



CITY OF WASHINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
July 14, 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	Absent
Councilman Joe Pintola	Present
Councilman Ken Westcott	Present
Mayor Scott Putnam	Present

SOLICITOR:

Jack Cambest/ Dodaro Matta and Cambest

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Washington City Council.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2022, Demolition Hearing of the Washington City Council.

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: No one signed in to speak

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED:

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

- a. Dodaro Matta & Cambest in the amount of \$3,759.50 for Invoice:10920.

CHARGE: 01-13/404-310

- b. Skelly & Loy in the amount of \$1,350.00 for A/L Permitting. **CHARGE:**
53.00/436-313
- c. Harshman CE Group in the amount of \$6,033.00 for Invoices
2020805.08,2020810.18,2020823.08,2020829.05,2020832.04. **CHARGE:**
53.00/436-313
- d. WEWJA in the amount of 2,375.00 for May 2022 Dye Test. **CHARGE:**
01.34/413-240
- e. WEWJA in the amount of \$2,875.00 for June 2022 Dye Tests/Invoice 16970.
CHARGE: 01.34/413-240
- f. Municipal Consulting Services in the amount of \$65,370.32 for Invoice #4837.
CHARGE: 01.34/413-240
- g. Municipal Consulting Services in the amount of \$35,840.80 for Invoice #4907.
CHARGE: 01.34/413-240
- h. Travelers in the amount of \$442.00 for Invoice 000610887. **CHARGE:**
01-60/486-350
- i. IDEAL Integrations in the amount of \$8,022.81 for Invoice B47096. **CHARGE:**
96.00/407-000
- j. Raffle Construction in the amount of \$39,370.00 Payment 1 (FINAL) for Washington
Park Main Pavilion. (Decking Replacement) **CHARGE:** 77.00/454-700 (CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENTS) (P.O. 22-01066)
- k. Raffle Construction in the amount of \$18,415.00 for Work Order Change for the
Washington Park Main Pavilion. (Decking Replacement) **CHARGE:** 85.00/454-700
(LSA) (P.O. 22-01067)
- l. Kulak·George Architects, LLC, in the amount of \$385.39 for Washington Park Main
Pavilion Restoration (Decking Replacement Project) **CHARGE:** 85.00/454-700
- m. Washington Business District in the amount of \$9,329.07 for the 2022 Special District
Assessment. **CHARGE: 01.60/400-430**
- n. Beverage Distribution Incorporated in the amount of \$1,846.00 (4th of July Beverages) for
Washington Park, July 4th Spark in the Park Celebration. **CHARGE:** 52.00/454-459 (P.O.
22-01058)
- o. Gerald Watkins (SOUND TECHNICIAN) in the amount of \$800.00 for Washington
Park, July 4th Spark in the Park Celebration. **CHARGE:** 52.00/454-459. (P.O. 22-01059)
- p. Barry Koehler (BAND) in the amount of \$400.00 for Washington Park, July 4th Spark in
the Park Celebration. **CHARGE:** 52.00/454-459. (P.O. 22-01060)

