



**Luzerne County Council
Voting Session
November 01, 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 Voting Session in the Council Meeting Room of the Luzerne County Courthouse on November 01, 2022 at 5:11 PM. The meeting was called to order by Chair Kendra Radle.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Roll Call

Present

Carl Bienias
John Lombardo
Lee Ann McDermott
Tim McGinley
Matt Mitchell
Chris Perry
Kendra M. Radle
Brian Thornton
Stephen J. Urban
Gregory S. Wolovich, Jr.

Absent

Kevin Lescavage

Also Present

Randy Robertson, County Manager
Harry Skene, Chief County Solicitor
Shannon Crake-Lapsansky, Assistant Solicitor (virtually)
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

Recognitions and Ceremonial Proclamations

NONE

Deletions from Voting Session Agenda

NONE

Adoption of Voting Session Agenda

Motion to Adopt Voting Session Agenda by: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Wolovich

Vote:

Ten (10) Ayes - Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

The Voting Session Agenda is Adopted

Public Comment on Agenda Items

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.

Mark Rabo (Hazleton) commented Verbally regarding the transfer of funds between line items in the 2022 Budget.

Agenda Items

1. Motion to adopt resolution amending the 2022 Fiscal Year Budgets for Luzerne County (Public Defender/Courts)

Motion by: Mr. Bienias

Second: Mr. Lombardo

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

Resolution is Adopted

2. Motion to Approve Procedures for Council Members for the ARPA Grant Application Review and Award Process

Motion by: Mr. Wolovich

Second: Mr. Lombardo

Motion to Amend Luzerne County Council Policies and Procedures for the Assessment and Evaluation of ARPA Fund Distribution as follows:

- **Possible Total Score = 75 points**
- **Minimum Score to be considered for Award = 60 points (or 80%)**
subject to review after the initial scoring process has been completed

Motion by: Mr. Lombardo

Second: Mr. Bienias

Roll Call Vote to Amend:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

Process is Amended

Motion to Amend Luzerne County Council Policies and Procedures for the Assessment and Evaluation of ARPA Fund Distribution as follows:

- **ARPA funding available for this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) shall not exceed \$60 million**

Motion by: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Thornton

Roll Call Vote to Amend:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

Process is Amended

Roll Call Vote to approve:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed

Process is Approved

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

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Mark Rabo (Hazleton) commented Verbally regarding the Courts and the Corrections Budget and site.

Motion to adjourn: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Lombardo

Vote:

Nine (9) Ayes by Mr. Bienias, Mr. Lombardo, Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Mr. SJ Urban and Mr. Wolovich

One (1) Nay by Mr. Thornton

Motion Passed (9-1)

Meeting adjourned at 5:24 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Lawrence

Clerk of Council

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