



Scott J. Putnam, Mayor

CITY OF WASHINGTON REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING



City Council

Joe Manning, Councilman

Ken Westcott, Councilman

Tracie Graham, Councilwoman

Monda Williams, Councilwoman

WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
September 15, 2016 @ 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

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

SOLICITOR:

Jack Cambest, Esquire

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

A motion was made by Councilman, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2016, regular meeting of the 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. Tim Sanders, 635 Fayette Street, (representing the West End Neighborhood Watch) asked if there is a City Ordinance regarding “pickers” going through garbage that is put at the curb. He stated that “pickers” are going through his and other resident’s garbage every week and making a mess. He said that some are being so bold as to take things on properties that have not set out as garbage. Mayor Putnam asked Ron McIntyre, Code Enforcement to look into the ordinance.
2. David Blouse, 839 North Main Street, stated that dead end Lewis Alley off of North Main Street has not been maintained for years. He said the trees are overgrown and the road is deteriorating. He is concerned that someone is going to go over the embankment. Councilman Westcott advised that he would have it looked at it tomorrow. Mr. Blouse also stated that recyclables are not being picked up every two weeks and they have had to call Republic to have them come to pick up.
3. Lisa Harris, 553 West Chestnut Street, stated that the vacant home at 551 West Chestnut Street needs boarded up. She advised that it is over-run with weeds, raccoons and opossums. She stated that there are people trespassing and going in and out of the house. Councilman Manning and Councilman Westcott said they would have the property boarded up.



4. Doug Fraley, 309 Taylor Avenue, thanked Councilwoman Williams for looking into 365 Taylor Avenue and assisting in having the area around the house cleaned up and having the house boarded and secured. Mr. Fraley asked what the status of demolition is on this property. Mr. Fraley advised that 1195 Bruce Street has weeds that have grown up over Taylor Avenue and that the stop sign is not visible because of overgrown shrub on the property. Councilwoman Williams has already begun looking into this property and Councilman Westcott and John Stout will also take a look at the property. Mr. Fraley also stated that East Alley is used by eleven people and hasn't been paved in more than thirty years. Advised that it is very overgrown. Councilman Westcott stated that he would have the property looked at.
5. Nan Sninsky, 162 Orchard Drive and Kate Blaker, 410 3rd Street, requested that a Mayoral Committee for People with Disabilities be established and invited Mayor Putnam to volunteer to serve on the committee. Mayor Putnam asked that they submit a letter to Council describing the purpose of the committee. Ms. Sninsky and Ms. Blaker also requested that the wording on items #14 and #15 on the Agenda be amended so that the word, handicap, be replaced with the word accessible. Solicitor Cambest advised that the wording could be changed.
6. Timothy Weinman, President of Penntex Ventures, LLC., thanked council for their support of the Dollar General Project on Jefferson Avenue. He stated that this venture would save 12-14 jobs, increase the city's tax base, and replace a blighted area. Councilman Manning advised that council is looking forward to having the new Dollar General in the city.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

- (a) Travelers in the amount of \$1,040.20 for the insurance deductibles for Jan V. Ondra and Richard Royal Jr. **CHARGE:** 01.60/486-350.
- (b) Corson Custom Graphics in the amount of \$650.00 for street signs. **CHARGE:** 77.00/433-700 (Capital Improvement).
- (c) Midrange Plus Services, Inc., in the amount of \$974.00 for a 48-port switch. **CHARGE:** 96.00/407-000.
- (d) Digital Assurance Certification LLC, in the amount of \$1,500.00 for professional services (dissemination service and storage fee). **CHARGE:** 01.90/475-319.
- (e) Corson Custom Graphics, in the amount of \$200.00 for street signs. **CHARGE:** 77.00/433-700.
- (f) NSA Security Forces, Inc., in the amount of \$375.00 for refund of picnic fees-park shelters. **CHARGE:** 01.00/367-673.
- (g) Turner Marketing in the amount of \$400.00 for a recycle logo. **CHARGE:** 21.00/426-240.
- (h) Widmer Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$2,250.00 for a salt shed. **CHARGE:** 01.43/430-313.
- (i) Widmer Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$1,215.00 for 2016 July items. **CHARGE:** 01.43/430-313.
- (j) Widmer Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$1,245.00 for the 2016 Stormwater Inlet Project. **CHARGE:** 01.43/430-313.
- (k) Robinson Pipe Cleaning Co., in the amount of \$4,958.75 for services rendered on Wilna Street. **CHARGE:** 01.42/438-210.
- (l) Allure Property Mgt., in the amount of \$251.44 for refund of solid waste payment made on vacant apartment at 422 E. Maiden Street #3. **CHARGE:** 20.00/364-603.
- (m) Michael Domino/Loretta Domino, in the amount of \$11,600.00 for release of funds/fire escrow at 340 Canton Avenue (7/5/16 fire.) **CHARGE:** 47.00/489-000.
- (n) CPS Statements.com, Inc., in the amount of \$826.94 for postage, print and process for Solid Waste reminders. **CHARGE:** 20.00/427-325.
- (o) Baiano Construction, in the amount of \$1,629.05 for payment of estimate No. 001 (Army Corp.). **CHARGE:** 66.00/446-310.
- (p) Weavertown Environmental Group, in the amount of \$9,813.13 for removal of fuel tank Phase III. **CHARGE:** Paid from LSA-C000062885.
- (q) WJPA AM/FM Radio, in the amount of \$480.00 for advertising Community Day @ Park. **CHARGE:** 21.00/489-00.

