

Scott J. Putnam, Mayor

CITY OF WASHINGTON REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL December 9, 2021 7 P.M. via ZOOM



<u>City Council</u> Joe Manning, Councilman Ken Westcott, Councilman

Matt Staniszewski, Councilman

ROLL CALL:

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

SOLICITOR:

Jack Cambest

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman

Manning, and carried unanimously, to accept the November 4, 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:

Phyllis Waller: We are requesting that Sixth Street that runs off Central Avenue and Forrest Avenue in Sixth Ward be renamed Frances Vactor Way. There are no homes or businesses on Sixth Street.

Respectfully, Phyllis L. Waller Helen Dates Robert C. Griffin Ardella Bryant

Mayor Putnam advised Ms. Waller that he and Councilman Westcott are in support of this. They will discuss with the Solicitor and have placed on the January Agenda for a 1st Reading.

Ms. Waller asked that further discussions be made regarding renaming a street in honor of Louis Waller.

Police Chief, Robert Wilson: Thanked Councilman Manning for his 30 years of service to the City as a Fireman and as a City Councilman. Thanked him for everything he did for the City and employees.

City Clerk, Michelle Sperl: Thanked Councilman Manning for always helping the employees at City Council with everything they asked of him. Stated that the employees at City Hall will truly miss him as a Councilman.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED:

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

 a. S.E. Schultz Electric in the amount of \$3,277.39 for Invoice 7105. CHARGE: 01.52/409-374

- b. Police Consulting Services in the amount of \$3,248.80 for Background Checks. CHARGE: 01.15/410-266 (P.O. 21-01712)
- wEWJA in the amount of \$2,750.00 for Invoice # 204. CHARGE:
 01.34/413-240
- d. Blue Bastion in the amount of \$1,943.60 for Invoice B44405. CHARGE: 96.00/407-000
- e. Ideal Integrations in the amount of \$315.80 for Invoice B44294. CHARGE: 96.00/407-000
- f. Ideal Integrations in the amount of \$8,022.81 for Invoice B44360. CHARGE: 96.00/407-000
- g. WEWJA in the amount of \$3,000.00 for Invoice 15936. CHARGE:
 01.34/413-240
- h. Dodaro Matta and Cambest in the amount \$2,498.75 for Invoice 10634.
 CHARGE: 01.13/404-310.
- Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection in the amount of \$500.00 for Invoice 1208445. CHARGE: 53.00/489-000 (ANNUAL NOI)
- j. AgRecycle in the amount of \$2,520.00 for Req. #1/Composting Cnt. 2021-2022 Invoice N567701. CHARGE: 57.00/489-000
- k. AgRecycle in the amount of \$1080.80 for Req. #2/Composting Cnt. 2020-2021 Invoice N566499. CHARGE: 57.00/489-000
- Skelly and Loy in the amount of \$1,143.65 for Invoice TF97597. CHARGE: 53.00/436-313
- m. Skelly and Loy in the amount of \$3,252.15 for Invoice TF84103. CHARGE: 53.00/436-313
- n. Skelly and Loy in the amount \$4,654.80 for Invoice TF97610.0 CHARGE: 53.00/436-313
- o. Glick Fire Equipment in the amount of \$8,584.09 for Engine 54-2 Repairs.
 CHARGE: 01.33/411-370
- p. Harshman CE Group in the amount of \$2,932.25 for invoices #2020810.11, 20.208.14, 2020815.04, 2020823.02, 2020827.01, 2020828.01, 2020829.01.
 CHARGE: 53.00/436-313
- q. Recreonics, Inc. in the amount of \$8,947.17 for replacement of 2 diving boards at the park pool. CHARGE: 77.00/454-700 Park-Capital Improvements.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously, to remove M.S. Fire Department from Heart and Lung effective 11/13/21.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously, to approve payment to PNC Bank in the amount of \$373,280.00 for the city's final 2021 MMO contribution to the pension fund. **CHARGE:** 01.60/483-533 (General Fund- Pension Contributions)

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, carried unanimously, to authorize the treasurer to pay off the 2021 TAN Loan to Huntington Bank in the amount of: Principal: \$1,000,000.00, CHARGE: 01.90/471-600 & Interest (as per payoff quote) CHARGE: 01.90/470-600

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously, to approve payment to PNC Bank, in the amount of \$235,426.00 for Act 205 Pension Collections thru 11/30/2021. **CHARGE:** 79.00/483-000. Act 205 Distressed Pension Fund.

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, carried unanimously to adopt the 2022 Revised Minimum Municipal Obligations at prepared by Mockenhaupt & Associates in the total amount of \$1,890,398.00.

Police Plan - \$1,193,619.00 Fire Plan - \$461,353.00 General Plan - \$235,426.00

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously, to approve the Washington Financial Bank 2022 Tax Anticipation Note at a rate of 1.02%. Value of the note is \$1,000,000.00.

