

**Minutes of the Council of the City of Easton, Pa.**  
**August 25, 2010**

Easton, Pa  
Wednesday  
August 25, 2010  
6:00 p.m.

City Council met in stated session at St. John's Lutheran Church, 330 Ferry Street, Easton, Pa. to consider any business that may lawfully be brought before the body.

A moment of silence was lead by Dr. Warner followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

Present:        Kenneth Brown  
                  Michael Fleck  
                  Roger Ruggles  
                  Sandra Vulcano  
                  Elinor Warner  
                  Jeffrey Warren (6)  
Absent:         Mayor Panto (1)

NOTE: Mayor Panto arrived at the meeting at 6:15 p.m. having attended the Parking Authority meeting scheduled at 5:30 p.m.

Also in attendance were Rita M. Messa, Asst. City Clerk, William Murphy, City Solicitor, Joel Scheer, Assistant City Solicitor and Glenn Steckman, City Administrator. There were eight other persons present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion of Mrs. Vulcano and Mr. Warren the agenda was approved by the following vote:

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

**ACTION ON MINUTES**

On motion of Dr. Ruggles and Mr. Warren the August 11, 2010 City Council meeting were approved, as submitted by the following vote:

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

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

Ms. Roseanne Joseph, 100 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Suite 501 spoke about the Certificate of Appropriateness for Our Lady of Lebanon Church that was on the agenda for approval.

Mr. Noel VanRaven, 22 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street spoke about the Certificate of Appropriateness for Sorrenti Orchards that was on the agenda for approval.

**REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL**

The following report was received by Council:

- (a) Fire Department Monthly Report for July, 2010

Vice Mayor, Dr. Warner 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.

Mr. Brown stated that the Finance Committee had met earlier and they discussed the City's 2009 Audit and the TRAN Information that was on tonight's agenda. He also stated that the next Finance Meeting will be held on September 7, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Vulcano, Chairperson of Economic Development Committee, reported that the first CDBG Hearing will be held on September 8, 2010.

Mrs. Vulcano also stated that 250 back packs were handed out during the "Children in Need" event.

Mrs. Vulcano said that Gretchen Lippincott would like to meet with Council separately, due to a conflict in scheduling, regarding the GEDP Budget which includes the Main Street Program and the Ambassador Program.

Mrs. Vulcano will advise Ms. Lippincott to e-mail everyone and set up the times to meet.

Mr. Murphy, City Solicitor reminded Council that only three (3) members of Council can meet with Ms. Lippincott at one time.

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

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Mr. Ruggles also stated that he has scheduled a meeting of the Tourism Committee for September 7, 2010 at 3:00 in the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room. He will provide an agenda for that meeting.

Mr. Warren, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee spoke regarding legislation that would be before Council later in the meeting.

Mr. Warren advised Council of his night school schedule for the Fall Semester.

Mr. Warren also commented on the City's "Dress Down Day" donation to the Elementary Schools.

Dr. Warner, Chairperson of the Public Works Committee spoke regarding legislation that would be before Council later in the meeting.

Dr. Warner stated that the Public Works Committee would be meeting on Tuesday September 7, 2010 at 6:00 and at that meeting updates would be given regarding projects that are already in progress and projects that are being planned. She stated that the smoking ban will also be discussed.

Dr. Warner stated that she would like a scheduled time set for each committee meeting.

Mr. Fleck, Chairperson of the Administration Committee spoke about what happened at the Administration Committee meeting which was held on August 24, 2010.

Mr. Fleck also wanted to thank the members of the Elected Officials Compensation Review Board for their time and effort in creating their report.

Mr. Fleck also spoke about the Project Labor Agreement. He stated that a Resolution regarding this issue will be ready for Council's next meeting.

Mr. Fleck also stated that a review of the Charter will be discussed over the next several months.

Mr. Scheer, Asst. City Solicitor had no report.

Mayor Panto spoke regarding the recent opening of the Sigal Museum and the Tomato Festival that was held this past weekend. Mayor Panto also encouraged everyone to vote our Farmer's Market to become the best Farmer's Market in the Country.

Mayor Panto thanked the City Administrator, the Finance Director and the Controller for their work allowing the City to have another surplus as noted in the Audit Report.

