



*Scott J. Putnam, Mayor*

# CITY OF WASHINGTON REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL

January 12, 2023 6:00 P.M.



*City Council*

*Ken Westcott, Councilman*

*Joe Pintola, Councilman*

*Andrew Callan, Councilman*

*Joseph DeThomas, Councilman*

## **ROLL CALL:**

Councilman Joseph DeThomas  
Councilman Andrew Callan  
Councilman Joe Pintola  
Councilman Ken Westcott  
Mayor Scott Putnam

## **SOLICITOR:**

Jack Cambest, Esquire

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

1. **Motion** to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Washington City Council.
2. **Motion** to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2022, Demolition Meeting of the Washington City Council.
3. **Motion** to approve the minutes of the December 27, 2022, Special Council 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:**

## **CLOSED TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**A Demolition Hearing was held today at 5:30 P.M. prior to the Regular Council Meeting.**

3. **Motion** to approve to declare the properties listed below as public nuisances and authorize the release of the following property to the Redevelopment Authority for scheduled demolition:
  - a. JOHN & KAREN ESHBAUGH  
760-021-00-03-0019-00

35 E Hallam Ave  
Washington, PA 15301

4. **Motion** to approve the following payments:
  - a. County Hauling in the amount of \$35,058.36 for Oct-Dec 2022 Recycling Contract.  
**CHARGE:** 01.25/426-456
  - b. County Hauling in the amount of \$167,156.10 for Oct-Dec 2022 Solid Waste Contract.  
**CHARGE:** 01.25/427-453
  - c. Traffic Control in the amount of \$8,930.00 for S. College & E Beau Street Pedestrian Pole replacement. **CHARGE:** 03.00/433-378 (Traffic Control Maintenance)
  - d. Traffic Control in the amount of \$2,266.31 for E. Maiden & Dunn Pedestrian Signal Pole. **CHARGE:** 03.00/433-378 (Traffic Control Maintenance)
  - e. Traffic Control in the amount of \$20,975.00 for Main & Maiden Pedestrian Pole.  
**CHARGE:** 03.00/433-378 (Traffic Control Maintenance)
  - f. Dodaro, Matta and Cambest in the amount of \$2,554.34 for Invoice 11216. **CHARGE:** 01-13/404-310
  - g. Pennsylvania Municipal League in the amount of \$4,216.32 for 2023 Yearly Dues.  
**CHARGE:**
  - h. Harshman CE Group LLC in the amount of \$11,182.00 for Invoices 2020810.24, 2020811.15, 2020814.15, 2020823.13, 2020837.02, 2020838.03, 2020841.02  
**CHARGE:** 53.00/436-313
  - i. Stewart Contracting in the amount of \$6,700.00 for W. Prospect Storm Sewer Inlet installation Payment No. 1 (final). **CHARGE:** 53.00/436-682 (Storm Water Construction Costs)
  - j. Pennsylvania Municipal League in the amount of \$4,216.32 for 2023 Dues. **CHARGE:** 01.60/400-420
  - k. Edmunds GovTech in the amount of \$27,459.28 for Invoice 22-IN5691. **CHARGE:** 01-23/407-457 (2023 Software Maintenance)
  - l. Edmunds GovTech in the amount of \$1,106.11 for Invoice 22-IN5388. **CHARGE:** 01-23/407-457(2023 Hardware Maintenance)
  - m. Washington East Washington Joint Authority in the amount of \$2,500.00 for Invoice 17539. **CHARGE:** 01.34/413-240
5. **Motion** to approve the following refund:

- a. Dwayne Ronczkowski in the amount of \$1,400.00 for Police Ford Taurus agreement.

**CHARGE:** 01.00/391-920

6. **Motion** to approve wage increases for non-salaried employees.
7. **Motion** to approve the 2023 Twist Inc. Softball Ballfield Lease agreement.
8. **Motion** to approve the 2023 WYB Ballfield Lease agreement.
9. **Motion** to reappoint Harshman CE Group LLC as the City Engineer.
10. **Motion** to reappoint Dodaro, Matta, and Cambest as the City Solicitor.
11. **Motion** to reappoint Municipal Consulting Services as the City BCO.
12. **Motion** to renew the contract between the FOP and City Police Sergeant Matt Karlowsky for the services of K9 Tony retroactive from January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023.
13. **Motion** to approve the lot consolidation application submitted by Thomaston Land Company, LLC to consolidate Parcel Numbers 770-039-00-04-0010-00, 770-039-00-04-0009-00, 770-039-00-04-0008, 770-039-00-04-0007-00, 770-039-00-04-0006-00, and 770-039-00-04-0004-00 as recommended by the Planning Commission at its meeting held December 28, 2022.
14. **Motion** to amend the 2023 budget to transfer \$24,465.23 from 01.70/482-993 (transfer to general fund reserve) to 01.53/454-141 (salary-Park secretary).
15. **Motion** to amend the 2023 budget to transfer \$6,246.77 from 01.00/290-000 (prior year carryover) to 01.53/454-141 (Salary-park secretary).
16. **Motion** to approve payment to PNC Bank, in the amount of \$67,556.38 for Act 205 Pension Collections thru 12/31/2022. **CHARGE:** 79.00/483-000. Act 205 Distressed Pension Fund.
17. **Motion** to approve the Public Works Teamsters contract retroactive January 1, 2023, through Dec. 31, 2026, and amend the Salary Resolution.

**ORDINANCES:**

18. **Motion** to approve the **FINAL 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**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

19. **Motion** to approve **RESOLUTION 1 of 2023**

**Adoption of new Fire Civil Service Rules and Regulations recommended by the Civil Service Board, effective January 12, 2023.**

20. **Motion** to approve **RESOLUTION 2 of 2023**

**Adoption of new Police Civil Service Rules and Regulations recommended by the Civil Service Board, effective January 12, 2023.**

21. **Motion** to approve **RESOLUTION 3 of 2023**

**City Council re-states the terms of the Civil Service Board Members, upon completion of the Oath, and are appointed to the terms noted:**

<b>Richard Beck</b>	<b>term ending 12/31/2026</b>
<b>George Robinson</b>	<b>term ending 12/31/2025</b>
<b>Rob Miklic</b>	<b>term ending 12/31/2024</b>

22. **Motion** to approve **RESOLUTION 4 of 2023**

**Adoption of the 2023 Fee Schedule, effective January 16, 2023.**

23. **Motion** to approve **RESOLUTION 5 of 2023**

**RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT ACT 57 OF 2022 PROPERTY TAX  
PENALTY WAIVER PROVISIONS**

**SWEARING IN OF CIVIL SERVICE BOARD MEMBERS**

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

**DEPARTMENTAL DISCUSSION:**

Councilman Joseph DeThomas –

Councilman Andrew Callan-

Councilman Joe Pintola -

Councilman Ken Westcott –

Mayor Scott Putnam –

Solicitor Jack Cambest –

- The next scheduled Regular Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in Council Chambers. The Agenda meeting will be held on Monday, January 30, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.
- City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2023, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.
- All evening Agenda and Regular Council evening meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. in 2023.

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting.