

WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Council Legislative Session
September 16, 2020
And
Council Administrative Session
September 30, 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 Zoom)
Mr. Lefebvre (Via Zoom)
Mr. Scott
Ms. Trice
President Macklin.

Council Members Absent:

Mr. Petrulli

Mayor

Mayor Garrett - Absent

A quorum was established.

Other attendees:

Assistant Borough Manager – Amanda Ford
Library Director – Anna Newborg
Solicitor – Michael Witherel
Officer – M. Wilson & S. Kester

Pledge of Allegiance

-The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Macklin.

-Following the Pledge of Allegiance, President Macklin advised that an Executive Session was held September 2, 2020 at 8:48pm for matters of personnel and litigation, also had an executive session prior to this meeting for matters of personnel and litigation.

Proclamation

- N/A

Presentation

- Kate Luxemburg
 - Sheriff Sale results from September 8, 2020

Public Comment for Agenda Items

1. Jan Raether – Nine Mile Run Watershed Association
 - a. In reference to item #6 - The rain garden project will need possible road closure. He was instructed to file a permit with the Administrative Office.

Agenda Items

1. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for 8/5/2020

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Ms. Edmunds

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

2. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for 8/19/2020

Motion: Ms. Edmunds

Second: Mr. Scott

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

3. Approval of Checks Issued August 1-31, 2020

- Disbursements \$563,738.06
- Payroll \$281,616.83
- Voided Checks \$77,270.70
- Total Disbursements \$922,625.59

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Ms. Edmunds

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

4. Approving Kate Luxemburg as Sub-Contractor for property tax database analysis effective 10-1-2020 through 10/1/2021 at the monthly rate of \$899.00 with no benefits

Motion: Ms. Trice

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 6 – 3; Motion carried.

5. Approving Public Property/Harold Young, Sr. Parklet on 10/24/2020 for Voting Campaign – Pittsburgh Positive Young People Association – Nedra Williams
 - President Macklin advises that this item has been placed on hold.
6. Discussion for approval Swissvale Avenue/Hill Avenue Rain Garden – Jan Raether – 9 Mile Run
 - Discussions for this item occurred during the first public comment segment.
7. Discussion for approval – small joint paving project S. Trenton Avenue (Wilksburg Border) estimated cost \$1,100.00

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Mr. Petrulli

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

8. Approving Public Property/Park Avenue Playground on 9/25/2020 for 5 y/o birthday party – Shaylan Taylor-Wilkes subject to Borough Manager & Police Chief approval.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Ms. Edmunds

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

Public Comment/General Information

1. Rose Price – no address given
 - a. As Rose Price began to speak, she was very irate and loud. President Macklin attempted to try and request for Rose to be civil, but it did not happen. President Macklin abruptly ended the meeting while announcing it will continue on September 30, 2020.

Meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.

The reconvene of the legislative meeting from September 16, 2020 included agenda items from the Administrative Council meeting held on September 30, 2020 at 6pm.

****Due to the uptick in COVID-19 cases, this meeting was entirely over zoom as may be the case for the remainder of meetings throughout the year****

Meeting was called to order at 7pm. Pledge of allegiance led by President Macklin

President Macklin advised that an executive session was held to discuss personnel matters.

Council voted during executive session to extend a conditional offer of employment to Mr. John Antinori for the Borough Manager position with 8 ‘yes’ votes. Mr. Petrulli was not present for this vote.

Council Members Present:

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

Council Members Absent:

N/A

Mayor

Mayor Garrett - Absent

A quorum was established.

Other attendees via zoom:

Amanda Ford – Assistant Borough Manager
Matt Kalina – Solicitor
Carole Salisbury – Finance Director
Brenda Joyce-May – Acting Code Enforcement Director

Agenda Items:

1. Approving the 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO), Feaster Pension consulting.
 - a. Police minimum obligation \$380,794
 - b. General minimum obligation \$131,300
 - c. Total \$513,094

Motion: Ms. Edmunds

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

2. Approving Park/Playground Permit for 9 y/o Birthday Party Pumpkin Patch on 10/4/2020 – Sakia Hutching

Motion: Ms. Edmunds

Second: Mr. Petrulli

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

3. Discussion regarding Port Authority ticket Vending Machine – Amanda Ford
 - a. Ms. Ford will reach out and ask them to speak in a future meeting to answer questions that council may have about this machine.
 - b. There is some concern on the size of the machine and if it will fit in the vestibule of the building.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Ms. Edmunds

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

4. Approving the termination of Amber Townsend (Part-Time) Library Aide effective September 23, 2020.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Mr. Scott

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

Public Comment/General Information

1. Amber Sloan – 7125 Tilden Street
 - a. Requested several pieces of data surrounding gun violence. Ms. Ford was able to answer her questions and point her in the right direction of where and how to request this information.

Old Business – N/A

New Business – N/A

Adjournment – Motion by Ms. Edmunds, Second by Mr. Petrulli. Adjourned at **7:18pm**.

Pamela Macklin
President Council