



**CITY OF WASHINGTON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
August 3, 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

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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:

John Benko/120 Maple Alley: Complaint about cars without inspection in the alley and speeder in the alley. Would speak with Lt. Devenney and Chief Rush after the meeting. Code Enforcement advised that he cited 1076 Maple Avenue.

Dave Fraley/309 Taylor Avenue: Asked again when East Alley would be paved. Councilman Pintola said they would patch but not pave as alleys are not a priority. Mr. Fraley stated that he has been asking for the alley to be paved for 15 years and wanted to know why it isn't a priority. Wanted to know why the stop sign at Arch Street/Taylor Avenue was taken down after the last meeting. Councilman Pintola stated that it was put up illegally and there wasn't a study done to put the stop sign there. Mr. Fraley said that former Councilman Staniszewski had the stop sign put up three years ago. Mayor Putnam said that a Councilman doesn't have that authority to do that on their own and that a study has to be done first and if recommended then City Council has to approve it at a Council Meeting. Mr. Fraley said he will continue to come to speak at Council meetings regarding this issue.

Fern Sibert/486 Addison Avenue: Reminded everyone to continue collecting caps for benches and picnic tables through September. Advised that the Rotary will be at the Glass Recycling bins at the Public Works Department on Saturday, August 5, 2023 to collect glass from residents.

Neil Isiminger/Isiminger Towing: Presented a check in the amount of \$2,000.00 to the City for the remaining balance owed on the agenda for the Police Department's 6 additional Body Worn Cameras. Mayor Putnam thanked the Isiminger's for their continued support of the police and fire departments.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Swearing in of Police Officer, James Kubacki

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to accept the Minutes from the July 13, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

PRESENTATION-Civil Service Commission Chairman, Richard Beck, presented City Council with the Police Sergeant Eligibility List and the Police Lieutenant Eligibility List.

Motion was made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to accept the Police Sergeant and Lieutenant Eligibility lists.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried to approve the following payments (a-p.) in the amount of \$296,240.07.

Roll Call:

Councilman DeThomas: Yes

Councilman Callan: Yes

Councilman Pintola: Yes

Councilman Westcott: Yes

Mayor Putnam: Abstain (As his employer is listed on List of Bills)

Motion was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the following refund (a.) in the amount of \$150.00.

Motion was made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to accept the resignation of Nicholas Bryant (Public Work Department) effective July 21, 2023, amend the Salary Resolution and pay all monies due.

Motion was made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to promote police Sergeant John Hritz from the certified civil service list to police Lieutenant effective August 3, 2023, and amend the salary resolution accordingly.

Motion was made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to promote police Corporal Kent Mitchell from the certified civil service list to police Sergeant effective August 3, 2023, and amend the salary resolution accordingly.

Motion was made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to request the Civil Service Board authorize testing for police promotions for the ranks of lieutenant and corporal.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to authorize Hudson Energy to provide electric at a rate of \$.06630 per kwh for 69 accounts held by the City of Washington from December 2023-December 2024.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to authorize AEP Energy to provide electric at a rate of \$.05644 per kwh for (2) streetlight accounts held by the City of Washington from December 2023-December 2024.

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve the police department purchase of 6 additional Body Worn Cameras, the associated storage and 1 docking station at a cost of \$24,152.00. This is a 5-year contract with Motorola Solutions; The cameras and docks will be purchased outright from PCCD grant funding along with 2 years of storage at a cost of \$22,352.00. The additional 3 years of storage would be covered by the city at a cost of \$1,800.00.

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to approve police dept solicitation of bids to install 4 external cameras on the police station. The cost of the installation would be covered by PCCD grant funding with a maximum expenditure of \$8,000.00.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and was carried to approve the conditional use request of Buttagi Homes, Inc. for the proposed construction of a four unit multi-family structure located at 570 Jefferson Avenue, Washington, PA contingent upon the grant of a variance for minimum lot width and minimum side yard.