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE, SERIES 2022 WITH THE TERMS SET FORTH IN THE FOREGOING AND ATTACHED

CERTIFICATE AND TRANSMITTAL; APPROVING A FORM OF NOTE; AUTHORIZING DESIGNATED OFFICERS TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER THE NOTE; AUTHORIZING AND

DIRECTING THE FILING OF PROCEEDINGS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY

OF THE NOTE; MAKING CERTAIN FEDERAL INCOME TAX COVENANTS IN RESPECT OF THE NOTE; ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF WASHINGTON FINANCIAL.

CORPORATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE NOTE; AND REPEALING INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously, to approve McKean's Plumbing and Heating the semi-annual maintenance for heating and air conditioning at a cost of \$4,895.00. Agreement runs from 01-01-2022 to 12-31-2022.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously, to remove Douglas Sibert from probation and is now classified as a full time Public Works Laborer effective December 5, 2021.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously, to remove Treasurer's Office employee, Tammy Amon, from probation effective December 13, 2021.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Manning, and carried unanimously, to remove Treasurer's Office employee, Lori Lawton, from probation effective December 11, 2021.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously, to accept the resignation of Jesse Bova from the Public Works Department, effective February 1, 2022, amend the salary ordinance and pay all monies due.

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

carried unanimously, to allocate 2022 CDBG funds as follows:

\$205,300 Bond Payment

\$100,000 Home Rehabilitation

\$100,000 Code Enforcement Demolition

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously, to advertise for Bids for City Hall roof replacement.

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously, to enter into a global settlement agreement with the City of Washington Police Department FOP Lodge 95 and David Bradley.

ORDINANCES:

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously, to approve the FINAL READING OF 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

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously, to approve the FINAL 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

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and

carried unanimously, to approve the FINAL 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

Motion to approve the FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 1957 BILL NO 9 of 2021

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 335 – VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE CONSOLIDATED STATUTES OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, ADDING THE EAST SIDE OF COLLEGE STREET FROM MAIDEN STREET TO SOUTH STREET TO THE PROHIBITION LIST OF §335-33(B).

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

carried unanimously to amend Ordinance 1957 BILL No 9 of 2021 as follows:

ORDINANCE 1957 BILL NO 9 of 2021

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,

AMENDING CHAPTER 335 – VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE CONSOLIDATED STATUTES OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, ADDING THE EAST SIDE OF COLLEGE STREET FROM THE RAILROAD TRACKS TO SOUTH STREET TO THE PROHIBITION LIST OF §335-33(B).

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

carried unanimously to approve the FINAL READING OF Ordinance 1957 BILL No 9 of 2021 as follows:

ORDINANCE 1957 BILL NO 9 of 2021

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 335 – VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE CONSOLIDATED STATUTES OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, ADDING THE EAST SIDE OF COLLEGE STREET FROM THE RAILROAD TRACKS TO SOUTH STREET TO THE PROHIBITION LIST OF §335-33(B).

FIRST READING of ORDINANCE 1958 BILL NO. 1 of 2022

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 587 BROAD STREET AND ADDING (1) HANDICAP PARKING SPACE AT 720 FAYETTE STREET.

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 1959 BILL NO. 2 of 2022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, VACATING AN UNAMED ALLEY AND AN UNOPENED STREET KNOWN AS HAWTHORNE STREET LOCATED IN THE DAYNA D. SAGE SUBDIVISION NO. 1, LOCATED IN WARD 5 OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 13 of 2021

Motion was made by Councilman Manning, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously, to approve **Resolution 13 of 2021** to enter into a cooperation agreement with the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Washington for the administration of RACP funds for the Landmark Building Renovation Project.

Elected Official Reports:

Councilman Matt Staniszewski - Absent

Councilman Joe Pintola- No Comment

Councilman Ken Westcott –Thanked Councilman Manning for his service as both a firefighter and Councilman. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilman Joe Manning – Thanked Chief Wilson and Michelle Sperl for their words. Stated that it was anti-climactic that after serving the City for 30 years his last Council Meeting was

online via ZOOM. Said he was very grateful that he was given the privilege to serve the City. Welcomed the incoming Councilman.

Mayor Scott Putnam- Thanked Councilman Manning for his service. Stated he couldn't say enough about the things Councilman Manning has done for the City. He welcomed the two incoming Councilmen.

Stated that with the Holidays and winter approaching he asked everyone to watch out for our neighbors and do what we can to help each other.

Solicitor Jack Cambest - No Report

City Hall Offices will be closed on Friday, December 24, 2021, in observance of Christmas Day. Offices will re-open on Monday, December 27, 2021 at 8:30 A.M.

City Hall Offices will be closed on Friday, December 31, 2021, in observance of New Year's Day. Offices will re-open on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 8:30 A.M.

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