



**CITY OF WASHINGTON**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**June 9, 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:**

Krishna A. DiMascio/ Dodaro Matta and Cambest

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** For Everyone struggling in our Country

**Motion** was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously, to accept the May 5, 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:**

**John Stasko- 47 Hardy Avenue:** Thanked the police department for monitoring traffic on Hardy. Said it has been slowing down traffic and they've pulled people over for not stopping at the stop sign. Asked police to speak to the family whose son rides a Quad on Hardy Avenue illegally and has had a small child sitting on his lap while doing so. Complained about the Trees and 4'-6' Grass on the Church's property. Asked how to start process to request that Meyers Alley be closed. Councilman Westcott advised him that he would need to petition the property owners whose properties would be affected and present to City Council.

**Georgeanne Farkas- West Chestnut Street:** Complained about recycling issues her friend is having as she doesn't believe that recycling pick up once a month is sufficient. Councilman Westcott advised her that residents can take excess recycling to the Washington Street Department Recycling Center. Complained about the speed on the State-owned road, Chestnut Street.

**Betsy Christman-68 West Prospect Ave.:** Stated that she spoke with Sarah Boyce, the City Engineer, regarding the video taken on Prospect Avenue. Attorney Krisha DiMascio advised her that because she has retained Legal Council that neither she, nor City Council and the City Engineer can speak with her directly regarding the matter and that she should have her attorney reach out to the Solicitors Office.

**Dave Haught-59 E Prospect Avenue:** Complaint regarding speed on E. Prospect and Meyers

**PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED:**

**A Demolition Hearing was held at 6:30 P.M., prior to this evening's Regular Council Meeting**

**Motion** was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously, to declare the properties listed below as public nuisances and authorize the release of the following properties to the Redevelopment Authority for scheduled demolition:

239 N Main St 720-007-00-03-0023-00  
DAVID LAMANSKY  
239 N MAIN ST  
WASHINGTON, PA 15301

495 Ewing Street 780-006-00-01-0004-00  
MICHAEL DUNCAN  
3214 GREENWALD RD  
REDDING CA 96003

450 & 450 ½ E Hallam Ave  
760-001-00-03-0019-00  
SARAH BRICE  
450 1/2 HALLAM AVE  
WASHINGTON PA 15301

765 Addison St 780-012-00-01-0029-00  
WILLIAM ARCHIBAULT  
940 WESTERN AVE  
HICKORY PA 15340

18 Short St 780-006-00-01-0004-00  
MICHAEL DUNCAN  
3214 GREENWALD RD  
BETHEL PARK PA 15102

840 Ewing St 780-015-00-02-0010-00  
EDWARD HIROSKY  
3179 TERRA NOVA DR  
BETHEL PARK, PA 15102

1195 BRUCE STREET 770-031-00-04-0001-00  
KERRY & ANDREA DUBAC  
8 ELM AVENUE  
CARNEGIE, PA 15106

**Richard Beck, Civil Service Chairman, to present the List of 6 Eligible Candidates for the Police Department Promotions**

**Motion** was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously, to approve the acceptance of the List of 6 Eligible Candidates for Police Department Promotions.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to promote officer, Daniel Florian, to the rank of Corporal within the City Police Department, effective June 10, 2022, and amend the salary ordinance accordingly.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to promote Corporal, Willis McConnell, to the rank of Sergeant

within the City Police Department, effective June 10, 2022, and amend the salary ordinance accordingly.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to promote Sergeant, James Markley, to the rank of Lieutenant within the City Police Department, effective June 10, 2022, and amend the salary ordinance accordingly.

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

- a. Elan Financial Services in the amount of \$587.00 for Park Miscellaneous Expenditures. **CHARGE:** 52.00/489-000
- b. AgRecycle in the amount of \$1,080.00 for recycling 2021-2022. **CHARGE:** 57.00/489-000
- c. Dodaro Matta & Cambest in the amount of \$2,690.98 for Invoice:10864. **CHARGE:** 01-13/404-310
- d. Skelly & Loy in the amount of \$1,100.00 for Invoice TG73175. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-313
- e. Harshman CE Group in the amount of \$10,494.50 for Invoices 2020829.04, 2020831.05, 2020834.01, 2020832.03, 8, 2020811.10, 2020810.17, 2020805.7, 2020823.07. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-313
- f. WEWJA in the amount of \$2,500.00 for April 2022 Dye Test. **CHARGE:** 01.34/413-240
- g. Z's Collison Center in the amount of \$2,706.33 for 2020 Ford Police Interceptor repair. **CHARGE:** 01.15/410-370 (P.O. #22-00791)
- h. Kulak·George Architects, LLC in the amount of \$2,043.40 for Invoice 21-267-08 (Park Main Pavilion Restoration (Decking Replacement.) **CHARGE:** 52/489-000
- i. Mutt Bags in the amount of \$587.00 for Dog Park Waste Station. **CHARGE:** 52/489-000
- j. Municipal Consulting Services in the amount of \$1,294.59 for Invoice 4867. **CHARGE:** 01.34/413-240
- k. Travelers in the amount of \$1,190.00 for Invoice 612112. **CHARGE:** 01-60/486-350

