

File of the Council of the City of Easton, Pa.

Ordinance No.

SESSION 2011

Bill No. 31

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Introduced by: Kenneth Brown – September 14, 2011

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Enacted by Council:

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AN ORDINANCE: Approving a Loan to the Redevelopment Authority of Easton, Pennsylvania to finance the Purchase of Real Property Located at 129 Northampton Street, City of Easton, Pennsylvania.

THE CITY OF EASTON HEREBY ORDAINS:

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Authority of Easton, Pennsylvania (hereinafter "ERA") will enter into an Agreement of Sale with Iron Bridge Easton, LP, (hereinafter "Seller") for the purchase of real property known as 129 Northampton Street, City of Easton, Northampton County, PA as more fully described in Deed Book Volume 2007-1, page 249759, Tax ID Number L9SE2B-3-8 (hereinafter "Real Property") and;

WHEREAS, as a contingency to the purchase of the Real Property from Seller, ERA must obtain financing in the amount of Sixty-five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) which includes the purchase price of Sixty-two Thousand Dollars (\$62,000.00) plus closing costs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Easton, (hereinafter "Easton") is desirous of assisting ERA in the financing for the purchase of the real property in the form of a loan secured by a first mortgage and note; and

WHEREAS, ERA has indicated its willingness to consent to grant a mortgage and note in the amount of Sixty-five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) in favor of the City of Easton in order to finance the purchase of the Real Property; and

WHEREAS, ERA has proposed to lease fourteen (14) of nineteen (19) parking spaces on the Real Property for One Dollar (\$1.00) to Easton in order to generate a stream of revenue to Easton with the remaining five (5) spaces to Easton Hotel Restoration, LLC; and

WHEREAS, Easton has indicated its willingness to accept the revenue generated from the parking meters in lieu of regular monthly payments of principal and interest under the note and mortgage pending the payoff of the loan; and

WHEREAS, ERA shall pay to Easton, the full amount of the loan including all accumulated interest and principal upon the sale of the real property or upon the expiration of five (5)

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Date: September 27, 2011

Introduced by: Sandra Vulcano
Co-sponsored by Kenneth Brown, Michael Fleck, Roger Ruggles, Elinor Warner, Jeffrey Warren, and Salvatore J. Panto, Jr.

RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Easton, Pa., that it was with a feeling of deep sadness that we learned of the death of Mrs. Frances H. Ketchen, on September 4, 2011.

Mrs. Ketchen served the City and its citizens as a Community Relations Specialist with the Easton Redevelopment Authority, in the early 1970's.

Mrs. Ketchen was a Past Officer, Board member, and member of many Organizations throughout the Lehigh Valley including the NAACP, the Negro Trade Union Leadership Council, the Family Counseling of Easton, Pa., the YMCA, the Ebony Youth Employment & Training Inc., the Easton Area School Board, the Operating Committee of the Northampton County Vocational Technical School, the Southside Neighborhood Center, the Lehigh Valley United Way, and the Lehigh Valley Manpower Program.

Mrs. Ketchen was a dedicated, faithful citizen and City employee. She performed her duties in an excellent and professional manner and was held in the highest esteem and affection by both friends and colleagues.

We join in expressing our deepest sympathy and condolences to her family at this time of their bereavement.

This is to certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the City Council on the above date.

Attest: _____
City Clerk

Signed: _____
Mayor

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Date: September 27, 2011

Introduced by: Elinor Warner

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2010, Council adopted Resolution 62-2010, which approved a Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Reimbursement Agreement to reimburse the City for costs associated with the rehabilitation of the Bushkill Bridge in the amount of \$800,000; and

WHEREAS, due to the cost of repairs to the bridge for unforeseen deteriorating conditions, Council adopted Resolution 72-2011, approving Letter of Amendment No. 1 which increased the total project costs to \$1,099,930; and

WHEREAS, due to the extent of further unforeseen deteriorating conditions of the concrete bridge deck, the cost of repairs to the bridge has risen from \$1,099,930 to \$1,224,930.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Council approves the Letter of Amendment No. 2 to the aforesaid Agreement which will increase the total project cost from \$1,099,930.00 to \$1,224,930.00 and authorizes the Mayor and City Controller to sign said Letter of Amendment on behalf of the City of Easton

