

CITY OF WILKES-BARRE
PENNSYLVANIA



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 23, 2023

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

MINUTES

PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

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Of the Wilkes-Barre Parking Authority February 21, 2023

Of the Regular Session of City Council of March 14, 2023

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The City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre met in Regular Session on March 23, 2023, at 6:00, 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.

Councilman Barrett read the opening prayer.

Roll Call:

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

Also Present:

George C. Brown, Mayor
Maureen Collins, Assistant City Attorney
Charles McCormick, City Administrator
Cathy Payne, City Clerk
Tracy Smith, Assistant City Clerk

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

Ms. Payne asked for a motion to accept the following minutes:

Of the Wilkes-Barre Parking Authority of February 21, 2023.

Of the Regular Session of City Council of March 14, 2023.

Mrs. McBride moved to accept the minutes.

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

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

Nays none.

PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Marconi reported garbage in front of 774-776 North Pennsylvania Avenue.

Mrs. McBride asked if the Administration could use American Rescue Plan funds to do another white goods pickup in the spring.

Mr. McCormick said that he does not believe that is an approved use of the funds.

Mayor Brown said he will look at what it cost last year and see if it is something the city can do.

Mr. Barrett said about two months ago there was a crash on Kidder Street at Pearl Street. Since then, he has been working with the Traffic Committee on some solutions and met with them at the site. He said vehicles coming down from the area of the Wyoming Valley Mall into the city go straight through there. The Traffic Committee put up signage and they plan to have lines painted on the roadway, but vehicles continue to go through the intersection (traveling south) into the narrow part of Kidder Street, which is where the problem is. Mr. Barrett said the Traffic Committee feels that they have gone as far as they can go, without having an engineer look at the location and produce some ideas that would force vehicles to turn to the right. Mr. Barrett said the Traffic Committee said it would be up to the Council and the Administration to have an engineering study done. He asked the Administration if there is a Traffic Engineer that they have worked with in the past, that could look at the situation.

PUBLIC DISUCSSION

Angel Mathis, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council to thank the Administration for their swift action on South Franklin Street.


Mark Shaffer, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to fentanyl testing strips (legalized/free distribution to local organizations).

Brian Ferry, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to selling the City Hall parking lot for development.

Mr. Brooks said he thinks the Planning Commission should have a study done to see what the viable use is of every single parking place in all of downtown.

Sam Troy, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to there being no agenda items, food stamps and Medicaid, creating a Taxpayer Relief Fund, minimum wage ordinance, and the city's overtime situation.

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



Mike Belusko, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Cathy Payne, City Clerk

