



**CITY OF WASHINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
June 10, 2021 7 P.M.**



Scott J. Putnam, Mayor

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 Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried to accept the May 6, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

Roll Call:

Councilman Staniszewski	-ABSTAIN Not present at 5/6/2021 meeting
Councilman Joe Pintola	- YES
Councilman Ken Westcott	- YES
Councilman Joe Manning	- YES
Mayor Scott Putnam	- YES

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:

Georgianna Farkas- Presented multiple items:

- Stated that 450 ½ East Prospect alleyway needs repaired
- City needs to get something done on Main Street where the building collapsed
- Swimming pool and park area needs shade/cornhole/skate park/tic tac toe games/zipline
- Commended Fern Sibert for all her efforts to clean up the City
- Commended the Park Administrator hiring listed on Agenda

Katey Hildebrand 374 Franklin Farms Road- Asked why the City is not using LSA Money and Marcellus Shale funds to repair the pool. Councilman Manning advised her that the money from LSA and Marcellus Shale is money that is earmarked for specific projects and that Council can not use those funds for other projects.

Mike Dolan 61 Dunn Avenue- Suggested that a dugout be created for the Pony Baseball Field

Betsy Christmas 68 West Prospect Avenue- Asked about the completion of the storm sewer project on Prospect

Joseph DeThomas 106 Elm Street- Thanked Council, Chief Coleman and Chief Wilson for their help in bringing back this years Whiskey Rebellion on July 9th and 10th. He thanked Councilman Manning for his advice and Joe Thomas for the use of the parking lot. Asked if the City still planned on having another Clean Up Day on July 3, 2021. Mayor Putnam stated that we will have a 2nd City Clean Up Day on July 3, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED:

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

- a. HACC Fire Academy in the amount of \$3,975.00 for Fire Academy Training.
CHARGE: 33/411-266
- b. Patel Real Estate Holding LLC in the amount of \$20,000.00 for 128 Hall Avenue 12/15/2020 Fire Escrow. **CHARGE:** 47.00/389-830
- c. Harshman CE Group LLC in the amount of \$770.00 for Invoice #5. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-313
- d. Harshman CE Group LLC in the amount of \$170.00 for Invoice #3. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-313
- e. Doors Inc in the amount of \$1,286.00 for City Hall Door Repairs. **CHARGE:** 77.00/409-700
- f. Kulak George Architects LLC in the amount of \$923.19 for Main Pavilion Restoration. **CHARGE:** 52.00/489-000.
- g. George Smalley Co. INC in the amount of \$2,392.00 for Pavilion #2 Service Invoice #90603. **CHARGE:** 52.00/489-000
- h. George Smalley Co. INC in the amount of \$6,227.00 for Kiwanis Pavilion Repairs/Lighting. **CHARGE:** 52.00/489-000
- i. Skelly & Loy in the amount of \$747.50 for Permitting/Growing Greener.
CHARGE: 53.00/436-313
- j. Washington Business District in the amount of \$9,278.67 for 2021 Assessment.
CHARGE: 01.60/400-300
- k. Skelly & Loy in the amount of \$1,955.00 for Permitting/ A/L. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-313 (PO 21-00647)
- l. Ally in the amount of \$24,372.40 for lease of two police cars. **CHARGE:** 77.00/410-700 (Police Capital Improvement) (PO 21-00650)
- m. WEWJA in the amount of \$3,125.00 for March 2021 Dye Tests. **CHARGE:** 01.34/413-240 (PO 21-00646)
- n. Campbell Durrant, P.C. in the amount of \$1,168.53 for Invoice 71530.
CHARGE: 01.13/404-314
- o. Dodaro, Matta and Cambest in the amount of \$824.50 for Invoice 10447.
CHARGE: 01.13/404-310

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

- a. Saints Construction LLC in the amount of \$48.40 for payment sent in error.
CHARGE: 01.00/362-641
- b. Capital Closings in the amount of \$225.00 for payment sent in error for 418 Broad Street Dye Test. **CHARGE:** 01.00/361-651
- c. Dorinda Sadler Martin in the amount of \$100.00 for Pavilion Rental Cancellation.
CHARGE: 01.00/367-673

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

- a. \$14,000.00 from line item 01.53/454-141 (Salary-Park Secretary) to 01.53/454-140 (Salary-Park Administrator) and amend the 2021 Salary Budget.
- b. \$18,500.00 from line item 01.53/454-172 (Wages-Temporary Pool Employees) to 01.53/454-140 (Salary-Park Administrator) and amend the 2021 Salary Budget
- c. \$3,500.00 from 01.55/459-541 General Fund-Festival/Civic Contributions to 01.53/454-459 Park-Special event expenses.
- d. \$1,000.00 from 01.53/454-211 Park-Swimming Pool Supplies to 01.53/454-459 Park-Special Event Expenses

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$105,445.00 to the Washington County Transportation Authority as operations local match for the 2020-2021 transit fiscal year (which ends June 30, 2021). **CHARGE:** 85.00/447-000

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously to donate Parcel 730-006-00-01-0003-00 to the Citywide Development Corporation.

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to end the emergency declaration declared by the City of Washington in response to COVID-19 retroactive to June 1, 2021.

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve the Landmark Cooperation RACP Agreement for East Maiden Street.

Motion was made by Councilman Staniszewski, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously to accept the resignation of Jared Anderson in the Park Department effective May 21, 2021, pay all monies due and amend the salary ordinance accordingly.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Staniszewski, and carried unanimously to hire Eric Bird as an Operator in the Public Works department, effective May 19, 2021, and amend the salary ordinance accordingly, pending physical and drug testing results.

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the military deployment of firefighter Chad Wehr from June 15, 2021 – August 15, 2021.

COMMENT: Mayor Putnam wished him well and thanked him for his service.

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve payment to R&R Fireworks in the amount of \$6,000.00 for the Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration. **CHARGE:** 01.53/454-459

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried to amend the 2021 Budget and Salary ordinance to create the position of Park Administrator at an hourly rate of \$33.33 per/hr. **CHARGE:** 01.53/454-140

ROLL CALL:

Councilman Staniszewski	- NO
Councilman Joe Pintola	- YES
Councilman Ken Westcott	- YES
Councilman Joe Manning	- YES
Mayor Scott Putnam	- YES

Motion was made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously to hire Deanna Martin as the Washington Park Administrator effective 7/19/2021 and amend the salary ordinance accordingly, pending physical and drug testing results.

ORDINANCES:

Motion failed to be made to approve **FINAL 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

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously, to table the **Final 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

Motion to approve **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 1952 BILL NO 4 of 2021**

AMEND AND EXTEND THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY 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.

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

Councilman Matt Staniszewski – NO REPORT

Councilman Joe Pintola- “Everything is good in the Fire Department.”

Councilman Ken Westcott – Thanked Council for their support in hiring employees for the street department.

Councilman Joe Manning – NO REPORT

Mayor Scott Putnam – Thanked the staff for everything they have done during Covid. Welcomed the residents back to Council Meetings this month.

Solicitor Jack Cambest – NO REPORT

The next scheduled Regular Council Meeting will be held on Thursday July 1, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers. The July Agenda Meeting will be held on Monday, June 28, 2021, at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers. CDC Protocols will be enforced.

The City of Washington Fireworks Display will be held on Friday, July 2, 2021, at the Washington Park.

The Pony League World Series will be held August 13-18, 2021, at the Lew Hays Pony Field.

City Hall will be closed on Monday, June 14, 2021, in observance of Flag Day.

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