# Regular Council Meeting Monday, June 5, 2023 6:30 p.m. – Caucus/ 7:00 p.m. Meeting Live via Facebook@http//Facebook.com/lackawannany

# Meeting called to order/Pledge of Allegiance. NB: Meeting being recorded.

Roll Call: Council:Muflahi (E), Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, MarranoDept. Heads:Law, Comptroller, Recreation, Public Safety, Development, PublicWorks, Public Information

### **Hearings from Citizens:**

Approval of Minutes: of the regular meeting of May 22, 2023.

Moved by Marrano seconded by Anderson to adopt minutes of the regular meeting of May 22, 2023 as written.

Yeas: Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

### **Departmental Reports:**

- 1. <u>City Comptroller</u> A/P Check listing #38, dated 5/24/2023.
- 2. <u>**City Comptroller**</u> A/P Check listing #39, dated 5/25/2023.

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to receive and file Departmental Reports one and two. Yeas: Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano Carried 4-0

### **Communications from Division/Department Heads:**

# <u>Requests Approval for the Use of Franklin Playground by the Global Concepts Charter High School</u> <u>Soccer Team.</u>

 To: Honorable City Council President Honorable City Council Members 714 Ridge Road Lackawanna, NY 14218

Honorable Members of City Council:

I am requesting your Honorable Body to approve a request for use of Franklin Playground for use by the Global Concepts Charter High School Soccer Team. The Global Concepts Charter High School have used this field in the past with no issues of any sort. Proof of insurance will be provided. Thank you for your consideration.

May 25, 2023 Dear Brian Lakso,

Global Concepts Charter School would like to continue to use the green space at Franklin Playground for soccer practice for the 2023-2024 school year. Additionally, we would like permission to continue to

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store a set of soccer goals at the park and when not in use to continue to secure them against miss-use as we have in the past.

Our soccer teams will begin regular practice at the field starting on Monday, August 21, 2023. Practices during the month of August will take place on weekdays from 2:30 to 4:30 and during the months of September and October will take place between 3:30 and 6:30 Monday through Friday when the team does not have a game.

Attached is a certificate of insurance in regards to our use of the fields at the Franklin Street Park. Sincerely,

## JOHN KLEIN, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Sincerely,

# BRIAN LAKSO, DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Moved by Marrano seconded by Anderson to approve request. Yeas: Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

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### <u>Requests Approval of the Mayor's 2023-2024 Proposed Budget (TABLED at the May 22, 2023 Council</u> Meeting).

4. To: Honorable Frederic J. Marrano, President Honorable Members of the City Council 714 Ridge Road Lackawanna, NY 14218

Re: 2023-2024 Amended Proposed Budget

Dear Honorable Council Members:

Per your request, attached please find the compiled Amended Proposed Budget for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.

Very truly yours,

# LINDA M. HYBICKI, CITY COMPTROLLER

A copy of this information may be obtained by contacting the City Clerk's Office.

May 26, 2023

# Lackawanna City Council Amendment to Mayor Iafallo's Proposal 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget:

After receiving Mayor Iafallo's Proposed 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget on 5/10/2023, additional departmental staffing developments arose, which Council worked to address in the Budget with cooperation from the Mayor, City Comptroller and appropriate Department Heads.

Furthermore, the City Council amended the Mayor's Proposed Budget to include a modest 3% raise for all Department Heads and Non-Bargaining personnel; the Mayor's Proposed Budget included only contractually obligated raises. It is also noted that Mayor Iafallo voluntarily reduced her salary for the 2023-2024 Budget Year.

All amendments proposed by Council are offset by a reduction in the Contingent Account [Special Items – A.1900-1990]. As a result, City Council's Amended Proposed Budget equals that of Mayor Iafallo's proposal at \$33,333,433.

For the third consecutive year, the City of Lackawanna's unified tax rate remains stable at \$16.75 per thousand, to the benefit of our taxpayers.

*Please note that all budget items amended by the City Council are noted in green italicized print. Sincerely,* 

### YOUR HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

Moved by Marrano seconded by Surdyke to remove item #8, TABLED at the May 22, 2023 regular meeting, and act on same.

