



Scott J. Putnam, Mayor

CITY OF WASHINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
February 4, 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 - PRESENT
Councilman Joe Pintola - PRESENT
Councilman Ken Westcott - PRESENT
Councilman Joe Manning - PRESENT
Mayor Scott Putnam - PRESENT

SOLICITOR:

Jack Cambest PRESENT

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and unanimously carried to accept the January 7, 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: Today's Agenda was placed on the City Website and Facebook Page and public comment was available by emailing or calling the City Clerk.

Mary Hahn - 1045 Arch Street: Emailed complaint regarding County Hauling, stating her frustration & dissatisfaction with their service. Stated that in January, "Our whole block was skipped, it took 10 phone calls, 3 emails, and finally a call to the Solid Waste dept at city hall to get them picked up almost a month later." She asked that City Council consider switching to a different company.

COMMENT: Mayor Putnam stated that Council is aware there are issues with County Hauling and advised they have a meeting scheduled with County Hauling on Tuesday, February 9th to discuss these problems.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED:

Motion made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Washington City Council.

Roll Call:

Councilman Staniszewski: NO

COMMENT: Was not present at January Meeting

Councilman Pintola: YES

Councilman Westcott: YES

Councilman Manning: YES

Mayor Putnam: YES

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

- a. Campbell Durrant P.C. in the amount of \$2,766.67 for Invoice #70415.
CHARGE: 01.13/404-310
- b. Travelers in the amount of \$30.00 for Invoice #589679. **CHARGE:** 01.60/486-350
- c. AgRecycle in the amount of \$2,557.80 for Req. #2/Composting Cnt.
CHARGE: 57.00/489-000
- d. General Code in the amount of \$1,195.00 for Annual Maintenance. **CHARGE:** 85.00/400-300.
- e. Allegheny Fence Construction Co. Inc., in the amount of \$467.50 for Invoice #20-11-831-A. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-313
- f. Allegheny Fence Construction Co.Inc., in the amount of \$1,120.00 for Invoice #20-11-831-B. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-313
- g. Convergent Technologies LLC, in the amount of \$452.14 for Invoice #W1021088. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-313
- h. Stewart Contracting in the amount of \$4,300.00 for Invoice #3133. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-313
- i. Dodaro Matta & Cambest in the amount of \$2,410.50 for Invoice # 10290.
CHARGE: 01.13/404-310
- j. Ron's Garage in the amount of \$10,648.28 for Invoice #10983. **CHARGE:** 01.33/411-370

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

- a. Vernon Patrick in the amount of \$50.00 for Dumpster Permit Fee. **CHARGE:** 01-322-291 (113 Maple Avenue Washington, PA 15301)

Motion made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve the purchase and payment for chairs from Quill for the police department amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 **CHARGE:** 81.00/489-000

(COMMENT: Councilman Staniszewski asked Chief Wilson to research other businesses that sell chairs as he personally was able to purchase a chair that was less expensive from a local business.)

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously to amend the salary ordinance to remove public works employee, (C.A.), from Accident and Sickness Disability Benefits and return him to regular work status effective retroactive to 1/11/2021.

Motion made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to place G.M. Firefighter on Heart & Lung effective January 25, 2021.

Motion made by Councilman Staniszewski, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously to place P.B. Firefighter on Heart & Lung effective January 25, 2021.

Motion made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve expense advances in the amount of \$1,500.00 each, for Fire Fighters, Chad Wehr and Matthew Lascola, for expenses incurred while at the Harrisburg Area Community College Fire Academy from January 25, 2021 to April 24, 2021.
CHARGE: 01.33/411-266 (Fire Training and Schooling)

Motion made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to rescind the January 7, 2021 appointment of Andreas Kademenos to the position of firefighter in the City of Washington Fire Department.

COMMENT: Mayor Putnam stated that Council rescinded the vote as Mr. Kademenos was given Veterans Preference points that were not earned.

Motion made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried to adopt Act 17 policies and procedures as outlined in the adoption of Act 17 April 2020, and as an amendment to current COVID-19 policies currently enforced in the City of Washington.

Roll Call:

Councilman Staniszewski:	NO
Councilman Pintola:	YES
Councilman Westcott:	YES
Councilman Manning:	YES
Mayor Putnam:	YES

Motion made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to purchase 10 Gamewell Boxes not to exceed \$40,000.00. **CHARGE:** 01-33/411-375

Motion to approve the purchase of a new K-9 Kennel, amount not to exceed \$500.00
CHARGE: 55.00/410-240

Motion was made by Councilman Staniszewski and seconded by Mayor Putnam to approve a contribution in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the 2021 Fireworks Display, made payable to Friends of the Washington Park. **CHARGE:** 01.55/459-541 (Civic & Military Celebrations.) **After discussion it was decided to table the vote.**

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded Councilman Pintola, and carried to table the motion to approve a contribution in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the 2021 Fireworks Display, made payable to Friends of the Washington Park. **CHARGE:** 01.55/459-541 (Civic & Military Celebrations.)

Roll Call:

Councilman Staniszewski:	NO
Councilman Pintola:	YES
Councilman Westcott:	YES
Councilman Manning:	YES
Mayor Putnam:	YES

Motion was made by Councilman Staniszewski and seconded by Councilman Westcott to advertise for the position of City Park Manager. **After discussion it was decided to table the vote.**

Motion was made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott and carried to table the vote to advertise for the position of City Park Manager.

Roll Call:

Councilman Staniszewski:	NO
Councilman Pintola:	YES
Councilman Westcott:	YES
Councilman Manning:	YES
Mayor Putnam:	YES

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to approve payment to Slusarczyk Excavation LLC for the W. Prospect Inlet project in the amount of \$1,935.00. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-682

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and unanimously carried to approve payment to George R. Smalley for the Main Pavilion lower-level lighting project in the amount of \$2,990.00. **CHARGE:** 52.00/489-000.

ORDINANCES:

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve the **FINAL Reading of ORDINANCE 1949 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 – No Report

Councilwoman Joe Pintola – No Report

Councilman Ken Westcott – The Street Department needs to purchase a new plow truck as the 2002 plow truck has a cracked frame.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola and carried to amend the agenda to reflect the motion to purchase a new plow truck for the Public Works Department in the amount of \$144,823.00 from Stephenson Equipment through CoStars. Purchase will be paid from Act 13 and Capital Improvement funds.

Roll Call:

Councilman Staniszewski: NO
Councilman Pintola: YES
Councilman Westcott: YES
Councilman Manning: YES
Mayor Putnam: YES

DISCUSSION: Mayor Putnam stated that because this purchase is through CoStars that it does not have to be bid out.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola and carried unanimously to purchase a new plow truck, contingent upon determination if current plow truck is not repairable, for the Public Works Department in the amount of \$144,823.00 from Stephenson Equipment through CoStars. Purchase will be paid from Act 13 and Capital Improvement funds.

Councilman Joe Manning- No Report

Mayor Scott Putnam – Extended his thanks to the Street Department for doing a commendable job during the last snowstorm. Advised that there will be a meeting with County Hauling next Tuesday to discuss the issues the City is having with their services. Advised that the Covid-1 Vaccine is in the 1A step of the plan and encourage residents to consider registering to get the vaccine.

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

City Hall is currently closed to the public due to COVID-19.

Office Employees will be off on Monday, February 15, 2021 in observance of President's Day. Employees will resume work schedules on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 8:30 A.M.

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