

WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Council Legislative Session
May 20, 2020 Minutes

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.

Council Members Present:

Ms. Atkins
Ms. Edmunds
Ms. Haughton (Via Zoom)
Mr. Lefebvre (Via Zoom)
Mr. Petrulli (Via Zoom)
Mr. Scott
Ms. Trice
President Macklin.

Council Members Absent:

Ms. Edwards

Mayor

Mayor Garrett - Absent

A quorum was established.

Other attendees:

Borough Manager – Donn Henderson
Assistant Borough Manager – Amanda Ford (via zoom)
Finance Director – Carole Salisbury
Acting Code Enforcement Director – Brenda Joyce-May
Library Director – Anna Newborg
Solicitor – Mike Witherel (via Zoom)

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Macklin.

Proclamation

- N/A

Presentation

- Nine Mile Run – Michael Hiller (2 grant project proposals)
 - Swissvale Ave. Storm-water infrastructure project.
 - Wilksburg Stormwater resiliency project.
 - Motion was made to support the Storm-Water Infrastructure project contingent upon review by the Acting-Code Director

Motion: Mr. Scott

Second: Ms. Edmunds

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

- Motion was made to provide letter of support for the Storm-water resiliency project contingent upon review by the Acting-Code Director

Motion: Ms. Edmunds

Second: Mr. Scott

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

Public Comment for Agenda Items

1. N/A

Agenda Items

1. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for 4/15/2020

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Edmunds

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

2. Approval of checks issued April 1-30, 2020
 - Disbursements \$1,032,317.30
 - Payroll \$260,374.45
 - Voided Checks -\$462.50
 - Total Disbursements \$1,292,229.25

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Atkins

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

3. **Resolution 20-016** – Approving Sale of Personal Property per Borough Code-as listed.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Edmunds

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

4. **Resolution 20-017** – Approving Cargill, Inc. Rock Salt Contract Amendment Agreement.

Motion: Ms. Trice

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

5. **Resolution 20-018** – Approving VPRP Application for 2330 Orland Place – Frank Garrison

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Edmunds

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

6. Approving the SEIU Employees Contract for calendar years 2020-2023

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Trice

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

7. Approval of the 9-Mile Run Viewfinder Manhole/Stormwater Art Project.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Mr. Scott

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried. (Mr. Petrulli was disconnected from zoom on this vote)

8. Reconsideration of Letter of Support for Rivers of Steel Mural Art Project.
 - Ms. Trice advised that she made the motion for the original vote on this project at a previous meeting and she would like to retract that motion. Ms. Trice made the motion to rescind support for this project.
 - Ms. Atkins advised that there was supposed to be examples and community meetings to discuss what would be painted, but this did not happen.

Motion: Ms. Trice

Second: Ms. Edmunds

A vote 7 yes – 1 no (Petrulli); Motion carried.

9. Discussion on Borough Building Re-Opening Plan.
 - Mr. Henderson advised the plans to re-open the building to the public require masks, have spacing in the hallways for people waiting in line. The Library re-opening would occur at a later date in cooperation with the Library Association. We will work to secure sanitizer, masks, and cleaning supplies.

10. COVID-19 Financial Impact Scenario Discussions.

- There hasn't been a huge financial impact so far. Things appear to be in line with previous years at this time.

11. Approve application for \$1.5 million Bridge Loan.

Motion: Ms. Edmunds

Second: Ms. Trice

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

12. Approving resignation letter for Jemel Morris DPW employee effective May 8, 2020

Motion: Ms. Trice

Second: Mr. Scott

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

13. Approving an Amendment to the 2020 Fiscal Year Budget.

- Ms. Salisbury is proposing to add the ongoing projects to the budget which will come from grants.

Motion: Ms. Trice

Second: Ms. Atkins

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

Public Comment/General Information

1. Jody Guy – 211 Bevington Road

- a. Wants to re-vamp/re-structure the Arts Commission. Council and Borough Manager will have a discussion of how they would like to proceed.

Old Business

1. N/A

New Business

1. Ms. Atkins advise that people can still donate to bringing back the statue of Abraham Lincoln.
2. Mr. Scott was gifted several masks and he's looking to donate them to the community.

Adjournment

Council went into executive session to discuss personnel matters. At the end of the executive session, a motion was made to terminate Jose Jones as a DPW Employee effective May 20, 2020.

Motion: Ms. Edmunds

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn – Mr. Lefebvre
Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Pamela Macklin
President Council