



CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Agenda

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2016
7:00 P.M.

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RULES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Administrative Code, Section § 5-209 defines public participation at Council meetings.

1. Citizens attending Council meetings are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible and respectful manner that does not disrupt the meeting.
2. Those wishing to have conversations should do so in the hall outside Council Chambers in a low speaking voice.
3. Public comment will occur only during the Public Comment period listed on the agenda at the podium and must be directed to Council as a body and not to any individual Council member or public or elected official in attendance. Clapping, calling out, and/or cheering when a speaker finishes his comments is not permitted.
4. Citizens may not approach the Council tables at any time during the meeting.
5. Any person making threats of any type, personally offensive or impertinent remarks or any person becoming unruly while addressing Council may be called to order by the Presiding Officer and may be barred from speaking, removed from Council Chambers and/or cited.
6. Failure to abide by these regulations could result in your removal from Council Chambers and/or a citation. These regulations are meant to avoid disruptions at the meeting and they are not meant to interfere with public participation.

1. OPENING MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION: Rev. Henry Pruski, All Souls Church

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. ROLL CALL

The purpose of the Executive Session on Monday, April 11 was related to _____.

2. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Council commendation recognizing the RHS Boys Basketball team
- Council commendation recognizing the RHS Cheerleaders
- Council commendation recognizing the Berks Catholic Girls Basketball team
- Council commendation recognizing the Berks Catholic Cheerleaders

3. PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA MATTERS:

Citizens have the opportunity to address the Council, by registering with the City Clerk by 5 pm on the day of the scheduled Council meeting or by legibly printing their name, address and the subject matter to be discussed on a sign-up sheet found on the podium in Council Chambers between 5 pm and 7 pm on the day of the scheduled meeting. All remarks must be directed to Council as a body and not to any individual Council member or public or elected official in attendance. Any person making personally offensive or impertinent remarks or any person becoming unruly while addressing Council may be called to order by the Presiding Officer and may be barred from speaking before Council, unless permission to continue speaking is granted by the majority vote of Council.

All comments by the public shall be made from the speaker's podium. Citizens attending the meeting may not cross into the area beyond the podium. Any materials to be distributed to Council must be given to the City Clerk before the meeting is called to order.

Those commenting on agenda business shall speak at the beginning of the meeting and shall limit their remarks to 5 minutes. Those commenting on general matters shall speak after the legislative business is concluded and shall limit their remarks to 3 minutes. No comments shall be made from any other location except the podium, and anyone making "out of order" comments may be subject to removal. There will be no demonstration, including applause or cheering, at the conclusion of anyone's remarks. Citizens may not ask questions of Council members or other elected or public officials in attendance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. MINUTES: Regular Meeting of March 28, 2016

B. AGENDA: Regular Meeting of April 11, 2016

5. Consent Agenda Legislation

A. Resolution No. 31-2016 – Appointing Don Pottiger as a voting primary delegate and Maria Kantner as alternate delegate for the City of Reading on the Berks County Tax Collection Committee, as required by PA Act 32-2008 to oversee county wide collection of earned income tax and possibly other taxes for school districts and municipalities:

B. Resolution No. -2016 –

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

7. REPORT FROM OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR

8. REPORT FROM DEPT. DIRECTORS, BOARDS, AUTHORITIES, & COMMISSIONS

9. ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

A. Bill No. 16-2016 – providing for the addition of street parking restrictions along North 5th Street, near the intersections with Woodward, Douglass and Oley streets, in accordance with applicable PennDOT regulations *Introduced at the March 14 regular meeting*

10. INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance -

11. RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution – appointing Michel Micozzi to the Library Board

B. Resolution – appointing Wesley Zimmerman to the Audit Committee

C. Resolution -

12. PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL MATTERS

Please see public speaking rules on second page

13. COUNCIL BUSINESS / COMMENTS

14. COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, April 11

Committee of the Whole – Council Office – 5 pm

Regular Meeting – Council Chambers – 7 pm

Monday, April 18

Nominations & Appointments Committee – Council Office – 4 pm

Finance, Audit and Budget Committee – Council Office – 5 pm

Standards of Living Committee – Council Office – 5 pm

Tuesday, April 19

Mandatory Charter Training – Penn Room – 7 pm

Monday, April 25

Committee of the Whole – Council Office – 5 pm

Regular Meeting – Council Chambers – 7 pm

15. BAC AND COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, April 12

Water Authority Workshop – Water Authority – 4:30 pm

Wednesday, April 13

Zoning Hearing Board – Council Chambers – 5:30 pm

Human Relations Commission – HRC Office – 6 pm

Center City Community Organization – Holy Cross Church – 6 pm

Thursday, April 14

Police Pension Board – 3rd floor conference room – 9:30 am

Outlet Area Neighborhood Assn – St Mark’s Lutheran Church – 6:30 pm

Friday, April 15

Fire Pension Board – Penn Room – 10 am

Monday, April 18

Library Board – 113 S 4th St – 4:30 pm

Tuesday, April 19

Fire Civil Service Board – Fire Training Center – 3 pm

HARB – Penn Room – 6:30 pm

Charter Board – Council Chambers – 7 pm

Wednesday, April 20

Officers & Employees Pension Board – Penn Room – 1:30 pm

Redevelopment Authority – Redevelopment Authority office – 5 pm

Thursday, April 21

Diversity Board – Penn Room – 3 pm

Monday, April 25

DID Authority – 645 Penn St 5th floor – noon

District 7 Crime Watch – Holy Spirit Church – 7 pm

Wednesday, April 27

Parking Authority – 613 Franklin St. – 5:30 pm

City of Reading City Council
Regular Meeting
March 28, 2016

Council President Waltman called the meeting to order.

The invocation was given by Dino Koutroubas, Pastoral Assistant, Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church.

All present pledged to the flag.

The Committee of the Whole meeting included an executive session on matters pertaining to personnel.

ATTENDANCE

Council President Waltman
Councilor Daubert, District 1
Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz, District 2
Councilor Twyman, District 3
Councilor Marmarou, District 4
Councilor Reed, District 5
Councilor Slifko, District 6
City Auditor D. Cituk
Acting City Solicitor T. Coleman
City Clerk L. Kelleher
Acting Managing Director C. Younger
Mayor W. Scott

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Oath of office by the City Clerk for to promotions within the Fire Department:
 - Lieutenant Ronald Banks
 - Lieutenant Emergency Michael Grow

- Council commendation recognizing Greek Independence Day

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President Waltman stated that there are two (2) citizens registered to address Council on non-agenda matters. He inquired if any Councilor objected to suspending the rule requiring non-agenda comment at the end of the meeting. As no one objected the rule was suspended.

Councilor Daubert read the public speaking rules that were adopted by Council.

Ricardo Nieves, of Northmont Blvd., expressed the belief in the use of audits to expose indiscretions with public funds.. He expressed the belief that the use of audits can protect and improve various controls. He stated that now is not the time to do nothing as audits can help protect the public good.

Tim Evans, of Douglassville, was not present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA & MINUTES

Council President Waltman called Council's attention to the agenda for this meeting, including the legislation listed under the Consent Agenda heading and the minutes from the March 14th Regular Meeting of Council.

Councilor Marmarou moved, seconded by Councilor Daubert, to approve the minutes from the March 14th Regular Meeting of Council and the agenda, including the legislation listed under the Consent Agenda heading. The motion was approved unanimously.

Consent Agenda

A. Resolution No. 25-2016 – authorizing Deputy Chief. Sean Hart to execute and submit the required forms and documents for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Public Law 93-288 as amended by Public Law 100-707).

