



**CITY OF WASHINGTON  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
June 8, 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: Wash High Class of 2023**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**John Banco: Uninspected cars parking in Maple Alley. Asked when they would pave Maple Alley. Councilman Pintolas advised it is not on the list for this year.**

**Fern Sibert: Clean & Tidy collected more than 2,200 lbs. of bottle caps. Will be picking up the benches in Evansville, Indiana the end of the month. 8 of the 11 benches will go to Washington Park. She will continue to collect bottle caps until October.**

**Chris Ray: Regarding 11 & 12 S College Street: Thanked City Council for letting them present their proposal.**

**Joe Burgess: Spoke in support of the conditional use application on tonight's agenda regarding 11 & 25 South College Street. Stated that as the father of a recovering addict we need to make sure we are trying to help people.**

**CLOSED TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- The Swearing in of Police Officer, Joseph Iannetta

- Civil Service Chairman, Richard Beck, presented the current Certified Firefighter List of 3 Eligibility List to Mayor and City Council.

**Motion** made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the acceptance of the current Certified Firefighter List of 3 Eligibility List.

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve the conditional offer of employment to firefighter applicant William Koker, with a tentative start date of 7-1-23 pending completion of the drug test and physical examination and amend the salary Resolution accordingly.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the following payments (a.-x.) in the amount of \$483,359.62.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the following transfers: (a.-b.) in the amount of \$30,289.04.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the following refunds: (a.) in the amount of \$14,464.07.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to authorize Treasurer Nicoletta to pay off the 2023 TAN loan to Washington Financial Bank in the amount of \$1,019,586.67. Principal \$1,000,000.00,

**CHARGE:** 01.90/471-600 & Interest (as per payoff quote.) **CHARGE:** 01.90/472-600.

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to authorize payment to Ideal Integrations for Quote #013548 for Software/TAC technical support & hardware replacement in the amount of \$954.46.

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve adding an address for parcel number: 750-012-00-00-0001-00 as 629 ½ Murdoch Street.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the Teamsters 4-year contract retroactive from January 1, 2023-December 31, 2026, and amend the Salary Resolution accordingly.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the Code Enforcement Officer's salary increase to \$52,000.00, and amend the Salary Resolution accordingly, effective June 11, 2023.

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to remove M.C. from Heart & Lung benefits and return to full duty status with the police department, retroactive to 5-22-23.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to place B.R. on Heart & Lung benefits due to a work-related injury, effective 6-7-23.

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to place S.O. on Heart & Lung benefits due to a work-related injury, retroactive to May 30, 2023.

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the police department agreement to enter into a 1-year contract with X32 Temple Canine Training, LLC for the purpose of certifying the department canine, as per commonwealth law.

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$107,500.00 to the Washington County Transportation Authority as operations local match for the 2022-2023 transit fiscal year (which ends June 30, 2023). **CHARGE:** 85.00/447-000

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve payment to PNC Bank, in the amount of \$742,288.15 for Act 205 Pension Collections through 5-30-23. **CHARGE:** 79.00-483-000. (ACT 205 Distressed Pension Fund.)

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to authorize advertising for Solid Waste and Recycling Bids for 2024.

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to advertise to accept applications for the Public Works Department.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to accept the conditional use application for the properties located at 11 South College Street and 25 South College Street.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to purchase a 2009 International Durastar Altec Bucket Truck in the amount of \$22,000.00 and all related transfer cost from Reppert Vehicle Sales. **CHARGE:** 46.00/430-740

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the Transfer of Property Known as Tax Parcel 290-004-00-03-0002-00 from the City of Washington to the Lemoyne Community Center, subject to the execution of a Deed between the City of Washington and the Lemoyne Community Center.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**Motion** made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 15 of 2023** to erect the “DICK’S Sporting Goods Pony League World Series Banners to be erected July 28, 2023 and removed August 17, 2023.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 16 of 2023** to approve the PennDot “Application for Special Events” for the Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk sponsored by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention for September 30, 2023.

## **DEPARTMENTAL DISCUSSION:**

Councilman Joseph DeThomas – Thanked the Civil Service Commission and welcomed the new firefighter.

Councilman Andrew Callan- Stated that DeAnna Martin and her staff did a great job opening the pool for the season. Announced that the new Dog Park is now open.

Councilman Joe Pintola – Stated that Springfield Avenue will be getting paved this summer.

Councilman Ken Westcott – No Report

Mayor Scott Putnam – Welcomed the new police officer and firefighter to the City.

Solicitor Jack Cambest – No Report

- The next scheduled Regular Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. in Council Chambers. The new Agenda Meeting will be held on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.
- City Hall will be closed on June 14, 2023, in observance of Flag Day.
- The Farmer’s Market is open on Thursdays at 3:00 P.M.

- Juneteenth Celebration: June 17, 2023. Parade at 10:30 A.M. starting at Friendship Baptist Church located at 17 East Walnut Street. A full day of live music, food trucks, vendors, games, prizes, local history, and fun activities for the whole family will follow at the LeMoyne Community Center from 11:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M.
- Independence Day “Spark in the Park” Celebration on Tuesday, July 4, 2023.
- Whiskey Rebellion Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>-July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- The Pony League World Series will be held August 11<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup> 2023.
- Shark in the Park, Saturday, August 12, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.

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