



**CITY OF WASHINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
November 4, 2021 7 P.M.**



Scott J. Putnam, Mayor

City Council

Joe Manning, Councilman

Ken Westcott, Councilman

Matt Staniszewski, 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: Moment for those less fortunate.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried, to accept the October 7, 2021, Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

ROLL CALL:

Councilman Matt Staniszewski	ABSTAIN (Not Present at 10-7-21 meeting)
Councilman Joe Pintola	YES
Councilman Ken Westcott	YES
Councilman Joe Manning	YES
Mayor Scott 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:

DeAnna Martin, Park Director- Thanked everyone who supported Dark in the Park this year. Said that they had 890 signed waivers over 2 nights. Huge success despite the rain. Thanked all of the volunteers and Supportive Concepts for making this event a success.

Georgianne Farkas-395 West Chestnut: Asked what was being done regarding the swimming pool. DeAnna Martin, Park Director, advised that City Council previously approved repairs and that they are moving forward. Farkas then asked what about providing shade at the pool and Deanna Martin stated that she would look into that.

Kim Campbell-760 McKinley Avenue: Stated that her street needs repairs in front of her home. Councilman Westcott stated that he had already sent someone to look at it and they would cold patch it now and fix permanently in the spring.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED:

THE SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICER BRITTAN LAIRD

Motion was made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Staniszewski, and carried unanimously, to promote Chuck Nourigat, 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.

Motion was made by Councilman Staniszewski, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously, to hire Richard Norman, from the Civil Service Eligibility List, effective November 29, 2021, amend the salary ordinance accordingly, pending results of the physical and drug testing.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Staniszewski, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously, to hire Joseph Wasik, from the Civil Service Eligibility List, effective November 29, 2021, amend the salary ordinance accordingly, pending results of the physical and drug testing.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Staniszewski, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously, to hire Alex Gates, from the Civil Service Eligibility List, effective November 29, 2021, amend the salary ordinance accordingly, pending results of the physical and drug testing.

COMMENT: Mayor Putnam thanked the Civil Service Commission for all of their hard work.

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

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

Motion was made by Councilman Staniszewski, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and was not carried, 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.

ROLL CALL:

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

COMMENT: Mayor Putnam and Councilman Westcott both stated that while they understand the need for facilities such as the one proposed, they did not agree that rezoning for that purpose was appropriate.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Staniszewski, and carried unanimously, to change the effective date of the SEIU Contract from October 7, 2021 to September 29, 2021, and amend the salary ordinance accordingly.

Motion was made by Councilman Staniszewski, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously, to approve placing M.S. (Fire Dept) on Heart & Lung effective October 5, 2021.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Staniszewski, and carried unanimously, to approve the site preparations for new restrooms at the Main Street Community Pavilion.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Staniszewski, and carried unanimously, to vacate City interest in the 20 feet of the paper ally known as Hawthorn Street to Dayna & Von Sage.

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

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

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Staniszewski, and carried unanimously, to approve payment to First Security 4th quarter payment for the Guaranteed Energy Saving program in the amount of \$14,229.93 **CHARGE:** 01.52/409-368

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously, to approve payment to ALPHAconnecTel 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 **CHARGE:**46.00/409-373

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously, to approve payment to Nextiva for one time charge for phone equipment in the amount of \$2,161.00. **CHARGE:** 46.00/409-373

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

Motion was made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously, to enter into an agreement with the Borough of East Washington for Fire Protection Services effective January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2031.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Staniszewski, and carried unanimously, 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 5 th , 2022 1 P.M.**
June 6 th , 2022	June 9 th , 2022
July 11 th , 2022	July 14th, 2022
August 1st, 2022	August 4 th , 2022
August 29 th , 2022	September 1st, 2022
October 3rd, 2022	October 6 th , 2022
October 31st, 2022 1 P.M.*	November 3rd, 2022 1 P.M.**
December 5 th , 2022	December 8 th , 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.

Motion was made by Councilman Staniszewski, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously, 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:

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously, to approve the **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.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 1954 BILL NO. 6 of 2021

ORDINANCE 1954 BILL NO. 6 of 2021

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****

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*****

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*****

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 1957 BILL NO 9 of 2021

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

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously, to approve **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 Official Reports:

Councilman Matt Staniszewski –No Report

Councilman Joe Pintola- Read the Fire Report for October

Councilman Ken Westcott –Advised that Leaf Pickup has begun and will stop upon the first snow fall.

Councilman Joe Manning – Congratulated the new Fire Captain and welcomed the three new Fire Fighters

Mayor Scott Putnam- Welcomed and congratulated the new Fire fighters and new Fire Captain. Asked that residents support small businesses in Washington and especially on Small Business Saturday, November 27, 2021.

Solicitor Jack Cambest – No Report 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.

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