



CITY OF WASHINGTON REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL



Scott J. Putnam, Mayor

April 6, 2023 6:00 P.M.

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 BY PHONE

SOLICITOR:

Jack Cambest, Esquire

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Washington City Council.

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2023, Special 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 individuals' 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:

Rita Zimmerman – 812 Beech Street: Commended the Street Department for coming and assessing the issue she was having with rainwater run-off. Stated that they did a great job. Councilman Pintola thanked her for her comment and said that he would let the employees at the Street Department know she appreciated their help.

Fern Sibert- 486 Addison Street: Announced Clean Updates and commented on the Malcom's Magic item on today's agenda.

Mike Jones-88 Acheson: Provided an update on the Citizen Library to City Council

Parker Burroughs- 1240 Alamae Lakes Rd.: Represented the Rotary and asked City Council to join with the Rotary to place a glass recycling dumpster at the Street Department Garage.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the following payments (A.- L.) in the amount of \$265,038.63.

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the following refunds (A-B) in the amount of \$26,035.51.

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to accept the resignation of Robert A. Connor from the Public Works Department, retroactive to 3-23-23, amend the salary resolution, and pay all monies due.

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to accept the resignation of John Martincic from the Public Works Department, retroactive to 4-3-23, amend the salary resolution and pay all monies due.

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve placing employee MC on Heart and Lung benefits due to a work-related injury effective 4-3-2023.

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$1,002.00 from the Police Protection Fund to NMS LABS for payment of Invoice # 1201955 for DUI testing of blood. **CHARGE:** 81.00/410.00

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to accept the resignation of officer Colton Gray retro-active to March 17, 2023, amend the Salary Resolution, and pay all monies due.

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to apply to PLCB for a sales permit for the July 4th and December 8th events at the Washington Park.

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman DeThomas and carried unanimously to approve entering into an agreement with AT&T FirstNet at \$147.96 per month for 4 Mobile Hotspots required for use of police in-car computers.

Motion made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the estimate from Hardwood Restoration Services in the amount of \$11,800.00 and pay invoice once installed. (Main Pavilion interior floor to be refinished and stained and the new deck to match on the roadside.) **CHARGE:** 52.00/489-000 (Washington Park Development Fund)

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to authorize \$70,430.00 in matching funds for DCNR grant application for Washington Park project.

Motion made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve Malcom's Magic cat trap-neuter-release agreement not to exceed \$2,700.00. (To be paid once invoiced.) **CHARGE:** 01.14/406-310 (Professional Services)

ORDINANCES

Motion made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the **FINAL 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)

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the **FINAL 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

RESOLUTIONS

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 10 of 2023** to remove handicap parking signs from 128 Church Street and 940 Arch Street.

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 11 of 2023** to appoint and affirm terms of the City Zoning Hearing Board.

Tom Schneck-Term ending 12/31/2025

Gary Karluck-Term ending 12/31/2024

David Gatling-Term ending 12/31/2023

Alternate Members;

Matt Engle-term ending 12/21/2024

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR ITEMS NOT ADDRESSED ON AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION

DEPARTMENTAL DISCUSSION:

Councilman Joseph DeThomas – “Glad to see a lot of events coming up in the City.”

Councilman Andrew Callan- Reminded everyone about the Cash Bas on April 22, 2023

Councilman Joe Pintola – Street Department had two employees resign. A decision was made not to replace them until winter.

Councilman Ken Westcott – Yesterday the City Celebrated their 100th Anniversary. We will celebrate at a later date.

Mayor Scott Putnam – Thanked the Civil Service and both Chief Rush and Chief Richer for efforts in the hiring process.

Solicitor Jack Cambest – No Comment

- The next scheduled Regular Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.
- Bicycle Safety Fair on April 15, 2023, 12:00 P.M.- 4:00 P.M. 7th Ward Playground.
- The Washington Park Cash Bash on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at Julian’s Banquet Hall. Tickets can be purchased at the Washington Park Office, The Keystone Club and City Hall Finance Department. \$25.00 per ticket.
- City of Washington Spring Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 9:00 A.M. until 2 P.M. No tires, no televisions and no paint or chemicals.
- 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 Ewes on May 6, 2023.
- Farmers Market opens on Thursday, May 18th at 3:00 P.M.

Motion made at 6:20 P.M. by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to go into executive session immediately following the adjourned of the meeting.

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