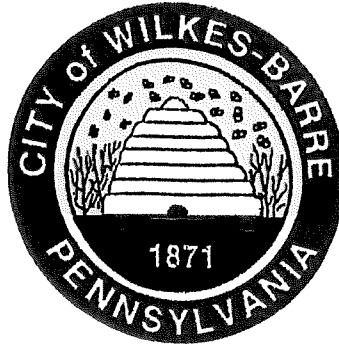


CITY OF WILKES-BARRE
PENNSYLVANIA



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 11, 2023

6:00 p.m. Cathy Payne, City Clerk

1. A Resolution temporarily suspending the Ordinance pertaining to the open consumption of alcoholic beverages for the Fine Arts Fiesta event (wine tasting area) on the Eastern corner of Public Square, May 18th to May 21, 2023.

6:10 p.m. Mayor George C. Brown (see Attached)

**WILKES-BARRE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION – APRIL 11, 2023
MAYOR’S AGENDA**

RESOLUTIONS:

Authorizing the proper city officials to sign all necessary documents related to awarding the Solomon Creek Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) application contract to the most qualified firm, Borton Lawson Engineering, LLC., in the amount of seventy-six thousand five hundred dollars (\$76,500.00.) Hanover Township will be responsible for its pro-rata share of the contract price and any reimbursable expenses incurred.

Authorizing the proper city officials to take any and all necessary actions related to the sale of 59-63 Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania (PIN: H9SE2-021-001), to Bricklynn, LLC (or any named designee) for a purchase price of four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000.00).

Authorizing the proper city officials to take any and all necessary actions related to selling Rear East Main Street (PIN: 73-G10SE1-002-01A-000) to AMGG General LLC, for a purchase price of \$5,000.00.

Authorizing the proper city officials to file a Business Plan and Application with Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Grant (RCAP) in the amount of \$500,000.00 for assistance with King’s College Student Success Center Project and further that the proper city officials designate King’s College to be the administrator/Sub-Applicant and that the Cooperation Agreement will also stipulate that the City and College are obligated to comply with RCAP terms and conditions of this grant agreement.

Appointing Stanley Jackson to the Housing Authority.

ORDINANCE:

Adopting the 2022 Action Plan encompassing the Community Development Block Grant Program, Covid-19 CDBG Grant and HOME Program Budgets for Program Year Forty-Eight and appropriating specific sums estimated to be required to complete program activities.



Resolution No. _____

Wilkes-Barre, PA _____

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

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre hereby directs that the provisions of Section 20-4 of the Wilkes-Barre Code of Ordinances pertaining to the open consumption of alcoholic beverages be temporarily suspended and not enforced for the following events:

Event:	Fine Arts Fiesta (wine tasting area)
Sponsor:	Blue Mountain Vineyards
Designated Area:	Eastern corner of Public Square
Dates:	May 18, 2023 through May 21, 2023
Time:	3:00 p.m. until close
Limitation:	The suspension shall only apply to wine and not malted or brewed beverages or liquors.

The within temporary suspension applies only to the above-referenced events and area. All other regulations related to intoxicating beverages in the City of Wilkes-Barre shall remain in full force and effect. A copy of this resolution shall be provided to the Wilkes-Barre Police Department.

Submitted by _____

ROLL CALL



Resolution No. _____

Wilkes-Barre, PA _____

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

WHEREAS, the City of Wilkes-Barre and Hanover Township are interested in having the Flood Plain studied in an area of Solomon Creek;

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the study is to prepare a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) Application based upon the present-day, existing conditions on certain areas of Solomon Creek in the City of Wilkes-Barre and Hanover Township;

WHEREAS, this study, if successful, could benefit some homeowners in the studied area by effectuating changes to flood insurance requirements for residents in the affected area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre that the proper City officials are hereby authorized to sign any and all necessary documents related to awarding the Solomon Creek Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) application contract to Borton Lawson Engineering, LLC., in the amount of Seventy-Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$76,500.00);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hanover Township will be responsible for its pro-rata share of the contract price and any reimbursable expenses incurred.

