

WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Council Legislative Session
June 20, 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, Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Mr. Rose, Mr. Shattuck, Ms. Trice, President Macklin, Mayor Garrett, Donn Henderson – Borough Manager and Amanda J. Ford – Assistant Borough Manager.

Absent was Ms. Lee. A quorum was established.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Macklin. President Macklin requested a moment of silence for Michelle Kinney for her son Antwon Rose who was killed by an East Pittsburgh Police Officer.

Plaque Presentation

- An award/plaque was presented to Police Lieutenant, Michele Krempasky for her 24+ years of service.

Proclamation

- A Hero's Proclamation was presented to School Crossing, Donna Askew, for her actions in April 2018 to save a child from a driver who ran the stop sign.

Public Comment

1. Jeanne Drennan – 816 S. Trenton Avenue
 - a. Regarding a Parklet at the corner of Douglass and Laketon.
 - b. Requesting \$325.00 to cover remaining balance of a stone marker.
 - c. Motion was made to grant the request for the borough to cover the remaining \$325.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Mr. Rose

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

2017 Financial Audit Report

- Maher Duessel – Robert Belicose
 - o Reviewed the overall reports for the 2017 Financial Audit

Agenda Items

1. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for 5/2/2018.
 - a. Ms. McCarthy Johnson was absent for this meeting.
 - b. Mayor Garrett was absent for this meeting.
 - c. Roll call will be corrected for the final copy.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

2. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for 5/16/2018.
 - a. Ms. McCarthy-Johnson was present for this meeting.
 - b. Rollcall will be corrected for the final copy.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Mr. Shattuck

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

3. Approval of Checks Issued for May 1-31 2018:
 - d. May 1-31 2018 - ***\$808,151.33***
 - e. Payroll Disbursements - ***\$285,780.50***
 - f. Voided Checks – ***(\$0.00)***
 - g. Total Disbursement - ***\$1,093,931.83***

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

4. Approving application for Public Property Use/Wallace Avenue Lot - Free-Store Wilksburg Produce and Food Distribution Bank – Beverly Garrett

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Mr. Rose

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

5. Approving application for Public Property Use/Wallace Avenue Lot for Community Days- Mayor Garrett

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Mr. Shattuck

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

6. Approving application for Public Property Use/Penn Avenue Parklet for Prayer Vigil for Peace – Wilkinsburg Sanctuary Project – Pastor Janet Hellner-Borris

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

7. Approving application for Park/Playground/Hunter Park for Child Birthday Party – Latefah Bennett

Motion: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

Second: Mr. Shattuck

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

8. Approving VPRP Application for 719 Kelly Avenue – Melanie Fletcher. (Assigned Resolution 18-045)

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

9. **Resolution 18-042** – Extending a Conditional Offer of Employment for Richard Brown as DPW Summer Seasonal at pay rate of \$11.00.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Mr. Rose

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

10. **Resolution 18-043** – Extending a Conditional Offer of Employment for Stephon Byrd as DPW Summer Seasonal at pay rate of \$11.00.

Motion: Mr. Shattuck

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

11. **Resolution 18-044** – Extending a Conditional Offer of Employment for Kenneth Wilson as DPW Summer Seasonal at pay rate of \$11.00.

Motion: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

Second: Mr. Shattuck

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

12. Discussion regarding Ferguson playground mural – (PUCS) Pittsburgh Urban Christian School
 - a. Jody Guy to submit a grant application to fund the project for the students of Pittsburgh Urban Christian School (PUCS) to paint a mural on the Ferguson Playground wall that faces Center Street.
 - b. Painting to take place in June 2019 if all goes well.

Public Comment

1. Kate Luxemburg – 432 Rebecca Avenue
 - a. Request to council to make a special commemoration to Michelle Kinney, the mother of Antwon Rose.

Old Business

1. Mr. Trice requests that permit applications submitted to council need to be complete copies.
2. Ms. Edwards advises of the poor road conditions at the intersection of Center and Ewing.
 - a. Any streets that need attention can be sent to the Borough Manager.
3. Mr. Shattuck advises that the Redevelopment Authority is expected at the Capital Planning Meeting.

New Business

1. Ms. McCarthy-Johnson advises that Kelly School and Turner School are re-structuring. Kelly School will house Kindergarten through 2nd grade. Turner will house 3rd through 6th grade.
2. Ms. Edwards advises of the vigil and protest of the caging of children separated from their families at the border to be held tonight at 9pm at the 6th Presbyterian Church at the corner of Forbes & Murray.
3. Mr. Rose spoke about organizing a clean-up between the block-watches in the Park Avenue Playground area. Renovations to the Park are supposed to begin within 90 days.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – Ms. McCarthy-Johnson
Second – Mr. Lefebvre
Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Pamela Macklin
President Council