



**CITY OF WASHINGTON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 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: In Memory of Mickey Flynn who passed away

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:

Georgianna Farkas: Asked Council if they would name a Pickleball Court after Mike Dolan. Mayor Burgess said it is under discussion.

She asked if the city would put up a No Tractor Trailer Sign up in West End and explained that a Tractor trailer jack-knifed on Fayette and Brookside this week.

She asked questions about what all was being torn down by the Brownson House. Councilman Westcott stated that two houses and 1 building would be demolished. She asked more detailed questions about what the Brownson House had been using that building for. She was advised to attend a Brownson House Board meeting to ask those questions.

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

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the Fire Department Certified Engineer Promotion List.

Motion made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the promotion of Devon Hoskins to the rank of Engineer effective August 1, 2024, and amend the Salary Resolution.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to approve the Minutes from the July 11, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Callan, and carried unanimously to approve the following payments (A.-L) in the amount of \$147,661.06.

Motion made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried unanimously to approve the following refunds (A.-B.) in the amount of \$350.00.

Motion made by Councilman Wescott, seconded by Councilman DeThomas, and carried to appoint Baily Insurance as the consultant of record for the City of Washington's Health & Welfare Benefit Plans effective 9-1-2024.

ROLL CALL:

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

Motion made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of Kubota F1 Tractor from Murphy Family Inc., in the amount of \$30,285.30.

CHARGE: 77.454/700

Motion made by Councilman Callan, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve base bid and add/alt #1 for 7th Ward Park Project bid through RACW, low bidder was El Grande Industries, total amount \$76,482.00.

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to award 2024 paving program to El Grande Industries for the total amount of \$245,639.60.

ROLL CALL:

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

Motion made by Councilman Pintola, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to approve bid for Twist Way Paving Project bid through RACW, low bidder was El Grande Industries, for total amount of \$90,656.00

Motion made by Councilman Wescott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the Solicitor advertising for the elimination of the distressed pension tax.

DISCUSSION:

Councilman Joseph DeThomas – Read the Code Enforcement Report. Thanked City Clerk Michelle Sperl and City Administrator for handling the Code Enforcement Department after the Code Enforcement Officer left. Thanked the Civil Service and congratulated Devon Hoskins on his promotion.

Councilman Andrew Callan- Thanked the Redevelopment Authority for everything they did to get the 7th Ward Playground project funded. Stated that the Dreamers donated Basketball hoops that his department has been waiting to get put back up.

Councilman Joe Pintola – Stated that his department has put down 200 TONS of asphalt so far this summer. Hopes to have the Street Sweeper back from repairs within 10 days.

Councilman Ken Westcott – No Report. Gvae his time to Shana Brown. Shana stated that the Business District received a grant to replace trees, that 2 new businesses will be opening soon in the downtown. Announced upcoming events.

Mayor JoJo Burgess- Thanked 1st Responders. Shared that he is proud of our police and fire department officers and how they have handled serious situations that have occurred in past few weeks.

Solicitor Jack Cambest – NO COMMENT

- The next Regular Council Meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 12, 2024, in Council Chambers. The Agenda Meeting will be held on Monday, September 9, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.
- Market in the Park will be held Saturday, August 10, 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.
- 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.