



# CITY OF WASHINGTON REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING



WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
November 4, 2021 7:00 P.M.

*Scott J. Putnam, Mayor*

*City Council*

*Joe Manning, Councilman*

*Ken Westcott, Councilman*

*Matt Staniszewski, Councilman* MBA, EDFP

*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 October 7, 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**

2. **Motion** to promote \_\_\_\_\_, from the Civil Service Captain Eligibility List, effective November 5, 2021, and amend the salary ordinance accordingly.

**Richard Beck, Civil Service Chairman, will present the Fire Fighter Eligibility List of Three to City Council.**

3. **Motion** to hire \_\_\_\_\_, from the Civil Service Eligibility List effective November 29, 2021, amend the salary ordinance accordingly, pending results of the physical and drug testing.

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5. **Motion** to hire \_\_\_\_\_, from the Civil Service Eligibility List effective November 29, 2021, amend the salary ordinance accordingly, pending results of the physical and drug testing.

6. **Motion** to approve the following payments:

- a. WEWJA in the amount of \$4,000.00 for Invoice # 16023. **CHARGE:**  
01.34/413-240
- b. Dodaro Matta & Cambest in the amount of \$1,522.83 **CHARGE:** 01.13/404-310
- c. Campbell Durrant P.C. in the amount of \$1,051.40 for Invoice # 72396.  
**CHARGE:** 01.13/404-314 PENSION
- d. Skelly & Loy in the amount of \$2,494.80 for Invoice TF59915. **CHARGE:**  
53.00/436-313
- e. Kulak George Architects in the amount of \$620.00 for Invoice 21-267-04.  
**CHARGE:** 52.00/489-000
- f. Skelly & Loy in the amount of \$7,184.34 for Invoice TF83933. **CHARGE:**  
53.00/436-313
- g. Harshman CE Group LLC in the amount of \$1,750.00 for Invoices  
2020810.10, 2020811.04, 2020824.02. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-313
- h. Murphy Family in the amount of \$9,341.96 for Park Tractor emergency  
repairs. **CHARGE:** 46.00/454-700 (General Fund Reserve) P.O. 21-01595

- i. Glick Fire Equipment Co. in the amount of \$8,584.09 for Engine 54-2 Repair/Maintenance. **CHARGE:** 33/411-370
  - j. Municipal Consulting Services in the amount of \$3,000.00 for Invoice 4639. **CHARGE:** 01.34/413-240
  - k. Municipal Consulting Services in the amount of \$2,310.53 for Invoice 4617. **CHARGE:** 01.34413-240
  - l. Municipal Consulting Services in the amount of \$32,782.92 for Invoice 4648. **CHARGE:** 01.34/413-240
  - m. Z'S Collision in the amount of \$7591.73, for 2015 Ford Police Interceptor repairs. **CHARGE:** 75/489-000
  - n. Z'S Collision in the amount of \$3,418.91 for 2016 Ford Police Interceptor repairs. **CHARGE:** 75/489-000
7. **Motion** to approve the following refunds:
- a. Bobbie Rasel in the amount of \$225.00 for dye test payment sent in error. **CHARGE:** 01.00/361-651
  - b. Richard McFeely in the amount of \$225.00 for duplicate dye test payment sent in error. **CHARGE:** 01.00/361-651
  - c. Washington Financial Bank in the amount of \$588.06 for LERTA Refund for 2021 City Tax paid by Escrow for 63 Sumner Avenue. **CHARGE:** 01/301-010
  - d. Slovenian Savings and Loan in the amount of \$686.40 for LERTA Refund for 2021 City Tax paid by Escrow for 65 Sumner Avenue. **CHARGE:** 01/301-010
8. **Motion** to approve the request of TEA Real Estate, LLC to rezone the property located at 1090 Jefferson and 1099 Allison Avenue from GB – General Business to MD – Medical District.”
9. **Motion** to change the effective date of the SEIU Contract from October 7, 2021 to September 29, 2021, and amend the salary ordinance accordingly.
10. **Motion** to approve placing M.S. (Fire Dept) on Heart & Lung effective October 5, 2021.
11. **Motion** to approve the employment agreement between the City of Washington and Fire Chief Chris Richer retroactive to October 8, 2021 and amend the salary ordinance accordingly.
12. **Motion** to approve the site preparations for new restrooms at the Main Street Community Pavilion.

