

CITY OF WILKES-BARRE  
PENNSYLVANIA



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

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CITY COUNCIL

MAY 11, 2023

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

CITY COUNCIL

May 11, 2023

The City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre met in Regular Session on May 11, 2023, at 5:10 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 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	- excused
Barrett, Vice Chairperson	- present
Belusko, Chairperson	- present

Also Present:

George C. Brown, Mayor  
Tim Henry, City Attorney  
Charles McCormick, City Administrator  
Cathy Payne, City Clerk  
Lisa Sanfilippo, Administrative Assistant  
Tracy Smith, Assistant City Clerk

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

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Sam Troy, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to there being no agenda items, the pension fund/MMO, employees' overtime, creating an Environmental Resource Committee, and the Pension Board.

Mayor Brown explained that the employees' overtime issue was because the departments were understaffed, and the Administration must follow the Collective Bargaining Agreement (seniority).

Mayor Brown told Mr. Troy that the pension funds are in good shape. When the program was put together about a year and a half ago, the city infused \$22 million dollars into it. That brought it up to approximately 68% utilization. The city made \$410,000 the first quarter of 2023. Mayor Brown added that the city is paying a reduced MMO payment now because of the bond the city took out and is saving roughly \$800,000 a year.

Tony Thomas, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the Shade Tree Ordinance/Committee, the Controller's Office (making appointments), and new special events for the summer.

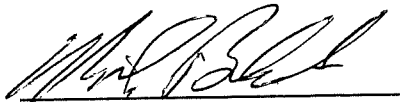
The Mayor discussed the renovations to Public Square and the upcoming events.

Robert Endler, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to cars from Mayflower Crossings parking on Metcalf Street (to Joseph Lane) and blocking the street.

Mr. Belusko said that it would be a Traffic Committee issue, but maybe Mr. McCormick could investigate it.

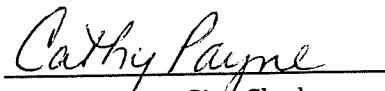
Attorney Henry asked Mr. Endler for his phone number so someone could contact him about the issue.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.



Mike Belusko, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Cathy Payne, City Clerk