Yeas: Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 4-0

### ORDINANCE

## AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CURRENT EXPENSE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF LACKAWANNA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024.

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

- Section 1: The City Charter of the City of Lackawanna, New York requires that the City Council, at a meeting thereof, held not later that the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, adopt a Current Expense Budget for the fiscal year, August 1, 2023, through July 31, 2024, showing all City expenditures and revenues and including the real property tax rate.
- Section 2: That the sum of \$12,822,577 being the entire amount determined to be necessary to be raised by taxation to defray the expense of the City for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, in accordance with the detailed statement of revenues and expenses, as estimated and adopted by the City Council, be and the same is hereby levied upon all real and personal property subject to taxation upon the assessment roll of the City of Lackawanna for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.
- Section 3: That the City Clerk be and hereby is directed to extend and apportion the said sum levied and to be raised by taxation, as aforesaid, in the last assessment roll of the City of Lackawanna delivered to him and to deliver a certified duplicate of the same, with a warrant annexed, under the seal of the City of Lackawanna, to the City Treasurer, commanding her to receive, levy and collect the several sums in said roll specified as assessed against the persons or property therein mentioned or described with such percentage in the manner provided by law for the collection and levying of City taxes by the City Treasurer.
- Section 4: That the following schedule be and the same is hereby adopted as the Current Expense Budget of the City of Lackawanna for the fiscal year August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024, along with the revenues and taxation estimated and levied herein, and that the same be and hereby is appropriated in the sum set forth in the third column of said schedule to the use of the several boards, departments and offices for the purposes enumerated therein, to wit:

Unified Tax Rate: \$16.75 of assessed valuation

Section 5: That the City Clerk be and is hereby directed to forward a copy of the Ordinance to the: City Treasurer; Director of Administration and Finance; City Comptroller and the City Attorney's Office.

#### THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

# Dated: June 6, 2023 Lackawanna, New York

Moved by Marrano seconded by Surdyke to adopt ordinance as amended. Yeas: Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

### **Communications from Citizens:**

#### **Requests Permission to Have Live Bands Outdoors on the Patio.**

5. To whom it may concern, We are requesting to have a band outside on Sunday, July 9, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on July 23, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, LANETTE M. WELCH, MANAGER, ICEHOUSE PUB

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to approve request, amend the Entertainment License previously approved. Carried 4-0

Yeas: Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

### Communication Submitted by Lackawanna Resident.

6. To: City Clerk

Re: Items for the Agenda

1. Is the city working on a plan regarding installation of speed bumps around various locations in the city (as was done in the City of Buffalo)? Are there any grants available to do so?

2. With summer approaching is there anything more being done with the ATV situation in the city.

3. Are there any regulations regarding the number of individuals allowed to reside in one housing unit? JOHN INGRAM, LACKAWANNA RESIDENT

Moved by Marrano seconded by Moretti to receive and file. Yeas: Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

#### Tabled Items:

Budget Ordinance, Item #8, TABLED at the May 22, 2023 regular meeting of the City Council. (Moved to second part of item #4).

#### **Old Business:**

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#### Adjournment:

Moved by Marrano seconded et al to adjourn meeting in memory of  $1^{st}$  Ward Council Member, Amira Muflahi's mother.

Yeas: Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 4-0

Frederic J. Marrano-Council President

Jeffrey P. DePasquale - City Clerk

Persons wishing to speak before the City Council shall provide their name, address and limit their comments to three (3) minutes on agenda items only. Please direct any comments to the Council President. To place an item on the agenda, persons shall submit their correspondence to the City Clerk's Office in a signed letter or via email (cityclerk@lackny.com) with full address and phone number contained therein, and must be received PRIOR to 12:00 noon on the Wednesday preceding the meeting. The City Council has the final approval of all agenda items. If attending the meeting in person, please silence your cell phones and gentlemen remove your hats. Commentary and actions shall always be respectful of the City Council, Department Heads and fellow citizens or you will be escorted from Chambers.

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