

**MINUTES
HAZLETON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026**

Call to Order: Council met at a Regular Meeting session on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, in Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order.

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

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

Minutes of Previous Meetings: The minutes of May 26, 2026, Regular Meeting were approved unanimously.

Presentations/Proclamations/Communications:

1. Presentation of Certificates of Award to Junior Council

Perry presented Junior Council Members with their certificates of awards for year 2025-2026.

2. Proclamation- Honoring Reverend Kevin Miller

Colombo read Proclamation Honoring Reverend Kevin Miller.

Reverend Miller thanked all for his Proclamation. He thanked Reverend Neftali-FelizSena, Assistant Pastor at Holy Annunciation Parish, and Father Rafael. Reverend Miller mentioned that they show him what it is to be a true servant of the Lord and the people.

David Sanchez, originally from Puerto Rico and a resident of Hazleton, said he started his Christian life at St. Gabriel's Church in 1999. He said he has been with a few beautiful priests who guided him through his journey. Sanchez said Reverend Miller has a dedication, always with a smile on his face. He thanked Reverend Miller for "all he has given us".

Bid Opening: None

Courtesy of the Floor (ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY): None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

(1ST READING)

None

(2ND READINGS)

None

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2026-39

A Resolution of the City Council of Hazleton Establishing Administrative Costs Associated with the Collection of Delinquent Parking Violations

Presented by Perry. Seconded by Colombo.

On the Question:

Atty. Logsdon said the City passed Ordinance 2026-7 on April 14, 2026, which the City switched their parking violation system from a non-traffic summary citation to a civil infraction method. The administrative costs will include processing and mailing citations, and costs of collections, including collection agency fees.

Colombo asked if the City has a collection agency "on board". Atty. Logsdon said the City does not have an agreement signed yet, but the City is looking at Penn Credit Corporation. He mentioned City Council members will be notified of the agency the City will choose.

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

RESOLUTION PASSES 4-0

Resolution 2026-40

IN MEMORIAM- Ronald Marchetti

Presented by Perry. Seconded by Colombo.

On the Question:

Perry read Mr. Marchetti's Proclamation.

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

RESOLUTION PASSES 4-0

New Business: None

Old Business: None

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Comments from the Audience: David Dominquez, 200 Holly Street, Hazleton, commented on the City's storm drains. He said they are covered with rocks and leaves in front of City Hall. He said there are so many other drains that are blocked. Ondishin told Dominquez he could call the DPW Department to notify them. He stated they will go out with the VAC Truck to clean them out.

Colombo stated DPW is going out to clean them. He mentioned DPW is extremely busy. Perry said there is a DPW VAC Truck schedule of where they will be. He said the City Clerk could put the DPW schedule

on the City of Hazleton's website. Perry said Dominquez could, also, call Hazleton Sewer Authority. Colombo mentioned DPW employees are, currently, putting the Hometown Heroes banners up in the City.

Colombo said there is a huge problem with garbage in the City, especially on the Heights Beltway.

Dominquez said, at the next Council meeting, he will come back with a map to where all the storm drains are blocked.

Robert Mathuse, Hazleton, spoke of the 19th Street St. Stanislaus Field issue. He said the lights at the field are currently on timers. He said, in the past, there was a key to turn the lights on and off. He said the 28 families that live near the field do not want a a timer on the lights. He said the All-American Girls Softball League had a key for the lights. He stated they cleaned up the field better than the City does.

Perry said All-American Girls Softball League has had a problem due to not getting their required insurance policy. Mathuse said he was told by a DPW employee that "no one will get a key for the lights".

Mathuse said the lights are very bright. Atty. Logsdon said he will speak to Frank Stish, City of Hazleton Athletic Director. Mathuse said he and his neighbors want the lights turned off after practices or games.

James Dumin, Hazleton, said he kept records of any practices or games. He said there were few practice sessions and games conducted there. Dumin said the lights were still on in November. He asked Mayor Cusat to shut the lights off. He said the lights are very bright in their homes.

Ondishin told Mathuse he could contact the City Council members via their City emails.

Comments from Mayor: None- absent

Atty. Logsdon said there will be a decision, shortly, from the PA Supreme Court, on the skill games issue.

Comments from City Administrator: Lynch said the City has received about \$3,100.000 in real estate taxes in one day.

He said the City has received their recent pension audit from the state. He said due to the City doing a "drop" program, there needs an ordinance passed for this.

Lynch mentioned the City auditors are, currently, working on the 2025 audit.

Comments from Junior Council: Mateo Feola stated it is a "true honor" to be a Hazleton Junior Council member.

Comments from Council: Colombo had all stand to honor Mr. Marchetti. He spoke of Reverend Miller and all the work he did for the City Fire Company with their 9/11 tribute.

Ondishin reminded all City residents to help clean up the City garbage. Perry said the City is working with the Hazleton City Authority to purchase more VAC Trucks and more employees to pick up the garbage.

Adjournment: Perry motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.