



**Luzerne County Council
Special Meeting
March 29, 2022
Council Meeting Room
Luzerne County Court House
200 N. River Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701
AND
Video/Teleconference via ZOOM**

Minutes

Call to Order

The Luzerne County Council convened for a Special Meeting in the Council Meeting Room of the Luzerne County Courthouse on March 29, 2022 at 5:00 PM. The meeting was called to order by Chair Kendra M. Radle.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Roll Call

Present

Carl Bienias
Kevin Lescavage
John Lombardo
Lee Ann McDermott
Tim McGinley (virtually)
Chris Perry
Kendra M. Radle
Robert Schnee
Brian Thornton
Stephen J. Urban (virtual from 5:00-5:06 PM)
Gregory S. Wolovich, Jr.

Also Present

Shannon Crake-Lapsansky, Acting County Solicitor (virtually)
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

Adoption of Special Meeting Agenda

Motion to Adopt Special Meeting Agenda by: Mr. Thornton

Second: Mr. Lescavage

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

The Special Meeting Agenda is Adopted

Public Comment on Agenda Item

WRITTEN comments are submitted electronically via **EMAIL** or **ZOOM**. A copy of the full written comment for each speaker is posted under the corresponding meeting agenda. **VERBAL** comments can be heard in their entirety by accessing the public comment portion of the meeting recording posted next to the meeting agenda.

Ken Temborski (Sugarloaf) commented Verbally regarding the selection of the County Manager.

Tom Dombroski (Dallas) commented Verbally regarding violation of the Sunshine Act, Council Member votes for County Manager and produced a handout regarding the Sunshine Act.

John Newman (Nanticoke) commented Verbally regarding bridges and selection of the County Manager.

Theodore Fitzgerald (Wilkes-Barre) commented Verbally regarding the Republican party and selection of the County Manger.

Greg Brannen (Wright Township) commented Verbally regarding selection of the County Manager.

Daniel Hunter (Dallas Borough) commented Verbally regarding selection of the County Manager.

Lucy Morgan (Luzerne County EMA) commented Verbally regarding selection of the County Manager.

Ron Knapp (Nanticoke) commented Verbally regarding selection of the County Manager.

Jason Carr (Saylorburg) commented Verbally regarding selection of the County Manager.

Brian Shiner (Kingston) commented Verbally regarding selection of the County Manager.

Maryann Velez (Duryea) commented Verbally regarding Council Members votes for County Manager.

Andy Gegaris (Dennison Township) commented Verbally regarding violation of the Sunshine Act.

Agenda Item

1. Motion to adopt resolution Appointing a County Manager

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. Bienias

Second: Mr. Lombardo

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Open

Mr. Schnee nominated: Romilda Crocamo

Second: Mr. Perry

Mr. Lescavage nominated: Randy Robertson

Second: Mr. Wolovich

Motion to Close Nominations: Ms. McDermott

Second: Mr. SJ Urban

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Closed

Roll Call Vote (1 name):

Mr. Bienias: Robertson

Mr. Lescavage: Robertson

Mr. Lombardo: Crocamo

Ms. McDermott: Robertson

Mr. McGinley: Crocamo

Mr. Perry: Crocamo

Ms. Radle: Crocamo

Mr. Schnee: Crocamo

Mr. Thornton: Robertson

Mr. Stephen J. Urban: Robertson

Mr. Wolovich: Robertson

Results:

Crocamo 5

Robertson 6

Chair Radle announced neither candidate received the required seven (7) votes.

She stated Council will need to determine how to move forward and opened Public Comment.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

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Joe McCabe (Exeter) commented Verbally regarding his public comment at the prior meeting and the police.

Alyssa Fusaro (Hazleton) commented Verbally regarding the Republican Party.

John Newman (Nanticoke) commented Verbally regarding Republican/Council votes.

Martin Dartoe (Wilkes-Barre) commented Verbally regarding Council votes and selection of the County Manager.

Greg Brannen (Wright Township) commented Verbally regarding the next steps for Council in the selection of the County Manger.

Ron Knapp (Nanticoke) commented Verbally regarding the next steps and the vote for County Manager.

Joe McCabe (Exeter) commented Verbally regarding a solution for selecting the County Manager.

Theodore Fitzgerald (Wilkes-Barre) commented Verbally regarding Council votes, party changes, the County Manger and the Council Chair and Vice-Chair.

Andy Gegaris (Dennison Township) commented Verbally regarding ARP money for small businesses.

Walter Griffith (Trucksville) commented Verbally regarding the Acting County Manager.

Brian Shiner (Kingston) commented Verbally regarding Council votes, the recent demonstration and his costume.

Martin Dartoe (Wilkes-Barre) commented Verbally regarding the Acting County Manager.

Maryann Velez (Duryea) commented Verbally regarding the time and cost of the County Manager search and moving forward with the County Manager selection.

John Newman (Nanticoke) commented Verbally regarding the danger of an individual lobbying for a job.

Theodore Fitzgerald (Wilkes-Barre) commented Verbally regarding the Office of Law and the need for Council to have an Attorney.

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Lombardo

Second: Ms. McDermott

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Lawrence

Clerk of Council

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Clerk of Council at (570) 825-1634 or via email to sharon.lawrence@luzernecounty.org