

Business Meeting Agenda

Borough of West Reading Council Tuesday, August 18, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.

1.	Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call ☐ Ryan Lineaweaver, President ☐ Denise Drobnick, Pro-Tem ☐ Maggie Seaman, Member ☐ Justin Choate, Member ☐ Daniel Becker, Solicitor ☐ Patrick Kaag, Vice President ☐ Bethany Bower, Member ☐ Vicki Haller Graff, Member ☐ Samantha Kaag, Mayor ☐ Randall Miller, Borough Manager
2.	Presentation: Friends of Reading Hospital Foundation HeartSAFE Program
3.	Executive Session: <i>Borough Council met in executive session on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter and will meet again in executive session on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations, potential litigation, and personnel matters.</i>
4.	Agenda Amendments
5.	Public Comment: <i>*Per Resolution 2016-1, time is 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>
6.	Approval of Minutes a. July 21, 2026 – Regular Meeting 1) Action Item: <i>Consideration to approve the minutes.</i>
7.	Ordinances / Resolutions a. Resolution 2026-16 Request for Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant 1) Action Item: <i>Consideration of requesting a grant for security camera additions to the Bicentennial House, Basketball and Pickleball Court areas.</i>
8.	Consultants' Reports a. Solicitor's Report b. Engineer's Report
9.	Council President's Report 1) Action Item: <i>Consideration of appointing a member to the Economic Development Committee.</i> 2) Action Item: <i>Consideration of ratifying acceptance of the Green Light-Go Year 11 Reading and Eighth Avenue traffic signal upgrade grant award.</i> 3) Action Item: <i>Consideration of accepting a settlement agreement from a previous employee.</i>
10.	Borough Manager Report 1) Action Item: <i>Consideration of providing a letter of commitment to the Berks County Redevelopment Authority for the EPA Brownfield Assessment Coalition Grant application.</i> 2) Action Item: <i>Consideration of approving Smooches & Co. Halloween Pup Parade at the pavilion on October 31, 2026, with food and alcohol vendors.</i> 3) Action Item: <i>Consideration of approving the Reading Hospital Road Run event on October 18, 2026, and waiving barricade, cone, and temporary no parking sign fees.</i>
11.	Mayor's Report
12.	Department Reports a. Police Department b. Public Works 1) Action Item: <i>Consideration of purchasing a trailer to haul equipment.</i> 2) Action Item: <i>Consideration of purchasing a budgeted replacement dump truck not to exceed \$82,827.</i> 3) Action Item: <i>Consideration of extending one seasonal employee eight weeks to offset staffing shortage.</i> c. Fire Department 1) Action Item: <i>Consideration of accepting a letter of resignation from the Assistant Fire Chief.</i> 2) Action Item: <i>Consideration of accepting a resignation from the Captain position to fill the remainder of the Assistant Fire Chief term.</i>

		3) Action Item: Consideration of appointing an Assistant Fire Chief for the remainder of the 2026 term. d. Code Department 1) Action Item: Consideration of approving the lowest contract price to demolish a garage. e. West Reading Community Revitalization Foundation Report
13.	Committee / Commission Reports	a. Recreation Commission – August 3, 2026 b. Planning Commission – August 5, 2026 1) Action Item: Consideration of authorizing the solicitor to review the draft Curative Zoning Amendment regulations. c. Economic Development Committee – August 10, 2026 – Canceled d. Environmental Advisory Council – July 27, 2026 – Canceled e. Traffic & Infrastructure Committee – August 12, 2026 – Canceled f. Shade Tree Commission – August 3, 2026 – Canceled g. Safety Committee – August 10, 2026 h. Finance Committee – August 13, 2026 – Canceled
14.	Treasurer’s Report	a. 2027 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) Pension Plan 1) Action Item: Consideration of approving the MMO 2027 budget for Uniform and Non-Uniform Pension Plans. b. Financial Statement – 7 months ending 7/31/2026 c. Payment Approval Report – 7/22/26 to 8/13/26 & 8/14/26 to 8/18/26 1) Action Item: Consideration to approve the financial statement ending 7/31/26 and payment approval reports for 7/22/26 through 8/18/26.
15.	Public Comment	
16.	Adjournment	