

Agenda

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 3, 2025

Council Chambers

6:30 p.m. Caucus – Meeting to immediately follow the Caucus

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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 January 6, 2025.

Departmental Reports:

1. **Assistant Comptroller** – A/P Check Listing #18, dated 1/8/2025.
2. **Assistant Comptroller** – A/P Check Listing #19, dated 1/10/2025.
3. **City Clerk**– Monthly Report dated 12/1/2024 – 12/31/2024.
4. **City Treasurer** – Cash Receipt Totals dated 12/1/2024-12/31/2024.

Communications from the Mayor:

5. **Mayor Iafallo** – Requests the City Council approve the contract with Erie County for the \$800,000 from Erie County for capital projects. Contract attached.

Communications from Division/Department Heads:

6. **Director of Parks & Recreation** – Requests the City Council approve the use of Veterans’ Stadium for LA Sports Club on Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. beginning Monday, May 3rd and ending July 31, 2025. Insurance information attached.
7. Removed from Agenda.
8. **City Attorney** – Requests the City Council approve a resolution waiving the residency requirement for the new Assistant City Attorney.

8(A) A resolution waiving the residency requirement for John C. Grennell, Esq. Upon approval of this resolution he will be appointed as Assistant City Attorney.
9. **City Attorney** – Requests the City Council approve authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement between the City and Book Third, Inc. Book Third, Inc. provides online services allowing the public to view available sports and recreational facilities owned by the City and to process payments for various reservations. Book Third, Inc. shall retain 5% when booked through their company and the remaining 95% shall be disbursed to the City. Agreement attached.

10. **City Attorney** – Requests the City Council approve the ordinance prohibiting transient or short-term rentals.

10(A) An ordinance adding Chapter 178 – Transient or Short-Term Rentals Prohibited to the City of Lackawanna Municipal Code. Transient or short-term rentals shall be prohibited in all districts of the City specifically: Single-Family Residential; Mixed Residential; Neighborhood Commercial; Central Business District; Regional Commercial; Mixed Commercial and Industrial; Industrial; Bethlehem Redevelopment Area; Open Space; McKinley Parkway Overlay; Seaway Trail Overlay; Smokes Creek Overlay and Planned Unit Development.

11. **City Attorney** – Requests the City Council approve the proposed lease with the Lackawanna Little Loop, Inc. Lease agreement attached.

12. **City Attorney** - Requests the City Council Approve 2 Resolutions as recommended by the City’s bond counsel:

- A. IRS – Driven Post-Issuance Tax Compliance Procedures.
- B. SEC-Driven Continuing Disclosure Compliance Procedures.

12(A) Resolution dated February 3, 2025 adopting post-issuance tax compliance procedures. The IRS issues regulations requiring issuers of tax-exempt obligations to certify that they actively monitor compliance with federal tax rules.

12(B) Resolution dated February 3, 2025 adopting SEC-Driven continuing disclosure compliance procedures. The SEC Rule15c2-12 generally prohibits underwriters from purchasing or selling municipal securities unless the issuer of such securities has entered into a continuing disclosure obligation.

13. **Director of Public Safety** – Requests the City Council approve Commissioner of Deeds Status for Police Officer Casey Slimak.

Business Registrations:

Ibrahim Mohsin, Trade Mini Mart, Inc., 169 Wilkesbarre, retail grocery store and food mart.

Miles Jamison, Accuracy Painting, 2600 Hamburg Tpke, painting headquarters and storage.

Tabled Items:

Old Business:

Adjournment:

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