

WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Council Legislative Session Minutes
August 19, 2020

Call to Order

President Macklin called the meeting to order at approximately 7:07 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 (via Zoom)
Ms. Edmunds (via Zoom)
Ms. Edwards
Ms. Haughton (via Zoom)
Mr. Lefebvre (via Zoom)
Mr. Petrulli (via Zoom)
Mr. Scott
Ms. Trice (via Zoom)
President Macklin.

Council Members Absent:

N/A

Mayor

Mayor Garrett - Absent

A quorum was established.

Other attendees:

Assistant Borough Manager – Amanda Ford
Library Director – Anna Newborg (via Zoom)
Solicitor – Mike Witherel
Officer – Hamlin

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Macklin.

Proclamation

- Former Mayor, John Thompson was presented with a certificate to show appreciation for his accomplishments as he leaves Wilkinsburg to move elsewhere. Motion was made to declare August 23, 2020 as Mayor John Thompson day.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Mr. Scott

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

- Resolution of appreciation was presented to Barbara Thompson, wife of former Mayor John Thompson, for her accomplishments as she leaves Wilkinsburg to move elsewhere. Motion was made to declare August 24, 2020 as Barbara Thompson day.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Mr. Scott

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

Public Comment for Agenda Items

1. N/A

Agenda Items

1. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for 7/1/2020

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Haughton

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

2. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for 7/15/2020

Motion: Ms. Edmunds

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

3. Approval of Checks issued July 1-31, 2020.
 - Disbursements \$1,582,678.71
 - Payroll \$298,813.64
 - Voided Checks (\$338,319.66)
 - Total Disbursements \$1,543,172.69

Motion: Ms. Edmunds

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

4. Approving Cooperation Second Agreement with the Authority and WCDC \$1.5million grant.

- Ms. Trice advises that the address on page 1 states 1001 Wood Street which is incorrect.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

5. Approving Street Closure Permit for Wilkinsburg Train Station Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony on 9/18/2020 – WCDC – Tracey Evans.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Ms. Edmunds

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

6. Approving Public Property/Hunter Park Pavilion for Basketball Tournament August 25th through September 26th 2020 – Councilman Andre Scott & New Visions Ministry Inc.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Mr. Petrulli

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

7. Approving Public Property/Harold Young, Sr. Parklet for Thompson Farewell Party 8/23/2020 – Greater Pittsburgh Area MADDADS – George Spencer.

Motion: Ms. Trice

Second: Ms. Edmunds

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

8. Approving Kate Luxemburg as Sub-Contractor for property tax database analysis effective 09/01/2020 through 09/01/2021 at the monthly rate of \$1,000.00, with no benefits.
 - This item was tabled for the next meeting.
 - No vote was taken

9. **Resolution 20-027** – Approving George Spencer to the Zoning Hearing Board for a four (4) year term effective 08/19/2020 – 12/31/2024.

Motion: Ms. Trice

Second: Ms. Edmunds

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

10. Approving Public Property/Harold Young, Sr. Parklet for Wilkinsburg Summer Concerts for the following Saturdays: 8/22/2020, 8/29/2020 and 9/5/2020

Motion: Mr. Scott

Second: Ms. Haughton

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

11. Approving Public Property/Park Avenue Playground for Birthday Party on 8/22/2020 – Natilie Poole.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Ms. Edmunds

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

12. Approving 903-909 West Street public art project for sewer manholes – 9 Mile-Run Divya Heffley.

Motion: Ms. Edmunds

Second: Mr. Petrulli

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

Public Comment/General Information

1. Paul Jubas, Attorney for Romir Talley
 - a. Questioned status of body/dash cams for police.
 - b. Inquired about if the borough has looked into possibly getting ShotSpotter system.
 - c. Inquired about the hiring and firing process.
2. Rose Price, 812 Wood Street
 - a. Question about funding for body/dash cams for police.

Old Business

1. Ms. Edwards reminds everyone that the Infrastructure and Blight Committee will meet on Tuesday September 8, 2020.

New Business

1. N/A

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Pamela Macklin
President Council