



**CITY OF WASHINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
May 6, 2021 1 P.M.**



**Scott J. Putnam,
Mayor**

VIA ZOOM

City Council
Joe Manning, Councilman
Ken Westcott, Councilman
Matt Staniszewski, MBA, EDFF,
Councilman
Joe Pintola, Councilman

ROLL CALL:

Councilman Matt Staniszewski	- ABSENT
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 Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried to accept the April 1, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

Roll Call:

Councilman Joe Pintola	- YES
Councilman Ken Westcott	- YES
Councilman Joe Manning	- YES
Mayor Scott Putnam	- ABSTAIN Not present at April 1, 2021 meeting

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.

There were no requests to make public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED:

Civil Service Chairman Richard Beck Presented the List of Three from the Police New Hire Eligibility List to the Mayor and City Council.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously to hire Colton Gray, from the Police Department Eligibility list, effective May 24, 2021, pending physical and drug screen and amend the Salary Ordinance accordingly.

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

- a. Cummins Sales and Service in the amount of \$14,440.76 to repair Spartan Fire Truck. **CHARGE 01.33/411-363**

- b. Harshman CE Group LLC in the amount of \$3,455.00 for Invoices #1, #2 and #3 for Engineering Services. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-313
- c. Mayor and Council to approve payment to CPS Statements INC in the amount of \$3,037.97 for Invoices #28FEB20-476. **CHARGE:** 01.24/403-325
- d. Dodaro, Matta & Cambest in the amount of \$1,477.50 for Invoice #10409. **CHARGE:** 01.13/404-310
- e. Central Square Metro in the amount of \$2,828.70 for Annual Parking Maintenance. **CHARGE:** 01.23/407-457
- f. Skelly & Loy in the amount of \$600.00 for Survey A/L. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-313
- g. Skelly & Loy in the amount of \$1,867.80 for MS4 Year One. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-313
- h. First Security Finance in the amount of \$14,229.94 for 2nd Quarter (2021) Guaranteed Energy Savings. **CHARGE:** 01.52/409-368
- i. Advent in the amount of \$3,200.04 for Phone Annual Maintenance. **CHARGE:** 01.23/407-320
- j. Kulak-George Architects, Inc in the amount of \$1,138.81 for Invoice #1 Main Pavilion Restoration. **CHARGE:** 52.00/489-000
- k. Kulak-George Architects, Inc in the amount of \$923.19 for Invoice #2 Main Pavilion Restoration. **CHARGE:** 52.00/489-00
- l. Central Pennsylvania College in the amount of \$4,620.00 for Housing Fire Fighters at HACC Fire Academy. **CHARGE:** 01.33/411-266
- m. Municipal Consulting Services in the amount of \$42,788.00 for Invoice #4430.0 **CHARGE:** 01.34/413-240

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

- a. G.I. Western Properties Corporation in the amount of \$225.00 for a dye test. **CHARGE:** 01.00/361-652
- b. Melissa Walters in the amount of \$375.00 for Pavilion Rental Cancellation Refund. **CHARGE:** 01.00/367-673

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

n. \$5,000.00 from line item 01.17/445-151 Salary/Collection Clerk to line item 01.17/445-157 Wages/Part Time Clerk.

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to amend the 2021 Budget to add line item 01.17/445-157 Wages/Part Time Clerk.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously to accept the Retirement of Lt. Kirk R. Stinner from the Police Department, effective April 09, 2021, pay all monies due and amend salary ordinance accordingly.

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve the testing for the Rank of Lieutenant in the Police Department, per Civil Service Rules.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously to approve the employment of Robert A. Connor as a laborer in the Public Works Department, effective April 26, 2021, pending pre-employment physical and drug screening, and amend the salary ordinance accordingly.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the employment of Nicholas A. Bryant as a laborer in the Public Works Department, effective May 17, 2021, pending pre-employment physical and drug screening, and amend the salary ordinance accordingly.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously to approve the job classification change for Corey Anderson from Laborer to Driver, effective May 10, 2021, and amend the Salary Ordinance accordingly.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously to approve the job classification change for John Martincic from Laborer to Driver, effective May 10, 2021, and amend the Salary Ordinance accordingly.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the job classification change for Ron Early Jr. from Laborer to Driver, effective May 10, 2021, and amend the Salary Ordinance accordingly.

