



**CITY OF WASHINGTON  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
December 8, 2022 7:00 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

**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.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** For those less fortunate

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Neil Isiminger/Isiminger Towing:** Donated \$500.00 to both the Fire Department and Police Department

**COMMENT:** Mayor Putnam thanked the Isiminger's for their continued support of the Fire and Police Departments and the City.

**Georgianna Farkas:** Stated that she didn't agree with the \$15.00 Rental Registration Fee being voted on today. Said that she felt that the Solid Waste Department and Rental Registration should be done at the same time to reduce costs. Said that the Solid Waste department sends out two notices a year. (She was then advised by Mayor Putnam that the second notice only goes when it is delinquent.)

**CLOSED TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**A Demolition Hearing was held at 6:30 P.M. prior to the Regular Council Meeting.**

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and unanimously carried to amend the agenda to remove the following properties from the properties listed below as public nuisances.

1226 Summerlea Ave  
Washington, PA 1530  
770-037-00-03-0009-00  
Owner Address  
Talebi Homes LLC  
1226 Summerlea Ave  
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 Avenue  
Oakland, CA 94601

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

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

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

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

- a. WEWJA in the amount of \$2,875.00 for October 2022 Dye Certs. **CHARGE:**  
01.34/413-240
- b. Harshman CE Group LLC in the amount of \$10,008.50 for Invoices  
2020810.22/2020811.14/2020814.14/2020815.08/2020823.12/2020831.08/2020832  
.09/2020836.01/2020837.01/2020838.02/2020839.02/1 **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-313
- c. Municipal Consulting Services in the amount of \$3,841.68 for Invoice 5068.  
**CHARGE:** 01.34/413-240
- d. Municipal Consulting Services in the amount of \$1,710.40 for Invoice 4944.  
**CHARGE:** 01.34/413-240
- e. Municipal Consulting Services in the amount of \$1,953.60 for Invoice 4987.

**CHARGE:** 01.34/413-240

f. Municipal Consulting Services in the amount of \$3,422.60 for Invoice 5086.

**CHARGE:** 01.34/413-240

g. Municipal Consulting Services in the amount of \$559.20 for Invoice 5028.

**CHARGE:** 01.34/413-240

h. Dodaro, Matta & Cambest in the amount of \$3,231.77 for Invoice 11144.

**CHARGE:** 01.13/404-310.

i. Stewart Contracting in the amount of \$14,075.00 for Strawberry Alley Storm Sewer Installation. **CHARGE:** 53.0/436-682

j. Jonni Parson in the amount of \$150.00 for Hark in the Park Face Painting.

**CHARGE:** 52.00/454-459

k. Skelly & Loy in the amount of \$2,648.49 for Invoice TH68990. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-313.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and unanimously carried to transfer \$9,000.00 from 52.00/454-459 (PDF Special Events) to 01.53/454-459 (G.F. Special Events)

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and unanimously carried to approve payment to PNC Bank in the amount of \$347,001.00 for the city's final 2022 MMO contribution to the pension fund. **CHARGE:** 01.60/483-533 (General Fund- Pension Contributions)

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and unanimously carried to approve payment to PNC Bank, in the amount of (approximately 400,000.00) \$379,293.52 for Act 205 Pension Collections thru 11/30/2022. **CHARGE:** 79.00/483-000. Act 205 Distressed Pension Fund.

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and unanimously carried to approve the renewal of contract and subsequent payments with Washington Employee Assistance Program for the annual amount of \$2,480.00.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and unanimously carried to sell six (6) old taser model X2 and six (6) X2 cartridges to ACCREDITED SECURITY of Naples, Fl for \$1,360.00 and to have the funds deposited to budget line item 15/410-239 police ammunition.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and unanimously carried to enter into a 12-month energy provider contract and subsequent

payments with AEP Energy for the providing of electric at a rate of \$.07382 per KWH for one year, December 2022-December 2023.

