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**MINUTES**
**Public Hearing for Proposed Ordinance #6 of 2026 – Ordinance of the Council of the Borough of West Hazleton Amending the West Hazleton Borough Zoning Ordinance(with regard to Data Centers)**
**October 13th, 2026**

1. **Call to Order by President Henry Kreisl**

2. **Roll call of Council Members**

**Chura:** Present, **Vercusky:** Present, **Sharkey:** Present, **Duffy:** Present, **Dutz:** Absent, **Kreisl:** Present, **Verrastro:** Present.

**Council President Kreisl:** Good evening, everyone. This is the Public Hearing for the Proposed Ordinance regarding Data Centers on our meeting agenda tonight. That being said, I'm going to hand it over to Charlie.

**West Hazleton Borough Zoning Officer Charles Pedri**: Good evening. I apologize for being late. On the agenda this evening is the issue with regard to the Data Centers. This is the Ordinance that was reviewed by the Planning Commission. It basically contains a proposed Data Center in an M-2 Zone, and it's a conditional approval. All proposals would have to go through the Zoning Board, as well as be reviewed by the Planning Commission and Borough Council. It's a little different from traditional Zoning. Maybe if anyone has specific questions?

**CP Kreisl**: Does anyone in the audience have any questions for Mr. Pedri regarding the Data Center ordinance?

**Public Participation:** There were no questions or comments from members of the public audience in attendance for Zoning Officer Pedri.

**CP Kreisl**: Does anybody have any questions for Council regarding it?

**Public Participation**: There were no comments or questions from members of the public audience in attendance for Borough Council.

**Zoning Officer Pedri**: It's an M-2 Zone which is one reason basically, and in addition it's a Conditional Use rule rather than that of traditional Zoning

**CP Kreisl:** This now concludes the portion of the meeting for Public Commentary on the Data Center ordinance. We will now move into the regular meeting.

**Hearing Closed**

**Attested:**

James Schweitzer

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**Borough Manager**