13. **Motion** to vacate City interest in the 20 feet of the paper ally known as Hawthorn Street to Dayna & Von Sage.
14. **Motion** to authorize payment to Truist Bank not to exceed \$40,000 towards the bond interest payment of the City of Washington Parking Authority due on November 15, 2021. **CHARGE:** 17/445-245 Operating Expenses/Crossroads Garage Debt
15. **Motion** to approve the site preparations for new restrooms at the Main Street Community Pavilion.
16. **Motion** to enter in to a 36-month agreement with Nextiva for hosted telephone services and equipment. Retain and upgrade as proposed all internet connectivity and add additional redundant failover connections to provide a total network for voice and data communications.
17. **Motion** to approve payment to First Security 4<sup>th</sup> quarter payment for the Guaranteed Energy Saving program in the amount of \$14,229.93 **CHARGE:** 01.52/409-368
18. **Motion** to approve payment to ALPHAconnectTel Technologies for the following one-time charge -breakdown as follows:

Gold Certified installation/configuration	\$6,500.00
Park Office – Wire Run	\$ 150.00
5 Hour Block of Hours	\$ 675.00
Fiber Run testing	\$ 600.00
Total amount \$7,925.00 <b>CHARGE:</b> 46.00/409-373	
19. Motion to approve payment to Nextiva for one time charge for phone equipment in the amount of \$2,161.00. **CHARGE:** 46.00/409-373
20. **Motion** to approve payment for one time charge to Connectel Wireless in the amount of \$2,045.00 **CHARGE:** 46.00/409-373 and enter into a month-to-month contract for wireless service for (5) locations at \$25.00 each month.
21. **Motion** to enter into an agreement with the Borough of East Washington for Fire Protection Services effective January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2031.
22. **Motion** to approve the 2022 Agenda & Regular Council Meeting Schedule:

**AGENDA MEETINGS\***

January 3rd, 2022 12:00 P.M.\*  
(Reorganization Meeting)

**COUNCIL MEETINGS\*\***

January 6th, 2022 1 P.M.\*\*

January 31st, 2022	February 3rd, 2022
February 28th, 2022	March 3rd, 2022
April 4th, 2022	April 7th, 2022
May 2nd, 2022 1 P.M.*	May 5th, 2022 1 P.M.**
June 6th, 2022	June 9th, 2022
July 11th, 2022	July 14th, 2022
August 1st, 2022	August 4th, 2022
August 29th, 2022	September 1st, 2022
October 3rd, 2022	October 6th, 2022
October 31st, 2022 1 P.M.*	November 3rd, 2022 1 P.M.**
December 5th, 2022	December 8th, 2022

\*All Agenda Meetings will be held at 6 P.M. unless otherwise noted.

\*\* All Council Meetings will be held at 7 P.M. unless otherwise noted.

General Work Sessions may be held Mondays and Thursdays between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 6 P.M.

All meetings will be held in Council Chambers, 55 West Maiden Street, Washington, PA unless otherwise noted.

**23. Motion** to approve the following 2022 Holiday Schedule

December 31, 2021	New Year's Day
January 17, 2022	Martin Luther King Jr Day
February 21, 2022	President's Day
April 15, 2022	Good Friday
May 30, 2022	Memorial Day
June 14, 2022	Flag Day
July 4, 2022	Independence Day
September 5, 2022	Labor Day
October 10, 2022	Columbus Day
November 11, 2022	Veterans Day
November 24, 2022	Thanksgiving Day
November 25, 2022	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 26, 2022	Christmas Holiday

**ORDINANCES:**

**24. FINAL 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.**

**25. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 1954 BILL NO. 6 of 2021**

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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES FOR THE CITY GOVERNMENT HEREAFTER SET FOR THE YEAR 2022.**

**BUDGET ORDINANCE**

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

**26. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 1955 BILL NO. 7 of 2021**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1356, CHAPTER 1, PART 2, APPOINTED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2022.**

**SALARY ORDINANCE**

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

**27. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 1956 BILL NO. 8 of 2021**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 1356, CHAPTER 24, PART 5, LEVYING A TAX AND FIXING A TAX RATE FOR ALL CITY PURPOSES ON THE VALUATION OF SUCH PROPERTY AS HAS BEEN OR MIGHT HEREAFTER BE ASSESSED AND SUBJECT TO TAXATION FOR THE YEAR 2022.**

**TAX ORDINANCE**

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

**28. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 1957 BILL NO 9 of 2021**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH PROHIBITING PARKING ON THE EAST SIDE OF COLLEGE STREET AT ALL TIMES.**

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

29.

**RESOLUTION 12 of 2021**

**APPROVE OF TRPIL SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION FOR REDEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE CAPITAL PROGRAM (RACP) FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF 1,500,000.00. THEY HAVE SECURED MATCHING FUNDING. THIS FUNDING REQUEST IS THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, UNDER STATE BUDGET AUTHORIZATION ACT NO. 2008-41, CITY OF WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZED 7/4/2008, PER AMOUNT OF \$4,000,000.00, AND DESCRIBED IN THE ACT AS “CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER RELATED FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF MAIN AND MAIDEN STREETS.”**

**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 Thursday, November 11, 2021 in observance of Veterans Day.

Offices will reopen on Friday, November 12, 2021 at 8:30 A.M.

City Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 25 and November 26 in observance of Thanksgiving. Offices will reopen on Monday, November 29, 2021 at 8:30 A.M.

The next scheduled Regular Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 9, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers. The December Agenda Meeting will be held on Monday, December 6, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting.