



*Scott J. Putnam,  
Mayor*

# CITY OF WASHINGTON REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
October 7, 2021, 1:00 P.M.



## City Council

*Joe Manning, Councilman  
Ken Westcott, Councilman  
Matt Staniszewski,  
Councilman M.B.A., E.D.F.P.  
Joe Pintola, Councilman*

### ROLL CALL:

Councilman Matthew Staniszewski  
Councilman Joe Pintola  
Councilman Ken Westcott  
Councilman Joe Manning  
Mayor Scott Putnam

### SOLICITOR:

Jack Cambest, Esquire

### MOMENT OF SILENCE

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

1. **Motion** to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2021, 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 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:

### CLOSED TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

### THE SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICER BRITTAN LAIRD

**Civil Service Commissioner Richard Beck will present the new  
Civil Service Police Sergeant Eligibility List**

2. **Motion** to accept the Police Department Sergeant eligibility list.

3. **Motion** to approve promoting Cpl. Matthew Karlowsky to the rank of Sergeant effective October 8, 2021 and amend salary ordinance accordingly.
4. **Motion** to approve promoting Cpl. James Markley to the rank of Sergeant effective October 8, 2021 and amend salary ordinance accordingly.
5. **Motion** to approve promoting Cpl. Tony (K-9), to the rank of Sergeant effective October 8, 2021.

**Civil Service Commissioner Richard Beck will present the new  
Civil Service FIRE Captain and Engineer Eligibility Lists**

6. **Motion** to accept the Fire Department Captain eligibility list.
7. **Motion** to accept the Fire Department Engineer eligibility list.
8. **Motion** to approve promoting \_\_\_\_\_ to the rank of Fire Captain, effective October 8, 2021, and amend the salary ordinance accordingly.
9. **Motion** to approve promoting \_\_\_\_\_ to the rank of Fire Engineer, effective October 8, 2021, and amend the salary ordinance accordingly.
10. **Motion** to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as the Fire Department Chief, effective October 8, 2021, and amend the salary ordinance accordingly.
11. **Motion** to approve the following payments:
  - a. Campbell Durrant, P.C. in the amount of \$ 152.00 for Invoice 72219.  
**CHARGE:** 01.13/404-314 PENSION
  - b. Cambell Durrant, P.C. in the amount of \$415.07 for Invoice 71654.  
**CHARGE:** 01.13/404-314
  - c. WEWJA in the amount of \$3,250.00 for Invoice #13530. **CHARGE:**  
01.34/413-240
  - d. Washington Ford in the amount of \$3,337.15 for emergency repairs to the  
Park Department truck. **CHARGE:** 01.53/454-370
  - e. WEWJA in the amount of \$2,500.00 for Invoice #14288. **CHARGE:**  
01.34/413-240
  - f. Harshman CE Group LLC in the amount of \$5,246.50 for Invoices  
#2020805.04, #2020810.09, #2020811.03, #6, #2020823.01, #2020824.01  
**CHARGE:** 53.00/436-313

- g. LifeCore Fitness in the amount of \$1,298.00 for Invoice #SO125191.  
**CHARGE:** 99.00/411-700 (PEMA GRANT)
- h. Iron Company in the amount of \$5,942.44 for Invoice #JAS-29312.  
**CHARGE:** 99.00/411-700 (PEMA GRANT)
- i. Firehouse Entry Door in the amount of \$7,860.00 for Invoice #001124.  
**CHARGE:** 99.00/411-700 (PEMA GRANT)
- j. Skelly & Loy in the amount of \$5,896.46 for Invoice # TF71069. **CHARGE:**  
53.00/436-313
- k. Skelly & Loy in the amount of \$2,153.25 for Invoice # T571071. **CHARGE:**  
53.00/436-313
- l. Dodaro Matta & Cambest in the amount of \$3,831.33 for Invoice # 10559.  
**CHARGE:** 01.13/404-310
- m. County Hauling in the amount of \$35,058.35 for July 2021- September 2021  
Recycling Contract. **CHARGE:** 01.25/426-456
- n. County Hauling in the amount of \$167,156.10 for July 2021- September 2021  
Solid Waste Contract. **CHARGE:** 01.25/427-453
- o. WEWJA in the amount of \$3,125.00 for Invoice 15820. **CHARGE:**  
01.34/413-240
- p. Slusarczyk Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$4,200.00 for Invoice 6052.  
**CHARGE:** 53.00/436-313

12. **Motion** to approve the following transfers:

- a. \$4,000.00 from 01.53/454-175 Wages/Temp Park Employee to 01.53/454-370 Park  
Vehicle Maintenance. (P.O. 21-01387)
- b. \$618,849.45 from 29.00/492-900 (General Municipal Pension State Aid Fund) to  
01.00/392-900 (General Fund) for 2019 Pension State Aid Allocation.
- c. \$16,000.00 from 01.53/454-172 Salaries/Temp. Pool Employees to 01.53/454-211  
Swimming pool supplies

13. **Motion** to approve the following refund:

- a. Washington Financial Bank in the amount of \$380.72 for overpaid LERTA Escrow  
value change. **CHARGE:** 01/301-010
- b. MYTY LLC in the amount of \$52,385.42 for release of 890 Ewing Street Fire  
Escrow. **CHARGE:** 47/000-000

