

**CITY OF WILKES-BARRE
PENNSYLVANIA**



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL

WORK SESSION

Date: December 5, 2019

Time: 6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Mayor Tony George (See Attached)

WILKES-BARRE CITY COUNCIL

WORK SESSION

DECEMBER 3, 2019

Mayor's Agenda:

RESOLUTIONS:

Authorizing the proper city officials to submit a \$1,256,687.00 H2O PA grant application funded by Commonwealth Finance Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania along with any or all project documents for the Mill Creek and Laurel Run Creek Flood Restoration Project.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

RESOLUTIONS

PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

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Resolution No. _____

Wilkes-Barre, PA _____

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Wilkes-Barre of Luzerne County hereby requests a H2O PA grant of \$1,256,687.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Mill Creek and Laurel Run Creek Flood Restoration Project; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Anthony George, Mayor, and Darren, Snyder, City Controller, as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between the City of Wilkes-Barre and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant; AND

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre to authorize the appropriate city officials to submit a \$1,256,687.00 H2O PA grant application funded by Commonwealth Financing Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania along with any or all project documents for the Mill Creek and Laurel Run Creek Flood Restoration Project if the application is approved; AND

I, Jim Ryan, duly qualified City Clerk of the City of Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Wilkes-Barre City Council at a regular meeting held December 5, 2019 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the City of Wilkes-Barre and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the City of Wilkes-Barre, this

Submitted by _____

ROLL CALL



Resolution No. _____

Wilkes-Barre, PA _____

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre:

WHEREAS, the establishment of the Mohegan Sun Casino at Pocono Downs (Casino) has resulted in revenue from this facility allocated to a Local Share Account—Luzerne County (Account) administered by the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA); AND

WHEREAS, money in this Account is available for distribution to municipalities in Luzerne County; AND

WHEREAS, revenue in this Account is designated to improve the quality of life of citizens in the City of Wilkes-Barre and other municipalities in Luzerne County; AND

WHEREAS, the City of Wilkes-Barre is desirous of applying for a \$650,000.00 grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the CFA, for the Local Share Account- Luzerne County program funds. The funds will be used for the Historic Wyoming Valley Art League Building upgrades such as meeting ADA handicapped requirements with the addition of an elevator and accessible restrooms. Also, HVAC improvements along with gallery lighting and acoustics improvements will occur. These renovations will adequately equip the building to serve public visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the CITY OF WILKES-BARRE that the proper City officials are hereby authorized to prepare and submit the necessary application to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the CFA, for the Local Share Account- Luzerne County program funds; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into the appropriate agreement with the CFA, along with any or all other project documents, related to the Renovation of the Historic Wyoming Valley Art League Building project, if the application is approved.

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WHEREAS, money in this Account is available for distribution to municipalities in Luzerne County; AND

WHEREAS, revenue in this Account is designated to improve the quality of life of citizens in the City of Wilkes-Barre and other municipalities in Luzerne County; AND

WHEREAS, the City of Wilkes-Barre is desirous of applying for a \$175,000.00 grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the CFA, for the Local Share Account- Luzerne County program funds. The funds will be used by Children's Service Center (CSC) to raze an unoccupied building located at 350 South Franklin Street as well as pave the property for use as a parking lot. The need for additional parking is necessary based on the CSC's tremendous growth in clients served. Since 2015, the number of clients ages 18 and under has increased by 61%. For that same period, the number of adults served has increased by more than 500%. Since 2017, the number of clients using Drug & Alcohol Services has increased by 400%. By years end, CSC will have served more than 8,000 individual clients

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the CITY OF WILKES-BARRE that the proper City officials are hereby authorized to prepare and submit the necessary application to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the CFA, for the Local Share Account- Luzerne County program funds; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into the appropriate agreement with the CFA, along with any or all other project documents, related to the Children's Service Center Parking Improvement project, if the application is approved.

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WHEREAS, revenue in this Account is designated to improve the quality of life of citizens in the City of Wilkes-Barre and other municipalities in Luzerne County; AND

WHEREAS, the City of Wilkes-Barre is desirous of applying for a \$544,586.65 grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the CFA, for the Local Share Account- Luzerne County program funds. The funding will be used to establish a permanent location for the city's Emergency Response Center. In the past the city has used temporary locations as the Emergency Response Center; however, these locations are no longer available for the city to use in times of emergency. Also, the logistical problems associated with not have a permanent location were many (moving computer servers, computer equipment and other essential items to keep the city operational was time consuming and inefficient). Wilkes-Barre City Hall, Fire Headquarters, Police Station and the Health Department are all located in the flood zone due to its proximity to the Susquehanna River. Therefore, in the event of a disaster, particularly flooding, the city must move all of its operations out of the flood zone. The proposed Emergency Response Center will be located out of the flood zone and allow the city to continue operations during disaster events. The city will renovate 4,249 square feet on the second floor of the city-owned DPW building that is currently used for storage into the Emergency Response Center; AND

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the CITY OF WILKES-BARRE that the proper City officials are hereby authorized to prepare and submit the necessary application to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the CFA, for the Local Share Account- Luzerne County program funds; AND

FURTHER, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into the appropriate agreement with the CFA, along with any or all other project documents, related to the Emergency Response Center project, if the application is approved.

