

**CITY OF WILKES-BARRE  
PENNSYLVANIA**



# **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**

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MAY 10, 2018

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**CONSENT AGENDA (RESOLUTIONS)**

Authorizing the proper city officials to sign any and all necessary documents related to a Software and Services Agreement with Kelley Ryan Parking.

Appointment members to the Board of Health.

Authorizing the proper city officials to enter into an agreement in the amount of \$447,000 with the Pennsylvania Department of Health to provide primary and preventative maternal, infant and child health services.

Authorizing the proper city officials to sign any and all necessary documents related to awarding the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, A.R. Popple, in the amount of \$19,000 for the CDBG Demolition (121-123 Academy Street, Academy Street Market).

Authorizing the proper city officials to sign any and all necessary documents related to awarding the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, for Phase One of the Solomon Creek project.

Authorizing the proper city officials to enter into an agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the installation and upgrade of a Pedestrian Signal at the intersection of South and South Main Street and South Main Street and Northampton Street. These signals will be installed and upgraded at no cost to the City of Wilkes-Barre.

**MINUTES**

Of the Public Hearing of City Council of April 24, 2018.

Of the Regular Session of City Council of April 12, 2018.

Of the Planning Commission of April 18, 2018.

CITY COUNCIL

MAY 10, 2018

The City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre met in Regular Session on May 10, 2018 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 Tony Brooks in the Chair.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

Roll Call:

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

Also Present:

Darren Snyder, Controller  
Ted Wampole, Administrator  
Tim Henry, City Attorney/Deputy Administrator  
Cathy Payne, Assistant City Clerk  
Lisa Sanfilippo, Administrative Assistant

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

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

Angel Mathis, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the Resolution authorizing the agreement with Kelley Ryan Parking.

Gordon Williams, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the Resolution authorizing the agreement with Kelley Ryan Parking.

*Ms. Gilbert said she is in favor of the Resolution because it will bring the tickets back in-house and people will no longer have to go in front of a Magistrate to appeal it.*

John Suchoski, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the Resolutions appointing members to the Health Board, awarding the Solomon Creek Project and the agreement with Kelley Ryan Parking.

## RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. R0043-18 to and including the Minutes appeared on the Consent Agenda (Resolutions).

### **RESOLUTION NO. R0043-18**

That, the proper city officials are hereby authorized to sign any and all necessary documents related to a Software & Services Agreement with Kelley Ryan Parking.

### **RESOLUTION NO. R0044-18**

Whereas, Section 13-6 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Wilkes-Barre authorizes the Mayor, with the advice and consent of City Council, to appoint by resolution members of the Board of Health of the City of Wilkes-Barre;

Whereas, it is the desire of the City of Wilkes-Barre to reappoint the persons identified below to the Board of Health of the City of Wilkes-Barre;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the following persons are hereby reappointed as a member of the Board of Health:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Margaret Lovecchio 166 Hanover Street Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702	January 1, 2021
Thomas Harfman 76 Hanover Street Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702	January 1, 2023

### **RESOLUTION NO. R0045-18**

Authorizing the proper city officials to enter an agreement in the amount of \$447,000 with the Pennsylvania Department of Health to provide primary and preventative maternal, infant and child health services.

### **RESOLUTION NO. R0046-18**

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 demolish 121-123 Academy Street (the former Academy Market) to the lowest responsible bidder, A.R. Popple, in the amount of \$19,000 for the CDBG Demolition.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. R0047-18**

Whereas, the City of Wilkes-Barre has publicly advertised for bidders to perform part one of the Solomon Creek Project. Work to include wall reconstruction from Waller Street to Franklin Street along Brook Side Street (Solomon Creek) Wilkes-Barre; and

Whereas, this phase of the project is financed in part by a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program under the administration of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development. Additionally, this project is financed in part by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Commonwealth Financing Authority.

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 phase one of the Solomon Creek Project.

**RESOLUTION NO. R0048-18**

Authorizing the proper city officials to enter into an agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the installation and upgrade of a Pedestrian Signal at the intersections of South and South Main Streets and South Main Street and Northampton Street. See attached documentation.

These signals will be installed and upgraded at no cost to the City of Wilkes-Barre.

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

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

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

Nays none.

### **PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Ms. Gilbert reported loose siding and wood at the burned out property in the 300 block of East South Street. She said the property does not look secure.

Mr. Merritt asked if the city plans on paving Jenks Lane between Laurel and Pine.

Mr. Wampole said he will find out.

Mr. Merritt asked that if the city doesn't plan on paving it, can it at least be patched.

Mr. Belusko asked for the status of the bids on the blue garbage bags.

Mr. Wampole said the city received one bid from the company we currently use.

### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Toni Mathis, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to panhandlers, bicycles riding on the sidewalks and a "No Trespassing" sign down by the Police Department.

Ms. Gilbert said that last year Council was working on an Ordinance to address the panhandling issue. There were a couple of issues with it, one being enforcement and the other was that the Chief of Police wasn't in favor of it. She said that it is something that Council can revisit.

Attorney Henry explained that the problem is there are many communities throughout the country that are having serious problems constitutionally with their panhandler ordinances because of free speech issues. He said that the city has to be very careful when crafting one of those. He said the Attorney's Office has been relying on panhandling that rises to the level of harassment.

Ms. Gilbert added that the ACLU has challenged a lot of the legislation.

Mr. Barrett said the city has done a lot of research on this issue over the years. He said some cities have adopted Ordinances that deal with aggressive panhandling. He said maybe the city should revisit the issue.

Angel Mathis, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council to report a city employee driving a garbage truck going through a red light on North Main Street (on the

Square), and the traffic pattern (meters in driving lanes) on Union and North Main Streets.

Mr. Wampole said that the Traffic Committee can get involved in the traffic pattern issue. PennDot will also be involved because it is a state road.

Mr. Wampole said he will look into the complaint regarding the Public Works employee.

John Suchoski, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the Taking It To The Streets program, hiring process for new Police Chief and basketball hoops at Miner and Mayflower Parks.

Mr. Wampole said the city doesn't have the personnel to do the "Taking It To The Streets" program every week. It currently takes the city three months to cover the entire city with the teams the city has now going out one day a week.

Ms. Gilbert asked Mr. Wampole if basketball hoops have been ordered.

Mr. Wampole said he believes they have been ordered.

Mr. Suchoski said that there were guys at Mayflower Park today.

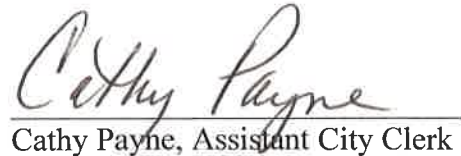
Ms. Gilbert asked if the problem with the concrete at the park was fixed.

Ms. Suchoski said a whole new court is needed there; it can't be fixed.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

  
Tony Brooks, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
Cathy Payne, Assistant City Clerk

