

CITY OF WILKES-BARRE
PENNSYLVANIA



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

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MAY 27, 2021

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

CONSENT AGENDA (RESOLUTIONS)

PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

CITY COUNCIL
MAY 27, 2021

CONSENT AGENDA (RESOLUTIONS)

Setting the City Council meetings for the remainder of 2021.

Requesting a Flood Mitigation Program Grant of \$415,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be used for the Mill Creek Levee Accreditation Study Project.

Authorizing the proper city officials to enter into an agreement in the amount of \$1,180,218.57 with the Pennsylvania Department of Health to provide epidemiology and laboratory capacity services.

MINUTES

Of the Regular Session of City Council of May 13, 2021.

CITY COUNCIL

May 27, 2021

The City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre met in Regular Session on May 27, 2021, at 6:25 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 conducted and streamed on YouTube for public viewing due to COVID-19)

The meeting was organized with Chairperson Tony Brooks in the Chair.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

Roll Call:

Barrett	- present
Belusko	- present
Marconi	- present
McBride, Vice Chairperson	- present
Brooks, Chairperson	- present

Also Present:

Maureen Collins, Assistant City Attorney
Brett Kittrick, Finance Officer
Charles McCormick, City Administrator
Cathy Payne, City Clerk
Lisa Sanfilippo, Administrative Assistant
Tracy Smith, Assistant City Clerk
Phil Benson, Assistant IT Director

Mr. Brooks announced that the phone line was open for anyone wishing to address Council on pending legislation. There being no one the meeting continued with general business.

Nicholas, Plains, PA phoned in relative to the Resolution regarding the Wilkes-Barre Skatepark Project.

CONSENT AGENDA (RESOLUTIONS)

Resolution No. R0031-21 to and including the minutes appeared on the Consent Agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. R0031-21

2021 WILKES-BARRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

ALL CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS AND REGULAR SESSIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS FOR THE REMAINDER OF YEAR 2021 AT 6:00 P.M., UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE, IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FOURTH FLOOR, CITY HALL.

WORK SESSIONS

Tuesday, June 15, 2021
Tuesday, July 13, 2021
Tuesday, August 17, 2021
Tuesday, September 7, 2021
Tuesday, October 12, 2021
Tuesday, October 26, 2021
Combined Session
Combined Session
Tuesday, December 7, 2021
Combined Session

REGULAR SESSIONS

Thursday, June 17, 2021
Thursday, July 15, 2021
Thursday, August 19, 2021
Thursday, September 9, 2021
Thursday, October 14, 2021
Thursday, October 28, 2021
Tuesday, November 9, 2021
Tuesday, November 23, 2021
Thursday, December 9, 2021
Tuesday, December 21, 2021

Further, the City Clerk is authorized to substitute dates of the meetings where they conflict with other scheduled events.

Further, the City Clerk is instructed to advertise these meetings.

RESOLUTION NO. R0032-21

Be It Resolved, that the City of Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County hereby requests a Flood Mitigation Program grant of \$415,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be used for the Mill Creek Levee Accreditation Study Project.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Applicant does hereby designate George C. Brown, Mayor and Darren Snyder, City Controller as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between the City of Wilkes-Barre and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant along with any or all other project documents, related to the Mill Creek Levee Accreditation Study project, if the application is approved.

I, Cathy Payne, duly qualified City Clerk of the City of Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre at a regular meeting held May 27, 2021 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the City of Wilkes-Barre and remains in effect as of this date.

In Witness Thereof, I affix my hand and attached the seal of the City of Wilkes-Barre, this May day of 27, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. R0033-21

Authorizing the proper city officials to enter an agreement in the amount of \$1,180,218.57 with the Pennsylvania Department of Health to provide epidemiology and laboratory capacity services.

MINUTES

Of the Regular Session of City Council of May 13, 2021.

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

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

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

Nays none.

NEW ITEMS

RESOLUTION NO. R0034-21

Be It Resolved, that the City of Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County hereby requests a Greenway, Trails and Recreation Program grant of \$250,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be used for the City of Wilkes-Barre Skatepark project.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Applicant does hereby designate George C. Brown, Mayor and Darren Snyder, City Controller as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between the City of Wilkes-Barre and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assisting in obtaining the requested grant along with any or all other project documents, related to the City of Wilkes-Barre Skatepark project, if the application is approved.

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Mr. Marconi moved to adopt the Resolution.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. McBride and adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

Yeas Barrett, Belusko, Marconi, McBride and Brooks (Chairperson) - 5 - being all of the members elected to City Council.

Nays none.

RESOLUTION NO. R0035-21

Authorizing proper City officials to open a new bank account with M&T Bank for the administration of American Rescue Plan funds.

Mr. Barrett moved to adopt the Resolution.

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

Yeas Barrett, Belusko, Marconi, McBride and Brooks (Chairperson) - 5 - being all of the members elected to City Council.

Nays none.

PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Belusko asked if the Administration is advertising for summer help.

Mr. McCormick replied that he will speak with Mr. Frati about doing some outreach through Facebook and the city's website.

Mr. Belusko asked how many summer employees the Administration is looking to hire.

Mr. McCormick replied between twenty and twenty-five people.

Mr. Belusko suggested having Ms. Ryan put a link on the city's webpage and Facebook for Council to share.

Mrs. McBride asked what the starting salary is for summer employees.

Mr. McCormick did not know the hourly rate but said he would find out and get back to her.

Mrs. McBride said the city should consider advertising the hourly rate as well.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Jason Carr, Mt Bethel, PA phoned in relative to Council meetings (summer meetings), former Academy Market, demolition of Waller Street properties (were the properties insured) and speaking at future Council meetings about crime.

Mr. Brooks told Mr. Carr that the summer meeting schedule is standard procedure.

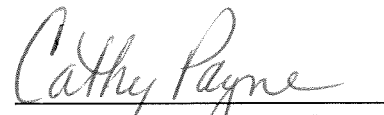
Mr. McCormick said 159-161 Waller Street had insurance on it, but the other Waller Street property did not, so the city will be filing a lien on it.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.



Tony Brooks, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Cathy Payne, City Clerk