

***WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING***  
***Council Work Session Meeting Minutes***  
***May 5, 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  
Public Works Director – Roy Clark  
Solicitor – Mike Witherel  
Borough Engineer – Rob Arnold

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Macklin.

## **Proclamation**

- N/A

## **Presentation**

- N/A

## **Public Comment for Agenda Items**

1. Mark McManus – 839 Ardmore Blvd
  - a. Interested in purchasing property on Ross. Mr. Antinori advised that this property needs to be advertised for sale before offering to selling to an individual.
2. Kirk Davis – 1709 Crestline Street
  - a. Regarding 1705 Coal Street, someone is storing junk vehicles.
  - b. Complaint regarding refuse being dumped over a hillside.
3. Elmira Sizemore – 7329 Beacon Hill Drive
  - a. Additional streetlights for Beacon Hill. Ms. Sizemore was advised this issue would be addressed later in the meeting.

## **Agenda Items**

1. **Resolution 21-040** - Approving Banner Application for Wilkinsburg School District Pre-Kindergarten Enrollment – Shannon Galore

*Motion: Ms. Haughton*

*Second: Ms. Edmunds*

*A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.*

2. **Resolution 21-041** – Approving Conditional Use of Subdivision and Land Development for 1833 Laketon Road, Wilkinsburg School District/Turner Field concession stand – Jim Barca – Code Director.

*Motion: Ms. Trice*

*Second: Ms. Edwards*

*A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.*

3. **Resolution 21-042** – Approving Conditional Use application for 1833 Laketon Road Wilkinsburg School District/Turner Field concession stand – Jim Barca – Code Director

*Motion: Ms. Edmunds*

*Second: Ms. Edwards*

*A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.*

4. **Resolution 21-043** – Approving Conditional Use application for 418 Whitney Avenue – Jim Barca – Code Director

***Motion: Ms. Atkins***

***Second: Ms. Edwards***

***A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.***

5. **Resolution 21-044** – Authorization to refinance 2016 Obligation Bonds and borrow an additional \$2 million dollars to be used for infrastructure.
  - a. Ms. Trice asks if this item was tabled at the last meeting.
  - b. Motion was made to bring this item off the table.

***Motion: Ms. Edwards***

***Second: Mr. Petrulli***

***A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.***

- c. Motion was made to approve resolution 21-044.

***Motion: Ms. Edwards***

***Second: Mr. Petrulli***

***A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.***

6. Approving Public Property Use Permit/Harold Young Sr. Parklet for Community Drum Circle scheduled for 3-5 weekly Saturdays until it gets cold, weather permitting starting 6/19/2021 from 3:00 pm. – 5:00 pm – Sheila Smith and David Esch
  - a. Motion was made to table this item for additional clarification.

***Motion: Ms. Atkins***

***Second: N/A***

***No vote was taken.***

7. Approving Public Property Use Permit/Hunter Park Pavilion for Father’s Day Cookout Picnic on Saturday, 6/19/2021 scheduled from 2:00 pm. – 8:00 pm – Erica Johnson
  - a. Ms. Atkins and Ms. Trice pointed out that none of the Public Property Use applications have been signed off by the police department.
  - b. President Macklin advised that items 6, 7, 8, and 9 have been postponed to the next meeting after the police department signs off on the permit applications.

***Motion: Ms. Edmunds***

***Second: Mr. Petrulli***

***No vote was taken.***

8. Approving Public Property Use Permit/Hunter Park Basketball Court Area for New Vision Ministries, Inc. scheduled for Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from July 12<sup>th</sup> thru August 21<sup>st</sup> 2021 from 6:00pm – 9:00pm – Warren Jackson and Councilman Andre Scott
  - a. Item was removed from the agenda.

9. Approving Public Property Use Permit/Harold Young, Sr. Parklet for Rock House of Praise Without Walls Ministries Gospel Revival scheduled for Saturday, August 28, 2021 from 5:00pm – 8:30pm – Pastor Robin Horton
  - a. Item was removed from the agenda.
10. Approving motion to accept Assistant Finance Director, Lloyd Fait letter of resignation effective April 26, 2021.

