

WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Council Legislative Work Session
April 12, 2017
Minutes

Call to Order

President Shattuck called the meeting to order at approximately 7 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, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Mr. Rose, Mr. Taiani, Ms. Trice, President Shattuck, Mayor John Thompson, Donn Henderson – Borough Manager, and Amanda J. Ford – Assistant Borough Manager. 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 and those involved in a shooting that occurred a few hours before the meeting.

Public Comment

1. N/A

Agenda Items

1. Approving of Council Meeting Minutes for 3/1/2017.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Vice-president Garrett

A vote 8 – 1 Abstain (Ms. Trice); Motion carried.

2. Approving of Council Meeting Minutes for 3/8/2017.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Vice-president Garrett

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

3. Approving of Checks Issued for March 1-31, 2017.

Motion: Vice-president Garrett

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

4. Authorizing Donn Henderson as Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) Voting Delegate.

Motion: Vice-president Garrett

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

5. Police issue #1.
 - a. 10 day suspension

Motion: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

Second: Mr. Diamond

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

6. Police issue #2.
 - a. 10 day suspension

Motion: Mr. Rose

Second: Mr. Diamond

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

7. Police issue #3.
 - a. 5 day suspension

Motion: Mr. Diamond

Second: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

8. **Resolution No. 17-025** – Authorizing Park Permit for Wilkinsburg Community Festival – Mayor Thompson

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Vice-president Garrett

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

9. **Resolution No. 17-026** – Authorizing WCDC and Sanctuary Project a Park Permit for Ferguson Playground for basketball tournament.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Macklin

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

10. **Resolution No. 17-027** – Authorizing Wilkinsburg Baseball Association Opening Day/Peace Parade for Turner Field.

Motion: Mr. Taiani

Second: Ms. Trice

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

11. **Resolution No. 17-028** – Authorizing Banner for Sister Thea Bowman Catholic Academy for school enrollment.

- a. Requested 6 weeks on the application.
- b. Mr. Workman advised the organization that the approval would be for 3 weeks. If they want an additional 3 weeks, they are to submit a new application.

Motion: Vice-president Garrett

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

12. **Resolution No. 17-029** – Authorizing Park Permit for Hunter Park pavilion and ballfield – Charlene Knight.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Trice

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

13. Discussion regarding Golden Gate No. 33 Adopt-A-Park for Earth Day – April 22, 2017.
- a. Golden Gate #33 would like to adopt the Holmes Street Playground and that general area to volunteer to maintain the park to keep it clean.
 - b. Motion to approve request from Golden Gate #33 to Adopt-A-Park for Earth Day.

Motion: Ms. Macklin

Second: Ms. Trice

A vote 8 – 1 abstain (Mr. Rose); Motion carried.

14. Discussion regarding paving project list.
- a. This is in reference to the PIB Loan for the large street paving project to commence soon for the borough.
 - b. Need to act quickly while prices are still low.
 - c. Consensus of council to go out to bid.
 - d. Alleyways may be considered with remaining funds if any.

Public Comment

1. Kate Luxemburg – 432 Rebecca Ave.
 - a. Recommends that we post the map of the streets to be paved on the website.

Old Business

1. Ms. Macklin sends thanks to DPW & CMU Students that helped with cleaning up tires and trash on a few borough streets.

New Business

1. President Shattuck would like to advise that there will be a meeting on Monday April 17th from 6-7:30 PM organized by Rayden Srorock, Community Garden Program Manager at Grow Pittsburgh. Wilksburg Garden Meetup – 1300 E. Swissvale Avenue. Bring any gardening activity dates and events to increase collaboration and share resources.
2. Ms. McCarthy-Johnson inquired about the status of the Meter Feeder program. Mr. Henderson advises that it is still in the works and they are ironing out some technical issues.
3. Ms. McCarthy-Johnson inquired about Duquesne Light's program to obtain 10 LED street lights. Mr. Henderson advised that we will apply again for more this year.
4. Ms. Macklin advises that the Port Authority is working on a Bus Rapid Transit project and they had a few options that they were exploring to expand bus service to more neighborhoods.
5. Mayor Thompson advised that Mr. Samuel Jackson is having a JuneTeenth Celebration and has invited Wilksburg. Event will be June 15th, 16th, and 17th.
6. Ms. McCarthy-Johnson advised that the Special Events Committee meeting will be tomorrow, 4/13/17 at 6:30pm.
7. Ms. Macklin advised that the Baseball Parade will be at 10AM on May 6th, 2017.
8. Ms. Macklin advised that the Eastridge Library Book sale will be starting on May 4th.

Adjournment

- President Shattuck announced that prior to the meeting, an executive session was held to discuss legal & personnel matters.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Michael Lefebvre
Council Pro-Tempore