

WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Council Legislative Session
Minutes
September 14, 2016

Call to Order

President Shattuck called the meeting to order at approximately 7:01 p.m. in Council Chambers, second floor of the Municipal Building, 605 Ross Avenue, Wilkinsburg, PA 15221.

Roll Call

The roll was called to establish a quorum. Present were Ms. Macklin, Mr. Rose, Mr. Taiani, Ms. Trice, President Shattuck, Donn Henderson – Borough Manager, and Amanda J. Ford, Assistant Borough Manager. Absent – Ms. Garrett, Ms. Grannemann, Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, and Mayor John 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 Jim Richard long-time Wilkinsburg resident that passed away this morning.

Public Comment

- 1) None.

Agenda Items

- Before getting to the Agenda, President Shattuck introduced Manjot Singh, a Coro Fellow, who's been assisting with several projects here within the borough.
- 1. Approving Council Meeting Minutes for 7/6/16

Motion: Ms. Macklin

Second: Ms. Trice

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.

2. Approving Council Meeting Minutes for 7/13/16

Motion: Ms. Macklin

Second: Ms. Trice

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.

3. Approving Council Meeting Minutes for 8/3/16

Motion: Ms. Trice

Second: Ms. Macklin

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.

4. Approving Special Council Meeting Minutes for 8/22/16

Motion: Ms. Trice

Second: Mr. Rose

A vote 4 – 1 abstain – Ms. Macklin; Motion carried.

5. Approving July 1-31 Checks Issued.

Motion: Mr. Taiani

Second: Mr. Rose

A vote 5 -0; Motion carried.

6. Approving August 1-31 Checks Issued.

Motion: Ms. Trice

Second: Mr. Taiani

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.

7. Approving Ordinance No. 16-001 – Amending Chapter 226 relating to Streets and Sidewalks.

Motion: Ms. Macklin

Second: Mr. Taiani

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.

8. Approving Ordinance No. 16-002 – Authorizing the Debt Obligation Bond.
- Mr. Taiani originally abstained with his vote. After further discussion later in the meeting, Mr. Taiani changed his vote to a yes.

Motion: Ms. Macklin

Second: Ms. Trice

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.

9. Approving Resolution No. 16-072 – Authorizing the Borough Manager and Assistant Manager to enter into the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank (PIB) Loan Agreement.
- This is for funding for paving roads in 2017. This will be the vote for the application to be submitted.

Motion: Mr. Rose

Second: Ms. Trice

A roll call vote; 4 yes – 1 no for Mr. Taiani; Motion carried.

10. Approving **Resolution No. 16-073** – Partnering with Allegheny County Live Well Campaign.

Motion: Ms. Macklin

Second: Mr. Rose

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.

11. Approving **Resolution No. 16-074** – Authorizing the Borough of Wilkesburg to enter into an application for TRID Planning Study for Wilkesburg Train Station.

Motion: Ms. Macklin

Second: Mr. Rose

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.

12. Approving a Conditional Offer of Employment to Taylor Lee as Branch Manager of Eastridge Library effective September 15, 2016 at a yearly salary of \$38,000.00.

Motion: Ms. Trice

Second: Mr. Taiani

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.

13. Approving a Conditional Offer of Employment to Hannah Kahlke as Adult Assistance Service (Library) at \$11.85 hourly pay rate effective September 15, 2016.

Motion: Ms. Trice

Second: Mr. Taiani

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.

14. Approving a Conditional Offer of Employment to Wendy Silva as Adult Assistance Service (Library) at \$11.85 hourly pay rate effective September 15, 2016.

Motion: Ms. Trice

Second: Mr. Taiani

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.

15. Approving a Conditional Offer of Employment to Kathleen Rawlins as Part-time Administrative Assistance to Department of Public Works Director at \$15.00 hourly pay rate effective September 19, 2016.

Motion: Ms. Trice

Second: Ms. Macklin

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.

16. Approving a Conditional Offer of Employment to Derek McKinley as Full-time CDL/Driver for Department of Public Works at \$19.86 hourly pay rate effective October 3, 2016.

Motion: Ms. Trice

Second: Ms. Macklin

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.

17. Approving a Conditional Offer of Employment to Terry Perry as Seasonal Part-time in Department of Public Works at \$10.50 hourly pay rate.

Motion: Ms. Trice

Second: Mr. Rose

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.

18. Approving a Conditional Offer of Employment to Warren Deer as Seasonal Part-time in Department of Public Works at \$10. 50 hourly pay rate.

Motion: Ms. Trice

Second: Ms. Macklin

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.

19. Approving a support letter authorizing (NMRWA) to submit the TreeVitalize Pittsburgh application for spring 2017 planting season.

- Construction Company expected to remove existing trees.

Motion: Mr. Taiani

Second: Ms. Trice

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.

20. Approving the resignation of Teisha Stolich effective August 31, 2016.

Motion: Ms. Trice

Second: Mr. Taiani

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.

