

**REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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Regular session of the Lackawanna City Council met in the Council Chambers, Council President Henry Pirowski presiding. The meeting was preceded by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President Pirowski.

Meeting called to order

NB: Meeting being recorded

**Roll Call: Council: Present: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski
Dept. Heads: Present: Law, Public Works, Public Safety, Comptroller
Excused: Development, Recreation**

Approval of Minutes: of regular meeting of September 8, 2015

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Iafallo to adopt minutes of September 8, 2015 as written

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

Departmental Reports:

1. City Comptroller-A/P Check Listing #7, September 2, 2015
2. City Comptroller-A/P Check Listing #8, September 4, 2015
3. City Comptroller-A/P Check Listing #9, September 10, 2015

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Noman to receive and file departmental reports one thru three

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

Communications from the Council:

Outside Counsel-FOIL Request

4. To: City Council

I requested the City Attorney provide this council with a progress report of the FOIL request that was submitted in April of this year. As of today, the attorneys have not received a response from his office.

HENRY PIROWSKI-COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Noman to receive and file

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

Demo Properties-Available for Use

5. To: City Council

I requested that the City Attorney prepare an ordinance allowing properties that previously had structures on them, to be grandfathered in, under the City Code, to make them available for the same use regardless of the lot dimensions.

I thank you in advance, for your anticipated cooperation.

HENRY PIROWSKI-COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge to receive and file, City Attorney to prepare necessary ordinance

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

Communications from Department/Division Heads:

B.E.N.L.I.C. Property Acquisition & Distribution Policy

6. To: City Council

This letter shall serve to confirm that the City of Lackawanna is adopting the attached Property Tax and Maintenance/Foreclosure Proceeds Distribution Policy for 2015 with the Buffalo Erie Niagara Land Improvement Corporation. This policy will only pertain to the properties in the 2015 In Rem Auction.

The policy is the same as other City agreements with BENLIC for property acquisition in order to rehabilitate and return properties to the tax rolls. Rehabilitation would be completed by BENLIC and not City Tax Dollars.

I would therefore encourage the City Council to pass the attached Policy for the upcoming In Rem auction.

(Complete policy on file with City Clerk)

FRANK E KRAKOWSKI-CITY ASSESSOR

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge to receive and file

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

2014-15 Budget Transfer-Balance Accounts

7. To: City Council

Please be advised, pursuant to Chapter 12.12, Subdivision (C)2 of the City Charter, after a review of the Office of the Mayor, Department of Administration and Finance, Office of the City Clerk, Department of Development, Department of Public Works, Department of Public Safety, and Department of Recreation, the attached lists of transfers were made to balance many of the 2014-2015 accounts.

PEGGY BIGAJ-SOBOL-CITY COMPTROLLER

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Noman to receive and file

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

2014-15 Budget Transfers-To Balance Accounts in Red

8. To: City Council

Attached please find a list of transfers for your approval. These transfers will balance all of the accounts that were in the red at July 31, 2015

If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call.

PEGGY BIGAJ-SOBOL-CITY COMPTROLLER

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Noman, to approve transfers, City Attorney to advise Council if an ordinance is necessary to approve transfers

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

Lackawanna Senior High School Homecoming Celebration

9. To: City Council

I have received a request for Mr. Axelson, Principal of the Lackawanna Senior High School, requesting to have a parade from the Senior High School, 550 Martin Road, to the Lackawanna Veterans Stadium, South Park Avenue, via Martin Road, for the scheduled homecoming celebration bonfire, on Thursday, September 24, 2015, at approximately 5:30 P.M.

The Police Department will provide an escort for the parade route for the safety of parade participants.

It is requested that your honorable body approve the aforementioned request.

JAMES T KUNA-DIRECTOR of PUBLIC SAFETY

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge to grant request

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

Business License:

(1) Zhu Yu Xin-1243 Abbott Road, Lackawanna NY

DBA: A-Z Discount Market-1243 Abbott Road

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge to approve business license

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

(2) James O'Donnell-1381 Electric Avenue-Lackawanna NY

DBA: O'Donnell Trades & Concepts-1381 Electric Avenue

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Iafallo to table for study

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

(3) Waleed Salha-Ontario, Canada

DBA: WTRN Mobile Corp.- Boost Mobile Store-1281 Abbott Road

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge to approve business license

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

Adjournment:

Moved by Pirowski seconded by Jerge to adjourn
Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, Lewis, Pirowski

Carried 5-0

Henry R. Pirowski, Council President

Jacqueline A Caferro, City Clerk