

Minutes of the Council of the City of Easton, Pa.
August 11, 2010

Easton, Pa
Wednesday
August 11, 2010
6:00 p.m.

City Council met in stated session in Council Chambers, Rm 514, Fifth Floor of City Hall, to consider any business that may lawfully be brought before the body.

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

Roll Call

Present: Kenneth Brown
 Roger Ruggles
 Sandra Vulcano
 Elinor Warner
 Jeffrey Warren
 Salvatore J. Panto, Jr. (6)
Absent: Michael Fleck (1)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Dr. Warner and Mrs. Vulcano 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 July 28, 2010 City Council meeting and Public Hearing minutes were approved, as submitted by the following vote:

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

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CITIZENS RIGHT TO BE HEARD (Agenda Items Only)

David Rose, 3410 Vermont Street, a mobile food vendor in Centre Square spoke regarding some concerns he had with the management of the Farmers Market, the way he has been treated by them, and regarding the new proposed ordinance to deal with mobile carts.

Council members and Becky Bradley, Director of Planning and Codes, responded to Mr. Rose's comments and concerns.

REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL

The following report was received by Council:

- (a) ESWA, July 12, 2010 Meeting Minutes.

Mayor Panto accepted the above report on behalf of Council.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Brown, Chairperson of the Finance Committee spoke regarding legislation that would be before Council later in the meeting.

Mrs. Vulcano, Chairperson of Economic Development Committee, reported that amendments to the Mobil Cart Ordinances were still being worked on.

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

Dr. Warner asked if a meeting date had been set for the Tourism Committee.

Dr. Ruggles said that no date had been set and assured other Council members that he had received their names for prospective members of the committee.

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.

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

Mr. Scheer, Assistant City Solicitor had no report, but said that after the meeting Council would enter into an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.

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Mayor Panto spoke regarding the Scottsdale Case appeal, regarding the grand opening of the Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society museum, provided Council with an update on the proposed Intermodal Transportation Facility, reported that the City Controller would be conducting an audit on parking violation tickets, and on parking garage tickets, and explained why this audit was being done.

Council members made comments and asked questions regarding the Intermodal Facility which were answered by Mayor Panto.

Mayor Panto, Mr. Steckman, Mr. Heagele, and Attorney Scheer spoke regarding the need for the introduction of an Ordinance to amend the 2010 General Fund Budget later in the meeting, and Mayor Panto reported that a Press Conference had been held earlier in the day regarding the Movies at the Mill which would be held at the Simon Silk Mill property on September 18, 2010 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill No. 20, (Ordinance 5259), Amending Ordinance 5229, 2010 General Fund Budget was adopted on motion of Mr. Brown and Dr. Warner by the following vote:

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

Ordinance 5259 would amend the Revenue and Expenditures in the 2010 General Fund Budget.

Bill No. 21, (Ordinance 5260), Amending Ordinance 5234, 2010 Recreation Fund Budget was adopted on motion of Mr. Brown and Dr. Warner by the following vote.

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

Ordinance 5260 amends Revenues and Expenditures in the 2010 Recreation Fund Budget.

Bill No. 22, (Ordinance 5261), Amending Ordinance No. 5236, 2010 General Insurance Fund Budget was adopted on motion of Mr. Brown and Mr. Warren by the following vote:

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

Ordinance 5261 amends Revenues and Expenditures in the 2010 General Insurance Fund Budget.

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CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

NEW BUSINESS

An August 4, 2010 E-Mail regarding a request for a No Parking Anytime zone was received from Jeffrey Warren, City Councilman.

Bill No. 23, 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 No Parking Anytime zone on the North side of the 1100 block of Pine Street.

A July 27, 2010 memorandum regarding a DUI Grant Application was received from Chief Lawrence Palmer.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would authorize the Police Department to apply for a grant and to enter into an Agreement with PennDOT, and to authorize the Mayor and City Controller to sign said Agreement if the City was awarded the grant.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Warren:

158-2010

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

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

Nays: None (0)

An August 3, 2010 memorandum, regarding Decorative Crosswalk improvements, was received from Joseph Mauro, City Engineer.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve an Agreement for Site Preparation with F.A. Rohrback, Inc.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

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On motion of Dr. Warner and Mr. Brown the above Resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

An August 3, 2010 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 which would authorize the establishment of a budget for grant funds received from the Delaware River Toll Bridge Commission.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

160-2010

The above Resolution was adopted on motion of Dr. Warner and Mr. Warren 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 amend funds in the Community Development Block Grant Program.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mrs. Vulcano:

161-2010

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

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

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve an Agreement for Site Preparation with RJR Engineering Co., Inc., for Heil Pool.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

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

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

An August 4, 2010 memorandum regarding a Grant Contract for a Historic Preservation Consultant 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 with Artefact, Inc.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Ruggles:

163-2010

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

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

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve the hiring of a temporary part-time Executive Director by the Two Rivers Council of Governments.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

164-2010

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

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

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would authorize the acquisition of required lands in fee simple from the Easton Cemetery.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Ruggles

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

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

At this time on motion of Mr. Brown and Dr. Warner, the Agenda was amended by adding Bill No. 24, which would amend the 2010 General Fund Budget under New Business by the following vote:

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

Bill No. 24, Amending the 2010 General Fund Budget was introduced by Mr. Brown and ordered processed for adoption.

This Bill would increase Revenues and Expenditures in the 2010 General Fund Budget by \$1, 900.000.00.

CITIZENS RIGHT TO BE HEARD

There were no remarks from the audience.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m. on motion of Dr. Warner and Dr. Ruggles by the following vote:

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



Thomas A. Hess, City Clerk