



**CITY OF WASHINGTON**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**August 5, 2021 7 P.M.**



*Scott J. Putnam,  
 Mayor*

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

**Motion** was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried to accept the July 1, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Councilman Staniszewski: ABSTAIN** (Not present at July 1, 2021 Meeting)  
**Councilman Pintola: YES**  
**Councilman Westcott: YES**  
**Councilman Manning: YES**  
**Mayor 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:**

**Tom Hincy/2147 Shawnee Drive:** Commented what a blessing it is that DeAnna Martin has been appointed as the new Washington Park Director. Thanked City Council for the support of the Pickleball Courts. Stated that they will have a May 2022 Pickleball Tournament.

**Fern Sibert/486 Addison Street:** Gifted the City with a Trash Sign for the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward Playground. Stated that the kids at the playground have been respectful with the flowers that her group planted at the playground. Stated that the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward Playground isn't always opened in the morning and asked if it could be opened by 7 am so she can clean there. Her group of volunteers is cleaning up trash on Jefferson and East Maiden the week of the Pony League World Series and will do so again before the Italian Festival.

**Mike Wise/257 Brookside Avenue:** Stated that he was called a racial slur by an employee of County Hauling. Stated that the employees will not pick up his trash, told him that his bag(s) of trash are too heavy. Said that they throw his trash cans on his flower beds intentionally. He called the police with the incident regarding the County Hauling employee and Chief Wilson stated that the County Hauling employee was arrested. Mr. Wise stated that this employee is still working for County Hauling but because he requested that this employee no longer be on his trash route that he must wait to have his trash picked up when County Hauling has the time. Stated that it took two weeks to get trash picked up last time. He asked Council what their plan is to get rid of County Hauling for the rest of the Contract. Councilman Manning explained that this was a Bid Contract and that the Solicitor will have to look into their Performance Bond.

**Andrew Goudy/68 Highland Avenue:** Mr. Goudy stated that at the May meeting when Councilman Westcott made the motion to table the Ordinance to create a Civilian Police Review Board and Council unanimously voted to table the Ordinance that the mayor agreed to schedule a meeting with the NAACP and the FOP to continue the conversation about how to move forward with the Review Board. He asked if any meetings had occurred because if they had that the NAACP has not been invited to attend them. He stated that this was two months ago, and they are still waiting to hear from the mayor. He stated that he had received a letter from the Chief of Police, Chief Wilson.

Councilman Westcott stated that he made the motion to table the Ordinance because litigation with the FOP is a concern.

Mayor Putnam stated that the Morgantown, W.Va litigation, regarding a similar review board, remains a concern for council and that he had not yet scheduled a meeting.

Councilman Manning stated that he had previously told Mr. Goudy that he felt the City of Washington had been singled out and that he had suggested that a police review board will be better at the County Level rather than the municipal level as the district attorney's office could conduct independent investigations of alleged misconduct of any police department in Washington County.

**Phyllis Waller/140 Erie Street:** Asked for street signs that are missing on Linn Avenue/Murtland, Erie Street from Ridge and Hallam Avenue from Ridge. Stated that a new sign is need for DO NOT SPEED Sign on Linn Avenue. The current one is unreadable. Asked who owns 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Wants the City to look into renaming a Street. Two years ago, Mr. Bunner's WHS History Class made a proposal to Council to do so. The class was advised regarding the steps and procedure needed to begin the process, but they never came back to Council with the information. Mr. Bunner has since retired from Washington School District.

