

**CITY OF WILKES-BARRE
PENNSYLVANIA**



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

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DECEMBER 4, 2017

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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Prepare and submit the necessary application to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA), for the Local Share Account – Luzerne County program funds and to authorize the Mayor to enter into the appropriate agreement with the CFA, along with any or all other project documents, related to the Information Technology Infrastructure Upgrades Project, if the application is approved.

Prepare and submit the necessary application to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA), for the Local Share Account – Luzerne County program funds and to authorize the Mayor to enter into the appropriate agreement with the CFA, along with any or all other project documents, related to the Neighborhood Beautification project.

Prepare and submit any necessary application to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the CFA, for the Local Share Account – Luzerne County program funds and to authorize the Mayor to execute any and all appropriate agreements with the CFA, along with any and all other required project documents, related to the SHINE LC project if the application is approved.

Prepare and submit the necessary application to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA), for the Local Share Account – Luzerne County program funds and to authorize the Mayor to enter into the appropriate agreement with the CFA, along with any or all other project documents, related to the Little Theatre of Wilkes-Barre Energy Efficiency project, if the application is approved.

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 to authorize the Mayor to enter into the appropriate agreement with the CFA, along with any or all other project documents, related to the YMCA's Swimming Pool Improvements project, if the application is approved.

MINUTES

Of the Parking Authority Meeting of October 17, 2017.
Of the Regular Session of City Council of November 21, 2017.

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ORDINANCE

**FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 19 OF 2017 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 29 OF
THE WILKES-BARRE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED “TRAFFIC AND
MOTOR VEHICLES.” (PARKING METER FEES) (SECOND AND FINAL READING)**

CITY COUNCIL

DECEMBER 4, 2017

The City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre met in Regular Session on December 4, 2017 at 6:27 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 organized with Chairperson Beth Gilbert in the Chair.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

Roll Call:

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

Also Present:

Darren Snyder, City Controller
Ted Wampole, Administrator
Tim Henry, Deputy Administrator/City Attorney
Brett Kittrick, Finance Director
Cathy Payne, Assistant City Clerk
Jim Ryan, City Clerk
Lisa Sanfilippo, Administrative Assistant

City Clerk Jim Ryan read a statement relative to Council's Rules and Procedures.

The 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 2018 General Fund Budget (Mayor's absence at the meeting, Police Department and Public Works).

John Suchoski, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the 2018 General Fund Budget (Mayor's absence at the meeting and putting waste disposal site out for bid).

Mr. Wampole informed Mr. Suchoski that the site was not put out for bid because the city is comfortable with what we are currently paying.

Ms. Gilbert asked when it was last put out for bid.

Mr. Suchoski told Ms. Gilbert that it was four years ago.

Mr. Wampole said there has actually been a reduction in the price from what we were paying four years ago.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. R0122-17 to and including the minutes appeared on the Consent Agenda (Resolutions).

RESOLUTION NO. R0122-17

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 \$130,000.00 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 upgrade its information technology (IT) infrastructure in order to function more efficiently and effectively when conducting city business. Specifically, the e-mail system and IT servers infrastructure need major improvements. These upgrades will bring the city's IT Hardware and software up to date and allow all employees to work on a unified and standard level of technology; 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 Information Technology Infrastructure Upgrades project, if the application is approved.

RESOLUTION NO. R0123-17

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 \$225,000.00 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 provide exterior façade improvements to homes along the targeted streets. The homeowners will be required to provide a 50% match of the exterior façade improvements costs with the cap being a \$5,000.00 maximum.

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 Neighborhood Beautification project, if the application is approved.

RESOLUTION NO. R0124-17

Whereas, the establishment of the Mohegan Sun Casino at Pocono Downs (the “Casino”) has resulted in revenue from this facility allocated to a Local Share Account – Luzerne County (the “Account”) administered by the Commonwealth Financing Authority (The “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 (the “City”) and other municipalities in Luzerne County; and

Whereas, the City is desirous of applying for a \$500,000 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 maintain and consider expansion of the Schools and Homes in Education (SHINE) Luzerne County program. It is a comprehensive educational and family outreach and attainment program that spans

from pre-kindergarten through high school. SHINE LC will provide home visits, afterschool and summer programming; promotion of parental involvement in the educational process; curriculum coordination with school teachers; and the ability to seamlessly move from one phase of the program to the next. The Luzerne County program just completed its first full school year and it is a replication of the nationally recognized and highly successful SHINE program in Carbon and Schuylkill Counties. This is a learning opportunity for both parents and children that lay the foundation for more parental involvement throughout a child's education.

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 any 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 execute any and all appropriate agreements with the CFA, along with any and all other required project documents, related to the SHINE LC project if the application is approved.

RESOLUTION NO. R0125-17

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 \$200,000.00 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 upgrade the electrical system and installation of a HVAC system at the Little Theatre of Wilkes-Barre. The building was constructed in the early to mid 1900's, without adequate heating, ventilation and air conditioning. Also, the current electrical system is insufficient to support a HVAC system and the increased demands of stage lighting and sound; 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 Little Theatre of Wilkes-Barre Energy Efficiency project, if the application is approved.

RESOLUTION NO. R0126-17

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 \$200,000.00 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 renovate the YMCA's Swimming Pool. This project will consist of replacement of the 16 year old HVAC system, a new handicap lift, AFM glass media, pool controller and UV system. The pool is used weekly by more than 1,000 people of all ages for swimming lessons, recreational swim, water fitness classes, lap swimming, Red Cross Lifeguard Training/recertification and local/regional swim leagues; and

Whereas, 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

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Mr. Barrett moved to adopt the Consent Agenda (Resolution).

The motion was seconded by Mr. Brooks 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.

ORDINANCE

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Mr. Merritt moved to adopt the Ordinance.

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

Yeas Barrett, Belusko, Merritt and Brooks – 4 – being a majority of the members elected to City Council.

Nays Gilbert – 1.

MOTION

To Adopt the Mayor’s 2018 General Fund Budget.

Mr. Brooks moved to adopt the 2018 General Fund Budget.

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

Yeas Barrett, Belusko, Merritt and Brooks – 4 – being a majority of the members elected to City Council.

Nays Gilbert – 1.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Bob Kadluboski, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the police department, Mayor George not attending Council meetings, Public Works (contract negotiations), garbage collection (outsourcing) and pensions.

Ms. Gilbert told Mr. Kadluboski that she is against privatizing any city service. She said if you look at the studies, they have all shown that privatization does not help the residents in the long run and it ends up being more costly.

Mr. Barrett informed Mr. Kadluboski that City Council is not involved in union negotiations. At this particular point the city is looking at possibly contracting for services, but that doesn't mean it is going to happen. This is to see if there are ways of doing things that may be less costly for the residents. He added that he agreed with Mr. Kadluboski that DPW employees are very hard working and there aren't enough of them.

Mr. Barrett told Mr. Kadluboski that the assessment for the Police Department is starting this coming week.

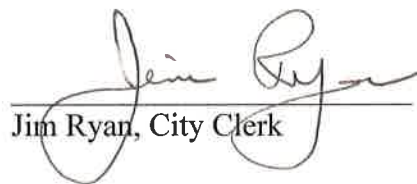
John Suchoski, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to garbage collection and landfill bids.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



Beth Gilbert, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Jim Ryan, City Clerk