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Introduced by: Sandra Vulcano

WHEREAS, Section 461 of the Pennsylvania Liquor Code (47 P.S. 4-461, hereinafter, the "Code") requires that the issuance of a new license for economic development must, under certain conditions, first be approved by the governing body of the receiving municipality; and

WHEREAS, that subsection mandates that, prior to adoption of such as resolution, at least one hearing must be held for the purpose of receiving comments and recommendations from interested individuals residing within the municipality concerning the applicant's intent to acquire an economic development license for the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; and

WHEREAS, Karina Turtzo and Brian Turtzo (hereinafter "Applicant") own property located at 134 N. 2nd St., Easton, Pennsylvania (hereinafter "Premises") and plan to operate a restaurant at such location; and

WHEREAS, on August 30th, 2011 and pursuant to Code Section 461, the Applicant filed a written request for a hearing in front of Easton City Council, Northampton County, Pennsylvania (hereinafter the "Council") regarding a proposed economic development restaurant liquor license for the property located at 134 N. 2nd Street, Easton, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, on September 27th, 2011 at 6:00 PM and in accordance with Section 461 (b.1) and (b.3) the Council held a public hearing on the proposed economic development liquor license; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to comply with the Code Section 461 (b.1) and (b.3).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Easton City Council, City of Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania as follows:

1. Applicant seeks approval of an economic development liquor license for the property located at 134 N. 2nd Street, Easton, Pennsylvania, pursuant to Code Section 461;
2. Applicant proposed to, and will, operate a restaurant at the aforescribed location;

3. Council finds the issuance of a liquor license to Applicant at the Premised will promote economic development;
4. Council finds that there is no evidence that the proposed economic development liquor license will adversely affect the welfare, health, peace and morals of the City of Easton or the residents thereof;
5. The Council hereby approves the Applicant's request for an economic development liquor license pursuant to Code Section 461 (b.1) and (b.3) at the Premises;
6. The issuance of the Liquor License contemplated hereby is subject to final approval by the PLCB.

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Date: September 27, 2011

Introduced by: Roger Ruggles

WHEREAS the Easton Historic District Commission at its September 12, 2011 meeting reviewed the plans and specifications of Andris Danielsons & Joanne Moranville, owners of 20 N. 3rd Street, for the repair/repainting of Brick and Replacement of Window sashes at 20 N. 3rd Street, Easton, Pa.

WHEREAS the Commission recommended approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness; and

WHEREAS the report has been submitted to the Council of the City of Easton, Pa., for review and approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Easton, Pa., accepts and approves the Certificate of Appropriateness Report dated September 12, 2011 and hereby authorizes the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness commensurate with report of the Commission for 20 N. 3rd Street, Easton, Pa.

This is to certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the City Council on the above date.

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Introduced by: Roger Ruggles

RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Easton, Pa. has reviewed the bid proposal and approves acceptance of it, as well as, entering into an agreement with Miller, Miller & McLachlan in an amount not to exceed \$145,279.00 for the demolition of the former Perkins Restaurant and Majestic Theater Buildings as part of the Easton Intermodal Transportation Center Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the contract with Miller, Miller & McLachlan is contingent upon their securing of required bonds, statements of assurance and other documents required by the original bid proposal issued by the City of Easton, Pa., including and incorporating herewith the terms and conditions of the bid proposal submitted by Miller, Miller & McLachlan and the terms and conditions as set forth in the Project Manual and Instructions to Bidders and any other documents and guarantees required by the City Solicitor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council authorizes the Mayor and City Controller to sign said agreement on behalf of the City and the City Clerk to attest to same.

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WHEREAS the Easton Historic District Commission at its September 12, 2011 meeting reviewed the plans and specifications of Eparchy of Maron of Brooklyn, owner of 54 S. 4th Street, for roof replacement and repair to wood trim at 54 S. 4th Street, Easton, Pa.

WHEREAS the Commission recommended approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness; and

WHEREAS the report has been submitted to the Council of the City of Easton, Pa., for review and approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Easton, Pa., accepts and approves the Certificate of Appropriateness Report dated September 12, 2011 and hereby authorizes the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness commensurate with report of the Commission for 54 S. 4th Street, Easton, Pa.

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