



**CITY OF WASHINGTON  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 5, 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: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MONTH, FIRE PROTECTION MONTH,  
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

**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:**

Kimberly Watters-147 Rosewood Avenue: Asked for an evaluation of street parking on Rosewood due to evolution of the area.

Tammie Wallace-206 Springfield Avenue: Wants to know if the City can have an organization paint the orange utility blocks painted. She was advised to speak to the City Administrator.

John T. Hritz-FOP Lodge 95 President: Thanked Mayor and Council for approving application for the grant that provided 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Kits for the City Police.

Fern Sibert-Addison Avenue: Thanked Council for presenting her the award last month. Advised that Fall Clean Up will be held on October 14, 2023 from 8:00 AM until 10 AM. Rain date following weekend.

Melanie Buzgan Dower- City Mission: Gave a brief presentation on the Lot Consolidation that is on the agenda for Council to approve this evening.

Sandy Sabot-35 Milbeck: Advised Council she is running for County Prothonotary and that there is a Debate on October 11, 2023 at 7 p.m. at the Lemoyne Center.

**Public Comment Closed.**

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to accept the Regular Council Meeting minutes from September 14, 2023.

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve the following payments (a. - l.) in the amount of \$1,409,467.85.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the following transfer (a.) in the amount of \$780,937.02.

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Wstscott, and carried unanimously to place employee, P.J.B., (Fire Department) on Heart & Lung Benefits retroactive to 9-2-2023.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to place employee, P.W.B., (Police Department) on Heart & Lung Benefits retroactive to 9-27-23.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to transfer \$780,937.02 from 29.00/492-900 (General Municipal Pension State Aid Fund) to 01.00/392-900 (General Fund) for 2023 Pension State Aid Allocation.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve payment to PNC Bank in the amount of \$780,937.02 as payment of the 2023 State Aid Allocation, **CHARGE:** 01.60/483-534 (Pension Contributions)

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve payment to PNC Bank, in the amount of \$455,215.04 for Act 205 Pension Collections thru 9/21/2023. **CHARGE:** 79.00/483-000. Act 205 Distressed Pension Fund.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the land consolidation application to combine and consolidate the following parcels (710-002-00-01-0001-00, 710-002-00-01-0002-00,710-002-00-01-0002-01,710-002-00-01-0003-00, 710-002-00-01-0003-01,710-002-00-01-0004-00,710-002-00-01-0005-00,710-002-00-01-0006-00,710-002-00-01-0007-00, 710-002-00-01-0008-00-Into parcel A of 43,200 sq. ft. and parcel A-2 of 6,840 sq. ft.) by the Washington City Mission, as approved by the Planning Commission on September 27, 2023.

**COMMENT: Code Enforcement Officer, Jeff Donatelli advised City Council that the Planning Commission unanimously approved.**

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the sale of a 2012 Dodge Charger (Code Enforcement) and a 2016 Ford Taurus Police Interceptor through Municipal Bids.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the Enterprise Lease for a 2023 Dodge Durango in the amount of \$983.35 per month for 60 months. (Police Department) and to make subsequent payments.

**COMMENT: Mayor Putnam stated that the City has found cost saving by leasing the vehicles through Enterprise from maintenance and gas costs.**

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to request that the Civil Service Board authorize testing for Fire Department promotions for the rank of Engineer.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve submission of a letter to PaDot regarding the need for drainage as part of the S. Main Street Project.

**Motion** made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve sending a letter of support to the EDA on behalf of Ignite/W&J.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the purchase and subsequent payment for the In-Synch RMS (Record Management System) -15 Licenses in the amount of \$50,875.00 per CoStars contract # 006-E22-214. **CHARGE:** 77.00/430-330

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve the quote for Linn Avenue Stormwater Repair from Slusarczyk Excavating in the amount of \$9,350.00.

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve the quote for Lockhart Stormwater Repair from Metz Contracting in the amount of \$17,350.00.

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to award the 2024-2028 Solid Waste and Recycling Bid to Bigs Sanitation.

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to **Table the Motion** to approve committing \$\_\_\_\_\_ in match funding for the Stone Pavilion Rehabilitation Project.

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve the resignation of Alex Pepper effective October 6, 2023, amend the Salary Resolution effective October 6, 2023, and pay all monies due.

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to approve fire station repair bid with 50% down payment and balance upon completion in the total amount of \$1,950.00 by Tennis Roofing.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**Motion** made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 24 of 2023** in support of application to the Washington County Local Share Account Program Grant for the Stone Pavilion Rehabilitation Project.

## **ORDINANCES**

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and unanimously carried to deny approval of the Final Reading of **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)

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the **Final Reading** of 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.

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the **Final Reading of 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.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the **Final Reading of 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.

**DEPARTMENTAL DISCUSSION:**

**Councilman Joseph DeThomas** – Congratulated Fern on her award from the City last month. Mentioned that Leaf pick up will begin November 1, 2023.

**Councilman Andrew Callan-**

**Councilman Joe Pintola** – Leaf Pickup begins November 1<sup>st</sup> until the first snow. Must use designated paper leaf bags that can be purchased at a home improvement store and brought to the curb.

**Councilman Ken Westcott** – Congratulated the City Mission on their lot consolidation and plans for the new women’s shelter. Wished the best of Luck to Wiencek’s on their new Grand Reopening on Saturday.

**Mayor Scott Putnam** –

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the Letter of Support for the Washington Senior Citizens Center.

**Solicitor Jack Cambest – No Comment**

- The next scheduled Regular Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 2, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. in Council Chambers. The next scheduled Agenda Meeting will be held on Monday, October 30, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.
- Demolition Hearing at 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, November 2, 2023 prior to the Regular Council Meeting.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Fall Festival, Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> 4:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Playground
- Creativity Crawl on North Main, October 14<sup>th</sup> 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** was made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.