**Joe DeThomas/106 Elm Street:** Thanked City Council for their support for the successful Whiskey Rebellion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED:**

**CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONER RICHARD BECK PRESENTED  
CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBILITY LISTS**

**Motion** was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Staniszewski, and carried unanimously to accept and certify the new Police Lieutenant Eligibility List.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Staniszewski, and carried unanimously to approve promoting Sgt. Ben Borowski to the rank of Lieutenant effective August 6, 2021, and amend the salary ordinance accordingly.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Staniszewski, and carried unanimously to approve promoting Sgt. Jack Hancock to the rank of Lieutenant effective August 7, 2021, and amend the salary ordinance accordingly.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Staniszewski, and carried unanimously to approve promoting Sgt. Steve Devenney to the rank of Lieutenant effective August 8, 2021, and amend the salary ordinance accordingly.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Staniszewski, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously to approve promoting Cpl. John Hritz to the rank of Sergeant retroactive to August 6, 2021, and amend the salary ordinance accordingly.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously, to Table hiring \_\_\_\_\_ as a Police Officer from the current Civil Service Eligibility List effective \_\_\_\_\_, pending a background investigation, physical and drug screening.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously, to Table hiring \_\_\_\_\_ as a firefighter from the current Civil Service Eligibility List effective August 16, 2021, pending a background investigation, physical and drug screening.

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

- a. WEWJA in the amount of \$3,625.00 for Invoice #15691 June Dye Tests.  
**CHARGE:** 01.34/413-240
- b. Skelly and Loy in the amount of \$3,225.00 for A/L Extra Survey. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-313
- c. Skelly and Loy in the amount of \$371.25 for MS4 Permit-Year One.  
**CHARGE:** 53.00/436-313
- d. Skelly and Loy in the amount of \$1,355.00 for GG Invoice # TF33268.  
**CHARGE:** 53.00/436-313
- e. George R. Smalley Co. in the amount of \$5,311.00 for Pavilion 1 Electric.  
**CHARGE:** 52.00/489-000
- f. George R. Smalley Co. in the amount of \$1,094.00 for Extra Conduit Work.  
**CHARGE:** 52.00/489-000
- g. First Security Finance in the amount of \$14,229.94 for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (2021) Guaranteed Energy Savings. **CHARGE:** 01.52/409-368
- h. Harshman CE Group LLC in the amount of 1,778.50 for Invoices 20.208.18.1, 20.208.20.1, 20.208.15.3, 20.208.12.4, 20.208.14.5, 20.208.10.7. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-313
- i. Lynn Huseman in the amount of \$500.00 for insurance liability deductible.  
**CHARGE:** 01.42/430-370
- j. Harrisburg Community College \$3,975.00 (Fire Training & Schooling C. Wehr) Invoice #S1851594. **CHARGE:** 01-33-411-266
- k. Vermeer Sales in the amount of \$3,248.45 Invoice #C04280 for chipper repair  
**CHARGE:** 01.42/430-370 (Public Works- Vehicle Maintenance) (PO #21-01018)
- l. Municipal Consulting Services in the amount of \$10,299.83 for Invoice 4485.  
**CHARGE:** 01.34/413-240
- m. Traffic Control in the amount of \$3,795.00 for Invoice #S2907. **CHARGE:** 03.00/433-378
- n. U.S. Municipal in the amount of \$2,917.50 for Invoice #6186017. **CHARGE:** 01.42/430-210
- o. West Penn Power in the amount of \$3,010.82 for Street Light. **CHARGE:** 03.00/433-361
- p. Dodaro, Matta and Cambest in the amount of \$2,256.50 for Invoice 10469. **CHARGE:** 01.13/404-310
- q. Slusarczk Excavating LLC, in the amount of \$6,800.00 for Linn Avenue

- Storm Void Repair Payment #1. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-682.
- r. Slusarczk Excavating LLC, in the amount of \$2,800.00 for West Prospect Storm Installation Payment #2. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-682.
- s. Slusarczk Excavating LLC, in the amount of \$13,765.00 for Woodland Avenue Pipe replacement, manhole installation and roadway repair. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-682.
- t. Slusarczk Excavating LLC, in the amount of \$5,595.00 for North Jefferson Inlet Replacement. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-682.
- u. Slusarczk Excavating LLC, in the amount of \$13,925.00 for South Jefferson Inlet and Pipe Replacement. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-682.
- v. Slusarczk Excavating LLC, in the amount of \$1,665.00 for Wylie Avenue Storm Top Replacements Payment No. 1 (FINAL) **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-682.
- w. Youngblood Paving Inc, in the amount of \$143,117.50 for West Walnut Street Improvements for Payment No. 1 (FINAL) **CHARGE:** 03.00/436-000
- x. Skelly and Loy, in the amount of \$4,597.50 for Invoice TF45090. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-313
- y. Interstate Pipe & Supply Co. in the amount of \$3,666.00 for Solid IB Pipe. **CHARGE:** 01.53/436-682
- z. Interstate Pipe & Supply Co. in the amount of \$1,392.00 for Solid IB Pipe. **CHARGE:** 01.53/436-682

