



Luzerne County Council
April 09, 2019
Luzerne County Court House
Council Meeting Room
200 N. River Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18711

Minutes
April 09, 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, April 09, 2019, at 6:01 PM. The meeting was called to order by Chair Tim McGinley.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Sean Duesler introduced Bear Creek Daisy Troop 32109 who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present

Patrick M. Bilbow
Harry Haas
Linda McClosky Houck
Eugene Kelleher
Tim McGinley
Chris Perry
Sheila Saidman, Esq.
Robert Schnee
Stephen A. Urban
Matthew Vough
Jane Walsh Waitkus

Also Present

C. David Pedri, Esq., County Manager
Romilda P. Crocamo, Chief County Solicitor
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

Recognitions/Ceremonial Proclamations

None

Additions to/Deletions from Voting Session Agenda

Mr. Haas requested Work Session agenda item 6, Drug Task Force Letter of Support, be moved to the Voting Session Agenda. Mr. McGinley agreed and stated it will be agenda item 8 on the Voting Session Agenda.

Adoption of Voting Session Agenda

Motion to Adopt: Mr. Schnee

Second: Ms. Saidman

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

The Voting Session Agenda is adopted (11-0)

Public Comment on Voting Session Agenda Items

Colleen Garrison (Wyoming Free Library) thanked Council for considering supporting the Keystone Grant for Public Library Facilities. Ms. Garrison spoke about the Grant and the Library Upgrades needed.

Old Business

None

New Business

Motion to adopt minutes of the March 26, 2019 Voting Meeting

Motion by: Ms. Waitkus

Second: Mr. Vough

Vote:

Nine (9) Ayes by Mr. Bilbow, Mr. Haas, Mr. Kelleher, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Mr. Schnee, Mr. Vough and Ms. Waitkus

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

One (1) Abstention by Ms. Saidman

Motion Passed (9-1) with (1) Abstention

The March 26, 2019 Voting Meeting Minutes are Adopted

1. Motion to introduce ordinance amending the 2019 Fiscal Year Budget for Luzerne County (Drug Task Force Officer)

Motion by: Mr. Schnee

Second: Mr. Bilbow

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Ordinance is Introduced

2. Motion to introduce ordinance amending the 2019 Fiscal Year Budget for Luzerne County (Transportation Planner)

Motion by: Mr. Perry

Second: Mr. Vough

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Ordinance is Introduced

3. Motion to adopt resolution entering into a Lease for a portion of land at the Luzerne County Annex for use by the Flower Tent

Motion by: Mr. Kelleher

Second: Mr. Stephen A. Urban

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

4. Motion to introduce ordinance amending the Luzerne County Zoning Map to Re-Zone Parcels of Property in the Borough of Pringle from Light Industrial (M-2) Zone to Two Family Residence District (R-2) Zone

Motion by: Mr. Kelleher

Second: Mr. Stephen A. Urban

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Ordinance is Introduced

5. Motion to adopt resolution sponsoring the Wyoming Free Library's Application for a Keystone Grant for Public Library Facilities

Motion by: Mr. Haas

Second: Ms. Saidman

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

6. Motion to adopt resolution committing a Local Match for State Operating Assistance for the Hazleton Public Transit

Motion by: Mr. Schnee

Second: Mr. Bilbow

Mr. Haas would like to amend the resolution and reduce the match by \$18,000.00.

Motion by: Mr. Haas

Second: Mr. Stephen A. Urban

Roll Call Vote to Amend:

Three (3) Yes by Mr. Haas, Ms. Houck and Mr. Stephen A. Urban

Eight (8) No by Mr. Bilbow, Mr. Kelleher, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee, Mr. Vough and Ms. Waitkus

Motion Failed (3-8)

Ms. Saidman would like to postpone the vote until the next Council meeting and suggested In the meantime, Mr. Haas contact Carbon and Schuylkill Counties to express the position of Luzerne County.

Motion by: Ms. Saidman

Second: Ms. Waitkus

Ms. Houck felt contact should be made by Mr. Pedri.

Mr. Haas and Mr. Pedri agreed that both of them would contact the counties. After further discussion, Ms. Saidman and Ms. Waitkus withdrew their motions.

Mr. Haas would like to postpone.

Motion by: Mr. Haas

Second: Mr. Stephen A. Urban

Roll Call Vote to Postpone:

Two (2) Yes by Mr. Haas and Mr. Stephen A. Urban

Nine (9) No by Mr. Bilbow, Ms. Houck, Mr. Kelleher, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee, Mr. Vough and Ms. Waitkus

Motion Failed (2-9)

Roll Call Vote to Adopt:

Nine (9) Yes by Mr. Bilbow, Ms. Houck, Mr. Kelleher, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee, Mr. Vough and Ms. Waitkus

Two (2) No by Mr. Haas and Mr. Stephen A. Urban

Motion Passed (9-2)

Resolution is Adopted

7. Motion to adopt resolution awarding 2018-2019 Luzerne County Recreation and Conservation Fund Grant Money

Motion by: Mr. Schnee

Second: Mr. Vough

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

ADDED

8. Motion to approve Drug Task Force Letter of Support

Motion by: Mr. Stephen A. Urban

Second: Ms. Saidman

Ms. Houck suggested the letter contain individual names and signatures of each Council Member. Mr. McGinley stated the letter will be revised by Ms. Lawrence to include the individual names and signatures of County Council and will available for everyone to sign during the Work Session.

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Public Comment

Greg Griffin (Swyersville) provided an update of their meeting with Attorney General Freed and thanked Council for the Letter of Support.

Sam Troy (Wilkes-Barre) stated he was disappointed with the Hazleton Transit vote and suggested more detail be included on the agenda. Mr. Troy feels the 3 minute limit should be longer. He commented on the contract with Maverick Strategies and the Voting Systems RFP.

Matt Vough provided an update on his work regarding the Opioid Epidemic. Mr. Vough stated he met with Jessica and her team at the Children's Service Center and they will be attending the April 23rd Council Meeting to share some positives and talk about their clinic and work. Mr. Vough also met with Steve Ross and the Drug & Alcohol Team. They will be touring the outpatient facilities together. Mr. Vough also toured New Roots. He stated the Dupont Crime Watch Team reached out to him and there will be Opioid Awareness Forum in Dupont from 7-8:30 on April 30th at the Municipal Building.

Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Kelleher

Second: Mr. Stephen A. Urban

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Lawrence

Clerk of Council

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