

CITY OF WILKES-BARRE
PENNSYLVANIA



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

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OCTOBER 26, 2023

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

CONSENT AGENDA (RESOLUTIONS / MINUTES)

PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

CITY COUNCIL
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CONSENT AGENDA (RESOLUTIONS/MINUTES)

Authorizing the proper city officials to sign any and all necessary documents related to awarding the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, SRI, in the amount of \$27,000.00 for the demolition of 493 South Franklin Street.

MINUTES

Of the Wilkes-Barre City Traffic Committee of September 28, 2023.

Of the Parking Authority of the City of Wilkes-Barre of September 19, 2023.

Of the Wilkes-Barre City Planning Commission of September 20, 2023.

Of the Zoning Hearing Board of September 20, 2023.

Of the Regular Session of City Council of October 12, 2023.

Of the Special Session of City Council of September 22, 2023.

CITY COUNCIL

October 26, 2023

The City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre met in Regular Session on October 26, 2023, 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.

Council member Bill Barrett read the opening prayer.

Roll Call:

Brooks	- present
Marconi	- present
Gilbert	- excused
Barrett, Vice Chairperson	- present
Belusko, Chairperson	- present

Also Present:

Maureen Collins, Assistant City Attorney
Charles McCormick, City Administrator
Cathy Payne, City Clerk
Lisa Sanfilippo, Administrative Assistant
Tracy Smith, Assistant City Clerk

Attorney Collins announced that City Council met in Executive Session prior to the Regular Session to review pending litigation against the city involving tax assessment appeals filed by Terrace Holdings, LLC, 32 Center LLC, and 173 Gilligan Street, LLC.

City Clerk Cathy Payne read a statement relative to Council's rules and procedures.

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 demolition of 493 South Franklin Street.

Bob Kadluboski, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the demolition of 493 South Franklin Street.

Resolution No. R0075-23 to and including the minutes appeared on the Consent Agenda (Resolutions/Minutes).

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. R0075-23

Whereas, the City of Wilkes-Barre publicly advertised for bids on October 6, 2023, for the demolition of 493 South Franklin Street.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre that the proper City officials are hereby authorized to sign any and all necessary documents related to awarding the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, SRI, in the amount of \$27,000.00 (Twenty-Seven Thousand Dollars, Zero Cents) for the demolition of 493 South Franklin Street.

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Mr. Barrett moved to adopt the Consent Agenda (Resolutions/Minutes).

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

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

Nays none.

Absent - Gilbert.

PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Marconi asked the Administration to look at the patch job done on North Washington Street.

Mr. Barrett said that since school went back into session there have been concerns about traffic in East End around Mackin School (between Chapel and Hillard Street). The neighbors around the school are very concerned. The problem was referred to the Traffic Committee and they kicked it back to the School District saying it is their problem. Mr. Barrett said he is going to send it back to the Traffic Committee suggesting that they study making Chapel and Hillard Streets one-way streets to alleviate the problem.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Dan Shission, co-owner of Abide Coffeehouse, 23 W. Market Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council to thank the City of Wilkes-Barre for their support and to discuss coordinating with utility companies working in the city (ripping up newly paved streets and road closures).

Mr. Brooks asked what can be done to impose on the utilities that they notify everyone on the street of what they are doing/when they are doing it, and marking up the street twenty-four hours before they are going to do work.


Linda Joseph, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to utility companies digging up newly paved streets, the opening of Keystone Mission, groundbreaking for Brian's House, Halloween Party at the Evangelical Church (South Main Street) and the Rolling Mill Hill Halloween Party.

Bob Kadluboski, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the Tom Greco (the Mines) lawsuit (hire an independent lawyer).

Sam Troy, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the former Coughlin High School, planting trees, tree vandalized in front of Kirby Health Center, and the budget (raises).

A moment of silence was held for the victims of the mass shooting in Maine.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.


Mike Belusko, Chairperson

ATTEST: 
Cathy Payne, City Clerk