

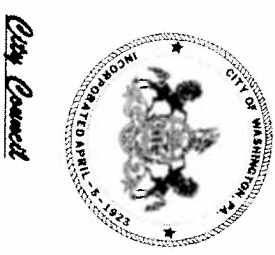


CITY OF WASHINGTON REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL

May 5, 2016 @ 1:00 P.M.

Scott J. Putnam, Mayor



City Council

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

ROLL CALL:

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

SOLICITOR:

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| Jack Cambest, Esquire | - Present |
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MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

A motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2016, regular meeting of Washington City Council and the minutes of the April 19, 2016, special meeting and public hearing.

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. J.T. Sullivan is looking for an Eagle Scout project. He would like to revitalize the Hoge Memorial on West Walnut Street near the intersection with North Franklin Street. This area was once used as the original public burial ground for Washington in the 1700s and early 1800s, which is where JFK Elementary School is currently located. This area is sometime referred to as the Old Burial Ground or the Hoge Cemetery. In the 1950s or 60s, most of the graves were relocated by descendants. It is said that the Memorial was erected both to commemorate the burial ground and to house the remains that were not claimed and relocated. This project would serve both to correct some of the maintenance concerns, which have been raised by I.C. Church about the condition of the Memorial, and to show the public the reason for the Memorial. J.T. would like to clean up the area and beautify it and eventually, add benches and plaques.

2. A Washington resident (Felicia Warren) recently purchased a condemned building to open up a business. She would like to have the building taken off the demolition list. The building was purchased through the tax sale. Before the building can be removed from the demolition list, Mayor and Council stated that the place needs boarded it up soon. In addition, the code enforcement officer needs to go into the building to look at the structure of the building, before it can be removed from the demolition list.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

- (a) Widmer Engineering in the amount of \$2,115.00 for March Items. **CHARGE:** 01.43/430-313.
- (b) Corson Custom Graphics in the amount of \$1,350.00 for street signs. **CHARGE:** 16.00/433-216.
- (c)
- (d) The Whiskey Rebellion Festival in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the 2016 Whiskey Rebellion Festival. **CHARGE:** 01.55/459-541 (Civic & Military Celebrations).
- (e) Harrisburg Area Community College in the amount of \$2,475.00 for Firefighter Daniel Grossman's training/schooling. **CHARGE:** 33.00/411-266 (Training/Schooling Fund).
- (f) Dodaro, Matta & Cambest, P.C. in the amount of \$5,170.25 for professional services. **CHARGE:** 01.13/404-310 (Solicitor/Professional Services).

A motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to authorize the transfer of \$4,792.00 from the Mass Transit Operating Assistance Fund to the Purchase of Buses and Equipment Grant Fund (This is furniture grant reimbursement from PennDOT. PennDOT disbursements always go into the operating fund; we need to transfer the money into the Purchase of Buses and Equipment Fund from which capital purchases are made). **CHARGE:** 28.00/492-900 (Purchase of Buses and Equipment Fund).

A motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilwoman Graham, and unanimously carried to approve payment to the Washington County Transportation Authority in the amount of \$85,000.00 for the local match, which the City pledged for transit in the Transit 2015-2016 Fiscal Year. Payment must be made on or before June 30, 2016, which is the end of the Transit Fiscal Year. **CHARGE:** 85.00/447-000 (LSA Fund).

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and unanimously carried to adopt a Resolution committing the City of Washington to provide transit local match funding in the amount of \$88,960.00 for the Washington City Transportation Authority fixed rate bus service for the Authority's 2016-2017 fiscal year. (Resolution needs to be adopted by June 30, 2016; payment would be required no later than June 30, 2017).

Mayor Putnam – The above amount is approximately 4% higher than last year's payment.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to approve payment to Stainbrook Auto Body in the amount of \$2,000.00 for two deductibles – for the repairs of two (2) police cars (Car #17, 2015 Ford Interceptor Sedan and 2010 Dodge Charger). **CHARGE:** 75.00/482-000 (Insurance Claims Fund – once the check is received from the insurance company, the monies will be deposited back into the Fund).

A motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to approve Use By Right Application for Commerce Street Partners, LLC, Community Center at 59 E. Strawberry Alley, Washington, PA.

