

CITY OF WILKES-BARRE
PENNSYLVANIA



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

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FEBRUARY 24, 2022

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

CONSENT AGENDA (RESOLUTIONS)

PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

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RESOLUTIONS

Temporarily suspending the Ordinance pertaining to the open consumption of alcohol for the "Downtown Showdown", on Public Square, April 24, 2022. (Event sponsored by the Diamond City Partnership).

MINUTES

Of the Zoning Hearing Board of January 26, 2022.

Of the Regular Session of City Council of February 10, 2022.

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The City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre met in Regular Session on February 24, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. (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 Beth Gilbert McBride in the Chair.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

The opening prayer was given by Beth Gilbert McBride.

Roll Call:

Brooks	-present
Marconi	-present
McBride, Chairperson	-present

Also Present:

George Brown, Mayor
Charles McCormick, Administrator
Maureen Collins, Assistant City Attorney
Phil Bendsen, IT Support Specialist
Cathy Payne, City Clerk
Tracy Smith, Assistant City Clerk
Lisa Sanfilippo, Administrative Assistant

Absent:

Barrett, Council Member
Belusko, Council Member

City Clerk Cathy Payne read a statement relative to Council's Rules and Procedures.

MINUTES

Of the Zoning Hearing Board of January 26, 2022.

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Mr. Brooks moved to adopt the Minutes.

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

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

Nays none.

Absent Barrett and Belusko -2.

PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCIL MEMEBERS

Mr. Marconi asked if the potholes being temporarily patched.

Mayor Brown responded that the city is temporarily patching until the weather gets better. When the weather gets better potholes and street paving will be addressed.

Bob Kadluboski, Wilkes-Barre, PA phoned in relative to the City Clerk not running the meetings correctly, City Council's salaries, healthcare coverage, healthcare buyouts, and the new audit pension committee.

Mr. Brooks stated for the last six years he has posted to his Council Facebook page the list of non-profit organizations he supports.

Sam Troy, Wilkes-Barre, PA phoned in relative to the email he had submitted regarding an Agenda item, forming a Citizen Advisory Committee, illegal dumping, having more time for callers to speak, the new hotel being built by Sphere International.

Mrs. McBride informed Mr. Troy that the item he had emailed about was pulled from the Agenda until further information was provided.


Mayor Brown said he could not speak on the Sphere Hotel project at this time.


Mrs. McBride said she would be glad to speak about forming a Citizens Advisory Committee and would discuss further with the other Council Members.

Tracy Mack, Wilkes-Barre, PA phoned in to thank the administration for having an abandoned house by her boarded up and asked if it is slated to be torn down.

Mayor Brown replied that at this time the administration is looking into dilapidated homes throughout the city. They need to be surveyed by structural engineers, and historical history needs to be checked. Also, contacting the owners to have repairs and updates taken care of. Mayor Brown spoke of a new initiative, the Blight Immediation Plan, which is being formed to target these houses in all five districts, to see if they qualify for demolition.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.


Beth Gilbert McBride, Chairperson


Cathy Payne, City Clerk

