

**CITY OF WILKES-BARRE
PENNSYLVANIA**



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

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JULY 18, 2019

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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CONSENT AGENDA (RESOLUTIONS)

Approving Ryan Hertel, owner of Socialocco, LLC to install a sign, which will overhang the sidewalk right-of-way, onto the building located at 66 South Main Street.

Authorizing the Mayor to accept and sign the 2019-2020 Winter Services Agreement.

Authorizing the proper city officials to take any and all necessary actions related to the purchase of the following vehicle for the Police Department 2019 Ford F-150 Responder (\$46,495.00), 2020 Ford Police Interceptor (\$47,705.00).

Authorizing the proper city officials to sign any and all necessary documents related to awarding the contract to the lowest responsible bidder for the demolition of 111 Court Street. The payment related thereto will be made from OECD Budget.

Authorizing the proper city officials to sign any and all necessary documents related to awarding the contract to the lowest responsible bidder for the Demolition of 244 Academy Street. The payment related thereto will be made from OECD Budget.

Authorizing the proper city officials to sign any and all necessary documents related to awarding the contract to the lowest responsible bidder for the Demolition of 29-31 Kado Street. The payment related thereto will be made from OECD Budget.

Authorizing the proper city officials to take any and all necessary actions related to the sale of 101-103 Westminster Street to Ronald J. Rinker for a purchase price of \$2,500.

Submit the application for Traffic Signal Approval to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

Submit a \$2,818,926.03 Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant application funded by Commonwealth Financing Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be used for the Scott Street Streetscape Improvements Project.

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CONSENT AGENDA (RESOLUTIONS)

Submit a \$2,992,516.02 Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant application funded by Commonwealth Financing Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be used for the Carey Avenue Streetscape Improvements Project.

Enter into an agreement with Physio-Control, Inc., for the purchase of a LifePak 15 cardiac monitor/defibrillator with accessories in the amount of \$30,953.55. An older model LifePak 12 will be traded as part of the package price. Payment will come from the Community Development Office.

Designating Anthony G. George, Mayor and Darren Snyder, City Controller, as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between the City, King's College and the Pennsylvania Department of Economic and Community Development, to facilitate and assist in obtaining an Industrial Sites Reuse Program Grant along with any or all project document related to the former Times Leader Remediation Project.

Supporting the request for Downtown Wilkes-Barre's designation as a Keystone Main Street Community as proposed by the Diamond City Partnership.

MINUTES

Of the Regular Session of City Council of June 13, 2019.

Of the Traffic Committee Meeting of May 30, 2019.

Of the Zoning Hearing Board of May 15, 2019.

Of the Planning Commission of June 19, 2019.

Of the Traffic Committee Meeting of June 27, 2019.

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RESOLUTIONS

Appoint Robin Shudak to the Shade Tree Commission.

Appoint Tony Thomas to the Shade Tree Commission.

Appoint Mike Belusko to the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority.

Reappoint Robert Jabers to the Parking Authority.

Reappoint Paul Maher to the Parking Authority.

Reappoint Thomas Unvarsky to the Traffic Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA (ORDINANCES)

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 9 OF 2019 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILKES-BARRE ENTITLED “EMPLOYEES’ PENSION FUND”. (SECOND AND FINAL READING)

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CITY COUNCIL

July 18, 2019

The City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre met in Regular Session on July 18, 2019, 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.

Roll Call:

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

Also Present:

Darren Snyder, Controller
Rick Gazenski, City Administrator
Tim Henry, Deputy Administrator/City Attorney
Cathy Payne, Assistant City Clerk
Jim Ryan, City Clerk
Lisa Sanfilippo, Administrative Assistant
Tom Unvarsky, Parking Enforcement Manager
Kallie O'Donnell, Intern, OCD

The City Clerk announced that the location for the Traffic Signal Approval Resolution is at the intersection of Franklin and Northampton Streets. He said it also improves the existing traffic light at that particular location. This information was missing from the Resolution presented on Tuesday at the Work Session.

