

**CITY OF WILKES-BARRE
PENNSYLVANIA**



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 19, 2017

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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JUNE 19, 2017

RESOLUTIONS

Welcoming and extending congratulations to the Wilkes-Barre Mennonite Community on their dedication and commitment to the betterment of Rolling Mill Hill.

Temporarily suspend and not enforce the provisions of Section 20-4 of the Wilkes-Barre Code of Ordinances pertaining to the open consumption of alcoholic beverages for the Farmers Market. (Hidden Creek Winery)

Enter into an agreement with Borton Lawson Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$266,500, along with any or all project documents related to the Solomon Creek Retaining Walls Reconstruction Project.

Reaffirming the original Emergency Operations Plan and the Notification Resource Manual as part of the City's Emergency Response Plan.

Accepting the Early Intervention Plan Report issued by PFM Group Consulting, LLC.

Enter into a lease agreement with New Cingular Wireless, PCS, LLC to install, maintain and operate communications equipment in and/or upon certain buildings, light poles, utility poles, traffic control poles, facilities, rights of way and/or real property of the City of Wilkes-Barre.

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CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 19, 2017

The City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre met in Regular Session on June 19, 2017 at 6:23 p.m. (immediately following the Work Session), 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	- present
Belusko	- present
Merritt	- present
Brooks, Vice Chairperson	- present
Gilbert, Chairperson	- present

Also Present:

Ted Wampole, Administrator
Maureen Collins, Assistant City Attorney
Jay Delaney, Fire Chief
Alan Klapat, Deputy Fire Chief
Cathy Payne, Assistant City Clerk
Hank Radulski, Director of Health Services
Jim Ryan, City Clerk
Lisa Sanfilippo, Administrative Assistant
Kurt Sauer, Director of Community Development
Joyce Zaykowski, Capital Project Program Manager

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. R0065-17 to and including the minutes appeared on the Consent Agenda (Resolutions).

RESOLUTION NO. R0065-17

Whereas, the Wilkes-Barre City Council wishes to welcome and extend sincere congratulations and recognition to The Wilkes-Barre Mennonite Community on their dedication and commitment to the betterment of the neighborhood known as the Rolling Mill Hill.

Whereas, Pastor Mark Weaver is to be commended, along with the members of the Mennonite Community, for their endeavor in renovating the former St. Boniface School at 225 Blackman Street in the City of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Whereas, the Wilkes-Barre Mennonite Community and its faithful are affirming their responsibility for the continued education and leadership for the youth.

Be It Resolved by the members of the Wilkes-Barre City Council, that they express their best wishes to the Wilkes-Barre Mennonite Community in all their future endeavors and accomplishments.

RESOLUTION NO. R0066-17

Resolved, that the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre hereby directs that the provisions of Section 20-4 of the Wilkes-Barre Code of Ordinances pertaining to the open consumption of alcoholic beverages be temporarily suspended and not enforced for the following events for tasting only:

Event:	Farmers Market (Thursdays)
Sponsor:	Hidden Creek Vineyard and Winery Inc.
Designated Area:	Public Square
Dates:	Every Thursday from 6/29/2017 to 11/16/2017 (detailed dates below)
Time:	10:00 am until 4:00 pm
Limitation:	The suspension shall only apply to wine and not malted or brewed beverages or liquors.

The within temporary suspension applies only to the above-referenced event and area. All other regulations related to intoxicating beverages in the City of Wilkes-Barre shall remain in full force and effect. A copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Wilkes-Barre Police Department.

Farmers' Market Dates

June 29, 2017	September 14, 2017
July 6, 2017	September 21, 2017
July 13, 2017	September 28, 2017
July 20, 2017	October 5, 2017
July 27, 2017	October 12, 2017
August 3, 2017	October 19, 2017
August 10, 2017	October 26, 2017
August 17, 2017	November 2, 2017
August 24, 2017	November 9, 2017
August 31, 2017	November 16, 2017
September 7, 2017	

RESOLUTION NO. R0067-17

Whereas, the City of Wilkes-Barre has publicly solicited proposals for engineering/architectural services related to the Solomon Creek Retaining Walls Reconstruction project; and

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre approved a \$4,515,000 borrowing per Ordinance enacted on May 9, 2017, No. 6 of 2017, for the Solomon Creek Retaining Walls Reconstruction project; and

Whereas, the City of Wilkes-Barre is prepared to begin the engineering phase of the Solomon Creek Retaining Walls Reconstruction project; and

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 Borton Lawson Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$266,500 along with any or all project documents, related to the Solomon Creek Retaining Walls Reconstruction Project.

