



# CITY OF WASHINGTON REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL



*JoJo Burgess, Mayor*

April 29, 2024 6:00 P.M.

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	ABSENT
Councilman Ken Westcott	PRESENT
Mayor JoJo Burgess	PRESENT

## SOLICITOR:

Jack Cambest, Esquire

**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:

**Tracee Malik-Farmers Market Manager:** Asked the City for their help with cleaning the pigeon waste at the Community Pavilion. Stated that the issue is a health hazard and with the Farmers Market getting ready to begin.

**Sandy Rogers- 50 Campbell Avenue:** Advised City Council that she wants the City to repair the storm water drain that is affecting her property at 50 Campbell Avenue.

**Frank Trapuzzano-235 Grant Street:** Stated that Bigs is picking up recycling and putting it in their trucks with the regular trash.

**COMMENT: Councilman Westcott** stated he has been told by other residents that they have seen the same thing and that it is not right and that Bigs will be contacted.

**Georgianna Farkas- 395 W Chestnut Street:** Asked Mayor and Council to meet with her privately to discuss a matter.

**COMMENT: Mayor Burgess** advised her to stay after the meeting to discuss.

**Kitty Moriarty-Turning Point:** Thanked Donn Henderson for his assistance in getting the lights at Main and Walnut repaired. Handed out invitations to Mayor and Council to attend the Turning Point Reopening Celebration on May 17, 2024.

**Josh Palio-39 East Hallam Avenue:** Complaint regarding the now vacant lot where the house was demolished last year beside them. Stated that when it was demolished that they did not remove the windows when they demolished the property and that the lot is now filled with loose glass everywhere. Asked who would be maintaining the grass now that the house has been torn down.

## CLOSED TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to enter into agreement with USI for the 2024-2025 Workers Compensation, effective April 30, 2024 - April 30, 2025.

## Items for Thursday, May 2, 2024 Regular Council Meeting:

1. **Motion** to approve the Minutes from the April 4, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.
2. **Motion** to approve the following payments (A.- N.) in the amount of \$78,384.00.
3. **Motion** to approve the following refunds (A.-B.) in the amount of \$570.22.
4. **Motion** to accept the resignation letter of Joseph Iannetta, effective June 3, 2024, amend the Salary Resolution and pay all monies due.
5. **Motion** to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 95 and the City of Washington regarding residency requirements for the police department.

6. **Motion** to approve the lease of a 2023 Dodge Durango's for the Police Department from Enterprise and trade in the 2022 Chevy Traverse.

**RESOLUTIONS**

7. **Motion** to approve **RESOLUTION 9 of 2024** to add one handicap parking space at 36 Victoria Street and remove 1 handicap parking space at 429 Houston Street.
8. **Motion** to approve **RESOLUTION 10 of 2024** to provide Washington County Transportation Authority local funds in the amount of \$110,709.00 to match state funds provided pursuant to 74 Pa. C.S. Section 1513 in Fiscal Year 2024-2025, no later than June 30, 2025.

- The next Regular Council Meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 2, 2024, in Council Chambers.
- Running of the Wools will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024.
- Community Blessing Service will be held on Sunday, May 5, 2024.
- City of Washington Spring Clean Up Saturday, May 11, 2024 8:00 A.M. – 11:00 P.M.
- The Community Pavilion Farmer's Market will open on Thursday May 16, 2024 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- 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 carried unanimously to go into an executive session after the meeting adjourns.

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

**WASHINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA**

**BY:**



**JoJo Burgess, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**



**Michelle R. Sperl, City Clerk**