



CITY OF WASHINGTON REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL



Scott J. Putnam, Mayor

September 14, 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

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:

CLOSED TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Palermo & Kissinger 2022 Audit Report

1. **Motion** to accept the Regular Council Meeting minutes from August 3, 2023.
2. **Motion** to approve the following payments (a.-1.) in the amount of \$88,601.41.
3. **Motion** to approve the following refund (a.) in the amount of \$3,390.24.
4. **Motion** to approve the following transfer (a.) in the amount of \$5,000.00.
5. **Motion** to approve agreement between the City of Washington and Washington School District for the annual cost of \$30,000.00 for the Treasurer's Office Collection of the 2024 School District Mercantile and Business Privilege Taxes, effective January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024.
6. **Motion** to approve the use of City property located at the corner lot on E. Chestnut and Main Street for the Life Church Annual Back to School Block Party on Sunday, August 27, 2023. (**NOTE:** MOU approved August 23, 2023)

7. **Motion** to approve payment to PNC Bank, in the amount of \$398,508.82 for Act 205 Pension Collections through 8/31/2023. **CHARGE:** 79.00/483-000. Act 205 Distressed Pension Fund.
8. **Motion** to adopt the 2024 Minimum Municipal Obligations as prepared by Cowden & Associates:
 Police Fund: \$895,452.00
 Fire Fund: \$276,471.00
 O & E Fund: \$88,226.00
 \$1,171,923.00
9. **Motion** to approve purchase and subsequent payment of side door replacement at Headquarters Station. Replacement costs not to exceed \$4,100.00 to Custom Door Systems INC, Houston, PA. **CHARGE:** 52.00/409-374
10. **Motion** to approve destruction and disposal of or listing for auction the following items currently in care of the police department:
- 6 ASUS desktop computers
 - 21 assorted model DELL desktop computers
 - 1 Gateway laptop
 - 2 Fax machines
 - 1 flat bed document scanner
- **The device hard drives will be removed and destroyed prior to sale.
11. **Motion** to have the Solicitor complete title searches for a public hearing and place the following properties on the Demolition list to certify and release the Redevelopment Authority for demolition:

989 Arch St Washington, PA 15301 770-022-00-02-0002-00 Listed Owner: Mark W Miller 989 Arch Street Washington, Pa 15301	45 Burton Ave Washington, PA 15301 730-008-00-01-0027-00 Listed Owner: Marcus Chatman 333 Central Avenue Washington, PA 15301
493 Ewing St Washington, PA 15301 780-006-00-01-0005-00 Listed Owner: Catherine Adams & Irene Beasley 220 Elm Street Canonsburg, PA 15317	475 Ewing St Washington, PA 15301 780-006-00-01-0010-00 Listed Owner: Debra Gray 475 Ewing Street Washington, PA 15301
352 S Main St COMMERCIAL PROPERTY Washington, PA 15301 740-007-00-01-0017-00 & 740-007-00-01-0018-00 Listed Owner: Kush Prop Management LLC 352 S Main Street Washington, PA 15301	916 Addison St Washington, Pa 15301 780-017-00-03-0014-00 Listed Owner: Keith Dryer 916 Addison Street Washington, PA 15301
23 Gibson Ave Washington, PA 15301 730-008-00-02-0004-00 Listed Owner: Twenty Three Gibson LLC 23 Gibson Avenue Washington, PA 15301	801 ½ E Maiden St Washington, PA 15301 750-032-00-02-0015-00 Listed Owner: Joan Reese & Ruth Reese 801 ½ E Maiden Street Washington, PA 15301

12. **Motion** to approve change order in the amount of \$70,300.00 for Skelly and Loy for the American Legion Project.
13. **Motion** to approve payment to BAYCOM in the amount of \$25,292.00 for purchase and installation of 4 in-car police computers. **CHARGE:** 77.00/410-700 (Police Capital Improvements) This will be reimbursed by the PCCD Technology Grant.
14. **Motion** to reject El Grande Paving bid for 7th Ward Park.
15. **Motion** to approve sponsorship of the City Mission Statewide LSA Grant Application.
16. **Motion** to approve the proposal and pay invoice from SE Schultz Electric to install (2) lighting contactors with 12 poles each at the Washington Park Tennis Courts at a cost not to exceed \$2,711.22. **CHARGE:** 94.00/489-000
17. **Motion** to rescind the Covid Policy effective June 1, 2023.
18. **Motion** to approve Trick or Treat to be held on Tuesday, October 31, 2023 from 5:30 P.M. until 7:00 P.M.
19. **Motion** to award the Solid Waste Bid to _____, effective _____.

RESOLUTIONS

20. **Motion** to approve **RESOLUTION 24 of 2023** to amend the handicap parking Ordinance and add 1 handicap parking space at 115 Hall Avenue, add 1 handicap parking space at 726 Fayette Street and add 1 handicap parking space at 147 Rosewood Avenue.

ORDINANCES

21. **Motion** to approve **ORDINANCE 1970 BILL NO. 5 of 2023** to amend **ORDINANCE 1922 Bill No 2 of 2019 Ch 335 Article IV**, ss335-35 Parking shall be prohibited in the following locations at all times on the days and between the hours indicated in this section to include the following verbiage:

<u>STREET</u>	<u>SIDE</u>	<u>BETWEEN</u>	<u>DAYS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
DUNN AVENUE (ALL)	EAST	PARK ROAD & PARK MAIN GATE STONE PILLARS	MAY 1 THROUGH SEPT. 1	(ALL)

*****NO VOTE REQUIRED*****

22. **Motion** to approve **ORDINANCE 1971 BILL NO 6 of 2023** to amend **ORDINANCE 1836 of 2010**, now Section 325-41 of the City Code, limiting the area for availability of the business privilege tax abatement offered therein and clarification of requirements.

*****NO VOTE REQUIRED*****

23. **Motion** to approve **ORDINANCE 1972 BILL NO. 7 of 2023** to amend **ORDINANCE 1922 BILL NO. 2 of 2019**, Article II Section 335-24 of the City Code to add the following Stop intersection; Stop Street-Taylor Avenue, intersecting or Through Street-Arch St, Direction of Travel-North and South.

*****NO VOTE REQUIRED*****

24. **Motion** to approve **ORDINANCE 1973 BILL NO. 8 of 2023**, An Ordinance of the City of Washington relative to the establishment and Maintenance of the City Employees' pension, annuity, insurance and benefit fund or funds to amend certain provisions of the fund relative to the Full-time Police Officers and the Deferred Limited vested benefit per the Third-Class City Code.

***** NO VOTE REQUIRED*****

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, October 5, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. in Council Chambers. The next scheduled Agenda Meeting will be held on Monday, October 2, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.
- The Farmer's Market is open on Thursdays at 3:00 P.M.
- Art in the Park, Saturday, September 16, 2023 11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
- 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
- Creativity Crawl on North Main, October 14th 3:00 P.M. – 8 P.M.
- Dark in the Park, Light Scare on Friday, October 27, 2023 / Full Scare, October 28, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

Motion to adjourn the meeting.