***Motion: Ms. Trice***

***Second: Ms. Atkins***

***A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.***

11. Approving Dave Egler as subcontractor as Finance Consultant starting April 28, 2021 thru June 4, 2021 at the rate of \$40.00 per/hour and not to exceed \$10,000.00.
  - a. Will be on an as-needed basis and not to exceed \$5,000.00

***Motion: Ms. Trice***

***Second: Ms. Edwards***

***A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.***

12. Council Committees:
  - Administrative Council Committee – Pamela Macklin - Chair & Council Members
    - Nothing to report
  - Business & Job Development Committee – Andre Scott – Chair, Ian Petrulli, Pamela Macklin
    - Reviewed library programs with Ms. Newborg.
  - Finance, Budget & Capital Planning – Pamela Macklin – Chair, Denise Edwards, Ariel Haughton
    - Discussed the bond issue and the federal government loan.
    - Was awarded \$1,500,000 from the federal government to cover budget items. Will receive half this year and the other half next year. Money has to be spent no later than the end of 2024.
  - Infrastructure & Blight Committee – Denise Edwards – Chair, Michael Lefebvre, Ian Petrulli
    - Wilkinsburg clean-up event will be held this Saturday.
    - Hunter park improvements have been ordered.
    - Working on LED lighting with Duquesne Light.
  - Joint Tax Committee – Denise Edwards – Chair, Michael Lefebvre, Pamela Macklin
    - Committee members to be officially appointed at the next council meeting.
  - Personnel, Polices & Procedures Committee – Paige Trice – Chair, Pamela Macklin, Denise Edwards
    - Discussed personnel issues.
  - Public Safety Committee/Chief Coleman – Paige Trice – Chair, Yvonne Edmunds, Andre Scott
    - Discussed local safety issues
    - Intersection of Laketon & Graham

- Special Events, Music, Arts & Seniors Committee – Linda Atkins – Chair, Yvonne Edmunds, Ariel Haughton
  - Working on a Juneteenth Celebration and Summer Concerts
- Mayor’s Report – Marita Garrett
  - Nothing to report
- Borough Manager’s Report – John Antinori
  - LED light street list was reviewed.
  - Beacon hill may be willing to cover cost to get some lights installed.
  - Motion was made to move forward with current LED Light installation list.

*Motion: Ms. Edwards*

*Second: Mr. Scott*

*A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.*

**Public Comment/General Information**

1. Nicole Santella – 1300 Wood Street
  - a. Requests someone to reach out to Dee Briggs, she’s willing to pay for some LED lights near her home.
2. Mike Milberger – 311 Barnes Street
  - a. Difficult to find an installer for the old playground equipment for use at Rosa Parks playground, would like permission to junk the old metal playground equipment. Ms. Edwards will speak with Roy Clark about this and bring it back to council.
  - b. Looking for someone to assist with the summer rec program.
3. Jody Guy – 211 Bevington Rd
  - a. DPW would be installing one of the benches at the new Wood & South Parklet.
  - b. Submitted grant to Duquesne Light to help with expenses for the parklet.
4. Eric Harvey – 1833 Laketon Rd
  - a. School district may be interested in adding additional LED Lighting as well.
5. Elmira Sizemore – 7329 Beacon Hill Dr
  - a. Questions about LED lighting. She was advised that the streetlights would be installed by Duquesne Light.

**Old Business**

1. Ms. Edwards requested to start going to hybrid council meetings (in-person & zoom). Would like to have the first meeting in June as a hybrid meeting. Other libraries are open with limited capacity, would like to look into opening the library soon also.
2. Ms. Atkins advised that voting at Eastridge library will be available on Election Day.
3. Mr. Scott commends DPW for all their help with the several clean-up efforts in the borough.

**New Business**

1. N/A

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn – Ms. Emunds  
Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Pamela Macklin  
President Council