

CITY OF WILKES-BARRE
PENNSYLVANIA



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL

DECEMBER 18, 2023

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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RESOLUTIONS

Authorizing the proper city officials to sign any and all necessary actions related to the sale of 59-63 Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania (PIN: H9SE2-021-001), to Big Public Square, LLC (or any named designee) for a purchase price of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars.

Appointing Stacey Bly to the Wilkes-Barre Finance Authority. Term to expire 12/18/26. (This Appointment is being made to replace Kevin Kundratic who resigned)

Appointing Charles McCormick to the Wilkes-Barre Finance Authority. Term to expire 12/18/26. (This appointment is to fill a vacancy on the board)

Authorizing the proper city officials to sign any and all necessary documents related to awarding the Kirby Park PPE ADA Bathroom Project contract to the lowest responsible bidders as follows:

- Contract #1 – General Construction: Hadley Construction Inc., \$376,300.92
- Contract #2 – Electrical Construction: Delta Electrical Systems Inc., \$36,218.00
- Contract #3 – Plumbing Construction: Linco Construction Inc., \$59,500.00
- Contract #4 – HVAC Construction: Aircon Service Co., Inc., \$7,550.00

MINUTES

Of the Wilkes-Barre Planning Commission of November 15, 2023.

Of the Wilkes-Barre Zoning Hearing Board of November 15, 2023.

Of the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority of October 24, 2023:

Of the Regular Session of City Council of December 7, 2023.

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The City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre met in Regular Session on December 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. (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.

The opening prayer was given by Bill Barrett.

Roll Call:

Barrett	-present
Belusko	-present
Brooks	-present
Gilbert	-present
Marconi	-excused

Also Present:

George Brown, Mayor
Maureen Collins, Assistant City Attorney
Cathy Payne, City Clerk
Tracy Smith, Assistant City Clerk

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

City Clerk Cathy Payne announced that the Reorganization meeting will be held at the F.M. Kirby Center at 5:00 p.m. on January 2nd.

The Chairperson asked if there was anyone wishing to address the council on pending legislation.

Sam Troy, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the sale of 59-63 Public Square (asking for more transparency), the funding for the Kirby Park Bathrooms Project and the appointments for the Finance Authority (having business background and conflict of interest).

Mr. Belusko told Mr. Troy that the sale of 59-63 Public Square resolution was pulled from the agenda pending further information and that the funding for the Kirby Park Bathroom Project is coming from the OCD Department and the Kirby Foundation.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. R0081-23 to and including the minutes appeared on the Consent Agenda (Resolutions).

RESOLUTION NO. R0081-23

Whereas, Article V, Section 5:08 of the City's Home Rule Charter provides that the Mayor shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the City Council, members to Boards and Authorities:

Whereas, Kevin Kundratic has notified the City that he is resigning from the Wilkes-Barre Finance Authority effective December 31, 2023;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre, that the City Council hereby accepts the recommendation of Mayor George C. Brown for the following appointment to Begin on January 1, 2024:

Wilkes-Barre Finance Authority	Term Expiration
Stacy Bly 60 Diebel Avenue Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702	01-01-2027

RESOLUTION NO. R0082-23

Whereas, Article V, Section 5:08 of the City's Home Rule Charter provides that the Mayor shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the City Council, members to Boards and Authorities:

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre, that the City Council hereby accepts the recommendation of Mayor George C. Brown for the following appointment to Begin on January 1, 2024:

Wilkes-Barre Finance Authority	Term Expiration
Charles McCormick 825 South Main Street Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702	01-01-2026

RESOLUTION NO. R0083-23

Whereas, the City of Wilkes-Barre advertised for bids for a project called the **Kirby Park PPE ADA Bathroom Project** (the "Project");

Whereas, responses to the bid advertisement were due on December 7, 2023;

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 bidders for the Project as follows:

- Contract #1 – General Construction: Hadley Construction Inc., \$376,300.92
- Contract #2 – Electrical Construction: Delta Electrical Systems Inc., \$36,218.00
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Ms. Gilbert moved to adopt the Consent Agenda (Resolutions).

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

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

Nays none.

Absent Marconi -1.

PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCIL MEMEBERS

Mr. Barrett thanked the administration, the fire department, and the Department of Public Works for their quick responses to the water issues that were encountered from the heavy rains.


Mr. Belusko also thanked the administration and staff for their quick response to getting the potential water issues under control.

Mr. Belusko wished everyone a Happy and Safe New Year.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Sam Troy, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the budget (regarding the projected income for 2024), using ARP money for other things than the budget, revenue from the Sanitary authority, and getting rid of the sewer fee.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.



Mike Belusko, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Cathy Payne, City Clerk