

Agenda
Council Meeting
Monday, August 17, 2020
Senior Center, 230 Martin Road – Public invited to attend
7:00 p.m. – Caucus/Meeting to immediately follow
COVID-19 procedures in effect
Live via Facebook @ <http://facebook.com/lackawannany/>

Attention Residents:

In an effort to get the public more involved, beginning with the August 17th regular meeting of the Lackawanna City Council, meetings will again be open to the public. The live streaming of meetings will continue. The venue has changed to the Senior Center to better comply with CDC and NYS COVID-19 guidelines. Wearing of masks and maintaining proper social distancing are required. The City Council, Department Heads and fellow citizens appreciate your cooperation.

Meeting Called to Order/Pledge of Allegiance.

NB: Meeting being recorded.

Roll Call: Council: Ingram, Szymanski, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano
Dept. Heads: Law, Development, Public Works, Public Safety, Comptroller, Recreation

Hearings from Citizens:

Approval of Minutes: of the regular meeting of July 20, 2020 and special meeting of August 5, 2020.

Departmental Reports:

1. **City Comptroller** – A/P Check Listing #51 dated July 14, 2020.
2. **City Comptroller** – A/P Check Listing #52, dated July 23, 2020.
3. **City Comptroller** – A/P Check Listing #53, dated July 28, 2020.
4. **City Clerk** – Monthly Revenue Report for July, 2020.
5. **City Treasurer** – Total receipts deposited into the General Fund Account for July, 2020.

Communications from the Mayor:

6. **Mayor Iafallo** – Requests the City Council approve the attached budget ordinance for the 2020-2021 Annual Budget to increase the salary of the City Attorney.
 - (A) An ordinance amending the 2020-2021 Budget Ordinance adopted June 9, 2020 by increasing appropriations for budget code A.1420.101 Department of Law – Personal Services: City Attorney in the sum of \$21,000.00.
7. **Mayor Iafallo** – Requests the City Council approve the attached resolution waiving the residency requirement to appoint Michael Grifa to the position of City Assessor.
 - (A) A resolution whereas Mayor Iafallo duly appoints Michael Grifa to the position of City Assessor, effective September 1, 2020; and whereas pursuant to Chapter 5-38 of the Municipal Code of the City of Lackawanna, the City Council is empowered to waive the requirement of residency in those instances where the employer has difficulty hiring or promoting the most qualified person because of the residency requirement; therefore the residency requirement for Michael Grifa, City assessor, be and the same is hereby waived.

Communications from the Council:

8. **Council Member Ingram** – Submits a communication regarding the following:
 - Requests the Director of Development to answer why the work has stopped at the Gas station/Convenience Store on Ridge Road and how long the owner has to complete the project.
 - Requests the City Attorney update the Council on the following items:
 - *The store located at 161 Steelawanna Avenue.
 - *Is the court date scheduled concerning the land at 149 & 163 Ingham Avenue?
 - *The status of the whether a City employee rented the Lackawanna Soccer Field on three (3) separate occasions.
 - Requests to make a motion that all broken playground, baseball and soccer field signs that belong to the City are replaced with proper signage.
 - Requests the Director of Public safety look at the parking situation on Steelawanna Avenue.
9. **Council Member Szymanski** - Is looking to host, or co-host, with the Mayor and/or another Council Member, a neighborhood cleanup scheduled for Saturday, August 22 from 9:00 a.m. to noon, with a rainout date of Saturday, August 29, 2020. It is further requested that support be provided by the Department of Public Works.
10. **Council Member Szymanski** – Requests the Mayor approve, and direct the DPW commissioner to replace street signs in the 2nd Ward that are sun-faded, misshaped, missing letters or misspelled.

11. **Council Member Szymanski** – Requests the Mayor and DPW Commissioner discuss repair options for the north branch creek bridge, between Peach Street and Gibbons.

Communications from Department/Division Heads:

12. **City Attorney** - Requests the City Council authorize the Mayor to execute the attached agreement between the City of Lackawanna and the County of Erie for \$250,000.00.
13. **City Comptroller** – Requests the City Council approve the attached budget ordinance amendment to appropriate funds from the Police Court Time account which was not utilized during the Covid-19 pandemic to the Police Uniforms and Accessories line to pay for bullet proof vests.
 - (A) An ordinance amending the 2019-2020 Budget Ordinance adopted June 13, 2019 by increasing budget code A.3120.418 Police Uniforms & Accessories by \$23,000.00 and decreasing budget code A.3120.103 Police – Court Time by \$23,000.00.
14. **City Comptroller** – Requests the City Council approve the attached budget ordinance amendment to appropriate funds from the Police Overtime account which had an excess at year end and reserve the funds for the purchase of the “Beast” Software for evidence Maintenance which will be purchased in the new fiscal year ended July 31, 2021.
 - (A) An ordinance amending the 2019-2020 Budget Ordinance adopted June 13, 2019 by increasing budget code A.0000.889 Miscellaneous Reserve for Software by \$12,000.00 and decreasing budget code A.3120.102 Police – Overtime by \$12,000.00.
15. **City Comptroller** – Advises the City Council that Firefighter Richard Gorczyca has retired as of July 31, 2020.
16. **City Comptroller** – Requests the City Council approve the attached budget ordinance amendment to appropriate funds from the City Comptroller to the City Treasurer for a deficit in the Treasurer’s Personal Services.
 - (A) An ordinance amending the 2019-2020 Budget Ordinance adopted June 13, 2019 by increasing budget code A.1345.101 City Treasurer – Personal Services by \$1,300.00 and decreasing budget code A.1315.101 Comptroller – Personal Services by \$1,300.00.
17. **City Comptroller** - Requests the City Council approve the attached budget ordinance amendment to appropriate funds from fund balance for Call in Time for the Fire Department.
 - (A) An ordinance amending the 2019-2020 Budget Ordinance adopted June 13, 2019 by increasing budget code A.3410.102 Fire – Call-in Time by \$110,400.00 and decreasing the City’s Fund Balance by \$110,400.00.
18. **Director of Development** – Requests the City Council approve the attached resolution, which reaffirms your earlier Resolution dated December 16, 2019. One of the turbine blades and/or ice throw zones came within 500 feet of a municipal border with Hamburg, bringing about the need for a 239-m referral to the County of Erie Planning Department.
 - (A) A resolution approving a Special Use Permit for the Steel Winds II portion of the project, identified as Turbines 9 and 14 of Figure 2 in the FEAF; and authorization granted to the Mayor to execute all documents necessary to rescind the existing Voluntary Payment Agreement and PILOT; and authorization granted to the Mayor to execute a Host Community Benefit Agreement with the fundamental terms in compliance with those attached as Exhibit D, and subject to final approval as to the form of the Host Community Benefit Agreement by the City Attorney, all so stated in Resolution #25 of 2019, adopted December 16, 2019 by the Lackawanna City Council.
19. **Civil Service Commission** – At the regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission on July 10, 2020, the position known as Computer Technician has been classified as Information Technology Specialist.

Communications from Citizens:

20. **Darrell Glover, President Lackawanna Sports Club, Inc.** – Requests City Council approval to utilize Veteran’s for two (2) events for their club; LA Sports Club Flag Football Showcase League for adults and for kids, along with their partnership for individual training with Kodex Elite Fitness Training. Full details and proof of insurance are attached.

Old Business:

Adjournment:

Any questions from the public related to the meeting agenda must be done in person or received by email (cityclerk@lackny.com) or US Mail by 12 p.m. the day of the meeting to be considered.

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