

**COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2016  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
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**Regular session of the Lackawanna City Council met in the Council Chambers, Council President Keith Lewis presiding. The meeting was preceded by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President Lewis.**

**Meeting called to order**

**NB: Meeting being recorded**

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

**Approval of Minutes:** of regular meeting of April 4, 2016

Moved by DePasquale seconded by Lewis to adopt minutes of regular meeting of April 4, 2016 as written

Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale

Carried 5-0

**Departmental Reports:**

1. City Treasurer-Receipts deposited into General Fund-March 2016
2. City Clerk-Monthly Report for March 2016
3. City Comptroller-A/P Check Listing #35, March 24, 2016
4. City Comptroller-A/P Check Listing #36, March 31, 2016
5. City Comptroller-Condition of Appropriations as of February 29, 2016

Moved by Lewis seconded by Jerge to receive and file departmental reports one through five

Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale

Carried 5-0

**Communications from Department/Division Heads:**

**Fire Department-Furnace/Air Conditioning Contract**

6. To: City Council

I have reviewed the bids for the new furnace and air conditioners at Station #3, 2990 South Park Ave. I recommend the bid be awarded to the lowest bidder, Bear's Heating Company, 3562 Sowles Rd., Hamburg, for the amount of \$18,850.

**RALPH GALANTI-FIRE CHIEF**

Moved by Lewis seconded by Noman to approve request, award contract to Bears Heating Company  
Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale Carried 5-0

**Mowing & Landscaping Contract**

7. To: City Council

I have awarded the grass cutting bids to the following companies:

- (1) Snow Plow Doctor
- (2) Scenic Route Landscaping
- (3) Blackwater Property Management

If you have any additional questions or concern you may contact me at your earliest convenience.

**ANTHONY DESANTIS-COMMISSIONER of PUBLIC WORKS**

Moved by Lewis seconded by Jerge to award bid to Snow Doctor, Scenic Route Landscaping and Blackwater Management for the mowing and landscaping of City properties  
Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale Carried 5-0

**Retirement System Amortization**

8. To: City Council

Per your request, I have prepared an Ordinance for the May 1, 2016 payoff of the 2014 Employee Retirement System and the Police and Fire Retirement System Amortization.

**PEGGY BIGAJ-SOBOL-CITY COMPTROLLER**

Moved by Jerge seconded by Iafallo to receive and file, act on ordinance  
Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale Carried 5-0

**Communications from Citizens:**

**Garden Party**

9. To: City Council

I, Wade Turner Sr. will be hosting the 2016 Garden Party at my residence of 36 Bethlehem St. I am requesting permission to block off both entrances, (Wilkesbarre and Steelawanna) of Bethlehem for the hours of 4 PM-7 PM, on June 3, 2016.

Thank you in advance.

**WADE TURNER, SR.**

Moved by Noman seconded by Jerge to approve request, refer to Public Safety Director  
Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale Carried 5-0

**Taste of Lackawanna**

10. To: City Council

The Lackawanna Youth Empowerment Program Inc., will be hosting its 9<sup>th</sup> annual "Taste of Lackawanna".

This event will be Saturday, June 4, 2016. Set up begins at 9 AM. but the actual event is held at 12n-8 p.m.

We are requesting permission to block off O'Dell Street (between Ingham Ave, and Wilmuth St) between the hours of 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Any further details you may need, please contact our President at the number listed below.

We thank you in advance for your continued support.

**WADE TURNER, SR.**

Moved by Jerge seconded by Lewis to approve request, refer to Public Safety Director

Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale

Carried 5-0

**Business Registration:**

(1) Amon Hezam- DBA A-1 Wireless-723 Ridge Rd- wireless phone store

Moved by Lewis seconded by Noman to approve business registration

Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale

Carried 5-0

(2) Kevin P. Judge- DBA Scoop Dogs- 1125 Ridge Rd- restaurant

Moved by Lewis seconded by Jerge to **deny** business registration

Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale

Carried 5-0

**Resolution:**

A resolution changing the Council meeting date from Monday, May 2, 2016 to the rescheduled date of Wednesday, May 4, 2016

**RESOLUTION # 13, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 3, Section 3.7 of the Charter of the City of Lackawanna provides for meeting dates of the Lackawanna City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is desirous of complying with the City of Lackawanna Open Meetings Law of New York State, and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is desirous of changing the meeting date of Monday, May 2, 2016 to be rescheduled to Wednesday, May 4, 2016 and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be posted on the centrally located bulletin board in the lobby of City Hall, the Council bulletin board, the City Clerk's Office and on the official website for the City.

**THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY**

Moved by Lewis seconded by Noman to adopt resolution as written

Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale

Carried 5-0

**Ordinances:**

An ordinance amending the budget to increase appropriations for the 2014 NYS Retirement ERS & PFRS Amortization Payoff

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2015-2016 BUDGET ORDINANCE ADOPTED JULY 16, 2015**

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

**SECTION 1.** That the 2015-2016 Budget Ordinance adopted July 16, 2015 is hereby amended to increase appropriations for the 2014 New York State retirement ERS & PFRS Amortization Payoff

**SECTION 2.** That the 2015-2016 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to add \$169,758.25 to budget code A.9000.9010 Employee Benefits, New York State Retirement and \$346,916 to budget code A.9000.9015 Employee Benefits, Police and Fire Retirement

**SECTION 3.** That the 2015-2016 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to appropriate \$516,674.25 of the City's Fund Balance

**THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY**

Moved by Jerge seconded by Iafallo to adopt ordinance as written

Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale

Carried 5-0

**Waive Rules:**

Moved by Lewis seconded by Jerge waive rules

Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale

Carried 5-0

**Comptroller's Office-Part Time Help**

To: City Council:

I am requesting that you waive the rules at the April 18, 2016 meeting, and allow me to submit an ordinance for your consideration regarding hiring a part-time person in the Comptroller's office to process vendor payments since we are short staffed until at least May 9<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter, please give me a call.

**PEGGY BIGAJ-SOBOL-CITY COMPTROLLER**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2015-2016 BUDGET ORDINANCE ADOPTED JULY 16, 2015**

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

**SECTION 1.** That the 2015-2016 Budget Ordinance adopted July 16, 2015 is hereby amended to transfer appropriations for a part time clerk in the Comptroller's office

**SECTION 2.** That the 2015-2016 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to transfer \$1,000.00

to budget code A.1315.101 Comptroller, Personnel  
**SECTION 3.** That the 2015-2016 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to transfer \$1,000.00  
from budget code A.1315.468 Comptroller, Software Maintenance

**THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY**

Moved by Lewis seconded by Iafallo to adopt ordinance transferring \$1000 to Acct. A1315.101  
Comptroller-Personnel from A1315.468 Comptroller-Software Maintenance  
Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale Carried 5-0

**Executive Session:**

Moved by Lewis seconded by DePasquale to enter into executive session at 7:31 PM

Meeting reconvened at 8:05 PM

Roll Call: Council: Present: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale

**Adjournment:**

Moved by Lewis seconded by Jerge, meeting is adjourned  
Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale Carried 5-0

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Keith E. Lewis, Council President

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Jacqueline A Caferro, City Clerk