

**Minutes of the Council of the City of Easton, Pa.**  
**March 28, 2012**

Easton, Pa  
Wednesday  
March 28, 2012  
6:11 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 Mayor Panto followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

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

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion of Dr. Ruggles and Mr. Warren the Agenda was approved by the following vote:

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

**ACTION ON MINUTES**

On motion of Dr. Warner and Dr. Ruggles the March 14, 2012 Council Meeting minutes were approved, as submitted, by the following vote:

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

The next items on the Agenda were two proposed Resolutions recognizing the deaths of Robert Moser, a retired Police Officer and Nicholas Klausz a retired City worker.

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

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Warren:

37-2012

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

Mayor Panto spoke regarding Mr. Moser's service to the City and its citizens when he was a Police Officer.

The City Clerk was directed to forward the above Resolutions to the Klausz and Moser families.

**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

At this time a Certificate of Appreciation, for Retired Police Chief Lawrence Palmer' 23 years of service to the City, was read by the City Clerk.

Even though the Certificate of Appreciation did not have to be adopted, on motion of Mayor Panto and Dr. Ruggles the Certificate was voted upon by the following vote:

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

A framed Certificate of Appreciation was presented to retired Chief Palmer

All Council members spoke regarding retired Chief Palmer's service to each one of them personally, to the City, the members of the Police Department and to the citizens of the City.

**SWEARING IN OF**  
**CHIEF OF POLICE, CAPTAIN OF FIELD SERVICES, LIEUTENANT OF THE**  
**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION**

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At this time Mayor Panto swore in Carl Scalzo as Director/Chief of Police, Eugene Casterline as Captain of Field Services and Matthew Gerould as the Lieutenant of the Criminal Investigation Division.

Mayor Panto spoke regarding the above officers service to the Police Department, the City and its citizens.

Chief Scalzo thanked Council for approving his appointment, having the confidence in him to lead the Department, and said that it would be an honor to serve his fellow Police Officers, the City and its citizens. He thanked former Chief Palmer for all the assistance and mentoring that assisted in helping to bring him to his current position.

### **CITIZENS RIGHT TO BE HEARD**

There were no comments from the audience.

### **REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL**

There were no reports received.

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Mr. Brown, Chairman of the Finance Committee, spoke regarding legislation that he would have for later in the meeting, regarding amending the 2011 State Highway Aid Fund Budget, erection of parking meters in the 129 Northampton Street Parking Lot, declaring that the City was collecting delinquent real estate taxes and directing the Northampton County Tax Claim Bureau not to take any action on collecting delinquent City real estate taxes, and for allocating funds to different City organizations for their Special Events in 2012.

Mrs. Vulcano, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee reported that a Committee meeting had been held on March 27, 2012, and that they had received a presentation, from Director Longenbach, on the KOZ zone and the LERTA Program She spoke regarding legislation that she would have for later in the meeting, regarding approving two Permission for Land Use Agreements with the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley for Community Gardens, and for approving a Cooperation Agreement with CACLV for the continued administration of the Elm Street Program.

Dr. Ruggles, Chairman of the Planning Committee, spoke regarding legislation that he would have for later in the meeting regarding approving Certificates of Appropriateness for several properties in the Historic District Zone.

Mr. Warren, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, spoke regarding legislation that he would have for later in the meeting regarding making Grant Street between Philadelphia

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Road and St. John Street one way east, and reported that a Public Safety Committee meeting had been held on March 27<sup>th</sup> and that vehicle parking violations on the 200 block of Northampton Street had been discussed. He reported that he had attended a Valley Against Sex Trafficking meeting and related what had been discussed.

Dr. Warner, Chairman of the Public Works Committee spoke regarding legislation that she would have for later in the meeting regarding vacating a portion of Terrace Street, Rockdale Street and Grant Street for the Heil Park Project, raising Pool pass fees by \$5.00, amending sections in the Solid Waste ordinances, changing times for street sweeping on Ferry and Washington Streets, approving a Management Agreement with the YMCA for management of the City's swimming pools, and approving an aerial easement with Met-Ed,

Mr. Fleck, Chairman of the Administration Committee reported that a City Charter workshop was held on March 24, 2012, said that some ideas were discussed, and that at the next meeting he would discuss some of the findings that came out of the workshop. He reported that a friendly roast of Mayors Panto and Pawlowski was held on March 25, 2012 and that monies were raised to benefit the children of the Easton Area Community Center.

Mr. Murphy, City Solicitor, reported that before the meeting, Council had met in Executive Session and that real estate was discussed.

Mr. Scheer, Assistant City Solicitor had no report.

Mayor Panto reported that a shooting had occurred at approximately 4:30 p.m. on the Southside of the City, but that the actor had been apprehended, and said that the City had found out who the shooter was in a shooting earlier in the week, but that the actor had not been apprehended as of this time.

Mr. Warren spoke again regarding Chief Scalzo's leadership of the department.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Bill No. 7, (Ordinance 5345) Amending Ordinance No. 3763, Amending Part Five, Traffic Code, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa., was adopted on motion of Mr. Warren and Mr. Brown by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0)

Ordinance 5345 makes Grant Street, from Philadelphia Road to St. John Street one way east.

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Bill 8, (Ordinance 5346), Approving two, Three year Permissions for Land Use Agreements between the City of Easton, Pa. and the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley was adopted on motion of Mrs. Vulcano and Mr. Warren by the following vote:

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

Ordinance 5346 approves two Three-year Permissions for Land Use Agreements for property at 112 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Centennial Park, 12<sup>th</sup> and Ferry Street for Community Garden projects.