Roll Call

Councilman DeThomas: No
Councilman Callan: Yes
Councilman Pintola: Yes
Councilman Westcott: Yes
Mayor Putnam: No

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to appoint Jacque Cochran to the Civil Service Board to fulfill the remaining term of George Robinson, effective August 4, 2023 until December 31, 2025.

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to extend a conditional offer of employment to William Poland, Jr. for a position Laborer/Driver with the Department of Public Works with an official start date to be determined by the City Administration upon successful completion of all required pre-employment screenings and amend the salary resolution.

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to extend a conditional offer of employment to Jeremy Notaro, for a position Laborer/Driver with the Department of Public Works with an official start date to be determined by the City Administration upon successful completion of all required pre-employment screenings and amend the salary resolution.

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to extend a conditional offer of employment to Alexander Pepper, for a position Laborer/Driver with the Department of Public Works with an official start date to be determined by the City Administration upon successful completion of all required pre-employment screenings and amend the salary resolution.

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve selling two pieces of Fire Department training/fitness equipment to the City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Fire for the amount of \$6,800.00.

Motion made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the plumbing repairs to Tylerdale station with McKean Plumbing, not to exceed \$6,500.00.

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to Table the Motion to approve replacing Fire Station Headquarters side door replacement, not to exceed \$4,300.00.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to appoint Carole DeAngelo to the WBDA at the recommendation and majority vote of the WBDA board, from a list of three candidates, for a 5-year term beginning August 1, 2023 and ending July 31, 2028.

Motion made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to authorize Harshman CE Group to prepare and submit a DGLVR Grant to Washington County Conservation District for drainage improvements to Twist Way with matching funds to come from money budgeted to repave Twist Way.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to authorize the purchase and approve payment of required fire equipment for the 2023 Pierce Saber Fire Engine:

- a. 96.00/411-000 MARCELLUS SHALE IMPACT FEE FUND - Emergency Services-Fire. Cost not to exceed: \$50,000.00
- b. 99.00/411-700 PEMA GRANT FUND - Fire Equipment Purchase. Cost not to exceed: \$25,000.00

RESOLUTIONS

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 23 of 2023** to amend the handicap parking Ordinance and add 1 handicap parking space at 932 Addison Avenue & 21 Shannon Avenue.

ORDINANCES

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve the **FINAL READING of**

ORDINANCE 1969 BILL NO. 4 OF 2023

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON,
WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 208,
MUNICIPAL CLAIMS AND DELINQUENT TAXES, ARTICLE I COLLECTION
OF FEES AND COSTS FOR DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS, §208-2
SCHEDULE OF FEES.**

DEPARTMENTAL DISCUSSION:

Councilman Joseph DeThomas – Congratulated the promotions and new hires.

Councilman Andrew Callan- Stated that the Walking trail project has started.

Councilman Joe Pintola – We are in possession of the “new to us” bucket truck and that the street sweeper has been repaired.

Councilman Ken Westcott – Congratulated John Hritz on his promotion. He thanked the Isimingers for their continued support of the Police and Fire departments.

Mayor Scott Putnam – Stated that the City and the School District are working on an agreement for the Colt Field at the Washington Park and that it should be ready for approval at next month’s meeting.

Solicitor Jack Cambest – No Comment

- The next scheduled Regular Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.
- The Farmer’s Market is open on Thursdays at 3:00 P.M.
- First Friday, Friday, August 4, 2023 at the Community Pavilion 4:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. The City of Washington’s 100th Year Anniversary Celebration.
- The Pony League World Series will be held August 11th- 16th, 2023.
- Shark in the Park, Saturday, August 12, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.
- Washington County Fair, August 12 -August 19, 2023. The 225 Year Anniversary.
- Italian Festival, Saturday, September 23, 2023 12:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. Community Pavilion

- 7th Ward Fall Festival, Thursday, October 12th 4:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. 7th Ward Playground

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