

CITY OF WILKES-BARRE
PENNSYLVANIA



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

JANUARY 2, 2024

5:00 P.M.

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON MIKE BELUSKO
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. OATH OF OFFICE - MAYOR
 - (A) ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO GEORGE C. BROWN
 - (B) OATH OF OFFICE RECEIVED AND FILED
- V. OATH OF OFFICE - CITY COUNCIL
 - (A) ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO BILL BARRETT
 - (B) OATH OF OFFICE RECEIVED AND FILED
 - (A) ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO MIKE BELUSKO
 - (B) OATH OF OFFICE RECEIVED AND FILED
 - (A) ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO ANTHONY T.P. BROOKS
 - (B) OATH OF OFFICE RECEIVED AND FILED

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OATH OF OFFICE - CITY COUNCIL (CONTINUED)

- (A) ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO JESSICA MCCLAY
- (B) OATH OF OFFICE RECEIVED AND FILED

- (A) ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO STAN MIRIN
- (B) OATH OF OFFICE RECEIVED AND FILED

VI. OATH OF OFFICE - CITY CONTROLLER

- (A) ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO TONY THOMAS
- (B) OATH OF OFFICE RECEIVED AND FILED

VII. NOMINATION OF CHAIR

- (A) ELECTION OF CHAIR
- (B) ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE
- (C) OATH OF OFFICE RECEIVED AND FILED

VIII. NOMINATION OF VICE CHAIR

- (A) ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR
- (B) ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE
- (C) OATH OF OFFICE RECEIVED AND FILED

IX. RESOLUTIONS

1. ESTABLISHING THE 2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULES
2. ESTABLISHING THE MEETING DATES FOR COUNCIL.

X. REMARKS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

REORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 2, 2024

5:00 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre met for the purpose of Reorganization on January 2, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts, Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

The meeting was organized with Chairperson Mike Belusko in the Chair.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

Mr. Barrett read the opening prayer.

Roll Call:

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

Councilmember-Elect Jessica McClay, Councilmember-Elect Stan Mirin, Mayor George C. Brown, Controller-Elect Tony Thomas, City Attorney Tim Henry, Assistant City Attorney Maureen Collins, City Clerk Cathy Payne, Assistant City Clerk Tracy Smith, and Administrative Assistant Lisa Sanfilippo were present.

The Honorable William Amesbury, The Honorable Rick Cronauer, The Honorable Richard Hughes, The Honorable Tom Malloy, and Mayor Justin Correll were present.

Certificate of Elections were presented for: George C. Brown, Mayor, Tony Thomas, Controller, William Barrett, City Council, Mike Belusko, City Council, Tony Brooks, City Council, Jessica McClay, City Council and Stan Mirin, City Council.

Received and Filed.

District Magistrate Rick Cronauer administered the Oath of Office to Mayor George C. Brown.

George C. Brown's Oath of Office was received and filed.

District Magistrate Tom Malloy administered the Oath of Office to Council member Bill Barrett.

Bill Barrett's Oath of Office was received and filed.

Judge William Amesbury administered the Oath of Office to Council member Mike Belusko.

Mike Belusko's Oath of Office was received and filed.

Judge Richard M. Hughes III administered the Oath of Office to Council member Anthony T.P. Brooks.

Mr. Brook's Oath of Office was received and filed.

District Magistrate Tom Malloy administered the Oath of Office to Council member Jessica McClay.

Mrs. McClay's Oath of Office was received and filed.

Mayor Justin Correll administered the Oath of Office to Council member Stan Mirin.

Mr. Mirin's Oath of Office was received and filed.

City Clerk Cathy Payne administered the Oath of Office to Controller Tony Thomas.

Mr. Thomas' Oath of Office was received and filed.

The new Council members were then seated.

Roll Call:

Belusko – present
McClay – present
Mirin – present
Brooks, Vice Chairperson – present
Bill Barrett, Chairperson – present

Mr. Belusko nominated Council member Bill Barrett as Chairperson of Council.

