



**CITY OF WASHINGTON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
May 4, 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	Present
Mayor Scott Putnam	Present

Solicitor: Jack Cambest	Present
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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.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: In Memory of George Robinson, who served on the City of Washington Civil Service Commission for over 30 years.

PRAYER: National Day of Prayer lead by Fern Sibert

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Rosa: 56 W Prospect: Blight complaint regarding 40 W Prospect Avenue. Grass over foot high. Owner won't mow unless code enforcement makes them.

Fern Sibert- Addison Street: Asked when the Street Sweeper would be repaired and working on the streets. Councilman Pintola advised that the sweeper was working but needs a minor repair right now. Talked about recycling and recommended that Council add an additional fee on to the Solid Waste Bill for Glass Recycling.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Recognitions:

The City of Washington "Pride in Washington" Certificate of Appreciation Presented to Robert, Bob Griffin, Redevelopment Executive Director for his support of the City of Washington Community.

The City of Washington Certificate of Appreciation Presented to Doug DeCosta for his quick thinking to report seeing a stolen vehicle in March 2023 that was carrying two

kidnapped children, which ultimately lead to the apprehension of the suspect and safe return of the children to their parents.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the Minutes from the April 6, 2023, Regular Council Meeting.

Civil Service Chairman, Richard Beck, presented the updated current List of Eligibility for the Police Department and the updated Promotion List.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to accept and approve the Civil Service Police Certified eligibility list.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the conditional offer of employment to police applicant Joseph Iannetta, with a tentative start date of 5-22-23 pending completion of the psychological evaluation and physical examination.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to accept and approve the Civil Service Police Promotion List.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to promote officer Roger Frazee, to the rank of corporal, effective 5-5-23 and amend the salary ordinance accordingly.

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to promote officer Bradley Resnik, to the rank of corporal, effective 5-5-23 and amend the salary ordinance accordingly.

Civil Service Chairman, Richard Beck, to present the updated current List of Eligibility for the Fire Department and the updated Promotion List.

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to accept and approve the Civil Service Firefighter Promotion List.

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to promote Firefighter, Allen DeJohn, to the rank of Engineer, effective May 5, 2023 and amend the Salary Resolution accordingly.

Swearing In for Engineer Promotion

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to accept and approve the Civil Service Firefighter Certified Eligibility List.

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to accept the final probationary reports for firefighters, Joseph Wasik, Richard

Normand and Alex Gates, and approve permanent appointment to the Washington Fire Department.

Swearing In of Firefighters Gates, Normand and Wasik.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the following payments (a. – q.) in the amount of \$125,056.38.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the following transfers, (a.-b.) in the amount of \$5,212.92.

Motion made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to appoint CJ Mitchell to the WBDA Board effective May 1, 2023, through May 1, 2027.

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve the lease for 2023 Ford Police Interceptor for 60-month term at \$918.39 from Enterprise Fleet Management

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve participation in the PSATES Random Drug testing Policy Program and payment of subsequent costs incurred.

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve Pedestrian Push Button repairs by Traffic Control Equipment and Supplies and subsequent payment for locations submitted in the estimate dated 3/23/23 in the amount not to exceed \$6,000.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the 2023 road paving project Base Bid as recommended by the Engineer, to Alex E. Paris in the amount of \$303,155.65. (The City is not awarding the alternate bid.)

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to amend the Salary Resolution to add a Level 2 Admissions/Concessions Clerk at \$9.50 per hour.

Motion made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman Westcott and carried unanimously to approve the installation of a new waterline at the Washington Park and subsequent payment to Piccolomini Development, not to accede \$5,000.00.

Motion made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to participate in the glass recycling drop-off program in collaboration with the Washington Rotary and approve related payments from the recycling fund not to exceed \$1,600.00 in 2023.

Motion made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to accept bids for Police Station roof replacement.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to renew Life/Dental/AD&D coverage with Met Life Insurance Co. and approve payments through 5/31/24. Rate guarantee for 24 months. (6/1/23 through 5/31/25)

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve making a contribution in the amount of \$2,000.00 to the Bradford Historical Association for the 2023 Whiskey Rebellion. **CHARGE:** 01.55/459-541

COMMENT: Councilman DeThomas thanked the City for their support for the Whiskey Rebellion.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion made by Councilman Callen, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 12 of 2023 TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE GREENWAYS, TRAILS AND RECREATION PROGRAM (GTRP) GRANT OF \$119,731 WITH A 15% MATCH REQUIREMENT FROM THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY, TO BE USED FOR THE SHELTER NO. 1 PARKING LOT REHABILITATION AND PLAYGROUND INSTALLATION PROJECT.**

COMMENT: Councilman Callan stated that the new parking lot is very much needed.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 13 of 2023, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON.**

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 14 of 2023, A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE LOCAL FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$110,709 TO WASHINGTON COUNTY TRANSIT TO MATCH STATE FUNDS IN FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024, AND PROVIDE NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 2024.**

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 15 of 2023, WHISKEY REBELLION to erect the 2023 Whiskey Rebellion overhead banners June 19, 2023-July 10, 2023.**

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT:

Councilman Joseph DeThomas – Congratulations to Chief Richer on being appointed as the Emergency Management Contact for the City.

Councilman Andrew Callan- The Police Department Building roof is leaking and that is why we need to have it replaced.

Councilman Joe Pintola – Street Sweeper was working but now needs repaired. Minor repair.

Councilman Ken Westcott – Commended Chief Richer on bringing back the tradition of swearing in the firefighters. Stated that he grew up with Bob Griffin and congratulated him on his award and thanked him for his commitment to the City.

Mayor Putnam- Echoed Councilman Westcott's sentiments. Stated that it is great that we are getting qualified applicants for the Fire and Police Civil Service Lists. Announced that the City is going to need to appoint a new Civil Service Board Member to the board. Advised that the Park Cash Bash was a big success and that the Park is ½ way to their goal to pay for this year's Fireworks having raised almost \$14,000.00. Also stated that the Community Pavilion has 26 events booked from now until the fall.

Solicitor Jack Cambest: No Report

- 1st Friday Sheepo 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.
- Community Blessing at the Pavilion on May 7, 2023.
- Community Farmers Market opens on Thursday, May 18th at 3:00 P.M.
- Spark in the Park on Tuesday, July 4, 2023.
- Whiskey Rebellion July 7th-July 8th 2023.

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