

WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Council Legislative Session Minutes
June 17, 2020

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. Edwards
Ms. Haughton (Via Phone)
Mr. Lefebvre (Via Phone)
Mr. Petrulli
Mr. Scott
Ms. Trice
President Macklin.

Council Members Absent:

N/A

Mayor

Mayor Garrett - Absent

A quorum was established.

Other attendees:

Interim Borough Manager – Amanda Ford
Interim Code Enforcement Director – Brenda Joyce-May
Library Director – Anna Newborg

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Macklin.

Proclamation

- N/A

Presentation

- N/A

Public Comment for Agenda Items

1. N/A

Agenda Items

1. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for 5/20/2020.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

2. Approval of checks issued May 1-31, 2020.
 - Disbursements \$702,168.87
 - Payroll \$246,265.02
 - Voided Checks \$415.00
 - Total Disbursements \$951,433.89

Motion: Ms. Edmunds

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

3. **Resolution 20-019** – Approving Conditional Offer of Employment to Blake Willie as DPW CDL/Driver at hourly rate of \$22.46.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

4. **Resolution 20-020** – Approving VPRP Application for 513 Coal Street – Wilson Mui
 - Ms. Trice noticed that there is a different address in the application versus what’s on the first page.

Motion: Ms. Edmunds

Second: Ms. Haughton

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

5. Approving Residential Accessible Parking Permit for 416 Rebecca Avenue – Carmel Mitchell.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

6. Approving Residential Accessible Parking Permit for 7301 Beacon Hill Drive – Carol Huffman/Shirley DeVito.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

7. Approving Public Property/Penn Avenue Parklet Permit for Wilkinsburg Thursday Market – Vicki Cherney

Motion: Ms. Edmunds

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

8. Approving Public Property/Wallace Avenue Lot Permit for UPMC Mobile Care Van – Michael Johnson

Motion: Ms. Edmunds

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

9. Approving Public Property/Eastridge Auditorium Permit for Juneteenth Concert featuring the Flow Band.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Mr. Scott

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

10. Accepting letter of resignation from Shawniece Johnson as Finance Clerk III effective 6/12/2020.

Motion: Ms. Edmunds

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

11. Accepting letter of resignation from Julia McAfee as Financial Clerk I effective 6/10/2020.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Mr. Scott

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

12. Accepting letter of retirement for Ernestine Stevens as Police Records Clerk effective 7/16/2020.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

13. Approving non-union management/staff salary increases of 3% based on year 2019.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Mr. Scott

A vote 6 yes – 3 no (Petrulli, Haughton, Lefebvre); Motion carried.

14. Authorizing Interim Manager to re-advertise the Code Enforcement Director position.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Ms. Edmunds

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

15. Authorizing Interim Manager to advertise the Borough Manager position.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

16. Authorizing Interim Manager to advertise the Legislative Council meeting for August 19, 2020.

Motion: Ms. Edmunds

Second: Mr. Scott

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

Public Comment/General Information

1. Shirley Greer – 1425 Mill Street
 - a. Complaints about a nearby property was torn down and contains excessive weeds.
2. Jody Guy – 211 Bevington Rd
 - a. The new parklet at Wood Street & South Ave needs a name. Would like to get community input and present it to council.
 - b. The Center for Civic Arts is now the conservator of Mulberry Church.
3. Dennis Briggs – 1016 Ross Ave
 - a. Bike lane was recently installed on Ross Avenue, did not receive any notification about the project prior to the notice to move their cars. Would like better notification on these things going forward.
4. Stephanie Harris & Michelle Dalton – 1432 Woodlawn
 - a. Submitted permit application for a peace-walk in Wilkinsburg.
 - b. Awaiting approval from the Wilkinsburg Police.

- c. Motion was made to approve the permit application subject to review by the Chief of Police.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Mr. Scott

A vote 5 yes – 1 no (Lefebvre) – 3 abstain (Atkins, Trice, Edmunds); Motion carried.

5. Kate Luxemburg – 432 Rebecca Avenue
 - a. Brought up using CDBG funds for blight removal.

Old Business

1. President Macklin advised that public committee meetings should resume in July since normal meetings did not occur due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

New Business

1. President Macklin advised that the Joint Tax Committee meeting will take place on June 22, 2020 at 5:30pm.
2. Ms. Edmunds advised that a house that suffered fire damage was boarded up, however, the boards are no longer there and raccoons and rodents are living there. Code Enforcement will handle.
3. Mr. Scott advised that as COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, there may be another basketball tournament at Hunter Park.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – Mr. Lefebvre
Seconded by – Ms. Trice
Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Pamela Macklin
President Council