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

The mayor did not provide a written report to Council. He made comments, in summary:

The mayor stated that he plans to celebrate the RHS Boys Basketball Team annually by flying the flag for a month each March. He stated that he is currently exploring alternatives for bond consultants to save money. He stated that a group is preparing a film about urban communities. He stated that he met with two (2) of the three (3) County Commissioners about taking title to the train station at 7th and Franklin.

The mayor stated that he is exploring options for new security measures within the City's public buildings. He stated that he obtained prices for metal detectors with the Santander arena's estimate and he is consider upgrading the camera system at City Hall. He stated that he is considering an upgrade to the City's website and making repairs to the roofs at the City's public buildings.

The mayor asked Council to consider reinstating the position of Deputy Police Chief and he introduced Mr. Younger as the Acting Managing Director. He stated that he promoted Josephina Encarnacion to Acting Administrative Services Director and moved Mr. Pottiger into the recently vacated Controller position. He stated that he has not yet made a final decision on the Police Chief candidate.

Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz thanked the mayor for his emphasis on public safety and asked him to consider looking at solutions to the vandalism at the Olivet building within Pendora and the illegal dumping at the skateboard area within Pendora. She also noted the increase in graffiti on the viaduct.

The mayor stated that he plans to have cameras installed in and around the Olivet area within Pendora. He noted that East Ends and the boxing program will be given notice to vacate. He stated that the boxing program will be relocated.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

City Auditor Cituk read the report distributed to Council at the meeting, in summary:

- 2012-16 Admissions Tax
- 2012-16 Real Estate Transfer Tax

REPORT FROM DEPT. DIRECTORS, BOARDS, AUTHORITIES, & COMMISSIONS

None.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

Pending - Amendment requires additional layover period

E. Bill No. 16-2016 - providing for the addition of street parking restrictions along North 5th Street, near the intersections with Woodward, Douglass and Oley streets, in accordance with applicable PennDOT regulations *Introduced at the March 14 regular meeting*

A. Bill No. 8-2016 - amending City Code Chapter 23 Boards, Commissions, Committees and Councils Part 4 First Energy Stadium Commission by adding ex-officio representatives from the Public Works Department and City Council *Introduced at the January 27 regular meeting; Tabled at the February 22 and March 14 regular meetings*

Councilor Marmarou moved, seconded by Councilor Daubert, to enact Bill No. 8-2016.

Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz stated that she will support this ordinance. She noted the suggestion to explore other pieces of local legislation creating boards and considering adding a Council liaison in other areas.

Bill No. 8-2016 was enacted by the following vote:

Yeas: Daubert, Goodman-Hinnershitz, Marmarou, Reed, Slifko, Twyman, Waltman

President - 7

Nays: None - 0

B. Bill No. 13-2016 - eliminating the Lead Clerk/Trainer position and adding a Records Clerk in the Police Special Services Division *Introduced at the March 14 regular meeting*

Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz moved, seconded by Councilor Reed, to enact Bill No. 13-2016.

Bill No. 13-2016 was enacted by the following vote:

Yeas: Daubert, Goodman-Hinnershitz, Marmarou, Reed, Slifko, Twyman, Waltman

President - 7

Nays: None - 0

C. Bill No. 14-2016 – amending the City Code Fee Schedule Section 212 by increasing the rental fees for the fieldhouses for the Rec Commission ***Introduced at the March 14 regular meeting***

Councilor Slifko moved, seconded by Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz, to enact Bill No. 14-2016.

Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz stated that the Rec Commission increases the fees modestly on an annual basis to cover the costs associated with renting the buildings out for parties, events, etc.

Councilor Reed noted the need for the Rec Commission to consider adding fees for Baer Park when the boxing program relocates.

