

Agenda
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, June 3, 2019
7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
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Meeting Called to Order/Pledge of Allegiance.

NB: Meeting being recorded.

Roll Call: Council: Ingram, Schultz, Surdyke, Iafallo
Dept. Heads: Law, Development, Public Works, Public Safety, Comptroller, Recreation

Hearings from Citizens:

Approval of Minutes: of the regular meeting of May 20, 2019 and special meeting of May 29, 2019.

Departmental Reports:

1. **City Comptroller** – A/P Check Listing #43, dated May 16, 2019.
2. **City Comptroller** – A/P Check Listing #44, dated May 23, 2019.
3. **City Comptroller** – A/P Check Listing #45, dated May 28, 2019.

Communications from the Mayor:

4. **Mayor Szymanski** – Submits a copy of a communication sent to National Grid expressing the City's interest in pursuing the LED Streetlight Conversion Program. Additionally the Mayor is requesting National Grid forward a proposal with the appropriate information as to what is needed to further pursue this project.
5. **Mayor Szymanski** – Requests the City Council waive the residency requirement for the hiring of Richard Stanton, Esq., for the position of Director of Development, effective June 4, 2019.

(A) A resolution pursuant to Chapter 5-38 of the Municipal Code of the City of Lackawanna, the residency requirement for Richard Stanton, Esq., Director of Development as of June 4, 2019, be and the same is hereby waived.

Communications from the Council:

6. **Council President Iafallo** – Requests the City Council approve the attached Budget Ordinance for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. This is a modified version of the Mayor's proposed budget, with the following changes:

The Council modified the garbage fee by \$3.00, leaving the fee as is, at \$254.00, with no increase.

The Council has approved a 30% tax shift, making the Homestead Tax rate \$18.58 and Non-Homestead Tax Rate \$42.10.

Total taxes did not change.

(A) An ordinance adopting the Current Expense Budget of the City of Lackawanna for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

7. **Council Member Ingram** – Wants to update City residents and the City Council of a recent meeting concerning the Safe Streets Improvement Initiative.

Communications from Department/Division Heads:

8. **City Comptroller** – Requests the City Council review and approve the attached Standard Work Day Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials as required by the State of New York and Local Retirement System.
9. **City Assessor** – Pursuant to Article 19 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law and New York State Office of Real Property Services Rules, NYCRR-186-10, the legislative body of the City of Lackawanna, per resolution, must establish current and adjusted base proportions. Attached are forms EA6701 and EA6703 with computations of the Current Base Proportions and Adjusted Base Proportions for the City of Lackawanna and Lackawanna School District portions of the 2019-2020 assessment roll. Please direct the City Clerk to certify these forms with the 30% Shift and forward them to the New York State Office of Real Property Services.

(A) A resolution whereas the City Council hereby adopts a 30% shift of its Adjusted Base Proportions for the City of Lackawanna tax levies for fiscal year 2019-2020, resulting in the following *locally adjusted base proportions*:

Shift = 30%

Homestead = 53.73893

Non-Homestead = 46.26107

- (B) A resolution whereas the City Council hereby adopts a 30% shift of its Adjusted Base Proportions for the Lackawanna School District tax levies for fiscal year 2019-2020, resulting in the following *locally adjusted base proportions*:

Shift = 30%

Homestead = 55.65788

Non-Homestead = 44.34212

Communications from Citizens:

10. **Mark D. Kielbasa, resident** – Requests City Council approval to have live entertainment at his residence, 306 Center Street and across the street at 307 Center Street (parking lot), between 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 3, 2019.
11. **Dawan D. Jones, Chairman, Board of Trustees for Global Concepts Charter School** – Requests the City Council approve the appointment of the following officers and staff of Global Concepts Charter School Administration Building as Commissioner of Deeds for the City of Lackawanna:

Mr. Dawan D. Jones, Chairman, Board of Trustees
Mr. Tracy L. McGee, CEO
Ms. Vanessa J. Huff-Brown, Administrative Assistant
Ms. Gwen Conway, District Data Coordinator
Ms. Karen Y. Perez, receptionist/DDC Assistant

Tabled Items:

Adjournment:

Persons wishing to speak before the Council shall register at the table, providing their name, address, phone number and the subject they wish to address. Comments should be limited to three (3) minutes on agenda items only and questions should be directed to the presiding officer. To place an item on the agenda, persons shall submit their correspondence in letter form, **signed**, and forwarded to the City Clerk, via certified mail or in person, before 12:00 noon on the Wednesday before the scheduled Council meeting. The Council has final approval of all agenda items.

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