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February 16, 2011**

Yes: Mr. Lewis, Ms. Macklin, Mr. Cohn, Ms. Trice, Ms. Evans, Ms. Ervin,
Mr. Lefebvre, President Moore

Abstain: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

Motion carried 8:0 with one abstention.

RESOLUTIONS

11-015

Approving the Borough Council Meeting Minutes of January 5 and January 19, 2011.

Moved: Mr. Lewis

Seconded by: Ms. Ervin

Yes: Ms. Macklin, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Mr. Lewis Mr. Cohn, Ms. Trice, Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. Evans, Ms. Ervin, President Moore

Motion carried

11-016

Approving January checks issued in the amounts as follows:

Regular Distributions 01/01/11- 01/31/11	\$ 646,309.88
Payroll Disbursements	\$ 546,379.22
Voided Checks	\$ <u>(1,820.26)</u>
Total	\$1,190,868.84

Moved: Mr. Cohn

Seconded by: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

Yes: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Mr. Cohn, Ms. Evans, Mr. Lefebvre, President Moore

No: Mr. Lewis, Ms. Trice, Ms. Ervin, Ms. Macklin

Motion carried 5:4

11-017

Authorizing the exoneration of the Tax Collector for the year 2010 for a base amount of \$1,012,730.67 and a penalty amount of \$101,353.56. Furthermore, this resolution stipulates that all year 2010 delinquent tax accounts be forwarded to Portnoff Law Associates

Moved: Mr. Cohn

Seconded by: Mr. Lefebvre

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Yes: Ms. Evans, Ms. Trice, Mr. Cohn, Mr. Lewis, Ms. Macklin, Mr. Lefebvre, President Moore

No: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Ms. Ervin

Motion carried 7:2

11-018

Reappointing Brenda Stewart to the Planning Commission to serve a four-year term commencing on February 1, 2011 and continuing through January 31, 2015.

Moved: Ms. Trice

Seconded by: Mr. Lewis

Ms. McCarthy-Johnson questioned whether the Chairperson of the Planning Commission recommended this reappointment. Ms. Trice answered no. Ms. Macklin commented that an email was received from Mr. Shattuck advising that he did not object to the reappointment provided the prior issues with lack of attendance at meetings could be addressed through a policy. Mr. Lefebvre commented that the Planning Commission has been discussing increasing the membership. Mr. Cohn commented that there had been an attendance policy in the by-laws when he served on the Commission and questioned what the issue was with Ms. Stewart's meeting attendance. Mr. Lefebvre advised that she only attended one meeting in 2010. Mr. Cohn questioned whether she was still interested in serving on the Commission. Ms. Trice commented that Ms. Stewart had requested to be reappointed and that she had not seen the attendance records for the Commission for 2010 and that Ms. Stewart's attendance record may have been affected due to some personal issues she experienced last year. Mr. Cohn questioned whether Ms. Stewart had provided assurance that she would be able to attend the Commission meetings. Ms. Trice replied that Ms. Stewart had indicated that she intends to attend. Ms. Macklin noted that she attended the January and February 2011 meetings. Mr. Cohn commented that the Commission has typically been consulted on appointments and has made recommendations. Ms. Trice stated that Ms. Stewart should be provided the opportunity to continue to serve and that the other proposed appointment of Tiffany Lumpkin is recommended as there are no members on the Planning Commission from the First Ward. Mr. Lewis advised that the Planning Commission Chairperson will begin to implement the attendance policy and keep Council apprised. The Commission can remove a member for non-attendance. Mr. Cohn questioned whether there had been other applicants and Ms. Trice replied that there were two other applicants.

Yes: Ms. Ervin, Ms. Trice, Mr. Lewis, Ms. Macklin, President Moore

No: Ms. Evans, Mr. Cohn, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Mr. Lefebvre

Motion carried 5:4

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11-019

Appointing Tiffany Lumpkin to the Planning Commission to serve a four-year term commencing on February 1, 2011 and continuing through January 31, 2015.

Moved: Ms. Trice

Seconded by: Ms. Ervin

Yes: Mr. Lewis, Ms. Macklin, Ms. Ervin, Ms. Trice, President Moore

No: Mr. Cohn, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. Evans

Motion carried 5:4

11-020

Appointing George Logan, II to the Wilkinsburg Redevelopment Authority to serve a five-year term commencing on February 1, 2011 and continuing through January 31, 2016.