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

Bob Kadluboski, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the Resolution appointing Mike Belusko to the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority.

City Clerk Jim Ryan read a statement relative to Council's Rules and Procedures.

Linda Joseph, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the Resolution appointing Mike Belusko to the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority.

Sam Troy, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the following Resolutions:

1. *The sale of 101-103 Westminster Street to Ronald J. Rinker (purchase price arrived by the Assessor).*
2. *The Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant application – Scott Street Streetscape Improvement Project (specifics of the project).*
3. *Appointing Mike Belusko to the Wyoming Valley Sanitary.*

Jerry Lynott, Times Leader, Wilkes-Barre appeared before Council relative to the appointments to the various boards and authorities (did George Brown contact Council to ask them to vote no on the appointments).

Jim Burden, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the Resolution accepting the 2019-2020 Winter Services Agreement (incoming Mayor should sign the agreement).

Angel Mathis, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the following Resolutions:

1. *Purchasing vehicles for the Police Department (do we need them and was there an RFP).*
2. *Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant – Scott Street Streetscape and Carey Avenue Streetscape Improvement Projects (More details needed).*
3. *Purchasing LifePak 15 cardiac monitor/defibrillator (Was there an RFP).*
4. *The Industrial Sites Reuse Program Grant – Times Leader Remediation Project.*
5. *Appointments to various boards and authorities (Do they get paid for serving).*

Ms. Gilbert told Ms. Mathis that Council members can attend any board or authority meeting without being on the board.

Mr. Belusko said that none of the appointments to the boards and authorities are paid.

Mr. Belusko informed Ms. Mathis that the police vehicles and fire equipment being purchased are through COSTARS and negotiated to the lowest price.

Detective Casey explained that the 2019 Ford F-150 Responder is a police package pickup truck and it will replace a 22-year-old vehicle and it is specialty built for the rigors of patrol. It gives the police department the ability to support patrol operations effectively. This vehicle will assume a dual roll in supporting patrol operations, but it can also be used as a regular patrol car.

Mr. Merritt said his question is can these vehicles be purchased through Enterprise or are they specialty vehicles that they don't get involved with.

Detective Casey said that Enterprise will get involved, but they haven't engaged the Police Department as of yet. It is a phase in process.

Attorney Henry said it a couple of months Enterprise thinks they will be able to handle police vehicles, but at this point in time they are not.

Mr. Merritt asked if Council should pull the Resolution for a couple months and then see if Enterprise would offer something like this and save us money.

Detective Casey said that with respect to the pickup truck, that particular vehicle will have a 10 – 14-year life expectancy. The pickup is a vehicle that is stocked by the company we get our police cars from. Enterprise does not stock those cars. The last date to order those was July 5th.

Mr. Merritt asked if the vehicles that are currently being used would hold up until we could look at other options.

Detective Casey said they probably wouldn't. Every time the City uses the vehicle to tow the barricade trailer something goes wrong. It is costing a lot in maintenance.

Mr. Merritt said he would like the Administration to start looking at leasing this kind of equipment in the future.

Attorney Henry mentioned that these purchases were already in the budget.

Ms. Gilbert asked if the Police Department could borrow a vehicle from DPW to transport the barriers.

Detective Casey said then the Police Department would not have the ability to use it as a patrol car. This purchase will supplement the patrol fleet when an extra car is needed.

Mike Slusser, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the Resolution authorizing the sale of 101-103 Westminster Street. (reverter clause)

Ms. Gilbert asked the City Attorney if he could put a reverter clause in the contract after Council votes on it.

Attorney Henry said that he will add that to the contract.

Mark Shaffer, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the Resolution authorizing the purchase of vehicles for the Police Department and the appointment of Mike Belusko to the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. R0042-19 to and including the minutes appeared on the Consent Agenda (Resolutions).

