

CITY OF WILKES-BARRE
PENNSYLVANIA



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
JANUARY 4, 2021
5:30 P.M.

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. **NOMINATION OF CHAIR**
 - (A) ELECTION OF CHAIR
 - (B) ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE
 - (C) OATH OF OFFICE RECEIVED AND FILED
- V. **NOMINATION OF VICE CHAIR**
 - (A) ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR
 - (B) ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE
 - (C) OATH OF OFFICE RECEIVED AND FILED
- VI. **RESOLUTIONS**
 - (A) ESTABLISHING THE 2021 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
 - (B) ESTABLISHING THE 2021 MEETING DATES FOR COUNCIL
- VII. REMARKS
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

REORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 4, 2021

The City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre met for the purpose of Reorganization on January 4, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 40 East Market Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

The meeting was organized with Chairperson Bill Barrett in the Chair.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

Roll Call:

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

Also present:

George C. Brown, Mayor
Darren Snyder, City Controller
Charles McCormick, Administrator
Tim Henry, City Attorney
Frank Hershberger, IT Director
Cathy Payne, Assistant City Clerk
Jim Ryan, City Clerk
Lisa Sanfilippo, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Barrett moved that **Tony Brooks** be nominated as **Chairperson of City Council**.

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

Yeas Belusko, Marconi, McBride and Barrett - 4 – being a majority of the members elected to City Council.

Abstain – Brooks – 1.

Nays none.

City Clerk Jim Ryan administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Brooks.

The Oath of Office was received and filed.

Mr. Brooks moved that **Beth Gilbert McBride** be nominated as **Vice Chairperson of City Council**.

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

Yeas Belusko, Marconi, Brooks and Barrett (Chairperson) – 4 - being a majority of the members elected to City Council.

Abstain – McBride – 1.

Nays none.

City Clerk Jim Ryan administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. McBride.

The Oath of Office was received and filed.

The City Clerk announced that if anyone wished to address Council on pending legislation, the phone lines were open. There being no calls the meeting continued with general business.

Mr. Barrett said after discussing the Council meeting schedule with Mr. Ryan, we thought it was best to only advertise for the first four months due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. R0001-21

That, City Hall and all Departments except for the mandatory services will be closed on the following holidays during the year 2021 as established by Union Agreement:

Monday	January	18, 2021	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday	February	15, 2021	President's Day
Monday	May	31, 2021	Memorial Day
Monday	June	14, 2021	Flag Day
Monday	July	5, 2021	Independence Day
Monday	September	6, 2021	Labor Day

Monday	October	11, 2021	Columbus Day
Thursday	November	11, 2021	Veterans Day
Thursday	November	25, 2021	Thanksgiving Day
Friday	November	26, 2021	Day After Thanksgiving
Friday	December	24, 2021	Christmas
Friday	December	31, 2021	New Year's

Mr. Belusko moved to adopt the Resolution.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Marconi 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. R0002-21

2021 WILKES-BARRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Reorganization Meeting, Monday, January 4, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

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

COMBINED SESSIONS

- Thursday, January 14, 2021
- Thursday, January 28, 2021
- Thursday, February 11, 2021
- Thursday, February 25, 2021
- Thursday, March 11, 2021
- Thursday, March 25, 2021
- Thursday, April 15, 2021
- Thursday, April 29, 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.

Mr. Marconi moved to adopt the Resolution.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. McBride 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.

REMARKS

Mr. Barrett offered everyone best wishes for the coming new year and thanked everyone for their patience last year.

Mr. Barrett thanked IT Director Frank Hershberger and the City Clerk's office for all their help this year.

Mr. Barrett wished the best of luck to the new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

Mr. Belusko acknowledged Mr. Barrett for his leadership this year and wished newly elected Chairperson Tony Brooks the best of luck.

Mr. Belusko also thanked the IT Department, the City Clerk's Office and the Administration for all their help this year.

Mr. Marconi thanked Mr. Barrett for the outstanding job he did as Chairman. He also thanked all the city employees and Mr. Hershberger for all their hard work during this trying year.

Mr. Marconi congratulated the new Chairperson of City Council, Mr. Brooks and Vice Chairperson Mrs. McBride.


Mrs. McBride thanked Mr. Barrett and Mr. Brooks for their leadership this past year.

Mrs. McBride thanked City Council for their confidence in her and she looks forward to serving as Vice Chairperson.

Mr. Brooks also thanked Mr. Barrett for his leadership and for keeping Council together in this trying time. He acknowledged Mr. Hershberger and the City Clerk Office and thanked them for all of their help.

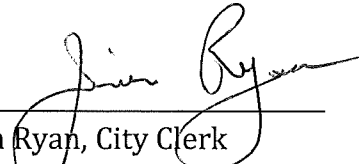
Mr. Brooks said he is looking forward to working with the Mayor and the Administration in the upcoming year.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned as 5:43 p.m.



Tony Brooks, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Jim Ryan, City Clerk

