



**CITY OF WASHINGTON**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**March 3, 2022 7 P.M.**



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

**City Council**  
***Ken Westcott, Councilman***  
***Joe Pintola, Councilman***  
***Andrew Callan, Councilman***  
***Joseph DeThomas, Councilman***

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilman Joseph DeThomas	Present
Councilman Andrew Callan	Present
Councilman Joe Pintola	Present
Councilman Ken Westcott	Present
Mayor Scott Putnam	Present

**SOLICITOR:**

Jack Cambest

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

**Motion** was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously, to accept the January 6, 2022, 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:**

**Betsy Christman-:** Complaint regarding the issue with flooding at her home again. Asked Council when they would be completing the job as she has sustained additional flooding that has once again ruined her furnace. She asked Councilman Pintola who was going to pay for this? He told her to file a claim with her insurance. She stated that the issue is worse than it was before the City started work. Councilman Pintola told her that her property was first on his list once the ground is not so wet. He advised her that he would call her the next day

**PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED:**

**Civil Service Chairman, Richard Beck, presented the Civil Service Police Eligibility List to Mayor & Council**

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the Certification of the Police Department Eligibility List.

**Civil Service Chairman, Richard Beck, presented the List of 3 to Mayor and Council**

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the hiring of Connor McGinnis from the Civil Service list of Police Eligibility List for New Hires, effective 3-21-22, pending a background investigation, physical and drug screening.

**Civil Service Chairman, Richard Beck, presented the List of 3 to Mayor and Council**

**Motion** made by Councilman Wescott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the hiring of Kristapher Engle from the Civil Service list of Police Eligibility List for New Hires, effective 3-22-22, pending a background investigation, physical and drug screening.

**Motion** made by Councilman Wescott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the following payments:

- a. Skelly & Loy in the amount of \$980.00 for Invoice #TG34138. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-313
- b. Dodaro, Matta & Cambest in the amount of \$2,413.23 for Invoice #10743. **CHARGE:** 01-13/404-310
- c. Witmer Public Safety Group in the amount of \$2,927.00 for EMS Equipment New Engine. **CHARGE:** 33/411-267
- d. Premier Fire Rescue in the amount of \$3,256.93 for New Engine Equipment. **CHARGE:** 33/411-370
- e. Traffic Control in the amount of \$7,529.59 for Invoice # S3145 and # 3138. **CHARGE:** 03-00-433-378
- f. Harshman CE Group LLC in the amount of \$7,667.00 for Invoices 2020805.05, 2020810.14, 2020811.07, 2020814.09, 2020823.05, 2020826.01. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-313
- g. ConnectTel in the amount of \$2,049.95 for Invoice # 25195. **CHARGE:** 46.00/409-373
- h. Municipal Consulting Services in the amount of \$38,789.92 for Invoices #4667, 4668 & 4680. **CHARGE:** 01-34/413-240 (P.O. # 22-00224)

**Motion** made by Councilman Wescott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the following refund:

- a. Greenlee, Derrico and Posa LLC, in the amount of \$225.00 for a duplicate Dye Test payment. **CHARGE:** 01/361-651

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to transfer \$24,615.00 from account 01.60-486-350 to account 75.00/392-900. (Insurance Claims Fund)

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to re-appoint Richard Beck to the Washington-East Washington Joint Authority Board retroactive January 1, 2022-December 31, 2026.

**COMMENT:** Mayor Putnam thanked Richard Beck for serving on multiple boards and serving the City.

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to award the Ballistic Bulletproof Vests bid, in the amount of \$34,561.00, to Trapuzzano's Uniforms, as submitted via the public bids that were received and opened on February 8, 2022. (\$11,000 USDOJ Ballistic Vest Partnership (BVP) Grant)

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to approve payment to the Washington School District in the amount of

\$33,869.98 for their portion of the 2021 PILOT received from HUD. **CHARGE:**

01.60/489-521

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve a contribution in the amount of \$2,000.00 to the Bradford Historical Association for the 2022 Whiskey Rebellion. **CHARGE:** 01.55/459-541

**Motion** made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve the naming the physical address of parcel #750-022-00-02-0003-00 as 437 East Prospect Avenue.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the agreement between the City of Washington and the Washington Business District for the rental of office space in City Hall.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to amend the 2022 budget to create the following line items:

- a. 52.00/367-672 Park Development Fund - Special event revenues
- b. 52.00/454-459 Park Development Fund - Special event expenses

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to authorize a \$1,000.00 Special Events and Activities Petty Cash Fund to be created within the Park Development Fund to be funded with existing cash on hand from that account.

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the recommendation of Chief Chris Richer as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Washington, pursuant to 35 P.C.S Sec. 7502(b) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes.

**Motion** made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve advertising for bids for the wood flooring and beam at the Washington Park Main Pavilion.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve RESOLUTION 1 of 2022 to change the name of Sixth Street to Frances Vactor Way.

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE CHANGE OF THE NAME OF SIXTH STREET TO FRANCES VACTOR WAY**

**COMMENT:** Councilman Westcott said that this is very appropriate because of all of the community services Mrs. Vactor provided to the City.

## **ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT:**

Councilman Joseph DeThomas – No report

Councilman Andrew Callan- No report

Councilman Joe Pintola – Stated that the street department used more salt this year than in past year.

Councilman Ken Westcott – Gave his time to Shana Brown, Downtown Manager to speak about the upcoming City of Washington events planned in the near future.

Mayor Scott Putnam – No Report

Solicitor Jack Cambest – No Report

The next Regular Meeting of the Washington City Council will be held on Thursday, April 7, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. The next Agenda Meeting will be held on Monday, April 4, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

The Washington Park is hosting a Night at the Races on Saturday, March 26, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at Julian's Catering to benefit the July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks at the Park. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$20.00 at the Washington Park Office, Keystone Club and Arms Club.

The Washington Park Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. at the Stone Pavilion.

The Washington Pickleball Tournament will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 8:30 A.M. at the Washington Park Pickleball Courts.

City of Washington Clean Up Day will be held Saturday, April 23, 2022 which coincides with Earth Day Weekend.

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