

WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Council Legislative Session Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2021

Call to Order

President Macklin called the meeting to order at approximately 7:04 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
Ms. Haughton
Mr. Lefebvre
Mr. Petrulli
Mr. Scott
Ms. Trice
President Macklin.

Council Members Absent:

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

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Macklin.

Proclamation

- N/A

Presentation

- Wilkinsburg Public Art – Divya Rao-Heffley, Ginger Brooks Takahashi & Jody Guy
 - Presentation of the manhole cover art project.

Public Comment for Agenda Items

1. N/A

Agenda Items

1. Approval Council Meeting Minutes for 04/07/2021 and 04/21/2021.
 - This item was split into 2 votes
 - Motion was made to approve the minutes for 4/7/2021

Motion: Mr. Petrulli

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

A vote 8 yes – 1 abstain (Ms. Edwards); Motion carried.

- Motion was made to approve the minutes for 4/21/2021

Motion: Mr. Scott

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 8 yes – 1 abstain (Ms. Haughton); Motion carried.

2. Approval of Checks Issued April 1-30-2021:

April 1-30, 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

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Edmunds

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

3. **Resolution 21-046**– Approving VPRP Application for 1515 Weinman Street – Tarun Chopra

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Ms. Edmunds

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

4. **Resolution 21-047** - Approving Conditional Use application for 225 Penn Avenue located in the Commercial Business District with a Transit-Oriented District (TOD) overlay - Power/Women in Early Recovery

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Mr. Scott

A vote 4 yes(Edwards, Scott, Macklin, Haughton) – 5 no(Atkins, Edmunds, Lefebvre, Trice, Petrulli); Motion not carried.

5. **Resolution 21-048** – Appointing Michael Bender as Representative and John Snyder as alternate to Pension Board as (Police Union Reps) effective May 19, 2021.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

6. **Resolution 21-049** – Appointing Derek McKinley as Representative and Kevin Santillo as alternate to Pension Board as (SEIU Union Reps) effective May 19, 2021.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

7. **Resolution 21-050** – Authorizing a Side Walk Sale from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 19, 2021, as part of the Borough’s Juneteenth celebration.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Ms. Atkins

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

8. Authorizing Wilkinsburg Library to submit grant applications for the following: ACLA Grant reimbursement in the amount of \$2,500 for laptop purchases; University of Pittsburgh (PITT) Grant for Community Data Learning Initiative in the amount of \$1,000; and Pittsburgh Foundation Grant for children’s library furniture in the amount of \$15,400.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Mr. Scott

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

9. Approving salary increase for Finance Director, Carole Salisbury from \$64,890.00 to \$72,000.00 retro effective January 1, 2021.

- This item was skipped.

10. Appointing Council members as representative to Joint Tax Committee – Denise Edwards & Andre Scott.

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Ms. Edmunds

A vote 8 – 1 no(Lefebvre); Motion carried.

11. Approving Public Property Use Permit/Harold Young, Sr. Parklet for Rock House of Praise Without Walls Ministries for Gospel Revival scheduled on August 28, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – Pastor, Robin Horton

Motion: Ms. Edwards

Second: Ms. Edmunds

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

12. Approving Public Property Use Permit/Harold Young, Sr. Parklet for Wilkinsburg Drum Circle for Community Drum Circle sessions scheduled for every Saturday, June 26, 2021 through October 30, 2021 or (until cold weather) from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. with the exception on September 25, 2021.

Motion: Ms. Edmunds

Second: Mr. Petrulli

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

13. Approving Public Property Use Permit/Harold Young, Sr. Parklet for Covenant Church of Pittsburgh for Celebration of Wilkinsburg scheduled for Saturday, September 25, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Kirk Adams

Motion: Ms. Edmunds

Second: Ms. Edwards

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

Public Comment/General Information

1. N/A

Old Business

1. Ms. Edwards advised that with COVID-19 restrictions easing up, she would like to move to doing hybrid (in-person and zoom) meetings. Would like to aim for a goal of doing this by July.
2. Ms. Atkins, Ms. Edmunds, and Ms. Edwards would like to give thanks to the several people involved in the many clean-up efforts that took place recently in the borough as well as DPW and vendors.
3. Ms. Atkins is looking for new ideas where the Wilkinsburg Sun can be distributed to increase distribution.

New Business

1. N/A

Adjournment

President Macklin advised that there was an executive session held prior to the meeting to discuss personnel matters. No action taken.

Motion to adjourn – Mr. Scott
Meeting Adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Pamela Macklin
President Council