

Agenda

Council Meeting
Monday, July 15, 2024
Council Chambers

6:30 p.m. Caucus – Meeting to immediately follow the Caucus
Live via Facebook @ <http://facebook.com/lackawannany/>

Meeting Called to Order/Pledge of Allegiance.

NB: Meeting being recorded.

Roll Call: Council: Muflahi, Anderson, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano
Dept. Heads: Law, Development/Marketing, Public Works, Public Safety, Assistant Comptroller, Recreation

Hearings from Citizens:

Approval of Minutes: of the Regular Meeting of June 17, 2024 and the Special Meeting of June 27, 2024.

Departmental Reports:

1. **Assistant Comptroller** – A/P Check Listing #36, dated 6/21/2024.
2. **Assistant Comptroller** – A/P Check Listing #37, dated 7/2/2024.
3. **Assistant Comptroller** – A/P Capital Fund Check Listing #9, dated 6/21/2024.
4. **Assistant Comptroller** – A/P Capital Fund Check Listing #10, dated 6/21/2024.
5. **City Treasurer** – Total Cash Receipts 6/1/2024 – 6/30/2024.

Communications from Division/Department Heads:

6. **Senior Foreman, Public Works** – Requests the City Council approve the ordinance transferring funds from various DPW budget lines. Total amount of transfers is \$17,000.

6(A) An ordinance amending the 2023-2024 Budget Ordinances to decrease budget line “Maintenance of Streets Personal Services” by \$17,000 and increasing budget line “Engineering Overtime” by \$7,000 and “Communication System Overtime” by \$10,000.
7. **Senior Foreman, Public Works** – Requests the City Council approve the ordinance transferring funds from the General Fund into the Lackawanna Little Loop/Lackawanna Legends Improvement Capital Budget line in the amount of \$400,000. The City will receive full reimbursement through DASNY.

7(A) An ordinance amending the 2023-2024 Budget Ordinances transferring unappropriated fund balance in the amount of \$400,000 to the “Lackawanna Little Loop/Lackawanna Legends Improvements Project (DASNY)”.
8. **Assistant Comptroller** – Request the City Council approve the final invoice from Sapphire Business Systems in the amount of \$2,280. This amount includes an additional \$213.75 (for 2.25 hours) which exceeded the original request.
9. **City Attorney** – Requests the City Council approve the Tax Collection Agreement between the City of Lackawanna and the Lackawanna City School District and authorizing the Mayor to sign said agreement.
10. **City Attorney** – Requests the City Council approve the resolution banning wind turbines in Lake Erie.

10(A) A resolution opposing, at this time, any efforts to introduce offshore wind turbines in the waters of Lake Erie. There is great concern that the fresh water of Lake Erie, along with the overall health of Lake Erie, the wildlife that depends on the Lake, the wildlife that traverses Lake Erie and the continuing restoration of Lake Erie will be placed at risk.

11. **City Attorney** – Requests the City Council approve the resolution permitting the City of Lackawanna and Erie County to enter into an agreement with respect to preparation of annual city assessment rolls by Erie County, Real Property Tax Services for the 2024-2025 tax year. The cost for this service is \$10,500 and will be paid from the Treasurer’s budget.

11(A) A resolution approving the agreement between the City of Lackawanna and Erie County, Real Property Tax Services for the annual preparation of the City’s tax bills and authorizing the anticipated expense be paid from the Treasurer’s Office Budget in the amount of \$8,000 with the remaining portion reimbursed from the Tax Collection Agreement with the Lackawanna School District.
12. **City Attorney** – Requests the City Council approve the ratification of the ordinance authorizing an inter-fund advance between the General Fund and the Capital Fund. This is to ratify the action taken at the June 27, 2024 Special Meeting authorizing the ordinance.

12(A) An ordinance authorizing an inter-fund advance: The Capital Fund will repay the General Fund \$1,159,117 from the remaining amount not utilized for the South Park City Hall Project. The Capital Fund repayment will go into the City’s Fund Balance.
13. **City Attorney** – Requests the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign the attached proposed agreement with Michael Milks for training and consulting services with the City Assessor’s Office.
14. **Director of Development, Marketing & Public Information & Director of Recreation:** Requests the City Council approve the ordinance transferring \$15,000 from Development (unspent funds) to Recreation to fund payment of Splash Pad staff.

14(A) An ordinance amending the 2023-2024 Budget Ordinances decreasing the budget line “Development Demolition of Buildings” by \$15,000 and increasing “Playgrounds Personal Services” by \$15,000.
15. **Department of Purchasing** – Requests the City Council approve the ordinance transferring a total of \$3,086.70 from various purchasing budget lines to the budget line for “Purchasing Overtime”.

15(A) An ordinance amending the 2023-2024 Budget Ordinances reducing funds in the following budget lines: “Purchasing Computer Equipment”, \$1,000; “Purchasing Photo Reproduction and Supplies”, \$712.70; “Purchasing Software Maintenance”, \$1,374 all totaling \$3,086.70 and moving this amount to the “Purchasing Overtime” budget line.
16. **Fire Chief** – Requests the City Council approve the ordinance transferring funds from various budget codes within the Fire Department budget to cover the costs incurred at the end of the budget year.

16(A) An ordinance amending the 2023-2024 Budget Ordinances decreasing the following budget lines: “Fire Department SCBA and Aerial Recertification”, \$482.80; “Fire Department Office Equipment”, \$494.36 totaling \$977.16 and increasing “Fire Department Repairs to Buildings and Equipment” by \$977.16. Also decreasing “Fire Department SCBA and Aerial Recertification” by \$1,151.85 and increasing budget line “Fire Department Training Schools” by \$1,151.85.
17. **Fire Chief** – Requests the City Council approve the ordinance placing the funds received from the sale of the old SCBA equipment be transferred to “Fire Department: Emergency Equipment” budget line.

17(A) An ordinance amending the 2023-2024 Budget Ordinances recognizing the receipt of revenue from the sale of the Fire Department equipment; increasing the amount to “Fire Department: Emergency Equipment” by \$1,850.
18. **Assistant City Comptroller** – Requests the City council approve the ordinance authorizing an inter-fund advance between the General Fund and the Capital Fund in the amount of \$3,151,555.33. The City has been reimbursed by various agencies for work completed with the grant/funding source requirements.

18(A) An ordinance authorizing and inter-fund advance as follows: The Capital Fund will repay the General Fund \$3,151,555.33 from the following projects: Fire Training Facility - \$222,134.73; Fire Protective Equipment - \$160,000; Fire Rescue Equipment - \$119,944.60; Wilmuth Avenue Project - \$449,476; Cleveland Ave. Project - \$200,000 and the Center Street Project - \$2,000,000. The Capital Fund repayment will go into the City’s Fund Balance.

Communications from Citizens:

19. **Denise Abbott, President, Buffalo Central Labor Council** – Requests the City Council approve the start of their Labor Day parade at the Dorrance Ave and McKinley Parkway Circle. The parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. on September 2, 2024.

20. **Karra Barrett, Resident** – Requests the City Council approve her request to place posters in City Hall, distribute fliers at City events and also place information on the City’s Social Media page. Ms. Barrett’s son was diagnosed with Leukemia in November of 2023 and is hosting an event to raise funds to help defray expenses.

Tabled Items:

Old Business:

Adjournment:

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.