

CITY OF WILKES-BARRE
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The City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre met in Regular Session on September 11, 2018 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 Tony Brooks in the Chair.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

City Council held a moment of silence for the victims and families of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Roll Call:

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

Also Present:

Darren Snyder, City Controller
Ted Wampole, Administrator
Maureen Collins, Assistant City Attorney
Cathy Payne, Assistant City Clerk
Lisa Sanfilippo, Administrative Assistant
Jim Ryan, City Clerk
Joyce Zaykowski, Director of OCD

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.

John Suchoski, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the Resolution authorizing Mr. Frati to have signatory authority for maintenance improvements on the Wilkes University Phase II Pedestrian Improvement Project.

Mr. Wampole told Mr. Suchoski that there is no money involved with this project and by authorizing Mr. Frati as signatory the project can move along at a faster pace.

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. R0081-18

To hereby authorize Attilio Frati, Director of Operations to have signatory authority for maintenance improvements on the Wilkes University Phase II Pedestrian Improvement Project Reimbursement Agreement #R18040005.

Mr. Belusko moved to adopt the Resolution.

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

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

Nays none.

ORDINANCES

The following Ordinances appeared on the Consent Agenda (Ordinances):

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

The motion was seconded by Ms. Gilbert and adopted by the following yeas and nays vote:

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

Nays none.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Greg Griffin, Swoyersville, PA appeared before Council relative to the opioid crisis.

John Suchoski, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to Jim Hayward (hiring of, retiring and pension) and the fire department (stations being closed – “brownouts”/volunteer).

Mr. Wampole said as far as the fire stations being closed, it does happen periodically. He said it all comes down to staffing.

Ms. Gilbert said she does not agree with Mr. Suchoski’s idea of having volunteer fire departments, but she is in favor of hiring more firemen.

Angel Jirau, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to naming a park after Dr. John Moses, state cuts to drug and alcohol programs and the diversity parade.

Kameron Taylor and Noah Taylor, both of Wilkes-Barre, PA, members of the Boy Scouts, introduced themselves to Council and informed them that they are working on their Citizenship Merit Badge.

Emily Taylor, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the drug epidemic in the community.

Tom Dombroski, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to financial recommendations (selling the parking garage, selling Wilkes-Barre Municipal Golf Course/lots around it and no raises for employees in 2019)

Mr. Wampole gave the following response to Mr. Dombroski:


1. The sale of the parking garage is an on-going negotiation, once an agreement is reached it will be brought back to Council for their consideration.
2. Wilkes-Barre City does not own the golf course. It is owned by the Wilkes-Barre General Municipal Authority. The City can't force them to buy/sell it. Mr. Wampole added that the way the law was set up, if they sell it, it goes back to the state. The city would have to go to court to get that changed.
3. Two of the union contracts have currently expired and the city is in negotiations with them. There has been no increase agreed to for anybody for 2019.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.



Tony Brooks, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Jim Ryan, City Clerk