

WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Council Work Session Minutes
April 4, 2018

Call to Order

Vice-President McCarthy-Johnson called the meeting to order at approximately 7:03 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, Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Mr. Rose (via phone), Mr. Shattuck, Ms. Trice, Mayor Garrett, Donn Henderson – Borough Manager and Amanda J. Ford – Assistant Borough Manager.

Absent was President Macklin. A quorum was established.

Pledge of Allegiance

Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice-President McCarthy-Johnson, a moment of silence was observed to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Presentation

- Preservation Pittsburgh
 - Several members of the group spoke towards plans to work with local churches to help with restorations.
 - Would like to organize church tours.
 - They requested for someone from council to volunteer as the main point of contact for updates in the process. Councilwoman Edwards volunteered to be the POC.
 - They are hoping to lure in volunteers for gardening/landscaping projects.
 - They are partnering with Jennifer Chenowith to raise funds to support the many projects they have planned.
- Police Department Statistical Report – Chief Coleman
 - Chief Coleman, Lt. Krempasky, -Detectives Rourke, Catanzaro, and Yuhouse presented a PowerPoint presentation of their year-end stats for 2017.
 - Detective Yuhouse plans to administer A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate) training to local schools (teachers and students), businesses, and employees of the borough.
 - Chief Coleman will distribute the presentation to council after the meeting.

Public Comment

1. N/A

Agenda Items

1. Proclamation reading for National Library Week 2018
 - a. Proclamation was read by Vice-President McCarthy-Johnson
 - b. Bob Metz, Library Director was in attendance to receive the proclamation.
2. Council Committee reports:
 - a. Administrative Committee – Full Council
 - i. Nothing to report
 - b. Blight and Capital Planning committee – Patrick Shattuck, Chair
 - i. Project timeline has been sent out for review.
 - c. Budget and Finance Committee – Patrick Shattuck, Chair
 - i. Reviewed properties for tax appeal
 - d. Planning Commission – Patrick Shattuck, Member
 - i. VPRP application was table, no quorum established.
 - e. Business Outreach and Jobs Development – Pamela Macklin, Chair
 - i. Presentation from A. Phillip Randolf for construction training
 - f. Constituent Service & Special Events Committee – Vanessa McCarthy-Johnson, Chair
 - i. Nothing to report.
 - g. Personnel, Policy, and Procedure Committee – Paige Trice, Chair
 - i. Reviewed staffing and talked about Junior Council.
 - h. Public Safety Committee – Vanessa McCarthy-Johnson, Chair
 - i. A.L.I.C.E. Training was discussed
 - i. Social Media and Promotions Committee – Denise Edwards, Chair
 - i. A communication survey has been widely distributed inquiring with residents how to best reach them.
 - j. Manager’s Report – Donn Henderson
 - i. The 3rd floor auditorium renovations are underway and going well.

Public Comment

1. Jerry Mellix – 2196 Vantine Street
 - a. Would like to draw some attention to the blight on his street, specifically 2185 & 2179 Vantine Street.

Old Business

1. N/A

New Business

1. Port Authority is holding a public regarding routes that impact Wilkinsburg (61A, 61B, 61C) at the Rankin Christian Center in Rankin, PA on 4/12/2018 at 6PM.

2. The School Board will still be hosting the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra at the High School. Details forthcoming.
3. The next Senior Fun Day is April 24th at the Borough Building from 9:30am to 2pm.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Pamela Macklin
President Council