

WILKINSBURG BOROUGH
Council Legislative Meeting
May 14, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

President McCarthy-Johnson called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 PM in Council Chambers, second floor of the Municipal Building, 605 Ross Ave., Wilkinsburg, PA 15221.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called to establish a quorum. Present were Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. Garrett, Mr. Taiani, Ms. Trice, Ms. Grannemann, Mr. Shattuck, and President McCarthy-Johnson. Marla P. Marcinko, Borough Manager and Matt Kalina, Esquire from the Borough Solicitor's Office were also present. Mayor Thompson, Ms. Moore and Ms. Macklin were absent. A quorum was established.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Following the pledge of allegiance, a moment of silence was observed to remember victims of violent crime.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kate Luxemburg – 432 Rebecca Ave. – Ms. Luxemburg spoke about attracting new investment to the Borough in the form of residential development. She commented on the importance of maintaining Green Street Playground as public green space. A neighborhood clean-up of the park is scheduled for this weekend. She stated that a developer is interested in residential development of the property and she believes this will adversely impact housing values in the neighborhood. She commented that she believes third party building inspection is deterring development.

AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Authorizing the advertisement of Ordinance No. 2926 – Establishing Handicap Parking Space – 1355 Woodlawn Street.**

Moved: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Mr. Taiani

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

- 2. Approving Council Meeting Minutes of 4/2, 4/9, and 4/16/14.**

Moved: Mr. Shattuck

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

Yes: Ms. Grannemann, Mr. Shattuck, Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. Garrett, Mr. Taiani, Ms. Trice, President McCarthy-Johnson

Abstain: Ms. Trice (Minutes of 4/9/14))

Motion carried 7:0 for the minutes of 04/02/14 and 04/16/14

Motion carried 6:0 with 1 abstention for the minutes of 4/9/14

3. Approving April Checks Issued:

Regular Disbursements 04/01 – 04/30/14	\$ 485,691.73
Payroll Disbursements	283,718.30
Voided Checks	<u>(38,945.89)</u>
Total Disbursement	\$ 730,464.54

Moved: Ms. Grannemann

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

Yes: Ms. Grannemann, Mr. Shattuck, Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. Garrett, Mr. Taiani, President McCarthy-Johnson

No: Ms. Trice

Motion carried 6:1

4. Approving Resolution No. 14-041 – Authorizing participation in Allegheny County’s CDBG 2015-2017 Program Years.

Moved: Mr. Shattuck

Second: Ms. Trice

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

5. Approving Resolution No. 14-042 – Assigning Larry Malone to Painter position classification in the Department of Public Works.

Moved: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Grannemann

Ms. Marcinko stated that the appointment of Mr. Malone to the Painter position, with the retirement of Mr. Noe, results in a vacancy for the Driver position. The position has been advertised.

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

6. Approving Resolution No. 14-043 – Approving Street Closure for Blessing of the Bikes – Ethnan Temple.

Moved: Ms. Trice

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

7. Approving Resolution No. 14-044 – Approving Street Closure for Community Day – St. Mark A.M.E. Zion.

Moved: Mr. Shattuck

Second: Ms. Trice

Ms. Marcinko stated that the street closure request is for Center Street, from Penn to Ross.

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

8. Approving Resolution No. 14-045 – Approving Street Closure – Prom Line Up.

Moved: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Mr. Shattuck

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion – Technical Services Proposal, Office of Public Art – Wilkinsburg Gateway Sign.

Moved: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Mr. Shattuck

Ms. McCarthy-Johnson stated that the project will be to develop a scope of work to develop a design for the gateway welcome signs. The WCDC solicited the assistance of the Office of Public Art. In response to Ms. Trice's question, the project will cover the welcome sign at South Trenton Avenue and Penn Avenue. Ms. Marcinko stated that the location has not been finalized. The Office of Public Art will be facilitating the process to identify local artists to present design proposals. Input from Borough Council and the Wilkinsburg Community Art and Civic Design will be sought. It may be possible to replace more than one sign, which will be determined as the project moves forward. Mr. Taiani questioned the amount of the insurance proceeds received from the insurance carrier of the driver who initially damaged the sign and whether PA DOT approval is required. In all likelihood, a Highway Occupancy Permit is required if the sign is located within the PA DOT right-of-way. Ms. Marcinko stated that the sign has been hit twice, within the past several months. The insurer for the second driver has been advised that the Borough has been paid-in-full, by the first driver's insurance company. In response to Ms. Grannemann's question, Ms. Marcinko stated that the Office of Public Art is a public-private partnership between the Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council and the City of Pittsburgh Planning

Department. The agency provides technical support for like projects and works with the City of Pittsburgh's Art Commission and Planning Department. Mr. Taiani questioned whether the City of Pittsburgh may be held responsible for the damage to the sign. Ms. McCarthy-Johnson requested Council's support of the project. Ms. Marcinko stated that the consulting fee for the Office of Public Art will be paid by the WCDC. Payment is not being made to the Wilkesburg Community Art and Civic Design Commission.

President McCarthy-Johnson read aloud a letter received from Susan Hockenberry, Executive Director of the Local Government Academy, regarding Council's team-building meeting held last weekend.

Mr. Shattuck announced his attendance at the kick-off meeting for the East Busway Planning Initiative, which was well-attended. He also stated that he attended a meeting on the Parkway East Ramp Metering Project. He will be attending the Building One PA Conference, in Uniontown, this Friday.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, on motion by Ms. Trice, second by Mr. Taiani, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:27 P.M.

Vanessa McCarthy-Johnson
President of Council