

WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Council Legislative Session
November 20, 2019

Call to Order

President Macklin called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 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.

Council Members Present:

Ms. Atkins
Ms. Edwards
Mr. Lefebvre
Ms. McCarthy-Johnson (arrival at 7:15pm)
Mr. Scott
Ms. Trice
President Macklin.

Council Members Absent:

Mr. Rose

Mayor

Mayor Garrett - Present

A quorum was established.

Other attendees:

Borough Manager – Donn Henderson
Assistant Borough Manager – Amanda Ford
Solicitor – Mike Witherel
Code Enforcement Director – Eric Parrish
Officer – Hamlin

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Macklin.

Proclamation

- St. James Parish's 150th Anniversary proclamation was read.

Presentation

- Remaining term for vacant Council Seat in 3rd Ward. 5 Candidates have shown interest and will speak in front of Council.
 - Rayden Sorock – Rebecca Avenue
 - Yvonne Edmunds – 410 Ross Avenue
 - Elvira Makarov – 422 Whitney Avenue
 - Ross Pfile – 550 S. Trenton Avenue
 - Melissa Silver – 311 Pitt Street
 - April Birch – Ms. Birch came up to speak, but did not follow procedure and apply ahead of time. Ms. Birch is not a 3rd ward resident.

Public Comment for Agenda Items

1. April Birch – Ms. Birch came up to speak towards the open council seat, but did not follow procedure and apply ahead of time. Also not a 3rd ward resident. She did not qualify.

Agenda Items

1. Approving Council Meeting Minutes for 10/2/2019.
 - Ms. Atkins noted a correction under new business. The Eastridge Library did not host the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, it was the Hilltop Block Watch. Correction will be made in signed copy.

Motion: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

2. Approving Council Meeting Minutes for 10/16/2019.

Motion: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

3. Approving Council Meeting Minutes for 10/30/2019.
 - Ms. Atkins noted that the \$53,000 allotted for tree removal is for the year 2020. Correction will be made in signed copy.

Motion: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

4. Approving Checks Issued for October 1-31, 2019.
 - October 1-31,2019 \$1,149,972.41

- Payroll Disbursements \$287,530.38
- Voided Checks \$1,212.00
- Total Disbursement \$1,436,290.79

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

5. Approving Train Station – Port Authority easement request to close on/off ramp from busway.
 - For the installation of a storm drain on the busway ramp outside the train station.
 - No vote needed at this time.

6. **Resolution 19-053** – Requesting DCED Small Water and Sewage Program Grant in the amount of \$256,975.00.
 - To fix storm-water lines that are cross-connected to the sewer.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

7. Awarding South Avenue Sewer-Lining bid to Jet jack in the amount of \$520,937.50.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

8. Accepting Sergeant Matthew Morrison retirement/disability effective November 30, 2019.
 - President Macklin advised that this item will be discussed in executive session, and a vote will follow.
 - After executive session, motion was made to accept Sergeant Morrison’s disability retirement.

Motion: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

9. Executive Session Regarding Real Estate and Personnel litigations commenced at this time.

10. After executive session, President Macklin called for a nomination to appoint someone to the vacant Ward 3 council seat.
 - Ms. Edwards made a motion to appoint Yvonne Edmunds to the vacant seat.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

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

Public Comment/General Information

1. Jody Guy – 211 Bevington Rd
 - a. Provided updates for the Center for Civic Arts
 - b. Mulberry project.
2. Kate Luxemburg – 432 Rebecca Avenue
 - a. Turner School’s new building looks nice.
 - b. Not as many properties in the borough are tax delinquent thanks to the tax collector.

Old Business

1. Vice-President McCarthy-Johnson advised that Duquesne Light needs to be advised of street lights that are not functioning. President Macklin asked the borough manager to follow up with Duquesne Light.

New Business

1. Ms. Atkins advised of the Holiday Party happening on December 2, 2019 at the Wilkesburg Arts and Culture Center at 1900 Graham Blvd at 7pm. Shadyside Brass will perform. Also collecting non-perishable food items for the food drive.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – Ms. Edwards
Seconded by – Ms. Trice
Meeting Adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Pamela Macklin
President Council