

## **City of Hazleton Government Study Commission Meeting Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, December 16, 2025

Time 4:30 PM

Location: City Hall, Conference Room A, Hazleton

### **Call to Order**

This meeting was called to order at 4:34 PM by Allison Keegan, Chairwoman.

### **Roll Call**

Allison Keegan, Chairperson - Present

Rossanna Gabriel, Vice Chairperson-Arrived at 4:39 PM

Philip Bonafair - Present

Thomas Bruno – Present

Jeffrey Cusat - Present

Joseph Yannuzzi –Present

Joseph Zeller III – Present

PEL Consultants Gerald Cross; Senior Research Fellow; Patty Moorhead, Director of Financial and Data Analytics; Fred Reddig, Consultant

Solicitor, Sean Logsdon

Recording Secretary Christine Galuska

**Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and moment of silence was observed.**

### **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of November 18, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion made by Cusat, seconded by Bruno. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Invoices**

There were no invoices presented for approval.

### **Old Business**

A motion was made to change the 2026 GSC meeting schedule to the first and third Wednesday of each month at 5:00 PM, through the end of August 2026.

Motion made by Keegan, seconded by Cusat. Motion passed unanimously.

### **PEL Presentation Review**

Fred Reddig, consultant from the Pennsylvania Economy League (PEL), revisited several items from the November 18 PowerPoint presentation. He recommended reviewing the current Third-Class City Code and using it as a starting point for considering changes to the existing form of government.

Mr. Reddig reminded commissioners of the importance of the four “C’s” when drafting the charter:

- Clarity
- Consistency
- Conciseness
- Correctness

### **New Business**

PEL representatives stated that the first two meetings in January will begin the drafting of the Legislative Branch section of the Charter. Draft materials will be distributed to Commission members prior to the meetings for review and discussion.

A public meeting will be held later to review drafted materials and to provide educational information to citizens.

### **Public Comments**

Dave Dominguez thanked the Commission for providing the agenda in Spanish and asked whether the Charter would be drafted in Spanish. It was clarified that the binding language of the Charter will be in English, however, it will be translated into Spanish using Google Translate for informational purposes.

It was further noted that the ballot question is fixed by law and will ask whether the citizens recommend the Home Rule Charter.

### **Member Comments**

Commissioner Zeller wished a Merry Christmas to all!

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 5:41 PM by Cusat, seconded by Yannuzzi. The motion carries.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Hazleton Government Study Commission will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 7, at 5:00 PM, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Hazleton City Hall.