



**CITY OF WASHINGTON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
MAY 2, 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

RECOGNITION: Washington High School Students that participated in the third annual NAACP ACT-SO (Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics) held at Robert Morris University on April 6, 2024.

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 the 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:

Sandy Rogers-50 Campbell Avenue: Asked when she will have a meeting regarding the flooding of her property.

COMMENT: Mayor Burgess stated that the Engineers are looking at the issue.

Solicitor Cambest advised Ms. Rogers that due to the confidentiality agreement between Ms. Rogers and the City of Washington that should she discuss this issue publicly that it could subject herself and possibly even the City to legal action and that the issue can not be discussed publicly.

Weston Lynch-686 N Main Street: Asked what Ordinances /Restrictions that the City has in place or under consideration for PEV's. (Personal Electric Vehicles)

Fern Sibert-486 Addison Avenue: Talked about the May 11, 2024 City Clean Up

Angelo Musto-149 Springfield Avenue: Asked City Council how the Zoning Board could approve the variance for the property on Springfield Avenue when it does not comply with the parking regulations.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to approve the Minutes from the April 29, 2024 Agenda Meeting.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the following payments (A.- M.) in the amount of \$94,122.72.

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the following refunds (A.-B.) in the amount of \$570.22.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to accept the resignation letter of Joseph Iannetta, effective June 3, 2024, amend the Salary Resolution and pay all monies due.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously 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.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of a 2017 Ford Explorer from Premier Auto Sales in the amount of \$19,289.15 for the Police Department. **CHARGE:** 77.00/410-700

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve the lease of a 2023 Dodge Durango's for the Police Department from Enterprise and trade in the 2022 Chevy Traverse.

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve the bid from Ashleys Truck Service for the purchase of the 2013 Toyne Fire Truck in the amount of \$122,800.00

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 enter into a 14-month parking agreement with the Washington City Mission in the amount of \$23,814.00.

ROLL CALL:

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

No Motion Made to repair the Street Sweeper at a cost not to exceed \$36,000 by Elite Equipment Maintenance and make subsequent payment.

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to table the motion to repair the Street Sweeper at a cost not to exceed \$36,000 by Elite Equipment Maintenance and make subsequent payment.

Motion made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the base bid for the Twist Way Drainage Improvements Project and recommend that the City award the project to the lowest bidder, Piccolomini Development LLC. (This project had a base bid and an add/alternate bid. We have enough funding to also cover the alternate bid totaling \$53,807.50.)

Motion made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to advertise the 7th Ward Playground Paving Project.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to advertise the Downtown LED Lighting Conversion Project.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously 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.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously 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.

DEPARTMENTAL DISCUSSION:

Councilman Joseph DeThomas – Welcomed the students from Washington School District. Announced that the Fire Department still has bicycle helmets and smoke detectors free to City Residents.

Councilman Andrew Callan- Stated that the Pool is currently being painted and some welding repairs are being completed. Still hiring for the summer season at the Park.

Councilman Joe Pintola – No Comment

Councilman Ken Westcott – Sold one of our fire trucks for \$122,800 that we purchased in 2013 for \$300,000.00. Asked Chief Richer when we would take possession of the new 2023 Fire Truck and Chief Richer said he hoped to do so on Monday.

Mayor JoJo Burgess- No Comment

Solicitor Jack Cambest – No Comment

- The next Regular Council Meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 6, 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 adjourn the meeting.