

CITY OF WILKES-BARRE
PENNSYLVANIA



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

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JUNE 8, 2023

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ROLL CALL

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CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 8, 2023

CONSENT AGENDA (RESOLUTIONS)

Temporarily suspend the Ordinance pertaining to the open consumption of alcoholic beverages for the Rainbow Alliance Pridefest 2023 on June 25, 2023. (Spacetime Mead & Cider Works in the eastern corner of Public Square).

Authorizing the proper city officials in preparing and submitting the necessary application to the Commonwealth Financing Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through the Greenway, Trails and Recreation Program for the West Bank Riverfront Park Revitalization project grant in the amount of \$250,000.00. The project will focus on the Kirby Park Upland area and improvements will consist of pond rehabilitation, new pedestrian trails, educational kiosks, safety lighting, benches, trash receptacles and directional signage.

Authorizing the proper city officials to enter an agreement in the amount of \$975,860.00 with Farber Specialty Vehicles, 7052 American Parkway, Columbus, Ohio, for the purchase of a 45-foot mobile clinic. Funding from the Epidemiology and Laboratory and Capacity Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Health will be used to purchase the vehicle.

Authorizing the proper city officials to enter into an agreement in the amount of \$650,000 with Esri to better engage the community and improve operational efficiencies through Esri's software, services, and training program for multi-department collaboration. Funding will be provided by an Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

Appointing Arthur W. Breese to the Fire Civil Service Commission.

MINUTES

Of the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority of April 18, 2023.

Of the Regular Session of City Council of May 25, 2023.

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JUNE 8, 2023

RESOLUTION

Temporarily suspend the open consumption of alcoholic beverages for Rockin' the River on
July 14, July 21 & July 28th.

ORDINANCE

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 3 OF 2023 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WILKES-BARRE
REPEALING ARTICLE V. OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE CITY OF WILKES-BARRE CODE OF
ORDINANCES ENTITLED "CONSUMER FIREWORKS" AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW
ARTICLE V. (SECOND AND FINAL READING)



CITY COUNCIL

June 8, 2023

The City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre met in Regular Session on June 8, 2023, 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.

Councilman Barrett read the opening prayer.

Roll Call:

Brooks	- present
Marconi	- present
McBride	- present
Barrett, Vice Chairperson	- present
Belusko, Chairperson	- present

Also Present:

George C. Brown, Mayor
Tim Henry, City Attorney
Charles McCormick, City Administrator
Cathy Payne, City Clerk
Lisa Sanfilippo, Administrative Assistant
Tracy Smith, Assistant City Clerk

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

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

Angel Mathis, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the mobile health clinic and the Esri software.

Mayor Brown said the mobile health clinic and the software are both funded by a grant and the software will be used by several departments in the city.

Bob Kadluboski, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the Fireworks Ordinance (impossible to enforce).

Sam Troy, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the Resolutions suspending the open consumption of alcohol for Pridefest and Rockin' the River, the grant for improvements to Kirby Park and the purchase of a mobile clinic for the Health Department.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. R0040-23 to and including the minutes appeared on the Consent Agenda (Resolutions).

RESOLUTION NO. R0040-23

Whereas, 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:

Event:	Rainbow Alliance Pridefest 2023
Sponsor:	Spacetime Mead & Cider Works
Designated Area:	Eastern corner of Public Square
Dates:	June 25, 2023
Time:	12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
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 events 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.

RESOLUTION NO. R0041-23

Be It Resolved, that the City of Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County has submitted a Greenway, Trails and Recreation Program grant of \$250,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be used for the West Bank Riverfront Park Revitalization project. The project will focus on the Kirby Park Upland area and improvements will consist of pond rehabilitation, new pedestrian trails, educational kiosks, safety lighting, benches, trash receptacles and directional signage.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Applicant does hereby designate George C. Brown, 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 other project

documents, related to the West Bank Riverfront Park Revitalization project, if the application is approved.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the actions of the proper city officials in preparing and submitting the necessary application to the Commonwealth Financing Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through the Greenway, Trails and Recreation Program for the West Bank Riverfront Park Revitalization project grant be and hereby are ratified.

RESOLUTION NO. R0042-23

Authorizing the proper city officials to enter an agreement in the amount of \$975,860 with Farber Specialty Vehicles, 7052 Americana Parkway, Columbus, Ohio, for the purchase of a 45-foot mobile clinic. Funding from an Epidemiology and Laboratory and Capacity Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Health will be used.

RESOLUTION NO. R0043-23

Authorizing the proper city officials to enter into an agreement in the amount of \$650,000 with Esri to better engage the community and improve operational efficiencies through Esri's software, services, and training program for multi-departmental collaboration. Funding will be provided by an Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

RESOLUTION NO. R0044-23

Whereas, Article V, Section 5:08 of the City's Home Rule Charter provides that the Mayor shall appoint, with the advice and consent of City Council, members to Boards, Commissions, and Authorities.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre hereby accepts the recommendation of Mayor George C. Brown for the following appointment:

FIRE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

TERM EXIPRATION

Arthur W. Breese
216 Hazle Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

12-31-25

Mr. Breese is replacing Ron Felton who resigned as a member of the Commission.

MINUTES

Of the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority of April 18, 2023.

Of the Regular Session of City Council of May 25, 2023.

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

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

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

Nays none.

**Mr. Marconi stated for the record that he had questions about the mobile clinic and the software and was told that they were both 100% funded by a grant.*

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. R0045-23

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 event:

Event:	Rockin' the River
Sponsor:	Luzerne County Convention & Visitors Bureau
Designated Area:	To be determined and clearly identified by the Luzerne County Convention and Visitors Bureau
Dates:	July 14, 21 & July 28, 2023
Time:	5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.
Limitation:	The suspension shall only apply to the area specifically Designated by Luzerne County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

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.

Mr. Brooks moved to adopt the Resolution.

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

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

Nays none.

Abstain – McBride – 1.

ORDINANCE

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 3 OF 2023 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WILKES-BARRE REPEALING ARTICLE V. OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE CITY OF WILKES-BARRE CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED “CONSUMER FIREWORKS” AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW ARTICLE V. (SECOND AND FINAL READING)

Mr. Belusko moved to adopt the Ordinance.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. McBride and adopted by the following ye and nay vote:

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

Nays none.

PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mrs. McBride said the former Stanton Lanes is in deplorable condition (debris/graffiti). She asked the Administration to have someone look at it.

Mayor Brown said the Administration will contact the owner of the building and tell them it needs to be cleaned up.

Mr. Barrett thanked the Administration for taking care of the residents in Pine Ridge Development.

Mr. Belusko gave Council members a copy of the latest report on catch basins and street sweeping from the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Greg Raup, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to city fire hydrants (a list of hydrants and the date they were checked).

Almond Lane Residents, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to noise in their neighborhood (loud music from 11:00 a.m. until midnight).

Mrs. McBride agreed with the residents that the city needs to fine them.

Mayor Brown asked the residents to send him the address of the property. He said he has a meeting with the Police Chief tomorrow, and he will pass the information on to him.

Bob Kadluboski, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to Council's pensions (cost to the taxpayers), Workers' Compensation and employees' pensions.

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



Mike Belusko, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Cathy Payne, City Clerk