RESOLUTION NO. R0068-17

Whereas, the City of Wilkes-Barre remains prepared for natural and man-made disasters through the City of Wilkes-Barre Emergency Operations Plan as well as the Notification and Resource Manual.

Whereas, the Wilkes-Barre City Clerk's Office has retained the updated version of the EOP and NARMS dated June 1, 2017.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Wilkes-Barre City Council hereby reaffirms its commitment to updating the original Emergency Operations Plan and the Notification and Resource Manual as part of the City's Emergency Response Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. R0069-17

Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre that the City of Wilkes-Barre acknowledges receipt of, and hereby accepts, the Early Intervention Plan Report issued to the City by PFM Group Consulting, LLC.

RESOLUTION NO. R0070-17

That, the proper city officials are hereby authorized to enter into a lease agreement with New Cingular Wireless, PCS, LLC to install, maintain, and operate communications equipment in and/or upon certain buildings, light poles, utility poles, traffic control poles, facilities, rights of way and/or real property of the City of Wilkes-Barre.

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

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

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

Nays none.

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 yeas and nays vote:

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

Nays none.

PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Barrett asked for an update on the George Avenue Revitalization Project.

Mr. Wampole replied that it is a state project that will be run through DCED. The city has every intention of getting that underway shortly; we are working on the matching dollars for it.

Mr. Sauer said that he is working with DCED to come up with a solution to the matching dollars. He said he will be speaking with them again this week.

Mr. Barrett asked to be kept informed of the projects progress.

Mr. Barrett discussed the deplorable condition of Scott Street. He said that people are driving on the wrong side of the street to avoid some of the deteriorating pavement.

Mr. Belusko reported the following:

1. High grass at Firwood Park.

Mr. Wampole explained that the summer help starts tomorrow and they will be addressing high grass throughout the city.

2. Corlear Street sign missing at the intersection of Corlear and Old River Road.

Mr. Merritt reported that both street signs at Austin Avenue and Mill Street are missing.

Mr. Merritt asked for an update on the cut out on North Main Street (near St. Stan's Church) that he reported a few weeks ago.

Mr. Merritt thanked Ms. Zaykowski for her email today regarding the concrete barriers for Mill Creek. He asked how the wall is holding up.

Ms. Zaykowski said there is a part of the wall that is tilting and it is definitely something the city has to start working on. She said it is a matter of applying for grants and getting the funding. She said that the concrete barriers will not help the wall but it will help with safety.

Mr. Merritt said if the city gets a grant for Mill Creek will that be to do the lower wall (toward the golf course).

Ms. Zaykowski said that the city will have to go down with the engineer (Penn Eastern) and take a look at what would need to be done first.

Mr. Brooks said he received a complaint that the track at Kirby Park needs to be evened out (lots of holes).

Ms. Gilbert said that a couple of residents have complained about speeding on South Meade Street (road was just paved) between East Northampton and Coal Street.

Ms. Gilbert reported a large dead tree in front of 62 South Meade Street. The residents are worried about the branches falling on the power lines.

Mr. Wampole said they can contact PP & L to come out and trim it.

Ms. Gilbert reported high grass at Mayflower Park.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Elba Perez, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to police not keeping up with videotaping technology.

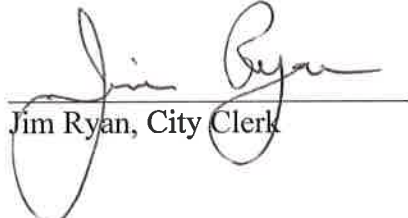
Melissa Patla, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the recent crime spree in the city and garbage bags (residents putting out black bags and tying blue bags to them).

Jim Walsh, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to increasing the amount of time for speakers at Council meetings and the American Flag.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.


Beth Gilbert, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Jim Ryan, City Clerk

