

Minutes of the Council of the City of Easton, Pa.
September 9, 2015

Easton, Pa
Wednesday
September 9, 2015
6:10 p.m.

City Council met in stated session at the above date and time, in Council Chambers, located on the 6th floor of City Hall, One South Third Street, Easton Pa., 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, Edinger, Mauro, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Panto (7)
Absent: None (0)

Also in attendance were Thomas A. Hess, City Clerk, Joel Scheer, Assistant City Solicitor, and Glenn Steckman, City Administrator. There were thirty other persons present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Mayor Panto and Dr. Ruggles, the Agenda was amended, by removing Bills 38, 39 and 40 from the Consent Agenda, and tabling the proposed Bills, by the following vote:

Yeas: Panto, Warner, Vulcano, Ruggles, Mauro, Edinger, Brown (7)
Nays: None (0)

On motion of Dr. Warner and Mr. Brown the amended Agenda was approved by the following vote:

Yeas: Brown, Edinger, Mauro, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner, Panto (7)
Nays: None (0)

ACTION ON MINUTES

On motion of Dr. Ruggles and Mr. Brown the August 26, 2015 Council Meeting minutes, as submitted, were approved by the following vote:

Yeas: Edinger, Mauro, Ruggles, Vulcano, Panto, Brown (6)
Nays: None (0)
Abstain: Warner (1)

SWEARING IN

At this time Mayor Panto swore in Andrew Ocetnik as a Sergeant on the Police Department.

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Mayor Panto spoke regarding Sgt. Ocetnik's service to the City and its citizens and regarding the Easton Police Department and the good reputation that it has with other Cities and law enforcement agencies.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Agenda Items Only

There were no remarks from the audience.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Dr. Warner and Mrs. Vulcano the following items were adopted by the following vote:

Bill 41, (Ordinance 5518) Amending Section 399-13, Jurisdiction, of Chapter 399, Parking Permits of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa. which amends Section 399-13 by adding the following at the end of Section 399-13, "Exception; The north side of the 600 block of Ferry Street, from S. 6th Street to Walnut Avenue where the hours are between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m."

Resolution 147-2015, which authorizes the disposition of City records.

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

Nays: None (0)

REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL

There were no reports received by Council.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Brown, Chairman of the Finance Committee, asked Mr. Steckman, City Administrator, to speak to Council regarding a proposed Bond Issue for this fall and what would be included and the amounts for projects that have been completed or were planned to be completed in the next two years; which he did.

There was a short discussion between Council members and Mr. Steckman on this matter.

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

Dr. Warner, Chairman of the Planning Committee, reported that the first Rental Inspection Task Force meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

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Ms. Mauro, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, reported that a Public Safety Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 and that the booting process for parking tickets would be discussed.

Dr. Ruggles, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, spoke regarding legislation which he would have for later in the meeting regarding approving agreements with Best Line Equipment and TCF Equipment Finance.

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

Mr. Scheer, Assistant City Solicitor reported that before the meeting Council had held an Executive Session and had discussed a real estate issue and personnel issue. He also gave an update on the Dieter Bros. court case.

Mayor Panto reported that later in the meeting he would be introducing legislation regarding Road Side memorials and why he wanted to address this practice. He spoke regarding the state's attention to Pension reform. He informed everyone that the Movies at the Mill would be held at the State Theatre on September 26, 2015 with an after party to be held at the new Intermodal Facility. He stated that the move to the new City Hall would take place in late September or early October. He spoke regarding items that Mr. Michael Glovas would be donating to the City to be placed in the new City Hall. He spoke regarding the addressing of violations on Rock Church properties and commended the Codes Department's attention to this matter.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no Correspondence received by Council:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill 42, Amending Subsection 515-39, Obstruction to Walks and Streets Prohibited, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa., was introduced by Mayor Panto and ordered processed for adoption.

This Bill would add a section to Chapter 515 to address the placement of Roadside Memorials, and to set the number of days that they would be allowed to remain in place.

An August 26, 2015 memorandum, regarding a Bid opening for a Bobcat, was received from Scott Klabunde.

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The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve a contract with Best Line Equipment for the purchase of a 2014 Bobcat 5600 Toolcat.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Ruggles:

148-2015

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

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

Nays: None (0)

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve a Lease to Purchase agreement with TCF Equipment Finance for the lease to purchase an Elgin Street Sweeper.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Ruggles:

149-2015

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

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

Nays: None (0)

PUBLIC COMMENT
(On any item)

There were no comments from the audience.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m. on motion of Dr. Ruggles and Dr Warner by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0)

Thomas A. Hess
City Clerk

