

WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Council Legislative Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2018

Call to Order

President Macklin called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 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. Atkins, Ms. Edwards, Ms. Lee, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Mr. Rose (arrival at 8PM), Mr. Shattuck, Ms. Trice, President Macklin, Donn Henderson – Borough Manager and Amanda J. Ford – Assistant Borough Manager. Solicitor Witherel was also present.

Absent was Mr. Lefebvre, and Mayor Marita Garrett. A quorum was established.

Pledge of Allegiance

Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Macklin, a moment of silence was observed for the victims of the shooting tragedy in Florida that occurred earlier in the week.

Presentation

1. A proclamation was presented to Marge Johnston for her retirement on February 23, 2018 after 36 years of employment. She was presented with a custom engraved watch as a gift of thanks for her many years of service.
2. A plaque was presented to the Borough's Coro Fellow, Jad Hilal, as his services come to an end. Warm remarks were made by President Macklin, Mr. Henderson, Ms. Trice, and Mr. Shattuck. Mr. Hilal gave a brief speech thanking everyone.

Public Comment

1. Mark Weiss – 401 Penn Avenue
 - a. Mr. Weiss spoke in regards to item #10 on the agenda. He urges council to limit the use of the property and to limit the prospective buyers of the property.

Agenda Items

1. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for 01/2/2018.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

A vote 6 – 1 abstain (Atkins); Motion carried.

2. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for 01/10/2018.
 - a. Motion was made to table this item for correction regarding new business

Motion: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

3. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for 01/17/2018.

Motion: Mr. Shattuck

Second: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

A vote 6 – 1 abstain (Atkins); Motion carried.

4. Approval of Checks Issued for January 1-31 2018.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Ms. Lee

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

5. Accepting the retirement resignation of Margaret Johnston effective February 23, 2018

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

6. Approving Park Permit for Wilkinsburg Baseball Association – Dave Reese.

Motion: Mr. Shattuck

Second: Ms. Trice

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

7. Approving Baseball Parade Permit for Wilkinsburg Baseball Association – Dave Reese.

Motion: Mr. Shattuck

Second: Ms. Trice

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

8. Approving Street Closure for WCDC Two-Way Street Festival – Marlee Gallagher.

Motion: Mr. Shattuck

Second: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

9. Approving Public Property Use of Vacant Lot on South Ave @ Wood Street – WCDC.

Motion: Mr. Shattuck

Second: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

10. **Ordinance 18-002** – Amending Chapter 260 relating to zoning Section 318 Table 10 – Table.
 - a. An amendment to authorized uses for property within the business district.

Motion: Mr. Shattuck

Second: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

A vote 6 – 1 no (Edwards); Motion carried.

****Items 11 through 26 were all approved as a group****

11. **Resolution 18-004** – Reappointing Glenn Freund – Planning Commission.
12. **Resolution 18-005** – Reappointing Patrick Shattuck – Planning Commission
13. **Resolution 18-006** – Appointing China Lee – Planning Commission
14. **Resolution 18-007** – Reappointing Jeanne Drennan – Shade Tree Commission.
15. **Resolution 18-008** – Appointing Linda Atkins – Shade Tree Commission.
16. **Resolution 18-009** – Reappointing Denise Sheffey – Parks and Recreation.
17. **Resolution 18-010** – Reappointing Patrick Shattuck – Parks and Recreation.
18. **Resolution 18-011** – Appointing Michael Jehn – Parks and Recreation.
19. **Resolution 18-012** – Reappointing Greg Stocke – Library Board Directors
20. **Resolution 18-014** – Reappointing Phyllis Wetherby – Civil Service Commission
21. **Resolution 18-015** – Reappointing Vince Neal – Library Board Directors
22. **Resolution 18-016** – Appointing Charmaine Currin – Alternate Civil Service Commission.
23. **Resolution 18-017** – Reappointing Leigh Pugliano – WAC.
24. **Resolution 18-018** – Appointing Josh Rolon – WAC.
25. **Resolution 18-019** – Reappointing Jason Cohn – ZHB.
26. **Resolution 18-020** – Reappointing Doug Duffus – ZHB.

Motion: Ms. Trice

Second: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried for items 11-26.

27. **Resolution 18-021** – Fire Escrow Funds Used for Removal of Blight Property.

Motion: Mr. Shattuck

Second: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

28. **Resolution 18-022** – Supporting a Citizen’s Commission of Legislative and Congressional Redistricting.

Motion: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

29. Resolution 18-023 – Tax Collector Exoneration of 2017.

Motion: Mr. Shattuck

Second: Ms. Trice

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

30. Resolution 18-024 - Approving DCNR Small Water Sewer Program Grant.

Motion: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

Public Comment

1. Kate Luxemburg – 432 Rebecca Avenue
 - a. Urges council to consider demolition of 509 Pitt Street.
2. Tony Anderson – Wood Towers
 - a. The maintenance team for Wood Towers has been maintaining the Borough Owned lot at the corner of South & Wood. They are looking to either seek compensation for supplies/maintenance costs or some sort of additional investment to the area or the residents of the building (Parking passes, additional trash cans).

Old Business

1. N/A

New Business

1. Ms. Edwards announces that there will be a presentation honoring Dr. Martin Luther King on Friday, February 23, 2018 at the corner of Pitt and Rebecca.
2. Ms. Edwards announces that some of the young people in Pittsburgh will be mobilizing in support of the victims from the shooting in Florida. There will be a March in Downtown Pittsburgh on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at noon.
3. Ms. Lee advises that there will be a special screening of the movie Black Panther for families that would like to participate on February 25, 2018 at 2pm.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Pamela Macklin President Council