Submitted by _____

ROLL CALL



Resolution No. _____

Wilkes-Barre, PA _____

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

RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to take any and all necessary actions related to the sale of 59-63 Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania (PIN: H9SE2-021-001), to Bricklynn, LLC (or any named designee) for a purchase price of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00).

Submitted by _____

ROLL CALL



Resolution No. _____

Wilkes-Barre, PA _____

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

THAT, the proper City officials are hereby authorized to take any and all necessary actions related to selling Rear East Main Street, (PIN: 73-G10SE1-002-01A-000) to AMGG General LLC. For a purchase price of \$5,000.

Submitted by _____

ROLL CALL



Resolution No. _____

Wilkes-Barre, PA _____

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

WHEREAS, the economic wellbeing of the Northeastern Region of Pennsylvania depends in large measure on an energetic and dynamic City of Wilkes-Barre; and,

WHEREAS, King's College was founded in 1946 by the Congregation of Holy Cross from the University of Notre Dame; and,

WHEREAS, since its founding, the College has developed mutually beneficial and cooperative ties to the City; and,

WHEREAS, the College serves as an important economic and activity anchor for Downtown Wilkes-Barre; and,

WHEREAS, the College has been highly committed to the revitalization of the City by investing in major economic development initiatives designed to enhance the quality of life for the residents of the City; and,

WHEREAS, in an effort to advance King's mission and increase student enrollment, retention, and graduation rates, the College will transform its Corgan Library into a 21st century Center for Student Success; and,

WHEREAS, The King's College Student Success Center Project includes renovations of the lower level, 1st, and 2nd floors of the D. Leonard Corgan Library; and,

WHEREAS, the project will create a centralized resource center, bringing together and enhancing services currently distributed across campus, to create a hub of mentorship that engage students through faculty, staff, and personalized support, academic and social; and,

WHEREAS, in undertaking this project and contributing to the enhancement of the City, the College's commitment to the revitalization efforts of the City is evident; and,

Submitted by _____

ROLL CALL

WHEREAS, the City is supportive of the King's College Student Success Center Project; and,

WHEREAS, one necessary component of the successful implementation of said project is the securing of adequate funding; and,

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has established a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program designed specifically for this type of project; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the proper City officials be and are authorized to file a Business Plan and Application with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Grant in the amount of \$500,000.00 for assistance with King's College Student Success Center Project; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proper City officials designate King's College to be the administrator/Sub-Applicant; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proper City officials be and are authorized to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the College outlining the responsibilities of each organization; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cooperation Agreement will also stipulate that the City and College are obligated to comply with RACP terms and conditions of the grant agreement.

Attest:

City Clerk



Resolution No. _____

Wilkes-Barre, PA _____

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

WHEREAS, Section 5:08 of the City Charter of the City of Wilkes-Barre authorizes the Mayor, with the advice and consent of City Council, to appoint by members of Boards, Commissions and Authorities served by the City;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Wilkes-Barre to appoint the person referenced below to the Housing Authority of the City of Wilkes-Barre;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following person is hereby appointed as a member of the Housing Authority:

Name

Term Expires

Stanley Jackson
814 Lincoln Plaza
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

April 13, 2028

Submitted by _____

ROLL CALL

**FILE OF COUNCIL
NO. _____ OF 2023**

PRESENTED IN CITY COUNCIL _____

AN ORDINANCE

ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WILKES-BARRE, COUNTY OF LUZERNE, AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING THE 2023 ACTION PLAN ENCOMPASSING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND HOME PROGRAM BUDGETS FOR PROGRAM YEAR FORTY-EIGHT AND APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES."

