

CITY OF WILKES-BARRE  
PENNSYLVANIA



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

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CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 28, 2021

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CITY COUNCIL  
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**CONSENT AGENDA (RESOLUTIONS)**

Disposition of records from the City Clerk's Office.

Disposition of records from the Office of Community Development.

Requesting the proper city officials to take any and all necessary actions related to resolving all outstanding compliance issues contained in the most recently released Audit Report.

**MINUTES**

Of the Reorganization Meeting of City Council of January 4, 2021.

Of the Regular Session of City Council of January 14, 2021.

**ORDINANCES**

**FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 1 OF 2021** – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 12-27 OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 12 OF THE WILKES-BARRE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "GARBAGE AND REFUSE". (RECYCLING FEE) (SECOND AND FINAL READING)

**FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 2 OF 2021** - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 30 OF THE WILKES-BARRE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "UTILITIES". (SEWER FEE) (SECOND AND FINAL READING)

CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 28, 2021

The City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre met in Regular Session on January 28, 2021, at 6:22 p.m. (immediately following the Work Session), in City Council Chambers, City Hall, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. for the purpose of general business. (The meeting was conducted and streamed on YouTube for public viewing due to COVID-19)

The meeting was organized with Chairperson Tony Brooks in the Chair.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

Roll Call:

Barrett	- present
Belusko	- present
Marconi	- present
McBride, Vice Chairperson	- present
Brooks Chairperson	- present

Also Present:

George Brown, Mayor  
Phil Benson, IT Tech  
Maureen Collins, Assistant City Attorney  
Butch Frati, Director of Operations/Deputy Administrator  
Charles McCormick, City Administrator  
Cathy Payne, Assistant City Clerk  
Jim Ryan, City Clerk  
Lisa Sanfilippo, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Brooks announced that the phone line was open for anyone wishing to address Council on pending legislation.

Jason Carr, Saylorsburg, PA phoned in to support the Resolution regarding the Audit Report.

Bob Kadluboski, Wilkes-Barre, PA phoned in relative to the Resolution regarding the Audit Report and File of Council No. 3 of 2021 (changing recycling pickup).

Sam Troy, Wilkes-Barre, PA phone in relative to File of Council No. 1 and 2 of 2021 (reducing recycling and sewer fees) and File of Council No. 3 of 2021 (changing recycling pickup).

Mr. Brooks told Mr. Troy that the city will continue to pick up glass. The Mayor has proposed a bi-weekly pickup of recycling and paper recyclables. There will be a 2-3-month education campaign to educate the city residents on the proposals.

## RESOLUTIONS

### **RESOLUTION NO. R0005-21**

A Resolution of the City Council, of the City of Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania declaring its intent to follow the schedules and procedures for the disposition of records as set forth in the Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008 (as amended March 28, 2019).

Whereas, a Local Government Records Committee was created by Act 428 of 1968 and empowered thereby to make rules and regulations for records disposition; and

Whereas, the Municipal Records Manual was approved by said committee on December 16, 2008; and

Whereas, the City of Wilkes-Barre desires to dispose of records according to statutory requirements;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the City Council of Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, that it intends to follow the schedules and procedures for disposition of records as set forth in the Municipal Records Manual approved on December 16, 2008 (as amended March 28, 2019).

Office/Department: City Clerk

<u>Box Number, Record title, dates</u>	<u>Cubic Feet</u>
2013 Contracts	1.26
2014 Contracts – 2 boxes	2.52
Box No. CC-76 – 2015 Chronological Files	<u>1.26</u>
Total	<u>5.04</u>

Mr. Belusko moved to adopt the Resolution.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Marconi and adopted by the following yeas and nays vote:

Yeas Barrett, Belusko, Marconi, McBride and Brooks (Chairperson) – 5 – being all of the members elected to City Council.

Nays none.

