

**REORGANIZATIONAL/REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
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Regular session of the Lackawanna City Council met in the Council Chambers, Council President Frederic J. Marrano presiding. The meeting was preceded by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President Frederic Marrano.

Meeting called to order  
NB: Meeting being recorded

Roll Call: Council: Present: Ingram, Schultz, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Dept. Heads: Present: Law, Comptroller, Recreation, Public Safety, Development  
Public Works

**Approval of Minutes:** of regular meeting of December 16, 2019

Moved by Ingram seconded by Surdyke to adopt minutes of regular meeting as written  
Yeas: Ingram, Schultz, Moretti, Surdyke  
Abstain – Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Departmental Reports:**

1. **City Comptroller-** A/P Check Listing #21, dated December 19, 2019
2. **City Clerk** - Monthly revenue report for December, 2019

Moved by Marrano seconded by Ingram to receive and file departmental reports one and two.  
Yeas: Ingram, Schultz, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Communications from the Mayor:**

**Mayor lafallo Executive Orders – Appointment of Department Heads:**

3. **Executive Order #1** – Appointment of Richard Juda as City Attorney.

By virtue of the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Lackawanna, New York, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 4, Section 4.6. and Chapter 6, Section 6.1, of the Lackawanna City Charter, I hereby reappoint Richard Juda as City Attorney, serving at the pleasure of the Mayor.

4. **Executive Order #2** - Appointment of Anthony DeSantis as Commissioner of Public Works.

By virtue of the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Lackawanna, New York, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 4, Section 4.6. and Chapter 6, Section 6.1, of the Lackawanna City Charter, I hereby reappoint Anthony DeSantis as Commissioner of Public Works, serving at the pleasure of the Mayor.

**5. Executive Order #3** – Appointment of John Wolf as Director of Public Safety.

By virtue of the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Lackawanna, New York, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 4, Section 4.6. and Chapter 6, Section 6.1, of the Lackawanna City Charter, I hereby appoint John Wolf as Director of Public Safety, serving at the pleasure of the Mayor.

**6. Executive Order #4** – Appointment of Brian Lakso as Director of Parks and Recreation.

By virtue of the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Lackawanna, New York, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 4, Section 4.6. and Chapter 6, Section 6.1, of the Lackawanna City Charter, I hereby reappoint Brian Lakso as Director of Parks and Recreation, serving at the pleasure of the Mayor.

**7. Executive Order #5** – Appointment of Richard Stanton as Director of Development.

By virtue of the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Lackawanna, New York, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 4, Section 4.6. and Chapter 6, Section 6.1, of the Lackawanna City Charter, I hereby reappoint Richard Stanton as Director of Development, serving at the pleasure of the Mayor.

**8. Executive Order #6** – Appointment of Gail Nicholson as Secretary to the Mayor.

By virtue of the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Lackawanna, New York, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 4, Section 4.6. and Chapter 6, Section 6.1, of the Lackawanna City Charter, I hereby appoint Gail Nicholson as Secretary to the Mayor, serving at the pleasure of the Mayor.

Moved by Marrano seconded by Surdyke to receive and file Executive Orders one through six.

Yeas: Ingram, Schultz, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Communications from the Council:**

**9. Council Voting Order for 2020**

I respectfully request the City Council voting order for 2020 remain the same as previous years:

1<sup>st</sup> Ward, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward, 4<sup>th</sup> Ward, Council President.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

**Frederic J. Marrano, Council President**

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to approve request.

Yeas: Ingram, Schultz, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**10. Council Member Ingram** - I am asking the Council to take back the properties located at 149 Ingham and 163 Ingham from Mr. Abdul Noman for the not fulfilling his obligation of building on the properties.

Moved by Ingram seconded by Schultz to refer to Law Department

Yeas: Ingram, Schultz, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**11. Resolution #1, 2020** – Appointment of Council President Pro-Tempore:

A resolution, per Chapter 3, Section 3.5 of the Charter of the City of Lackawanna, selecting and appointing Kevin R. Surdyke, Council Member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward, to Council President Pro-Tempore for the year 2020.

**Whereas**, Chapter 3, Section 3.5 of the Charter of the City of Lackawanna provides that the City Council may elect from its members, a Council President Pro-Tempore who shall serve in the event of the Council President's absence or disability; and

**Whereas**, the council President Pro-Tempore, selected by the City Council, shall serve as Council President Pro-Tempore for the term of one year, expiring on December 31, 2020.

**Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved**, that Council Member Kevin R. Surdyke, Council Member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward, be and hereby is selected and appointed to be Council President Pro-Tempore for the year 2020.

**THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY**

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to adopt resolution as written.

