

**Minutes of the Council of the City of Easton, Pa.  
January 9, 2013**

Easton, Pa  
Wednesday  
January 9, 2013  
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, and to conduct a Public Hearing regarding an application for an Economic Development Liquor License.

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

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Brown, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, (Phone), Warren, Panto (6)  
Absent: Fleck (1)

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion of Mrs. Vulcano and Dr. Ruggles, 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. Ruggles and Mr. Warren the December 12, 2012 Council Meeting minutes were approved as submitted by the following vote:

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

**RESOLUTION**

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution recognizing the death of Joseph Daiello a former City employee.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

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

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

Nays: None (0)

Mayor Panto offered words regarding Mr. Daiello's as a City employee, a father and a resident of the West Ward and said that he would be sadly missed.

Mr. Daiello's grandson was presented with a framed Resolution.

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Economic Development Liquor License**

At 6:05 p.m., Mayor Panto opened the Public Hearing regarding a request to approve an application for the issuance of an Economic Development Liquor License at 154 Northampton Street, and turned the hearing over to Mrs. Vulcano, liaison to the Economic Development Department.

Mrs. Vulcano said that the Public Hearing had been requested by Howard Lieberman, Managing Partner of the Business & Community Financing Solutions Company on behalf of Bartuque, LLC, who intend to open a Brazilian Restaurant at 154 Northampton Street.

Mr. Lieberman came forward and addressed Council. He said that Batuque, LLC made up of Joao Roquetti, Antonio Demattos and Ana P. Demattos, intended to open a Brazilian Restaurant at 154 Northampton Street sometime in February 2013. He said that the group had experience in the restaurant business, and had opened RIOS Restaurant in Nazareth and has since sold the business. He said that they felt that the proposed restaurant would add to the diversity of restaurants in Easton and will draw customers from at least 60 miles surrounding Easton, and will also add to the revenue of the City. He asked that Council support their application for an Economic Liquor License later in the meeting by voting affirmative on the proposed Resolution to support this application.

Mayor Panto said that he would be supporting the Resolution, and looked forward to the opening of the restaurant.

Mr. Brown said he would also welcome the restaurant to the City and spoke about his experience at the Brazilian restaurant in Nazareth.

Dr. Ruggles asked a question regarding the rules and regulations for an Economic Development Liquor License which were answered by Mayor Panto and Mr. Lieberman.

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Mrs. Vulcano said that she was very exited about the restaurant and asked questions regarding the time line for the opening of the restaurant which were answered by Mr. Lieberman.

There were no other comments or questions asked by Council or the audience.

Mrs. Vulcano closed the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

**CITIZENS RIGHT TO BE HEARD – (Agenda Items Only)**

There were no comments or questions from the audience.

**REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL**

The following reports were received by Council:

- (a) The monthly Fire Department Report for November 2012.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Mr. Brown, Chairman of the Finance Committee spoke regarding legislation that he would have for later in the meeting regarding the establishment of a 2012 and 2013 budget for the Open Space & Parks Budget for approving a Second Amendment to a Lease Agreement with New Cingular Wireless, and for approving an amendment to the 2013 Salary and Wage Resolution.

Mrs. Vulcano, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee spoke regarding legislation that she would have for later in the meeting regarding approving an application for an Economic Development Liquor License. She also thanked the Administration for allowing Dress Down days for the City Employees who have donated money and food to local agencies and blood for the Miller Keystone Blood Center.

Mr. Steckman said that the thanks should go to Rita Messa who takes care of this program, to Pat Glory who assisted Rita in getting school supplies for one of the donation periods, and spoke regarding the amount of money, food and blood and City employees, mostly City Hall employees, have given over the last year. He said that the next dress down day will be Friday January 11, 2013 and the money collected will be given to the Peace Candle Committee.

Mr. Warren also thanked Ms. Messa and the employees for their dedication to local agencies and for making blood donations.

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Dr. Ruggles, Chairman of the Planning Committee, spoke regarding legislation that he would have for later in the meeting for approving four Certificates of Appropriateness. He also spoke regarding the hanging of cable wires that are not connected to any homes throughout the City.

There was a lengthy discussion on this matter between Council members, Mr. Steckman and Attorney Murphy.

Mr. Warren, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee spoke regarding legislation that he would have for later in the meeting regarding designating January as National Volunteer Blood Donor Month and also recognizing January as Human Trafficking Awareness & Prevention Month.

Dr. Warner, Chairman of the Public Works Committee spoke regarding legislation that she would have for later in the meeting regarding Amending Sections in the Zoning code for the new proposed Solar Ordinance.

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

Mr. Murphy, City Solicitor reported that he and Ms. Knickerbocker held a Right to Know seminar for selected City employees.

Mayor Panto informed everyone that he would be in Washington DC, on January 16<sup>th</sup> to attend a meeting with the Mayors against illegal guns for commonsense gun lobbying and would also be lobbying for Economic Development Administrative and Initiative grants. He said that he has been receiving many phone calls and e-mails concerning security in our schools and reported that several organizations have combined to form a coalition and will have a forum concerning this issue throughout the area and not only for school security sometime in February

Mr. Steckman gave an update on the implementation of the new parking meters throughout the city.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was received by Council.

1. Mr. Steckman, memorandum regarding donations for 2012 Dress Down Days.
2. Northampton County Tax Collection Committee Financial Statement as of 12/31/2010 & 2011.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

Bill No. 1, Amending Sections in Chapter 520, Subdivision and Land Development of the Codes of the City of Easton, Pa., was introduced by Dr. Warner and ordered processed for adoption.