21. Approving Accessible Parking Permit for Carmella Germany at 535 Shelbourne Avenue and Kenneth Ritter at 1967 McNary Blvd.

Motion: Ms. Macklin

Second: Ms. Trice

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.

22. Approving Banner for Boys & Girls Club Registrar Membership from September through October 2016.

Motion: Ms. Trice

Second: Mr. Rose

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.

23. Conditional Approval pending police department review - Street Closure – WCDC Parking Day Event for September 16, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. thru 8:00 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Taiani

Second: Mr. Rose

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.

24. Approving Penn Avenue Parklet - Public Property Use – Brother Alfred Shields Back to School Event Part-2 for September 17, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. thru 7:00 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Rose

Second: Ms. Trice

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.

25. Approving Street Closure – Abraham Regier – 900 Block East End Annual Block Party on September 25, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. thru 7:00 p.m.

Motion: Ms. Macklin

Second: Ms. Trice

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.

26. Approving Street Closure – Hilltop Block Watch - Community Event on September 25, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. thru 6:30 p.m.

Motion: Ms. Trice

Second: Ms. Macklin

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.

27. Approving Street Closure – Joel Bruenin - Block Party/Safe Trick or Treat on October 30, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. thru 9:30 p.m.

Motion: Ms. Trice

Second: Mr. Rose

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.

28. Discussion regarding Chestnut Street eliminating parking on one-side of alley on day of scheduled garbage pick-up.

- Borough Manager indicated that another solution may be in the works. Will discuss further with DPW Director.

29. Discussion regarding proposed bids for salt storage facility.

- 2 bids received: Raffle Construction for \$29,795 and Vogel Co for \$40,751.
- Motion to award the low-bid to Raffle Construction.

Motion: Ms. Macklin

Second: Ms. Trice

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.

30. Discussion to authorize the legal advertisement of the Amended Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

Motion: Ms. Trice

Second: Ms. Macklin

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.

31. Approving an execution of consent order of the preliminary and final site plan approval for Akator LLC.

- No motion
- A new motion was proposed to table this item until “Full Council” is present.

Motion: Ms. Macklin

Second: Ms. Trice

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.

Public Comment

- 1) Jennifer Chenowith – 1200 E. 2nd St. Austin, TX 78702 – Introduced herself as the designee from the Office of Public Art and Neighborhood Allies to do art projects in 6 different neighborhoods. Interested in learning about what art projects that the borough is interested in.
- 2) Kate Luxemburg – 432 Rebecca Ave – Jim Richards passed away. Kate expressed her condolences.
- 3) Michaela Diallo – 824 Hill Ave – Wants to start a community garden across the street from her home. Requesting a waiver for the fee. President Shattuck advised that we can’t control waiving the fee but suggested starting a garden at 718-720 Hill Ave. Mr. Rose advised of a program called Grow Pittsburgh and will connect with Michaela afterwards for further assistance.
- 4) Loretta Payne – 717 Wallace Ave – Alleyway at Horner & Graf. Can barely access her garage due to the garbage, weeds, and trees.

Old Business

- CITF Grant Contract Agreement formal signatures and submission. Bids came in lower than expected and 12 properties have been added to the list. Council approval needed to proceed with the amended contract.
 - o Motion to execute the approved amendment of the CITF Contract.

Motion: Mr. Taiani

Second: Ms. Trice

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.

- 700 Block of Pitt Street Residential Parking petition
 - o Petition was turned in, Borough Manager to get the process started with a parking study for the area.

New Business

- Intersection of Penn & Coal
 - o Will discuss further with PennDot & State Representative
 - o Borough engineer to review alternatives for Coal (One Way, Right Turn Only, etc)
- On October 5th at 5PM, there will be a subdivision and land development public hearing in relation to U-Pull and Pay on Robinson and 1430 Foliage.
- Approving funds for a luncheon in the amount of \$250 for Pitt Serves Students fall cleanup.

Motion: Mr. Taiani

Second: Mr. Rose

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.

- Mr. Taiani advised, at the intersection of Kelly & Todd there is “orange water” bubbling up. Requested Code Enforcement Director to look into it. Also, there is a park nearby that hasn’t been maintained.
- Eastern Area Pre-Hospital Services will be giving free flu shots on October 19th from 2pm-5pm
- CMU Students will be here on September 24th for a cleanup project.
- Concern arose regarding groundhog activity.
- Social Media Committee is working on the redesign of the Wilkesburg Borough logo.
- KFC’s Day of Giving was a huge success. They gave away 10,000 meals.
- UBER now has self-driving cars, discussion followed regarding if the borough needs any intervention with the cars driving through Wilkesburg.

Adjournment

- President Shattuck – Announces Council will go into executive session for purpose of personnel and legal litigation. No action is expected to be taken.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Patrick M. Shattuck
President Council