Bill 9, (Ordinance 5347) Providing for the vacation of a portion of Terrace Street, a portion of Rockdale Street and a portion of Grant Street, was adopted on motion of Dr. Warner and Mr. Warren by the following vote:

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

Ordinance 5347 vacates portions of Terrace, Rockdale and Grant Streets in Southside for the Heil Park project.

Bill No. 10, (Ordinance 5348) Amending Sections 285-56 B (1) and (2), Season Pass, of Section 285-56, Pool Fees, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa. was adopted on motion of Dr. Warner and Dr. Ruggles by the following vote:

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

Ordinance 5348 approves the raising of all Pool Pass fees by \$5.00, and changed the preseason month from June 1 to May 1 for the purchasing of passes.

Bill No. 11, Approving a Ten Year Cable Franchise Agreement between the City of Easton, Pa., and Service Electric Cable TV, Inc. was amended by adding the following at the end of Section 2 of the Ordinance on motion of Mayor Panto and Mr. Fleck by the following vote:

“once executed by the Service Electric Cable TV Inc.”

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

Amended Bill No. 11, (Ordinance 5349), Approving a Ten Year Cable Franchise Agreement between the City of Easton, Pa., and Service Electric Cable TV, Inc. was adopted on motion of Mr. Fleck and Dr. Ruggles, by the following vote:

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

Ordinance 5349 approves a Ten Year Cable Franchise Agreement with Service Electric Cable TV Inc.

Bill No. 12, Amending Sections in Chapter 500, Solid Waste; Recycling, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa. was amended by amending Section 500-12 B to read as follows on motion of Dr. Ruggles and Mr. Brown by the following vote:

B. Monthly payment rate. All fees are to be paid monthly at 1/12 of the annual rate.

Yeas: Warner, Vulcano, Ruggles, Brown, Panto, Warren (6)  
Nays: Fleck (1)

Amended Bill No. 12, (Ordinance 5350), Amending Sections in Chapter 500, Solid Waste; Recycling, of Code of the City of Easton, Pa., was adopted on motion of Dr. Warner and Dr. Ruggles by the following vote:

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

Ordinance 5350 amends Sections in the Recycling Ordinances of the City's Codes.

Bill No. 13, (Ordinance 5351), Amending Section 560-54, Parking Restrictions for Street Cleaning was adopted on motion of Dr. Warner and Mr. Fleck by the following vote:

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

Ordinance 5351 changes the time for cleaning on Ferry Street from Fifth to Seventh Street, from Seventh to Fifteenth Street, and on Washington Street from Seventh to Ninth Street and from Ninth to Fifteenth Street.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence received by Council:

**NEW BUSINESS**

Bill No. 14, Amending Sections in Chapter 595, Zoning, of the Codes of the City of Easton, Pa., was introduced by Dr. Ruggles and ordered processed for adoption.

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This Bill would amend the Zoning Codes to create Expressway Transitional Zoning Districts for the accommodation of certain highway-oriented uses and sign types, establishing dimensional criteria and associated rules and regulations.

A March 23, 2012, memorandum regarding proposed budget amendments was received from Director Chris Heagele.

Bill No. 15, Amending Ordinance 5281, 2011 State Highway Aid Fund Budget was introduced by Mr. Brown and ordered processed for adoption.

This Bill would amend the 2011 State Highway Aid Fund Budget by increasing Revenues and Expenditures by \$33,000.00.

Bill No. 16, Amending 560 Attachment 1-City of Easton Table 1: Meter-Zones of Chapter 560, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Codes of the City of Easton, Pa., was introduced by Mr. Brown and ordered processed for adoption.

This Bill would authorize the placement of parking meters in the rear 15 spaces of the 129 Northampton Street parking lot at \$0.50 per hour for a maximum of 10 hours from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

A March 20, 2012 letter regarding Certificates of Appropriateness was received from Christine Ussler, AIA.

Then next seven items on the Agenda were proposed Resolutions which would approve Certificates of Appropriateness for installation of sign and replacement of handrails and stone treads at 134 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, for installation of a sign at 24 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, to finish paint details at 185 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, for the installation of signs at 245 Northampton Street, for repairs to brick wall at 39 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, for the installation of a sign at 249 Northampton Street, and installation of new windows, doors, roof, gutters and repairs to façade at 513 Spruce Street.

The following Resolutions were introduced by Dr. Ruggles:

38-2012  
39-2012  
40-2012  
41-2012  
42-2012  
43-2012  
44-2012

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

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

Nays: None (0)

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution where the City declared that it was collecting the delinquent real estate taxes for 2011.

The following Resolutions were introduced by Mr. Brown:

45-2012

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

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

Nays: None (0)

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve a Cooperation Agreement with CACLV for the continued administration of the Elm Street Program.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mrs. Vulcano:

46-2012

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)

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would approve a Management Agreement with the YMCA for the management of the City's swimming pools.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

47-2012

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

Nays: None (0)

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The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would grant an aerial easement to Met-Ed on the north side of Eddyside Park.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

48-2012

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

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

Nays: None (0)

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

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Ruggles:

49-2012

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

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

Nays: None (0)

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would allocate the funds requested by different organizations to assist in funding their special events for 2012.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Brown:

50-2012

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

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

Nays: None (0)

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There were no remarks from the audience.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m. on the motion of Dr. Vulcano and Mr. Brown by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0)

Thomas A. Hess City Clerk