



CITY OF WASHINGTON REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
April 7, 2016 @ 7:00 P.M.

Scott J. Putnam, Mayor

ROLL CALL:

Councilwoman Monda Williams	- Present
Councilwoman Tracie Graham	- Present
Councilman Ken Westcott	- Present
Councilman Joe Manning	- Present
Mayor Scott Putnam	- Present

City Council

Tracy Graham, Councilwoman
Joe Manning, Councilman
Ken Westcott, Councilman
Monda Williams, Councilwoman

SOLICITOR:

Jack Cambest, Esquire

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

A motion was made by Councilwoman Graham, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2016, regular meeting of Washington City Council.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Individuals or group representatives who have signed in prior to the meeting, will have 5 minutes of microphone time to address Council during the public participation portion of the meeting. We prefer if there is a group, a representative be chosen to speak. Audience comments will not be permitted following the public participation portion of the meeting; therefore, we ask that you please review the agenda for any item(s) you may wish to discuss. We have, in the past, had individuals direct comments to Mayor and Council that were not correct or could not be documented. For that reason, we ask that your information be to the point and factual. Although we may not be able to answer your question at this meeting, we will refer your request or recommendation to the proper department for any necessary action.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Police Chief, Robert Wilson, thanked Joe Thomas from City Transit, for assisting with the sale of the DARE police car through the Public Surplus Auction. The highest bidder was from Sacramento, CA, in the amount of \$2,075.00.
2. Fire Chief, Linn Brookman, presented the invoices for repairs to the doors at the Fire Station.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to approve the following payments and transfer:

- (a) North Central Highway Safety in the amount of \$12,380.10 for Reimbursement #4 (2016). **CHARGE:** 90.00/489-000 (NCHS Grant).
- (b) Dotterer Equipment, Inc., in the amount of \$16,975.80 for a Kubota F2690 Mower. **CHARGE:** 77.00/454-700.
- (c) Widmer Engineering in the amount of \$720.00 for Tennis Courts. **CHARGE:** 92.00/454-682.
- (d) Widmer Engineering in the amount of \$1,035.00 for Burton Avenue Phase One. **CHARGE:** 01.43/430-313.
- (e) Widmer Engineering in the amount of \$720.00 for February 2016 Items. **CHARGE:** 01.43/430-313.

- (f) Washington County Transportation Authority in the amount of \$3,710.62 for reimbursement for furniture and equipment purchases made for the Transit Center (costs for items purchased are reimbursable from the Furniture and Equipment Grant PA90X807). **CHARGE:** 27.00/447-743 (Purchase of Buses and Equipment Grant Fund).
- (g) Sigcom in the amount of \$4,351.90 for Fire Alarm Maintenance. **CHARGE:** 33.00/411-376.
- (h) Maccabee Industrial, Inc., in the amount of \$6,376.00 for the purchase and installation of a decorative light pole for the Farmers' Market. This was already pre-approved at the Regular City Council Meeting on September 3, 2015. **CHARGE:** 46.00/445-700 (General Fund Reserve).
- (i) Sunrise Energy LLC in the amount of \$5,718.00 for the purchase and installation of security cameras for the Transit Center. **CHARGE:** 27.00/447-743 (Purchase of Buses and Equipment Grant Fund – Equipment & Furniture Grant PA90X807).
- (j) Corson Custom Graphics in the amount of \$1,800.00 for wing brackets for street names and bracket extensions. **CHARGE:** 77.00/433-700.
- (k) Portnoff Law Associates in the amount of \$12,215.00 for delinquent notices for real estate taxes. **CHARGE:** 01.24/403-236 (Del. Tax Fees).
- (l) Portnoff Law Associates in the amount of \$11,060.00 for delinquent notices for trash fees. **CHARGE:** 20.00/427-325.
- (m) Cascade Engineering in the amount of \$1,606.00 for 200 recycling bins and shipping. **CHARGE:** 21.00/426-240 (Recycling Performance Grant Fund).
- (n) AGRICYCLE, INC., in the amount of \$1,080.00 for Composting Contract, Req. #2. **CHARGE:** 20.00/489-000.
- (o) The Washington School District in the amount of \$19,238.54 for their share of the P.I.L.O.T. Program for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. **CHARGE:** 01.60/489-521 (Miscellaneous Expenditures – School District in Lieu of Taxes – Housing Authority).
- (p) Mistras in the amount of \$2,605.00 for yearly ladder inspections. **CHARGE:** 33.00/411-370.
- (q) Midrange Plus Services, Inc., in the amount of \$5,569.00 to purchase a SonicWall 2600 and 48 Port switch. **CHARGE:** 96.00/407-000 (Marcellus Shale Impact).
- (r) Skelly & Loy in the amount of \$4,742.33 for Engineering Services: August 15, 2015 through February 13, 2016. **CHARGE:** 66.00/446-310 (Catfish Creek).
- (s) Dodaro, Matta & Cambest, P.C. in the amount of \$3,891.50 for professional services. **CHARGE:** 01.13/404-310 (Solicitor/Professional Services).
- (t) Transfer funds in the amount of \$1,185.58 from 85.00/100-000 (LSA Funds) to 66.00/100-000 (Catfish Creek Project Funds).

