

**CITY OF WILKES-BARRE
PENNSYLVANIA**



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

**JANUARY 3, 2017
5:30 P.M.**

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. ROLL CALL**
- IV. NOMINATION OF CHAIR**
 - (A) ELECTION OF CHAIR**
 - (B) ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE**
 - (C) OATH OF OFFICE RECEIVED AND FILED**
- V. NOMINATION OF VICE CHAIR**
 - (A) ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**
 - (B) ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE**
 - (C) OATH OF OFFICE RECEIVED AND FILED**
- VI. RESOLUTIONS**
 - (A) ESTABLISHING THE 2016 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**
 - (B) ESTABLISHING THE MEETING DATES FOR COUNCIL**
- VII. REMARKS**
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

REORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 3, 2017

The City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre met for the purpose of Reorganization on January 3, 2017, at 5:30 p.m., in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 40 East Market Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

The meeting was organized with Chairperson Bill Barrett in the Chair.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

Roll Call:

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

Mayor Tony George, City Controller Darren Snyder and City Attorney Timothy Henry were present.

Also present:

Ted Wampole, Administrator
Cathy Payne, Assistant City Clerk
Jim Ryan, City Clerk

Mr. Brooks moved that **Beth Gilbert** be nominated as **Chairperson of City Council**.

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

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

Nays none.

City Clerk Jim Ryan administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Gilbert.

The Oath of Office was received and filed.

Ms. Gilbert moved that **Tony Brooks** be nominated as **Vice Chairperson of City Council**.

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

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

Nays none.

City Clerk Jim Ryan administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Brooks.

The Oath of Office was received and filed.

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

John Suchoski, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council to congratulate Ms. Gilbert and Mr. Brooks on being elected Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. R0001-17

That, City Hall and all Departments except for the mandatory services will be closed on the following holidays during the year 2017 as established by Union Agreement:

Monday	February	20, 2017	President's Day
Friday	April	14, 2017	Good Friday
Monday	May	29, 2017	Memorial Day
Wednesday	June	14, 2017	Flag Day
Tuesday	July	4, 2017	Independence Day
Monday	September	4, 2017	Labor Day
Monday	October	9, 2017	Columbus Day
Friday	November	10, 2017	Veterans Day
Thursday	November	23, 2017	Thanksgiving Day

Friday	November	24, 2017	Day After Thanksgiving
Monday	December	25, 2017	Christmas
Monday	January	2, 2018	New Year's Day

Mr. Merritt moved to adopt the Resolution.

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

Yeas Belusko, Brooks, Merritt and Barrett – 4 – being a majority of the members elected to City Council.

Mr. Brooks said he knows the Mayor and the Administrator are working on Martin Luther King Day, and is hopeful that in 2018 the city will see that as one of the holidays as well.

Mr. Barrett also said that he hopes things change and Martin Luther King Day becomes a City Holiday.

Nays - Gilbert (Chairperson) – 1.

Ms. Gilbert said she voted no because the Holiday Schedule does not include Martin Luther King Day, but is also hopeful that it will be on the schedule next year.

RESOLUTION NO. R0002-17

2017 WILKES-BARRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Reorganization Meeting, Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

ALL CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS AND REGULAR SESSIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS FOR THE YEAR 2017 AT 6:00 P.M., UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE, IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FOURTH FLOOR, CITY HALL.

WORK SESSION

Tuesday, January 10, 2017
 Tuesday, January 24, 2017
 Tuesday, February 7, 2017
 Tuesday, February 21, 2017
 Tuesday, March 7, 2017
 Tuesday, March 21, 2017
 Tuesday, April 4, 2017

REGULAR SESSION

Thursday, January 12, 2017
 Thursday, January 26, 2017
 Thursday, February 9, 2017
 Thursday, February 23, 2017
 Thursday, March 9, 2017
 Thursday, March 23, 2017
 Thursday, April 6, 2017

Tuesday, April 18, 2017
Tuesday, May 9, 2017
Tuesday, May 23, 2017
Tuesday, June 20, 2017
Tuesday, July 11, 2017
Tuesday, August 8, 2017
Tuesday, September 12, 2017
Tuesday, October 3, 2017
Tuesday, October 17, 2017
Monday, November 6, 2017
***Combined Session** (Work Session at 6:00 p.m. with Regular Session to follow)
Tuesday, December 5, 2017
Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Thursday, April 20, 2017
Thursday, May 11, 2017
Thursday, May 25, 2017
Thursday, June 22, 2017
Thursday, July 13, 2017
Thursday, August 10, 2017
Thursday, September 14, 2017
Thursday, October 5, 2017
Thursday, October 19, 2017
Thursday, November 9, 2017
Tuesday, November 21, 2017
Thursday, December 7, 2017
Thursday, December 21, 2017

Further, the City Clerk is authorized to substitute dates of the meetings where they conflict with other scheduled events.

Further, the City Clerk is instructed to advertise these meetings.

Mr. Brooks moved to adopt the Resolution.

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

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

Nays none.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Belusko congratulated Ms. Gilbert and Mr. Brooks.

Mr. Brooks said he looks forward to working with Council in 2017.

Mr. Barrett thanked the Administration and Council for an outstanding 2016.

Mr. Barrett wished Ms. Gilbert and Mr. Brooks the best in the upcoming year.

Mr. Merritt also wished Ms. Gilbert and Mr. Brooks good luck in the upcoming year and offered his assistance to them if they have any questions.

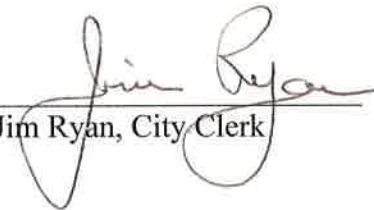
Ms. Gilbert wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked Council for entrusting her as Chairperson for 2017.

Mr. Barrett thanked the staff in the City Clerk's Office for all their help this year.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.


Beth A. Gilbert, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Jim Ryan, City Clerk