This Bill would amend Section 520-37 B (8) and (9) of Chapter 520 for the proposed Solar Energy System Regulations.

Bill No. 2, Adding Subsections, Sections and amending attachments to Chapter 595, Zoning, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa., was introduced by Dr. Warner and ordered processed for adoption.

This Bill would amend Chapter 595 by amending Section 595-36 I, adding Sections 595-271 through 595-278, and by amending Attachment 1, Table of Uses by Zoning District.

Bill No. 3, Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Easton to select and appropriate certain plots of ground with improvements thereon for public purposes for improvements and construction for a public parking facility, was introduced by Mrs. Vulcano and ordered processed for adoption.

This Bill would authorize the Mayor to select and appropriate 37-43 N. Fourth Street, and authorize the city Solicitor prepare and file with the appropriate court a declaration of taking to be executed by the Mayor.

Bill No. 4, Providing Revenues and Appropriating Specific Sums to be required for the Open Space & Parks Budget during the Fiscal Year 2012.

This Bill would establish an Open Space & Parks Budget for 2012.

Bill No. 5, Providing Revenues and Appropriating Specific Sums to be required for the Open Space & Parks Budget during the Fiscal Year 2013.

This Bill would establish an Open Space & Parks Budget for 2013.

A December 18, 2012 letter regarding Certificates of Appropriateness was received from Christine Ussler, AIA.

The next items on the Agenda were proposed Resolutions which would approve Certificates of Appropriateness to demolish the existing buildings and construct a new building at 219 N. 3rd Street, to replace the service door and modify existing openings on the north elevation at 248 North 3rd Street, to install 30" wall mounted banner brackets to display ever changing series of

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graphically designed art banners at 18 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, and to install a sign at 158B Northampton Street.

The following Resolutions were introduced by Dr. Ruggles:

2-2013  
3-2013  
4-2013  
5-2013

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

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

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would designate the month of January 2013 as "National Volunteer Blood Donor Month.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Warren:

6-2013

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

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

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution that would recognize January 2013 as Human Trafficking Awareness & Prevention Month.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Warren:

7-2013

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

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

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The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve an application request for an Economic Development Liquor License for 154 Northampton Street.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mrs. Vulcano:

8-2013

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

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

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would amend the 2013 Salary and Wage Resolution to include the 2% increase for AFSCME employees.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Brown:

9-2013

The above Resolution was adopted on motion of Mr. Brown and Mrs. Vulcano 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 a 2<sup>nd</sup> Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS. LLC.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Brown:

10-2013

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

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

**CITIZENS RIGHT TO BE HEARD**

Nanette Peterson, 512 Hayes Street, Bethlehem, Pa. spoke to Council regarding her vehicle being towed from a private parking lot on Larry Holmes Drive.

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Mayor Panto related that many vehicles have been towed from this lot, and the City could not regulate parking on private lots. He related what the City has done, is doing and will do to try and rectify this situation. He also suggested some things that Ms. Peterson could do.

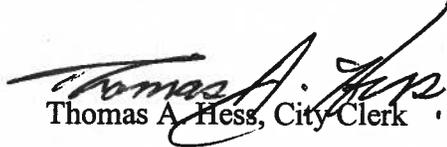
Other Council members made comments on the towing of Ms. Peterson's vehicle and regarding the fees being charged for the towing and retrieval of vehicles from the tower.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p. m. on the motion of Dr. Ruggles and Mr. Warren by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0)

  
Thomas A. Hess, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA

Stated Session  
Wednesday  
January 9, 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 – December 12, 2012 Council meeting minutes.
7. RESOLUTION – Death of Joseph L. Daiello
8. PUBLIC HEARING – Approval of an Application for an Economic Liquor License for 154 Northampton Street.
9. CITIZENS RIGHT TO BE HEARD – (Agenda Items Only)
10. REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL  
(a) Monthly Fire Department Report for November 2012.
11. ACCEPTING REPORTS ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL.
12. 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.)
13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
14. CORRESPONDENCE
  - (a) Mr. Steckman, memorandum regarding Donations for 2012 Dress down Days.
  - (b) Northampton Tax Collection Committee Financial Statement as of 12/31/2010 and 2011.

15. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Introduction of Legislative Bills

1. Bill No. 1, Amending Sections of Chapter 520 - Subdivision and Land Development
2. Bill No. 2, Amending/Adding Sections of Chapter 595 – Zoning Code
3. Bill No. 3, Authorizing Mayor to select and appropriate certain plots of ground.
4. Bill No. 4, Providing Revenues and Appropriating Specific Sums for the 2012 Open Space & Parks Budget.
5. Bill No. 5, Providing Revenues and Appropriating Specific Sums for the 2012 Open Space & Parks Budget for 2013

(b) Approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for 219 N. Third Street.(R)

(c) Approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for 248 N. Third Street.(R)

(d) Approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for 18 N. Fourth Street.(R)

(e) Approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for 158B Northampton Street.(R)

(f) Designating January as National Volunteer Blood Donor Month.(R)

(g) Recognizing January as Human Trafficking Awareness & Prevention Month.(R)

(h) Approval of an Economic Development Restaurant Liquor License (R)

(i) Amending 2013 Salary/Wages (Increases for AFSCME Local 447) (R)

(j) Approving a Second Amendment to an Agreement with New Cingular Wireless.(R)

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

17. ADJOURNMENT