

WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Council Legislative Session Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2021

Call to Order

President Macklin called the meeting to order at approximately 7:03 P.M. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this meeting was held over 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
Code Enforcement Director – Jim Barca
Finance Director – Carole Salisbury
Library Director – Anna Newborg
Asst. Library Director – Rachel Moore
Public Works Director – Roy Clark
Solicitor – Matt Kalina

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Macklin.

Proclamation

- N/A

Presentation

- In-House Demolitions Pilot Feasibility Update – Councilwoman, Denise Edwards
 - Infrastructure and Blight committee has been reviewing the possibility of having our Public Works Department doing some of the demolitions within the borough in order to save money.
 - The pilot would include 2-3 houses to see if this is something that will remain constant for our Department of Public Works.

Public Comment for Agenda Items

1. N/A

Agenda Items

1. Approval Council Meeting Minutes for 02/03/2021 and 02/17/2021.
 - Ms. Atkins advised that the minutes from February 3rd, 2021 had a friendly amendment under New Business which needs to reflect that the discussions are between the WCDC and the City of Pittsburgh. It was missing the mention of the WCDC.

Motion: Ms. Edmunds

Second: Mr. Petrulli

A vote 7 yes – 1 abstain (Mr. Scott); Motion carried.

2. Approval of Checks Issued February 1-28-2021:

February 1-28, 2021	\$1,612,744.59
Payroll Disbursement	\$272,233.25
Voided/Re-Issue Checks	<u>\$2,762.32</u>
Total Disbursement	\$1,882,215.52

President Macklin called for all in favor. The vote was unanimous.

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

3. **Resolution 21-033** – Appointing Finance Director, Assistant Finance Director and Borough Manager as the proper Officers as a liaison between the governing body and Berkheimer as the appointed Collector of local taxes for the Borough of Wilkinsburg.

Motion: Ms. Trice

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

4. Approving Residential Accessible Parking Permit located at 1215 Hill Avenue – Lillian Barksdale

Motion: Ms. Trice

Second: Ms. Edmunds

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

5. Approving Residential Accessible Parking Permit located at 502 Holmes Street – Princess Bradford

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Ms. Trice

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

6. Approving Public Property Use Permit/Harold Young, Sr. Parklet for Wilkinsburg Library Youth Art Week May 17th through May 21st 2021 – Rachel Moore/Haylee Ebersole

- Mr. Antinori advised that the times are from 3pm-5pm for the week.

Motion: Ms. Edmunds

Second: Ms. Scott

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

7. Approving Public Property Use Permit/Harold Young, Sr. Parklet for Wilkinsburg Library Library/Storytime in the Park every Tuesday, June 1st through August 31st, 2021 from 10am-2pm – Rachel Moore

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Mr. Scott

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

8. Approving Public Property Use Permit/Harold Young, Sr. Parklet for Wilkinsburg Library Summer Learning Kick-Off Saturday, June 12, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Rachel Moore

Motion: Ms. Edmunds

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

9. Approving Public Property Use Permit/Harold Young, Sr. Parklet for Wilkinsburg Chamber of Commerce Learn Plant Grow, Urban Gardening Education and Plant Sale on May 22, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Vicki Cherney

Motion: Mr. Petrulli

Second: Mr. Scott

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

10. Approving Public Property Use Permit/Harold Young, Sr. Parklet for Wilkinsburg Chamber of Commerce Wilkinsburg Thursday Market from June 17th through October 14th 2021 from 3:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – Vicki Cherney

Motion: Ms. Edmunds

Second: Mr. Petrulli

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

11. Approving Public Property Use Permit/Hunter Park for Wilkinsburg Baseball Association for Baseball Games & Practices March 15th - July 10th 2021 – Cliff McCaulley – Zack Reese

Motion: Mr. Scott

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

- Item #11 was voted on again after receiving the updated times.
- Mr. Scott advised that the times are Monday – Friday 5pm-8pm & Saturday 8am-3pm

Motion: Mr. Scott

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

12. Approving Public Property Use Permit/Whitney Park for Wilkinsburg Baseball Association for Baseball Games & Baseball Practices from March 15th 2021 through July 10th 2021 – Cliff McCaulley – Zack Reese

- Motion was made to table this item until the exact hours of usage are obtained.
- It was pointed out that item #6, and item #11 on the agenda also do not have designated times.
- Mr. Scott advised that the times are Monday – Friday 5pm-8pm & Saturday 8am-3pm

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 8 – 0; Motion to table was carried.

- President Macklin removed this item #12 from the table.
- Motion was made to approve this item with the updated times.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

13. **Resolution 21-034** - Authorizing the Borough to enter into contract with US Bank, New York for a \$2,000,000.00 line-of-credit that will be used to manage cash flow for day-to-day operations.

- Motion was made to approve this resolution with the understanding that any usage of these funds will be upon the approval of council

Motion: Ms. Edmunds

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 8 – 0; Motion carried.

Public Comment/General Information

1. N/A

Old Business

1. Ms. Edwards mentioned that with COVID-19 restrictions being relaxed, perhaps we can consider doing hybrid zoom/in-person meetings. President Macklin instructed the Borough Manager to start preparing for this.

New Business

1. Ms. Edwards advised that the Infrastructure & Blight Committee would like to move forward with the In-House Demolitions Pilot which would utilize staff from our Department of Public Works to handle the demolitions process to in an effort to save money. Ms. Atkins and Mr. Lefebvre advised that they are not prepared to vote on this until receiving more information regarding what would indicate a successful demolition versus a non-successful demolition as it relates to cost. President Macklin advised that this will be discussed at the first meeting in April.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – Edwards
Seconded by – Atkins
Meeting Adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Pamela Macklin
President Council