

CITY OF WILKES-BARRE
PENNSYLVANIA



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

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FEBRUARY 21, 2019

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CONSENT AGENDA (RESOLUTIONS)

Proclaiming April 2019 as “Fair Housing Month”.

Appointing Zelenkofske Axelrod, LLC to conduct the audit of the City’s General Purpose Financial Statements and Single Audit for the year ending December 31, 2018.

MINUTES

Of the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Board of November 13, 2018.

Of the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Board of December 18, 2018.

Of the Regular Session of City Council of February 7, 2019.

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RESOLUTION

Authorizing the proper city officials to execute the necessary documents with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc. and/or Enterprise FM Trust for equipment leasing programs.

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FEBRUARY 21, 2019

The City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre met in Regular Session on February 21, 2019 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 Mike Belusko in the Chair.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

Roll Call:

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

Also Present:

Joe Coffay, Police Chief
Darren Snyder, Controller
Rick Gazenski, Administrator
Maureen Collins, Assistant City Attorney
Cathy Payne, Assistant City Clerk
Jim Ryan, City Clerk
Lisa Sanfilippo, Administrative Assistant
Joyce Zaykowski, Director of OCD
Robert Collegan, Intern (OCD)

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

The City Clerk announced the Resolution regarding Enterprise Fleet Management will be voted on separately.

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

Sam Troy, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the Resolution executing documents with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc. and/or Enterprise FM Trust for equipment leasing programs.

Mr. Belusko told Mr. Troy that this was presented at Tuesday's Work Session. Council asked many questions. As far as cost savings, it will save the city approximately \$40,000 a year.

Mr. Gazenski said that Mr. Kittrick and Mr. Frati met with Enterprise to ask questions. PFM suggests that it's a good thing; in years to come it will help the city. He added over a period of 7 years we will have new packers and vehicles and all of the maintenance is included in the agreement.

Mr. Merritt explained that it is an open-end lease, so if at any time the city doesn't think it's worth it, they can walk away from it.

Jessica McClay, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the Resolution executing documents with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc. and /or Enterprise FM Trust for equipment leasing programs (which vehicles are included).

Mr. Gazenski said it will include vehicles, pickup trucks and packers, as needed.

Ms. McClay said that 11 vehicles will be replaced in the first year, so what happens if after 2 years the city determines it is not cost effective, do we have to purchase those 11 vehicles.

Mr. Belusko replied that the city would have to return the 11 vehicles and purchase or lease again from somewhere else.

John Suchoski, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the Resolution executing documents with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc. and/or Enterprise FM Trust for equipment leasing programs.

Mr. Gazenski said like anything else, if you lease a vehicle and you don't want to do it anymore you are going to have purchase one. He said he thinks the savings alone will enable the city to just move forward with it.

Mr. Gazenski explained that when the city has a vehicle that we own and they are ready to come off and get a lease vehicle, Enterprise will take those vehicles that we have, and they will sell them for us and get us the best price possible.

Ms. Gilbert said that the city ends up keeping DPW vehicles a lot longer than they should. Under this program it will enable us to have newer vehicles and get a lot of our problems solved. It will give DPW the equipment they need to do their work.

Mark Shafer appeared before Council relative to the Resolution executing documents with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc. and/or Enterprise FM Trust for equipment leasing programs (open it to a bid).

Mr. Gazenski said there are other companies that have this service, but they don't have the whole package. They can't provide the maintenance as Enterprise could do for the city.

Mr. Barrett added that Enterprise is in Cooperative Purchasing Agreements with the State already and are recognized as an approved vendor.

Jim Burden, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the Resolution executing documents with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc. and/or Enterprise FM Trust for equipment leasing programs (maintenance).

Mr. Gazenski explained that the maintenance program with Enterprise deals with all local garages. He added that the city's maintenance department can do minor repairs.

Mr. Merritt reiterated that this is an open-end lease and the city can walk away at any time.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. R0011-19 to and including the minutes appeared on the Consent Agenda (Resolutions).

