

**BOROUGH OF EAST WASHINGTON  
COUNCIL MEETING March 14, 2011  
MINUTES**

Council of the Borough of East Washington met in Regular Session on Monday, March 14, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., with the following Members and Borough Officials present:

Mark A. Pacilla, Mayor  
Blake E. McCandless, Borough Council President  
Joanne K. Coyle, Council Vice-President  
Jeffrey D. Bull, Council  
Marilyn A. Posner, Council  
Robert G. Dickson, Council  
Billy C. Josay, Council  
Cary Jones, Borough Solicitor  
Heather Walsh, Borough Secretary  
Donald A. Solomon, Chief of Police  
Michael E. Behrens, Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer  
Mark Connors, Constable

Absent: Kelley L. Dickson, Council

Audience Members: Tom Shade, Borough Zoning Hearing Board Member; Julie Throckmorton, Washington & Jefferson College

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Council President Blake E. McCandless called the Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion** was made by Robert G. Dickson and seconded by Joanne K. Coyle to approve the Minutes of the February 14, 2011, Regular Meeting of Council of the Borough of East Washington.

**Vote:** All Ayes (6). Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**Motion** was made by Robert G. Dickson and seconded by Jeffrey D. Bull to approve the current bills.

**Vote:** All Ayes (6). Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORTS FROM AUDIENCE MEMBERS**

Julie Throckmorton-Meunier, Foundation and Corporate Relations Officer for Washington & Jefferson College, introduced herself and began to explain a new civic leadership initiative with Coro Pittsburgh. Through W&J College, the Coro Center for Civic Leadership plans to select, recruit and engage a diverse group of approximately 20 leaders to sustain leadership toward the implementation of the Washington-East Washington Comprehensive Plan. It will be designed, organized and facilitated by Coro Pittsburgh in partnership with a wide range of stakeholders in government, business and the

nonprofit community. Washington & Jefferson College will apply for grants for funding of the leadership training. Council for the Borough of East Washington has been requested to authorize by Resolution the grant applications. This grant application and the future initiative would require no funds from the Borough of East Washington.

A representative from Coro Pittsburgh is hoping to be in East Washington in April and talk to people to get a sense of who would want to apply to the leadership institute, after Washington & Jefferson College confirms that it will receive the funding to do this project. The person from Coro would get suggestions from Borough Council and other organizations, including some recommended by Council, of individuals who may want to be involved.

Ms. Throckmorton stated that Washington and Jefferson College approached Coro Pittsburgh to come in and look at implementation of the Comprehensive Plan. They feel that it is very important to consider training some community leaders to assist the local government leaders in implementing the Plan.

Mayor Pacilla stated that the training of community members would help to insure the implementation of the Plan would continue if elected government officials change over the next several years.

Ms. Throckmorton stated that Coro would also attempt to involve the younger generation. Coro would be directly involved up to twenty-four months, but hopes to extend it further into the future. She stated that the cost of the Coro training could be about \$70,000.

Jeffrey D. Bull suggested that the Borough Council and Mayor, the City of Washington Council and Mayor, and the President of Washington & Jefferson College, have a meeting to discuss this Coro initiative for implementation of the Plan.

Ms. Throckmorton stated that the City of Washington adopted its resolution to authorize the submission of the grant applications.

Ms. Throckmorton suggested scheduling a meeting between the City, Borough, and College after funding has been approved.

Ms. Throckmorton stated that a representative of Coro Pittsburgh will attend next month's Borough of East Washington Council meeting on April 11, 2011, to provide additional information.

**Motion** was made by Robert G. Dickson and seconded by Marilyn A. Posner to adopt a Resolution to Authorize the Submission of Grant Applications by Washington and Jefferson College, for funding for leadership training such as the Washington-East Washington Civic Leadership Initiative, in which a diverse group of approximately 20 leaders will be selected and recruited to assist with implementation of the Washington-East Washington Comprehensive Plan.

**Vote:** Five (5) Ayes; One (1) Nay -- (Josay). Motion carried.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Borough Secretary distributed the current financial statements.

#### STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

Jeffrey D. Bull stated that the new truck has been outfitted with the leaf machine box. The street department will collect any leaves left in the curb areas. South Strabane Township will be cleaning the streets in a month or so.

Mr. Bull is still aware of the cleanup work needed along the walking trail extending from Christman Avenue.

Mr. Bull stated that the street department should have a part-time helper in a couple of weeks.

Mr. Bull stated that there was a large opening in the brick street, Aylesworth Avenue. Johnson Contracting came in and has begun to make repairs.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The new Borough police department vehicle has been purchased. It is currently being outfitted for police use, and then it will be painted.

#### CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Borough Code Enforcement Officer Michael E. Behrens previously submitted his monthly enforcement report.

Council President Blake E. McCandless stated that he has witnessed possible driveway/parking issues at Faith Christian School.

Council suggested that Mayor Pacilla and Code Enforcement Officer Mike Behrens talk to Faith Christian School representatives.

#### COUNCIL REPORTS

Robert G. Dickson – No report.

Billy C. Josay – No report.

Joanne K. Coyle – No report.

Jeffrey D. Bull - No report.

Blake E. McCandless – No report.

Marilyn A. Posner stated that the lovely new recycling containers have arrived. The overall cost was \$1,699.00. Residents may pick them up at the Borough Building for free.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Borough Solicitor Cary Jones stated that the Borough of East Washington Planning Commission, at their meeting on March 9, 2011, recommends approval by Council of the Borough of East Washington the installation of a satellite dish antenna at 78 McKennan Avenue. Borough Council will consider this for approval at their next regularly scheduled meeting on April 11, 2011.

Council President Blake E. McCandless stated that the City of Washington is holding a panel discussion group on Thursday, March 31, 2011, regarding transportation services in and around the City of Washington. It is important that at least one representative from the Borough of East Washington attend the meeting.

#### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Borough Solicitor Cary Jones stated that George Retos appealed the decision of Judge David Mark that found him guilty of not filing local income tax returns for several years. A new trial is scheduled for March 23, 2011.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Council President Blake E. McCandless distributed information from the last Washington-East Washington Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Meeting.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** was made by Robert G. Dickson and seconded by Jeffrey D. Bull to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST WASHINGTON IS MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2011.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather Walsh, Borough Secretary