

WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Council Work Session Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2021

Call to Order

President Macklin called the meeting to order at approximately 7:01 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. Edmunds
Ms. Haughton 7:02pm arrival
Mr. Lefebvre
Mr. Petrulli
Mr. Scott
Ms. Trice
President Macklin.

Council Members Absent:

Ms. Atkins
Ms. Edwards

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
Public Works Director – Roy Clark

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Macklin.

President Macklin advised that there was an executive session held on March 11, 2021 to discuss matters of personnel and litigation.

Proclamation

- N/A

Presentation

- Healthy Start – Joy Gibson & Toni Watkins
 - Walking path initiative to create a safe walking path for families, health, walking groups, etc. Looking to gain support for a designated walking path. Will invite council to attend future meetings.
- City of Bridges Community Land Trust – Rayden Sorock and Guest
 - Preserving and protecting affordable housing.

Public Comment for Agenda Items

1. N/A

Agenda Items

1. Authorizing Borough Manager to move forward with the purchase of Hunter Park playground equipment in the amount of \$44,477.00 and full completion of park project.
 - Motion was made to approve this item.

Motion: Mr. Petrulli

Second: Ms. Haughton

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

2. Approving Public Property Use Permit/South Avenue Parking Lot for crane lift operation scheduled for 4/13/2021 from 7:00 am. – 3:00 pm – Shawrose Inc. – George DeLuca

Motion: Mr. Petrulli

Second: Ms. Edmunds

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

3. Approving Public Property Use Permit/Hunter Park for Birthday Party (5-year-old) for 4/24/2021 time schedule not provided.
 - Mr. Antinori advised that this will be from 2pm – 6pm

Motion: Ms. Edmunds

Second: Ms. Haughton

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

4. Approving Public Property Use Permit/Harold Young, Sr. Parklet for Wilkinsburg Borough Arts in the Park/Summer Concerts every Saturday from July 17th thru September 18th 2021 11:00am – 3:00pm – Councilwoman Linda Atkins

Motion: Mr. Petrulli

Second: Ms. Haughton

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

5. Approving Public Property Use Permit/Harold Young, Sr. Parklet for Juneteeth Celebration on June 19th 2021 from 11:00am – 3:00pm – Councilwoman Linda Atkins

Motion: Ms. Edmunds

Second: Mr. Petrulli

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

6. Approving Public Property Use Permit/Park Avenue Playground for Baby Shower on May 2, 2021 from 2:00pm-5:00pm – Shatel Abrams

Motion: Mr. Petrulli

Second: Ms. Haughton

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

7. Approving motion to accept Officer Robert Gowans' letter of resignation effective April 3, 2021.

Motion: Ms. Edmunds

Second: Mr. Scott

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

8. Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement (City of Pittsburgh Garbage Refuse Collection) contract term beginning January 1, 2021-December 31, 2025.
 - Motion was made to approve the agreement

Motion: Ms. Trice

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

9. Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement (City of Pittsburgh Fire Protection Services) contract term beginning January 15, 2021-December 31, 2023.
 - Motion was made to approve the agreement.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Edmunds

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

10. **Ordinance 21-001** – Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement (City of Pittsburgh Garbage Refuse Collection) contract term beginning January 1, 2021-December 31, 2025.
 - Motion was made to approve ordinance 21-001

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Mr. Scott

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

11. **Ordinance 21-002** – Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement (City of Pittsburgh Fire Protection Services) contract term beginning January 15, 2021-December 31, 2023.
- Motion was made to approve ordinance 21-002.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Edmunds

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

12. Approving Residential Accessible Parking Permit located at 1811 Clark Street – Queen Whittle

Motion: Ms. Edmunds

Second: Ms. Trice

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

13. Resolution 21-036 – Conditional offer of employment for four (4) DPW Summer Seasonal Workers at the rate of \$13 per hour.

Motion: Mr. Scott

Second: Ms. Haughton

A vote 7 – 0; Motion carried.

