

WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Council Work Session
November 4, 2020

Call to Order

President Macklin called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 P.M. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, this meeting was held via Zoom Video Conference.

Roll Call

The roll was called to establish a quorum.

Council Members Present:

Ms. Atkins
Ms. Edmunds
Ms. Edwards
Mr. Lefebvre
Mr. Petrulli
Mr. Scott
Ms. Trice
President Macklin.

Council Members Absent:

Ms. Haughton

Mayor

Mayor Garrett - Absent

A quorum was established.

Other attendees:

Borough Manager – John Antinori
Assistant Borough Manager – Amanda Ford
Finance Director – Carole Salisbury
Library Director – Anna Newborg
Asst. Library Director – Rachel Moore

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Macklin.

Proclamation

- N/A

Presentation

- Safety changes (COVID-19) proposed at Borough and Public Works Building – John Antinori
 - Building access is restricted to employees, key holders, and scheduled appointments
 - Temp check kiosk at the door
 - Log sheet for visitors
 - Work from home access is being established for employees in-case we have to shut down the building.
- Sewage Grant – Carole Salisbury

Public Comment for Agenda Items

1. N/A

Agenda Items

1. **Resolution 20-033** – Appointing Rachel Moore as Assistant Library Director/Children’s Librarian effective October 1, 2020 at salary of \$40,000.00.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Ms. Edmunds

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

2. **Resolution 20-035** - Approving Conditional Offer of Employment to James Barca as Code Enforcement Director effective November 16, 2020, starting salary of \$56,000.00.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Ms. Trice

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

3. Approving Brenda Joyce-May to position of Assistant Code Enforcement Director at a salary increase of \$1,200.00 effective November, 16, 2020.

Motion: Ms. Edmunds

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

4. Approving Kathleen Rawlins to position of Assistant Public Works Director at a salary increase of \$1,200.00 effective October 1, 2020.

Motion: Ms. Atkins

Second: Ms. Trice

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

5. Discussion for approval **Resolution 20-036** – PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund grant in the amount of \$372,030.00 and 30% Borough match in the amount of \$159,442.00, total project cost \$531,472.00 for Hay Street Reconstruction and Streetscape Project.

Motion: Ms. Edmunds

Second: Mr. Petrulli

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

6. Discuss for approval **Resolution 20-037** – PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund grant in the amount of \$289,516.00 and 30% Borough match in the amount of \$124,079.00, total project cost \$413,595.00 for the Penn Avenue Corridor Project.

Motion: Ms. Edmunds

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

7. Discussion for approval **Resolution 20-038** – CDBG grant submission for Ardmore Blvd Storm Sewer Rehabilitation in the amount of \$159,775.00.

Motion: Mr. Scott

Second: Ms. Edmunds

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

8. Discussion for approval **Resolution 20-039** – CDBG grant submission for Wilkinsburg Safe Neighborhood Demolition in the amount of \$101,753.00.

Motion: Ms. Edmunds

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

9. Discussion regarding Cohen Group Law Firm renewal agreement of Verizon Franchise fees – Dan Cohen
 - This item will be discussed at the next meeting.
10. Discussion regarding Duquesne Light LED CobraHead Street Light Program
 - Council agreed to participate in the 2021 program.
11. Discussion regarding final preparations and scheduling of 2021 Budget for review and adoption.
 - Budget meeting to be advertised and held on Monday, November 23, 2020.
12. Council Committee reports:
 - Administrative Council Committee
 - i. Welcomes the new Borough Manager, John Antinori.
 - Business & Job Development Committee – no report
 - Finance, Budget & Capital Planning
 - i. Working with Carole and John to prepare budget for 2021.

- Infrastructure & Blight Committee – no report
- Joint Tax Committee – no report
- Personnel, Policies, & Procedures Committee
 - i. Discussed new Code Director candidates
 - ii. Discussed the Assistant Director positions
- Public Safety Committee – no report
- Special Events, Music, Arts & Seniors Committee
 - i. Wants to switch meetings to zoom conference
 - ii. Holiday story hour
 - iii. Holiday Concert
 - iv. Holiday event to be held in December.
 - v. Holiday cards for seniors.
- Borough Manager’s report – no report
- Mayor’s Report – no report

Public Comment/General Information

1. Kimberly Parker
 - a. Requested that ticketing for street sweeping be stopped in the winter. Ms. Parker was advised that ticketing will stop on November 20, 2020 and resume in April 2021.
2. Kate Luxemburg – 432 Rebecca Avenue
 - a. Comments about CDBG grant and demolitions
3. Nicole Santella – 1300 Wood Street
 - a. Welcomes the new borough manager.
 - b. Thanks for those that attended the Farmer’s Market
4. Jerry Gaudi – Coal Street
 - a. Would like list of properties on demo list.

Old Business

1. Mr. Scott thanks Council and DPW for their assistance with the clean-up at Park Playground.
2. Ms. Atkins advises November 14th is the yard debris pickup date for DPW.

New Business

1. Ms. Edwards was pleased with the turnout for the elections.
 - a. Motion was made to send a congratulatory letter to the Allegheny County Board of Elections for a great election day in Wilkinsburg.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Ms. Trice

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

2. Ms. Edmunds advised that there was an organization called Pizza to the Polls. Suggested that council send a letter to them to thank them for the kind gesture.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – Ms. Trice
Seconded by – Ms. Edmunds
Meeting Adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Pamela Macklin
President Council