

**WILKINSBURG BOROUGH**  
**Council Legislative Session Minutes**  
**March 11, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called to establish a quorum. Present were Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. Garrett, Ms. Trice, Ms. Moore, Ms. Grannemann, Mr. Shattuck, Ms. Macklin, Mr. Taiani and President McCarthy-Johnson. Acting-Borough Manager, Amanda Ford and Solicitor Mike Witherel were also present. Mayor Thompson was absent. A quorum was established.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance, was led by President, McCarthy-Johnson and a moment of silence was observed to remember victims of violent crimes.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

1. **Approving Council Meeting minutes of 12/03/2014, 12/10/2014, 1/07/2015, 1/14/2015, 1/21/2015, 2/04/2015, 2/11/2015 and 2/18/2015.**

**Changes made:**

December 3, 2014 – (Roll Call) Ms. Garrett arrived late.

December 3, 2014 – Public Safety- on line 12 (cute) was changed to cut

December 3, 2014 - General Matters on line 6 (Macklin) was spelled incorrectly

December 10, 2014 - Councilwoman Grannemann voted yes. Mr. Lefebvre did not participate in Executive Session

Jan. 21, 2014 – Page 3 last paragraph correction was made on spelling (caviar) correct spelling (caveat)

Feb. 4, 2015 - Page 2 Public Safety on line 10 Gerhold changed dates throughout and footer dates needs changing

Feb. 11, 2015 – Page 4 second to the last paragraph eye sore was corrected (soar)

Heading correction remove H from Wilkesburg

**Action:**

**Moved:** Mr. Lefebvre

**Second:** Ms. Garrett

**All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

**2. Approving February checks issued.**

February 1-28, 2015	\$906,115.45
Payroll Disbursement	\$254,514.24
Payroll Disbursement Quarterly P/R Taxes	\$0.00
Voided Checks	(\$1,112.89)
Total Disbursement	\$1,159,516.80

**Action:**

**Moved:** Mr. Lefebvre

**Second:** Ms. Moore

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

**No-** Ms. Trice, and Ms. Macklin. 7-2vote

**3. Approving Resolution No. 15-012 – VPRP application-420 Rebecca Avenue.**

The Redevelopment Authority did perform their necessary searches and it is proceeding with a complete application, there was a difference in timing from properties listed when the application was submitted for the time of approving.

**Action: Yes**

**Moved:** Mr. Shattuck

**Second:** Mr. Lefebvre

**Yes-** Ms. Grannemann, Ms. Macklin, Ms. Moore, Ms. Garrett, Ms. Trice, Mr. Shattuck, Mr. Lefebvre, President, McCarthy-Johnson, and Mr. Taiani - abstained

**Additional voting: Approving to remove from table; Resolution No. 15-012 VPRP Application 420 Rebecca Avenue.**

**Action: Yes**

**Moved:** Ms. Trice

**Second:** Ms. Grannemann

Yes- Ms. Grannemann, Ms. Macklin, Ms. Moore, Ms. Garrett, Ms. Trice, Mr. Shattuck, Mr. Lefebvre, President, McCarthy-Johnson, and Mr. Taiani - abstained

**4. Approving Resolution No. 15-013-Sponsoring a banner promoting the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra concert on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Action: Yes**

**Moved:** Mr. Lefebvre

**Second:** Ms. Moore

**All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

**5. Approving Resolution No 15-014 - Sponsoring a banner promoting a Bible Chapel Diaper Giveaway to Wilkinsburg Families.**

Date of event is Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 12-3 p.m. at 809 Center Street in Wilkinsburg [www.wilkinsburgbiblechapel.org](http://www.wilkinsburgbiblechapel.org) a banner will be posted from April 13th until May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Action: Yes**

**Moved:** Ms. Macklin

**Second:** Mr. Lefebvre

**All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Ms. Garrett - Capital Planning** – Neighborhood Allies Spring funding Eastridge Center renovation and remodeling was not approved, they would like to meet with them to see what projects they are actually interested in promoting in Wilkinsburg.

**Amanda Ford** - A letter was prepared for Jeffery Kara with Penn DOT District 11 informing him of the concurred to the paving project that will take place in June this summer.

**Mr. Shattuck - Capital Planning-** potential of the foreclosed property registry coming to present their products and a draft ordinance to the council, it was conformed, it will be add to the agenda for the next Capital Planning meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Amanda Ford - Civil Service Commission-** One of the Commissioners will be moving out of state at the end of April, she will no longer sit on the Civil Service Commission and she is available to certify a list. These two meetings will take place before the expiration of April.

**President McCarthy-Johnson** - Next workshop session we need to review the Authorities, Boards, and Commissions. We need all updated information with all the updated members and definitions of each committees, also the approval of the Talent Bank applications.

**Mr. Taiani** – DPW is there any funding for paving project to get rid of the potholes – alleyways are impassable – there was a shortage of materials and they are expecting a shipment of cold patch material.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Ms. Garrett** - Wilkinsburg's Ward 1 Community Conversation meeting Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Eastridge Center located on Graham Blvd. at the Eastridge Library. The topic discussion will focus on Economic Development through Entrepreneurial ship.

**Mr. Taiani** - Liquor License legislation on the May 19<sup>th</sup> primary ballot. What will be Council's position regarding this legislation? No action has been taken from Council. The Zoning Codes has been updated. President reads the petition out loud.

**Ms. Moore** - The Library is hosting a monthly free legal program for senior citizens. All appointments are arranged through the Eastern Area Adult Services in Turtle Creek. Seniors can schedule an appointment at the Library to meet with an attorney by calling 412-829-9250. In addition, new program classes are started in the spring gardening class began tonight for two weeks, free new oil painting class begins April 7<sup>th</sup> for eight weeks and are expanding the Memoir Writing Program to Eastridge beginning April 8<sup>th</sup>, check the website for more information.

**Ms. Macklin** - On March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Senator J. Costa will hold a Town Hall Meeting at the Wilkinsburg High School Auditorium addressing the 2015-2016 State Budget and address concerns, and any other social service issues.

**Mr. Shattuck** – Peoples Square has inquired about the remaining lots and whether or not if Council had any issues regarding additional development. Allegheny County Economic Development had informed the owners that they needed to convene a public meeting to determine the best use of the property (7 Commercial property). Attending Parkway East Corridor planning meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Dollar Bank is looking to get into the 203K Loan Program FHA insured rehab loan primary mortgage, construction financing for community in need of investment. Dollar Bank approached the CDC about doing a pilot project in Wilkinsburg, Allegheny County requested that we be present.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Beverly Garrett – 1080 Old Gate Road - Pittsburgh, PA 15235  
S. Trenton Ave - Wilkinsburg Welcome Sign comments on time-line of replacement of the sign. WCDC is going to speak on the Liquor License.

Amanda Ford – Provided an update on DPW removal of the sign and other debris has been completed today.

Council recessed into an Executive Session at approximately 8:05 p.m.  
Council reconvened the Legislative Session at approximately 9:02 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, President McCarthy-Johnson adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:02 p.m.

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Vanessa McCarthy-Johnson  
President Council