RESOLUTION NO. R0042-19

Whereas, Ryan Hertel, owner of Socialocca, LLC, desires to install a sign (see attached), which will overhang the sidewalk right-of-way, onto the building located at 66 South Main Street.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Wilkes-Barre City Council that approval is hereby granted contingent upon satisfaction of the following requirements:

File the following with the City Attorney's Office:

1. File liability insurance naming the City as an insured for any liability connected with the said request.
2. File a Release and Save Harmless Agreement.
3. The applicant and a successor shall file current liability insurance naming the city as an insured.

RESOLUTION NO. R0043-19

Be It Resolved, by authority of Wilkes-Barre City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that the Mayor of said Municipality is authorized and directed to accept and sign the attached 2019-2020 Winter Services Agreement and Exhibits on its behalf. (Contract #3900038250, Year 3 of 5)

RESOLUTION NO. R0044-19

Resolved, that the proper City officials are hereby authorized to take any and all necessary actions related to the purchase of the following vehicles for the Police Department:

<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Price</u>
1. 2019 Ford F-150 Responder	\$46,495.00
2. 2020 Ford Police Interceptor	\$47,705.00

RESOLUTION NO. R0045-19

Whereas, the City of Wilkes-Barre will publicly advertise for bidders for the Demolition of 111 Court 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 for the Demolition of 111 Court Street.

Be It Further Resolved that the payment related thereto be made from OECD Budget.

RESOLUTION NO. R0046-19

Whereas, the City of Wilkes-Barre will publicly advertise for bidders for the Demolition of 244 Academy 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 for the Demolition of 244 Academy Street.

Be It Further Resolved that the payment related thereto be made from OECD Budget.

RESOLUTION NO. R0047-19

Whereas, the City of Wilkes-Barre will publicly advertise for bidders for the Demolition of 29-31 Kado 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 for the Demolition of 29-31 Kado Street.

Be It Further Resolved that the payment related thereto be made from OECD Budget.

RESOLUTION NO. R0048-19

That, the proper city officials are hereby authorized to take any and all necessary action related to the sale of 101-103 Westminster Street (PIN: I9NW2-011-010) to Ronald J. Rinker (or his designee) for a purchase price of \$2,500.00.

RESOLUTION NO. R0049-19

Be It Resolved, by authority of the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that the Director of Operations of said Municipality is authorized and directed to submit the attached Application for

Traffic Signal Approval to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and to sign this Application on behalf of the Municipality.

RESOLUTION NO. R0050-19

Be It Resolved, that the City of Wilkes-Barre of Luzerne County hereby requests a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant of \$2,818,926.03 from the Commonwealth of Financing Authority to be used for the Scott Street Streetscape Improvements Project.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Applicant does hereby designate Anthony George, Mayor, and Darren, Snyder, City Controller, as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between the City of Wilkes-Barre and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant along with any or all project documents if the application is approved.

Now, Therefore Be It Further Resolved by the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre to authorize the appropriate city officials to submit a \$2,818,926.03 Multimodal Transportation Fund grant application funded by the Commonwealth Financing Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be used for the Scott Street Streetscape Improvements Project.

I, Jim Ryan, duly qualified City Clerk of the City of Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Wilkes-Barre City Council at a regular meeting held July 18, 2019 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the City of Wilkes-Barre and remains in effect as of this date.

RESOLUTION NO. R0051-19

Be It Resolved, that the City of Wilkes-Barre of Luzerne County hereby requests a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant of \$2,992,516.02 from the Commonwealth of Financing Authority to be used for the Carey Avenue Streetscape Improvements Project.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Applicant does hereby designate Anthony George, Mayor, and Darren, Snyder, City Controller, as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between the City of Wilkes-Barre and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant along with any or all project documents if the application is approved.

Now, Therefore Be It Further Resolved by the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre to authorize the appropriate city officials to submit a \$2,992,516.02 Multimodal Transportation Fund grant application funded by the Commonwealth Financing Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be used for the Carey Avenue Streetscape Improvements Project.

