



**CITY OF WASHINGTON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
March 2, 2023 6:00 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	Absent
Mayor Scott Putnam	Absent

Solicitor: Joe Dalfonso in attendance

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: In Memory of the Fallen McKeesport Police Officer, Sean Slugarski

PRAYER: Fern Sibert

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Georgianna Farkas- 395 West Chestnut Street: Stated she wants the Rental Registration to be done in conjunction with the Solid Waste Bills.

Fern Sibert- Addison Street: Thanked Code Enforcement for their work in aiding to get lots cleaned up in the City. Asked when the Street Sweeper would be repaired and working on the streets. Mayor Putnam stated that since Councilman Pintola, Public Works Director, was not in attendance that he didn't have that answer.

Velora Phillips- 80 East Beau Street: She has been getting tickets for parking illegally at parking meter in front of her apartment building. She states that she is disabled and can not park in the back of her apartment building. The City Administrator is going to look into this.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

- a. Traffic Control in the amount of \$450.00 for Invoice S3673. **CHARGE:** 03.00/433-378.

- b. Dodaro, Matta and Cambest in the amount of \$2,317.00 for Invoice #11292.
CHARGE: 01-13/404-310
- c. Harshman CE Group LLC in the amount of \$7,157.50 for Invoice 2020823.09
CHARGE: 53.00/436-313
- d. Harshman CE Group LLC in the amount of \$18,995.25 for Invoices 2020805.11, 2020810.25, 2020811.16, 2020814.16, 2020815.09, 2020823.14, 2020832.10, 2020836.02, 2020837.03, 2020838.04, 2020839.03. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-313
- e. Harshman CE Group LLC in the amount of \$15,232.90 for Invoices 2020805.12, 2020810.06, 2020811.17, 2020815.10, 2020823.15, 2020832.11, 2020835.02, 2020838.05, 2020839.04, 2020741.03, 2020843.01. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-313
- f. First Security in the amount of \$14,464.07 for Energy Savings Program. **CHARGE:** 77.00/409-700 (Buildings Capital Improvement)
- g. Dickie McCamey in the amount of \$32,314.53 for Invoices 10663078, 10660199, 10667271 & 10687049. **CHARGE:** 01.13/404-314. **P.O. 23-00287**
- h. Campbell and Durrant, P.C. in the amount of \$1,399.44 for Invoice # 76174.0
CHARGE: 01.13/404-314.
- i. Rudd Equipment Company in the amount of \$5,401.29 for Invoice 102602103434.
CHARGE: 01.42/430-370.
- j. Skelly & Loy in the amount of \$36,571.53 for Invoice T108431. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-313
- k. Stewart Contracting in the amount of \$6,939.18 for Invoice 3890. **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-682
- l. Meter Feeder, Inc. in the amount of \$4,498.44 for Invoice 1503. **CHARGE:** 01.17/445-240
- m. CXT in the amount of \$15,640.00 for Invoice 90044905-01. **CHARGE:** 60.00/489-00
- n. Planton Consulting in the amount of \$5,053.88 for Invoice #2303. **CHARGE:** 14.00/406-310
- o. Traffic Control in the amount of \$700.00 for Invoice #S3717. **CHARGE:** 03.00/433-378. (East Beau St. & N. Lincoln)

Motion made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the following refund to Robin Turner in the amount of \$225.00 for dye test cancelation. **CHARGE:** 01.00/361-652

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Callan and carried unanimously to **Motion** to approve promotional testing for Police Sergeant in the Police Department.

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Callan and carried unanimously to approve acceptance of quote from Traffic Control Equipment & Supplies and to pay invoice when work completed for all Pedestrian Signals on North Main Street.

CHARGE: 03.00/433-378

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Callan and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of fixtures, Equipment and Furniture from the 2023 OSFC PEMA grant award. Purchases not to exceed \$15,000.00. **CHARGE:** P.E.M.A Grant Fund 99/100-000

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Callan and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of replacement furnishings and appliances for the Tylerdale Fire Station at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00. **CHARGE:** 77.00/411-700 (Capital Improvement Fund-Fire Dept.)

Motion made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the 2023 Washington Park Fireworks Agreement with Zambelli Fireworks and approve payment in the amount of \$11,750.00 for 50% deposit. **CHARGE:** 52.00/367-672

Motion made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the Comcast Franchise Agreement effective 3-2-23 until 3-1-33.

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to approve Gas Lease with Range Resources-Appalachia LLC for a portion of deeded property known as Detroit Ave. in the City's Fifth Ward.

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to approve Harshman CE Group LLC to prepare the bid documents for the W. Prospect/Tate Alley Project.

ORDINANCES

FIRST READING of ORDINANCE 1967 BILL NO. 2 of 2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING PART 2, CHAPTER 90 OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON CODE. (ALARM SYSTEMS)

*****NO VOTE REQUIRED*****

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 1968 BILL NO. 3 OF 2023

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING ARTICLE VIII OF
THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON REGARDING POLICE
PROTECTION DURING CERTAIN ACTIVITIES**

*****NO VOTE REQUIRED*****

RESOLUTION

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Callan and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 6 of 2023**, a resolution appointing and affirming terms of the City Planning Commission.

The current members are hereby appointed and re-appointed with the terms as follows;

- Fern Sibert, term ending 12/31/2026
- Larry Steffick, term ending 12/31/2024
- Nicholas Dubina term ending 12/31/2025
- Angelo Musto term ending 12/31/2023
- Jason Kilgore term ending 12/31/2026

Motion made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 7 of 2023**, a resolution approving application to DCNR for Park Pavilion Projects.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT:

Councilman Joseph DeThomas – Advised that the Bicycle Fair will be on April 15, 2023 at the 7th Ward Playground. Stated that he is proud of Mayor and Council for all of the work they have done to improve the quality of life in the City.

Councilman Andrew Callan- No Report

Councilman Joe Pintola – Absent

Councilman Ken Westcott – Absent

Mayor Scott Putnam – Thanked Chief Rush for efforts to obtain the grant that will help make improvements to the Police Department and protect our city. Police Officers will begin wearing their body cameras on March 14, 2023, after training.

Solicitor Joe Dalfonso: No Report

- The next Regular Meeting of the Washington City Council will be held on Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. The next Agenda Meeting will be held on Monday, April 3, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.
- Washington Goes Irish on March 10, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.

- Bicycle Safety Fair on April 15, 2023 12:00 P.M.- 4:00 P.M. 7th Ward Playground
- 1st Friday Cinco De Mayo theme on May 5, 2023.
- Downtown Breakfast Crawl on Saturday May 6, 2023, at 9:30 A.M.
- Running of the Wools on May 6, 2023.
- Farmers Market opens on Thursday, May 18th at 3:00 p.m.

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