Bill No. 14-2016 was enacted by the following vote:

Yeas: Daubert, Goodman-Hinnershitz, Marmarou, Reed, Slifko, Twyman, Waltman

President - 7

Nays: None - 0

D. Bill No. 15-2016 – providing for the addition of street parking restrictions at South 5th and Franklin Streets, in accordance with applicable PennDOT regulations ***Introduced at the March 14 regular meeting***

Councilor Daubert moved, seconded by Councilor Slifko, to enact Bill No. 15-2016.

Councilor Slifko explained that these parking restrictions will correct line of sight issues at various intersections. He stated that PennDOT is making upgrades to the 5th Street corridor from Laurel to Robeson Streets.

Councilor Daubert stated that this particular change will remove one parking space in front of the Reading Public Library on South 5th Street. He stated that the loss of the space will increase the line of sight at this intersection.

Bill No. 15-2016 was enacted by the following vote:

Yeas: Daubert, Goodman-Hinnershitz, Marmarou, Reed, Slifko, Twyman, Waltman

President - 7

Nays: None - 0

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDINANCES

No ordinances were introduced at this meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 26-2016- authorizing the HOME allocation of \$150,000 to be allocated to the Hillside Pointe Project and that \$150,000 to be allocated to the Barley Square Project and \$11,242 to be allocated to the Acquisition Rehabilitation Resale Activity

Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz moved, seconded by Councilor Reed, to adopt Resolution No. 26-2016.

Councilor Reed moved, seconded by Councilor Daubert, to amend Resolution No. 26-2016 by removing the Hillside Pointe project.

The motion to amend Resolution No. 26-2016 adopted by the following vote:

**Yeas: Daubert, Goodman-Hinnershitz, Marmarou, Reed, Slifko, Twyman, Waltman
President - 7**

Nays: None - 0

Councilor Slifko explained the project proposed for the 2nd and Chestnut area.

Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz expressed her support for the 2nd and Chestnut project.

Councilor Daubert explained that the Woda Company is not a "build and run" company. He noted that this company manages its own properties.

Resolution No. 26-2016 was adopted by the following vote:

**Yeas: Daubert, Goodman-Hinnershitz, Marmarou, Reed, Slifko, Twyman, Waltman
President - 7**

Nays: None - 0

B. Resolution No. 27-2016- – appointing Frank Gromis to the Stadium Commission

C. Resolution No. 28-2016- – reappointing Steven Fisher to the Plumbing Board

D. Resolution No. 29-2016- – reappoint Tom Lynam to the Fire and Building Code Board of Appeals

Councilors Marmarou moved, seconded by Councilor Daubert, to adopt Resolution Nos. 27-29-2016.

Councilor Marmarou and Slifko spoke about the experience and dedication of the candidates.

Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz spoke about Mr. Lynam's work with the appeals board to address the issues associated with the construction codes and how to apply them to existing architecture.

Resolution Nos. 27-29-2016 were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Daubert, Goodman-Hinnershitz, Marmarou, Reed, Slifko, Twyman, Waltman

President - 7

Nays: None - 0

E. Resolution No. 30-2016 – requesting a study for the installation of a traffic signal or stop sign at the 5th and Douglass and 5th and Oley intersections due to the number of accidents at these intersections.

Councilor Slifko moved, seconded by Councilor Marmarou, to adopt Resolution No. 30-2016.

Councilor Slifko explained that the intersections at Douglass and Oley are the only intersections without signals between Laurel and Robeson Street. He noted the number of fatal accidents that have occurred at these intersections.

Council President Waltman agreed with the need for signals at these intersections.

Resolution No. 30-2016 was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Daubert, Goodman-Hinnershitz, Marmarou, Reed, Slifko, Twyman, Waltman

President - 7

Nays: None - 0

COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilor Marmarou thanked the Greek community for attending tonight's meeting. He noted the upcoming College Heights Community Council meeting.

Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz announced that she is holding a town meeting on cleanliness on Wednesday, April 6th. She noted that the kickoff event for the Jazz Fest will be located in the Doubletree Hotel within District 2.

