



CITY OF WASHINGTON
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
December 27, 2022 5:30 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 Sam Dalfonso

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 up for public comment

CLOSED TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

- a. Portnoff Law Associates, LTD in the amount of \$5,565.00 for 2022 City Tax. **CHARGE:** 01-24/403-236
- b. Portnoff Law Associates, LTD in the amount of \$9,905.00 for 2022 Trash Delinquent letters. **CHARGE:** 01-24/403-325
- c. The Estate of Karen Campbell in the amount of \$20,514.93 from Fire Escrow Account. **CHARGE:** 47/389-830

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

a. Mike Findle in the amount of \$225.00 for duplicate dye test payment for 51 Harding Avenue.

CHARGE: 01.361/652

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried to approve McKean's Plumbing and Heating the semi-annual maintenance for heating and air conditioning at a cost of \$4,895.00. Agreement runs from 01-01-2023 to 12-31-2023.

Roll Call:

Councilman DeThomas	YES
Councilman Callan	YES
Councilman Pintola	NO
Councilman Westcott	YES
Mayor Putnam	YES

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and unanimously carried to direct the City Administrator to present revised Civil Service Rules to the FOP and IAFF unions for review and comment prior to adoption proposed for January 12, 2023.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and unanimously carried to appoint Cowden and Associates as the City of Washington Pension Administrator effective January 1, 2022.

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and unanimously carried to approve the work order for emergency repairs on the Brine equipment and payment not to exceed \$3,944.00. **CHARGE:** 71-00/489-000.

ORDINANCES:

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and unanimously carried to approve the **FINAL READING OF 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 DeThomas, and unanimously carried to approve 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 DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and unanimously carried to approve 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.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO 1966 Bill NO. 1 of 2023

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON REVISING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 20 -CIVIL SERVICE OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 144 OF THE PA CONSOLIDATED STATUTES, TITLE 11 ACT 2015—96 OF THE 2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

*****No Vote Required*****

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR ITEMS NOT ADDRESSED ON AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION

- 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, 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 Callan, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.