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

Yeas Belusko, McClay, Mirin, and Brooks – 4 – being a majority of the members elected to City Council.

Nays none.

Abstain – Barrett – 1.

District Magistrate Tom Malloy administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Chairperson of City Council, Bill Barrett.

Mr. Barrett nominated Council member Anthony T.P. Brooks as Vice Chairperson of Council.

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

Yeas Belusko, McClay, Mirin, Brooks, and Barrett (Chairperson) – 5 – being all of the members elected to City Council.

Nays none.

Judge Richard M. Hughes III administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Vice Chairperson of City Council, Anthony T.P. Brooks.

The Chairperson asked if there was anyone wishing to speak on pending legislation. There being no one the meeting continued with general business.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. R0001-24

That, City Hall and all Departments except for the mandatory services will be closed on the following holidays during the year 2024 as established by Union Agreement:

Monday	January	15, 2024	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday	February	19, 2024	President's Day
Monday	May	27, 2024	Memorial Day
Friday	June	14, 2024	Flag Day
Thursday	July	4, 2024	Independence Day
Monday	September	2, 2024	Labor Day
Monday	October	14, 2024	Columbus Day
Monday	November	11, 2024	Veterans Day
Thursday	November	28, 2024	Thanksgiving Day

Friday	November	29, 2024	Day After Thanksgiving
Wednesday	December	25, 2024	Christmas Day
Wednesday	January	1, 2025	New Year's Day

Mr. Belusko moved to adopt the Resolution.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. McClay and adopted by the following yeas and nays vote:

Yeas Belusko, McClay, Mirin, Brooks, and Barrett (Chairperson) – 5 – being all of the members elected to City Council.

Nays none.

RESOLUTION NO. R0002-24

2024 WILKES-BARRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Reorganization Meeting, Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

ALL CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS AND REGULAR SESSIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS FOR THE YEAR 2024 AT 6:00 P.M., UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE, IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FOURTH FLOOR, CITY HALL.

WORK SESSION

Tuesday, January 9, 2024
 Tuesday, January 23, 2024
 Tuesday, February 6, 2024
 Tuesday, February 20, 2024
 Tuesday, March 5, 2024
 Tuesday, March 19, 2024
 Tuesday, April 9, 2024
***Combined Session**
 Tuesday, May 7, 2024
 Tuesday, May 21, 2024
 Tuesday, June 11, 2024
 Tuesday, July 9, 2024
 Tuesday, August 6, 2024
 Tuesday, September 10, 2024
 Tuesday, October 8, 2024
 Tuesday, October 22, 2024
 Tuesday, November 12, 2024
***Combined Session**

REGULAR SESSION

Thursday, January 11, 2024
 Thursday, January 25, 2024
 Thursday, February 8, 2024
 Thursday, February 22, 2024
 Thursday, March 7, 2024
 Thursday, March 21, 2024
 Thursday, April 11, 2024
 Thursday, April 25, 2024
 Thursday, May 9, 2024
 Thursday, May 23, 2024
 Thursday, June 13, 2024
 Thursday, July 11, 2024
 Thursday, August 8, 2024
 Thursday, September 12, 2024
 Thursday, October 10, 2024
 Thursday, October 24, 2024
 Thursday, November 14, 2024
 Tuesday, November 26, 2024

***Combined Session**
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Thursday, December 5, 2024
Thursday, December 19, 2024

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.

*** These meetings will be Combined Sessions with the Work Session beginning at 5:30 p.m. and the Regular Session to immediately follow.**

Mr. Brooks moved to adopt the Resolution.

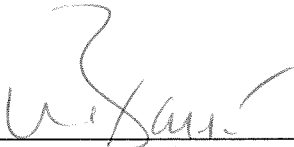
The motion was seconded by Mr. Mirin and adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

Yeas Belusko, McClay, Mirin, Brooks, and Barrett (Chairperson) – 5 – being all of the members elected to City Council.

Nays none.

Elected officials offered brief remarks.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.



Bill Barrett, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Cathy Payne, City Clerk

