

WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Council Legislative Session
July 13, 2016

Call to Order

President Shattuck called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 p.m. in Council Chambers, second floor of the Municipal Building, 605 Ross Avenue, Wilkinsburg, PA 15221. An executive session was held prior to the meeting.

Roll Call

The roll was called to establish a quorum. Present were Ms. Garrett, Ms. Grannemann, Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. Macklin, Mr. Rose, Mr. Taiani, Ms. Trice, President Shattuck, Solicitor Witherel, Donn Henderson – Borough Manager, Amanda J. Ford – Assistant Borough Manager, and Officer Hamlin. Absent – Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, and Mayor Thompson. A quorum was established.

Pledge of Allegiance

Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Shattuck, a moment of silence was observed in remembrance of victims of violent crimes.

Public Comment

N/A

Presentation

- Dan Cohen, Cohen Law Group – Comcast Cable Franchise Renewal
 - Between Comcast, Verizon Fios, and Dish, Comcast is the only company that pays franchise fees to the borough.
 - May try to see if we can get free internet service to the borough.
 - Motion to accept the Cohen Law Group to represent us for the Cable Franchise Renewal.

Motion: Ms. Macklin

Second: Mr. Rose

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

Agenda Items

1. Discussion regarding Scenic Pittsburgh – David Demko

- Billboards are allowed and permit the use of L.E.D. illumination. David thinks that the ordinance should be updated to change/remove this.
- Electric utilities are allowed to go underground and should be utilized more often.

2. Approving Council Meeting Minutes for 6/1/16 and 6/8/16.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Mr. Taiani

A vote 7 – 1 abstain – Ms. Macklin; Motion carried.

3. Approving June 1-30 Checks issued.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Grannemann

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

4. Authorizing Roy, Clark, DPW Director to provide support materials to the Covenant Fellowship Church for the 10th Annual Clean-Up Day in the Park Triangle area.

Motion: Ms. Grannemann

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

5. Appointing Amanda Ford as the Right to Know Officer.

Motion: Mr. Taiani

Second: Ms. Garrett

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

6. Approving Resolution 16-065 – Ardmore Pedestrian Walkway Restoration Project Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant.

- Funding to help cover the costs of reducing sewage overflow

Motion: Ms. Macklin

Second: Ms. Garrett

A vote 7 – 1 abstain – Mr. Taiani; Motion carried.

7. Authorizing Borough Manager to prepare a Letter of Intent for GROW/Alcosan Grant.

Motion: Ms. Macklin

Second: Ms. Trice

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

8. Approving Street Closure – Mifflin Avenue UMC Lot – Reverend Kelly Smith for the 4th Annual Church Block Party/Animal Rescue League fundraiser scheduled for 7/23/16.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Garrett

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

Public Comment

1. Kate Luxemburg – 432 Rebecca Ave.
 - Regarding the noise ordinance – Reports that 425 Rebecca Ave has residents being very loud on the morning of July 12, 2016 between 8AM-9:30AM.

Old Business

1. There was an inquiry about Sustainable Pittsburgh – No updates.
2. Discussion regarding using Imagebox for updating the borough website. RFP to be prepared by the Borough Manager's office.
3. President Shattuck spoke with the Port Authority Board Chairperson and will be meeting with them shortly. Date to be determined.

New Business

1. CONNECT fall meeting for the utilities summit is going to be held Thursday, September 22, 2016 from 9AM-11AM at Shaler Township's municipal building.
2. Administrative meeting for August 10, 2016 has been cancelled, the council retreat will be held on August 10th from 5PM-9PM.
3. Dream City Art Festival to be held on July 16, 2016.
4. Bids for demolition project have been advertised.
5. 408-410 Rebecca Ave. duplex & Woodlawn Ave. has been reported to have rats
6. Youth Places has completed several cleaning projects around the borough. They will be having pizza and will receive certificates for their work.
7. Marc Taiani would like to work with the Borough Manager's office to establish an Adopt-A-Block program for cleaning up the borough.

Adjournment

- Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Patrick M. Shattuck
President Council