- l. Howell Rescue Systems in the amount of \$9,170.00 for New Engine Rescue Equipment. **CHARGE:** 85.00/411-000 LSA
- m. Campbell Durrant, P.C. in the amount of \$418.00 for Invoice 74372.  
**CHARGE:** 01-13/404-314

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

- a. CVS Pharmacy in the amount of \$261.75 for Mercantile Tax Account M1656 2021 overpayment. (511 Fund Treasurer's Office)

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

- a. \$5,500.00 from 01.00/290-000 Prior Year Balance to 01.53 /454-211 Swimming Pool Supplies.
- b. \$4,917.00 from the prior year carry over (01.00/290-000) to the Park Development Fund - Special Events expense line item 52.00/454-459.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve agreement with Ideal Integrations for software, technical support and advanced hardware replacement effective July 8, 2022-July 29, 2023, for \$909.06. **CHARGE:** 96.00/407-000 (Information Technology Services)

**Motion** was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to award the Washington Park Main Pavilion Flooring Bid, in the amount of \$39,370.00 to Raffle Construction, as submitted via the public bids that were received and opened on April 8, 2022.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve the work order change for the Washington Park Main Pavilion Flooring Project, in the amount of \$18,415.00 to Raffle Construction.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$105,445.00 to the Washington County Transportation Authority as operations local match for the 2021-2022 transit fiscal year (which ends June 30, 2022). **CHARGE:** 85.00/447-000

**Motion** was made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to approve the renewal of healthcare coverage through Performance Health and to retain Millennium Administrators as our third-party administrator.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to hire Myndi Tran as the Washington Park Office Clerk, salary in accordance with the SEIU contract, effective June 7, 2022, pending results of drug and background check, and amend the salary ordinance accordingly.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to sell 1997 Chevrolet van and the spare engine stored inside vehicle.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to appoint Troy Breese to the City of Washington Parking Authority Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Erick Rigby for a five-year term.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to amend the salary ordinance to change the pool manager rate of pay to \$15.00 per hour.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to amend the salary ordinance to add the classification of "special event rate" to the pool staff section and set it at \$18.00 per hour.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Pinotla, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve the contract for Joseph R. Thomas for an extension of his professional services contract with City of Washington Parking Office, with a retroactive effective date of June 1, 2022, through December 31, 2023.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to advertise for a contractor through minimum of three (3) written bids to install a new inlet on W. Prospect Avenue with connection to existing storm sewer.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the proposed project at 224 N Main Street to move forward into the permitting process.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Pinotla, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve Change Order No. 1 to Fuller Building Group in the amount of \$1,261.25 for City Hall Roof Leak. **CHARGE:** 46.00/409-373

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

**Motion** was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 8 of 2022** to erect the 2022 Wild Things overhead banners from April 22, 2022- June 20, 2022.

**Motion** was made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 9 OF 2022** to erect the Washington Pride overhead banner from May 9, 2022-June 20, 2022.

**Motion** was made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 10 of 2022** to remove 1 Handicap Parking Space at 132 Church Street per request of new property owner.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 11 of 2022** to add 1 Handicap Parking Space at 330 Duncan Avenue.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 12 of 2022** to erect the PONY World Series Banners from July 25, 2022-August 18, 2022.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 13 of 2022** to apply for US Senator Casey's Fiscal Year 2023 Community Project Appropriations Grant for the City of Washington's Central City Fire Station HVAC, Electrical and Building upgrades in the amount of \$250,000 with a City match of 65% (\$162,500.00.)

#### **ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT:**

Councilman Joseph DeThomas – Congratulated the Fire Department and Red Cross on the installation of 215 Smoke Alarms in City Residences. Mentioned that there will be a Bike Rally on Main Street on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Councilman Andrew Callan- Announced that the Pool is open and that the concession stand is open and they are selling ice cream this season.

Councilman Joe Pintola – Advised that the Sweeper is working and the street department has been actively out patching

Councilman Ken Westcott – No Report

Mayor Scott Putnam – Read Chief Rush's Police Report.

Solicitor Jack Cambest – No Report

The next scheduled Regular Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 14, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers. The next Agenda Meeting will be held on Monday, July 11, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

The Farmer's Market is open on Thursdays from 3:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M.

Frances Vactor Way Street Unveiling on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 3:00 P.M.

Spread the Ewes Farm to Table Dinner will be held on Friday, June 10, 2022 at the Washington Park Stone Pavilion.

The Washington Pride Festival will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at the Main Street Pavilion. Gates open at 12:00 P.M.

City Hall will be closed on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, in observance of Flag Day. City Hall will reopen on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at 8:30 A.M.

The Washington Park Fireworks Celebration will be held Sunday, July 3, 2022.

City Hall will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2022, in observance of Independence Day. City hall will reopen on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at 8:30 A.M.

The Whiskey Rebellion Festival will be held Friday July 8<sup>th</sup> (5:30 p.m. kick-off) – Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The Whiskey Rebellion Parade will begin at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday.

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