

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

Ordinance No.

SESSION 2012

Bill No. 23

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Introduced by: Elinor Warner – June 13, 2012
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Enacted by Council:
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AN ORDINANCE: Approving the Transfer of Funds within the 2011 GO Bond Capital Fund Budget.

THE CITY OF EASTON HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Council of the City of Easton, Pa., approves the transfer of \$49,579 between the following accounts contained in the 2011 GO Bond Capital Fund Budget.

Account No.	Name	Budget	Proposed Change	Proposed Budget
153-5000-4740	Machinery	\$208,100	-\$ 134	\$207,966
153-5052-46490	Public Bldg. Improvement	\$ 0	+\$49,579	\$ 49,579
153-5063-4672	Glendon Bridge	\$257,000	-\$ 2,737	\$254,263
153-5063-4680	ADA Ramps	\$140,000	-\$ 46,708	\$ 93,292

SECTION 2. All Ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith be, and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately following adoption by Council.

Signed the day of , 2012

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor

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AN ORDINANCE: Establishing a Community Bill of Rights for the City of Easton Pa.

THE CITY OF EASTON HEREBY ORDAINS: an Ordinance, to be known as “The City of Easton Pennsylvania’s Community Bill of Rights.

Section 1. Council of the City of Easton has reviewed and approves a City of Easton Community Bill of Rights as follows:

Statements of Law: The City of Easton’s Community Bill of Rights

The rights enumerated in this Community Bill of Rights are in addition to, and shall not limit, other rights retained by the people, whether enumerated or not enumerated in constitutions or law. All rights secured by this Ordinance shall be self-executing and these rights shall be enforceable against all entities, both public and private.

Right to Community Self-Government

All residents of the City of Easton possess an inalienable right to local community self-governance and they shall have authority to exercise governing power in the City of Easton over the behavior of corporations chartered by the state in their name.

Corporate Powers Subordinate to People’s Rights

Corporations are not natural persons and corporate powers shall be subordinate to people’s rights. Corporations and other business entities which violate the rights secured by this Ordinance and by other laws shall not enjoy the constitutional protections afforded to “persons,” nor possess any other legal rights, privileges, powers, or protections, the exercise of which would interfere with the enforcement of rights secured by this Community Bill of Rights, state and federal constitutions, or by other laws.

Right to Citizen Directed Elections and Governance

All residents of the City of Easton possess a fundamental right to direct the affairs of their local government and to be free from interference with the right to vote and the right to citizen-directed outcomes of elections and legislation, including but not limited to, the right to be free from corporate influence over elections, legislation, policy, and judicial decisions.

Neighborhood Residents’ Rights

Residents of the neighborhoods of College Hill, Downtown, South Side, and West Ward possess the right to determine the future development of their neighborhoods. The method for the exercise of

this right shall be determined through proposed amendment(s) to the Easton City Charter to be presented to the City electors within one year of adoption of this Community Bill of Rights and such proposed amendments shall include the right of a majority of neighborhood electors to approve or reject any significant commercial, industrial, or residential development proposed for the neighborhood which is incompatible with the provisions of the City's Comprehensive Plan or City Charter.

Right to be Free from Trespass

All residents of the City of Easton possess a fundamental and inalienable right to the integrity of their bodies, and to be free from unwanted invasions of their bodies by any means, including but not limited to, trespass by chemicals, toxins, pathogens, or radioactive substances and their progeny caused by industrial activities, whether regulated or unregulated. The People at all times possess a right to privacy of their bodies and possessions against unwarranted searches, surveillance and inspections, and against forced medical treatment.

Rights of Natural Communities

Natural communities and ecosystems possess inalienable and fundamental rights to exist and flourish within the City of Easton. Residents of the City of Easton shall possess legal standing to enforce those rights on behalf of, and in the name of, those natural communities and ecosystems.

Right to and Portability of Constitutional Protections

All residents of the City of Easton shall have equal protection of the law and no discrimination based on age, gender, heritage, religion, political affiliation, or sexual orientation shall be lawful in any form. All residents of Easton shall possess constitutional protections and legal rights in every workplace within the City of Easton, and workers in unionized workplaces shall possess the right to collective bargaining.

Rights Supersede Statutes and Regulations

No permit, license, privilege, or charter issued by any State or federal agency, Commission, or Board to any person or any corporation operating under a State charter, or to any director, officer, owner, or manager of a corporation operating under a State charter, which in its exercise or operation would violate the rights secured by this Ordinance or deprive any City resident(s), natural community, or ecosystem of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by this Community Bill of Rights, the Pennsylvania Constitution, the United States Constitution, or other laws, shall be deemed valid within the City of Easton.

Pennsylvania Constitutional Changes

Through the adoption of this ordinance, the people of the City of Easton call for changes to be made to the Pennsylvania Constitution so that it recognizes and secures a community right to local self-government that cannot be preempted by State law if the community's laws enforce standards and rights more protective of the health, safety, and welfare of the people and the natural environment of Easton. The people of Easton also call for state constitutional changes that elevate the rights of people above those claimed by corporations and that recognize the rights of nature to be enforceable by the residents of the community.

SECTION 2. All Ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith be, and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect 30 days following adoption by Council.

