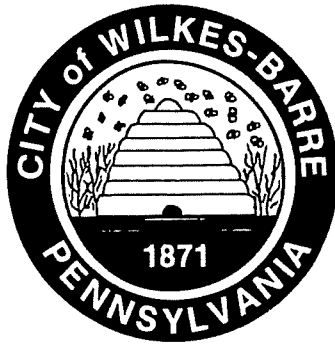


**CITY OF WILKES-BARRE
PENNSYLVANIA**



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

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FEBRUARY 22, 2024

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

CONSENT AGENDA (RESOLUTIONS/MINUTES)

PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 22, 2024

CONSENT AGENDA (RESOLUTIONS/MINUTES)

RESOLUTIONS

Reappointing Arthur Breese to the Human Relations Commission.

Reappointing Samantha Chichetti to the Human Relations Commission.

Appointing William Lewis as Chairperson to the Human Relations Commission. (Replacing former member that no longer resides in the city)

Appointing Bonnie Wikosky to the Human Relations Commission. (Replacing former member that no longer resides in the city.)

MINUTES

Of the Planning Commission of January 17, 2024.

Of the Zoning Hearing Board of January 17, 2024.

Of the Regular Session of City Council of February 8, 2024.

CITY COUNCIL

February 22, 2024

The City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre met in Regular Session on February 22, 2024, at 6:00, in City Council Chambers, City Hall, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of general business.

The meeting was organized with Vice Chairperson Tony Brooks in the Chair.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

Vice Chairperson Brooks read the opening prayer.

Roll Call:

Belusko	- excused
McClay	- present
Mirin	- present
Brooks, Vice Chairperson	- present
Barrett, Chairperson	- excused

Also Present:

George C. Brown, Mayor
Charles McCormick, City Administrator
Maureen Collins, Assistant City Attorney
Cathy Payne, City Clerk
Lisa Sanfilippo, Administrative Assistant
Tony Thomas, Controller

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

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 appointments to the Human Relations Commission.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. R0014-24 to R0017-24 and the minutes were voted on as a Consent Agenda (Resolutions).

RESOLUTION NO. R0014-24

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 City Council, members to Boards, Commissions, 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 re-appointment to the Human Relations Commission:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Arthur W. Breese 216 Hazle Street Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702	02-22-26

RESOLUTION NO. R0015-24

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Samantha Chichetti 378 S. River Street Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702	02-22-26

RESOLUTION NO. R0016-24

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 City Council, members to Boards, Commissions, and Authorities:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Will Lewis, Chairperson 20 Riverside Drive Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702	02-22-27

Mr. Lewis is replacing a former member who no longer resides in the city.

RESOLUTION NO. R0017-24

Whereas, Section 5:08 of the City Charter of the City of Wilkes-Barre authorizes the Mayor, with the advice and consent of City Council, to appoint by members of Boards, Commissions and Authorities served by the City;

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 the Human Relations Commission:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Bonnie Wikosky 23 Pine Ridge Drive Wilkes-Barre, PA 18705	02-22-27

MINUTES

Of the Wilkes-Barre City Planning Commission of January 17, 2024.

Of the Wilkes-Barre City Zoning Hearing Board of January 17, 2024.

Of the Regular Session of City Council of February 8, 2024.

Mrs. McClay moved to adopt the Consent Agenda (Resolutions).

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

Yeas McClay, Mirin, and Brooks (Vice Chairperson) - 3 - being a majority of the members elected to City Council.

Nays none.

Absent - Belusko and Barrett (Chairperson) - 2.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Jim Burden, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the street sign pole falling down on Meade Street and the need for traps for cats at 422 East Northampton Street.

Sam Troy, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to Boards and Authorities, city employees' raises, the mayor's raise and a Controller's Report.


Mr. Brooks told Mr. Troy that the mayor is working hard to update and fill the positions on the city's boards and authorities.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.



Tony Brooks, Vice Chairperson

ATTEST:



Cathy Payne, City Clerk