



CITY OF WASHINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
September 2, 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: Best of Luck to all schools this year and the graduating seniors.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously to accept the August 5, 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:

Nancy Herman-22 South College Street: Complaints regarding landlord. Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Donatelli responded that the landlord had complied with the citations code enforcement had issued. He stated the landlord stated that the tenants have not paid rent and owe him a significant amount of money and that tenants have been refusing to give him access to the apartment. Ms. Herman denied that they have not granted permission for landlord to get into apartment and stated that the issues she has complained about to code enforcement have not been addressed.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED:

Motion was made by Councilman Staniszewski, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously to approve the hiring of Britton Lair from the Civil Service list of Police Eligibility List for New Hires, effective date to be determined, and amend the salary ordinance, pending a background investigation, physical and drug screening.

Motion made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Staniszewski, and carried unanimously to approve the Civil Service Commission to start the process for a new Police Eligibility for New Hires.

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to accept the Retirement of Captain Steve Robertson from the Police Department effective September 14, 2021, at 1600hrs., amend the salary ordinance accordingly, and pay all monies due.

COMMENT: Mayor and City Council wished Captain Robertson well on his retirement and thanked him for his service with the City.

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Staniszewski, and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of 6 tasers and accessories at a cost of \$11,912.91:

CHARGE: 77.00/410-700

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

- a. Harshman CE Group LLC in the amount of \$4,362.50 for Invoices 2020805.3, 2020810.8, 2020812.5, 2020815.4, 2020817.3, 2020820.2, 2020821., 2020822.01

CHARGE: 53.00/436-313

- b. Municipal Consulting Services in the amount of \$9,633.72 for Invoice #

CHARGE: 01.34/413-240 (P.O. 21-01202)

- c. Glick Fire Equipment Company in the amount of \$5,546.61 for Engine Repair.

CHARGE: 33/411-370 (Vehicle Maintenance and Repair)

- d. Clint Evans in the amount of \$8,542.59 for Park Shelter #1 Repairs. **CHARGE:** 52.00/489-00 (Park Development Fund)

- e. Dodaro, Matta and Cambest in the amount of \$3,035.46 for Invoice 10525.

CHARGE: 01.13/404-310

- f. Slusarczk Excavating, LLC, in the amount of \$6,754.00 for Dunn Avenue Void Repair/Payment No.1. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-313

- g. Skelly & Loy in the amount of \$11,325.32 for Invoice #TE84409. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-313

- h. George Smalley in the amount of 7,783.50 for Invoice #E2596-07. **CHARGE:** 52.00/489-000

- i. George Smalley in the amount of \$2,990.00 for Invoice 89031. **CHARGE:** 77.00/454-700

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

- a. \$35,000.00 from 01.34/413-131 BCO to 01.34/413-240 Operating expenses
- b. \$1,500.00 from 01.24/403-236 Del. Tax to 01.24/403-325 Postage
- c. \$15,000.00 from 01.17/445-151 Collection Clerk to 01.34/413-240 Operating expenses
- d. \$3,700.00 from 01.33/411-376 Fire Alarm Maintenance to 01.33/411-375 Fire alarm boxes
- e. \$10,000.00 from 01.17/445-151 Collection Clerk to 01.17/445-157 Meter Repair

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

- a. Chad & Jacqueline E. Newman in the amount of \$3,414.22 for 2020 & 2021 Washington County Value Change. **CHARGE:** 01.00/301-010

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously to approve permitting the Buffalo Land Company to create the following Suite Numbers for the building located at 70 East Beau Street. Parcel # 740-001-00-01-0023-00: Suites 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900, 1000,1100.

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Staniszewski, and carried unanimously to approve payment to the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Washington for the 1% RACP Grant Fee according to the Cooperation Agreement dated November 23, 2010, in the amount of \$3,500 **CHARGE:** 96.00/489-000

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to accept the resignation of Patti Chappel, Deputy Treasurer, effective September 6, 2021, amend the salary ordinance and pay all monies due.

