

**CITY OF WILKES-BARRE  
PENNSYLVANIA**



# **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**

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CITY COUNCIL

MAY 25, 2017

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MAY 25, 2017

**CONSENT AGENDA (RESOLUTIONS)**

Request a Flood Mitigation grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be used for the Solomon Creek Retaining Walls Reconstruction Project.

Request a Greenway, Trails and Recreation Program grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be used for the Wilkes-Barre Public Park Improvement project.

**MINUTES**

Of the Zoning Hearing Board of April 19, 2017.

Of the Regular Session of City Council of May 11, 2017.

Of the Traffic Committee of April 27, 2017.

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MAY 25, 2017

**CONSENT AGENDA (ORDINANCES)**

**FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 8 OF 2017** – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE VI OF CHAPTER 28 OF THE WILKES-BARRE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED “LICENSE FEES.” (SECOND AND FINAL READING)

**FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 9 OF 2017** – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 11 OF THE WILKES-BARRE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED “PUBLIC EATING AND DRINKING PLACES”. (SECOND AND FINAL READING)

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CITY COUNCIL

MAY 25, 2017

The City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre met in Regular Session on May 25, 2017 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 Beth Gilbert in the Chair.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

Roll Call:

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

Also Present:

Ted Wampole, Administrator  
Tim Henry, City Attorney/Deputy Administrator  
Cathy Payne, Assistant City Clerk  
Hank Radulski, Director of Health Services  
Jim Ryan, City Clerk  
Lisa Sanfilippo, Administrative Assistant  
Joyce Zaykowski, Capital Project Program Manager

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

The City Clerk asked if there was anyone wishing to address Council on pending legislation.

Sam Troy, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to both Resolutions on the agenda.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution No. R0063-17 to and including the minutes appeared on the Consent Agenda (Resolutions).

**RESOLUTION NO. R0063-17**

Be It Resolved, that the City of Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County hereby requests a Flood Mitigation grant of \$500,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be used for the Solomon Creek Retaining Walls Reconstruction project.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Applicant does hereby designate Anthony G. 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 assisting in obtaining the requested grant along with any or all other project documents, related to the Solomon Creek Retaining Walls Reconstruction project, if the application is approved.

I, Jim Ryan, duly qualified City Clerk of the City of Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania hereby 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 May 25, 2017 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the City of Wilkes-Barre and remains in effect as of this date.

In Witness Thereof, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the City of Wilkes-Barre, this May day of 25, 2017.

**RESOLUTION NO. R0064-17**

Be It Resolved, that the City of Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County hereby requests a Greenway, Trails and Recreation Program grant of \$111,681.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be used for the Weissman Park Improvement project.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Applicant does hereby designate Anthony G. 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 assisting in obtaining the requested grant along with any or all other project documents, related to the Weissman Park Improvement project, if the application is approved.

I, Jim Ryan, duly qualified City Clerk of the City of Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania hereby 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 May 25, 2017 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the City of Wilkes-Barre and remains in effect as of this date.

In Witness Thereof, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the City of Wilkes-Barre, this May day of 25, 2017.

**MINUTES**

Of the Zoning Hearing Board of April 19, 2017.

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Of the Traffic Committee of April 27, 2017.

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

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

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

Nays none.

Absent – Barrett – 1.

### **ORDINANCES**

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

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

The motion was seconded by Ms. Gilbert and adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

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

Nays none.

Absent – Barrett – 1.

### **PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mr. Belusko asked Mr. Wampole for an update on the snow removal reimbursement.

Mr. Wampole mentioned that members of the Administration are planning a trip to Washington, D.C. to personally meet with FEMA about our case.

Ms. Zaykowski said that she sent a letter of appeal in last week. She said she will forward a copy of that letter to Council for their records. The Mayor is in the process of setting up a meeting with Congressman Barletta and FEMA to see if we can further progress our case.

Mr. Belusko asked if the city has a total cost for the snow removal.

Ms. Zaykowski replied that it is just over a million dollars.

Ms. Gilbert reported high grass at the old Holy Trinity lot on the corner of South Meade and East South Street.

#### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**


Jim Walsh, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the American Flag and the police officer asking him to be seated (after his presentation) at the last meeting he attended.

Sam Troy, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to Kistler Pool (closing), bussing children and chaperons to the Forty Fort Pool, debt restructuring, and real estate transactions (public or legal notice required).

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

  
Beth Gilbert, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
Jim Ryan, City Clerk