



Luzerne County Council
February 19, 2019
Luzerne County Court House
Council Meeting Room
200 N. River Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18711

Minutes
February 19, 2019 Voting Session

Call to Order

The Luzerne County Council convened for a Voting Session in the Council Meeting Room of the Luzerne County Courthouse on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, at 6:01 PM. The meeting was called to order by Chair Tim McGinley.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Roll Call

Present

Harry Haas
Linda McClosky Houck
Eugene Kelleher
Tim McGinley
Chris Perry
Sheila Saidman, Esq.
Robert Schnee
Stephen A. Urban (via phone)
Matthew Vough
Jane Walsh Waitkus

Also Present

C. David Pedri, Esq., County Manager
Shannon Crake Lapsansky, Esq., Assistant County Solicitor
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

Recognitions/Ceremonial Proclamations

Mr. McGinley read a proclamation for Kevin Daniel Caffrey who recently obtained the rank of Eagle Scout. The proclamation will be mailed to Kevin as he was unable to be present.

Additions to/Deletions from Voting Session Agenda

None

Adoption of Voting Session Agenda

Motion to Adopt: Mr. Schnee

Second: Ms. Saidman

Vote:

Ten (10) Ayes - Unanimous

The Voting Session Agenda is adopted (10-0)

Public Comment on Voting Session Agenda Items

None

Old Business

None

Shannon Crake stated there was an Executive Session held prior to the meeting regarding personnel matters not related to the Council vacancy. She emphasized the Council vacancy was not discussed.

State of the County Report

The State of the County Report was presented by David Pedri. Mr. Pedri provided Council with handouts as well as projected the Report on screen for the public, reviewed highlights and answered questions from Council.

New Business

Motion to adopt minutes of the January 22, 2019 Voting Meeting

Motion by: Mr. Kelleher

Second: Ms. Saidman

Vote:

Eight (8) Ayes by Mr. Haas, Ms. Houck, Mr. Kelleher, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee and Ms. Waitkus

One (1) Nay by Mr. Stephen A. Urban

One (1) Abstention by Mr. Vough

Motion Passed (8-1) with (1) Abstention

The January 22, 2019 Voting Meeting Minutes are Adopted

1. Motion to adopt resolution to extend the Lease with the United States Government for property located on Route 11/Wyoming Avenue, Wyoming Borough

Motion by: Mr. Schnee

Second: Mr. Stephen A. Urban

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes - Unanimous

Resolution is Adopted (10-0)

2. Motion to adopt resolution authorizing the application for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Grant on behalf of Change Academy Lake of the Ozarks

Motion by: Mr. Schnee

Second: Mr. Perry

Mr. McGinley introduced speaker Chris Perkins, CEO, Change Academy Lake of the Ozarks who spoke about his organization, their program and the grant/application as well as answered questions from Council.

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes - Unanimous

Resolution is Adopted (10-0)

3. Motion to adopt resolution declaring a vacancy on the Luzerne County Children & Youth Advisory Board (Sperrazza)

Motion by: Mr. Haas

Second: Mr. Stephen A. Urban

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes - Unanimous

Resolution is Adopted (10-0)

4. Motion to adopt resolution accepting the declination of an appointment to the Luzerne County Housing Authority and declaring a vacancy (Sax)

Motion by: Mr. Schnee

Second: Ms. Saidman

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes - Unanimous

Resolution is Adopted (10-0)

5. Authorities, Boards and Commissions Nominations and Appointments to:

5a. Luzerne County Housing Authority (1) to complete a term to 08/19/2020

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. Kelleher

Second: Ms. Saidman

Vote:

Ten (10) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Open

Mr. Kelleher nominated: Alan Yendrzejewski

Second: Ms. Houck

Motion to Close Nominations by: Mr. Vough

Second: Mr. Schnee

Vote:

Ten (10) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Closed

Roll Call Vote to approve a resolution appointing Alan Yendrzejewski to the Luzerne County Housing Authority:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Resolution is Adopted (10-0)

5b. Luzerne/Schuylkill Workforce Investment Board (1) term 1/1/2019 to 12/31/2022

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. Kelleher

Second: Mr. Schnee

Vote:

Ten (10) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Open

Mr. Kelleher nominated: William Schabener

Second: Mr. Vough

Motion to Close Nominations by: Mr. Vough

Second: Ms. Saidman

Vote:

Ten (10) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Closed

Roll Call Vote to approve a resolution appointing William Schabener to the Luzerne/Schuylkill Workforce Investment Board:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Resolution is Adopted (10-0)

6. Motion to adopt resolution filling the vacancy of the elected position of County Council Member

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. Kelleher

Second: Ms. Waitkus

Vote:

Ten (10) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Open

Ms. Houck nominated: Elaine Curry

Second: Mr. Haas

Ms. Waitkus nominated: Patrick Bilbow

Second: Mr. Kelleher

Mr. Stephen A. Urban nominated: Eileen Sorokas

Second: Mr. Haas

Motion to Close Nominations by: Mr. Kelleher

Second: Mr. Perry

Vote:

Ten (10) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Closed

Roll Call Vote (1 names):

Mr. Haas: Curry

Ms. Houck: Curry

Mr. Kelleher: Bilbow

Mr. McGinley: Bilbow

Mr. Perry: Bilbow

Ms. Saidman: Bilbow

Mr. Schnee: Bilbow

Mr. Stephen A. Urban: Sorokas

Mr. Vough: Bilbow

Ms. Waitkus: Bilbow

Results:

Bilbow 7

Curry 2

Sorokas 1

Roll Call Vote to approve a resolution appointing Patrick Bilbow to fill the vacancy of the Elected Position of Luzerne County Council Member:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Resolution is Adopted (10-0)

Public Comment

None

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Kelleher

Second: Mr. Perry

Vote:

Ten (10) Ayes - Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned at 6:51PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Lawrence

Clerk of Council

* Audio of this meeting can be found in its entirety on the County Council webpage <http://www.luzernecounty.org/county/luzerne-county-council> or by contacting the Office of the Clerk of Council at (570) 825-1634 or via email to sharon.lawrence@luzernecounty.org