WILKINSBURG BOROUGH
Council Legislative Meeting
June 11, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

President McCarthy-Johnson called the meeting to order at approximately 7:04 PM in Council Chambers, second floor of the Municipal Building, 605 Ross Ave., Wilkinsburg, PA 15221.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called to establish a quorum. Present were Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. Garrett, Mr. Taiani, Ms. Trice, Ms. Moore (via telephone), Ms. Grannemann, Mr. Shattuck, Ms. Macklin, and President McCarthy-Johnson. Administrative Assistant Cindy Bahn, Mayor John Thompson, and Solicitor Michael Witherel were also present. Borough Manager Marla P. Marcinko was absent. A quorum was established.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Following the pledge of allegiance, a moment of silence was observed to remember victims of violent crime.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kate Luxemburg – 432 Rebecca Ave. – Ms. Luxemburg talked about the Redevelopment Authority and her surprise at the letter sent to the Authority by the Borough Solicitor. She stated that the Redevelopment Authority held one meeting in 2013, but has not held any meetings in 2014. Ms. Luxemburg made an informal request to Council to fill two vacant seats, and stated that she will submit an activity description to the Borough Manager's Office for the Borough website. Minutes of the Authority's meetings were submitted to four people; Ms. Trice requested minutes from all meetings.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Adopting Ordinance No. 2926 – Establishing Handicap Parking Space 1355 Woodlawn Street.**

Moved: Mr. Lefebvre **Second:** Ms. Macklin

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

2. **Authorizing the advertisement of Ordinance No. 2927 – Establishing Handicap Parking Space – 1438 Montier Street.**

Moved: Ms. Grannemann **Second:** Mr. Lefebvre

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

3. **Approving Council Meeting Minutes of 5/7, 5/14, and 5/21/14.**

Moved: Ms. Trice **Second:** Mr. Lefebvre

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

4. **Approving May checks issued:**

Regular Disbursements 05/01 – 05/31/14	**$ 1,491,577.66**
Payroll Disbursements	**290,049.70**
Voided Checks	**(281.81)**
	$ 1,781,345.55

Moved: Mr. Shattuck **Second:** Mr. Lefebvre

Yes: Ms. Moore, Ms. Grannemann, Mr. Shattuck, Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. Garrett, Mr. Taiani, President McCarthy-Johnson

No: Ms. Trice, Ms. Macklin

Motion carried 7:2

5. **Approving Resolution No. 14-046 – Accepting resignation of Anthony Asciolla, Administrative Assistant, Department of Code Enforcement.**

Moved: Ms. Trice **Second:** Mr. Lefebvre

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

6. **Approving Resolution No. 14-047 – Appointing Rose Duggan – WCACDC.**

Moved: Ms. Grannemann **Second:** Mr. Lefebvre

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

7. **Approving resolution No. 14-048 – Appointing Utkarsh Ghildyal – WCACDC.**

Moved: Mr. Lefebvre **Second:** Ms. Moore

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

8. **Approving Resolution No. 14-049 – Approving Street Closure for MADDAD's Annual Fatherhood Day Event.**

Moved: Ms. Grannemann **Second:** Mr. Shattuck

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

9. **Approving Resolution No. 14-050 – Sponsoring a Banner – St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church.**

Moved: Mr. Lefebvre **Second:** Ms. Trice

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

10. **Approving Resolution 14-051 – Approving a street closure for the Cameroon Football Development Program to host a World Cup Festival.**

Janet Guo, a representative from the Cameroon Football Development Program was in attendance to answer any questions related to the Festival.

Moved: Ms. Garrett **Second:** Ms. Trice

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Macklin asked about the status of the delinquent tax collector RFP. Mr. Lefebvre attended the May 29, 2014 meeting with members of the school district staff and school board members. At that meeting, the decision was made to interview delinquent tax collector candidates during the second week of July. Council members who would like to participate in the interview process include Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Ms. Macklin, and Mr. Shattuck. The exact date of the interviews will be known by the end of the current week.

The next Council Strategic Planning Meeting will be a public meeting and will be held on July 26 at the Swissvale Fire Department beginning at 9:00 a.m.

MADDADS will build two mini libraries at their Father's Day Event.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Macklin stated that residents have expressed concerns about water and sewage bills increasing 7.5% this year and 7.5 % next year. The Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint Water Authority (WPJWA) was fined $350,000 for failing to notify residents about the failure to meet minimum chlorine requirements in November of 2013. Concern was also expressed about potential rate hikes when Monroeville and Plum Borough terminate their respective contracts with the WPJWA at the end of December, 2015, resulting in a loss of revenue to the Authority. Ms.

Macklin requested that the Borough's three representatives to WPJWA address Council at a future meeting. President McCarthy-Johnson commented that the president of the WPJWA was recently fined for improper influence. Ms. Macklin suggested taking a look at the financials of the Authority.

Ms. Luxemburg mentioned that three summers ago, the Borough was within twenty properties of the threshold for residents to receive monthly bills from the WPJWA; several Councilpersons noted that they are currently being billed on a monthly basis.

Ms. Garrett made the following announcements:

- Blackridge Community Garage Sale will be held June 14, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.
- A Summer Lunch Program is starting Monday June 16, 2014. Hours are weekdays from noon until 2:00 p.m. at South Avenue United Methodist Church.

She also expressed her pleasure at seeing the link for the Eastridge Library Branch survey, and the importance of publicizing the survey.

Mr. Shattuck was contacted by the Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group (PCRG) speak about transit at their August 7, 2014 meeting. Member of the Wilkinsburg Planning Commission will also be in attendance.

Mayor John Thompson announced that the Wilkinsburg Summer Youth Program will accept applications through Friday, June 13, 2014.

President McCarthy-Johnson informed Council about a letter that was received from State Representative Tony DeLuca about a petition to obtain an agreement between UPMC and Highmark. Residents will be asked to sign the petition.

Mayor Thompson made the following announcements:

- The Wilkinsburg Community Festival will be held on Saturday, July 5, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Hunter Park.
- The Wilkinsburg Youth Police Academy will be held July 7, 2014 through August 1; applications may be obtained from the Police Department administration.

Ms. Macklin will ask businesses if they are willing to put posters for various Borough activities and events in their windows. Ms. Luxemburg requested digital versions of flyers for dissemination electronically.

Mr. Taiani commented about a candidate for public office who left election signs too high to o remove. Mr. Lefebvre will follow-up by email to Ms. Marcinko. President McCarthy-Johnson noted that there were other candidates that have left signs up that should be removed. She suggested that the Borough remove the signs and invoice the candidates. She questioned

whether Council can revise the Ordinance to include that posting signs on trees and other Borough property is illegal.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, on motion by Ms. Trice, second by Mr. Taiani, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40 P.M.

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Vanessa McCarthy-Johnson
President of Council