

**CITY OF WILKES-BARRE  
PENNSYLVANIA**



# **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**

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**MAY 28, 2019**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

**Public Discussion – Pending Legislation Only**

**Ordinance – First Reading**

**Adjournment**

**CITY COUNCIL**

**May 28, 2019**

**ORDINANCE -**

**FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 8 OF 2019** – An Ordinance extending the term of existence of the Parking Authority of the City of Wilkes-Barre.

CITY COUNCIL

May 28, 2019

The City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre met in Special Session on May 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., in City Council Chambers, City Hall, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania to consider for approval the First Reading of an Ordinance whereby the term of existence of the Wilkes-Barre Parking Authority will be extended.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

Roll Call:

Brooks	- present
Gilbert	- present
Merritt	- present
Barrett, Vice Chairperson	- present
Belusko, Chairperson	- present

Also Present:

Rick Gazenski, City Administrator  
Maureen Collins, Assistant City Attorney  
Jim Ryan, City Clerk  
Lisa Sanfilippo, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Belusko asked if there was anyone wishing to address Council on pending legislation.

*John Suchoski, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to File of Council No. 8 of 2019 (overview of the Ordinance).*

Mr. Belusko explained that it will renew the Parking Authority for another 50 years, from August of 2008 to August of 2058.

*Jerry Lynott, Times Leader, appeared before Council relative to File of Council No. 8 of 2019.*

*Mr. Lynott asked because it expired in 2008 does that mean anything done between then and now is null and void (because they weren't a proper authority).*

Attorney Collins said her understanding is that the records with the Department of State are in compliance and they have been still subsisting

*Mr. Lynott asked if this is being done to facilitate the sale of the parking garage.*

Mr. Belusko said it is needed for it.

Attorney Collins said it is just a formality to make sure all of the records are in order.

Ms. Gilbert asked if Council has the authority to retroactively extend their existence.

Attorney Collins said the Authority is going to amend their Articles of Incorporation to ratify and extend the term of existence.

*Steve Mocarsky, Citizens Voice, appeared before Council relative to File of Council No. 8 of 2019.*

*Mr. Mocarsky asked whose responsibility it is to make sure that certifications of Authorities are done and is there any kind of review being done on other authorities to make sure that their certifications are also renewed.*

Mr. Ryan explained that all Boards and Authorities (for the most part) are independent entities. Most Boards and Authorities have their own solicitor. He said in his opinion the solicitor should be responsible for that.

## **ORDINANCE**

### **FILE OF COUNCIL 8 OF 2019 – AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE TERM OF EXISTENCE OF THE PARKING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF WILKES-BARRE. (FIRST READING)**

Mr. Belusko moved to adopt the Ordinance.

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

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

Nays none.

Mr. Belusko said that Attorney Henry asked him to see if Council would like to have the Second Reading on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

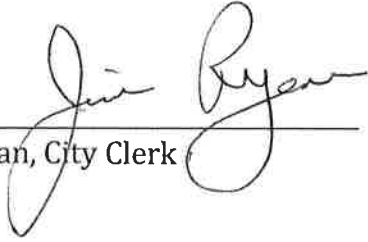
All Council members agreed with scheduling the Second Reading on June 5, 2019.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.



Mike Belusko

ATTEST:



Jim Ryan, City Clerk