- (r) Observer Reporter, in the amount of \$2,385.00 for Community Day Ad. **CHARGE:** 21.00/489-000.
- (s) Midrange Plus Services Inc., in the amount of \$990.84 for 48 Port Switch-Police Station. **CHARGE:** 96.00/407-000.
- (t) Baiano Construction, in the amount of \$33,368.03 for payment of estimate No. 001. **CHARGE:** Paid from TAP FID. NO. 256000886.
- (u) Baiano Construction, in the amount of \$3,452.22 for payment of estimate No. 001 (LSA). **CHARGE:** Paid from LSA-C000062885.
- (v) Cappelli Industries, in the amount of \$2,600.00 for payment of Inv. #1 Demo of Wall (3 Guys Pizza). **CHARGE:** Paid from LSA-C000062885.
- (w) Stahl Sheaffer Engineering LLC., in the amount of \$7,041.31 for payment of Inv. 15-303-1 Phase III Inspection. **CHARGE:** Paid from TAP FID NO. 256000881.
- (x) Quality Quick, in the amount of \$189.05 for payment for construction signs. **CHARGE:** Paid from LSA-C000062885.
- (y) PNC Bank, in the amount of \$805,059.19 for Act 205 Pension Collections thru 8/31/16. **CHARGE:** 79.00/483-000.
- (z) Summit Risk Services in the amount of \$10,000.00 for reimbursement of the deductible obligation to Selective Insurance Company for Brandon Thomas. **CHARGE:** 01.60/486-350 (misc-liability insurance).
- (aa) Robinson Pipe Cleaning Co., in the amount of \$4,958.75 for sewer cleaning, televising- Wilna St. **CHARGE:** 01.42/438-210
- (bb) Traffic Control, in the amount of \$238.56 for reinstall push button pole @ Beau and Lincoln. **CHARGE:** 03.00/433-378 Liquid Fuels Fund.
- (cc) Dodaro, Matta & Cambest, P.C., in the amount of \$2,844.00 for services rendered. **CHARGE:** 01.13/404-310.

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

Transfer \$407.26 from the LSA Funds (ACCT: 85.00/100-000) to the Catfish Creek Project (ACCT: 66.00/100-000).

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, and unanimously carried to accept the resignation of Cynthia Griffin as the City Clerk and pay all monies due to her and amend the salary ordinance accordingly.

Comment: The Mayor thanked Cindy for her service and wished her the best, as did the other members of Council.

A motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to approve the hiring of Michelle Sperl to the position of City Clerk effective retroactive to August 29, 2016, at an annual salary of \$31,785.00 and amend the salary ordinance accordingly.

A motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning and unanimously carried to declare the property located at 31 West Walnut Street, Washington, PA 15301, Parcel Number: 720-007-00-03-0030-00, as a public nuisance and authorize the release of the property to the Redevelopment Authority for scheduled demolition.

A motion was made Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, and unanimously carried to table declaring the property located at 288 East Maiden Street, Washington, PA 15301, Parcel Number: 740-009-00-02-0012-00, as a public nuisance and authorize the release of the property to the Redevelopment Authority for scheduled demolition until the October 3, 2016 Agenda Meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to declare the property located at 420 West Chestnut Street, Washington, PA 15301, Parcel Number: 780-001-00-00-0005-00, as a public nuisance and authorize the release of the property to the Redevelopment Authority for scheduled demolition.

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Mayor Putnam, and unanimously carried to declare the property located at 660 Jefferson Avenue, Washington, PA 15301, Parcel Number: 770-008-00-03-0003-00, as a public nuisance and authorize the release of the property to the Redevelopment Authority for scheduled demolition.

A motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, and unanimously carried to approve the support of the Washington Area Senior Citizens Center Inc.'s application for LSA funds to renovate the restroom facilities in the center.

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and unanimously carried to appoint the following individuals to fill vacancies and expiring board member terms to the Washington Business District Authority from January 2017 to December 2018:

Angela Burgess for a term of 2 years
Kenneth Westcott for a term of 2 years
Scott Putnam for a term of 2 years
Ken Rhodes for a term of 2 years

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilwoman Graham, and unanimously carried to schedule City of Washington Trick or Treat date and times for Monday, October 31, 2016 from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm.

