



**CITY OF WASHINGTON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
JULY 11, 2024 6:00 P.M.**



JoJo Burgess, Mayor

City Council

*Ken Westcott, Councilman
Joe Pintola, Councilman
Andrew Callan, Councilman
Joseph DeThomas, Councilman*

ROLL CALL:

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| Councilman Joseph DeThomas | Present |
| Councilman Andrew Callan | Absent |
| Councilman Joe Pintola | Present |
| Councilman Ken Westcott | Present |
| Mayor JoJo Burgess | Present |
| Solicitor: Jack Cambest | Present |

MOMENT OF SILENCE: In Memory of those that have passed away in the past month

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 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:

Skaira Johnson/The Johnson Shaw Foundation Bridge to Success Apprenticeship Readiness Program: Stated that they would like to advise the City of their program that provides apprenticeship readiness training to members of society with or without criminal histories through a 6-week course to help them get their foot in the door for a union job through the TRADES.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Civil Service Chairman, Richard Beck, to present Mayor and Council with the Police Department Civil Service Certified Sergeant Promotion List.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the Police Department Sergeant's Promotion List.

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve the promotion of Daniel Florian to Sergeant, effective July 11, 2024 and amend the Salary Resolution.

OFFICIAL SWEARING IN AND OATH OF OFFICE OF DANIEL FLORIAN AS SERGEANT.

OFFICIAL SWEARING IN AND OATH OF OFFICE OF POLICE OFFICERS BRADY STALLINGS AND BRYCE GRAHAM.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the Minutes from the June 6, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the following payments (A.-R.) in the amount of \$107,263.17.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the following refunds (A.-D.) in the amount of \$3,862.09.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the following transfers (A.) in the amount of \$27,115.00.

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve a three-year agreement for Pitney Bowes Postage Machine @ \$81.35 per month and make subsequent payments.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve amending the Fee Schedule for the following permits: zoning permit application, sign permit application, fence application.

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the employment of Todd Carter as the City Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer, part-time for the week of 6-10-24 not to exceed 25 hours and hire full time effective 6-17-24 at a salary of \$54,000 and adjust the salary resolution.

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve the resignation of Todd Carter effective 6-14-2024, adjust the salary resolution and pay all monies due.

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to appoint Harshman CE Group LLC. as the City Code and Zoning Officer, effective June 17, 2024.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the transfer of \$27,115.00 from the Insurance Claims Fund 75.00/492-900 to the Liquid Fuels Account 03.00/392-900 for an insurance claim reimbursement. (Repairs to signal at Jefferson & Hall Avenues)

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the Travelers Liability Policy through USI renewal effective July 6, 2024 through July 6, 2025 at a cost of \$239,239.

Motion made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried to approve the tennis court boring project by Tru Tek drilling and pay subsequent bills not to exceed \$3,000 to be reimbursed from Tourism Grant.

Motion made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried to approve purchase and installation and subsequent payment of Pickleball lighting from Sport Court of Pittsburgh not to exceed \$22,000 to be reimbursed from the Tourism grant.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried to approve Chief Devenney starting the Civil Service Hiring Process to create a new hire list.

Motion made by Councilman Wescott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried to approve the sale of the Crossroads Parking Garage pursuant to negotiations and review by the City Solicitor.

ROLL CALL:

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

RESOLUTIONS

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried to adopt **RESOLUTION 14 of 2024** to approve the 2024 Flight Fest Banner to be erected on West Chestnut Street (Route 40) by Chipp's Locksmith from August 1st-August 10, 2024.

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to adopt **RESOLUTION 15 of 2024** to approve Handicap parking space be added at 1370 Allison Avenue.

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to adopt **RESOLUTION 16 of 2024** to approve the 2024 W&J Welcome Back Banner to be

erected on State Route 40/East Maiden Street in front of Just Us Kids Day Care Center August 16, 2024 through September 1, 2024.

ORDINANCES

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve **ORDINANCE 1975 Bill NO. 2 of 2024**

FORMAL ACTION CONSTITUTING A DEBT ORDINANCE UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT DEBT ACT

AUTHORIZING THE INCURRING OF NONELECTORAL DEBT BY THE ISSUANCE OF A GENERAL OBLIGATION NOTE IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,750,000.00); COVENANTING TO PAY, AND PLEDGING UNLIMITED TAXING POWER FOR THE PAYMENT OF, THE NOTE (HEREIN AFTER DEFINED); FIXING THE FORM, INTEREST RATE, MATURITY, REDEMPTION AND OTHER PROVISIONS FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF; AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE NOTE; AUTHORIZING A FILING OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; RATIFYING AND DIRECTING CERTAIN ACTIONS OF OFFICERS; AND MAKING CERTAIN OTHER COVENANTS AND PROVISIONS IN RESPECT OF THE NOTE.

DEPARTMENTAL DISCUSSION:

Councilman Joseph DeThomas – Congratulated Officer Florian and welcomed the new police officers. He thanked the fire department for their efforts and actions at the West End house fire where a woman was entrapped. Reminded everyone that the Whiskey Rebellion is this weekend.

Councilman Andrew Callan- Asked Chief Richer for an update on the woman who was burned in the West End Fire. Chief Richer stated that she is expected to make a full recovery.

Councilman Joe Pintola – Thanked the police department for all their hard work. Stated that he wanted to give Michelle Sperl, City Clerk, a shoutout for handling code enforcement work that the code enforcement department typically handles and collecting an additional \$12,000 for the City in Amusement Licenses.

Councilman Ken Westcott – Thanked the Civil Service and Congratulated Sergeant Florian on his promotion. Thanked Donn Henderson for his work with workers compensation negotiations and handling the paperwork for the refinance documents, which will free up money for the anticipated pension increases. Gave the rest of his time to Shana Brown who updated the city on upcoming events, which are listed below.

Mayor JoJo Burgess- Congratulated Sergeant Florian and the new officers. Thanked Shana for all of the work she puts into planning downtown events. Stated that he is an advocate of programs like the Johnson Shaw Foundation promote. He agrees with the work that they do because it helps the community.

Solicitor Jack Cambest – No Comment

- The next Regular Council Meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 1, 2024, in Council Chambers. The Agenda meeting will be held on July 29, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.
- Market in the Park will be held Saturday, July 13, 2024. The Market will be held every second Saturday at the Washington Park (between Main Pavilion and The Log Cabin) through October 12, 2024. And a Pop-Up Market the 2nd Saturday of December.
- The Community Pavilion Farmer's Market will open on Thursdays from 3-6 P.M.

- The Whiskey Rebellion Festival at the Community Pavilion will be held on July 12-13, 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 to adjourn the meeting.