



*Scott J. Putnam, Mayor*

**CITY OF WASHINGTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
January 7, 2021 1 P.M.  
VIA ZOOM**



***City Council***

*Joe Manning, Councilman*

*Ken Westcott, Councilman*

*Matt Staniszewski, MBA, EDFP, Councilman*

*Joe Pintola, Councilman*

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilman Matt Staniszewski	- ABSENT
Councilman Joe Pintola	- ABSENT
Councilman Ken Westcott	- PRESENT
Councilman Joe Manning	- PRESENT
Mayor Scott Putnam	- PRESENT

**SOLICITOR:**

Jack Cambest PRESENT

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**Motion** was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and unanimously carried to accept the December 10, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

**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 individual's 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:** The Agenda was placed on the City's official website homepage and Facebook page and the public was able to call or email the City Clerk to provide public comment for today's meeting. No one submitted anything for public comment.

**PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED:**

**Civil Service Chairman Richard Beck to Present the Police Promotion List**

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to approve the Police Sergeant Eligibility List.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to approve the Police Corporal Eligibility List.

**Motion** made by Mayor Putnam, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to approve the promotion of Corporal Steve Devenney to the Rank of Sergeant, effective Sunday, January 10, 2021, and amend Salary Ordinance accordingly.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and unanimously carried to approve the promotion of Patrolman Kent Mitchell to the Rank of Corporal, effective Sunday, January 10, 2021, and amend Salary Ordinance accordingly.

### **Civil Service Chairman Richard Beck to Present the Firefighter Eligibility List**

**Motion** made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and unanimously carried to approve the Firefighter Eligibility List.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to hire Chad Wehr from the Firefighter Eligibility List, effective January 11, 2021, pending all physical and testing results, and amend the Salary Ordinance Accordingly.

**Motion** made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and unanimously carried to hire Matthew Lascola from the Firefighter Eligibility List, effective January 11, 2021, pending all physical and testing results, and amend the Salary Ordinance Accordingly.

**Motion** made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and unanimously carried to hire Andreas Khademinos from the Firefighter Eligibility List, effective February 8, 2021, pending all physical and testing results, and amend the Salary Ordinance Accordingly.

**Motion** made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and unanimously carried to take action to reallocate CDBG Funds as follows: Fire Truck Purchase - \$134,000.00 Code Enforcement Demolition - \$131,200.00.

**Motion** made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and unanimously carried to award the bid to Pierce Manufacturing for a new fire truck in the amount of \$633,195.00.

**Motion** made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and unanimously carried to approve the following payments:

- a. Dodaro, Matta and Cambest in the amount of \$3,265.90 for Invoice 10261.

**CHARGE:** 01.13/404-310.

- b. Edmunds in the amount of \$21,050.00 for 2021 Software Maintenance. **CHARGE:**  
01.23/407-457
- c. Edmunds in the amount of \$1,028.00 for 2021 Hardware Maintenance. **CHARGE:**  
01.23/407-457
- d. PHDesign LLC in the amount of \$6,000.00 for Annual Website Maintenance.  
**CHARGE:** 57.00/489-000
- e. Tri-Tech Software in the amount of \$7,205.10 for Police Software Maintenance.  
**CHARGE:** 01.23/407-457
- f. Harshman CE Group LLC in the amount of \$4,251.40 for Invoice 1. **CHARGE:**  
53.00/436-313
- g. Washington East Washington Joint Authority in the amount of \$2,500.00 for  
November 2020 Dye Tests Invoice #15174. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-313

**Motion** made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and unanimously carried to amend the 2020 Salary Ordinance to remove City Firefighter Donald Scholz from Military Leave of Absence and return him to regular duty status effective 12/6/2020.

**Motion** made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and unanimously carried to approve payment to PNC Bank in the amount of \$212,777.83 for ACT 205 Collections thru 12/15/20. **CHARGE:** 79.00/483-000

**Motion** made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and unanimously carried to reappoint Harshman CE Group LLC as the City Engineer.

**Motion** made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and unanimously carried to reappoint Dodaro, Matta and Cambest as the City Solicitor.

**Motion** made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and unanimously carried to make the following departmental appointments:

Councilman Manning, Director of the Department of Accounts & Finance

Councilman Westcott, Director of the Department of Streets and Public Improvements

Councilman Pintola, Director of the Department of Public Safety

Councilman Staniszewski, Director of the Department of Parks and Public Buildings

#### **ORDINANCES:**

#### **FIRST Reading of ORDINANCE 1950 BILL NO. 1 of 2021**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1774, CHAPTER 15, PART 4, SECTION 407 – SPECIAL PURPOSE PARKING ZONES ESTABLISHED; PARKING OTHERWISE PROHIBITED TO INCLUDE ADDING (1) HANDICAP PARKING SPACE AT 365 DONNAN AVENUE, AND ADDING (1) HANDICAP PARKING SPACE AT 511 EAST MAIDEN STREET.**

**ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORTS:**

**Councilman Matt Staniszewski – ABSENT**

**Councilwoman Joe Pintola – ABSENT**

**Councilman Ken Westcott** – The Street Department will be picking up Christmas Trees until the end of the month.

**Councilman Joe Manning-** Congratulated the new hires and wished them good luck. Thanked the Street Dept for picking up his tree this morning. Councilman Manning thanked Susie Koehler for her hard work during the Pension Audit. Stated that everything was good with the audit and that the State had not been done for three years.

Advised that due to the local COVID-19 numbers that City Hall will remain closed to the public to protect the Staff and public.

**Mayor Scott Putnam** – Thanked Chief Wilson, Captain Robertson, Chief Coleman and the Civil Service Commission for all their hard work.

**The Mayor stated:** In reference to the Police Promotion Candidates that took the Civil Service Exam and declined the promotion. “I’m disappointed in those that declined promotions at a cost to the City and at a disservice to the citizens of Washington.”

The Mayor congratulated the new promotions. He also thanked Councilman Manning and Susie Koehler for the work they did regarding the Pension Audit.

The next scheduled Regular Council Meeting will be held on Thursday February 4, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. Via ZOOM.

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