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Mayor Panto also stated that the City of Easton was mentioned numerous times throughout the Lafayette College Magazine.

Mayor Panto also gave an update on the Intermodal Facility. He stated that the Parking Authority passed a Resolution for the purchase of the property needed for the project.

There was a brief discussion on this matter.

Mayor Panto also commented on Bill No. 23 which was scheduled to be voted on tonight. This is in regards to a No Parking Zone on the north side of the 1100 block of Pine Street. Mayor Panto expressed his disappointment of the plan to demolish a building on this block.

Mayor Panto also commented on our Police Officers who helped with the “Sports of Health” event in Northern New York.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Bill No. 23, (Ordinance 5262), Amending Article III, Traffic Control Map of Chapter 560, Vehicles and Traffic was adopted on motion of Mr. Warren and Dr. Warner by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0)

Ordinance 5262 amends the Traffic Control Map of the City of Easton

Bill No. 24, (Ordinance 5263), Amending Ordinance 5229, 2010 General Fund Budget was adopted on motion of Mr. Brown and Mr. Fleck by the following vote.

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

Nays: None (0)

Ordinance 5263 amends the 2010 General Fund Budget.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Joan Chelsen, Sports for Health, Thank you card for Police participation
- (b) Jeanette Miller Leggett, letter and petition regarding mural on Parking Lot Wall

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

On August 23, 2010 an e-mail regarding a Tax Revenue Anticipation Note was received from Chris Heagele, Finance Director.

Bill No. 25, Authorizing the Issuance of the City of Easton's Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note, Series B of 2010, was introduced by Mr. Brown and ordered processed for adoption.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would authorize the Mayor and Administration to apply for a Special Occasion Permit to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board for an event to be held at the Simon Silk Mill.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mayor Panto:

166-2010

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

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

Nays: None (0)

An August 17, 2010 memorandum, regarding approvals for Certificates of Appropriateness was received from Christine Ussler, Historic Consultant.

NOTE: On the opinion of Mr. Murphy, City Solicitor it was decided that the following Resolutions could be introduced as individual Resolutions but could be voted on with one vote as long as all of Council was in agreement.

The following Resolutions were introduced by Dr. Ruggles:

167-2010, 168-2010, 169-2010, 170-2010, 171-2010

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

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

Nays: None (0)

A memorandum dated August 17, 2010 was received by David Hopkins regarding landscaping for Riverside Park.

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The next item on the agenda was a Resolution to approve an agreement with Corey's Country Landscaping.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

172-2010

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

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

Nays: None (0)

A memorandum dated August 17, 2010 was received by David Hopkins regarding a creation of a budget for DCED Grant monies.

The next item on the agenda was a Resolution to approve the creation of a budget for grant funds.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

173-2010

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

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

Nays: None (0)

The next item on the agenda was a Resolution that will approve a contact with Bracalente Construction Inc., contingent upon the acquisition of lands, for the Karl Stirner Arts Trail.

There was some discussion on this issue with regards to collecting Business License Taxes and Business Privilege Taxes from companies that are performing the work on major projects within the City.

Mr. Murphy will do research on this issue.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Ruggles:

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

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

The next item on the agenda is a Resolution declaring the City's intention to incur debt in connection with various City Capital Projects:

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Brown:

175-2010

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

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

The next item on the agenda is a Resolution declaring the City's intention to incur debt in connection with payment of a legal settlement:

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Brown:

176-2010

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

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

Mr. Steckman, City Administrator wanted to recognize Mr. Gary Pulcini, who was in the audience, and who is the City Financial Advisor for the TRAN.

Mayor Panto also thanked Pastor Ruggles for allowing the City of Easton to conduct the Council Meeting at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Mayor Panto also recognized Deacon Koury of Our Lady of Lebanon Church who was also in the audience.

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Deacon Koury of Our Lady of Lebanon Church wanted to acknowledge the Death of Dr. John Updegrave who recently passed away.

Mr. Fleck stated that he received an e-mail from the School District agreeing to the recycling at Cottingham Stadium.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m. on motion of Mayor Panto and Mr. Warren by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0)

Rita M. Messa, Asst. City Clerk