



Luzerne County Council
May 14, 2019
Luzerne County Court House
Council Meeting Room
200 N. River Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18711

Minutes
May 14, 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, May 14, 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

Patrick M. Bilbow
Harry Haas
Eugene Kelleher
Tim McGinley
Chris Perry
Sheila Saidman, Esq.
Robert Schnee
Stephen A. Urban (arrived at 6:05)
Matthew Vough
Jane Walsh Waitkus

Also Present

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

Absent

Linda McClosky Houck

Recognitions/Ceremonial Proclamations

None

Additions to/Deletions from Voting Session Agenda

Mr. Kelleher stated there was an Executive Session before the meeting and the County Solicitors recommended Work Session Item 5, resolution approving the settlement of litigation in the Matter of Edward Hernandez v. Luzerne County, et al., be moved to the Voting Session agenda. He would like to do so.

Motion by: Mr. Kelleher

Second: Ms. Waitkus

Vote:

Nine (9) Ayes – Unanimous

Mr. Stephen A. Urban had not arrived yet.

Motion Passed (9-0)

Adoption of Voting Session Agenda

Motion to Adopt: Ms. Waitkus

Second: Mr. Perry

Vote:

Nine (9) Ayes – Unanimous

Mr. Stephen A. Urban had not arrived yet.

The Voting Session Agenda is adopted (9-0)

Public Comment on Voting Session Agenda Items

Mr. Stephen A. Urban arrived at 6:05 during Public Comment

Angel Jirau (Wilkes-Barre) spoke about Linda Kohut and urged Council to support the name change from Pittston City Active Adult Center to the Linda Kohut Active Adult Center in her honor.

Old Business

None

New Business

Motion to adopt minutes of the April 23, 2019 Voting Meeting

Motion by: Ms. Waitkus

Second: Mr. Schnee

Vote:

Eight (8) 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 (8-1) with (1) Abstention

The April 23, 2019 Voting Meeting Minutes are Adopted

1. Motion to adopt resolution authorizing the County Manager to execute a Lease Agreement between Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Area Agency on Aging and UDU LLC for premises located at 145 East Green Street, Nanticoke, Pennsylvania

Motion by: Mr. Kelleher

Second: Mr. Stephen A. Urban

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

Resolution is Adopted

2. Motion to adopt resolution approving the sales of certain parcels of property held in Repository by Northeast Revenue Services, LLC acting as the Luzerne County Tax Claim Bureau

Motion by: Ms. Saidman

Second: Ms. Waitkus

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

Resolution is Adopted

3. Motion to adopt resolution renaming the Pittston City Active Adult Center the Linda Kohut Active Adult Center

Motion by: Mr. Schnee

Second: Mr. Bilbow

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

Resolution is Adopted

ADDITION:

4. Motion to adopt resolution approving the settlement of litigation in the matter of Edward Hernandez v. Luzerne County, et al

Ms. Crake confirmed there was an Executive Session regarding the litigation and provided information regarding the source of settlement funds.

Motion by: Ms. Saidman

Second: Ms. Waitkus

Roll Call Vote:

Nine (9) Yes by: Mr. Bilbow, Mr. Haas, Mr. Kelleher, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry,

Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee, Mr. Vough and Ms. Waitkus

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

Motion Passed (9-0) with (1) Abstention

Resolution is Adopted

Public Comment

Stephen J. Urban (Wilkes-Barre) provided Council with a handout and spoke about mental illness and mental illness health care in the County.

Brian Shiner (Kingston) asked for the litigation settlement amount and Ms. Crake responded it was \$250,000.00.

Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Kelleher

Second: Ms. Waitkus

Vote:

Ten (10) Ayes - Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned at 6:26 PM

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