Elected Officials:

Councilwoman Monda Williams: Read the Fire Report and Code Enforcement Report for August.

Councilwoman Tracie Graham:

1. A motion was made by Councilwoman Graham, seconded by Councilman Manning, to sponsor the Rotary Club 2017 LSA application to restore the Washington Park Pavilion and earmark \$5,000 of the 2017 city LSA funds as part of the local match. Mayor Putnam asked if anyone would like to comment. No one choosing to comment, the motion was unanimously carried.
2. Councilwoman Graham stated that Nancy from the Washington Park Office advised that the city pool made \$44,000.00 this summer.

Councilman Ken Westcott:

1. A motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, to approve change of Order #1 \$2,958.13 for the Washington Phase III - ECMS 73365 Project to cover the additional costs to remediate fuel storage tank and remove additional water and excavate larger contaminated area. Mayor Putnam asked if anyone would like to comment. No one choosing to comment, the motion was unanimously carried.
2. Councilman Westcott advised that the construction work being done on South Main Street has encountered problems this past week with both a water line and gas line being broken. He stated that it is anticipated that construction to pour sidewalks on South Main Street will begin on September 26, 2016 and will be completed mid-October. He encouraged everyone to support both Three Guys Subz and Pizza Piez and Nunnies Place as their businesses have been negatively impacted by the construction.

Councilman Joe Manning: No comment

Mayor Scott Putnam:

A motion was made by Mayor Putnam, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and unanimously carried to go into an Executive Session to discuss litigation of property at 7:42 pm.

A motion was made by Mayor Putnam, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to end the Executive Session at 8:08 p.m.

A motion was made by Mayor Putnam, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to extend the contract of Lynn Galluze, Computer Coordinator, based on the following terms: A three year contract extension, a raise of \$3.00 an hour, and two weeks paid vacation based on a 37.5 hour work week.

The next regular meeting of the Washington City Council will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. The Agenda Meeting will be held on Monday, October 3, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

The City Building will be closed on Monday, October 10, 2016, in observance of Columbus Day. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, at 8:30 a.m.

A motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to approve the Use by Right and Subdivision application for a new Dollar General Store at 710-730 Jefferson Avenue.

A motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to approve the Use by Right for a Used Car Lot for Veltri Brothers Property at 1050 Jefferson Avenue with the condition that the lot must be asphalted or concreted by May 29, 2016.

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, and unanimously carried to approve the conditional use application for Mark and Sharon Paletta, 138 McGiffin Ave. to build a new 3-car storage garage.

A motion was made to approve the **FIRST READING** of BILL NO. 5 of 2016, Ordinance No. 1837. **No vote is required.**

BILL NO. 5 of 2016
Ordinance NO. 1837

**AMEND AND EXTEND THE “LOCAL TAX ECONOMIC
REVITALIZATION TAX ASSISTANCE ACT OF THE CITY
OF WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,”
RETROACTIVE TO AUGUST 8, 2015 AND
EXTENDED UNTIL AUGUST 8, 2020.**

A motion was made by Mayor Putnam, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to approve accessible reserved parking for Charles R. Rush at 72 W. Hallam Avenue.

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilwoman Graham, and unanimously carried to approve accessible reserved parking for Raymond Belfiore at 635 Broad Street.

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilwoman Graham, and unanimously carried to approve the installation of Comcast D75/15M internet service with 1 Static IP at the following locations; Street Department-900 East Wheeling Street, Park Office – 283 Dunn Avenue, Tylerdale Fire Station- 198 East Wylie Avenue, Main Fire Station- 43 West Wheeling Street at the cost of \$144.85 per month at each location for a three year term.

A motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to approve the cancellation of T1 service with Earthlink at the following locations; Street Department-900 East Wheeling Street, Park Office – 283 Dunn Avenue, Tylerdale Fire Station- 198 East Wylie Avenue, Main Fire Station- 43 West Wheeling Street and Parking office – 50 East Chestnut Street at the completion of the contract which expires November of 2016.

Comment: Councilman Manning stated that this would be a savings of approximately \$13,000 a year over three years.

A motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to support and authorize the application of the City of Washington Parking Authority for funds from the Local Share Account through the Redevelopment Authority of Washington County for the proposed LED Lighting Project in the Crossroads Public Parking Garage, located at 50 North Franklin Street, Washington, PA 15301.

A motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilwoman Graham, and unanimously carried to approve the application and to approve \$30,000 in matching funds (\$25,000 from the Park Development Fund **CHARGE: 52.00/454-240** and \$5,000 from the annual LSA Fund **CHARGE: 85.00/447-000**) for the Washington Park Access Road Project.

Comment: Mayor Putnam stated that this will allow the city to pursue an emergency exit to the Washington Park.

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



Scott J. Putnam, Mayor



Michelle R. Sperl, City Clerk