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Office/Department: OCD

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CD-1 2013 CDBG Subrecipient agreements	1.26
CD-2 2012 ESG 2013 subrecipient agreements	1.26
CD-7 EM Rehabs 98-05	1.26
1998 Home Rehab	1.26
1995-1997 Home Program (Housing)	1.26
2001 Home Program	1.26
1993-1995 Home Program (Housing)	1.26
1993-1994 Home Program Housing Files	1.26

1995 Home Program Housing Files	1.26
2012 CDBG Subrecipient Agreements	1.26
00-01 Misc. Home Program Files	1.26
1994 Home Program Housing Files	1.26
1997 Home Program Client Files (Housing)	1.26
2006-2008 Emergency Home Rehab CDBG	1.26
1993-2000 Home Rehab	<u>1.26</u>
Total	<u>18.09</u>

Mr. Marconi moved to adopt the Resolution.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Barrett and adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

Yeas Barrett, Belusko, Marconi, McBride and Brooks (Chairperson) – 5 – being all of the members elected to City Council.

Nays none.

**RESOLUTION NO. R0007-21**

Whereas, the Department of the Auditor General recently released the City of Wilkes-Barre Aggregated Pension Trust Funded Audit Report (the “Audit Report”);

Whereas, the Audit Report contains several outstanding noncompliance issues which have not been corrected;

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre would like to have the noncompliance issues resolved;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre that the proper city officials are hereby requested to take any and all necessary actions related to resolving all outstanding compliance issues contained in the most recently related Audit Report.

Mrs. McBride moved to adopt the Resolution.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Marconi and adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

*Mr. Barrett prefaced that he doesn't see a need for this to be in Resolution form, based on the Mayor's update and conversations with the Administration regarding this matter;*

*however he said he does agree that it is necessary that the city is in compliance, so therefore he said he will vote yes.*

Yeas Barrett, Belusko, Marconi, McBride and Brooks (Chairperson) – 5 – being all of the members elected to City Council.

Nays none.

### **MINUTES**

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Mr. Barrett moved to adopt the Minutes.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. McBride and adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

Yeas Barrett, Brooks, Marconi, McBride and Brooks (Chairperson) – 5 – being all of the members elected to City Council.

Nays none.

### **ORDINANCES**

**FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 1 OF 2021 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 12-27 OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 12 OF THE WILKES-BARRE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED “GARBAGE AND REFUSE”. (RECYCLING FEE) (SECOND AND FINAL READING)**

Mrs. McBride moved to adopt the Ordinance.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Marconi and adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

Yeas Marconi, McBride and Brooks (Chairperson) – 3 – being a majority of members elected to City Council.

Nays Barrett and Belusko – 2.

**FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 2 OF 2021 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 30 OF THE WILKES-BARRE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED “UTILITIES”. (SEWER FEE) (SECOND AND FINAL READING)**

Mr. Belusko moved to vote on the Ordinance.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. McBride and adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

Yeas Marconi, McBride and Brooks (Chairperson) – 3 – being a majority of the members elected to City Council.

Nays Barrett and Belusko – 2.

**FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 3 OF 2021 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 12 OF THE CITY OF WILKES-BARRE CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED “RECYCLING”. (FIRST READING)**

Mr. Barrett moved to adopt the Ordinance.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Marconi and adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

Yeas Barrett, Belusko, Marconi, McBride and Brooks (Chairperson) – 5 – being all of the members elected to City Council.

Nays none.

**PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mr. Belusko thanked the Mayor and the Administration for filling potholes throughout the city.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

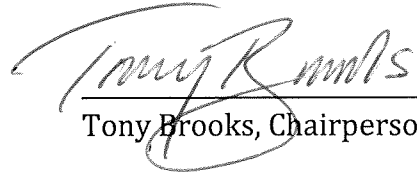
Bob Kadluboski, Wilkes-Barre, PA phoned in relative to the Auditor General, pensions, overtime in the City Clerk's Office, and healthcare for part-time DPW workers.

Jason Carr, Saylorsburg, PA phoned in relative to overtime in the City Clerk's Office (white privilege) and hiring outside Counsel to review labor and service contracts.

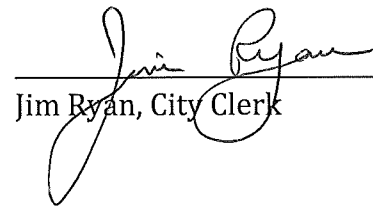
Mr. Barrett said he found Mr. Carr's comments extremely reprehensible and insulting to everyone.



There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

  
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Tony Brooks, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
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Jim Ryan, City Clerk