Motion was made by Councilman Staniszewski, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously to appoint Deanna Coughenour to the position of Deputy Treasurer, effective September 7, 2021, and amend the salary ordinance accordingly.

Motion was made by Councilman Staniszewski, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve the hiring of Lori Lawton, as a tax office clerk, effective September 13, 2021, at the S.E.I.U. contract rate, and amend the salary ordinance accordingly, pending background and drug testing results.

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve the hiring of Tammy Amon, as a tax office clerk, effective September 13, 2021, at the S.E.I.U. contract rate, and amend the salary ordinance accordingly, pending background and drug testing results.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously to remove Eric Bird from probationary status retroactive to August 16, 2021.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously to remove Nicholas Bryant from probation status retroactive to August 14, 2021.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously to approve the hiring of Doug Sibert as Public Works Department Laborer, effective September 7, 2021, at a rate of \$22.87, and amend the salary ordinance accordingly, pending physical and drug testing results.

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve payment to Electronic Alarm Systems in the amount of \$2,372.00 for security cameras at the park office as per safety committee recommendations. **CHARGE:** 77.00/407-700 (Capital Improvement Fund)

ROLL CALL:

Councilman Matt Staniszewski	NO
Councilman Joe Pintola	YES
Councilman Ken Westcott	YES
Councilman Joe Manning	YES

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve the City of Washington Fleet Policy.

COMMENT: Mayor Putnam thanked Chief Wilson and City Clerk Michelle Sperl for taking care of this.

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve the Annual Lease Cost for the vehicles listed below from Enterprise Fleet Management Inc. **CHARGE:** 77.00/410-700

Total Annual Lease Cost

\$42,627.84

Department	Year	Make / Model	Quantity	Term	Total Annual Cost Including Maintenance by Quantity
Police	2021	Chevrolet Traverse-with lights/siren	3	60	\$23,182.92
Fire	2021	Ford - F250 XL 4x4 Crew Cab	1	60	\$7,639.80
Fire	2021	Ford - F350 XLT 4x4 Crew Cab with bed cap/slide and lights	1	60	\$11,805.12

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the retirement of Gerald Coleman, Fire Chief, effective September 10, 2021, amend the salary ordinance accordingly, and pay all monies due.

COMMENTS: Mayor and City Council wished Chief Coleman well and thanked him for his service to the City of Washington

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve a mask mandate for all employees and visitors while inside any City of Washington building effective Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

COMMENTS: Councilman Staniszewski asked if the Safety Committee is who suggested this and stated that he had Covid and thinks that this is ridiculous.

Councilman Manning stated: “I never thought Matt and I would be on the same page especially since I was on the Covid Task Force, but the government has done everything they can. When does the government stop intervening?”

ROLL CALL: Councilman Matt Staniszewski NO

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

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Staniszewski, and carried unanimously to approve the City of Washington Trick or Treat to be held from 5:30 PM until 7:00 PM on Sunday, October 31, 2021.

Elected Official Reports:

Councilman Matt Staniszewski – No Report

Councilman Joe Pintola- No Report

Councilman Ken Westcott – Advised that the street dept is paving and trying to stay ahead of the weather. Stated that the city dodged a bullet with yesterday’s storm. Stated that the roof at the Stone Pavilion is being repaired. It was recently replaced, and the contractor had to come back to make repairs.

Councilman Joe Manning – Stated “The best thing we’ve done was hire Deanna Martin as the Park Administrator.” Commented that this fall Dark in the Park is back at the park. Congratulated Chief Coleman and Captain Robertson on their retirements.

Mayor Scott Putnam – No Report

Solicitor Jack Cambest – No Report

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

CITY OF WASHINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA

BY:



Scott J. Putnam, Mayor

ATTEST:



Michelle R. Sperl, City Clerk