



Luzerne County Council
August 14, 2018
Luzerne County Court House
Council Meeting Room
200 N. River Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18711

Minutes
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, August 14, 2018 at 6:01 PM. The meeting was called to order by Chair Tim McGinley.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Roll Call

Present

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

Absent

Eugene Kelleher

Also Present

C. David Pedri, Esq., County Manager
Mark Makowski, Esq., Assistant County Solicitor
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

Mr. McGinley announced Mr. Schnee is on the phone and will be participating in the meeting by phone.

Mr. McGinley announced Mr. Brominski is on the phone and is calling in to the meeting due to a health issue. Due to the number of times Mr. Brominski has called in to date, the Bylaws require a vote by Council to allow him to participate in the Meeting.

Motion to allow Mr. Brominski to participate by phone

Motion by: Ms. Waitkus

Second: Ms. Houck

Roll Call Vote:

Nine (9) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (9-0)

Mr. Brominski is present and will participate in the meeting.

Recognitions/Ceremonial Proclamations

None

Additions to/Deletions from Voting Session Agenda

None

Adoption of Voting Session Agenda

Motion to Adopt: Ms. Houck

Second: Ms. Waitkus

Vote:

Ten (10) Ayes – Unanimous

The Voting Session Agenda is adopted (10-0)

Public Comment on Voting Session Agenda Items

Brian Shiner (Kingston) commented on the ordinance to amend the Administrative Code (regarding budget reports). He urged Council to not wait and to vote on it tonight.

Old Business

None

New Business

Motion to adopt minutes of the July 24, 2018 Voting Meeting

Motion by: Mr. Vough

Second: Ms. Waitkus

Vote:

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

Two (2) Nays by Mr. Brominski and Mr. Stephen A. Urban

Motion Passed (8-2)

The July 24, 2018 Voting Meeting Minutes are Adopted

1. Motion to adopt ordinance amending the Administrative Code at Section 6.02(C) in accordance with the Home Rule Charter of Luzerne County (the “Charter”)

Motion by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Haas

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes - Unanimous

Ordinance is Adopted (10-0)

2. Motion to extend deadline for Wright Township 2017-2018 Act 13 Project

Motion by: Mr. Haas

Second: Mr. Stephen A. Urban

Vote:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

3. Motion to adopt resolution approving an Agreement with the Luzerne County Redevelopment Authority for the provision of legal and administrative services to the Blighted Property Review Committee

Motion by: Mr. Haas

Second: Ms. Houck

Roll Call Vote:

Nine (9) Yes by Mr. Haas, Ms. Houck, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee, Mr. Stephen A. Urban, Mr. Vough and Ms. Waitkus

One (1) No by Mr. Brominski

Resolution is Adopted (9-1)

4. Motion to introduce ordinance amending the 2018 Fiscal Year Budget for Luzerne County

Motion by: Mr. Haas

Second: Ms. Saidman

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes _ Unanimous

Ordinance is Introduced (10-0)

5. Motion to adopt resolution declaring a vacancy on the Luzerne County Community

College Board of Trustees

Motion by: Mr. Brominski

Second: MS. Saidman

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Resolution is Adopted (10-0)

6. Authorities, Boards, & Commissions nominations and appointments to:

6a. Convention Center Authority

Motion to open nominations by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Brominski

Vote:

Ten (10) Ayes – Unanimous

Nominations Open

Mr. Schnee nominated: Neal DeAngelo

Second: Ms. Waitkus

Mr. Brominski nominated: James Reino

Second: Ms. Houck

Motion to close nominations by: Mr. Haas

Second: Mr. Brominski

Vote:

Ten (10) Ayes – Unanimous

Nominations Closed

Roll Call Vote (1 name) to complete a term expiring 12/31/2021:

Mr. Brominski: Reino

Mr. Haas: Reino

Ms. Houck: Reino

Mr. McGinley: DeAngelo

Mr. Perry: DeAngelo

Ms. Saidman: Reino

Mr. Schnee: DeAngelo

Mr. Stephen A. Urban: Reino

Mr. Vough: DeAngelo

Ms. Waitkus: DeAngelo

Results:

Reino 5

DeAngelo 5

Resolution Failed (5-5)

6b. Industrial Development Authority

Motion to open nominations by: Mr. Schnee

Second: Mr. Vough

Vote:

Ten (10) Ayes – Unanimous

Nominations Open

Mr. Schnee nominated: Robert Bresnahan

Second: Mr. Vough

Mr. Stephen A. Urban nominated: Neal DeAngelo

Second: Mr. Haas

Motion to close nominations by: Mr. Vough

Second: Ms. Waitkus

Vote:

Ten (10) Ayes – Unanimous

Nominations Closed

Roll Call Vote (1 name) for a term expiring 12/31/2022:

Mr. Brominski: DeAngelo

Mr. Haas: Bresnahan

Ms. Houck: DeAngelo

Mr. McGinley: Bresnahan

Mr. Perry: Bresnahan

Ms. Saidman: Bresnahan

Mr. Schnee: Bresnahan

Mr. Stephen A. Urban: DeAngelo

Mr. Vough: Bresnahan

Ms. Waitkus: Bresnahan

Results:

Bresnahan 7

DeAngelo 3

Motion to adopt a resolution appointing Robert Bresnahan to the Luzerne County Industrial Development Authority Board for a term expiring 12/31/2022

Motion by: Ms. Waitkus

Second: Mr. Vough

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Resolution is Adopted (10-0)

Public Comment

Attorney Michael C. Kastelebe (Bear Creek) stated that when President Trump was at the arena he and his wife wanted to walk close to the arena to quietly protest. He questioned why they were not allowed to get anywhere near the arena. Mr. McGinley replied that Council did not have that information but if someone else does they will get it.

Brian Shiner (Kingston) commented on the need for uniformity with county leases and square footage costs. Mr. Shiner also suggested using county owned properties rather than leasing.

Greg Griffin (Swoyersville) commented on the opioid epidemic and passed out information for Council.

Fred Javer (Edwardsville) spoke about legislation regarding G5 internet towers. He stated that cell tower companies will have the right to erect towers without adhering to municipal zoning laws and/or local authority approval. Mr. Javer suggested LCCC broadcast Council Meetings over their radio and television networks since they receive funding from the County.

Motion to adjourn: Ms. Waitkus

Second: Mr. Stephen A. Urban

Vote:

Ten (10) Ayes – Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned at 6:27 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