

**COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 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 Safety  
Public Works, City Attorney, Recreation**

**Approval of Minutes:** of regular meeting of March 21, 2016

Moved by DePasquale seconded by Jerge to adopt minutes of regular meeting of March 21, 2016 as written

Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale Carried 5-0

**Departmental Reports:**

**1. City Comptroller-A/P Check Listing #34, March 10, 2016**

Moved by Jerge seconded by Lewis to receive and file the departmental report

Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale Carried 5-0

**Communications from the Council:**

**Survey of Lackawanna Businesses Full Time/Part Time Employees**

**2. To: City Council**

I requested that the Director of Development follow up to my question that was asked on 1/14/16, asking him to provide me with an update as to how this has progressed-

*Would it be possible / feasible to draft a survey to all Lackawanna taxpaying businesses requesting the number of PTE and FTE that reside in the City of Lackawanna?*

*I ask for several reasons, the first being that the economy of our City can benefit from having citizens who work here that live here. The second would be to determine if consideration of some type of local benefits that might entice businesses that open here to hire citizens of Lackawanna. There are plenty of qualified bodies that are unemployed or might be willing to take a second job if it were close to home. We may be able to entice a business to hire our citizens with small, localized incentives. The folks that I employ that reside in Lackawanna (29) own homes, pay taxes,*

*and patronize varieties of different business in Lackawanna. In other words, it is beneficial because it helps keep our local economy moving.*

Thank you so very much for your anticipated cooperation

**COUNCILMAN THIRD WARD-JOE JERGE**

Moved by Jerge seconded by Lewis to receive and file

Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale

Carried 5-0

**Request to NFTA-Bus Routes #36 & 42-Weekend Service**

3. To: City Council

I sent this letter to the NFTA Executive Director-

I am writing to support a prior request to you from Senator Tim Kennedy's office pertaining to the addition of scheduled times on weekend days for bus routes #42 and #36.

I echo Mr. Kennedy's statement that the absence of these services makes it very difficult for some to retain or obtain gainful employment, receive medical care and medicines, or simply buy affordable groceries.

Kindly realize the impact this has on the day-to-day lives of the folks that rely on these services. Some of these people have only the transportation provided by the N.F.T.A. busses to get to where they need to go.

Once again, I would like to request consideration to adding weekend service to bus routes #42 and #36. Your consideration is greatly appreciated

**COUNCILMAN THIRD WARD-JOE JERGE**

Moved by Jerge seconded by Noman, to receive and file

Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale

Carried 5-0

**Business Registration Compliance Advertising**

4. To: City Council

Several meetings back I suggested on the council floor that we advertise in the Front Page what steps are necessary for someone to properly register a business and what permits would be required.

Barring objection from a majority of the Council, I am formally requesting that we please place a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly advertisement in the Front Page outlining the basic necessities for compliance before attempting to open a business in our City. I would also suggest that we have a permanent section on our official city website devoted to informing perspective business owners what steps need to be taken before opening your doors for business.

Further, I would suggest we begin enforcing our current laws against those who fail to meet proper steps prior to opening a business. I can cite numerous examples of businesses that were operational for some time before applying for proper registration and / or permits that went unpunished for violating our codes. I firmly believe the practice of opening businesses without proper permits will continue in our City until we begin holding those accountable who do not comply with our laws and codes.

Your anticipated cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**COUNCILMAN THIRD WARD-JOE JERGE**

Moved by Jerge seconded by Iafallo to receive and file

Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale

Carried 5-0

**Communications from Department/Division Heads:**

**Advertise for Bids-Mowing**

5. To: City Council

I am requesting your Honorable Body to authorize the City Clerk to advertise for lawn mowing and landscaping of various recreational and public properties areas in the City of Lackawanna for the 2016 Calendar year.

If you have any questions, please contact the department of recreation

**ANTHONY DESANTIS-COMMISSIONER of PUBLIC WORKS**

Moved by Jerge seconded by Noman to grant request, City Clerk to advertise for bids

Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale

Carried 5-0

**Sale of 32 Ingham Avenue**

6. To: City Council

Attached is the ordinance for the above mentioned property which was approved by the Lackawanna City Council on December 21, 2015.

**FRANK E KRAKOWSKI-CITY ASSESSOR**

Moved by Lewis seconded by Noman to receive and file, act on ordinance

Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale

Carried 5-0

**Standard Work Day Reporting**

7. To: City Council

Attached for your review and approval is the Standard Work Day Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials (Forms RS 2417-A & B). These forms are utilized to establish the standard work day for each position within the City as required by the New York State and Local Retirement System.

**PEGGY BIGAJ-SOBOL-CITY COMPTROLLER**

Moved by Jerge seconded by Lewis to approve standard work day resolution

Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale

Carried 5-0

**DPW-Purchase Two Garbage Trucks**

8. To: City Council

I am requesting permission to purchase (2) new garbage trucks. The total will come to \$380,000. Due to the maintenance of old vehicles, along with the rental of a new garbage truck, which cost the City of Lackawanna \$7500.00 a month, it is beneficial for the City to purchase these vehicles immediately. If you have any additional questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

**ANTHONY DESANTIS-COMMISSIONER of PUBLIC WORKS**

Moved by Lewis seconded by Jerge to approve request, act on ordinance

Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale

Carried 5-0

**Advertise for Bids-On-line Tax Collection**

9. To: City Council

I am requesting that the Council authorize the City Clerk to advertise for bid the attached RFP regarding the implementation of on-line tax collection in the City Treasurer’s office.

