

Resolution
of the
City of Easton, Pennsylvania

No.

Date: December 22, 2010

Introduced by: Elinor Warner

WHEREAS local elected officials are responsible for protecting the health, safety, and welfare of residents of their municipality; and

WHEREAS laws and regulations adopted by State government authorizing certain harmful corporate activities within our municipalities have gutted our ability to protect our residents and the natural environment; and

WHEREAS those State actions constitute the empowerment of a corporate minority over our community majority, and thus violate our inherent right to local, democratic, self-government, and

WHEREAS making the rights of our community subordinate to corporate and State decision makers is seen most clearly in the assertion of legal privileges and powers by gas extraction corporations focused on the Marcellus Shale formation to stop municipal governments from controller gas drilling within their communities; and

WHEREAS the Pittsburgh City Council is determined to make a stand on behalf of the inherent right to local self-government, to the benefit of all of our municipalities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Easton supports the City of Pittsburgh's adoption of its Community Protection from Natural Gas Extraction Ordinance; which bans corporate gas drilling while challenging the authority of corporations to override Pittsburgh's assertion of local self-governing powers; and that the City of Easton calls for the constitutional recognition of the right to community local self-government in Pennsylvania.

This is to certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the City Council on the above date.

Attest: _____
City Clerk

Signed: _____
Mayor

Minutes of the Council of the City of Easton, Pa.
December 22, 2010

Bill No. 61, Amending Chapter 110, Pension, of the Code of the City of Easton was introduced by Mayor Panto and ordered processed for adoption.

The Bill would amend Article III, Chapter 110, Pension, of the Code of the City of Easton.

Dr. Ruggles stated that he did not like the wording in the Pension Ordinance and after a brief discussion it was decided that the wording would be reviewed and possibly changed before the next Council meeting when the amendments would be voted on.

The next item on the agenda was a proposed Resolution expressing the City's support of the City of Pittsburgh's adoption of its Community Protection from Natural Gas Extraction Ordinance.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

212-2010

The above Resolution was approved on motion of Dr. Warner and Mr. Warren by the following vote:

Yeas: Warner, Warren, Panto, Brown, Ruggles, Vulcano (6)

Nays: None (0)

The next item on the agenda was a proposed Resolution which would authorize the City Administrator and/or the Director of Public Works to sign a purchase Agreement with Constellation NewEnergy.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Brown:

213-2010

The above Resolution was approved on motion of Mr. Brown and Dr. Warner by the following vote:

Yeas: Warren, Panto, Brown, Ruggles, Vulcano, Warner (6)

Nays: None (0)

The next item on the agenda was a proposed Resolution which appoints Berkheimer as its exclusive delinquent tax collector for Per Capital Taxes.

The above Resolution was moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mayor Panto.

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