I, Jim Ryan, duly qualified City Clerk of the City of Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Wilkes-Barre City Council at a regular meeting held July 18, 2019 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the City of Wilkes-Barre and remains in effect as of this date.

RESOLUTION NO. R0052-19

Whereas, the City of Wilkes-Barre is desirous to purchase a LifePak 15 cardiac monitor/defibrillator with accessories from Physio-Control Inc. a division of Stryker through the PA COSTARS contract number 012-034 for the Bureau of Fire.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Physio-Control, Inc., a division of Stryker, 11811 Willows Road NE, Redmond, WA 98073 for the purchase of a LifePak15 cardiac monitor/defibrillator with accessories in the amount of \$31,565.55. An older LifePak 12 will be traded as part of the package price.

Payment will come from the Community Development Office.

RESOLUTION NO. R0053-19

Be It Resolved, that the City of Wilkes-Barre of Luzerne County hereby request an Industrial Sites Reuse Program grant, in the amount of \$400,000.00 from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, to be used for the Former Times Leader Remediation project, which will remediate and provide Act 2 clearance for the property located at 15 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre (former Times Leader Property), to facilitate a future economic development project.

Be It Further Resolved, by the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre to authorize the appropriate city officials to submit a \$400,000.00 Industrial Sites Reuse Program grant application funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, to be used for the Former Times Leader Remediation Project, which will remediate and provide Act 2 clearance (if required) for the property located at 15 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre (former Times Leader Property), to facilitate a future economic development project.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Applicant hereby designates Anthony G. George, Mayor and Darren Snyder, City Controller as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between the City of Wilkes-Barre, Kings College, and the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant along with any or all project documents, related to the Former Times Leader Remediation Project, if the application is approved.

I, Jim Ryan, duly qualified City Clerk of the City of Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly

adopted by a majority vote of the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre at a regular meeting held on the 18th of July, 2019 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the City of Wilkes-Barre and remains in effect as of this date.

RESOLUTION NO. R0054-19

WHEREAS, the Diamond City Partnership (hereinafter “DCP”), Wilkes-Barre’s non-profit downtown management organization, has worked since 2001 with the City of Wilkes-Barre and other stakeholders to revitalize Wilkes-Barre’s downtown business district; and

WHEREAS, DCP is desirous of obtaining Downtown Wilkes-Barre’s designation as a Keystone Main Street Community by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Department of Community and Economic Development (hereinafter “DCED”) for a five-year period; and

WHEREAS, DCED’s Keystone Main Street program designation follows the principles of the National Main Street Center’s four-point “Main Street Approach,” with the addition by DCED of a fifth point - Organizational Sustainability - demonstrated by providing a sustainable funding stream for five years of Main Street Program management; and

WHEREAS, designation as a Keystone Main Street Community enables Downtown Wilkes-Barre’s eligibility and priority for additional state programs in support of the overall revitalization of Downtown Wilkes-Barre; and

WHEREAS, DCP previously prepared a Five-Year Downtown Action Strategy, which is being submitted as part of the Main Street Program designation application; and

WHEREAS, the Five-Year Downtown Action Strategy is fully aligned with the current operating plan, adopted in 2018, for the Downtown Wilkes-Barre Business Improvement District, which is managed by DCP; and

WHEREAS, DCP has committed to assume responsibility for all Main Street Program management costs during the five-year designation period:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre does hereby:

- Support the request for Downtown Wilkes-Barre’s designation as a Keystone Main Street Community as proposed by DCP.
- Authorize DCP to serve as the implementing organization for the Keystone Main Street application and designation.
- Support DCP’s Five-Year Downtown Action Strategy as an integral part of the application required by DCED.
- Indicate its willingness to continue to be represented and participate on the DCP board and such Main Street committees as appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk of the City of Wilkes-Barre is directed to execute a certificate attesting to the adoption of this resolution and to furnish a copy of the certified resolution to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

MINUTES

Of the Regular Session of City Council of June 13, 2019.