WHEREAS, it is now appropriate to approve the Budget and Financial Statement of Objectives for the 2023 Action Plan for Year Forty-Ninth (49) and to authorize the submission of the same the Department of Housing & Urban Development (DHUD).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of the same that:

SECTION I. The attached Budget and Financial Statement of Objectives for the 2023 Action Plan for Year forty-ninth (49) are hereby approved.

SECTION II. Further, the proper City Officials are hereby authorized to submit the same to the Department of Housing & Urban Development (DHUD).

SECTION III. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any part of this Ordinance is declared to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, the validity of the remaining provisions shall be unaffected thereby. It is the intention of the Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid part is not included.

SECTION IV. Further, the proper City Officials are hereby authorized to bid, award, and execute any and all necessary documents related to the implementation of this budget pursuant to all regulatory requirements of the Community Development Block Grants, and HOME Programs.

SECTION V. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

Passed finally by the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre on _____.

This Ordinance shall become effective 10 days after the final adoption by the Wilkes-Barre City Council.

ATTEST:

Cathy Payne, City Clerk

CDBG 2023 BUDGET			
CDBG 2023 BUDGET		\$ 1,430,456.00	%
PUBLIC FACILITIES	\$578,865.00		40.47%
Infrastrucutre Improvements			
Fundability Citation: 570.208(a)(1)			
Eligible Citation: 570.201©			
Streets/ADA ramps Phase 2		\$ 414,865.00	29.00%
Parks/ ADA Accessibility and Equipment TBD		\$ 164,000.00	11.46%
FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$ 183,500.00		12.83%
Fundability Citation: 570.208(a)(1)			
Eligibility Citation: 570.201©			
Jaws of Life Batteries		\$ 15,000.00	
Miscellaneous Fire Equipment Tools		\$ 10,000.00	
Replace Mobile Data Terminals (6) MDT's		\$ 18,000.00	
Firefighting Turnout Gear (10 Sets) Jacket, Pants & Boots		\$ 35,500.00	
Fire hose Replacement		\$ 20,000.00	
Thermal Imaging Camera Replacement		\$ 10,000.00	
Fire Station Alert Systems (3 Fire/EMS stations)		\$ 25,000.00	
South Station Apparatus & Pedestrian Doors		\$ 50,000.00	
DEMOLITION	\$ 95,000.00		7%
Fundability Citation: 570.208(b)(2)			
Eligibility Citation: 570.202			
Demolition (Slum & Blight)			
PUBLIC SERVICES (Up to 15% MAX)	\$ 182,000.00		12.72%
Fundability Citations: 570.208;			
Eligibility Citation: 570.201 e			
YMCA (Children's Camp) (a)(2)		\$ 6,000.00	0.42%
Osterhout Free Library (South-Children's Programs) (a)(1)		\$ 11,000.00	0.77%
Catholic Social Services- Men's Homeless Shelter- Mother Theresa Shelter (a)(2)(A)		\$ 10,000.00	0.70%
Victims Resource Center (Crime Counseling)(a)(2)(A)		\$ 15,000.00	1.05%
Community Policing(a)(1)		\$ 100,000.00	6.99%
Domestic Violence (Emergency Shelter)(a)(2)(A)		\$ 15,000.00	1.05%
Wyoming Valley Children's Assoc (Childs Health) (a)(2)		\$ 15,000.00	1.05%
Ruth's Place		\$ 10,000.00	
HOUSING	\$ 105,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	7%
Fundability Citation: 570.208(a)(3)			
Eligibility Citation: 570.202			
Emergency Rehab		\$ 100,000.00	
Housing (1-2 Unit) (RL FUND) \$1,200		\$ 5,000.00	
ADMINISTRATION (MAX IS 20%)	\$ 286,091.00		20%
Administration Hours (20%)			
Total	\$ 1,430,456.00		100.00%
Actual Budget	\$ 1,430,456.00		
Surplus + (Deficit -)	\$ -		
Low Mod- 70%/ Admin-20%/ S&B- 10%			

HOME: \$349,183

LIP: \$12,087.08-Health Emergency Housing Program

Approved: 