Mayor Putnam and Councilman Westcott would like to thank Pete Cameron for bringing business to the City of Washington.

A motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to award the City's Workers' Compensation Policy to AmeriHealth Casualty Services (carrier) and EHD Insurance (broker) in the total premium amount of \$226,426.00, effective retroactive to April 30, 2016, and approve payment of the down payment in the amount of \$68,259.93 payable to AmeriHealth Casualty Services. **CHARGE:** 01.60/484-195 (Miscellaneous – Workers' Comp Insurance).

Councilman Manning – The amount above is a substantial savings to the City, which is \$28,000 less than last year's policy. Thank you to the representatives from EHD, Deputy of Accounts/Finance, and all other employees who helped in the process of saving the City money.

A motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to approve the payment for the laptop computer project for Police Units in the amount not to exceed \$71,500.00. **Vendors:** Data 911, Verizon, Metro Visual Alert,

Midrange Plus. **CHARGE:** 96.00/410-000 (Marcellus Shale Impact Fee Fund/ Emergency Police Services).

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, and unanimously carried to approve revised 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.

Councilman Westcott – Please take the time to see the mural. It is located near the Farmer's Market.

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and unanimously carried to rescind payment to Midrange Plus Services, Inc., in the amount of \$5,569.00 to purchase a Sonic Wall 2600 and 48 Port switch. **CHARGE:** 96.00/407-000 (Marcellus Shale Impact).

A motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to approve payment to Midrange Plus Services, Inc., in the amount of \$5,969.00 to purchase a Sonic Wall 2600 and 48 Port switch. **CHARGE:** 96.00/407-000 (Marcellus Shale Impact).

Mayor Putnam – The previous quote was rescinded, due to an incorrect price for the 48 port switch.

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and unanimously carried to approve the 2nd Payment of 2016 to First Security Finance in the amount of \$6,945.52 for the Guaranteed Energy Savings Program. **CHARGE:** 01.52/409-368.

A motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to approve for S.E. Schultz Electric, Inc., to relocate electric service, install new 200 amp 40 circuit panel, and install the necessary wiring for the Brine Pump System, not to exceed \$7,300.00.

A motion was made by Mayor Putnam, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to approve the continued sponsorship of the Highway Safety Grant for FY 2016/17. This is a pass through grant through the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for Traffic Safety Education in the four Counties of PennDOT District #12.

A motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to approve the retirement of Dwayne E. Pratt from the Electrical Department effective June 3, 2016, and pay all monies due to him and amend the salary ordinance accordingly.

Mayor and Council would like to thank Dwayne for his many years of valuable service to the City. He will be missed. They wish him well in all of his future endeavors.

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Mayor Putnam, and unanimously carried to approve the appointment of Ryan King to the Office of Treasurer of the City of Washington effective Thursday, May 5, 2016. Appointee will serve until the Reorganization Meeting of the City of Washington, which will be held on the first Monday of January 2018.

Mayor Putnam thanked Ryan for accepting the City Treasurer's position vacated by Dennis Adams, due to his retirement. In addition, the Mayor thanked Dennis for his many years of service to the City.

Elected Officials:

Councilwoman Monda Williams – Nothing to report.

Councilwoman Tracie Graham – Thank you to Ryan King for accepting the position of City Treasurer.

Councilman Ken Westcott – The Farmer's Market Pavilion is ready for the opening day of the Market on Thursday, May 12th. Thank you to Joe Thomas and Lynn Galluze for making this possible.

Councilman Joe Manning – Congratulations to Ryan King on his new position as City Treasurer. Ryan has served on many boards.

Mayor Scott Putnam – NetFlix will be filming on May 31st at Washington and Jefferson College and on June 2nd and 3rd at the George Washington Hotel. NetFlix will need an agreement with PennDot to close City streets.


Thank you, Ryan, and I wish you well in your new position.

The next regular meeting of the Washington City Council will be held on Thursday, June 9, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. The Agenda Meeting will be held on Monday, June 6, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

The Washington City Building will be closed on Tuesday, June 14, 2016, in observance of Flag Day. Regular office hours will resume on Wednesday, June 15, 2016, at 8:30 a.m.

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



Scott J. Putnam, Mayor

Cynthia B. Griffin, City Clerk