



**Luzerne County Council
Voting Session
July 26, 2022
Council Meeting Room
Luzerne County Court House
200 N. River Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701
AND
Video/Teleconference via ZOOM**

Minutes

Call to Order

The Luzerne County Council convened for a Voting Session in the Council Meeting Room of the Luzerne County Courthouse on July 26, 2022 at 6:07 PM. The meeting was called to order by Chair Kendra Radle.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Roll Call

Present

Carl Bienias (virtually)
Kevin Lescavage
John Lombardo
Lee Ann McDermott
Tim McGinley
Matt Mitchell
Chris Perry
Kendra M. Radle
Brian Thornton
Stephen J. Urban
Gregory S. Wolovich, Jr.

Also Present

Randy Robertson, County Manager
Harry Skene, Acting County Solicitor
Shannon Crake-Lapsansky, Assistant Solicitor (virtually)
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

Attorney Skene commented on the Executive Session. He stated that Council met in Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Recognitions and Ceremonial Proclamations

Chair Radle read proclamations for Eagle Scout Eli Harding and for Eagle Scout Logan Harding.

Deletions from Voting Session Agenda

NONE

Adoption of Voting Session Agenda

Motion to Adopt Voting Session Agenda by: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Wolovich

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

The Voting Session Agenda is Adopted

Public Comment on Agenda Items

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NONE

Agenda Items

Motion to adopt minutes of the July 12, 2022 Voting Session

Motion by: Ms. McDermott

Second: Mr. Lombardo

Vote:

Ten (10) Ayes by Mr. Bienias, Mr. Lescavage, Mr. Lombardo, Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Mr. Thornton and Mr. Wolovich

One (1) Nay by Mr. SJ Urban

Motion Passed (10-1)

The July 12, 2022 Voting Session Minutes are Adopted

1. Motion to adopt resolution Confirming the Appointment of a Chief County Solicitor

Motion to appoint Harry Skene at a salary of \$96,500 by: Mr. Thornton

Second: Mr. Lombardo

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

2. Motion to adopt resolution Authorizing the County Manager to Renegotiate the Sales Agreement Between Luzerne County and Castillo Real Estate LLC for the former Juvenile Detention Center Property

Motion to Table by: Mr. Lescavage

Second: Mr. SJ Urban

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Tabled

3. Motion to introduce ordinance Amending the Capital Plan Budget for Luzerne County

Motion by: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Lombardo

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Ordinance is Introduced

4. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

4a. LCCC Board of Trustees (1) to complete a term ending 12/31/27

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. SJ Urban

Second: Mr. Wolovich

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Open

Mr. SJ Urban nominated: Marie Roke-Thomas

Second: Mr. Wolovich

Mr. Lombardo nominated: Paul DeFabo

Second: Ms. McDermott

Motion to Close Nominations: Mr. SJ Urban

Second: Mr. Wolovich

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Closed

Roll Call Vote (1 name):

Mr. Bienias: Roke-Thomas

Mr. Lescavage: Roke-Thomas

Mr. Lombardo: DeFabo

Ms. McDermott: DeFabo

Mr. McGinley: DeFabo

Mr. Mitchell: DeFabo

Mr. Perry: DeFabo

Ms. Radle: DeFabo

Mr. Thornton: DeFabo

Mr. Stephen J. Urban: Roke-Thomas

Mr. Wolovich: Roke-Thomas

Results:

DeFabo 7

Roke-Thomas 4

Motion to adopt resolution Appointing Paul DeFabo to the Luzerne County Community College Board of Trustees by: Mr. McGinley

Second: Ms. McDermott

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes by Mr. Bienias, Mr. Lescavage, Mr. Lombardo, Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Mr. Thornton and Mr. Wolovich

One (1) No by Mr. SJ Urban

Motion Passed (10-1)

Resolution is Adopted

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

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Kara Krueger (Plains) commented Verbally regarding drop boxes.

Deborah Jordan (Sugarloaf) commented Verbally regarding drop boxes and provided Council with 2 handouts.

Michael Sperazza (Pittston) commented Verbally regarding drop boxes.

Dan Schramm (Kingston Borough) commented Verbally regarding drop boxes.

Denise Williams (Shavertown) read her Public Comment email regarding the ordinance proposed by Mr. SJ Urban (age requirement) and the Citizens Voice article on it.

Christopher Gillis (Shavertown) commented Verbally regarding drop boxes.

Cory Ruda (Hanover Township) commented Verbally regarding drop boxes.

Jerry Notaro (Kline Township) commented Verbally regarding drop boxes.

Mr. James Clark (Plymouth Township) commented Verbally regarding the White Haven Center and requested a letter of support from Council opposing the closure.

Mrs. Clark (Plymouth Township) commented Verbally regarding the White Haven Center and Federal lawsuit.

Denise Davis (Black Creek Township) commented Verbally regarding drop boxes.

Leann Bush (Sugarloaf Township) commented Verbally regarding drop boxes.

Alex Miner (Wilkes-Barre) commented Verbally regarding drop boxes.

Beth Hartman (Hanover Township) commented Verbally regarding a Children & Youth Meeting and Public Comment for the meeting.

Rick Davis (Black Creek Township) commented Verbally regarding drop boxes.

Pinky commented Verbally regarding drop boxes.

Theodore James Fitzgerald (Wilkes-Barre) commented Verbally regarding drop boxes, Election Bureau meetings. And HR issues.

Rick DeSanto (Wilkes-Barre) commented Verbally regarding drop boxes.

Jess Morgan (Dallas) commented Verbally regarding drop boxes.

Alyssa Fusaro (Luzerne) commented Verbally regarding drop boxes.

Chair Radle read Public Comment Emails from:

Dave Schaar (Wilkes-Barre)

Claudia Glennan (Salem Township)

Pinky Kathleen Staneski (Throop)

Joseph Kalafut (Luzerne County)

Bill Scott (Forty-Fort)

Walter Kochar (Dallas Township)

Thomas Delehanty (Shavertown)

Robyn Kochar (Dallas Township)

D. Kay Strickland (Kingston Township)

Robert Stevens (Hazleton)

Motion to adjourn: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Thornton

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Lawrence

Clerk of Council

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Clerk of Council at (570) 825-1634 or via email to sharon.lawrence@luzernecounty.org