

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

January 23, 2019

Easton, Pa
Wednesday
January 23, 2019
6:00 p.m.

City Council met in stated session at the above date and time, in Council Chambers, located on the Third floor of City Hall, 123 S. Third Street, to consider any business that may lawfully be brought before the body.

The invocation was given by Mr. Melan, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Brown, Melan, O'Connell, Ruggles, Panto (Phone) (6)

Absent: Edinger (1)

Also in attendance was Thomas A. Hess, City Clerk, Joel Scheer, Assistant City Solicitor, and Luis Campos, City Administrator. There were Five (5) other persons present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Brown and Mr. O'Connell the Agenda approved by the following vote:

Yeas: Brown, Melan, O'Connell, Ruggles, Vulcano, Panto (6)

Nays: None (0)

ACTION ON MINUTES

On motion of Dr. Ruggles and Mr. O'Connell, the January 9, 2019 Council meeting minutes, as submitted, were approved by the following vote:

Yeas: Melan, O'Connell, Ruggles, Vulcano, Panto, Brown (6)

Nays: None (0)

PUBLIC COMMENT – on Agenda Items

There were no comments from the audience.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Brown and Mrs. Vulcano the following items were adopted by the following vote:

Resolution 4-2019, which authorized the disposition of Police Records.

Minutes of the Council of the City of Easton, Pa.
January 23, 2019

Resolutions 5-2019 through 8-2019 which approved Certificates of Appropriateness for 73 N. 2nd, 19 S. 2nd, 326 Bushkill and 425-429 Northampton Streets.

Yeas: Brown, Melan, O'Connell, Ruggles, Vulcano, Panto (6)
Nays: None (0)

REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL

There were no reports were received by Council:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Brown, Chairman of the Finance Committee, had no report.

Mrs. Vulcano, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, reported that a Committee had met and interviewed and heard from the Developers who submitted proposals to develop the properties of the off-street surface parking lots. She said that the Committee would now be discussing their presentations and reviewing their proposals.

Mr. O'Connell, Chairman of the Planning and Code Committee, had no report.

Mr. Melan, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, had no report.

Dr. Ruggles, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, reported that a Committee meeting had been held on January 22, 2019 and David Hopkins, Director of Public Works furnished Council with an update on proposed Public Works projects for 2019.

Mr. Edinger, Chairman of the Administration Committee, was absent.

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

Mayor Panto had no report.

Mr. Melan asked Mr. Campos if there was an update on the DaVinci matter. He said that the City was supposed to receive something from DaVinci by December 31, 2018.

Mr. Campos said that he believed that it was a Letter of Intent. He said that the City had presented a Developers Agreement to DaVinci and that the City was negotiating those details as of today, January 23, 2019. He said that the City was hopefully going to bring something to Council within the next thirty days.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minutes of the Council of the City of Easton, Pa.
January 23, 2019

There was no correspondence received by Council:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill 1, Amending Sections contained in Chapter 285, Fees, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa. was moved on motion of Mayor Panto and Mr. O'Connell.

There was a lengthy discussion between Council members, Mr. Campos, Mr. Lysynecky, Finance Director and Attorney Scheer on Section 1 of the proposed Bill which would repeal Section 285-42 (2) (c), which set a fee of \$50.00 a month for a parking pass, for the South Third Street Parking Garage, for Government Employees. It was decided to amend Bill 1 by removing the section regarding the deletion of the fee for government employees, until after the Parking Study was completed and discussed, to allow more discussion on this matter, to analyze the financial costs to the City and to receive information, from Mr. Hopkins, on the paving, lining of parking spaces and lighting of the Days in lot. .

On motion of Mayor Panto and Dr. Ruggles, Bill 1, Amending Sections contained in Chapter 285, Fees, of the Code of the City of Easton was amended by removing Section 1 from the proposed Bill by the following vote:

Yeas: Brown, Panto, Vulcano, Ruggles, O'Connell, Melan (6)
Nays: None (0)

Amended Bill 1, (Ordinance 5667), Amending Sections contained in Chapter 285, Fees, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa., was adopted on motion of Mayor Panto and Mr. O'Connell by the following vote:

Yeas: Melan, O'Connell, Ruggles, Vulcano, Panto, Brown (6)
Nays: None (0)

This Bill would raise the fee for the rental of pavilions, for non-residents, from \$100 to \$150.

NEW BUSINESS

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution which would adopt the Lehigh Valley 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The proposed Resolution was moved by Mr. O'Connell and Mrs. Vulcano.

There was a discussion among City Council members on things that the Plan was requiring the City to do and inconsistent statements in the Plan, and said that they felt that there had to be further discussion and rework on sections of the plan.

Minutes of the Council of the City of Easton, Pa.
January 23, 2019

On motion of O'Connell and Mrs. Vulcano the proposed Resolution was tabled by the following vote:

Yeas: O'Connell, Ruggles, Vulcano, Panto, Brown, Melan
Nays: None (0)


PUBLIC COMMENT
(On any item other)

There were no comments from the audience.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m., on motion of Mrs., Vulcano and Mr. O'Connell by the following vote.

Yeas: Melan, O'Connell, Ruggles, Vulcano, Panto, Brown (6)
Nays: None (0)


Thomas A. Hess
City Clerk



CITY OF EASTON

PENNSYLVANIA

January 18, 2019

COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

A meeting of City Council has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 23, 2019 beginning at 6:00 p.m., for the transaction of Regular Business.

The meeting will be held in Council Chambers, located on the Third floor of City Hall, 123 S. 3rd Street, Easton, Pa. 18042

All meetings of City Council are open to the Public and are accessible to persons with disabilities.


Thomas A. Hess
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA

Stated Session
Wednesday
January 23, 2019
6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INVOCATION
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. ROLL CALL
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
6. ACTION ON MINUTES -- January 9, 2019 Council meeting minutes
7. PUBLIC COMMENT -- Agenda Items Only.
8. CONSENT AGENDA
 - (a) Resolution authorizing disposition of Police Records.
 - (b) Cert. of Appropriateness for 73 N. 2nd Street
 - (c) Cert. of Appropriateness for 19 S. 2nd Street
 - (d) Cert. of Appropriateness for 326 Bushkill Street
 - (e) Cert. of Appropriateness for 425-429 Northampton Street
9. REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL
10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
 - (a) Finance (Kenneth Brown)
 - (b) Economic Development (Sandra Vulcano)
 - (c) Planning and Code (David O'Connell)
 - (d) Public Safety (Peter Melan)
 - (e) Public Works (Roger Ruggles)
 - (f) Administration (James Edinger)
 - (g) Report of City Solicitor (Attorney William Murphy)
 - (h) Report of Mayor (Salvatore J. Panto Jr.)
11. CORRESPONDENCE
12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - (a). Bill 1. Amending Sections contained in Chapter 285, Fees of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa.
13. NEW BUSINESS
 - (a) Resolution adopting 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan.
14. PUBLIC COMMENT -- (Any Matter)
15. ADJOURNMENT