

**CITY OF WILKES-BARRE
PENNSYLVANIA**



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

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OCTOBER 5, 2017

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

RESOLUTION

CONSENT AGENDA (RESOLUTIONS)

PRESENTATION BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 5, 2017

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the proper city officials to take any and all necessary actions related to the sale of 445 South River Street and 447 South River Street to Nathan Summerlin (or his designee) for a total purchase price of \$1,500.00.

CONSENT AGENDA (RESOLUTIONS)

Authorizing the proper city officials to open a new account with Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT).

Authorizing the proper city officials to enter into an agreement with the most qualified bank for the lease purchase of two 2018 Dodge Ram 4 x 4 ¾ ton pickup trucks equipped with salt spreaders and plows, one 2017 Dodge Ram 5500 3 to 5 ton dump truck and one 2018 Dodge Ram 5500 3 to 5 ton dump truck (both equipped with plows and salt spreaders). The vehicles will be purchased through the State Co-Stars Program and the cost is \$222,738.00.

Authorizing the proper city officials to take any and all necessary action related to the sale of 31 South Hancock Street to Vito Malacari (or his designee) for a total purchase price of \$4,000.00.

Authorizing the proper city officials to enter into an agreement with the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association to conduct an Organizational Assessment of the Wilkes-Barre City Police Department.

MINUTES

Of the Public Hearing of City Council of September 8, 2017.

Of the Regular Session of City Council of September 14, 2017.

Of the Parking Authority of August 15, 2017.

CITY COUNCIL

OCTOBER 5, 2017

The City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre met in Regular Session on October 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., in City Council Chambers, City Hall, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania for the purpose of general business.

The meeting was organized with Chairperson Beth Gilbert in the Chair.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

Roll Call:

Barrett	- present
Belusko	- present
Merritt	- present
Brooks, Vice Chairperson	- present
Gilbert, Chairperson	- present

Also Present:

Timothy Henry, City Attorney/Deputy Administrator
Cathy Payne, Assistant City Clerk
Lisa Sanfilippo, Administrative Assistant
Joyce Zaykowski, Capital Projects Program Manager

The Assistant City Clerk asked if there was anyone wishing to address Council on pending legislation.

Bob Kadluboski, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the Resolution to conduct an Organizational Assessment of the Police Department.

Sam Troy, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the Resolutions authorizing the sale of 445 & 447 South River Street and conducting an Organizational Assessment of the Police Department.

Sam Blaski, President of FOP Lodge 36, Hanover Township, PA appeared before Council relative to the Resolution to conduct an Organizational Assessment of the Police Department.

John Suchoski, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the Resolution to conduct an Organizational Assessment of the Police Department.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. R0100-17

That, the proper city officials are hereby authorized to take any and all necessary actions related to the sale of 445 South River Street (PIN: H9SE4-023-014) and 447 South River Street (PIN: H9SE4-023-013) to Nathan Summerlin (or his designee) for a total purchase price of \$1,500.00.

Mr. Merritt moved to adopt the Resolution.

The motion **died for a lack of a second.**

Resolution No. R0101-17 to and including the minutes appeared on the Consent Agenda (Resolutions).

RESOLUTION NO. R0101-17

Authorizing the proper city officials to open a new account with Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT).

RESOLUTION NO. R0102-17

To hereby authorize the proper city officials to enter into an agreement with the most qualified bank for the lease purchase of two 2018 Dodge Ram 4x4 ¾ ton pickup trucks equipped with salt spreaders and plows, one 2017 Dodge Ram 5500 3 to 5 ton dump truck and one 2018 Dodge Ram 5500 3 to 5 ton dump truck both equipped with plows and salt spreaders. The vehicles will be purchased through the State Co-Stars Program and the cost is \$222,738.00.

And further, the funds for this purchase will come from the Liquid Fuels Equipment Lease line.

RESOLUTION NO. R0103-17

That, the proper city officials are hereby authorized to take any and all necessary actions related to the sale of 31 South Hancock Street (PIN: H10SW4-023-030) to Vito Malacari (or his designee) for a total purchase price of \$4,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. R0104-17

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre hereby authorizes the proper city officials to enter into an agreement with the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association to conduct an organizational assessment of the Wilkes-Barre City Police Department.

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Mr. Brooks moved to adopt the Consent Agenda (Resolutions).

The motion was seconded by Ms. Gilbert and adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

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

Nays none.

PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Barrett clarified that passing the Resolution to authorize the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association to do an organizational assessment of the Police Department is the first step in the process. The next step will be that the Association will meet with the city to review what they would like them to focus on and then they will come back to the city with a proposal. They understand that the city is in a fiscal situation and will work with us.

Mr. Barrett mentioned the city is entering into an agreement with the Pennsylvania League of Cities partner to redesign the city's website.

Mr. Belusko said that he met with Chief Lendacky in her office and Officer Myers and Officer Duffy at the FOP regarding the police department issues. He said he was initially against Council getting involved, but after hearing both sides he feels that intervention is needed.

Mr. Belusko asked for an update on Solomon Creek.

Ms. Zaykowski explained that right now the preliminary engineering and the geometric soil testing are being done. They are also testing the depth and width of the footers. The city is hoping that the results of these tests will actually result in a much more cost effective way on doing the overall wall. There is apparently a new concept to the wall and if our footers meet the proper measurements the city might be a good candidate for it and it would save us a lot of money.

Mr. Belusko asked if they are changing the design.

Ms. Zaykowski said they have not changed the design; they first have to do the testing.

Ms. Zaykowski added that the borehole testing was completed today and the soil testing can take up to 90 days. She said she is meeting with Borton & Lawson next Wednesday to review what they possibly know and go over our time schedule. She said she doesn't see it going out for bid this year, but thinks it will be shovel ready by the spring.

Ms. Gilbert thanked Council for their support on the Resolution regarding the organizational assessment of the Police Department.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Eugene Swartwood, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to damage by heavy equipment to his driveway apron (Conyngham Avenue).

Gregory Wolovich, Jr., Glen Lyon, PA appeared before Council to introduce himself as a candidate for County Council and the importance of cooperation between the city and county.

David Garrity, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to being fined for an abandoned vehicle on his property and the Quality of Life Ordinance.

Bob Kadluboski, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the Mayor paying for the assessment of the police department.

Jim Walsh, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to blighted properties and the disrespect of the American Flag (by the National Football League).


Joseph Nutaitis, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to making Pennsylvania roads safer by requiring drivers to pull over for emergency vehicles.

Sam Troy, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to having a gun buy back program, the 2018 budget, increasing the mercantile tax and instituting an amusement tax for concert promoters.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.


Beth Gilbert, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Jim Ryan, City Clerk