Moved: Mr. Lewis

Seconded by: Ms. Trice

Mr. Cohn commented on prior appointments to the Redevelopment Authority of people with significant tax delinquencies and considers this being a direct conflict of interest. Mr. Logan was in attendance at the meeting and advised that this issue had been resolved.

Yes: Ms. Trice, Mr. Cohn, Mr. Lewis, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Ms. Macklin,
Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. Ervin, Ms. Evans, President Moore

Motion carried

Mr. Lewis introduced Mr. Logan.

11-021

Hiring Darlene Thornton, as a School Crossing Guard at the rate of \$8.00 per hour. Act. 33 and 34 clearances have been received.

Moved: Ms. Ervin

Seconded by: Ms. Trice

Yes: Mr. Cohn, Mr. Lewis, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Ms. Macklin, Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. Ervin, Ms. Evans, Ms. Trice, President Moore

Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Cohn requested the opportunity to provide the Finance Committee report from last month. He reported on the following:

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- The Committee met on 2/16/11 to map out priorities for the coming year.
- Immediate items that need to be addressed include: new fee structure, proposal review from Plans Examiner and recommendations, Pension Board restructuring to include a seat on the board for a firefighter retiree, reviewing the management reviews for all Borough departments and finally getting a handle on tenant registration.
- There is currently no fee for recycling pick up for six plus units. The Committee will be recommending a \$25.00 fee per unit.
- The next committee meeting will be held on March 17, 2011. An additional meeting has been scheduled for March 31, 2011 at 9:30 AM. The meetings are open to the public.
- The Tax Compromise ordinance does not provide for the compromise of delinquent MSF's. Council will need to take action to amend the ordinance to provide for same.

A motion was made by Mr. Cohn, second by Mr. Lefebvre, to authorize the advertisement to amend Ordinance Number 2817 Residential Tax Compromise and Abatement to include compromise of Municipal Service Fees.

Ms. Macklin questioned if this is the willing buyer and seller program and Mr. Cohn replied that it was. Ms. Macklin further questioned how it is determined whether there is collusion on the part of an applicant. Mr. Cohn advised that the application requires the completion of a Non-Collusion Affidavit.

Ms. Evans commented that she thought the legislation did include all taxes and fees.

Yes: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Cohn, Ms. Trice, Ms. Evans, Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. Macklin, President Moore

No: Ms. Ervin

Motion carried 8:1

Ms. Ervin commented on an apparent problem with trash collection at 1538 Hunter Street. Ms. Marcinko will look into the matter.

Mr. Lewis offered his assistance with the pension plan issues and stated he has consultants that would be willing to review plan performance and other matters at no cost to the Borough.

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NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Ms. Trice, second by Ms. Evans, to accept the resignation of Michelle Kenney, effective February 15, 2011.

Ms. Macklin commented that Ms. Kenney was a long-time secretary in the Police Department and questioned the reason for her resignation. Ms. Marcinko suggested that any matters relating to personnel be discussed in executive session. Ms. Macklin requested an executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

Yes: Ms. Evans, Ms. Trice, Mr. Cohn, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Mr. Lefebvre, President Moore.

No: Mr. Lewis, Ms. Macklin, Ms. Ervin

Motion carried 6:3

President Moore announced that the Borough continues to recruit for School Crossing Guards.

President Moore directed attention to a throw honoring black heroes and Black History Month. She commented on her personal experiences as a child and encouraged everyone to do their part to eradicate racism.

Ms. McCarthy-Johnson announced the Wilkinsburg Boys Basketball Team made it to the WPIAL Playoffs.

Adult Library Report

President Moore reported:

- Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra Program hosted by Jim Cunningham of WQED will be held at the Eastridge Branch of the Library on March 30, 2011.
- The Library is again participating in the County program "One Book, One Community".

Ms. Macklin commented that computer use in the library has increased as a result of an ad in the Wilkinsburg Sun.

Ms. McCarthy-Johnson announced that on February 19, 2011 a Home Buying Workshop will be held at the Neighborhood Resource Center. She further commented on the amazing renovation project of the Crescent Building and Wilson Building. She suggested taking a look.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, on motion by Mr. Cohn, seconded by Mr. Lewis the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:47 PM.

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Eugenia Moore, Council President