

**City of Reading City Council**  
**Special Meeting**  
**Monday, November 4, 2013**

Council President Francis G. Acosta called the Special Meeting to order at approximately 5:10 pm.

**ATTENDANCE**

Council President Acosta  
Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz, District 2  
Councilor Sterner, District 3  
Councilor Marmarou, District 4  
Councilor Reed, District 5  
Councilor Waltman, District 6  
City Solicitor C. Younger  
City Clerk L. Kelleher  
Managing Director C. Snyder  
City Auditor D. Cituk  
Mayor V. Spencer

Council President Acosta stated that Councilor Corcoran has been excused as he was called to work.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Council President Acosta reviewed the public speaking regulations and stated that one (1) individual is registered to address Council this evening on agenda matters.

**Ernie Schlegel, of Pear Street**, expressed concern over the apparent political wrangling with Charter amendment recommendations. He read Charter Section 1203 aloud. He expressed the belief that it is not the intent of those who drafted the Charter to have elected officials serve on the Charter Review Commission and that members of the City's Boards, Authorities and Commissions would be better suited to serve. He stated that elected officials could serve as non-voting liaisons to the Charter Review Commission and he suggested that the elected officials currently appointed step down. He also noted the potential conflict with elected officials serving on the Charter Review Commission when they have filed Charter complaints. He again suggested that the elected officials appointed step down.

Council President Acosta announced that Council would be going into executive session to discuss litigation and the purchase or real estate and he announced the officials that need to attend the executive session. The executive session was convened at approximately 5:14 pm.

The executive session ended at 6:28 and the Special Meeting was recessed. The Special Meeting reconvened at 6:36 pm.

## **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

- **Agenda for the November 4<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting**

Council President Acosta stated that the administration has requested two additions to the agenda as follows:

1. Resolution authorizing the Water Authority to purchase Dana South
2. Introduction of an ordinance to increase the commuter and resident Home Rule EIT.

The members of Council agreed to add the ordinance for introduction but disagreed with placing the resolution regarding the Dana South property on the agenda.

**Councilor Marmarou moved, seconded by Councilor Reed, to adopt the agenda as amended including the legislation under the Consent Agenda heading. The motion was approved unanimously.**

## **CONSENT AGENDA LEGISLATION**

**A. Resolution 88-2013** – appointing Donna Reed to the Blighted Property Review Committee **(Council Staff)**

**B. Resolution 89-2013** – appointing Donna Reed to the Charter Review Commission **(Council Staff)**

**C. Resolution 90-2013** – appointing Marcia Goodman-Hinnershitz to the Nominations and Appointments Committee **(Council Staff)**

**D. Resolution 91-2013** – authorizing the Solicitor to petition the Court of Common Pleas seeking a Non-resident EIT rate of 1.2% **(Law) Tabled at the 10-28 Regular Meeting**

## **ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE**

**Bill No. 54-2013** – Amending the Act 47 Recovery Plan by reducing the Commuter and Home Rule Resident EIT by 0.1%. **(PFM/Council Staff/Law) Introduced at the Oct 14 regular meeting; Tabled at the 10-28 Regular Meeting**

**Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz moved, seconded by Councilor Marmarou, to enact Bill No. 54-2013.**

**Councilor Waltman moved, to amend Bill No. 54-2013 to replace the percentage listed in the ordinance with the phrase “as attached in Exhibit A”.**

Councilor Waltman explained that his proposed amendment would allow Council to determine the amount of the resident and commuter EIT after the administration determines

the amount required to balance the 2014 budget due to the potential loss of the recycling fees.

The Solicitor and City Clerk stated that PFM would prefer if Council enacted both ordinances.

Councilor Waltman withdrew his amendment.

**Councilor Waltman moved to table Bill No. 54- 2013. The motion to table Bill No. 54-2013 failed for a lack of a second.**

**Bill No. 54-2013 was enacted by the following vote:**

**Yeas: Goodman-Hinnershitz, Marmarou, Reed, Sterner, Acosta, President – 5**

**Nays: Waltman - 1**

## **INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDINANCES**

**A. Ordinance** – amending the Act 47 Recovery Plan as attached in Exhibit A.  
(PFM/Council Staff)

**Councilor Marmarou moved, seconded by Councilor Sterner, to adjourn the meeting.**

*Respectfully submitted by Linda A. Kelleher CMC, City Clerk*