- q. Francis T. Terling (BAND) in the amount of \$400.00 for Washington Park, July 4th Spark in the Park Celebration. **CHARGE:** 52.00/454-459 (P.O. 22-01061)
- r. Brenda Sprowls (BAND) in the amount of \$400.00 for Washington Park, July 4th Spark in the Park Celebration. **CHARGE:** 52.00/454-459 (P.O. 22-01068)
- s. Jonni Parson (FACE PAINTING) in the amount of \$150.00 for Washington Park, July 4th Spark in the Park Celebration. **CHARGE:** 52.00/454-459. (P.O. 22-01062)
- t. Pyrotecnico (Fire Works) in the amount of \$7,250.00 for Washington Park, July 4th Spark in the Park Celebration. **CHARGE:** 52.00/454-459. (P.O. 22-01065)
- u. Francis Hodge (Band Headliner) in the amount of \$800.00 for Washington Park, July 4th Spark in the Park Celebration. **CHARGE:** 52.00/454-459. (P.O. 22-01069)
- v. Plate Capture Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$2,750.00 for Police Department access to multi-jurisdictional license plate reader cameras. (Invoice #1792)
CHARGE: 01-23-407-457 IT Services/Software Support.
- w. Glick Fire Equipment in the amount of \$11,403.73 for Engine 9 Repairs/Inspection/Pump Testing. **CHARGE:** 01.33/411-370
- x. Premier Safety in the amount of \$4,363.50 for New Engine 1 Hose. **CHARGE:** 85.00/411-000 (LSA-Fire/EMS Expense)
- y. The Dreamers in the amount of \$5,009.31 for Reimbursement for Fencing Materials. **CHARGE:** 52/489-000
- z. DeAnna Martin in the amount of \$50.94 for Dog Park Signage. **CHARGE:** 52/489-000
- aa. Motion Picture Licensing Corp in the amount of \$689.00 for Year Long Movie Rights. **CHARGE:** 52.00/454-459
- bb. First Security in the amount of \$14,464.07 for Guaranteed Energy Savings. **CHARGE:** 77.00/409-700
- cc. County Hauling in the amount of \$35,058.36 for April-June 2022 Recycling Contract. **CHARGE:** 01-25/426-456
- dd. County Hauling in the amount of \$167,156.10 for April-June 2022 Solid Waste Contract. **CHARGE:** 01-25/42-453
- ee. Metz Trans LLC in the amount of \$12,408.75 for 139 S Main Street new storm sewers (Main Pavilion restroom facility.) **CHARGE:** (TBD)

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

- a. Recommerce LLC dba M@c Discount in the amount of \$13,223.61 for overpayment of BP & Merchantile Tax 2018-2021. (511 ACCOUNT)
- b. Live Your Life LLC dba Your CBD Store in the amount of \$842.31 for overpayment of Business Privilege Tax 2021. (511 ACCOUNT)

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

- a. \$500.00 from 01-15/410-242 (Motor Carrier Enforcement) to 01-15/410-370 (Police – Vehicle Maintenance)
- b. \$115.00 from 01-15-10-242 (Motor Carrier Enforcement) to 01-15/410-240 (Police-Op Exp/Cert Team)

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve payment to PNC Bank, in the amount of \$848,753.69

for Act 205 Pension Collections thru 6/15/2022. **CHARGE:**

79.00/483-000. Act 205 Distressed Pension Fund.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to contribute \$2,000.00 to World Series Tournaments, Inc for the 2022 Pony League World Series Welcoming Brunch. **CHARGE: 01-55/459-541**

COMMENT: Mayor Putnam thanked Washington Youth Baseball and the volunteers for all of the efforts that go into the event. He thanked Council for approving the donation that will welcome the World Series Guests to the City of Washington.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the Conditional use Application of Trek Development Group for the conversion of commercial office space to Residential (1 bedroom apartments) on floors 1-6 of property located at 30 E. Beau St., Washington, PA, subject to the following conditions:

- a. Residential units to be given priority in the parking lot located at 52 East Beau Street.
- b. 8 parking spaces to be set aside for Care Giver parking

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the site plan application of Coen Oil Group for the consolidation of seven lots and the construction and expansion of the current commercial use located at 1330 Jefferson Ave, Washington, PA.

COMMENT: Mayor Putnam commended Coen for bringing their business into the City of Washington.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to authorize the proper City Officials to take all necessary action to acquire the vacant property located on Mill Street Washington, PA. (Tax Parcel No. 710-008-00-00-0001-00)

COMMENT: Councilman Westcott stated that the parcel is being donated to the City. He said that it is in the area where the Wheeling Street Project will be done.

