



**CITY OF WASHINGTON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
February 1, 2024 6:00 P.M.**



JoJo Burgess, 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 JoJo Burgess	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:

Ben Woods/Big's Sanitation spoke to Council and stated that they just completed their 5th week of service with 20,000 collections. Said that week 2 they had some issues and their drivers are continuing to learn the routes. Mayor Burgess stated that the City has had multiple complaints regarding their dispatch pushing them off and talking down to them. Mr. Woods advised that he has talked to his staff regarding this.

Fern Sibert: Gave update regarding Clean Up Dates scheduled for Spring 2024. Stated that she personally picked up recyclables on Linn and Hillside and took out to the park because Bigs did not pick them up. She is selling lottery tickets for Clean and Tidy for transportation costs to pick up next round of benches and picnic tables.

Tara Gatling: Concerned about the Colt agreement. Stated she spoke with Councilman Callan the end of July and she thought that agreement had been approved in August. Mayor Burgess advised her that Council will discuss this issue.

Public Comment Closed

Swearing in of Police Officer Baily McAdoo.

Promotion to rank of Engineer and Swearing in of Fire Fighter Jared Ross.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to approve the Minutes from the January 4, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the following payments (A-N) in the amount of \$85,569.62.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the 2024 City of Washington Fee Schedule.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the following address additions as requested by the property owner at 36 North Main Street:

- a. 36 North Main Street Suite 101A, Washington, PA 15301
- b. 36 North Main Street Suite 101B, Washington, PA

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the following address addition as requested by the property owner at 70 East Beau Street:

a. Office 850

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to enter into an agreement with PLATESMART for a three-year contract and make subsequent payments.

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the contract of Joe Thomas as Parking Director, retroactive to January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the promotion of Sgt. Willis McConnell, to the rank of lieutenant, effective 2-2-2024 and to amend the salary resolution.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to place Connor McGinnis on Heart and Lung retroactive to 1/25/2024, and amend the salary resolution accordingly.

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to remove Connor McGinnis from Heart and Lung effective 2/2/2024, and amend the salary resolution accordingly.

DEPARTMENTAL DISCUSSION:

Councilman Joseph DeThomas – Thanked Fern setting up the clean up dates and sharing them.

Councilman Andrew Callan- Cash Bash on March 9, 2024 helps with the July 4th Fireworks Display

Councilman Joe Pintola – “Everything is good with the street department.”

Councilman Ken Westcott – Welcomed the new police officer and congratulated fire Fighter Jared Ross on his promotion.

Mayor JoJo Burgess- Congratulated Jared Ross. Shared that his friend recently had a dryer fire and that they were very happy with the response and professionalism of the fire department.


Solicitor Jack Cambest – No Comment

- The next Agenda Meeting will be held on Monday, March 4, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.
- The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on Thursday March 7, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.
- City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2024 in observance of President’s Day. Day.
- Local Love Cocoa Tour will be held downtown February 10, 2024 form 10 AM until 2 PM.
- The Washington Park Cash Bash will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2024 at Julian’s. Tickets can be purchased prior to the event and at the door the evening of the event.

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

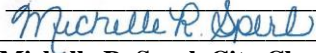
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BY:



JoJo Burgess, Mayor

ATTEST:



Michelle R. Sperl, City Clerk