



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



***Scott J. Putnam,
Mayor***

***City Council
Joe Manning, Councilman
Ken Westcott, Councilman
Matt Staniszewski, Councilman
Joe Pintola, Councilman***

ROLL CALL:

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| Councilman Matt Staniszewski | Absent |
| Councilman Joe Pintola | Present |
| Councilman Ken Westcott | Present |
| Councilman Joe Manning | Present |
| Mayor Scott Putnam | Present by Telephone |

SOLICITOR:

Jack Cambest

MOMENT OF SILENCE: For the 700,000 lives lost to Covid-19 and for their families and everyone affected by it.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to accept the September 2, 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:

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED:

THE SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICER BRITTAN LAIRD

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

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to accept the Police Department Sergeant eligibility list.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve promoting Cpl. Matthew Karlowsky to the rank of Sergeant effective October 8, 2021, and amend salary ordinance accordingly.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve promoting Cpl. James Markley to the rank of Sergeant effective October 8, 2021, and amend salary ordinance accordingly.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously approve promoting Cpl. Tony (K-9), to the rank of Sergeant effective October 8, 2021.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously accept the Fire Department Captain eligibility list.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously and carried unanimously to accept the Fire Department Engineer eligibility list.

No Motion was made to approve promoting _____ to the rank of Fire Captain, effective October 8, 2021, and amend the salary ordinance accordingly.

Motion was made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to Table the approval to promote _____ to the rank of Fire Captain, effective October 8, 2021, and amend the salary ordinance accordingly.

Motion was made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve promoting Patrick Bell to the rank of Fire Engineer, effective October 8, 2021, and amend the salary ordinance accordingly.

Motion was made by Councilman Pinotla, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to appoint Chris Richer as the Fire Department Chief, effective October 8, 2021, and amend the salary ordinance accordingly.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously 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 P.O. 21
- 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 Sales Order #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

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously 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

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously 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:** 47/389-830

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously 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

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously 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

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously 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 |

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to add revenue line 01.00/367-672 Park Special Event Fees to the budget.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to PNC Bank, in the amount of \$540,340.77 for Act 205 Pension Collections thru 9/14/21. **CHARGE:** 79.00/483-000

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously 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

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve payment to Veltri Property Holdings LP, in the amount of \$21,733.06 for 1046-1050 Jefferson Avenue Fire Escrow Refund. **CHARGE:** 47/389-830

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve Residential Tax Abatement (LERTA) for 63 Sumner Avenue, Washington, PA, retroactive to January 2020.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve Residential Tax Abatement for (LERTA) for 65 Sumner Avenue, Washington PA, retroactive to January 2020.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously 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.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously, 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

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously 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

Motion was made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously 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.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to place a Revolutionary Soldier Memorial Sign at the Memorial Sight that faces Walnut below Immaculate Conception Church.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously 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.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to designate three handicapped parking spaces in Lot G off West Maiden Street.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously 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.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to increase the base rate of the Finance Clerk to \$19.10 per hour and amend the salary ordinance accordingly, effective 10/7/2021.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to remove Bob Conner, public workers laborer, from probation effective September 15, 2021, and amend the salary ordinance accordingly.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to enter into a contracted service agreement with Susan Bonus to perform clerical training as specified in agreement.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the settlement agreement in the matter at Docket No. 19-cv-113 and processing thereof.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve payment to Palermo, Kissinger & Associates in the amount of \$22,600.00 for 2020 Audit Preparation services. **CHARGE:** 01.22/402-312.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously 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 was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously 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 Official Reports:

Councilman Matt Staniszewski – Absent

Councilman Joe Pintola- No Report

Councilman Ken Westcott – The Planner back and working again at the Street Department.

Councilman Joe Manning –

Mayor Scott Putnam-

**Motion was made by Mayor Putnam, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and
unanimously carried, to pay Schultz Electric \$2,200.00 for 2 Surge Suppressors at the
Police Department. CHARGE:**

Solicitor Jack Cambest – No Report

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

CITY OF WASHINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA

BY:



Scott J. Putnam, Mayor

ATTEST:



Michelle R. Sperl, City Clerk