



# CITY OF WASHINGTON REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL



*JoJo Burgess, Mayor*

**OCTOBER 3, 2024 6:00 P.M.**

*City Council*

*Ken Westcott, Councilman*

*Joe Pintola, Councilman*

*Andrew Callan, Councilman*

*Joseph DeThomas, Councilman*

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilman Joseph DeThomas  
Councilman Andrew Callan  
Councilman Joe Pintola  
Councilman Ken Westcott  
Mayor JoJo Burgess

**SOLICITOR:**

Jack Cambest, Esquire

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**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:**

**CLOSED TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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1. **Motion** to approve the Minutes from the September 12, 2024 Demolition Hearing.
  2. **Motion** to approve the Minutes from the September 12, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.
  3. **Motion** to approve the following payments (A.-I.) in the amount of \$173,429.18.
  4. **Motion** to transfer \$805,319.07 from 29.00/492-900 (General Municipal Pension State Aid Fund) to 01.00/392-900 (General Fund) for 2024 Pension State Aid Allocation.
  5. **Motion** to approve payment to PNC Bank in the amount of \$805,319.07 as payment of the 2024 State Aid Allocation, CHARGE: 01.60/483-534 (Pension Contributions)
  6. **Motion** to approve payment to PNC Bank, in the amount of \$851,974.25 for Act 205 Pension Collections thru 9/21/2024. **CHARGE:** 79.00/483-000. Act 205 Distressed Pension Fund.

7. **Motion** to adopt the 2025 Minimum Municipal Obligations at prepared by Cowden and Associates.

Police Fund: \$ 882,870.00  
Fire Fund: \$ 254,959.00  
O & E Fund: \$ 72,842.00  
\$1,210,670.00

8. **Motion** to approve the agreement with Washington School District for the annual collection of 2025 School District Mercantile and Business Privilege Tax.
9. **Motion** to discontinue the 511 account wires from Keystone for Earned Income Tax (EIT) 70/310-121 and Local Services Tax (LST) 70/310-151 being deposited into the 511 Tax Collector Fund Account and to be wired directly into the General Fund Checking account with an effective date of January 2, 2025.
10. **Motion** to request the Civil Service Board to begin the process of compiling a New Hire Civil Service Fire Eligibility List.
11. **Motion** to approve bidding of the 70 N. Main Street lot revitalization upon final design approval.
12. **Motion** to approve Health Insurance Run out agreement with Plan Stewarts for completion of claims prior to 9/1/2024 in the amount of \$3,060.75 per month for 4 months plus a onetime set-up fee of \$1,500 and additional fees for claims processed in Jan. and Feb. of 2025.
13. **Motion** to enter a 60-month lease agreement with Enterprise fleet management for 2025 Dodge Durango in the amount of \$59,333.00.
14. **Motion** to approve the 2025 Meeting Calendar as follows:

### **2025 Meeting Calendar**

January 6, 2025	January 10, 2025
February 3, 2025	February 6, 2025
March 3, 2025	March 6, 2025
March 31, 2025	April 3, 2025
April 28, 2025	May 1, 2025
June 2, 2025	June 5, 2025
July 7, 2025	July 10, 2025
August 4, 2025	August 7, 2025
September 8, 2025	September 11, 2025
September 29, 2025	October 2, 2025
November 3, 2025	November 6, 2025
December 1, 2025	December 4, 2025

15. **Motion** to approve the 2025 Holiday Schedule:

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January 1, 2025	New Year’s Day
January 20, 2025	Martin Luther King Jr Day
February 17, 2025	President’s Day
April 18, 2025	Good Friday
May 26, 2025	Memorial Day
June 13, 2025	Flag Day
July 4, 2025	Independence Day
September 1, 2025	Labor Day
October 13, 2025	Columbus Day
November 11, 2025	Veterans Day
November 27, 2025	Thanksgiving Day
November 28, 2025	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 25, 2025	Christmas Holiday

**ORDINANCES**

**16. FINAL READING of ORDINANCE NO. 1976 NO. 3 of 2024**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, ARTICLE XI – EARNED INCOME TAX, PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF THE SPECIAL TAX, UNDER ACT 205 OF 1984, FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF RAISING REVENUE TO DEFRAY COSTS RELATED TO THE PENSION PLANS OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON.**

**WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Washington, Washington County, Pennsylvania, is desirous of repealing the special tax, pursuant to Act 205 of 1984, which established a special tax of .02% under the City of Washington Pension Distress status.**

**RESOLUTIONS**

17. **Motion** to approve **RESOLUTION 17 of 2024** to add 1 handicap parking space at 109 West Walnut Street.

18. **Motion** to approve **RESOLUTION 18 of 2024**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON AMENDING RESOLUTION 1 OF 2023 TO PROVIDE FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE SECTION 3.5 OF THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING NEW GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPLICATION AND APPOINTMENT AS A FIRE FIGHTER; AMENDING SECTION 3.14 TO PROVIDE FOR VETERANS PERFRNCE POINTS, RESIDENCY PREFERNCE POINTS AND CERTIFIED FIRE FIGHTER POINTS IN THE CREATION OF ELIBIBILITY LISTS.**

19. **Motion** to approve **RESOLUTION 19 OF 2024**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2 OF 2023 TO PROVIDE FOR THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 3.5 OF THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING**

**NEW GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPLICATION AND APPOINTMENT  
TO ANY POSITION IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT;  
AMENDING SECTIONS 4.7 AND 4.8 TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS OF TAKING  
AND SCORING THE WRITTEN EXAMINATION AND ORAL EXAMINATION OF  
APPLICANTS.**

**DISCUSSION:**

Councilman Joseph DeThomas –

Councilman Andrew Callan-

Councilman Joe Pintola -

Councilman Ken Westcott –

Mayor JoJo Burgess-

Solicitor Jack Cambest –

- W&J Alpha Pi 5K starting at 50 S Lincoln Street 8:30 A.M. Saturday, October 5, 2024
- Market in the Park will be held Saturday, October 12, 2024 at the Washington Park (between Main Pavilion and The Log Cabin) through October 12, 2024. And a Pop-Up Market the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of December.
- Bowling with the Mayor at Alpine Bowling Lanes on Saturday October 19, 2024 from 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. Free for kids up to 18 years old. Free bowling and refreshments.
- The Community Pavilion Farmer’s Market open on Thursdays from 3-6 P.M. until October
- Dark in the Park Light Scare will be held Friday, October 18, 2024 from 6:45 PM until 10:00 P.M.
- Dark in the Park Full Scare will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2024 from 6:45 PM until 10:00 P.M.
- Trick or Treat will be held on Thursday, October 31, 2024 from 5:30 P.M. until 7:00 P.M.
- Light Up at Lemoyne Friday, November 29, 2024 4 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. at Strawberry Alley.
- Small Business Saturday is November 30, 2024.

- Christmas Parade, Saturday, November 30, 2024.
- Ugly Sweater Pop Up Bar at Grand Pavilion Friday December 6, 2024.
- Family Christmas Party (Small Children) Saturday, December 7, 2024
- Winter Social for Teenagers Saturday, December 14, 2024

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting