

WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Re-Organization Council Meeting
January 4, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor, John Thompson called the meeting to order at approximately 6:06 p.m. in Council Chambers, second floor of the Municipal Building, 605 Ross Avenue, Wilkinsburg, PA 15221.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Following the pledge of allegiance led by Mayor, John Thompson, a moment of silence was observed in remembrance of victims of violent crimes and for all men and women who has served and to those who serve in the community of Wilkinsburg.

- Mayor Thompson – Comments on the tragic fire that took place in Wilkinsburg on January 1, 2016 and the heroic efforts of our firefighters that were injured due to their attempts of saving the lives of the occupants of that residence.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE – COUCIL

- Councilwoman Paige Trice – 1st Ward
- Councilman Michael Rose – 1st Ward
- Councilwoman Kate Grannemann – 3rd Ward
- Councilwoman - Vanessa McCarthy-Johnson – 2nd Ward

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION OF APPRECIATION

- Councilman Michael Lefebvre – Reads Councilwoman Eugenia Moore’s Proclamation.
- Former Councilwoman Eugenia Moore – Remarks on Leadership.
- Mayor Thompson – Request a roll call.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called to establish a quorum. Present were Ms. Grannemann, Ms. Garrett, Mr. Taiani, Ms. Trice, r. Rose, Mr. Lefebvre, Mr. Shattuck, Ms. Macklin, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Mayor John Thompson, Matthew Kalina, Solicitor and Amanda J. Ford, Assistant Borough Manager. A quorum was established.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

- Mr. Lefebvre nominates Patrick Shattuck for Council President; Second by Ms. Garrett.

- Ms. Trice nominates Vanessa McCarthy-Johnson for Council President; Second by Ms. Macklin.
- Mayor Thompson – Being there are no other nominations; nominations are now closed and the vote was taken. Roll Call vote please.
- Roll Call Vote:
 - Ms. Garrett – Yes for Patrick
 - Ms. Trice – Yes for Vanessa
 - Mr. Rose – Yes for Patrick
 - Mr. Taiani – Yes for Patrick
 - Ms. Grannemann – Yes for Vanessa
 - Mr. Shattuck – Yes for Patrick
 - Ms. Macklin – Yes for Vanessa
 - Mr. Lefebvre – Yes for Patrick
 - Ms. McCarthy-Johnson – Yes for Vanessa

Patrick Shattuck – Received 5 votes and Vanessa McCarthy-Johnson – Received 4 votes for the election of Council President.

- Mayor Thompson – We will now take nominations for Vice-President of Council.
- Ms. Trice nominates Vanessa McCarthy-Johnson for Vice-President of Council; Second by Ms. Macklin.
- Mr. Lefebvre nominates Marita Garrett for Vice-President of Council; Second by Mr. Taiani.
- Mayor Thompson – Being there are no other nominations; nominations are now closed and the vote was taken. Roll Call vote please.
- Roll Call Vote:
 - Ms. Garrett – Yes for Marita Garrett
 - Mr. Taiani – Yes for Marita Garrett
 - Ms. Trice – Yes for Vanessa McCarthy-Johnson
 - Mr. Rose – Yes for Marita Garrett
 - Ms. Grannemann – Yes for Vanessa McCarthy-Johnson
 - Mr. Shattuck – Yes for Marita Garrett
 - Ms. Macklin – Yes for Vanessa McCarthy-Johnson
 - Mr. Lefebvre – Yes for Marita Garrett
 - Ms. McCarthy-Johnson – Yes for Vanessa

Marita Garrett – Received 5 votes and Vanessa McCarthy-Johnson – Received 4 votes for the election of Vice-President of Council.

- Mayor John Thompson – Announced for the elected President of Council to take his position.
- President Patrick Shattuck – Takes over the meeting at this time.

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH SOLICITOR

- Witherel & Associates

Motion: President Shattuck

Second: Mr. Lefebvre

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Macklin – No, Mr. Lefebvre – Yes, Ms. Trice – No, Mr. Rose – Yes, Ms. Grannemann – No, Mr. Shattuck – Yes, Ms. Garrett – Yes, Mr. Taiani – Yes, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson – Yes.

A vote of 6 – 3; Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH ENGINEER

- Glenn Engineering

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Garrett

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

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Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Ms. Garrett

A vote of 9 – 0; Motion carried.

New Business

- Denise Edwards – Announced funeral service for a long time activist and leader of our community Father Warren Meltzer who have served our community for over 34 years. And further requested that Council consider recognition of his commitment at St. James Church and our community.
- President Shattuck – Yes, the funeral is scheduled for January 5, 2016 at 1:30 p.m., and I can certainly contest to his good work up until the very end.
- A consensus for a motion to prepare a written proclamation for Father Meltzer.

Motion: Ms. Macklin

Second: Ms. Grannemann

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

- President Shattuck will prepare a written proclamation for all of Council to preview and to add comments for final draft.
- Ms. Grannemann – Announces the viewing starting at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

- President Shattuck – Before adjourning, Council needs to take nominations for President Pro Tem. This Council person who hold the council meeting in the absence of the President and/or Vice-President.
- Mr. Taiani nominates Michael Lefebvre as President Pro Tem; Second by Vice-President - Ms. Garrett.
- President Shattuck – Asks for any other nominations.

A vote 9 – 0; Motion carried.

- Mr. Taiani – Request an update on Mulberry Church from Code Enforcement Director, Eric Parrish.
- President Shattuck – Mr. Parrish will provide an update at the next scheduled council meeting on January 6, 2016.
- President Shattuck – Requested any other new business. With no response from the council members and the audience meeting was adjourned.

Adjournment

President Shattuck, motion to adjourn.

Motion: Mr. Lefebvre

Second: Vice-President, Ms. Garrett

Time: 6:35 p.m.

Patrick M. Shattuck
President Council