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WHEREAS, revenue in this Account is designated to improve the quality of life of citizens in the City of Wilkes-Barre and other municipalities in Luzerne County; AND

WHEREAS, the City of Wilkes-Barre in partnership with the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority (LCFPA) is desirous of applying for a \$549,443.21 grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the CFA, for the Local Share Account- Luzerne County program funds. The funding will be used to constructing a multi-use storage facility in Kirby Park. The new facility would serve as the city's Kirby Park's recreation maintenance building and also serve as a secure facility to house the LCFPA's trailers that contain the Market Street Bridge Floodgate closure structure components. The design of the building would mimic a hangar-like facility which would allow for a direct enter and exit of vehicles and equipment through the building. The location of the facility in Kirby Park, only a quarter mile from the Market Street Bridge, would further reduce the Authority's flood fighting response time by several hours in comparison to trailer deployment from the Authority's Laird Street warehouse.; AND

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the CITY OF WILKES-BARRE that the proper City officials are hereby authorized to prepare and submit the necessary application to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the CFA, for the Local Share Account- Luzerne County program funds; AND

FURTHER, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into the appropriate agreement with the CFA, along with any or all other project documents, related to the Kirby Park Multi-use Storage Facility project, if the application is approved.

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WHEREAS, revenue in this Account is designated to improve the quality of life of citizens in the City of Wilkes-Barre and other municipalities in Luzerne County; AND

WHEREAS, the City of Wilkes-Barre is desirous of applying for an \$75,000.00 grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the CFA, for the Local Share Account- Luzerne County program funds. The funding will be used to support the Wilkes-Barre YMCA's Safety and Security project, including installation of a new camera system, a new door at the lobby entrance, the addition of an external canopy and upgraded swipe entry access; AND

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the CITY OF WILKES-BARRE that the proper City officials are hereby authorized to prepare and submit the necessary application to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the CFA, for the Local Share Account- Luzerne County program funds; AND

FURTHER, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into the appropriate agreement with the CFA, along with any or all other project documents, related to the Wilkes-Barre YMCA's Safety and Security project, if the application is approved.

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WHEREAS, the City of Wilkes-Barre is desirous of applying for a \$300,000.00 grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the CFA, for the Local Share Account- Luzerne County program funds. The funds will be used by Volunteers of America Pennsylvania (VOAPA) to rehabilitate a deteriorating building on the 100 block of East Division Street in Wilkes-Barre. The project will convert the vacant and blighted property into 6 units of one-bedroom and efficiency style independent living spaces for low income individuals. The VOAPA, as a social service provider, will provide in home and community support services as needed to the residents. Also, the VOAPA has employed a similar and successful housing model to serve the community at another location within the City of Wilkes-Barre.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the CITY OF WILKES-BARRE that the proper City officials are hereby authorized to prepare and submit the necessary application to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the CFA, for the Local Share Account- Luzerne County program funds; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into the appropriate agreement with the CFA, along with any or all other project documents, related to the Volunteers of America Pennsylvania (VOAPA) Housing project, if the application is approved.

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WHEREAS, revenue in this Account is designated to improve the quality of life of citizens in the City of Wilkes-Barre and other municipalities in Luzerne County; AND

WHEREAS, the City of Wilkes-Barre is desirous of applying for a \$84,894.00 grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the CFA, for the Local Share Account- Luzerne County program funds. The funds will be used by the Wyoming Valley Challenger Baseball (WVCB) league for renovations to the Bog public park on Dewy Lane in Wilkes-Barre. The improvements include replacement of antiquated fencing (40 to 50 years old) that does not meet safety standards or ADA requirements. Being chartered, the Wyoming Valley Challenger Baseball (WVCB) league, has made these renovations a priority so they can continue to provide a safe environment not only for the thrill of our special needs children of playing baseball, but also gives them the opportunity to engage with each other while developing socialization skills and camaraderie amongst each other. Also, the project will allow the Wyoming Valley (WVCB) Challenger Baseball league to host opportunities for special needs children and adults to participate in league events and offer a stable environment at one single location rather than traveling around the area to multiple venues to participate. This will create familiarity and decrease anxiety amongst the participants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the CITY OF WILKES-BARRE that the proper City officials are hereby authorized to prepare and submit the necessary application to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the CFA, for the Local Share Account- Luzerne County program funds; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into the appropriate agreement with the CFA, along with any or all other project documents, related to the Wyoming Valley Challenger Baseball (WVCB) league Fencing project, if the application is approved.

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WHEREAS, the City of Wilkes-Barre is desirous of applying for a \$250,000.00 grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the CFA, for the Local Share Account- Luzerne County program funds. The funds will be used to assist the Wilkes-Barre/ Scranton Penguins along with the City of Wilkes-Barre to build a community dek hockey rink, to be located adjacent to the Toyota Sportsplex ice rink, in Coal Street Park. This project would be a unique opportunity for the City of Wilkes-Barre, the Pittsburgh Penguins and the WBS Penguins to partner together in a project that will directly benefit the local community. Dek hockey is a cost-effective way to get children and adults involved in physical activity that is similar to ice hockey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the CITY OF WILKES-BARRE that the proper City officials are hereby authorized to prepare and submit the necessary application to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the CFA, for the Local Share Account- Luzerne County program funds; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into the appropriate agreement with the CFA, along with any or all other project documents, related to the Community Dek Hockey Rink project, if the application is approved.

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