RESOLUTION NO. R0011-19

Whereas, Fair Housing is a right emphasized by the U.S. Congress beginning with the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and most recently the amendments of 1988 to the Fair Housing Act; and

Whereas, this is the 51st anniversary of the enactment of the civil rights act of 1968, as amended and strengthened in 1988; title viii of which guarantees the right to be free from housing discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, and disability (including AIDS/HIV).

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the City Council of Wilkes-Barre hereby proclaims the month of April 2019, as "Fair Housing Month" in the City of Wilkes-Barre and

encourages its citizens and organizations to celebrate diversity and value the harmonious communities of neighbors to support the goal of equal opportunities for all people.

RESOLUTION NO. R0012-19

That, Zelenkofske Axelrod, LLC, is hereby appointed to conduct the audit of the City's General Purpose Financial Statements and Single Audit for the year ending December 31, 0218.

MINUTES

Of the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Board of November 13, 2018.

Of the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority of December 18, 2018.

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Ms. Gilbert moved to adopt the Consent Agenda (Resolutions).

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

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

Nays none.

RESOLUTION NO. R0013-19

That, the proper City officials are hereby authorized to execute the following documents with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc. and/or Enterprise FM Trust:

1. Master Equity Lease Agreement and any necessary amendments;
2. Maintenance Management and Fleet Rental Agreement; and
3. Maintenance Agreement.

Be It Further Resolved, that the proper City officials are hereby authorized to take any and all necessary actions related to the performance of the terms and conditions of the above-referenced agreements.

Mr. Barrett moved to adopt the Resolution.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Belusko and adopted by the following yeas and any vote:

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

Nays none.

PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Belusko discussed the recent shootings in the city. He said he asked Chief Coffay to attend tonight's meeting to answer the citizens questions/concerns.

Mr. Brooks thanked Chief Coffay for attending the meeting. He said he has complete confidence in the Chief and the members of the Police Department and is glad to see the city is coordinating their efforts with the District Attorney's Office, the Attorney General's Office, ATF and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Ms. Gilbert said she put out several statements on Facebook regarding the latest shootings. She said one thing that Council can do is refuse to pass a budget if there is no extra funding for police and training.

Mr. Barrett said that he too attended the recent press conference regarding the recent shooting and has the utmost faith in the Police Department and the Administration that they will get to the bottom of it.

Mr. Barrett asked Mr. Frati to look at Scott Street from East Main into Plains Township. He said it is about 8 feet wide, there are no sidewalks on either side and it is riddled with holes. He said it is on the boundary line which may be an issue with getting in paved. He asked if the Administration could look into a solution for this road.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Linda Joseph, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the recent shootings and safety issues.

Jim Burden, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to being shot in the back by a pellet gun and the recent shootings.

John Suchoski, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the recent shootings and the need for more police.

Sam Troy, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the budget, grants, recent shootings and banning guns from City Hall.

Ms. Gilbert said she proposed banning firearms in City Hall and found out that it is something that Council can't do.

Mr. Ryan said the Pennsylvania Municipal League has been working on the issue for some time. Hopefully in the near future they will be able to get it passed.

Tony C. Thomas, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the recent shootings, the steps the city and the police are taking for crime prevention, increasing greenspaces and lighting in communities.

Chief Coffay told Mr. Thomas that he just came back from Kansas City with a program that the government has out, and the city has been earmarked to be an "Operation Safe Streets". He added that some of the ideas Mr. Thomas has proposed have already been tried in different cities throughout the country and the city is looking forward to implementing these programs following that protocol.

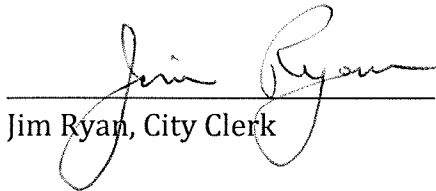
Ms. Zaykowski added that the city is always redoing parks as long as they qualify in a low to moderate area.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.



Mike Belusko, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Jim Ryan, City Clerk