



CITY OF WASHINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
October 6, 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/ Dodaro Matta and Cambest

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2022, Regular Meeting 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:

Georgianna Farkas- 395 West Chestnut Street: Asked for an update on Headley Alley. Councilman Pintola stated that the road was closed off by PA American Water Company and he could not get through to investigate. As soon as they are done working he will access the issues.

Neal Isiminger-1100 Jefferson Avenue: Presented the City Police Department with a check for \$500.00 to be used towards the purchase of Body Worn Camera from the Isiminger Towing Family.

Fern Sibert-486 Addison Street: Asked City Council to begin the practice of praying before each meeting. Reminded Council that her Clean Up Washington County Meeting is October 19, 2022, either at 1 P.M. or 5 P.M. in the Commissioners Meeting Room.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

- a. WEWJA in the amount of \$3,875.00 for Invoice #17179. **CHARGE:** 01.34/413-240
- b. Harshman CE Group LLC in the amount of \$1,377.00 for Invoices 2020810.21, 2020814.12, 2020815.07, 2020831.07,2020832.07. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-313
- c. Dodaro, Matta & Cambest in the amount of \$4,039.50 for Invoice 11031. **CHARGE:** 01.13/404-310
- d. Z's Collision Repair in the amount of \$2,509.77 of Car 22 Police Explorer. **CHARGE:** 75.00/489-000
- e. Edmunds in the amount of \$1,200.00 for training services. **CHARGE:** 01-23/407-457 (IT Contracted Services/software support) (**P.O. 22-01630**)
- f. PNC Bank in the amount of \$657,917.38 as payment of the 2022 State Aid Allocation. **CHARGE:** 01.60/483-534 (Pension Contributions)
- g. Witmer Public Safety Group in the amount of \$1,105.00 for Turnout Gear. **CHARGE:** 77.00/411-700
- h. Witmer Public Safety Group in the amount of \$802.00 for Turnout Gear. **CHARGE** 77.00/411-700

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

- a. \$657,917.38 from 29.00/492-900 (General Municipal Pension State Aid Fund) to 01.00/392-900 (General Fund) for 2022 Pension State Aid Allocation.
- b. \$26,000 from 53.00/492-900(Storm Water Improvement) to 77.00/392-900 (Capital Improvement)

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

- a. Joshua Griffith in the amount of \$972.00 for Solid Waste overpayment from 5-20-2022 (4 units)

Motion made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the agreement with the Washington School District for the use of ball fields, tennis courts, cross country trails and facilities retroactive from August 27, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to purchase and pay for Custom Aluminum Dump Body and Hoist from A&H Equipment (COSTARS Contract #025-E22-458) in the amount of \$25,216.00.

CHARGE: 77.00/430-700

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$23,300.00 to Palermo/Kissinger for Preparation of Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2021.

CHARGE: 01.22/402-312

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$3,500.00 for Audit of Department of Community and Economic Development Early Intervention Program Grant. Contract #C000069027 for period July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2022. **CHARGE:** 80.00/489-000

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve agreement and payment for grant writing Services with Planton Consulting for application to Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency/Local Law Enforcement Grant Program 2022 to be paid 2% of final award.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to discuss the motion to remove all grates and tree pits in the downtown district. Council discussed with Washington Business District Manager, Shana Brown, why this was requested by the Business District.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to remove all grates and tree pits in the downtown business district.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the agreement between the City of Washington and Washington School District for collection of the mercantile and business privilege tax, effective January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to accept the resignation of Terry Archer, Public Works Employee, effective October 14, 2022, amend the salary ordinance and pay all monies due.

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Callan, and unanimously carried to approve **RESOLUTION 23 of 2022** to remove one handicap parking space at 1410 Allison Avenue.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve **Resolution 24 of 2022** to appoint Michael Namie to the City of Washington Parking Authority Board for a 5-year term beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2027.

DEPARTMENTAL DISCUSSION:

Councilman Joseph DeThomas –Stated that the Smoke Detector program between the fire department and Salvation Army is still available to residents.

Councilman Andrew Callan- Announced that Dark in the Park will be held on October 28th and 29th. Friday being the Light Scare and Saturday being the Full Scare effect.

Councilman Joe Pintola – Leaf pick-up begins October 31, 2022, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday's.

Councilman Ken Westcott – No Report

Mayor Scott Putnam – Drug Take back will be on October 29, 2022, from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.

Solicitor Jack Cambest – No Report

- The next scheduled Regular Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2022, at 1:00 P.M. in Council Chambers. The next Agenda meeting will be held Monday October 31, 2022, at 1:00 P.M.
- City Hall will be closed on Monday, October 10, 2022, in observance of Columbus Day.
- The Washington Senior Citizen's Center is hosting their Spud's Night Fundraiser from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2022.
- 7th Ward Playground Fall Festival Thursday, October 13, 2022, 4:30 P.M.- 6:30 P.M.
- Dark in the Park will be held on Friday October 28th and Saturday October 29th at the Washington Park.
- The Drug Take Back Program with the City Police will be on October 29, 2022 from 10 A.M. until 2 P.M.
- Trick or Treat for the City of Washington to be held on Monday, October 31, 2022, from 5:30 P.M. until 7:00 P.M.
- Leaf Pickup starting October 31st Mondays Wednesdays and Fridays. Must be bagged and placed on the Curbside. Bulk pick-up must call Public Works at 724-223-4234.

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