Of the Traffic Committee Meeting of May 30, 2019.

Of the Zoning Hearing Board of May 15, 2019.

Of the Planning Commission of June 19, 2019.

Of the Traffic Committee Meeting of June 27, 2019.

Mr. Merritt moved to adopt the Consent Agenda (Resolutions).

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

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

Nays none.

RESOLUTION NO. R0055-19

Whereas, Section 31-21 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Wilkes-Barre established a Shade Tree Commission for the City of Wilkes-Barre;

Whereas, it is the desire of the City of Wilkes-Barre to appoint the persons referenced below to the Shade Tree Commission of the City;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the following persons are hereby appointed as members of the Shade Tree Commission:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Robin Shudak 183 Hanover Street Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702	December 31, 20121

The above listed commission member is replacing Charlotte Raup whose term on

the commission has expired.

Mr. Brooks moved to adopt the Resolution.

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

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

Nays Merritt – 1.

RESOLUTION NO. R0056-19

Whereas, Section 31-21 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Wilkes-Barre established a Shade Tree Commission for the City of Wilkes-Barre;

Whereas, it is the desire of the City of Wilkes-Barre to appoint the person referenced below to the Shade Tree Commission of the City;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the following person is hereby appointed as a member of the Shade Tree Commission:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Tony Thomas 18 Oakley Lane Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702	December 31, 2022

The above listed commission member is replacing a member serving on an expired term.

Mr. Brooks moved to adopt the Resolution.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Gilbert and adopted by the following yeas and nays vote:

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

Nays Merritt – 1.

RESOLUTION NO. R0057-19

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;

Whereas, it is the desire of the City of Wilkes-Barre to appoint the person referenced below to the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the following person is hereby appointed as a member to the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Mike Belusko 10 Catlin Avenue Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702	December 31, 2023

This appointment would replace board member James Conahan who has been serving on an expired term.

Mr. Brooks moved to adopt the Resolution.

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

Yeas Brooks, Barrett and Belusko (Chairperson) – 3 – being a majority of the members elected to City Council.

Nays Gilbert and Merritt – 2.

RESOLUTION NO. R0058-19

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 members of Boards, Commissions and Authorities served by the City;

Whereas, it is the desire of the City of Wilkes-Barre to reappoint the following member to the Parking Authority of the City of Wilkes-Barre;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the following person is hereby reappointed as a member of the Parking Authority:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Robert Jabers 66 Marjorie Street Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702	December 31, 2023

Mr. Jabers term is set to expire at the end of the year.

Mr. Barrett moved to adopt the Resolution.

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

Yeas Brooks, Barrett and Belusko (Chairperson) – 3 – being a majority of the members elected to City Council.

Nays Gilbert and Merritt – 2.

RESOLUTION NO. R0059-19

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 members of Boards, Commissions and Authorities served by the City;

Whereas, it is the desire of the City of Wilkes-Barre to reappoint the following member to the Parking Authority of the City of Wilkes-Barre;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the following person is hereby reappointed as a member of the Parking Authority:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Paul Maher 1 Rita Street Wilkes-Bare, PA 18702	December 31, 2022

Mr. Maher has been serving on an expired term.

Mr. Belusko moved to adopt the Resolution.

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

Yeas Brooks, Barrett and Belusko (Chairperson) – 3 – being a majority of the members elected to City Council.

Nays Gilbert and Merritt – 2.

RESOLUTION NO. R0060-19

Whereas, it is the desire of the City of Wilkes-Barre to reappoint the person referenced below to an additional term on the Traffic Committee;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the following person is hereby reappointed as a member of the Wilkes-Barre City Traffic Committee:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Thomas Unvasky 21 Gore Street Wilkes-Barre, PA 18705	July 18, 2022

Mr. Brooks moved to adopt the Resolution.

