motion of Mr. Brown and Mr. Edinger Dr. Roger Ruggles was elected to the position of Vice Mayor by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0)

REMARKS BY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mr. Brown said that it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve on a Council, that was working hard for the citizens of the City, and who were all friends. He said that they all had a common denomination and that was to move the City forward and to do the best job for what they were elected to do

Dr. Warner apologized for not personally being in attendance and explained that she was not feeling well. She congratulated the newly elected and reelected officials and looked forward to serving together on Council.

Mayor Panto said that he had sent out a message to all City employees that said how the City had and continues to move forward from the bottom up. He said that the residents of the City have taken up the cause, and volunteered many hours for different projects throughout the City. He said that the population is growing in the downtown; vacant blighted properties are being renovated in the West Ward which have new residents living in them. He then spoke on the different projects that are taking place throughout the City, and spoke regarding the financial condition of the City. He said that he was looking forward to working with Council.

Mr. Warren said that it had been an honor working with Mrs. Vulcano and Dr. Ruggles, who have given him valuable insight; spoke on how he and Mr. Edinger had served on the Zoning Hearing and said that he looked forward to working with Council in 2014.

Mayor Panto recognized former Council member and Council President, Pat Vulcano, who was in attendance.

Mayor Panto said that he would not be appointing Chairs of Council Committees until the January 8, 2014 Council meeting.

CITIZENS RIGHT TO BE HEARD – Regarding any other matters

Dr. Pat Vulcano Jr., 531 Philadelphia Road, spoke regarding he personal and business relationship with Mayor Panto, spoke regarding his history in public office, said that City Council has been a good Council, has moved the City forward, said that the Mayor has been an excellent leader, said that his wife is the first woman to be elected to serve

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four terms in the City of Easton, said that the City Charter form of government seemed to be working for the City, and said that he was proud of the City.

Reverend Susan Ruggles, 111 Parsons Street, Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church at 330 Ferry Street, said that she and her church were pleased with the progress of the new City Hall and Intermodal Transportation Facility construction.

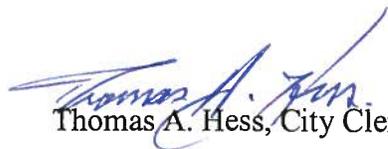
Mayor Panto thanked Pastor Ruggles for all that her church does for the Easton Community.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m. on motion of Mr. Brown and Mr. Warren by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0)


Thomas A. Hess, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA

Organization Meeting
Thursday
January 2, 2014
6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INVOCATION
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. ROLL CALL
5. CITIZENS RIGHT TO BE HEARD – Agenda Items Only
7. ELECTION OF VICE MAYOR
8. REMARKS BY ELECTED OFFICIALS.
9. CITIZENS RIGHT TO BE HEARD – Regarding Any Other Matters.
10. ADJOURNMENT.

(Immediately before the meeting the oath of office will be administered to)

1. James Edinger
2. Roger Ruggles
3. Sandra Vulcano

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PA



CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION

We, the County Board of Elections, having computed and canvassed the Returns of the Election held the 5th Day of November, A.D. 2013.

DO CERTIFY: That in _____ Northampton County PA _____ In said County

Jim Edinger

Having Received the essential number of Votes: is duly Elected to the Office of Easton City Council District 2 for a 4 Year term in the said Electoral District.

ATTEST:

In Testimony whereof we have set our hands and seals



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Dee Runmsey, Director of Elections

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Roger Ruggles

Having Received the essential number of Votes: is duly Elected to the Office of Easton City Council District 1 for a 4 Year term in the said Electoral District.

ATTEST:

In Testimony whereof we have set our hands and seals



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Dee Rumsey, Director of Elections

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Sandra Alercia Bulcano

Having Received the essential number of Votes: is duly Elected to the Office of Easton City Council District 3 for a 4 Year term in the said Electoral District.

ATTEST:

In Testimony whereof we have set our hands and seals



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Dee Runsey, Director of Elections

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