

Business Meeting Agenda

Borough of West Reading Council Tuesday, April 16, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

1.	Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call <div> <div> Ryan Lineaweaver, President Patrick Kaag, Pro-Tem Zanna Leiendecker, Member Zachary Shaver, Member Joan London, Solicitor </div> <div> Philip Wert, Vice President Bethany Bower, Member Denise Drobnick, Member Samantha Kaag, Mayor Richard Sichler, Interim Borough Manager </div> </div>
2.	Executive Session: <i>Borough Council held an executive session on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.</i>
3.	Commendation
4.	Presentations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Gateway Project - Goggleworks Series of General Obligation Bonds Fitzy's Run
5.	Agenda Amendments <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Consideration to approve the Fitzy's Run event.</i>
6.	Public Comment: <i>*Per Resolution 2016-1: Time limited to 5 minutes per person. Only residents and taxpayers of the Borough of West Reading will be permitted to address Borough Council. Please state your name and physical address for the record. Written comments can be submitted to info@westreadingborough.org prior to noon on the date of the meeting. Please include: the meeting date "(i.e., 8/17/21) Public Comment" in the subject line of your email and include your name and address.</i>
7.	Approval of Minutes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> March 19, 2024 – Regular Meeting March 26, 2024 – Second Meeting <p>1) Action Item: <i>Consideration to approve the minutes.</i></p>
8.	Ordinances / Resolutions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ordinance 1184 – General Obligation Bond <p>1) Action Item: <i>Consideration of adopting an ordinance for the issuance of a series of General Obligation Bonds to acquire real property, the installation of various Capital improvements to the property, and the payment of costs and expenses.</i></p> Resolution 2024-10 Extension of Local Disaster Emergency <p>1) Action Item: <i>Consideration of adopting an extension to the Proclamation of Local Disaster Emergency through the May 21, 2024 Council meeting.</i></p> Resolution 2024-11 Diversity and Inclusion Reaffirmation <p>1) Action Item: <i>Consideration of adopting a reaffirmation of supporting community values recognizing the dignity of all persons.</i></p>
9.	Consultants' Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Solicitor's Report Engineer's Report
10.	Council President's Report
11.	Borough Manager's Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Action Item: <i>Consideration of accepting a letter of resignation from Allison Blair from the Finance Committee.</i> Action Item: <i>Consideration of extending the Phase I time limit from May 1, 2024 to August 1, 2024 of the Lead Service Line Inventory Entech Engineering contract.</i> Action Item: <i>Consideration of providing a letter of support for the West Shore Bypass improvements.</i> Action Item: <i>Consideration of approving a block party event on Kent Way on May 18, 2024.</i>

12.	Mayor's Report
13.	Department Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Police Department Public Works Fire Department Code Department West Reading Community Revitalization Foundation Report
14.	Committee / Commission Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Diversity Equity & Inclusion Taskforce – March 26, 2024 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Action Item: Consideration of participating in the Pride Flag raising ceremony on May 31, 2024. Recreation Commission – April 2, 2024 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Action Item: Consideration of approving the list of pool and playground seasonal staff hires. Action Item: Consideration of approving the Riverfront Federal Credit Union Rubber Piggy Bank Derby fundraiser event on May 4, 2024. Planning Commission – April 3, 2024 Economic Development Committee – April 8, 2024 Environmental Advisory Council – March 25, 2024 – Cancelled Traffic & Infrastructure Committee – April 10, 2024 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Action Item: Consideration of supporting four vinyl traffic box wraps on Penn Avenue subject to an agreement coordinating maintenance, damage, and replacement. Action Item: Consideration of applying for an ARLE grant to install rapid flashing pedestrian crossing beacons on South Fifth Avenue at Pine Street by April 30, 2024. Shade Tree Commission – April 1, 2024 – Cancelled Safety Committee – April 8, 2024 Finance Committee – April 11, 2024 – Cancelled Pension Advisory Committee – April 11, 2024
15.	Treasurer's Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Transfer of Funds <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Action Item: Consideration of approving the transfer of \$400,000 from the M&T General Fund account to the PLGIT Prime account. Repayment of 2023 Sanitation Loan <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Action Item: Consideration to pay back the Sewer Fund from last year's loan to the Sanitation Fund in the full amount of \$40,000. Financial Statement – 3 months ending 3/31/2024 Payment Approval Report – 3/20/24 to 4/11/24 & 4/12/24 to 4/16/24 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Action Item: Consideration to approve the financial statement ending 3/31/24 and payment approval reports of 3/20/24 through 4/16/24.
16.	Public Comment
17.	Adjournment