

JoJo Burgess, Mayor

# CITY OF WASHINGTON SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES Washington City Council October 26, 2024 10:00 A.M.



**City Council** 

Ken Westcott, Councilman Joe Pintola, Councilman Andrew Callan, Councilman Joseph De Thomas, Councilman

## **ROLL CALL:**

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

**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: NO ONE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK

### Public Comment Closed.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the following payments (A.-G.) in the amount of \$20,770.53.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the following refund (A.) in the amount of \$60.00.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve local contribution to Washington County Redevelopment Authority in the amount of \$4,604.60 for the Fire Station, Electrical, Heating and Air Conditioning project CD 23-22 project to be paid. **CHARGE:** LSA Special Fund 85.00/408-000

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the following address additions:

- 24 Hall Avenue Apartment 1A
- 24 Hall Avenue Apartment 2B

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of a lamp post from Spring City Manufacturing at a price not to exceed \$7,500 to be paid from special fund -Downtown Revitalization Project Fund 60.00/489-000.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve 5-year Oil and Gas Leasing rights for 217.941990 Acres at City Park with Range Resources-Appalachia, LLC.

**COMMENT:** For public disclosure Councilman DeThomas stated that he holds a lease with Range Resources.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve a one-year grant writing Agreement with GWS LLC at pricing to be determined by project.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the sale of 1996 Ford F Series Truck with ALTEC AO300 Bucket lift.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve MOU management agreement with the Washington City Development Corp. for services at the Downtown Community Pavilion.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to offer a letter of support for the STEAMWORKS LSA application that will allow growth of their after-school and weekend programming.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the submission of a Washington County Local Share Account Grant for the Washington Park Amenities Improvement Project, to include work on three Washington Park Pavilions (and the Tennis/Pickleball court,) in the amount of \$348,317.50.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve committing \$18,332.50 in cash matching funding for the Washington County Local Share Account Grant for the Washington Park Amenities Improvement Project, to include work on three Washington Park Pavilions (and the Tennis/Pickleball court), in addition to the in-kind contributions of park staff time for the rehabilitation of the Kiwanis Pavilion retaining wall and State LSA grant funds for the Stone Pavilion Floor Restoration.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to rescind the motion Council approved at the October 3, 2024 Regular Council

Meeting to enter into a 60-month lease agreement with Enterprise fleet management for 2025 Dodge Durango in the amount of \$59,333.00.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve a 60-month lease of 2023 Dodge Durango with Enterprise leasing in the amount of \$43,850.00 replacing wrecked car number 24.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve a 60-month lease of 2023 Dodge Durango with Enterprise leasing in the amount of \$43,594.00.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of F600 Diesel 4x4 Chassis \$72,775.00 and subsequent dump body and spreader package of \$52,845.00 to be paid from Liquid Fuels Fund 03/430-740 from A & H Equipment.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to approve the letter of support for the Washington Downtown Business District application for the Washington County Local Share Account Grant in the amount of \$150,000 for façade grants.

**Motion** made by Councilman Westcott, seconded by Councilman Pintola, and carried unanimously to authorize a contribution towards the Crossroads Parking Garage debt service in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 (which is the full amount budgeted in 2024) and payable to Truist Financial Services no later than November 15, 2024 (which is the due date for our debt service payment). **CHARGE:** 17.00/445-245

#### **DISCUSSION:**

**Mayor JoJo Burgess**- Mayor updated Council on the recent fight that occurred downtown on Saturday night, October 19, 2024 by the Brewhouse on South Main Street. He urged the public to withhold judgment until the investigation is completed, noting there is a lot of false information on social media.

- The next City Council Agenda Meeting will be held on Monday, November 4, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. and the Regular Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.
- City offices closed on November 28<sup>th</sup> & November 29<sup>th</sup> in observances of Thanksgiving.

- Light Up at Lemoyne Friday, November 29, 2024 from 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** made by Councilman DeThomas, seconded by Councilman Westcott, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.