14. **Motion** to approve payment to PNC Bank in the amount of \$618,849.45 as payment of the 2021 State Aid Allocation. **CHARGE:** 01.60/483-534
15. **Motion** to approve payment to Citizens Library Association of Washington, PA in the amount of \$27,326.00 for the City's 2021 Appropriation. **CHARGE:** 01.54/456-520
16. **Motion** to adopt the 2022 Minimum Municipal Obligations as prepared by MMC&P.
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| Police Fund: | \$1,207,434.00       |
| Fire Fund:   | \$ 364,869.00        |
| O & E Fund:  | <u>\$ 156,747.00</u> |
|              | \$1,729,050.00       |
17. **Motion** to add revenue line 01.00/367-672 Park Special Event Fees to the budget.
18. **Motion** to approve payment to PNC Bank, in the amount of \$540,340.77 for Act 205 Pension Collections thru 9/14/21. **CHARGE:** 79.00/483-000. Act 205 Distressed Pension Fund.
19. **Motion** to approve payment to Citizens Library Association of Washington, PA in the amount of \$27,326.00 for the City's 2021 Appropriation. **CHARGE:** 01.54/456-520
20. **Motion** to authorize the purchase and payment for 100 parking meter coin chutes from Take a Powder, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$2,700. **CHARGE:** 17/445-240 City Parking Office Operating Expense and Maintenance
21. **Motion** to approve payment to Veltri Property Holdings LP, in the amount of \$21,733.06 for 1046-1050 Jefferson Avenue Fire Escrow refund. **CHARGE:** 47/000-000
22. **Motion** to approve the Residential Tax Abatement (LERTA) for 63 Sumner Avenue, Washington, PA, retroactive to January 2020.
23. **Motion** to approve the Residential Tax Abatement for (LERTA) for 65 Sumner Avenue, Washington PA, retroactive to January 2020.
24. **Motion** to allocate the remaining 2019 LSA Demo funds and a portion of the 2021 LSA Demo funds for the Millcraft building on Main Street and CDC building on West Chestnut Street.
25. **Motion** to approve repair of electric in Pool House and removal of electric and brackets in the pool by Schultz Electric for \$5,700. **CHARGE:** Swimming Pool Supplies 01.53/454-211

26. **Motion** to approve repair of electric in Pool and Tennis Center and Concessions not to exceed \$9,200.00 by Schultz Electric. **CHARGE:** Swimming Pool Supplies 01.53/454-211
27. **Motion** to amend the City of Washington Fee Schedule and increase the Fire Device (GAMEWELL BOX) Fee to \$3,900.00 to recover the cost of the device.
28. **Motion** to approve permission for the Sons of the American Revolution to place a Revolutionary Soldier Memorial Sign at the Memorial Sight that faces Walnut below Immaculate Conception Church.
29. **Motion** to approve assigning the postal mailing addresses of the Giant Eagle Get-Go as 104 East Wylie Avenue for the Kiosk and 140 East Wylie Avenue for the Store.
30. **Motion** to designate three handicapped parking spaces in Lot G off West Maiden Street.
31. **Motion** to amend the 2021 salary ordinance and accept the agreement between the City of Washington and SEIU 668/PSSU, CLC for a period of 10/7/21 - 12/31/2024.
32. **Motion** to increase the base rate of the Finance Clerk to \$19.10 per hour and amend the salary ordinance accordingly, effective 10/7/2021.
33. **Motion** to remove Bob Conner, public workers laborer, from probation effective September 15, 2021, and amend the salary ordinance accordingly.
34. **Motion** to enter into a contracted service agreement with Susan Bonus to perform clerical training as specified in agreement.
35. **Motion** to approve the settlement agreement in the matter at Docket No. 19-cv-113 and processing thereof.
36. **Motion** to approve payment to Palermo, Kissinger & Associates in the amount of \$22,600.00 for 2020 Audit Preparation services. **CHARGE:** 01.22/402-312.
37. **Motion** to approve payment to Traffic Control Equipment & Supplies in the amount of \$8,930.00 for replacement of a pedestrian pole on the corner of South College and East Beau Street. **CHARGE:** 03.00/433-378 Traffic Signal Maintenance (Travelers Insurance will reimburse City \$6,430.00)

**ORDINANCES:**

**FIRST READING of ORDINANCE 1953 BILL NO. 5 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 145 EAST WYLIE AVENUE.**

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Motion** to approve **Resolution 11 of 2021** for the submission of the 2022 LSA Code Enforcement Demolition Application with the ask of \$300,000 with a local match of \$50,000 CDBG Funds.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT:**

Councilman Matt Staniszewski –

Councilman Joe Pintola-

Councilman Ken Westcott –

Councilman Joe Manning –

Mayor Scott Putnam –

Solicitor Jack Cambest –

City Hall will be closed on Monday, October 11, 2021, in observance of Columbus Day. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 8:30 A.M.

The next scheduled Regular Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 4, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers. The November Agenda Meeting will be held on Monday, November 1, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Playground Fall Festival is scheduled for Thursday, October 14, 2021, from 4:30 P.M. until 6:30 P.M. This is a Trick or Treat Event.

Dark in the Park will be Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Light Scare from 7 P.M. until 8 P.M. and Full Scare from 8 P.M. until 10 P.M. at the Washington Park. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting.