

**Minutes of the Council of the City of Easton, Pa.**  
**November 9, 2011**

Easton, Pa  
Wednesday  
November 9, 2011  
6:00 p.m.

City Council met in stated session at the above date and time in Council Chambers, located on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of One South Third Street, Easton, Pa. to consider any business that may lawfully be brought before the body.

The invocation was given by Mr. Warren, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

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

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion of Mr. Fleck and Mr. Brown the agenda was approved by the following vote:

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

**ACTION ON MINUTES**

On motion of Mr. Warren and Mrs. Vulcano the October 26, 2011 Council Meeting minutes were approved, as submitted, by the following vote:

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

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

There were no remarks from the audience.

**REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL**

There were no reports received.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

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Mr. Brown, Chairman of the Finance Committee spoke regarding legislation that he would have for later in the meeting regarding the re-enactment of the Earned Income Tax and Net Profits Ordinance, which he would be tabling, the amending of the 2011 Recreation Fund Budget, and the creation of the 2011 Open Space Fund Budget.

Mrs. Vulcano, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee spoke regarding Legislation that she would have for later in the meeting regarding authorizing the Mayor and Administration to submit revised documents for a RACP Grant.

Dr. Ruggles, Chairman of the Planning Committee spoke regarding legislation that he would have for later in the meeting regarding approving a Professional Services Agreement for a Historic Preservation Consultant. Dr. Ruggles also spoke regarding proposed projects that the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission would be doing in the Allentown area near Pennsylvania Route 22.

Mr. Warren, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee spoke regarding Legislation that he would have for later in the meeting regarding amending the Traffic Control Map by creating a “No Parking Load/Unload” zone in front of 1156 Butler Street. Mr. Warren also informed Council he would be inviting Met-Ed representatives to the December 13, 2011 Council Committee meeting to speak regarding the infrastructure problems that wreaked havoc in many neighborhoods of the City caused by the most recent snow storm.

Dr. Warner, Chairman of the Public Works Committee commended the City’s Public Works Department employees for the tremendous job that they did during and after the most recent snow storm. She spoke about legislation that she would have for later in the meeting regarding approving a Five (5) Year Agility Agreement with Penn DOT.

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

Mr. Murphy, City Solicitor, asked that Attorney Knickerbocker be contacted regarding the questions on Bill 35, because she had worked on the proposed Bill.

Mayor Panto also commended the Public Works Employees for their work during and after the most recent snow storm, said that after all of the clean-up work is completed he would be hosting a luncheon, for those employees, and spoke regarding the waiving of City Ordinances and allowing citizens to bring tree branches out to the curb for City pick-up. He also thanked Forks Township and Easton Suburban Water Authority for their assistance with manpower and equipment to assist the City in the storm cleanup. He said that he had lengthy conversations with Met-Ed regarding trees that were still dangerous and said that Met-Ed would bring in tree crews to take the dangerous trees down. He said that he would be sending a letter to Governor Corbett and Northampton County regarding the failure of not declaring a state of emergency which and if they would have the City could have recoup funds that have and will be spent on recovering from the snow storm.

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## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Bill No. 34, Amending Article III, Traffic Control Map of Chapter 560, Vehicles and Traffic, of Code of the City of Easton, Pa. was tabled, until the November 22, 2011 Council meeting, on motion of Mr. Warren and Dr. Ruggles after questions were raised on the need for the creation of the Load/Unload Zone, by Mayor Panto, by the following vote:

This Bill would amend the Traffic Code by creating a Load/Unload Zone, Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in front of 1156 Butler Street.

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

Nays: None (0)

Bill No. 35, Re-Enacting, Restating and Amending Article VIII, Earned Income and Net Profits, of Chapter 535, Taxation, of the Code of the City of Easton, to establish conformity with the Local Tax Enabling Act as amended by Act 32 of July 2, 2008 was tabled until the November 22, 2011 Council meeting on motion of Mr. Brown and Dr. Ruggles by the following vote:

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

Nays: (0)

This Bill would re-enact, re-state and Amend the Earned Income and net Profits Ordinances of the City.

Bill No. 36, (Ordinance 5332) Amending Ordinance 5290 – 2011 Recreation Fund Budget was adopted on motion of Mr. Brown and Dr. Ruggles, by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0)

Ordinance 5332 amends the 2011 Recreation Fund Budget by increasing Revenues and Expenditures by \$40,000.

Bill No. 37, (Ordinance 5333) Providing Revenues and Appropriating Specific Sums to be required for the 2011 Open Space Fund Budget was adopted on motion of Mr. Brown and Mr. Warren by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0)

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Ordinance 5333 establishes a budget for the Open Space Fund with Revenues and Expenditures totaling \$159,000.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence received.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would authorize the Mayor and Administration to submit revised documents to the Pennsylvania Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program amending RACP #ME-300-316.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mrs. Vulcano

156-2011

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

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

Nays: None (0)

A November 1, 2011 memorandum, regarding a Historic Preservation Consultant grant contract was received from Becky Bradley, Director of Planning and Codes.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve a Contract for Professional Services, for Historic Preservation Consultant Services.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Ruggles:

157-2011

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

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

Nays: None (0)

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve a five (5) year Agility Agreement with the PA. Department of Transportation.

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

Nays: None (0)

**CITIZENS RIGHT TO BE HEARD**

There were no remarks from the audience.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

Nays: None (0)

Thomas A. Hess, City Clerk