

WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Council Legislative Session Minutes
July 18, 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 (7:15pm), Mr. Shattuck, President Macklin, Mayor Garrett, Donn Henderson – Borough Manager and Amanda J. Ford – Assistant Borough Manager.

Absent was Ms. Lee, Mr. Rose, and Ms. Trice. A quorum was established.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Macklin. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, President Macklin announced that council will go into executive session immediately after adjournment.

K-9 Presentation

- Chief Coleman
 - Wilkinsburg Police lost 2 K-9 units last year and have plans to purchase 2 more.
 - 1 additional K-9 unit may be sought after next year to have a total of 3.
 - Officers involved will be Sgt. Wilson, Officer Granger, and Officer Stanga.
 - The K-9 units have already been budgeted.

Public Comment

1. N/A

Agenda Items

1. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for 5/30/2018

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Ms. Atkins

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.

2. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for 6/6/2018

Motion: Mr. Shattuck

Second: Ms. Atkins

A vote 4 – 1 Abstain (Edwards); Motion carried.

3. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for 6/20/2018

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Mr. Shattuck

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.

4. Approval of Checks Issued for June 1-30, 2018.
 - a. June 1-30, 2018 - \$998,553.07
 - b. Payroll Disbursements - \$293,422.47
 - c. Voided Checks - \$31,363.50
 - d. Total Disbursement - \$1,260,612.04

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.

5. **Resolution 18-047** – Approving VPRP Application for 763 Penn Avenue – Robert Whitehurst & Jennifer Chenowith.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.

6. **Resolution 18-049** – Approving modifications to the approved Subdivision and Land Development Plan for 601 Penn Avenue, Wilkinsburg Beverage.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Mr. Shattuck

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.

7. **Resolution 18-050** – Authorizing Borough Manager to correspond with County, State and Federal Representatives to request funding for infrastructure improvements to trestles.
 - a. Questions about details of this and other agenda items were asked by Vanessa Buffry – 821 Mifflin. Her concerns were addressed by Ms. Edwards and Mr. Henderson.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried.

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

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Mr. Shattuck

A vote 6 – 0; Motion carried.

9. Approving Street Closure application for Community Block Party – 9 Mile Run – Lindsey-Rose Flowers.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 6 – 0; Motion carried.

10. Approving Public Property Use/Wallace Avenue Lot for Back to School Event – Wilkinsburg School District – Wendy Fowler.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 6 – 0; Motion carried.

11. Approving Playground Facility Use/Hunter Park for Wilkinsburg Athletic Association – Phylicia Tarpley.

Motion: Mr. Shattuck

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 6 – 0; Motion carried.

12. Approving Street Closure Permit for Wilkinsburg Block Watch – Clifton McGill.
a. Mr. McGill was in attendance and advised that this closure for the 500 Block of Hill Avenue is for the “Night Out” celebration that takes place in several locations.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 6 – 0; Motion carried.

13. Approving Playground Facility Use/Hunter Park for Wilkinsburg Alumni Reunion Cookout – Nero Crawford.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 6 – 0; Motion carried.

14. Accepting Madeline Weiss letter of resignation effective July 27, 2018.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

A vote 6 – 0; Motion carried.

Public Comment

1. Jennifer Chenowith – 761 Penn Avenue
 - a. Requests that council would add to a future agenda for the submission of a grant to support the Art Project that her nonprofit, Fisterra Projects, is working on.
 - b. Also going to have a Sacred Space Art Tour on Saturday, October, 13th.
2. Kevin Peeler – Churchill Resident, Ed Gainey Staff
 - a. Requesting an update on the 15 year old individual that was shot recently.
 - b. Chief Coleman advised that the investigation is being led by the Allegheny County Homicide Division.

Old Business

1. Mr. Shattuck advises that Monday is the final TRID meeting at 6pm at the Hosanna House.
2. Mr. Shattuck advises that Blight and Capital Planning will be discussing the improvements to the Ardmore Wall this next Wednesday the 25th.
3. Ms. Edwards advises that there will be a Job Opportunity Event at the South Avenue Methodist Church next Tuesday.

New Business

1. Mr. Shattuck advises that XPogo is hosting their Pogopalooza event this weekend.
2. Ms. Edwards requests a public hearing regarding the Antwon Rose shooting and other public safety issues in September.

Adjournment

Council went into executive session at approximately 7:40 PM.
No action was taken.
Meeting was adjourned immediately following executive session.

Pamela Macklin
President Council