

WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Council Legislative Session
March 8, 2017
Minutes

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.

Roll Call

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

1. None

Agenda Items

1. Approving Council Meeting Minutes for 2/1/2017.
 - a. Minutes to be updated to reflect the absence of Mr. Diamond.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Vice-President Garrett

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

2. Approving Council Meeting Minutes for 2/8/2017.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Vice-President Garrett

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

3. Approving Checks Issued February 1st-28th 2017

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Vice-President Garrett

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

4. Approval of SEIU Local Union #668 contractual agreement contingent upon rank and file approval.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Macklin

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

5. **Resolution No. 17-013** – VPRP Application for 613 Wood Street.
 - a. President Shattuck advises that since this item was tabled in a previous meeting, we will need a motion to remove this item from being tabled.
 - b. Motion to take Resolution No. 17-013 off the table

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Mr. Diamond

A vote 7 yes – 1 abstain (Ms. Garrett); Motion carried.

- c. Motion to approve Resolution No. 17-013 VPRP Application for 613 Wood Street.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Vice-President Garrett

A vote 6 yes – 2 abstain (Ms. Garrett, Mr. Taiani); Motion carried.

6. **Resolution No. 17-014** Amending Kathleen Rawlins Appointment to WPJWA.
 - a. Filling an empty seat with a term 2/1/2017 thru 12/31/2019

Motion: Ms. Macklin

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

7. **Resolution No. 17-019** – Reappointing Brenda Joyce-May – WPJWA.
 - a. Term from 3/8/2017 thru 12/31/2021

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Vice-President Garrett

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

8. **Resolution No. 17-020** – False Alarm Permit Fee.
 - a. After 4th false alarm, fee will be \$75, then \$100 for each additional occurrence for residential properties.
 - b. After 4th false alarm, fee will be \$100, then \$150 for each additional occurrence for commercial properties.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Vice-President Garrett

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

9. **Resolution No. 17-021** – Offering Condition of Employment to Elizabeth Giron as Full-Time Code Enforcement Officer at an annual salary of \$40,568.
 - a. *Ms. Trice objects to this item because she feels that if we are going to have trainees; then they should be a borough resident.*

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Vice-President Garrett

A vote 8 yes – 1 no (Ms. Trice); Motion carried.

10. Resolution No. 17-022 Awarding Jadell Minniefield Construction for CD 42 Demolition Project.
 - a. Amount of \$92,300.00

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Vice-President Garrett

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

11. Resolution No. 17-023 – Awarding Lutterman Excavating for CD 39 Hosanna House Area Demolition Project.
 - a. Amount of \$58,200.00
 - b. Optional amount of \$8,500 for alternate option.

Motion: Mr. Rose

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

12. Approving Street Closure application for WCDC Main Street Event contingent upon approval of Police Department.
 - a. Event to be held Saturday May 20, 2017

Motion: Mr. Rose

Second: Vice-President Garrett

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

13. Authorizing to advertise Zoning amendment hearing to be held on April 5, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Macklin

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

14. Discussion regarding Comcast Grant – Borough Manager.
 - a. \$17,000 to use for recreational purposes for the borough.
 - b. This would allow the borough to host movies in the park and other activities.

- c. Consensus of council for Borough Manager to move forward.

15. Accepting Library employee Wendy Silva's letter of resignation effective March 28, 2017.

Motion: Ms. Macklin

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

Public Comment

1. None

Old Business

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New Business

1. Mr. Taiani brought up the fact that people are putting up “We Buy Houses” and “Political” signs. Mr. Parrish addressed the concerns and advised that when signage is put up on telephone poles action is taken to send notice of violation and citation if necessary.
2. Ms. Garrett advises that the website launch party was a great success, the new website is now live and can be reviewed at www.wilkinsburgpa.gov.
3. Ms. Macklin advises, on March 10th, Percolate on S. Trenton Avenue will be having an Art Exhibition from 6 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.
4. Ms. Macklin advises that the Job Fair held at the Christian Church was a great success.
5. Ms. Macklin advises that XPogo is excited to be a part of Wilkinsburg.
6. Tickets to the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra are for sale by the members of council.
7. Recognition was given to Manjot Singh, our Coro Fellow for his outstanding work for the borough for the time he was here.

Adjournment

- President Shattuck – Announces that an executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss legal issues.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Patrick M. Shattuck
President Council