

CITY OF WILKES-BARRE
PENNSYLVANIA



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

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APRIL 12, 2022

- 5:30 p.m. Mike Wood and Elizabeth Leo, Wilkes University – request to purchase property near Livingston Lane.
- 5:40 p.m. Cathy Payne, City Clerk
- Resolution temporarily suspending the open consumption of alcoholic beverages for the Fire Arts Fiesta (Wine Tasting Area).
- 5:50 p.m. Mayor George C. Brown (See Attached)

WILKES-BARRE CITY COUNCIL

WORK SESSION – APRIL 12, 2022

MAYOR'S AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS:

Authorizing the proper city officials to take any and all necessary actions related to the purchase of a new undercover vehicle from a Costars vendor for a purchase price of \$42,621.47.

Authorizing the proper city officials to take any and all necessary actions related to the purchase of a Law Enforcement Liability insurance policy from Richmond National Insurance Company for the price of \$241,114.00. The policy will be effective from May 4, 2022, to August 14, 2023.

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Approving Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC as the independent auditor for the City of Wilkes-Barre for the audit years of 2021 and 2022.

Reappointing Donna Reilly as a member of the Board of Health.

Reappointing Margaret Lovecchio as a member of the Board of Health.

Appointing Dr. Raymond Joseph as a member of the Board of Health.



Resolution No. _____

Wilkes-Barre, PA _____

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

RESOLVED, that 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 event:

Event:	Fine Arts Fiesta (Wine Tasting Area)
Sponsor:	Blue Mountain Vineyards
Designated Area:	Eastern corner of Public Square
Dates:	May 19, 2022 through May 22, 2022
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 event 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 Wilkes-Barre Police Department wishes to purchase a replacement for its current under-cover vehicle to perform department operations;

WHEREAS, the department will use Asset Forfeiture Funds for the purchase of the vehicle;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to take any and all necessary actions related to the purchase of a new under-cover vehicle from a Costars vendor for a purchase price \$42,621.47.

Submitted by _____

ROLL CALL

YEAS

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Resolution No. _____

Wilkes-Barre, PA _____

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

WHEREAS, the current insurance carrier for the City's Law Enforcement Liability insurance policy, Berkely Assurance Company, has chosen not to renew coverage, effective May 4, 2022, as the company is exiting the marketplace as a carrier for Law Enforcement Liability;

WHEREAS, the City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a new carrier of Law Enforcement Liability insurance;

WHEREAS, the City received only one (1) response to the above-referenced RFP;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to take any and all necessary actions related to the purchase of a Law Enforcement Liability insurance policy from Richmond National Insurance Company for the price of \$241,114.00. The policy will be effective from May 4, 2022 to August 14, 2023.

Submitted by _____

ROLL CALL

YEAS

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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 opening a new checking account at PNC Bank for the purpose of administering all funds associated with the federally-declared disaster, Hurricane Ida.

Submitted by _____

ROLL CALL

YEAS

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Wilkes-Barre, PA _____

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

WHEREAS, the City of Wilkes-Barre issued a Request For Proposals (RFP) for auditing services for the 2018 fiscal year audit and beyond;

WHEREAS, the accounting firm of Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC was appointed to perform the 2018, 2019, and 2020 fiscal year audits for a fee of \$59,500 each year; and

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Wilkes-Barre permits the performance of up to five (5) consecutive audits by a single Certified Public Accountant or firm of such accountants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the firm of Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC is hereby approved as the independent auditor for the City of Wilkes-Barre for the audit years of 2021 and 2022.

Submitted by _____

ROLL CALL

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

WHEREAS, Section 13-6 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Wilkes-Barre authorizes the Mayor, with the advice and consent of City Council, to appoint by resolution members of the Board of Health of the City of Wilkes-Barre;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Wilkes-Barre to reappoint the persons referenced below to the Board of Health of the City of Wilkes-Barre;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following persons are hereby reappointed as a member of the Board of Health:

Name:

Donna Reilly
61 North Grant St.
Wilkes-Barre PA 18702

Term Expires

January 2027

Margaret Lovecchio
166 Hanover St. Suite 105
Wilkes-Barre PA 18702

January 2025

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

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

Name

Dr. Raymond J. Joseph
165 Carey Avenue
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

Term Expires

January 2026

Submitted by _____

ROLL CALL

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APRIL 12, 2022

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

RESOLUTIONS

MINUTES

PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 12, 2022

RESOLUTIONS

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MINUTES

Of the Traffic Committee meeting of March 24, 2022.

Of the Planning Commission of March 16, 2022.

Of the Wilkes-Barre Finance Authority of March 9, 2022.

Of the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority of February 15, 2022.

Of the Regular Session of City Council of March 24, 2022.