Yeas: Ingram, Schultz, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**12. Resolution #2, 2020**

**Whereas**, Chapter 3, Section 3.7 of the Charter of the City of Lackawanna provides for meeting dates of the Lackawanna City Council; and

**Whereas**, the City Council is desirous of complying with the Charter of the City of Lackawanna and the Open Meetings Law of the State of New York;

**Be it resolved**, the following meeting dates for the City Council meetings for the year 2020 shall be as follows:

Monday, January 6 – Reorg. & Reg. Meeting  
Tuesday, January 21  
Thursday, February 6  
Monday, February 24 – Budget 4:00 p.m. \*\*  
Monday, March 2  
Monday, March 16 – Budget 4:00 p.m. \*\*  
Monday, April 6  
Monday April 20  
Wednesday, May 6  
Monday, May 18  
Monday, June 1  
Monday, June 15

Monday, July 20  
Monday August 17  
Tuesday, September 8  
Monday, September 28  
Monday, October 5  
Monday, October 19  
Monday, November 2  
Monday, November 16  
Monday, December 7  
Monday, December 21

**Be it resolved**, that all Council meetings shall be held in Lackawanna City Hall unless otherwise deemed by the City Council; and

**Be it further resolved**, that a copy of this resolution be posted on the centrally located bulletin board in the lobby of City Hall, on the Council bulletin and in the City Clerk's Office.

**\*\* Budget Hearings**

Monday, February 24, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m.: Purchasing, Animal Control, Development  
Recreation, Police, City Clerk

Monday March 16, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m.: Treasurer, Assessor, Fire, Public Works,  
Comptroller, Law

**THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY**

Moved by Marrano seconded by Schultz to adopt resolution as written.

Yeas: Ingram, Schultz, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**13. Resolution #3, 2020** – Designation of Official Newspaper:

**Whereas**, Chapter 2, Section 2.9 of the City Charter of the City of Lackawanna by resolution, designates a newspaper having general circulation and published within the City to serve as the “Official Newspaper” of the City.

**Now therefore be it resolved**, that the Front Page Newspaper, PO Box 756, Buffalo, New York 14205 is hereby designated as the official newspaper of the City of Lackawanna.

**THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY**

Moved by Marrano seconded by Ingram to adopt resolution as written.

Yeas: Ingram, Schultz, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Communications from Division/Department Heads:**

**14. Commissioner of Deeds:**

I am requesting Commissioner of Deeds status for Council President Frederic J. Marrano within the City of Lackawanna, New York, term to expire 12/31/2022.

**Jeffrey P. DePasquale, City Clerk**

Request Withdrawn

**15. Commissioner of Deeds:**

I am requesting Commissioner of Deeds status for Deputy Clerk, Grace Marrano within the City of Lackawanna, New York, term to expire 12/31/2022.

**Jeffrey P. DePasquale, City Clerk**

Moved by Surdyke seconded by Schultz to approve request.

Yeas: Ingram, Schultz, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**16. Additional Firefighter Position:**

Please approve the creation of one Firefighter position in the 2019 – 2020 Budget.

**Carolyn Nicometo, Comptroller**

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to receive and file, act on ordinance.

Yeas: Ingram, Schultz, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**(A) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2019-2020 BUDGET ORDINANCES ADOPTED JUNE 13, 2019.**

**BE IT ENACTED** by the City Council of the City of Lackawanna, New York as follows:

**SECTION 1.** That the 2019-2020 Budget Ordinance adopted June 13, 2019 is hereby amended to increase payroll appropriations for Personal Services Fire Department and increase the number of Firefighter per the budget by 1.

**SECTION 2.** That the 2019-2020 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to increase \$28,860.00 to budget code A.3410.101 Fire Department – Personal Services.

**SECTION 3.** That the 2019-2020 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to decrease \$28,860.00 of the City's Fund Balance.

**THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY**

Moved by Marrano seconded by Surdyke to adopt ordinance as written.

Yeas: Ingram, Schultz, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**17. Budget Transfer – Website Manager:**

Please approve the creation and funding of sub-item: Website manager A.1440.101. The contract for this stipend was approved at the December 16, 2019 Council Meeting.

**Carolyn Nicometo, Comptroller**

Moved by Marrano seconded by Surdyke to receive and file, act on ordinance.

Yeas: Ingram, Schultz, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

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**BE IT ENACTED** by the City Council of the City of Lackawanna, New York as follows:

**SECTION 1.** That the 2019-2020 Budget Ordinance adopted June 13, 2019 is hereby amended to create sub-item in A.1440.101 Account Clerk Typist-Website manager.

**SECTION 2.** That the 2019-2020 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to increase line item A.1440.101 Account Clerk Typist sub-item Website Manager by \$1,308.00.

**SECTION 3.** That the 2019-2020 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to decrease budget code A.1900.1990 Contingency by \$1,308.00.

**THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY**

Moved by Marrano seconded by Surdyke to adopt ordinance as written.  
Yeas: Ingram, Schultz, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

**Adjournment:**

Moved by Schultz seconded by Ingram to adjourn the meeting.  
Yeas: Ingram, Schultz, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

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Frederic J. Marrano - Council President

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Jeffrey P. DePasquale - City Clerk