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Callan, and unanimously carried to allocate CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Funds for 2023 as follows:

Community Park Improvements	\$83,000.00
Fire Equipment (Truck)	\$172,550.00
Fire House (heating/ac/elec)	\$147,000.00
Paving-(Park/Twist Road)	\$75,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$477,550.00</b>

**ORDINANCES:**

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and unanimously carried to approve the **FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 1961 BILL NO. 4 of 2022**

**ORDINANCE 1961 BILL NO. 4 of 2022**

**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 2023.**

**BUDGET ORDINANCE**

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and unanimously carried **FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 1962 BILL NO. 5 of 2022**

**ORDINANCE 1962 BILL NO. 5 of 2022**

**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 2023.**

**TAX ORDINANCE**

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and unanimously carried to Table the **FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 1963 BILL NO. 6 of 2022**

**ORDINANCE 1963 BILL NO. 6 of 2022**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING CHAPTER 82-ABANDONED PROPERTIES,**

**REGISTRATION OF, OF THE CITY CODE UPDATING SECTION 82-4 SECTION A  
DECREASING THE TIME TO REGISTER, SECTION 82-4 SECTION D REGARDING  
THE CITY'S RESPONSIBILITY, SECTION 82-6 RELATING TO BOARDING OF  
WINDOWS, SECTION 82-8 FEES, ESTABLISHING ANNUAL FEES FOR  
ABANDONED PROPERTIES**

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and  
unanimously carried to Table the **FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 1964 BILL NO. 7  
OF 2022**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON ESTABLISHING QUALITY OF  
LIFE REGULATIONS TO ESTABLISH ALTERNATE ENFORCEMENT METHODS FOR  
THE CITY WHEN DEALING WITH LACK OF MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTIES,  
LITTERING, IMPROPER STORAGE OF TRASH AND RUBBISH, STORAGE OF  
INOPERABLE/NON-REGISTERED VEHICLES, VENDOR OPERATIONS WITHOUT  
PERMITS, HIGH GRASS AND WEEDS, GRAFFITI AND ACCUMULATION OF SNOW  
AND ICE AND OTHER PROBLEMS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE DETERIORATION  
OF PROPERTY VALUES AND GENERAL DISORDER IN A COMMUNITY.**

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried,  
to Table the **FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 1965 Bill NO. 8 of 2022**

**AN ORDINANCE OF CITY OF WASHINGTON REGULATING THE  
MAINTENANCE OF JUNKED MOTOR VEHICLES AND ACCESSORIES  
WITHIN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON AND PROVIDING FOR  
PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.**

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilman Joseph DeThomas	NO
Councilman Andrew Callan	YES
Councilman Joe Pintola	YES
Councilman Ken Westcott	YES
Mayor Scott Putnam	YES

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas,  
and unanimously carried to approve the Washington Financial 2023 Tax  
Anticipation Note at a rate of 4.52%. Value of the note is \$1,000,000.00.

**AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE, SERIES 2023 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.**

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and unanimously carried to approve **RESOLUTION 26 2023** to authorize the City Administrator to sign the Highway Occupancy Permit Documentation for the Coen Project on Jefferson/Henderson Avenues.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and unanimously carried to approve **RESOLUTION 27 of 2022** to enact an annual fee of \$15.00 per unit for Chapter 260-Rental Property as specified in the City Code.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to amend the Agenda to add **RESOLUTION 28 of 2022**.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 28 of 2022**.

## **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, SUSPENDING EMPLOYEE NO. 47 FROM THE POSITION OF FIREFIGHTER IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR ITEMS NOT ADDRESSED ON AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION**

#### **DEPARTMENTAL DISCUSSION:**

Councilman Joseph DeThomas – Thanked Jeff Donatelli for his work on the 2022 Demolition List. Stated that through the Fire Department’s Outreach project they donated 273 winter coats to students at the Washington Park School.

Councilman Andrew Callan- Thanked Jeff also for his work on the 2022 Demolitions. Read a text he received aloud from a resident thanking the Street Department for a job well done on leaf pick up this fall.

Councilman Joe Pintola -Advised they had a surplus of salt from last winter and that this winter’s supplies have arrived. Stated that they have some trucks that need some repairs.

Councilman Ken Westcott – Thanked Susie Koehler and Donn Henderson for their work on balancing the budget. Thanked the employees for helping keep costs down to balance the budget.

Mayor Scott Putnam – Thanked the Isimingers for their continued support of the City. Thanked Jeff Donatelli. Announced that Hark in the Park is December 17, 2022 at the Park. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Solicitor Jack Cambest – No Comment

- The next scheduled Regular Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in Council Chambers. The Agenda meeting will be held on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.
- City Hall will be closed on Monday, December 26, 2022, in observance of Christmas.
- City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2023, in observance of New Year's Day.
- All evening Agenda and Regular Council evening meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. in 2023.

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