



CITY OF WASHINGTON REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL



DECEMBER 7, 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
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

A Demolition Hearing was held at 5:00 P.M. prior to the Council Meeting

1. **Motion** to declare the properties listed as public nuisances and authorize the release of the following properties to the Redevelopment Authority for scheduled 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

Civil Service Commissioner Richard Beck to present the Police Promotions List

2. **Motion** to vacate the current Civil Service Police Certified Promotions list and certify a new Certified Promotion List.
3. **Motion** to approve the Civil Service Police Promotions list.
4. **Motion** to approve the promotion of officer, Joseph Fichter, to the rank of Corporal effective 12-7-23 and to amend the salary resolution.
5. **Motion** to request the Civil Service Board to begin the process of compiling a New Hire Civil Service Police Eligibility List.
6. **Motion** to approve the Minutes from the October 30, 2023 Special Meeting.
7. **Motion** to approve the Minutes from the November 2, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.
8. **Motion** to approve the following payments (a.-r.) in the amount of \$890,563.81.
9. **Motion** to approve the following refunds (a.-c.) in the amount of \$33,054.05.
10. **Motion** to approve the following transfer (a.) in the amount of \$13,000.00.
11. **Motion** to approve the conditional use application for 39 West Prospect Avenue to add a third apartment. (The Planning Commission voted unanimously to support the application.)
12. **Motion** to approve the conditional use application of 1099 Allison Avenue to convert the existing school building into 16 traditional apartments. (The Planning Commission voted unanimously to support the conditional use application.)
13. **Motion** to approve the following address additions to 70 East Beau Street per request of owner: WH1, WH2, WH3, WH4, WH5.
14. **Motion** to approve the following address additions to 30 East Beau Street per request of owner: Apt G06 Apt G07 Apt G08 Apt G09 Apt G10 Apt 204 Apt 205 Apt 206 Apt 207 Apt 304 Apt 305 Apt 306 Apt 307 Apt 404 Apt 405 Apt 406 Apt 407 Apt 504 Apt 505 Apt 506 Apt 507 Apt 604 Apt 605 Apt 606 Apt 607.

15. **Motion** to approve payment of \$12,000 to Truist Governmental Finance as contribution to the 2023 debt service payment for the Crossroads Parking Garage. Charge Parking Office Operating Expense/Crossroads Garage Debt. **CHARGE:** 17.00/445-245

16. **Motion** to approve the following 2024 Meeting Schedule:

January 2, 2024 12:00 P.M.* (Reorganization Meeting)	January 4, 2024
January 29, 2024	February 1, 2024
March 4, 2024	March 7, 2024
April 1, 2024	April 4, 2024
April 29, 2024	May 2, 2024
June 3, 2024	June 6, 2024
July 8, 2024	July 11, 2024
July 29, 2024	August 1, 2024
September 9, 2024	September 12, 2024
September 30, 2024	October 3, 2024
November 4, 2024	November 7, 2024
December 2, 2024	December 5, 2024

*All Agenda Meetings & Regular Meetings will be held at 6 P.M. unless otherwise noted.

General Work Sessions may be held Mondays and Thursdays between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 6 P.M.

All meetings will be held in Council Chambers, 55 West Maiden Street, Washington, PA unless otherwise noted.

17. **Motion** to approve the 2024 Holiday Schedule:

January 1, 2024	New Year's Day
January 15, 2024	Martin Luther King Jr Day
February 19, 2024	President's Day
March 29, 2024	Good Friday
May 27, 2024	Memorial Day
June 14, 2024	Flag Day
July 4, 2024	Independence Day
September 2, 2024	Labor Day
October 14, 2024	Columbus Day
November 11, 2024	Veterans Day
November 21, 2024	Thanksgiving Day
November 22, 2024	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 25, 2024	Christmas Holiday

18. **Motion** to approve payment to PNC Bank in the amount of \$434,854.00 for the City's final 2023 MMO contribution to the pension fund. **CHARGE:** \$237,600.00 to 01.60/483-534 (Fire Pension Fund- Contributions) and \$197,254.00 to 01.60/483-535 (General O & E Pension Fund – Contributions.)