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

- a. \$30,000.00 from 80.00/492-900-EIP Fund to 52.00/392-900- Park Development Fund.
- b. \$69,000.00 from 80.00/492-900 -EIP Fund to 46.00/392-900 - General Fund Reserve. (Earmarked for 46.00/454-700)

**Motion** was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously, to approve the retirement of James R. Moore from the Public Works department effective September 7, 2021, and amend the salary ordinance and pay all monies due.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Staniszewski, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously to approve contributing the amount of \$2,000.00 to World Series Tournaments, Inc for the 2021 Pony League World Series. **CHARGE:** 01.55/459-541 (**PO # 21-01049**)

**Motion** was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously to remove R.C. (Public Works Dept) from Workers Compensation Benefits effective July 6, 2021.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Staniszewski, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously to approve the Police Department to apply for a Federal Grant for Small, Rural and Tribal Body Worn Camera Program, at a 1-1 match, amount not to exceed \$32,000.00.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously to enter into a Master Equity Lease Agreement between the City of Washington and Enterprise FM Trust.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously to enter into a Maintenance Agreement between the City of Washington and Enterprise Fleet Management Inc.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to enter into a Maintenance Management and Fleet Rental Agreement between the City of Washington and Enterprise Fleet Management Inc.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to purchase the EDMUNDS Parks & Recreation Module in the amount of \$8,370.00 **CHARGE:** 46.00-454-700

**Motion** was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to advertise for the position of City Administrator.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve purchase of flooring for the Park Office from Lowe's not to exceed \$3,000.00. **CHARGE:** 52.00/489-000 (Park Development Fund)

**Motion** was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Staniszewski, and carried unanimously to accept the resignation of Janice Stift, Solid Waste Clerk in the Tax Office, pay all monies due and amend the salary ordinance.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Staniszewski, and carried unanimously to advertise for the Solid Waste Clerk in the Tax Office.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously to authorize the purchase of a utility vehicle for the City Parking Office from Bobcat through COSTARS Contract at a cost not to exceed \$25,000. **CHARGE:** 77.00/445-700 (Capital Improvements - Parking Department)

**Motion** was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of a new Nikon D7500 DSLR W/18-140Vr camera and Lens Camera at a cost not to exceed \$3,026.83 for the Police Department. **CHARGE:** 81.00/489-000.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Motion** was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Staniszewski, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 10 of 2021** for Sons and Daughters of Italy PRIMO ITALIANO LODGE 2800 to erect banners advertising for the Italian Festival September 25, 2021.

**Elected Official Reports:**

**Councilman Matt Staniszewski** – No Report

**Councilman Joe Pintola**- No Report

**Councilman Ken Westcott** – Advised Ms. Waller that he would look into replacing the Linn Avenue Street Signs and the Speed Limit sign on Linn.

**Councilman Joe Manning** – No Report

**Mayor Scott Putnam** – Thanked the staff for all their hard work.

**Solicitor Jack Cambest** – NO REPORT

The next scheduled Regular Council Meeting will be held on Thursday September 2, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers. The September Agenda Meeting will be held on Monday, August 30, 2021, at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers.

City Hall Offices will be closed on Monday, September 6, 2021 in Observance of Labor Day. Offices will reopen on Friday, September 7, 2021 at 8:30 A.M.

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

**CITY OF WASHINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA**

**BY:**



**Scott J. Putnam, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**



**Michelle R. Sperl, City Clerk**