



**CITY OF WASHINGTON  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
March 7, 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:** In Memory of former Councilman Allan Bunner who passed away on March 2, 2024.

**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:**

**Toni Wood**-Owner of Trappuzano's at 27 West Chestnut Street: Sidewalk concerns in front of her building.  
**Comment:** Mayor Burgess said that Council would meet with her after the council meeting tonight.

**Jason Sigal**-Representative of the City Mission: Presented drawings to council in regard to their request to remove two parking meters on South Franklin Street. (RESOLUTION 4 of 2024 on agenda)

**Tara Sparks Gatling**- 15 Linn Avenue: Asked that street signs be replaced at the corner of Central and Pine Street.

**Comment:** Councilman Pintola told her he would get that taken care of.

**Steve Woods**-59 ½ West Katherine Avenue: Declined to speak as he stated his questions had already been answered.

Public Comment Closed

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve the Minutes from February 1, 2024, Regular Council Meeting.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the following payments (A-X) in the amount of \$502,792.19.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the following transfer (A.) in the amount of \$300,000.

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to approve the reallocation of a portion of 2024 CDBG funds from Stormwater Project to Recreation – Parking Lot Improvements in the amount of \$100,000.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the employment of Renate Mouser as City Tax Clerk, effective March 4, 2024, pending all pre-employment screening, and amend the Salary Resolution.

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve the security agreement with the Redevelopment Authority for the use of CDBG Funds for the purchase of the Pierce Pumper Fire Truck.

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilman DeThomas: YES  
Councilman Callan: YES  
Councilman Pintola: YES  
Councilman Westcott: YES  
Mayor Burgess: YES

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to advertise for the Police Department Civil Service Test to begin the process of creating a new Police Eligibility List.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to request Civil Service board to post/conduct promotional testing for rank of Sergeant. Testing to start no earlier than 90 days from posting in department. (Est. Mid-June)

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to request Civil Service Board to post/conduct promotional testing for rank of Corporal. Testing to start no earlier than 90 days from posting in department. (Estimate Mid-June)

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to pay Motorola Solutions \$10,944 as part of City's 5-year contract agreement.

**CHARGE:** 55.00/410-310

**Motion** made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to purchase paint from PPG Paints for the Washington Park Pool not to exceed \$8,000.00. **CHARGE:** 77.00/454-700

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve of the application of Daniel Stephens for the subdivision of Parcel 750-013-00-02-0008-00, located at Elm Street, South Main Street and Murdoch Street, into five individual parcels, contingent upon the applicant providing a survey which accurately reflects the residential property lines and vacated alleyway boundaries.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve payment to PNC Bank, in the amount of \$403,520.99 for Act 205 Pension Collections through 02/29/2024. **CHARGE:** 79.00/483-000. Act 205 Distressed Pension Fund. (of this amount, \$73,234.77 is for December 2023 collections).

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to instruct the City Administrator to seek proposals for the implementation of timekeeping/payroll system for employees.

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilman DeThomas: YES  
Councilman Callan: YES  
Councilman Pintola: YES  
Councilman Westcott: YES  
Mayor Burgess: YES

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve payment to the Washington School District in the amount of \$26,396.61 for their portion of the 2023 PILOT received from HUD. **CHARGE:** 01.60/489-521

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to remove the following Public Works employees from probation:

Gary Bane effective 2/27/2024  
Robert Schuerle effective 2/27/2024  
Anthony Harmon effective 3/11/2024

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 2 of 2024**, the 2024 Whiskey Rebellion Banner Request effective June 10, 2024 through July 15, 2024.

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 3 of 2024**, to amend the handicap parking Ordinance and add 1 handicap parking space at 133 Maple Avenue.

**Motion** to approve **RESOLUTION 4 of 2024** to remove 2 parking spaces on S Franklin Street as part of the City Mission expansion, pending councils' decision regarding removal fees.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to amend the motion to approve **RESOLUTION 4 of 2024**, to add that the motion is contingent upon councils decision to add a fee to remove parking meters.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 4 of 2024** to remove 2 parking spaces on S Franklin Street as part of the City Mission expansion, contingent upon council's decision to add a fee to remove parking meters.

**Motion** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 5 OF 2024** to apply for the DCNR Grant for a Joint Comprehensive Park Plan update with East Washington Borough and provide matching funds up to \$24,500.

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 6 of 2024** to apply for the Washington County Tourism Grant Program for the Stone Pavilion Floor Rehabilitation Project.

**Motion** made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to approve **RESOLUTION 7 of 2024** to apply for the DCNR Grant for the Stone Pavilion Floor Rehabilitation Project.

## **DEPARTMENTAL DISCUSSION:**

Councilman Joseph DeThomas – Thanked Police and Fire Departments for their service at the East Maiden Street Fire.

Councilman Andrew Callan- Announced that the Park Cash Bash is Saturday night.

Councilman Joe Pintola – Thanked Fire Department for saving his property that was next door to the fire. Stated that the street department has two dump trucks needing repairs and that the street sweeper also needs repairs. Said that the three new hires at street department are working out well.

Councilman Ken Westcott – Deferred his time to Shana Brown who talked about this weekend's Washington Goes Irish Events downtown.

Mayor JoJo Burgess- Echoed Councilman DeThomas remarks thanking the Police and Fire Department for their work at the East Maiden Street house fire.

Solicitor Jack Cambest – No comment

- The next Agenda Council Meeting will be held on Monday, April 1, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. and the Regular Council Meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 4, 2024, in Council Chambers.
- City Hall Offices will be closed on Friday, March 29, 2024, in observance of Good Friday.
- The Washington Park Cash Bash will be held at Julian's Catering on Saturday, March 9, 2024.
- Washington Goes Irish will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2024.
- Kite Day at Washington Park Stone Pavilion will be Saturday, April 27, 2024, from 12:00 P.M. until 3:00 P.M.
- Running of the Wools will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024.

- Community Blessing Service will be held on Sunday, May 5, 2024.
- Washington Park 2024 Pickleball Spring Classic Tournament on Saturday, May 18, 2024.
- The Whiskey Rebellion Festival at the Community Pavilion will be held on July 13, 2024.
- First Friday at the Community Pavilion with Pony League is August 2, 2024.
- Back to School Bash with W&J will be held on Saturday, August 24, 2024.

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