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

Yeas Brooks, Barrett and Belusko (Chairperson) – 3 – being a majority of members elected to City Council.

Nays Gilbert and Merritt – 2.

ORDINANCES

The following Ordinances appeared on the Consent Agenda (Ordinances):

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Mr. Brooks moved to adopt the Consent Agenda (Ordinances).

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

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

Nays none.

PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Brooks discussed the following:

1. Delays in picking up yard waste.
2. Trash not picked up on Harkins Lane.
3. 3 large potholes on Griffith Lane.

Mr. Brooks commented on the fantastic turnout at the Rockin the River Event on Friday and encouraged everyone to attend this Friday's event. He complimented County employees Dave Pedri and Ted Wampole on their hard work in putting the event together.

Mr. Belusko said he also received several calls regarding the yard waste not being picked up.

Ms. Gilbert thanked the Administration for having South Sherman Street paved.

Ms. Gilbert said she is concerned about the condition of East Northampton Street. She asked if the Administration would look into a streetscape program for that street in the future.

Mr. Merritt said back in March he spoke with the Mayor about a problem behind Ralph and John Street. Over the guardrail is a hill that no one seems to know who owns. There are mattresses, garbage, and rodents running wild on the property. Mr. Merritt said he asked the Administration to find out who owns it, clean it up and send the owners a bill. He said he still hasn't gotten any answers on the ownership of the property and it has still not been cleaned up. He said the last he heard on the issue from Mr. Frati was that he thought the city needed to get volunteers to help clean it up. Mr. Merritt said he believes this is the city's responsibility. He would like the property cleaned up as soon as possible.

Mr. Barrett said after Tuesday's in-depth presentation by Chief Delaney and Chief Coffay regarding the 4th of July, specifically the firework situation he would like to propose a Resolution supporting House Bill 1687. He said the Fire Chief has been working with the Pennsylvania's Fire Chief Association and the Pennsylvania Municipal League to review the situation. He added that the House Bill is co-sponsored by Representative Pashinski. He asked Council to consider a proposed Resolution in support of House Bill 1687 addressing this issue and commending Representative Pashinski and asking all the other state legislatures to endorse this very important piece of safety legislation. He said this will give some control back to local municipalities and it increases the distance at which these types of fireworks can be discharged dramatically. He asked the City Attorney's office to draft a Resolution for the next meeting of Council.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Gene Stilp appeared before Council relative to the obscene brick on the monument on Public Square.

H, Hands of Hope Unmistakable Man of Color, appeared before Council relative to the First Amendment, racism and the (KKK) brick on the monument on Public Square.

Angel Mathis, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to motorcycles & motorized bikes on city sidewalks, to thank the city for reaching out to businesses about signage on the sidewalk and trash not being picked up on Harkins Lane.

Angel Jirau, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the (KKK) brick on the monument on Public Square.

Jim Burden, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to his dog getting hit by a car (thank you to those who helped, Whisker World, Animal Enforcement, Officer Steve Wengen and Council candidate John Marconi), installing curb dog signs, painting crosswalks and the (KKK) brick on the monument on Public Square.

Jeanne Magda, (5 Flood Drive), Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to water redirected from the soccer field to her home.

Ronald Felton and Dave Yonki, representing the NAACP Branch 2306, appeared before Council relative to the removal of the monument on Public Square.

John Rushton, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to paving Scott Street.

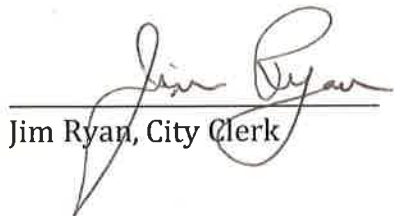
Mr. Barrett said he spoke with Mr. Frati today and he said that Scott Street will be going out for bid soon. There is a lot of ADA and utility work that needs to be done before that can be done.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



Mike Belusko, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Jim Ryan, City Clerk