14. Council Committee Reports

- Administrative Council Committee – Pamela Macklin - Chair & Council Members
 - i. Still planning to maintain Covid restrictions for now. Building is still closed to the public.
 - ii. Some conditional use hearings are coming up and will be posted on the borough website.
 - iii. Possible walking group from Princeton Park to walk the linear park.
- Business & Job Development Committee – Andre Scott – Chair, Ian Petrulli, Pamela Macklin
 - i. Working with WCDC to organize mapping of current services
- Finance, Budget & Capital Planning – Pamela Macklin – Chair, Denise Edwards, Ariel Haughton
 - i. The audit concluded today and will be advertised for public access in the near future. Went very well.
 - ii. Looking into refinancing the 2016 bond, potentially saving about \$6,000.
 - iii. A few debts have been paid off this year.
- Infrastructure & Blight Committee – Denise Edwards – Chair, Michael Lefebvre, Ian Petrulli
 - i. Reviewed Hunter Park playground equipment.

- ii. Spoke with DPW about in-house demolitions project
- Joint Tax Committee – Denise Edwards – Chair, Michael Lefebvre, Pamela Macklin
 - i. Nothing to report
- Personnel, Polices & Procedures Committee – Paige Trice – Chair, Pamela Macklin, Denise Edwards
 - i. Working on personnel issues.
- Public Safety Committee/Chief Coleman – Paige Trice – Chair, Yvonne Edmunds, Andre Scott
 - i. Discussed bodycams for officers, LED lighting for the borough, and dog parks.
- Special Events, Music, Arts & Seniors Committee – Linda Atkins – Chair, Yvonne Edmunds, Ariel Haughton
 - i. Summer concerts and Juneteenth are in the works.
- Mayor’s Report – Marita Garrett
 - i. Nothing to report
- Borough Manager’s Report – John Antinori
 - i. Working on submitting an application for the Allegheny County Act 152 for blight removal.
 - ii. Spoke with representatives from Women for a Healthy Environment about lead remediation.
 - iii. Great American clean-up event on May 15 to clean up litter around Wilksburg.

Public Comment/General Information

1. Kate Luxemburg – 432 Rebecca Avenue
 - a. Thanks to whomever is cleaning up litter on the linear park.
 - b. Commented her feelings about the City of Bridges Land Trust presentation
2. Mike Milberger – 311 Barnes Street
 - a. Infrastructure & Blight committee approved an initial engineering study for Rosa Parks park.
 - b. Whitney Park is getting a lot of usage, Lacrosse, Baseball, Frisby. Thanks to Chief Coleman, off leash dogs at the park have almost ceased.
 - c. Whitney cleanup on April 17, 2021.
3. Brian Starks – 1824 Montier Street
 - a. Several vehicles of his as well as his neighbors have been towed because of people crashing into his parked vehicles due to speeding.
4. Jody Guy – 211 Bevington Rd
 - a. Comments towards establishing an Arts commission she was the former chair.
 - b. Painting found in the library worth approximately \$20,000. If it could be successfully auctioned, the funds could cover cost for lighting in the stairwell.
 - c. Would like to be on the agenda for the next legislative meeting regarding the project replacing manhole covers with a see through installation.
5. Rayden Sorock – 412 Rebecca Ave
 - a. Voicing support for Joy Gibson and the walking tour.

- b. Proposes that the borough looks into better demolition practices to avoid lead contamination in the soil.
 - c. Comments about zoom information for meeting and inquired about how to get on the agenda to speak.
 - d. Excited about the new approved playground equipment.
6. Jerry Gaudi – 900 Wood Street
 - a. Seeking permission for a sidewalk sale on Ross ave from May through October.

Old Business

1. N/A

New Business

1. Ms. Edmunds inquired about a Warehouse District in Wilkinsburg.
2. Mr. Scott advised another cleanup event is scheduled on Saturday, April 24 from 10am-1pm. Flyer was sent to all of council. Looking for volunteers and assistance from DPW.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – Ms. Edmunds
Seconded by – Mr. Petrulli
Meeting Adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Pamela Macklin
President Council