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to purchase a Kubota BX23SLB-R in the amount of \$19,680.00
CHARGE: 77.00/454-700

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve payment to PNC Bank, in the amount of \$444,773.86 for Act 205 Pension Collections thru 4/30/2021. **CHARGE:** 79.00/483-000. Act 205 Distressed Pension Fund.

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to renew workers compensation coverage with AmTrust Insurance Company at an annual premium of \$181,880.00.

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the renewal of healthcare coverage through Performance Health and to retain Millennium Administrators as our third-party administrator.

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve a contract with R & R Fireworks for the Fourth of July fireworks display at a cost not to exceed \$6,000.00.

ORDINANCES:

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve the **FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 1950 BILL NO 2 of 2021**

**AMEND AND EXTEND THE LOCAL TAX ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION TAX
ASSISTANCE ACT OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
RETROACTIVE TO AUGUST 8, 2020 AND EXTENDED TO AUGUST 8, 2025.**

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 1951 BILL NO 3 of 2021

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF WASHINGTON,
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF WASHINGTON
POLICE REVIEW BOARD IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A MECHANISM FOR CITIZEN
REVIEW OF ALLEGATIONS AND MISCONDUCT UNDERTAKEN BY POLICE OFFICERS
WITH THE CITY OF WASHINGTON**

*****NO VOTE REQUIRED*****

RESOLUTION:

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to adopt **Resolution 3 of 2021** to appoint Joe Manning as the temporary director of the Department of Parks and Public Buildings. under section 1103, (b), (2), Third Class City Code which permits the Council to change the director at its discretion.

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve **Resolution 4 of 2021** to make payment of \$105,445.00 to Washington County Transportation Authority as operations local match for the Year 2021-2022 Transit fiscal year (which ends June 30, 2022), to match state funds provided pursuant to 4 Pa. C.S. Section 1513 in Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve **Resolution 5 of 2021** to apply for a 2021 Greenways, trails and recreation grant for the Washington Park Playground Improvement Project not to exceed \$250,000 and earmark 15% local match.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT:

Councilman Matt Staniszewski – ABSENT

Councilman Joe Pintola- Asked Chief Coleman to speak on behalf of the Fire Department. Chief Coleman stated that two new firemen completed the Fire Academy and are working at the station full-time. One of the new firemen was verbally advised that he will be called up for reserves deployment for a minimum of 30 days sometime in June. He will be required to quarantine 15 days prior to deployment and 15 days after deployment.

Councilman Ken Westcott – Thanked Mayor and Council for supporting the efforts to hire employees. Thanked Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Donatelli, Mayor Putnam and Joe Manning for their hard work during the Citywide Clean Up. Stated that they need to put dumpsters inside the Public Works Fencing next time as people took advantage of the dumpsters being provided and just piled things all around the dumpsters. Because County Hauling did not pick the dumpsters up for more than a week ½ it resulted in the Street Department had to continue cleaning up the area.

Councilman Joe Manning – Councilman Manning thanked the Covid Task Force Members and City Clerk Michelle Sperl for their efforts and work over the past 14 months. Stated that Chief Wilson and Chief Coleman did an outstanding job helping to protect the public and employees during the Covid-19 Pandemic. Governor Wolf lifted Covid Restrictions effective May 31, 2021. Councilman Manning welcomed new police officer Colton Gray, the two new firemen back from the Fire Academy and congratulated Officer Stinner on his retirement.

Mayor Scott Putnam – Mayor Putnam thanked the Civil Service Board and Chairman Richard Beck for their service in assisting the City with the police and fire department testing. Mayor Putnam welcomed the new firefighters back from the academy and welcomed them and Officer Gray to working for the City of Washington. He congratulated Officer Stinner on his retirement and thanked him for his service.

Solicitor Jack Cambest – No Comment

The Farmer’s Market reopens on Thursday, May 20, 2021 3 pm until 6 pm.

City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 31, 2021 in observance of Memorial Day.

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