Motion was made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve the execution of an easement with the County of Washington for property known as Parcel No. 710-008-00-00-0001-00 (Mill St.) subject to the acquisition of said parcel from the Frank Bruno Estate.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to have the Solicitor complete title searches for a public hearing and place the following properties on the Demolition list to certify and release the Redevelopment Authority for demolition:

1100 Fayette St
Washington, PA 15301
780-018-00-01-0003-02
Owner Address
Brandy Ayers
1100 Fayette St
Washington, PA 15301

345 McGiffen Ave
Washington, PA 15301
750-023-00-01-0003-00
Owner Address
Shirley Bryson & Marie Bryson
140 W Walnut St APT 910
Washington, PA 15301

244 Locust Ave
Washington, PA 15301
730-007-00-04-0003-01
Owner Address
Visionary INV Group LLC
113 Maple Ave
Washington, PA 15301

102 Hall Ave
Washington, PA 15301
720-009-00-02-0014-00
Owner Address
Tammy & Richard Cox
507 Wayne St
Washington, PA 15301

249 ½ Elm St
Washington, PA 15301
750-023-00-01-0002-00
Owner Address
Carolyn Blayney
62 E Wheeling St #101
Washington, PA 15301

535 W Chestnut St
Washington, PA 15301
780-009-00-02-0031-00
Owner Address
Eusabio Morales
353 W Chestnut St
Washington, PA 15301

541 W Chestnut St
Washington, PA 15301
780-009-00-02-0032-00
Owner Address
Deborah Walters
541 W Chestnut St
Washington, PA 15301

276 Locust Ave
Washington, PA 15301
760-019-00-03-0014-00
Owner Address
Damiana Hill
5160 Fairfax Ave
Oakland, CA 94601

1226 Summerlea Ave

Washington, PA 15301
770-037-00-03-0009-00
Owner Address
Talebi Homes LLC
1226 Summerlea Ave
Washington, PA 15301

COMMENT: Mayor Putnam asked Code Enforcement Officer, Jeff Donatelli, how many more properties need to be added to the demolition list. He responded that after getting these properties demolished. that almost all the properties that need immediate demolition have been addressed.

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 13 of 2022** to erect the Flight Fest overhead banner on Chestnut/Jefferson from August 1, 2022- August 16, 2022.

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 14 of 2022** to erect the StemFest overhead banners on Route 40 E. Maiden by Daycare and Murtland/Ridge Avenue from 8/18/2022-9/16/2022.

Motion was made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 15 OF 2022** to erect the Italian Festival overhead banners on State Route 40 (West Chestnut Street)/ State Route 18 (Jefferson Avenue at Second Street) & State Route 40 (East Maiden Street) from 8/18/2022-9/26/2022

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR ITEMS NOT ADDRESSED ON AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT:

Councilman Joseph DeThomas – Thanked Code Enforcement, Park Director, Police Chief and Fire Chief for all that they do. Thanked Councilman Westcott for making sure the Banners have been getting put up without the City having use of the Bucket Truck.

Councilman Andrew Callan- Not Present

Councilman Joe Pintola – Stated that the road crew is busy paving. Said that while our funding stayed the same, unfortunately the costs have drastically risen

Councilman Ken Westcott – Stated that he, Donn Henderson and Susie Koehler met today and are beginning work on the 2023 Budget.

Mayor Scott Putnam – Mentioned that the City's vehicle maintenance cost have gone up a lot this past year. Stated that the City has been working with Enterprise and their maintenance

program. The Mayor thanked Councilman DeThomas and Shana Brown for their efforts to ensure a successful Whiskey Rebellion Festival last weekend.

Solicitor Jack Cambest – No Comment

The next scheduled Regular Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 4, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers. The next Agenda Meeting will be held on Monday, August 1, 2022, at 6:00 P.M.

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

Don's Appliances presents Kitchen Clash First Responders Edition at the Main Street Pavilion on Saturday, August 6, 2022, from 10 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. All proceeds to Charity.

Last Friday will be held on Friday, August 26, 2022, at the Main Street Community Pavilion 4:00 P.M.- 8:00 P.M.

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