A motion was made by Mayor Putnam and seconded by Councilman Westcott and unanimously carried, to approve the **Final Reading of Bill No. 4 of 2016.**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1356,
CHAPTER 15 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC,
TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, SECTION 214,
STOP INTERSECTIONS ESTABLISHED**

Place a stop sign at the intersection of Burton/Highland Avenues.

A motion was made by Councilman Manning and seconded by Councilwoman Williams and unanimously carried, to accept the retirement/resignation letter of Dennis Adams, dated March 31, 2016, subject to the requirements of the City of Washington Officers and Employees Retirement System.

Mayor Putnam thanked Dennis Adams for his many years of service as the City Treasurer and wished his good luck in all of his future endeavors.

A motion was made by Councilman Westcott and seconded by Councilman Manning and unanimously carried, to approve the Commercial LERTA Application for Commerce Street Partners, LLC, Parcel No. 740-001-00-02-0007-00. This LERTA Application must also be approved by the Washington School District. Once this Commercial LERTA Application is approved, the Washington County Tax Assessment Office must be notified that this property has been approved for a Commercial LERTA. Any correspondence to the County should be copied to the Taxpayer.

A motion was made by Councilman Manning and seconded by Mayor Putnam and unanimously carried, to approve Change Order #2 from El Grande Industries, Inc., for the Dunn Avenue Sidewalk Project in the amount of \$25,452.40.

A motion was made by Councilman Westcott and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, and unanimously carried, to approve Payment #2 to El Grande Industries, Inc., for the Dunn Avenue Sidewalk Project in the amount of \$56,787.43. **CHARGE:** 96.00/454-000 (Marcellus Shale Impact Fund – to be reimbursed once grant funds are received from DCED).

A motion was made by Councilman Manning and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, and unanimously carried, to approve payment of \$1,490.00 to Nancy Basile, Transit Coordinator, for services rendered. **CHARGE:** 28.00/447-310 (Mass Transit Operating Fund).

A motion was made by Councilman Manning and seconded by Councilwoman Graham, and unanimously carried, to approve payment to McElroy Paving Company in the amount of \$18,895.50 for Payment #1 for the Tennis Court Project (to be paid by the RACP loan from the Washington County Redevelopment Authority).

A motion was made by Councilwoman Graham and seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried, to enter into an agreement between the City of Washington and owners of Parcel No. 710-002-00-01-0023-00, located at 143 South Main Street for the purpose of displaying an art mural created by the Washington School District students. This is funded by the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation, which is currently owned by the City of Washington.

Mayor Putnam – The 8th grade students from the Washington School District, through Wash Arts, painted the mural. Councilwoman Williams' son participated in the creation of the mural, as well.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Councilwoman Monda Williams – The Fire Department received a PEMA (Pennsylvania Emergency Management Association) grant for battery operated fans and fire nozzles.

Councilwoman Tracie Graham – Johnson Door Company provided the City with invoices to repair the doors at the Fire Station. The total cost for repairs to garage door #2 is \$3,945.00.

Councilman Ken Westcott – Community Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with an alternate day on Saturday, May 7, 2016, due to inclement weather. Gloves, reflective vests, and trash bags will be provided. The areas are as the follows:

1. West End Playground (Baird Street)
2. St. Paul A.M.E. Church (16 Ridge Avenue)
3. Tylerdale Fire Station (in Tylerdale)

Councilman Joe Manning – Nothing to report at this time.

Mayor Scott Putnam – The last four (4) months have been a learning experience for me. Thanks to everyone for their help in my transition to Mayor.

The next regular meeting of the Washington City Council will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. The Agenda Meeting will be held on Monday, May 2, 2016, at 1:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilman Manning and seconded by Councilwoman Williams and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.



Cynthia B. Griffin, City Clerk



Scott J. Putnam, Mayor