

**MINUTES
HAZLETON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026**

Call to Order: Council met at a Regular Meeting session on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, in the City Hall Auditorium. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Silent Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance: A silent moment was taken followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Bruno-present; Colombo-present; Nilles-present; Ondishin-present; Perry-present

Minutes of Previous Meetings: The minutes of June 9, 2026, Regular Meeting were approved unanimously.

Presentations/Proclamations/Communications: None

Bid Opening: None

Courtesy of the Floor (ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY): Dee Deakos, 43 Mine Street, Hazleton, spoke of Resolution 2026-41. Deakos asked if this property went out “for bid”. Atty. Logsdon stated this property is located on Chestnut Street. He mentioned the City and the Land Bank tried to sell this property “years ago”. The property was sitting for a long time. Ms. Nunez came to a Land Bank meeting, and this is how she found out about the property. Bruno stated he understands what Deakos is saying, but the Land Bank’s purpose is to get the land “back on the books”. He said the Land Bank members were discussing getting more money for this property, but this was a good offer to take. The Land Bank’s objective is not to make money, but to get the land active. Deakos stated she would be interested in becoming a Land Bank member.

Atty. Logsdon mentioned in the past, several properties have been used as “dumping grounds”. He said the property is in the City’s name. There are two separate parcels; one property is under the City, and the other property is listed under the Land Bank.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

(1ST READING)

None

(2ND READINGS)

None

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2026-41

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hazleton
Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Property Located at 241
East Chestnut Street to Ana Nunez and Authorizing Execution of
an Agreement of Sale and Related Closing Documents

Presented by Perry. Seconded by Nilles.

On the Question:

Atty. Logsdon said the deed was never transferred to the Land Bank. The Land Bank did negotiate this sale. Ms. Nunez will provide the City and Land Bank with a developmental proposal within one year of the sale. The total sale for the parcels is \$20,000.00 for both lots. Atty. Logsdon said Ms. Nunez is motivated to develop the property. She has quite a few businesses in the City.

Roll Call: Bruno-yes; Colombo-yes; Nilles-yes; Ondishin-yes; Perry-yes

RESOLUTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

New Business: None

Old Business: None

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Comments from the Audience: James Dumin, Hazleton, said the lights are still on at the 17th Street St.-Stanislaus's field. Perry said he spoke to Frank Pierce, interim director of DPW and Mayor Cusat. He said they all agreed the lights should be turned off.

Dumin said the only team playing there is Stars & Stripes. He mentioned they do not play many games there. He said the lights come on at 8:26 a.m. and the lights go off at 10:09 p.m. Perry stated Mayor Cusat said the City is working on this issue, with it being an old system. Bruno said the City is working on way to turn off the lights remotely, but it is an \$8,000 upgrade. They are discussing turning the lights out, externally, from a different location. Dumin said, currently, the lights are on a timer. Perry said Frank Stish, City Athletic Director, got locked out of the light box.

Dumin said the trash has not been picked up in weeks. There is, also, a broken conduit on the pole. Also, the pickle ball court lights are on after people are done playing.

Debbie Gold, Hazleton, asked what Frank Stish does in his role. Perry said Stish needs to be at the meeting to answer these questions.

Perry said City Council members will do their part and contact who they need to rectify this issue.

Gold asked if there is a street paving schedule. Nilles said 1st -11th Streets are being paved, from Boundary to Thompson Street.

David Dominquez, 200 Holly Street, Hazleton, asked about the City's IT network and infrastructure. He said the City's website has been down for a few days. Dan Lynch said the City's website is handled by Precision Design, since 2018, and the "day to day" activity is outsourced to a "third party". He said Precision Design knew the website was down, and Lynch is not sure if it was a "planned" thing.

Dominquez asked if the City has a schedule to fix the storm drains. Perry said DPW should have a schedule. Colombo mentioned that the VAC Truck is out every day in the City. Bruno said DPW does not have a "ton" of workers, so it may take some time to clean them up.

Dominquez asked where the City residents could become aware of the available Land Bank properties. Atty. Logsdon said the Land Bank meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

Comments from Mayor: None – absent.

Comments from City Administrator: None

Comments from Council: Nilles said the paving company is moving along the paving project in the City.

Nilles spoke of Johns Avenue in the Terrace. He said the kids using the e-bikes are not stopping at stop signs and not following the "rules of the road".

Atty. Logsdon said he is "on it". Ondishin said the bikes need to follow the "rules of the road". Atty. Logsdon said the e-bikes should not be on sidewalks. Atty. Logsdon said he will be drafting an ordinance for City Council to pass. He said he does not want to step on the "states toes" for their regulations.

Nilles wished everyone a Happy 250th US Anniversary. Nilles has been talking to Mayor Cusat for the City to get their own bell. He wished everyone a Happy 4th of July.

Colombo stated the Hometown Heroes Banner program is still going on. He said each banner is \$195.00.

Colombo stated Luzerne County wants to reinstitute the \$5.00 vehicle fee. He said Hazleton received no money from the previous tax. He mentioned Luzerne County needs to know Hazleton does not want this tax again.

Colombo wished everyone a Happy 4th of July.

Ondishin and Bruno wished everyone a Happy 4th of July.

Perry asked Atty. Logsdon how the parking permit program is going. Atty. Logsdon said there are some permits being processed. He, currently, does not have any numbers.

Ondishin said there is a serious garbage problem in the City.

Perry said the DeAngelo 4th of July event will be held on July 3rd at City View Park with a 5-K & 10-K walk and many activities.

Atty. Logsdon said the City fireworks event will be held on July 5th at City View Park.

Atty. Logsdon reminded all residents that the PA fireworks state law has not changed. It is very inconsiderate for people to use aerial or professional fireworks in the City.

Perry mentioned Police Chief Schoonmaker has given May's total police calls. The total number of May's calls is 2,000. The busiest day was May 19th. The most common offenses are traffic stops, walk-ins, miscellaneous complaints, and noise complaints. Domestic incidents are low. Perry said traffic and noise incidents are the most common, along with parking and quality-of-life complaints

Adjournment: Perry motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.