**JOYCE WARTHLING-CITY TREASURER**

Moved by Jerge seconded by Lewis to grant request, City Clerk to advertise for bids upon receiving specifications from City Treasurer

Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale Carried 5-0

**Entertainment Licenses:**

(1) Daggerty’s (Cagneys Too)-Alvin Zells-1254 Electric Avenue-Class 2-\$25

Moved by Iafallo seconded by Jerge to approve entertainment license

Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale Carried 5-0

**Ordinances:**

(1) **Sale of Property-32 Ingham Avenue**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE/TRANSFER OF PROPERTY PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 107**

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

**SECTION 1.** That the City Council hereby approves of the transfer of property known as 32 Ingham Avenue, a parcel approximately 30 x 120, to Amen Hezim

**SECTION 2.** That transfer is made for the sum of \$1,000 in cash to the City of Lackawanna

**SECTION 3.** That the purchaser/transferee shall be responsible for expenses related to the transfer other than those specifically belonging to the City of Lackawanna

**SECTION 4.** That the Law Department shall prepare documents to be executed for the transfer of the property including a reverter clause for work to be completed within one year.

**THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY**

Moved by Lewis seconded by Noman to adopt ordinance as written

Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale Carried 5-0

**Waive Rules:**

Moved by Jerge seconded by Lewis waive rules

Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale Carried 5-0

**DPW-Purchase Trucks-Ordinance**

**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 Workers Compensation

**SECTION 2.** That the 2015-2016 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to add \$380,000.00 to budget code A.9000.9551 Transfer to Other Fund-Special Revenue Refuse

**SECTION 3.** That the 2015-2016 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to appropriate \$380,000.00 of the City's Fund Balance

**SECTION 4.** That the 2015-2016 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to add \$380,000.00 to CL.8160.201-Special Revenue Refuse, Garbage Truck

**SECTION 5.** That the 2015-2016 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to increase budget code CL.0000.5031- Special Revenue Refuse Interfund Transfers by \$380,000.00

**THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY**

Moved by Jerge seconded by Noman to adopt ordinance as written

Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale

Carried 5-0

**Sale of Police Vehicles**

To: City Council

I respectfully request that the City Council grant permission to sell the following vehicles, which had been in use as Police patrol vehicles, and have been recently replaced by newer vehicles through the Police Department 2015-2016 equipment budget code A3120.250.

*Vehicle #1. A 2009 Dodge Durango SUV, VIN# 1D8HB38P89F712719*

*Vehicle #2. A 2009 Ford Crowne Victoria, VIN# 2FAHP71V19X131511*

*Vehicle #3. A 2008 Ford Crowne Victoria, VIN# 2FAHP71VX8X131067*

I also respectfully request that all proceeds received from the sale of the aforementioned vehicles be reapplied to the Police Department budget under Code A3120.250, Police Vehicles.

I thank you, in advance, for your anticipated approval of this request.

**JAMES T KUNA-DIRECTOR of PUBLIC SAFETY**

Moved by Lewis seconded by Jerge to grant permission for the Public Safety Director to sell three (3) police vehicles, proceeds to be reapplied to the Police Department budget A3120.250, police vehicles

Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale

Carried 5-0

**Traffic Sign-Franklin Street/Ridge Road**

To: City Council

My office as well as that of Council Member Iafallo, have received several complaints with regard to the unsafe conditions which exist due to the current traffic flow on Ridge Road, at the intersection with Franklin Street.

Residents of Franklin Street have registered complaints with regard to the unsafe visibility issues which currently exist at that location, specifically with regard to vehicles parked on Ridge Road just east of Franklin Street. The current existing situation makes it extremely difficult for motorists attempting to make a left turn from Franklin Street onto Ridge Road, because of the limited visibility of approaching westbound traffic on Ridge Road, which is caused by vehicles on the south side of Ridge Road being parked too close to the intersection with Franklin Street.

In order to rectify this unsafe condition, it is my recommendation as well as the recommendation of Council Member Iafallo, that a “No Parking Here to Corner” sign be installed on the south side of Ridge Road, approximately twenty feet east of Franklin Street, and the appropriate city ordinance be adopted.

I thank you, in advance, for your anticipated consideration with regard to this recommendation.

**JAMES T KUNA-DIRECTOR of PUBLIC SAFETY**

Moved by Lewis seconded by Iafallo to direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance for a “No Parking from Here to Corner” sign, on the south side of Ridge Road approximately 20 feet east of Franklin Street

Yeas: Lewis, Noman, Iafallo, Jerge, DePasquale

Carried 5-0

**Adjournment:**

Moved by Noman seconded by Iafallo, meeting is adjourned in memory of Mohammed Kassim Noman

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