Councilor Twyman noted the need for residents to step up to remove litter from neighborhoods. He stated that the street sweepers were not designed to handle litter. He suggested that everyone become involved in the Great American Cleanup and Earth Day celebrations.

Council President Waltman reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule.

Councilor Marmarou moved, seconded by Councilor Daubert, to adjourn the regular meeting of Council.

Respectfully submitted by Linda A. Kelleher CMC, City Clerk

Drafted by	Acting Admin Services Dir.
Sponsored by/Referred by	Acting Admin Services Dir.
Introduced on	N/A
Advertised on	N/A

RESOLUTION NO. _____2016

The Council, of the City of Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, resolves as follows:

Appointing the following to serve as a voting primary delegate and an alternate delegate(s) for the City of Reading on the Berks County Tax Collection Committee, as required by PA Act 32-2008 to oversee county wide collection of earned income tax and possibly other taxes for school districts and municipalities:

Primary Delegate – Don Pottiger, City Controller

Alternate Delegate – Maria Kantner, Municipal Operations Manager

Adopted by Council _____, 2016

Jeffrey S. Waltman, Sr
President of Council

Attest:

Linda A. Kelleher CMC
City Clerk

Drafted by	City Clerk/Public Works
Sponsored by/Referred by	City Council
Introduced on	March 14, 2016
Advertised on	March 21, 2016

BILL No. ____-2016

AN ORDINANCE

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITION OF STREET PARKING RESTRICTIONS
ALONG NORTH 5th STREET, NEAR THE INTERSECTIONS WITH WOODWARD,
DOUGLASS AND OLEY STREETS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REGULATIONS**

The City of Reading City Council hereby ordains as follows:

Section 1: Street parking restrictions shall be added along North Fifth Street near the intersections of Woodward Street, Douglass Street and Oley Street, as depicted on the Penn DOT construction drawings for the SR 2005-05S Safety Corridor Improvements Project. The additional parking restrictions will be applied as follows:

The intersection of North Fifth Street and Woodward Street: on the southeast side, a length of approximately two parking spaces.

The intersection of North Fifth Street and Oley Street: on the southeast side, a length of approximately three parking spaces; and on the northwest side, a length of approximately three parking spaces, subject to the conditions listed in Section 2 herein.

The intersection of North Fifth Street and Douglass Street: on the southeast side, a length of approximately four parking spaces; and on the northwest side, a length of approximately four parking spaces, subject to the conditions listed in Section 2 herein.

The purpose of the additional parking restrictions is to provide the proper minimum clear sight distances at these un-signalized intersections in accordance with the current Penn DOT traffic safety standards.

Section 2: Street parking restrictions shall be reconsidered and potentially removed if Traffic signals or traffic signs are installed at either or both North Fifth and Oley and North Fifth and Douglass.

Section 3: This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after its adoption, in accordance with Sections 219 & 221 of the City of Reading Home Rule Charter.

Enacted: _____, 2016

President of Council

Attest:

City Clerk

Submitted to Mayor: _____

Date: _____

Received by the Mayor's Office: _____

Date: _____

Approved by Mayor: _____

Date: _____

Vetoed by Mayor: _____

Date: _____

Drafted by Deputy City Clerk
Sponsored by/Referred by Council Nominations and Appointments Committee
Introduced on N/A
Advertised on N/A

RESOLUTION NO. _____

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That Michel Micozzi is appointed to the Library Board with a term ending December 31, 2021.

Adopted by Council _____, 2016

President of Council

Attest:

Linda A. Kelleher
City Clerk

Drafted by Deputy City Clerk
Sponsored by/Referred by Council Nominations and Appointments Committee
Introduced on N/A
Advertised on N/A

RESOLUTION NO. _____

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That Wesley Zimmerman is appointed to the Audit Committee with a term ending April 11, 2019.

Adopted by Council _____, 2016

President of Council

Attest:

Linda A. Kelleher
City Clerk