19. **Motion** to approve payment to PNC Bank in the amount to \$360,542.44 for ACT 205 Pension Collections thru 1/30/2023. **CHARGE:** 79.00/483-000. Act 205 Distressed Pension Fund.

20. **Motion** to adopt the REVISED 2024 Minimum Municipal Obligations as prepared by Cowden and Associates.

Police Fund: \$ 839,948.00
Fire Fund: \$ 214,635.00
O & E Fund: \$ 85,401.00
\$1,139,984.00

21. **Motion** to approve the Washington Financial 2024 Tax Anticipation Note at a rate of 5.10% Interest. (\$1,000,000.00)

22. **Motion** to approve the purchase of 68 & 68 ½ West Prospect Avenue in the amount of \$80,000.00. **CHARGE:** 46.00/489-000

23. **Motion** to approve The Redevelopment Authority of the County of Washington to provide the City of Washington additional Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG Funds) necessary to purchase a new 2023 Pierce Saber Pumper Fire Truck. The estimated cost of the Fire Truck is \$640,000.00.

24. **Motion** to appoint Rodney Jones to the Parking Authority Board effective January 1, 2024.

25. **Motion** to approve the employment of Anthony Harmon as a public works laborer, effective 12-11-23 and amend the Salary Resolution, pending pre-employment screening.

26. **Motion** to promote Doug Siebert, Public Works Laborer, to the position of Driver, effective December 10, 2023, and amend the Salary Resolution.

27. **Motion** to accept the resignation of Tax Clerk Lori Lawton effective December 8, 2023, and amend the Salary Resolution and pay all monies due.

28. **Motion** to approve the retirement of Police Chief Dan Rush effective January 1, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. after 22 years of service and amend the Salary Resolution and pay all monies due.

RESOLUTIONS

29. **Motion** to approve **RESOLUTION 33 OF 2023**

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE PLUMBERS LICENSE, ORDINANCE 1511, ARTICLE III, TO NO LONGER REQUIRE ANY LICENSING OF PLUMBERS OR SUBSEQUENT FEES FOR 2024. PLUMBERS WHO WERE PREVIOUSLY CERTIFIED THROUGH THE CITY RUN TRAINING AND TESTING PROGRAM SHALL BE ENTILED TO A YEARLY LICENSE.

30. Motion to approve RESOLUTION 34 OF 2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROPRIATING \$15,093,936.00 IN REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES FOR THE CITY GOVERNMENT HEREAFTER SET FOR THE YEAR 2024

31. Motion to approve RESOLUTION 35 of 2023,

A RESOLUTION: AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1774, CHAPTER 15, PART 4, SECTION 407 – SPECIAL PURPOSE PARKING ZONES ESTABLISHED; PARKING OTHERWISE PROHIBITED, TO ADD 1 HANDICAP PARKING SPACE ON VICTORIA STREET BEHIND THE RESIDENCE OF 26 HALL AVENUE.

ORDINANCES

32. Motion to approve ORDINANCE 1974 BILL NO. 1 of 2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, VACATING A PORTION OF BASSETT ALLEY LOCATED IN WARD 8 OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON.

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

READING OF PROCLAMATIONS

DEPARTMENTAL DISCUSSION:

Councilman Joseph DeThomas –

Councilman Andrew Callan-

Councilman Joe Pintola -

Councilman Ken Westcott –

Mayor Scott Putnam –

Solicitor Jack Cambest –

- The Reorganization Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 12:00 P.M.
- The Regular Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.
- City Hall will be closed on Monday, December 25, 2023 in observance of Christmas Day.
- City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2024 in observance of New Years Day.
- Hark In The Park Ugly Sweater Pop Up Bar at the Main Pavilion is Friday, December 8, 2023 7:00 P.M. until 11:30 P.M.
- Hark In The Park Kids Holiday Party is Saturday, December 9, 2023 4:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M.

Motion to adjourn the meeting.